



MUTHAMIL EDUCATION and RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Annual Report – BenG PROJECTS – April 2022 to March 2023.

FUNDING AGENCY: BenG, The Netherlands

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Muthamil Education and Rural Development Society(MERDS), India

BENG's philosophy and beliefs: BENG is committed to increasing the level of education of children in south India. Their target group consists of children living with their families below the poverty line. Schooling and training are the keys for these children to provide for their own livelihood and the building of an independent and dignified existence.

MERDS VISION: The Organization is committed To Improve the Socio – Economic Development of the down – trodden masses of Natham, Sanarpatty, Dindigul Blocks of Dindigul District and other parts of Tamil Nadu State, South India.

MERDS MISSION: It strive work for the Development of rural poor women, children and educated unemployed youth. It also tries to create a sustainable mechanism at micro-level to build a society, based on equity and social justice.

CHAPTER- 1: DROP OUT CENTRE

Children from our DOC are happy to get their school education and co-curricular exposures. They are free minded and will ask questions about their doubts on school subjects. The children especially have to learn English and Mathematics. Our teachers will help them with these subjects but they can also teach them on all the other subjects. We teach the children on the subject curriculum and conduct small in-between tests on the subjects. Hence the children are fearless to attend the final examinations in their schools.

We provide chances to participate in the co-curricular activity competitions like drama, singing, dancing and drawing. Our children are showing efficiency on such skills and won prizes and awards on such competitions. We find that the children are getting encouraged to attend schools regularly and are ready to go for higher studies. The parents are also happy on seeing the education promotion of their children and give their support to continue their education.

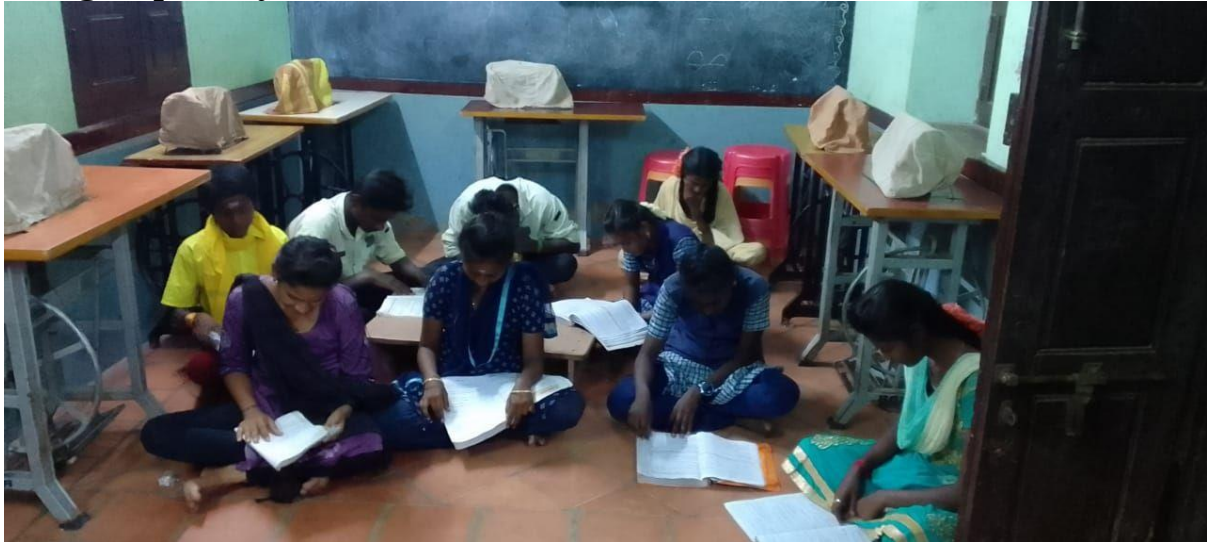
DOC Children drawing pictures



The children who go for 10th, 11th and 12th standard are attaining higher and better concentration on their studies thanks to our DOC project. They have moved their mindset towards their life goal after the schooling. Hence, we provide counselling for their next move – be it studies or employment. The senior students who studied at our DOC were invited to share their experiences with the present children. They shared the experiences about their workplace and the hurdles they met while they approached the employment, and so helped the DOC children to get a realistic idea of the labour market.

We are happy to convey that almost all the 12th standard students who passed the examinations were settled in their colleges and started college studies. The 10th, 11th standard students are continuing their consecutive course of study at present. The pandemic COVID badly affected the community and seriously hindered the DOC to continue their school education, but we can assure 80% recovery from the backlog now. The crucial problems of child marriage, child labour and child illiteracy that had revived during COVID are being diminished through our project. Early 2023 extra classes were held for the 10th, 11th and 12th standard children (16 students) so that they could prepare for their final examinations in the best possible way. To this end the weekend Saturday and Sunday were utilized for these study motivation classes and the teachers performed their role well. The children from these poor rural families attend Government schools with classes up to 50-60 children. For them it is not possible to overcome the lag in education built up during COVID in their regular schooldays. They simply cannot afford private extra lessons to catch up on the curriculum and prepare for exams.

Doc group study



We provide nutritious food and hygienic practices to our children during weekdays. The evening meal helps the children to attain satisfaction in their body and mind. This way the BENG projects made such wonderful change among our most backward community people and children.

