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SOCSEAD

VISUAL REFLECTIONS



Mrs. Banumathy Baskaran Chair Person, TNSWB, distributes flood relief Materials.



Visit by crew of MLAs and the District collector Mr. V. Murthy, I.A.S.



Dr. A.C. Banerjee, Senior Professor and Head of NCERT, visits our NFE Centres.



Distribution of loan on International Women's Day.



Our Co-ordinator Dr. Sr. Maria Kamalam Provides Milch animal to Thiruvarangapatti beneficiary.



Our Co-ordinator distributes Education Materials to NFE Animators.

PETALS UNFOLD AS

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**'Where the vision is one year cultivate flower,
Where the vision is ten years cultivate trees,
Where the vision is eternity cultivate people'.**

Dear Friends,

We are glad to present to you another milestone in the history of SOC SEAD in the year 1999-2000. We dream to reach the unreachable stars and our vision is eternity, so we uplift people through our multi-faceted programmes. The life of the society rests on the shoulders of the family hence our programmes aim at Integrated Development of the individuals in the family. In the process of such a development the people become the partners and we remain as catalyst.

These change agents with their eager involvement and active participation stir us up to be alive, attentive and active to meet our end. We look forward to the task with new hopes and renewed vigour to do intensified services in the fields like De-addiction Treatment Cum Rehabilitation, AIDS awareness, inclusive education for disabled and empowerment of women. Our programmes of past years like child labour, street children, literacy, violence against women, alcoholism, Family counselling, health for all etc, will be re-founded to meet the challenges of the third millenium.

Our heartfelt thanks to the central and State Social Welfare Board, Donor agencies abroad, Ministry of labour, Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Education and local Government organisations who had supported, guided and assisted us in different ways. We feel indebted to their assistance which enabled us to reach our objectives.

Our staff, teachers and animators have to be honoured for their dedicated services to this organisation and to the people. Above all we raise our hearts in gratitude to our Almighty God for His grace and goodness in directing all our activities.

The evils in our society are like cancerous cells which grow vehemently when attacked. We too have planned to undertake research oriented programmes to move to the roots which will help in uprooting the evils. Thus the receiving ends of the people will turn to become the partners in their development which will ensure sustainable development.

As we are at the close of the 21st century we look back for the footsteps left behind us and also look forward to the task in front of us. Thus we, start by doing what is necessary then what is possible and suddenly we will do the impossible.

Dr. Maria Kamalam

(Dr. Sr. Maria Kamalam)

FAMILIES – FOUNDATION OF THE SOCIETY

FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE: "A BEQUEST IN ADVERSITY" “(Aided by Central Social Welfare Board, Government of India)”

Family Counselling Centre is one of the main tools of SOC SEAD in helping distressed individuals and families. It constantly strives to bring harmony and happiness in a person by equipping them to cope with their problems. This year was yet another God given gift to reach out to more people and accomplish the centre's goal.



As preventive services, awareness programmes were conducted for higher secondary school students, nursing and physiotherapy college students, mahalir mandram and SHG members, women of rural and urban areas, mothers of Balwadi children, child labour students, health workers and general public.

The counselling services were rendered to clients with individual, marital and family problems to promote their emotional, psychological and social well being. These promotive services were achieved through various counselling techniques.

The clients who were in need of rehabilitation were referred for job placements, welfare assistances and sponsorships. Those who needed professional assistance were referred to experts and department concerned. The progress of the client were checked through periodical follow-ups. Our counselling services were extended to all women police station and collectorate.

Legal literacy to remote rural and slum areas were held at 8 places. The objective of these programmes is to educate and make people aware of their rights and laws.

During this year the family counselling centre has processed 146 cases. In which 136 cases have been settled, 8 cases are being processed and 2 are drop-outs.

Cases registered during the period from April'99 to March 2000.

SL.NO.	MONTH	NO. OF CASES
1	April'99	11
2	May99	6
3	June'99	12
4	July'99	13
5	August'99	10
6	September'99	9
7	October'99	12
8	November'99	15
9	December'99	17
10	January2000	15
11	February2000	15
12	March2000	11
Total No.of cases		146

LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

SL.NO	DATE	PLACE	RESOURCE PERSONS
1	27.01.2000	Thiruvarangapatty	1. Mr. Gunasekaran, Advocate 2. Ms. Indirani, Advocate
2	28.01.2000	Kudamuruty	1. Mr. Kandha Vadivelu, Advocate 2. Mr. MuthuKumar, Counsellor
3	09.03.2000	Kudhupapallam	1. Mrs. Rajeswari, Advocate 2. Mr. S. Daiz, Project Co-ordinator
4	10.03.2000	Kaydhemiladh Nagar	1. Ma. Vanaja, Advocate 2. Mr. Vasudevan, Counsellor
5	14.03.2000	Thiruthanthoni	1. Ms. Jeyanthi Rani, Advocate 2. Ms. Usha, C.D.P.O
6	15.03.2000	Vannarapettai	1. Mrs. Chellayee, Advocate 2. Mr. Muthukumar, Counsellor

Thus the centre shared its best efforts towards working for the betterment of depressed individuals and disorganised families.

DRUG AWARENESS AND COUNSELLING CENTRE :

(Aided by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment)

"WELL LAIDEN PATH FOR STAGGERING LEGS"

