

ANNUAL REPORT

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ASSIST



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1. Access to quality education (includes non-formal, supplementary, special coaching, migrant children etc.)

Type of activities	No of centers	Male	Female	Total	SC	ST	Others	No of facilitators
Evening study centers / Supplementary	86	1042	1180	2222	1262	0	960	94
Bridge school	04	-	58	58	32	26	-	6
Special coaching	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Migrant children	02	-	53	53	22	18	13	
NIOS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children sponsorship for education	07	60	277	337	142	43	25	-
Any other?	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

A. Any special highlights / significant changes / innovative programmes?

A.1 Celebration of Malala Day

Malala day was celebrated in 5 centers and the linked 2 Government Schools as a means to create awareness and emphasize upon the education of the girls. The celebration was an opportune moment to prevent drop outs among the girls who are not allowed to attend school regularly. Malala was posed as a role model to the children who finally pledged to join MalalaYusafzai in her noble mission.

A.2 Capacity Building for Evening Study Teachers on Efficient Teaching skills

The evaluation of the performance of children at school continuously revealed their inability to identify, read, write and comprehend. Therefore ASSIST pledged itself to strengthening the capacity of the Teachers to facilitate quality learning. Since unqualified persons are appointed as Teachers in the Study Center we were convinced of remedying this gap. Mr. Eronimus a talented skill Trainer who focusses on improving the learning skills and teaching skills in academic institutions was identified to help us in bridging this gap. We had both centralized trainings for Teachers and Coordinators once in three months and play way learning materials and teaching methodology books were given to the centers. We see a gradual improvement in the skills of children.

A.3 Skill Chart for integral Development of Students

Based on the evaluation of the children's performance ASSIST Team decided upon monitoring the growth of children in a wholesome manner. A skill chart was designed and the trainings for the teachers and students are designed and scheduled accordingly. Parents meeting is seen as the opportune moment to communicate and inform the status of the children and recommend strategies for improvement and thus involve the parents in the growth of the children.

A.4 Nutrition to facilitate wholesome growth

Frequent sickness of children and the poor performance of some children due to lack of nutritious food drew our attention to provide nutrition supplements to ensure gradual improvement at all levels. The negligence of the mothers' attention towards this aspect was also an urgent concern to be addressed. Nutrition program has been introduced into 46 study centers for 1050 children in the age group of 6 to 12 years along with the formation of food committee and monthly meeting for mothers to give awareness on nutritious food.

A.5 Yettu Thuvakkavizha

On 19th October 2018 we had the celebration of the 'Yettu Thuvakkavizha' first of its kind. We wanted to make the entry into school life a memorable event for the children so we had organized the celebration in Ambedkar nagar village in which people of all ages were invited and shared the joy of the emerging new generation. The elderly women made the babies to sit on their lap and made them to write the alphabets on rice. This was another strategy to emphasize the importance of education. The members of the Child Protection Committee were involved in organizing this celebration which created a greater impact in the target group.

A.6 Creative thinking for Smart kids

Field work student organized the clay activity for Evening study children to kindle creative thinking. The young minds were lead to explore the world of shapes and forms which in turn facilitated better brain coordination. Children also learned to express themselves all in a stress free manner.

A. 7 Yoga Day

It was a felt need to help children integrate spiritual, mental and physical energies in order to facilitate wholesome growth. This has been a successful endeavor as we could notice improvement in the academic performance as well as their relationship patterns which we will be capturing in the skill chart in the coming months. Celebration of Pongal

A. 8 Celebration of Pongal

Pongal celebration was a moment of cultural celebration and an opportunity to inculcate the values of gratitude, harmony and love for nature. It was celebrated by all the children in the study centers situated in 8 Districts under the guidance of the teachers and in collaboration with the local people. Some centers had to face the challenges from RSS people therefore it was a chance to build our resilience and witness our commitment to the cause.

