

BRO.SIGA SOCIAL SERVICE GUILD (BSSSG)

28th Annual Report 2016-2017

Our vision: "Poverty free society with justice and equality"

Our Mission : "Promote quality life among underprivileged through Education, Community Health, Socio-economic Empowerment to achieve sustainable development"

Where we work

We are presently working in 12 slums of Vyasarpadi, Chennai city and 20 tribal villages in Uthiramerur Taluk, Kanchipuram District of Tamil Nadu, India. Totally covering around 13,000 poor families including scheduled caste people, Tribal's (Irulas) and Narikuravas.

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28th Annual Report of BSSSG for the period 2016 – 2017, Presented to the General Body, in its meeting held in the Office

It is with some amount of contentment and satisfaction, that I present this year's report because, even after our traditional supporter and patron, Terre des Hommes, Netherlands made its exit a year back, we were able to turn out a substantial amount of quantitative and qualitative outputs and create impressive impacts, through our social action. To report about them, I follow as in the previous years, the same format, with two sections, - one for the Chennai Programme and the other for Uthiramerur projects.

Chennai Programmes

As far as the Chennai Programmes, are concerned, there is one functional change. So long, the activities in Vyasarpadi were carried out with funds exclusively from foreign countries. In contrast, the past years programme were conducted exclusively with Government funds. This change has a bearing on me personally. In the past, in the committee meetings, some members used to accuse me for not taking sufficient interest, in taking up Government programmes. Now I am taken off this hook of blame. I am presenting now, the Chennai Programmes, one by one:

1. CHILDLINE

The programme has one particular significance, in the sense, that it retains our interest in Children. For the past several years, we were focusing on Children, first on the disadvantaged children, and then on exploited children. Through this programmes, we are able to continue our concern for children.

Two units are sanctioned to us. One is a Child Help Line with jurisdiction of North Chennai. As you have seen, this unit functions in our office premises. During the year:

- 98 phone calls were received
- 60 children rescued through outreach
- 158 children were handled by Child Help Line
- 7 missing children rescued
- 1 begging Child case rescued
- 9 child marriage cases were stopped with the help of District Social Welfare officer
- 16 physical abused children rescued
- 9 child labour cases rescued
- 20 children were referred to Government shelter
- 45 children were restored to parents/ families
- 12 staff members are involved in it, including a professional qualified M.A Social Work Coordinator.



Awareness on Child Rights and Child Help Line in School level



World Day against Child Labour



Awareness on Hand Wash



Awareness through video on Sexual abuse (Komal Film) in Community Level

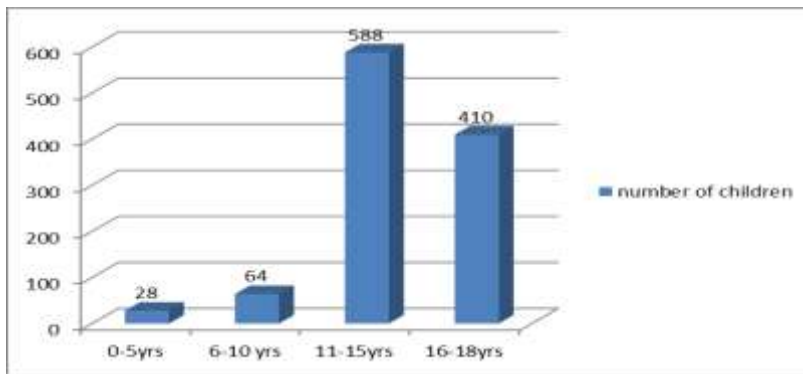
The other unit is the Railway CHILDLINE Desk at Chennai Central Railway Station. The Railways has allotted a separate place for it. During the reporting period.

- ❖ 1141 children were rescued (Boys 1051, Girls 90)
- ❖ Missing children rescued-552, Runaway Children rescued-589
- ❖ 160 boys and 32 girls handed over to Child Welfare Committee
- ❖ 12 staff works in it, under a Coordinator, who is a M.A in Social Work.