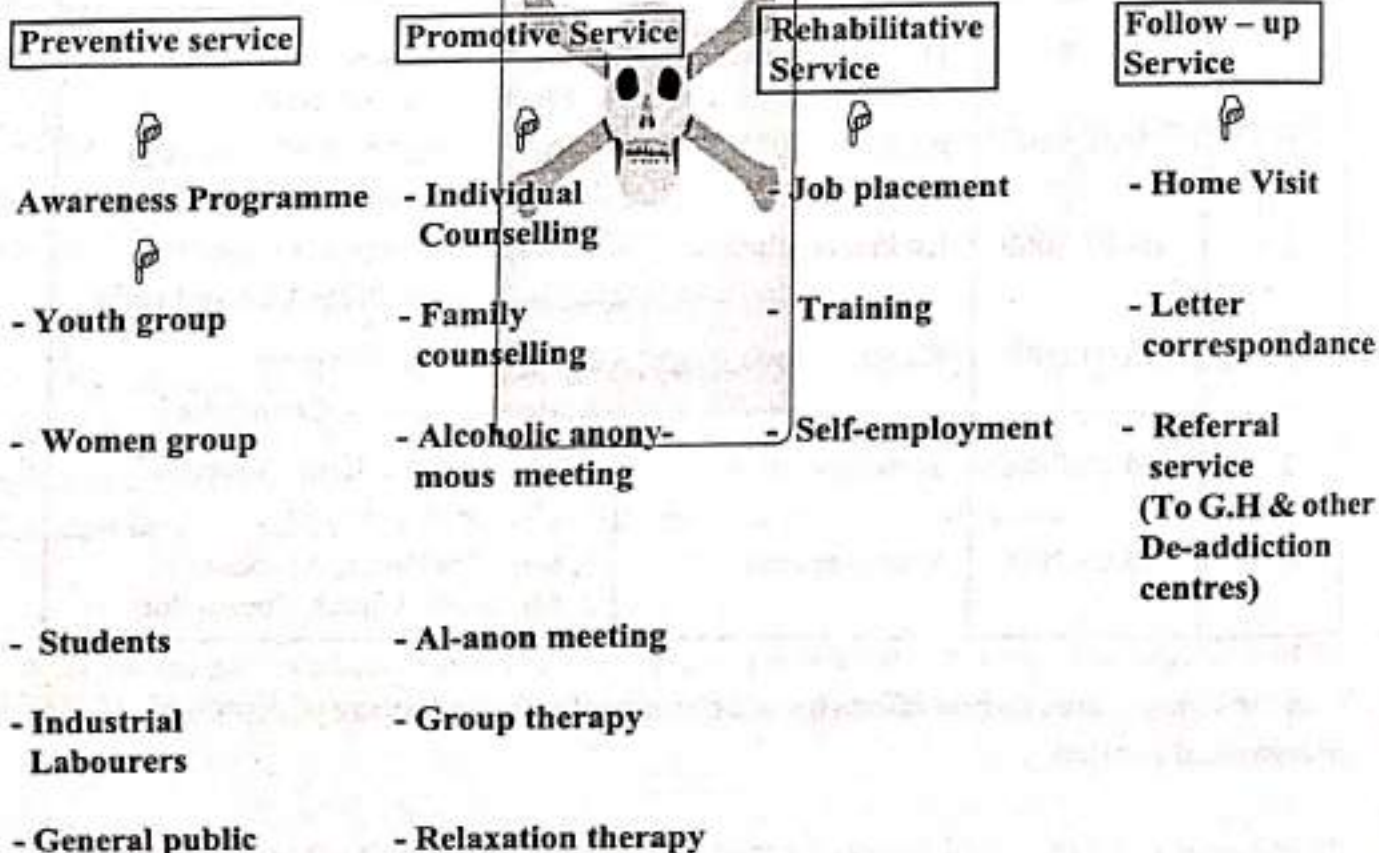
**"FIRST THE MAN TAKES A DRINK
THEN THE DRINK TAKES A DRINK
THEN THE DRINK TAKES THE MAN"**

- Oriental proverb

Drug habit is as ancient as human civilization. It is only in the recent times that with the emergence of various chemical and synthetic drugs, the problem has assumed a menacing trend, with the serious consequences for the health of the individual and the society at large. Besides medical aspects, addiction to drugs has social, psychological and economic ramifications.

In dealing with the problem, one of the initial steps undertaken by SOC SEAD is Drug Awareness and Counselling Centre, which has been serving for the past 9 years in Trichy and Ayikudi. The sole objective of the centre is helping the addict to restore for himself a drug - free life and to adjust positively to his social milieu.

The Professional Team of the Centre with a Project Co-ordinator, a Counsellor, and a Community Worker carried out the activities of Drug Awareness And Counselling Centre as follows:



**Achievement of Drug Awareness and Counselling Centre
From April'99 – March 2000**

Sl.No.	Name of the activities	No. of Programmes	
		Trichy	Ayikudi
I	Preventive services Number of awareness programmes	67	59
II	Counseling Services		
	(a) Number of New clients registered	172	165
	(b) Number of counselling services	974	880
	(c) Number of Individual counselling	421	401
	(d) Number of Family counselling	89	79
	(e) Number of counselling services for children of alcoholics	25	16
	Therapies:		
	(a) No. of group therapy	11	10
	(b) No.of behaviour therapy	17	15
	(c) No. of relaxation therapy	7	6
	(d) No.of therapeutic games	4	3
	(e) No.of recovering clients	51	47
	(f) No.of Alcoholic – Anonymous meeting	9	7
	(g) No.of Al-Anon meeting	8	8
III	Referral Services No. of referral service	97	89
IV	Follow – up services		
	(a) No.of Home visits for recovering clients	146	143
	(b) No. of Home visits for recovered clients	94	85
	(c) No.of letters sent	125	117
V	Rehabilitation services		
	(a) No.of clients referred to job placement	52	47
	(b) No. of clients trained for self – employment	7	5

Beneficiaries of Drug Awareness Programmes:

Sl. No.	Name of the group	No. of programme	No. of beneficiaries
1	General public	3	8,500
2	Youth group	41	935
3	Women group	3	775
4	College students	1	60
5	Industrial laboureres	1	55
	Total	49	10,325

The path to sobriety was further made firm by the team of drug awareness and counselling centre in a meticulous way during this year. In which 10,325 people benefitted by this measure.

CHILDREN - PILLARS OF THE NATION

I. NON-FORMAL EDUCATION: - "AN EYE OPENER" (Aided by Ministry of Human Resource Development Government of India)

"EDUCATION SHARPENS AND MOULDS ONE'S INTELLECT AND PERSONALITY"

Education is the vital tool for a person's 'Self' development. It drives away the darkness of ignorance and widens the horizon of knowledge. Unfortunately the opportunity for education through formal school is curtailed in lives of many children due to socio-economic problems. To cater to the needs of educationally deprived children, SOC SEAD has been conducting Non - Formal Education in Trichy corporation since 1984.

Till today the programme has been successfully carried out with 100 centres in slums of Trichy corporation and Golden rock areas. In each centre 30 learners between 6-14 years of age are admitted and one instructors is incharge of it. For the year of 1999-2000 the total number of learners is 3000.

CATEGORY	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
SC / ST	860	926	1786
OTHERS	597	602	1199
TOTAL	1457	1528	2985

SUPERVISION & EVALUATION:

Regular supervision is being made by 4 supervisors by visiting areas and holding Review Meeting every month.

Adequate evaluation process have been undertaken by conducting periodical tests and exams to assess the suitability and eligibility of the learners who are likely to continue under Primary-II level in the next academic year and in succeeding years. During the test conducted by our organisation on 27th & 29th January 2000, 879 learners secured above 60% and the rest fall between 35% to 60% of eligibility criteria.

TRAINING:

Refresher and in service training were given for all the 100 instructors on teaching method by the experts from various fields. Methods such as group games, group exercise, quiz, debate, and group discussions were employed to enhance their self skill and creativity.

TEACHING MATERIALS:

Teaching materials such as books, notebooks, pencils, rolling boards, maps, slates, chalk boxes were supplied to the instructors by SOC SEAD.