B. One case narrative

I am Menaga. I am studying in 6th std in Natarajan High School, Kaatunaickanpatti in Tuticorin District. I am a regular student attending the Kurunjimalar Evening Study Center. I am grateful to Mr. Vasanth our Evening Study Center Teacher who has helped me to carve myself into the person that I am today. His untiring effort in buying two lines and four lines notebooks and his interest in making me to write daily has helped me to improve my Tamil and English handwriting. I was a timid child but now due to his intervention I am able to relate with my Teachers and clarify my doubts freely. Every day after completing my homework I used to learn few words in English to improve my English vocabulary. His method of conducting weekly test on one subject per week on weekends helped to score good marks in exam and complete my portions for exam and get 1st rank in my class. I also learnt the importance of traditional games as our Teacher insisted on playing such games on Friday evenings. I see Kurunjimalar Evening Study center as a blessing to our village and I will be attending it until I complete my higher secondary studies. This opportunity is a boon to me and my friends and we are happy and proud to have Mr. Vasanth as our able Teacher and guide. Our Evening Study Center has become an indispensable part of our life journey.

C. Two or three good photos



2. Learn, Earn and Thrive

No. of VTC Centers	No of students trained through long term courses			No of students trained through short term courses			No of students employed through long term courses		No of students employed through short term courses		No. of funding / training Partners	No employing companies
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Self - Employed	Employed by other	Self - Employed	Employed by others		
9	70	70	0	550	520	30	12	41	210	225	5	45

- a. Types of long term courses offered: Community College Courses: Nursing, Tailoring, Fashion Designing, Computer Application and Secretarial Course

A.1 VTC to empower gypsy community at Devarayaneri

The process to establish a Tailoring Center has been initiated in a Gypsy village for the benefit of the gypsy women as they requested programs to enable them to insert themselves into common lifestyle as their current bead works are not sustainable and remove the stigma created by the society. Classes in handwork started in November 2018 with one teacher. A request has been submitted to Board District Officer for approval. On obtaining the permission Vocational courses will be initiated in the center as a means to educate them in health and hygiene, Grooming and etiquette along with the skill training.

- b. One case narrative:

I am Deepa. I have completed 12th std. I was while away my time at home before joining Computer class in Chennai, Marialaya. I was bound by the thought that my qualification will not help me to get good salary. I said to myself that “I can never earn and be respected in my family”. My autumn came to an end in September 2018 when I joined Quest Alliance Skills to Succeed three months course. I found Retail Customer interaction very useful and as my favourite subject. I could also identify my talent and match it with my interest and ability. This boosted my self-image and it has helped me to dream for a better future. My dream started to bloom when I went for exposure visit to Big Bazaar and attended interview. I felt that, “Now I can see light in my path towards prosperity”. When I got my appointment as the cashier in Big Bazaar, “The heavens have opened doors of blessings for me” was my expression filled with wonder and joy. What impressed and motivated me was the saying of Quest Alliance that “Qualification is not important to get a good job but skills are essential”. Thanks to Quest Alliance.

D. Any special highlights / significant changes / innovative programmes?

ASSIST and the associated 5 centres of Vocational Training have witnessed the realization of the goal of promoting employment among the marginalized and vulnerable youth with apt skill set through the successful completion of the two batches of students. The entire process of involving the students and staff in preparation, instruction, formation, exploration and placement in collaboration with parents, companies and local benefactors have been an interesting venture for the whole team of ASSIST and its centre Staff.

550 students have been trained successfully 225 students have been placed successfully and more than 45 students equipped with skill set have gone ahead to pursue higher education through 5 centres. We are grateful to Quest Alliance for their great support in facilitating this process as knowledge partner. The road is laid to lead the youth forward in avenues of empowerment through employment with quality formation of attitudes, aptitudes, hard and soft skills as ASSIST to enhance its capacity to achieve stellar placement.