Announcement board for CHILDLINE 1098 at Chennai Central Railway Station

AGE OF CHILDREN RESCUED



Awareness on Child Rights and Child Help Line 1098

AWARENESS PROGRAMME

AUTO DRIVERS	500
SHOP KEEPERS	480
APOLLO STAFF	60
PARCEL SECTIONS	200
RAILWAY STAFFS	400
COOLIES	400
SWEEPERS	200
PUBLIC, ETC	500
GRP & RPF	130
BOMB SQUAD	62



AUTO DRIVERS



COOLIES



SHOP KEEPERS



Celebrating Childline Se Dosti Programme at Chennai Central Railway Station



Celebrating Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India) Mrs. Sarita Mital from Ministry of Women and Child Development took part.



SMR Meeting – the station Director, GRP, RPF, CIF, Railway Childline Staff attended and review the Programme

2. Shelter for Urban Homeless Women

This is another programme; we have taken up during the period under review. Perhaps you may know that it is a scheme started as per the Supreme Court's order to give Shelter for Urban Homeless women. In Chennai, the Corporation of Chennai is the implementing authority. It is accommodated on the ground floor of our office building. We opted for women inmates

- Inmates strength 61 (all women)
- 2 Shelter Monitoring Committee meetings were conducted
- 12 inmates re integrated and 4 inmates rehabilitated
- 4 Medical Check up were organised and treated the inmates
- Arranged widow pension, old aged pension, Ration card and Adhaar Card to 39 inmates
- Christmas, New year, Republic day and World Women's day were celebrated and observed
- Staff – four people work in it. A professional social worker oversees it.



Shelter for Urban Homeless Women –Providing Dinner



The Greater Chennai Corporation Zone Officer visited our Shelter



Medical camp for Shelter Homeless women

3. Intervention with Female Sex Workers

It is a programme started two years back. It continues with an office in Saidapet. TANSACS, an autonomous body under State Government, provides funds.

Performance record for the period

- Number of FSW covered -1717
- Counselling session conducted 456
- No. of case referred for testing 2724
- One HIV+ person identified and referred for treatment
- 5 Committee meetings were organised
- 3298 STI cases referred for treatment and followed regularly

9 people work in it, with the guidance of a Coordinator who is a professional qualified social worker.



TI FSW Project - General Medical camp to Peer Educators



Staff Review meeting – Mr. Sundaramoorthy Founder Secretary discussed with staff

4. Tailoring Training for women from Slums:

This also is a continuing programme, started years back. It is self sustaining.

During the reporting period

65 Women were enrolled

24 Women completed training

17 women got Job

There was a change in the staff. A new instructor replaced the previous one.

5. Revolving Fund for Micro finance

It also is a continuing programme. Started as a socio-economic development programme, during the funding period of Terre des Hommes, it continues as it is a rotation scheme. We have to be thankful to those far-sighted people, who initiated this scheme, because it keeps alive in our memory the legacy of Terre des Hommes, Netherlands. The achievement /results were given below.

S.No	Programme	Achieved results
1	No. of New SHGs formed	11 groups were formed with 132 members involved in micro finance scheme
2	No. of persons received training	197 persons trained in leadership quality 231 persons trained in book keeping
3	No. of persons received micro credit	Totally 49 groups with 499 members received loan an amount of Rs.11280000/- 11 groups with 131 members received 1 st loan and amount of Rs. 1550000/- and started the micro enterprises 38 groups with 368 members got revolving loan amount Rs. 9730000/-
4	No. of families increased income	672 families increased income and support to their families for child education, medical expenses etc.
5	No. of families created asset	109 families created asset for house construction, purchased bike and jewels



Micro credit to SHGs –Selling flower and vegetables



Tailoring business



Loan Cheque issued to SHG Leaders

I would like to share with you some new feelings which, I experiences. While drafting a Project Proposal or when a Project is launched, factors like, Outputs, Outcome, Results, Impact are dealt with. Mostly they are in the realm of imagination or assumption and assume a technical role. But now we experience what is meant by "Impact in the holistic sense. Long fifteen years of work in the slums, has built and cemented a "relationship" - relationship between in slum people and the staff. It is not a casual acquaintance but a robust familiar relationship. That is shown out now.