VISIT:

Dr.A.C. Banerjee, Senior Professor and Head of NCERT, New Delhi has visited some of our NFE centres during the first week of January 2000 and endorsed satisfactory remarks.

The Non-Formal Education programme helped SOC SEAD to attain its effort in eradicating illiteracy with success. The response and cooperation from the public was immensely great.

II. CHILD LABOUR ERADICATION PROGRAMME

"LIBERATION FROM THE YOKE OF SERVITUDE"

"HELP A CHILD TO LIVE LIKE A CHILD"

Child labour is the burning problem all over the world. This evil curbs the bright future of entire children population and obstructs the process of actualizing their potentialities through socialization and education. Hence, it caught the attention of policy makers, leaders social reformers and activists for planning an urgent remedial measure. Realizing the crucial role to combat the situation, SOC SEAD adopted a timely measure called "Child labour eradication programme"

The sole aim of this programme is to promote overall development of children and ultimately the eradication of child labour. To achieve this goal, SOC SEAD has formed its own method as follows.

PREVENTIVE

Awareness creation on education to parents & Community

PROMOTIVE

Non-Formal Education
• Individual & group counselling
• Training for self development
• Children's club
• Supplementary education

REHABILITATIVE

• Sponsorship
• Skill training
• Induction in formal schools

SOC SEAD runs special schools in Muslim areas like Natharsha Pallivasal, Valluvar Nagar, and Andakondan. Non-Formal Education is imparted in these schools to promote children's skills, and potentials. Each school consists of 50 children with 2 teachers. These children has formed 'Children's Club' among themselves. 3 days training programme was conducted for them on leadership, personality development and value education.

The mothers of children in these areas were motivated to form self help groups. The formed 3 SHG's have got its own saving accounts. They were also imparted knowledge on Inter-personal relationship, communication and leadership.

Regular meeting has been conducted for the children's clubs and women sangams to review their activities and plan for the future. The child labourers after their IIIrd level of NFE are enrolled in the regular school.

Achievement of SOC SEAD in enrolling the special school children into regular schools (April'99 - March 2000)

Area	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Total No. of children enrolled in regular school	
			April'99	March 2000
Nathersha				
Pallivasal	25	25	20	25
Valluvar Nagar	25	25	15	20
Andakondan	25	25	18	20
		TOTAL	53	65

The child labourers who were enrolled in our centres were made to capture their childhood and enjoy it like any other children. Through tremendous effort by the trainers of these centres, SOC SEAD reached its objective of eradicating child labour and preserving the child as a child.

III. ADOPTION

(Recognised by Government of India, Ministry of Social Welfare)

"SHORE FOR THE DESOLATE"

"EXTEND A LOVING HAND TO PICK ONE"

SOC SEAD with its social concern is working ceaselessly in "Finding the identity" for the abandoned infants and help them to "Begin a new life journey". Adoption is one of the significant programme of SOC SEAD. And it has been functioning successfully since 1985. Our agency place the children in India as well as in other foreign countries. This programme paves way for the promising future of rejected little ones. Its yet another noble service to humanity by forming a new bond or relationship between the unknown individuals.

ACTIVITIES:

The abandoned children are taken custody and freed for adoption through legal procedure. In case of surrender, parents are counselled and then the children are legally taken custodial care. Prospective adoptive parents are also given counselling before placing the child in home.

SERVICES:

SOC SEAD runs creche home at Mambalasalai for the abandoned children to

- Provide residential care
- Medical services
- Legal service
- Counselling service
- Information & public awareness
- Placement service

Details of Adoption for the Period of 1999 - 2000 :

Sex	No.of Children Admitted	Placement in Indian families	Placement in foreign families	No.of children to be adopted
Male	5	2	1	5
Female	14	11	2	10

SOURCES OF REFERRAL:

Abandoned children has been referred to our agency by the following sources with the instructions of Directorate of child welfare, Chennai.

- Collectorate
- Government hospitals authorities
- Police officials
- DSWO
- Church Ministers
- NGO's
- Educational institutions
- General public

Even from out station like Villupuram, Cuddalore, Mailaduthurai,, and Thiruvarur, children are taken for custody.

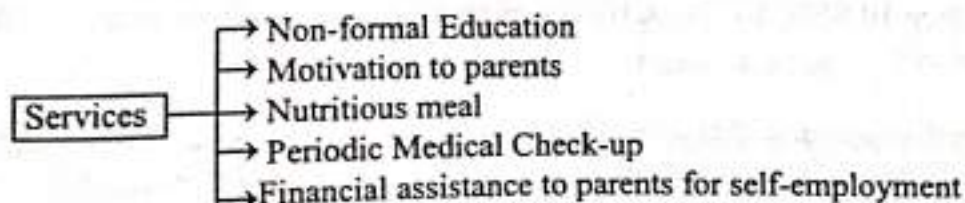
SOC SEAD'S doors are always opened for the unwanted, deserted and abandoned children to gratify the physical, psychological, and social needs. Adoption is one such door, through which the neglected infants enters into their new life. As a result of self-less service, SOC SEAD renewed adoption license for inter country for 3 years.

IV. FREE THE CHILDREN

"The Key to the fettered children"

One of the social malady which affects and hinders development of our nation is child labour. These children chained to their grindstone are denied education and deprived of their childhood. They are burdened with responsibilities of looking after their house and sweating for their family. This problem which prevailed in the villages of Thiruvarangapatti and Kallakudi caught the attention of SOC SEAD which took active initiation in answering their needs through this programme.

The project provides services through trained teachers like:



The details of the child labourers and dropouts in the target villages who benefitted out of this programme are as follows:

Beneficiaries of "Free the Children" Programme

Particulars	No. of beneficiaries	
	Thiruvarangapatty	Kallakudi
No. of children enrolled in school	40	35
No. of dropouts enrolled in school	10	12
No. of child labourers attending NFE	42	42
No. of children attending supplementary education classes	62	51
No. of children covered by health camps	250	250

"Youth of Today, are leaders of Tomorrow", keeping this in mind, youth clubs are formed in these 2 villages to identify and develop the hidden talents of the youth and make them responsible citizens of the country.

OUT REACH ACTIVITIES :

Mahalir mandrams are formed in the target villages. The women of these mandrams were trained in interpersonal and communication skills to develop and achieve the goals of their mandrams. They conduct monthly meeting to review and plan their activities.

Medical camp was organised once in a week to provide free medical service.

Awareness camps on health, family planning, AIDS, Alcoholism etc were conducted four times during this year.

80 students were given free notebooks, pencils, slates and uniforms for their education.

INCOME – GENERATING AIDS FOR PARENTS :

The parents of the students enrolled in our schools were provided with self-employment schemes so that they can get constant income to support their family and encourage their children to seek education rather than labours.