Total number of students at DOC 2022 April-2023 March

6 th standard	Male-4	Female – 3	7		
7 th Standard	Male -3	Female - 5	8		
8 th Standard	Male -2	Female - 4	6		
9 th Standard	Male - 8	Female -5	13		
10 th standard	Male - 3	Female- 2	5		
11 th standard	Male-3	Female -1	4		
12 th standard	Male-3	Female-4	7		
Hence the total	Male = 26	Female =24	50		



CHAPTER-2: BURSARY PROJECT:

Sangavi, our last batch bursary student now has a job as an English trainer, at Institute of language management, Bangalore, Karnataka state. She is getting a salary of Rs 13900 per month.

For the year 2022-2023, BENG provided scholarships to 7 students. There are 6 regular college students and one schoolgirl on High School. The list is as below:

Reg.nr	Name	College	Course
R2016-49	Pachaiyammal	Girls High School Natham	10 th standard
R2022-70	Nagasri	NPR Arts and science college, Natham	B.SC (IT)- 3 years
R2022-71	Lavanya	MVM College of arts and science, Dindigul	B.Com,CA, 3 years
R2022-72	Priyadarshini	PSG college of medical science, Coimbatore	Physiotherapy 4 years
R2022-73	Madeswari	NPR Arts and science college, Natham	B.COM, CA 3years
R2022-74	Abi	Nithila Nursing college, Madurai	B.SC Nursing- 3years
R2022-75	Parkavi	American college, Madurai	BSC(Physics)- 3 years

Chapter 3: LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

Financial status as per March 2023

Palm leaf knitting:

15 members with a loan of Rs 10.000) Total loan = 150.000Rs

Repayment per March 2023:

15 members x Rs550 x11 months = Rs 90.750

Cow keeping women:

5 women with a loan of 50.000Rs each Total loan = 250.000Rs

Repayment per March 2023:

5 womenx Rs1717 x 9months = Rs 77.265

Total repayment: = Rs168.015

Total loan given Rs 400.000

Total repaid Rs 168.015

= Rs 231.985 balance to be repaid

Bank details :

Bank balance as on March 2023 = Rs 415.331.

Projects 2023:

We have planned a loan of 5.000 / 10.000 Rs to 20 women who are underprivileged and waiting for livelihood opportunities in our target area in 2023. . The loan period is 7 to 12 months.

In the mean time another 20 women from other villages will be selected for a loan of 5.000 to 10.000 Rs according to the nature of their small business. These projects will involve a total amount of loan of 300.000 to 400.000Rs.The details of beneficiary selection and the repayment schemes will be presented to the BENG Board soon.

Palm leaf knitting



Cow keeping



The palm leaf working women are getting good orders and the small business makes them earn a reasonable income so they can lead their lives happily along with their family. The children of these families go to school and are getting good support from their parents. The summer season has started but there is no problem of getting raw materials for their small business. Our financial support has helped them to invest and pay an advance, so they can build up a stock of palm leaf from the garden of the owners. After Covid the opportunities of marketing their palm mats have increased and there is a good demand for the palm leaf products.

The cow keeping women are **also reaping the harvest**. The milk yield is good and the selling price of the milk has increased to 40Rupees per liter. There was good and enough rain during monsoon season and the water level is good to maintain the cows. However, the peak period will be in April and May and little care is to be taken on cows. The economic situation of the families is slowly improving and they send their children to school regularly. They also participate in agriculture labor and earn well for their family.

Word of thanks: We thank BENG, Netherlands for the immense help and guidance they gave on increasing the life standard of the people and community. The women and children enjoying their rights and responsibility due to BENG projects. The livelihood support is wonderful and paves way to attain sustainability on their life status.

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Annual financial report MERDS 1 April 2022 till 31 March 2023

Total fund received from
BENG Rs. 856788

DOC Rs. 579.900	INCOME	BUDGTED		RUPEES	EXPENSES		RUPEES
96.000		Salary Staff (4x2000 x 12 mnths)		96.000	Salary Staff (4x2000 x 12 mnths)		96.000
22.200		Salary Cook (1x1850 x 12 mt)		22.200	Salary Cook (1x1850 x 12mt)		22.200
10.000		Stationary and Play materials		10.000	Stationary and Play materials		10.000
72.000		Rent Building (12mx6000)		72.000	Rent Building (12x6000)		72.000
13.200		Internet/Hardware(12x1100)		13.200	Internet/Hardware		13.200
39.000		Electricity		39.000	Electricity		39.000
		Food Expenses, Weekdays only			Food Expenses, Weekdays only		
322.500		50children.x30Rs x 215 days		322.500	50children.x30Rs x215 days		322.500
5.000		Diwali Bonus		5.000	Diwali Bonus		5.000
579.900				579.900			579.900

Bursary 109000	INCOME		RUPEES	EXPENSES		RUPEES
102.000		6 students (6 x 17.000)	102.000	6 students (6 x 17.000)		102.000
7.000		1 DOC Student (1 x 7.000)	7.000	1 DOC Student		7.000
109.000		Total Expenses	109.000	Total Expenses		109.000
Admin 150000	INCOME		RUPEES	EXPENSES		RUPEES
144.000		Director honorarium Rs 12000 x 12month	144.000	Director honorarium Rs 12000 x 12 month		144.000
6.000		Travel	6.000	Travel		6.000
150.000		Total Expenses	150.000	Total Expenses		150.000

BENG BUDGET Rs. 856.788 overview 2022-2023

Actual budget	expenses made		
DOC	579.000	579.000	
Bursary	109.000	109.000	
Admin	150.000	150.000	
Audit	15.000	15.000	(reserved)
Misilaneous	3788	3.788	
Total	856.788	856.788	