The staff members now working in the Micro finance wing are those who were once Community Health Workers. They are known faces in the slum. So when they enter the slums, they get a warm welcome. The people in the slum do not know that TdH-NL had made the exit and the Community Health Programme was discontinued. For them the staff is the same "Nurse Amma". So when they enter the street, the women come out of the house. A chit-chat starts. One woman may say that her daughter delivered a baby girl. Another may say, her daughter is pregnant. The staff member then revert to her previous "Health Worker" personality and interacts with them, enquiring when immunisation was given and when the next is due/whether the pregnant women was registered in the PHC, what is her anaemic status and so on. A third woman may report that her grandson celebrated the third birthday. The staff member then transforms herself as a Child Care worker questioning whether he was admitted in the Balwadies, whether his weight is all right etc. So the staff is now a multipurpose worker, overseeing whether he was admitted in the Balwadies, whether dropouts are there if yes, directing to readmit. Though we have not instructed them specifically to do all these, all of them voluntarily do it. It has become a trait of their personality. That is an impact in the reverse order. I am overjoyed by this development because the staff members oversee our Education and Community Health Programme. If there are problem with children, then the childline working in our premises, is alerted.



Awareness on Child Rights to Children Club Members



Life Skill Education to Children Club members



General Medical camp



Child Immunisation with the help of PHC

Now I pass on to the next section

Uthiramerur Project

1. Community College

Of the entire programme in Uthiramerur, the Community College has come to occupy the central stage. All the four courses, which it conducted in the previous year continued during the reporting period also, namely Diploma in Desk Top Publishing, Diploma in Four Wheeler Mechanism and Diploma in House Electrician. There was some change in the staff.

- 61 students took University examination

Diploma in Four Wheeler Mechanism	36
Diploma in House Electrician	17
Diploma in Desk Top Publishing	8
TOTAL	61

- 59 students get placed in jobs

An Institution of this type cannot and should not depend on external support eternally. With the exits of Terre des Hommes, the threat of sustainability, was hanging over our heads. So to ensure the sustainability, some mechanisms, were introduced. I report here about the support received from two agencies.

1. Support from United Way of Chennai

The United Way has a chapter in Chennai. A Proposal was submitted to it for sustaining the Institution. The Proposal was accepted. Accordingly half the maintenance expense was met by it in the first year and one fourth in the second year. We are expected to close gaps with the saved money.

2. TIMKEN, USA

The other Corporate, which came to our lesence, was TIMKEN, which has its office in Mahindra City, Chengelput.

It provided fund to purchase a college bus, to transport students. It also provided funds to build a floor, over the existing building. A shed was built on the ground floor to be used as Water – Wash Unit, to generate income to sustain the Community College. Most of you were present for the Inaugural function of these new constructions. Hence I do not elaborate it here.



Multipurpose Community Training Block Inauguration Programme

Mr. Ward J Timken and Mrs, Joy A Timken from TIMKEN Foundation, CANTON



The Multipurpose Community Training block and Transport facility donated by TIMKEN Foundation, Canton, USA.



Other Programmes in the Uthiramerur

There are enough documented evidences in our files, to prove the fact that we strongly believe starting a development project and stopping it midway is a gross violation of social work ethics. We started development projects in Uthiramerur. We could not complete them. It will be unsocial to disappoint the poor villagers especially the Irulas. So attempts were

made to rope in, new funding agencies. One agency which was magnanimous to improve the physical condition of villages, was Habitat for Humanity, USA.

Habitat for Humanity, India



It comes forward to build houses for Irulas families. 23 houses were constructed for them, during the period under report. Renovation was made to 18 houses in Sengadu village, Sriperumbudur, Kanchipuram District.



Inauguration of 15 Green Houses for Irulas families in Thirupulivanam village—constructed by Habitat for Humanity



The Green house inaugurated by chief guest from Bank of America Merrill Lynch



5 Green houses inaugurated in Vijay Nagar village, Uthiramerur block



Handing over ceremony of the Disaster repair work houses

Loan Scheme



The loan rotation scheme continues, as in Vyasarpadi

- 37 SHGs formed with 492 members involved in Micro finance programme
 - 103 New SHG members received loan an amount of Rs.1150000/-
- 306 members received revolving loan amount Rs.7035000/-
Total amount in rotation Rs.8185000/-
 - All 409 SHG members created asset in the form of milch animals
 - Increased income to 306 members families



Revolving fund Cheque issued to Lilly and Thamarai Magalir SHG in villages of Uthiramerur block, Kanchipuram District

I have come to the end of the report. Before closing it I would like to record here, our gratitude to all over well wishers and funding agencies.

- Terre des Hommes, Netherlands
- Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society
- Child Line India Foundation – Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Greater Chennai Corporation
- United Way of Chennai
- TIMKEN Foundation
- Praise Foundation