During this year, assistance for 5 GEM CUTTING MACHINES and 10 LIVESTOCK was provided in Thiruvarangapatty village to 15 parents.

In Kallakudi village 10 SEWING MACHINES were given to 10 parents of the children for their economic development.

SOC SEAD with the succour of this project has unfettered the unlucky children of the villages of Thiruvarangapatty and Kallakudi to live a meaningful and fulfilling life. The timely intervention in these villages is the best key provided by God to the people through SOC SEAD.

V. SHELTER FOR STREET CHILDREN (Sponsored by Department of Social Defence Government of Tamilnadu)

“SHELTER FOR THE SHELTERLESS”

“THE INVISIBLE CHILD HAS BEEN MADE VISIBLE”

Family is the basic unit which has to provide safe, protected, and congenial atmosphere for the children to grow and become a productive citizen. Whereas the shocking reality is that many families are no more safe for the children due to domestic violence, harassment by stepmothers and poverty. Thus the result is that they come to streets either on their own accord or driven out. The abandoned, abused and exploited ones engage themselves in menial jobs like rag picking, begging, selling lottery tickets, and tea, dishwashing, etc., for their livelihood. They dwell on streets, pavements and slums. Now-a-days we could see this pathetic scene everywhere.

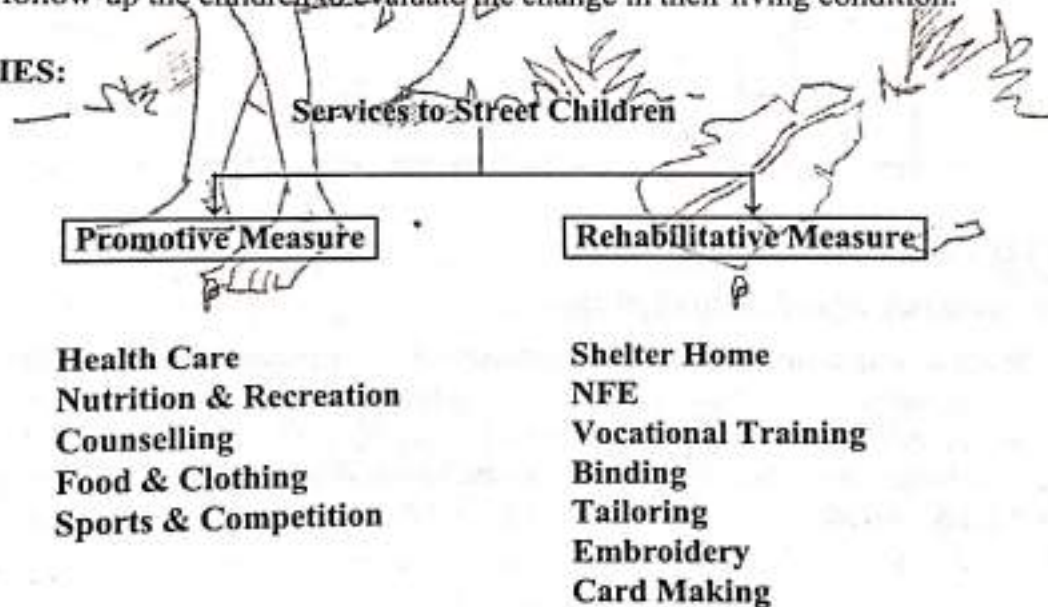
By seeing the cruel plight of such children, SOC SEAD started “Shelter for street children” programme with the view to prevent them from all sorts of exploitation, physical and sexual abuse. Also this programmes enable them to have safe day shelter, where they will undergo NFE and skill training.

Children belong to 8-15 years are admitted to refrain from wandering on streets. For period of 1999-2000, there are 30 children benefited out of this scheme.

The programme has been carried out with the following objectives:

- * To understand the problems of the children in the area.
- * To improve the health and nutritional status of children
- * To enable the children to become functionally literate
- * To enable the children to acquire knowledge on alternative employment.
- * To follow-up the children to evaluate the change in their living condition.

ACTIVITIES:



SOC SEAD'S Shelter for Street Children Programme is a boon to the neglected ones, which catered adequately to their emotional & physical needs. To say modestly that this home is a solace to the abandoned children is not an exaggeration.

VI. BALWADIES

“GREENHOUSE FOR YOUNG SAPLINGS”

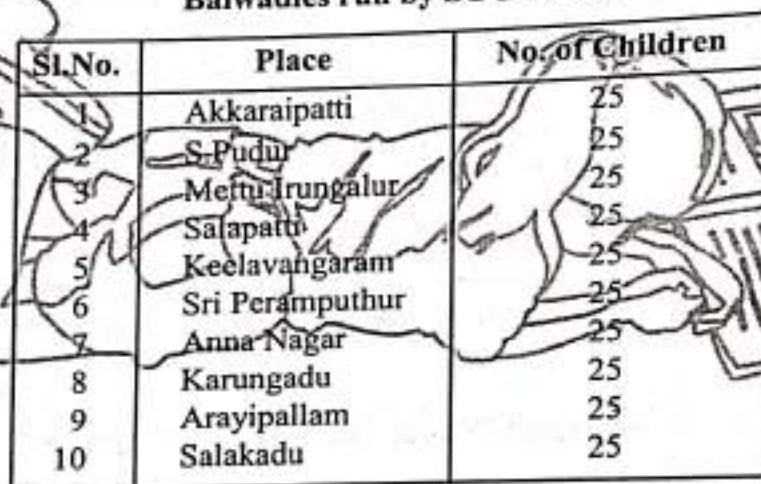
Childhood is the impressional stage in the life of an individual. The growth of young mind is not only by nature but also through nature. SOC SEAD with the aim to mould such young minds started balwadi centres in rural areas. Because the children in the villages lack provisions for physical and mental growth.

These balwadies are established in 10 villages and children in the age group of 2-5 years are enrolled in these centres. Each centre has a trained teacher and render the services as follows.

PREVENTIVE SERVICES ☞ * Awareness & Cultural programmes
* Motivation to parents

PROMOTIVE SERVICES ☞ * Regular medical check-up twice a month
* Theoretical and practical inputs to children

Balwadies run by SOC SEAD



Sl.No.	Place	No. of Children
1	Akkaraipatti	25
2	S.Pudur	25
3	Mettu-Irungalur	25
4	Salapattu	25
5	Keelavangaram	25
6	Sri Peramputhur	25
7	Anna Nagar	25
8	Karungadu	25
9	Arayipallam	25
10	Salakadu	25

OTHER ACTIVITIES :

✦ Providing nutritious flour to children.

All Balwadi centres conduct practical demonstration on the preparation of nutritious food with locally available vegetables and cereals to mothers. Regular parents meeting is conducted on the 3rd Saturday of every month. And the teachers are given training by doctors, psychologists and counselors. An evaluation committee in SOC SEAD assesses the progress of each Balwadi centre and monthly review meeting is conducted.

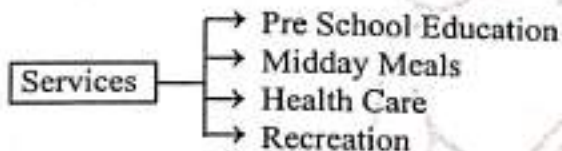
So SOC SEAD nurtures the children and makes these saplings to grow into fruit bearing trees.

VII. CRECHES

(Sponsored by Central Social Welfare Board, Government of India, New Delhi)

"COSY NEST FOR FLEDGLINGS"

The women are saddled with household chores and outside work. This sort of hectic life not only prevails in urban limits, also in rural areas. To take care of the children of rural working mothers who go out to earn their livelihood, SOC SEAD runs creches in villages and renders services such as



The Creches are run in the following areas

- Mamabalasalai - 2 Units
- Kovandakurichi - 2 Units
- Oliyamangalam - 1 Unit
- Palakurichi - 1 Unit

Each unit comprises a teacher, an ayah and 25 children belonging to 2-5 age group. These creches are a great relief to the rural women who earn their living without another burden of tending to their children.

VIII. SERVICES TO THE DISABLED

"WE EXTEND EMPATHY NOT SYMPATHY"

Disability is not a curse but a condition for which SOC SEAD extends an empathatic alternative service. This enables the differently abled individuals to adapt and cope with their conditions. The objective of the service is to encourage them to be future oriented rather than dwelling in the past. To achieve this end the persons with disability were rendered welfare assistance like Hearing aids, crutches, wheel chair etc. The disabled children were sponsored for education and referred for medical assistance. In Karur district "Integrated Education" was given to promote the differently abled children. As preventive measure a survey for early intervention was conducted. So, the organisation's approach is "not said but done".

WOMEN – PRIMARY CONCERN

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT

"EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IS THE EMPOWERMENT OF SOCIETY"

Holistic development of any society is possible, only when women are empowered. Women development and societal development are two sides of same coin. All developmental plans and strategies can be accomplished through the fullest participation of women in it. Having this in mind, SOC SEAD focus its attention in organising women into association to fight for their rights, raise voice against all sorts of injustice and exploitation done to them.

Towards integrated development of women, SOCSEAD has taken great effort to form Self Help Groups (SHG) newly in the following areas during the period of 1999-2000.

S.NO.	Areas of SHG	No. of Members	AMOUNT SAVED
1	THUVAKKUDI	40	12,000
2	VALAVANTHANKOTTAI	30	20,000
3	SANGLIANDAPURAM	25	7,480
4	SUBRAMANIAPURAM	18	3,200
5	JEEVA NAGAR	20	1,500
6	PATHUVAI NAGAR	35	3,000
7	AIRPORT	30	-
8	KHAJAMALAI	25	4,000
9	SAMASPIRAN	20	9,000
10	THARANALLOOR	50	4,800
11	LAW COLLEGE	20	6,000
12	THANEER PANDHAL	25	2,400
13	MUDHALIYAR CHATHRAM	20	1,000
14	PALAKARAI	25	500
15	KHAJA PETTAI	20	3,600
16	NATHARSHA PALLIVASAL	15	600

Through savings and credit schemes, the members of SHG'S saved Rs. 79,080. Based on their savings, 50 members were given loan for self employment in collaboration with Federal Bank & State Bank of Travancore. This credit scheme is being implemented successfully.

Uplifting rural women is one of the main goals of SOC SEAD. To achieve this, women of Salapatti, Keelavangaram, Melavangaram, SOC SEAD Colony, Devimangalam, Akkaraipatti, Ayikudi, Thaluthalapatti, Kanyakudi & S.Pudur were motivated to form SHG in their villages. These groups have been functioning effectively.

Already there are 65 Mahalir Mandrams are functioning actively in our operational areas.

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES:

Awareness creation among women is the major activity of SOC SEAD. So our members of Mahalir Sangams and SHG in 10 areas were given awareness generation programmes on suitable topics for women. They are :

- Women & law
- Status of Women
- Gender issues
- Importance of savings
- Health & Hygiene
- Leadership & Women's Social Role
- And Government welfare schemes for women.

These programmes enabled our members to acquire new knowledge and self-motivation. It would further strengthen their cohesiveness.

SKILL TRAININGS & DEMONSTRATION :

With the view to make the women to be self-reliant through self employment schemes, SOC SEAD organised series of skill trainings and demonstration on following consumer items;

- * Cleaning Powder
- * Washing Powder
- * Tooth Paste
- * Liquid Blue
- * Phenyl
- * Detergents

This exposure helped our women to manufacture the products at small scale through loan schemes.

MEETINGS:

Our women development Co-ordinators conducted regular meetings in the area for both leaders and members. For the period of 1999-2000 totally 20 meetings were held at 18 different places. These meetings were held mainly to evaluate activities of sangams and SHG such as

- Regular Meetings
- Savings & Collections
- Loan Repayment
- Record Maintenance
- New Membership
- Participation of Members

ACHIEVEMENTS:

The Co-operative venture of women groups led to achieve following aspects:

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| - Laying Road | - Pathuvai Nagar |
| - Drinking Water facility | - Pathuvai Nagar |
| - Issuing Ration Cards | - 3 Mandrams |
| - Manufacturing Consumer Products. | - 5 Mandrams |
| - Old Age Pensions | - 20 persons |
| - Assistant for Inter caste Marriage | - 2 persons |
| - Free Education | - 16 children |
| - Free medical assistant for cancer patient | - 1 person |

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – 8.3.2000

On the First International Women's Day of this new millenium, SOC SEAD in collaboration with Federal bank, Trichy and State Bank of Travancore organised a grand function to mark the day. 100 women participated in it. Mr. Martin the leading advocate was the chief guest. In his key note address he explained the rights of women, factors of women empowerment and role of mahalir mandrams for emancipation. The officials from the banks felicitated the function. Presidential address was given by Dr.Sr. Maria kamalam, Co-ordinator of SOC SEAD.

The highlight of the function was "Distribution of Loan" to 50 women for self-employment. At last, the participants took oath in insisting the significance of the day.

The society to become sky scappers has to have strong pillars that is empowered women to support its system. SOC SEAD is taking constant effort to build such pillars by equipping them with the aid of women's development programme.

WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTEL

As the working women population is increasing day by day in Trichy, yet another welfare measure taken by SOC SEAD for them is the Working Women Hostel called "Amaithi Nilayam". It caters the residential need of outstation women employees by providing protected, peaceful and homely atmosphere to stay.

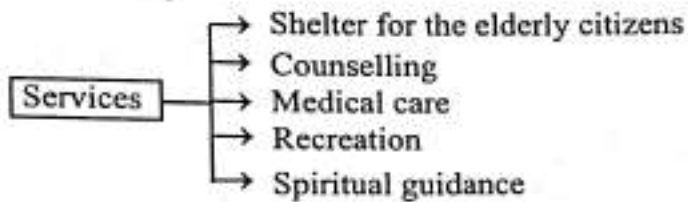
AGED – PATH FINDERS

HOME FOR THE AGED

“ A HAVEN FOR THE ELDERLY CITIZEN ”

Each and every human being shuns the phase of oldage in their life. As it is the stage of becoming dependent on others while there is the chance of developing “Empty Nest Syndrome”. The senior citizens due to lack of care and support become depressed and despondent.

With the good intention of attending to the needs of these elderly people, “Holy Cross Home for the aged” has been catering its services like.



This home has been doing the noble cause since 1990 at Ayikudi. The aged from various places seek this home’s help for their peaceful existence. It has accommodated 15 inmates at present and provides them with adequate facilities. The senior citizens are well looked after and it renders a cosy environment to make them comfortable.

Thus the home serves as a harbour to the desolate aged and helps them to feel young at heart.



HEALTH - WEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL

MULTI PURPOSE HEALTH WORKER'S SCHEME

"REACHING THE UN REACHED"

The saying "Sound mind is the Sound body" refers to the term Health, which denotes both physical and mental well being. But it doesn't stop with that, because health is determined by social and spiritual well being also. The vision of "Health for all by 2000" could be achieved through co-ordinated effort of health care agents and full participation of community. Towards this effort, SOC SEAD has ventured another programme exclusively for the promotion of health status of rural mass. The major concern is to promote "Integral" well being of an individual and community.

To bring this dream into reality, SOC SEAD has selected voluntary Health Workers (VHWs) from 30 villages to deliver health care services to their own community people. These 30 VHW's underwent series of intensive training by the professionals, Now they have been involved in enhancing people's participation in treatment services, health camps, Health awareness programmes and Health campaign along with M.R.Sc students of Holy Cross College.

HEALTH CENTRE:

SOC SEAD has established a full fledged health centre at the centre of Ayikudi village. Other than this, there are 5 sub-health centres and one rural health centre in each target village. The professional team consists of one doctor and 2 trained nurses render health services to the village people either at the main centre or sub centre. Through this health programme SOC SEAD cover 42,000 population in the target area.

HERBAL GARDEN:

One of the major achievements of SOC SEAD in this year is the formation of herbal garden in the vacant land as herbal treatment is another approach in the Therapeutic field. In order to encourage this and to create local resources, SOC SEAD developed a herbal garden for the benefit of poor rural people. 100 herbal sapplings are planted in the garden. Also to promote social forestry in the target area, SOC SEAD planted 5,000 pine tree and 100 teak tree in 12 areas of Ayikudi

AWARENESS PROGRAMME:

SOC SEAD has conducted about 24 awareness programmes at target level for a year in a grand manner. And every week 2-3 programmes were conducted in the community. These programmes created awareness on

- ★ T.B
- ★ Leprosy
- ★ Polio
- ★ AIDS
- ★ Family Planning
- ★ Health and sanitation
- ★ Mother and child care
- ★ Family welfare
- ★ Prenatal and postnatal care
- ★ Immunization

The new measure of enhancing rural health status is not an end in itself. Rather it would continue with the good will, sincere effort and farsighted vision. SOC SEAD would never fail or cease its attempt of working for the betterment of poor and deprived.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Generally, all services and welfare programme are focussed on *community as a whole* for the best outcome. To have tangible result, SOC SEAD has ventured *community based programme* in the adopted villages.

HOME FOR THE HOMELESS:

All living species on the earth dwell in their own places specified by the system of nature. But the superior being called 'Man' is sometimes deprived of his own home. Hence to fulfill this basic need, SOC SEAD constructed 99 houses at Melapatti villages and 80 houses in Ayikudi village.

SELF - EMPLOYMENT SCHEME:

SOC SEAD implements self-employment programmes for the upliftment of downtrodden. It provided assistance to rear 10 milch animal in Thiruvarangapatti, also provided 5 gem cutting machine to people to Thiruvarangapatti and 10 sewing machine to kallakudi.

FORGOTTEN CHILDREN:

Poor and needy children were identified in Varakkuppai in Pullambadi Tk for whom Non-formal Education is imparted. The parents are provided with milch animal for economic development. It's a comprehensive programme for parent and children. Its been carried out for the past 4 years in collaboration with the Principal of Holy Cross College.

COMMUNITY CENTRE:

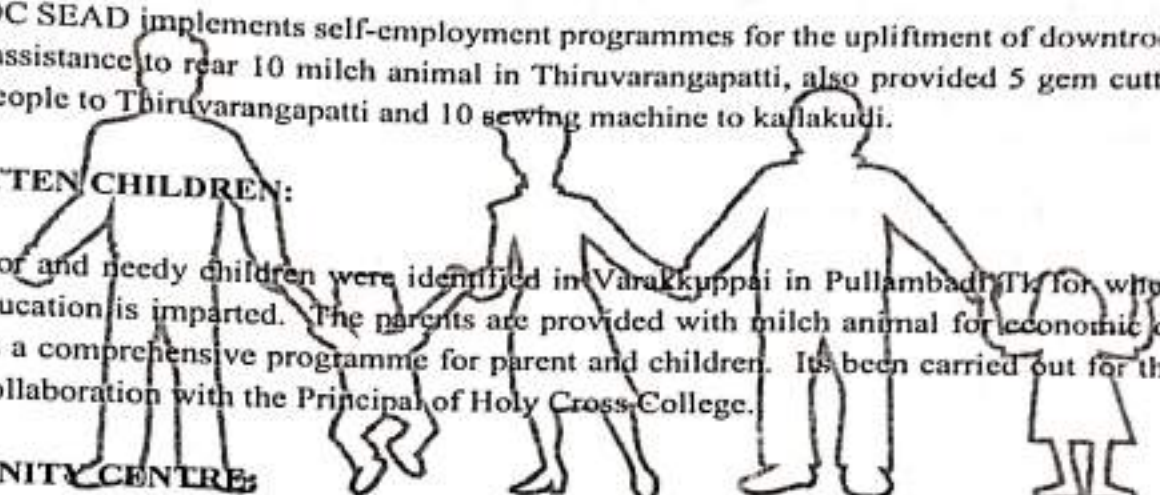
A community centre is established in Ayikudi for multipurpose like conducting trainings, meetings, retreats, etc.

DRINKING WATER:

S.Pudur is the village which lack protected drinking water. This was rectified by SOC SEAD by installing borewells with handpumps.

HEALTH AWARENESS:

To enhance the health status of rural mass, the multipurpose health workers conducted regular awareness programmes on health in their respective villages.



EMPLOYMENT OPPURTUNITY:

For the post of balwadi teachers and VHW's, the educated girls of local villages are selected, trained and given employment to uplift the women in the community.

RELIEF SERVICES:

Relief services is the major activity done every year by SOC SEAD. This year the major natural calamity which occurred in Trichy is flood due to which the victims had lost their dwellings and properties. SOC SEAD in collaboration with CASA & APCV Trust, did humble service of providing necessary provisions such as rice, dhal, dresses, & utensils for 100 victims. Free notebooks were distributed to the deserving children.

NEW COMMUNITY UPLIFTMENT VENTURES:

With the new vision of promoting the community further, SOC SEAD launched the following programmes

- Mushroom cultivation
- Social forestry
- Herbal plantation



OUR PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Area	Non- Formal Education	Child Labour School	Health Centre	Balwadi	SHGs
URBAN:					
Chola Rajapuram	*				
Keela Devadanam	*				
Woraiyur	*				
Tennur	*				
Nartharsha Pallivasal	*	*			*
Sooran Street	*				
Gandhipuram	*				
Keela Chinthamani	*				
Thiruthandoni	*				
Vamadam	*				
Chinthamani	*				
E.B. Road	*				
Periamilaguparai	*				
Kooni Bazaar	*				
Keela pudur	*				
Sangliyandapuram	*				*
Uloganathapuram	*				
Subramaniapuram	*				*
Jail corner	*				
Thuvakudi					*
Vallavandankottai					*
Kaja malai					*
Kamaraj Nagar	*				
Airport	*				*
Senthaneerpuram	*				
Sembattu	*				
Palakarai					*
North tharanallur	*				*
Valluvar Nagar		*			
Vaduvar		*			
Draupathiammankoil street	*				
Andakondan		*			
Samaspiran	*				*
Kajapet	*				*
Kottapattu	*				
Kudamurty	*				
Jeevanagar	*				
Law college	*				*

Area	Non-Formal Education	Child Labour School	Health Centre	Balwadi	SHGs
Rural					
S.Pudur			*	*	
Devimangalam			*		*
Melavangaram			*		*
Keelavangaram			*	*	*
Ayikudi			*		*
Konalai			*		
Kanyakudi			*		*
Kariyamanikam			*		
Thaluthalapatti			*		
Thathamangalam			*		
Valaiyur			*		
Sriperumpudur			*		
Palaiyur			*		
Ayyampalayam			*		
Salakadu			*	*	
Rajampalayam			*		
Irungalur			*	*	
Mahilampadi			*		
Thiruvaragapatti	*		*		*
Akkaraipatti			*	*	*
Karungadu			*	*	
Arayee palam				*	
Purathakudi				*	
SOC SEAD Colony					
Kallakudi	*				*
Varakuppai	*				*



PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE

GUIDANCE TO FIELD PLACEMENT TRAINEES

The students of social work, rural economics, rural technology, guidance and counselling from various colleges such as Bishop Heber, Holy Cross, Cauvery Women's College, Bharadidasan University at Trichy and Mother Theresa University at Kodaikanal were given field placements for 3 months. They were trained and guided by the staff of SOC SEAD.

Name of the trainee & Course	Name of the College	Period of placement	Department placed
K.A.Nisha, Social Work	Bharathidasan University	Sep'99 to Nov'99	Family Counselling
Alagesan, S.Work	"	"	Child Labour Eradication
S. Mehar, Rural Economics	Holy Cross College	Nov'99 – Dec'99	Child Labour Eradication
V. Maheswari, R.E	"	"	"
T. Kalpana Devi, R.E. Samantha Christina Gomer, R.E.	"	"	"
A. Caroline Priya, R.E	"	"	"
D. Gayathri, R.E.	"	"	"
Lavanya, S.W	Cauvery College	Jan 2K to March 2 K	Awareness & Counselling Centre for Drug Addicts
Deepa, S.W	"	"	"
Thenmozhi, S.W.	"	"	Family Counselling
R. Babu, S.W.	Bharathidasan University	"	De-addiction Centre, Ayikudi.
Uma Maheswari, S.W.	"	"	"
R.S. Bhuvanewari, Guidance & Counselling	Mother Theresa University	16 to 31 March 2 K	Family Counselling

Our professional guidance had been extended towards the college students who are the future of the nation through SOULE project, intensive training programmes and field exposure. We have trained 550 students during this year to be productive citizens.

FINEST REFLECTIONS

FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE:

- 30.06.99 - Mobile Awareness Programme
- 16 to 21.09.99 - Training programme for health workers at SOCSEAD Hall.
- 26 & 27.10.99 - Awareness Sessions on Problems of adolescence & ways of effective management at Government Girl's Hr. Sec. School, Town Hall.
- 29.10.99 - Awareness on AIDS & its impact at Sacred Heart Boys HSS, Ponmalaipatty.
- 27.12.99 - Counsellors participation in the exhibition cum Seminar programme, Chennai.
- 25.01.2000 - Session on Development of self to Physiotherapy & Nursing students, G.V.N. Institute of Paramedical sciences, T.V.Koil.
- 08.03.2000 - Celebration of "International day for women", SOC SEAD Hall.

DRUG AWARENESS AND COUNSELLING CENTRE:

- 16.04.99 - Awareness on Alcoholism by Dr. Palanisamy, H.O.D. of Social Work, Bharadidasan University at E.B. Road.
- 18.06.99 - Awareness to industrial workers of Sarvodaya sangam, J.B. Nagar, Trichy.
- 30.06.99 - Celebration of "International Day against drug abuse" through "Awareness on Wheels" in Trichy city.
- 29.10.99 - Awareness on Alcoholism at Sacred Heart Boys HSS, Ponmalaipatty.
- 24.1.2000 - Drug Awareness among Youth, G.V.N. Institute of Paramedical sciences, T.V.Koil.

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION:

- 16 TO 18.09.99 - 3 Days in service training to NFE animators of Primary I level, at SOC SEAD Hall by Mrs. Saroja (Rtd, Principal, DIET, Aduthurai)
- 03.01.2000 - NFE centres visit by Prof. Anil gandra Banerjee, Prof. & H.O.D. of education in Non-formal & Alternative Schooling (N.C.E.R.T), New Delhi.
- 15 to 17.02.2000 - 3 Days in service training to NFE animators of Primary II level, SOC SEAD Hall.

CHILD LABOUR ERADICATION PROGRAMME:

- 16 to 18.11.99 - Leadership & Value education Training camp, SOC SEAD Hall.
- 24.2.2000 - Picnic to chittannavasal
- 26.01.2000 - Republic day celebration at child labour special schools
- 28.02.2000 - Awareness programme on evils of alcoholism, addiction & AIDS.

FREE THE CHILDREN:

- 06.07.99 - Distribution of note books to 80 students Thiruvarangapatty
- 23.07.99 - Medical camp, kallakudy
- 08.09.99 - "World Literacy Day" Celebration at Kallakudi & Thiruvarangapatty
- 18.01.2000 - "Pongal function", Thiruvarangapatty
- 10.03.2000 - Plantation of saplings at kallakudy.

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT:

- 08.03.2000 - Distribution of loans to 50 members of SHGs.

SHELTER FOR STREET CHILDREN:

- 26.9.99 - Mr. Sukumar, Director of social defence visited our shelter home.
- 25.10.99 - An Evaluation Team of 19 State Government M.L.A's visited the shelter home.

THE DAY OF VICTORY TO SR. RITA THYVEETIL

**"Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For you are with me;"**



The day dawned as usual on 17.5.99 to everyone in this world. But in the life of our former co-ordinator Sr. Rita Thyveetil it was unusual and "The Day of Darkness". The shadow of death garbed her right from morning in the form of physical discomfort due to tireless endurance and hardship. Gradually she began to drown in the sea of sickness as time goes by.

At the eleventh hour, her body and mind constantly wrestled with the invincible power, Whereas her soul was in complete peace and harmony with the contentment of leaving the earthly life after accomplishing all her duties to the disadvantaged, needy and poor. Finally, at 5 p. m. she abode heaven by leaving us all behind in great shock and grief.

Oh! it was a heart breaking departure.

She offered her heart, body and soul to the cause. Her end was the firm witness for her sole aim to serve till her last breath. Her Heart's desire to occur her demise in her own establishment ie SOCSEAD was granted by our Almighty God.

Though initially the day appeared to her as "Day of Darkness" it ended as "THE DAY OF VICTORY".

**J. REBECCAL,
Family Counsellor,
SOCSEAD.**

ENRICHMENT TO STAFF

STAFF PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS/TRAINING PROGRAMMES

SL.NO	Nature of Meeting /Training	Organised by	Date	Name of the participants
1	Workshop on Report Writing	Child rights forum – Caritas - Netherlands, Chennai.	11.06.99	Ms. G. Sasikala
2	Family Counsellor's Peer- Review Meeting	TMSSS – Keeranur	18.06.99	Ms. J. Rebeccal Ms. S. Sumathy
3	Seminar on status of Girl child and crime against gender	Gandhigram University	8.07.99	- do-
4	Training on Non-formal Education	NCERT – Delhi	2.08.99 to 6.8.99	Mr. K.S.Krishna-moorthy
5	Caritas partners Meeting	CRF, Caritas – Netherlands, Madurai	17.08.99	Dr.(Sr.) Maria Kamalam Ms.Sasikala
6	Training programme for supervisors of street children & child labour programme	UNICEF – Kothagiri	25.8.99 to 28.8.99	Mrs. Ruby Stella Mary Mrs. X. Emelda Mary
7	Workshop on Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Documentation	Human rights and legal centre (HRLC) – Chennai	25.8.99 to 27.8.99	Mr. S. Diaz
8	Training for field level functionaries on street children programme	UNICEF, Social Defence, Madurai.	30.8.99 to 31.8.99	Mr. Jeganathan. N. Mr. A. Albert Manohar
9	Workshop on Psychological approaches to Street Children	UNICEF & ICCW – Chennai.	16.9.99 to 18.9.99	Mr. A. Manoharan Irudhayaraj
10	Caritas – meeting on Child labour	Caritas – southZone partners, Kanyakumari	21.9.99	Ms. G. Sasikala Mrs. X. Emelda
11	Orientation programme on adoption	Voluntary Co-ordinating agency, Chennai.	11.10.99	Ms.J.S.Christina

12	Secretary Council Meeting	Directorate of child welfare, Chennai.	12.10.99	Co-ordinator Ms. J.S.Christina
13	Organic Fertilizer by community organisation	Unit of Thread, Hosur	22.10.99 to 5.11.99	Mr. M.Vanu devan.
14	Consultation on child right agenda for the 3 rd millennium	TN – NGO Forum, Chennai.	18.11.99 to 20.11.99	Ms. G. Sasikala
15	Adoption day celebration	Directorate – Chennai	22.11.99	Ms.J.S.Christina
16	Training Programme on social change & legal solution for social activists	Human rights and legal centre (HRLC) – Chennai	30.11.99 to 2.12.99	Mr. T. Muthukumar
17	Caritas Director's/ Co-ordinator's Meeting	Child right forum – caritas, Netherlands, Coimbatore	5.2.2000 to 8.2.2000	Mr. S. Diaz Ms. G. Sasikala
18	Annual Meet for adoption – agencies	CARA – New Delhi	2.3.2000 to 3.3.2000	Co-ordinator & Ms.J.S.Christina
19	Caritas partners meeting with Mariet Mulders	Child Right Forum - CORDAID, Bangalore	1.4.2000 to 2.4.2000	Co-ordinator & Ms. G. Sasikala
20	South Zone Partners – Meeting	Child Rights – Forum (CRF) – Madurai	7.4.2000 to 8.4.2000	Ms. G. Sasikala
21	Exposure Visit	CRF – CORDAID – Madurai	10.4.2000 to 18.4.2000	Ms. G. Sasikala
22	South Zone Committee Meeting	CRF – Madurai	31.5.2000	Ms. G. Sasikala

OUR VISION BROADENS

- * Establishing community centres for rural children in Manachanalur block, Trichy District for studies, get-togethers, competitions, celebrations etc.,
- * Vacation camps for rural children to provide an opportunity for interaction and exhibition of their potentials and talents.
- * Special health camps for rural children.
- * Prevention of a child becoming an orphan in future through intensified adoption services.
- * Empowering women to deal issues in their respective villages through effective leadership by local women.
- * Implementing programmes for youth to enhance their participation.
- * To form a cultural troupe exclusively of village youth.
- * Formation of Block Development committees and village development committees to ensure sustainable development.
- * Strengthening the existing programmes and projects.
- * Undertaking research and documentation on various programmes in our organisation.

***“Development is Progressing
So our Journey continues”***



VISUAL REFLECTIONS



Book Binding training to street children.



Leadership training to children of child labour school.



"Self Development" session to college students, G.V.N. Institute of Medical Science.



Mushroom cultivation training to rural women.



Legal Awareness to Palaiyur women by Ms. Indirani, B.L. Advocate.

VISUAL REFLECTIONS



Culturals by Health Workers.



Awareness on Alcoholism to Scavengers of Trichy Corporation.



Awareness on wheels about "effects" of Alcoholism" at Gandhimarket, Trichy.



Rally on world Disabled Day.