A change in the methodology of our youth work has been achieved as the Sisters and staff engaged in this sector have learnt to work in a different level by engaging with the people in the community, interacting with the Parents, Alumni, Companies and the very team being engaged in constant communication. New strategies of mobilization and placements are worked out constantly. Regular capacity building trainings have ensured quality training. Periodic review meetings, Exposure visits and supportive monitoring visits centre visits have made the functioning of VTCs more systematic and professional. Annual Meet for the Quest Alliance centres were held on 14th April to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of ASSIST Centres

E. Two or three good photos



3. Livelihood promotion

No of SHGs	Total no of SHG women	No of SHGs functioning independently	No of SHG followed up regularly	Total savings by women who are followed up regularly	Total amount accessed from banks / others
461	7270	44	417	97,920,630	30,213,700

No.of women trained in livelihood through SHG or separately	No. of women accessed Govt Schemes	No of women IGP beneficiaries	SC	ST	Others	Widows / Single woman
399	3,263	6,015	3,288	1,500	1,712	1,827

A. Any special highlights / significant changes / innovative programmes?

- IGP trainings for SHG members
- Organic Farming initiative for Employment based SHG
- Training on Market Trends for SHG members
- special training program (beautician course, Skill trainings,)

a1 Self - Employment group formed & linked with Union Office:

20 women who belonged to the first batch of students who completed 6 months tailoring course in ASSIST VTC were guided by Mr. Lawly Claudson, Vocational Training Coordinator and Mr. Chinnarasu, Placement Coordinator to form Self-Employment Group and linked it with the Union Office. The members were given opportunities to study market trends through Market Scan and Exposure visit after which they pledged themselves to become effective Entrepreneurs. They have now formed Self – Employment group and have started to engage themselves in income generating activities.

a2 Organic Farming initiative:

25 women and 15 men received awareness and training about organic farming. The awareness programs were conducted by the College students and the Field work students. The Field Work student took the initiative of setting up organic kitchen gardens in 15 families whose members underwent organic farming training as part of her Community Organizing activity. The families are now happy with the yield of vegetables in their kitchen garden.

a. One case narrative: Mrs. Manimeghalai

I am Manimegalai I have completed MBA and I was working as a Medical Transcriptionist before my marriage. I was a house wife until I joined tailoring class in ASSIST. My husband was the only breadwinner and we live in a joint family. I struggle to meet the daily expense of running the family along with the education of my daughter. Later as I was about to complete my tailoring course I came to know about the Skills to Succeed classes. I joined the QA Course I discovered my capacities, aptitude and interest which lead me to assume the role of being Treasurer of the Self Help Group and become an Entrepreneur in starting my own business. Today I am able to confidently make decisions in my family and manage the finances of my family.

b. Two or three good photos



4. Promoting Human Rights culture

No of NCPS	No of children			Social Category			No of Facilitators
	Total	Female	Male	SC	ST	Others	
37	501	279	222	292	51	158	41

Increased awareness on child protection in institutions					Increased awareness on child protection in non-formal centres				
No of formal institutions CPP implemented	No of children	No of parents	No of Teachers trained	No of counselors in schools	No of non-formal centres CPP implemented	No of children	No of facilitators trained	No of extended persons trained	No of NGO partners
12	11880	9450	460	10	51	1620	70	184	20

No of formal institutions HRE implemented	No of children benefitted	No of teachers benefitted	No of non-formal centers HRE implemented	No of children benefitted
12	5000	70	86	2222

a. Any special highlights / significant changes / innovative programmes?

A.1 Leadership Training for NCP members: A specialized training on leadership skills was organized for 80 children and 24 staff at Marialaya Pothur on 28th and 29th September 2018. Child Specialist from CE were the resource persons. Inputs given on the topics: Gender education, Resource mapping of the villages, Comprehensive reading of newspapers and magazines, critical thinking and creative thinking helped the NCP members to understand the realistic application of Child Rights. They learned to analyze the situation of children in the current situation and pledged to ensure child rights in their respective villages.

A.2 Human Rights Education in Government School and College students: Sessions in Human Rights, means to ensure human rights were conducted for 250 children in two Government Schools in Manikandam Panchayat and for the students of five Colleges. 'Maatrathai Noki' a social analysis programme was conducted for 180 college students from Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Jamal Mohammed College, Bishop Heber College and Holy Cross College in Trichy, 420 students of Auxilium Arts and Science College, Regunathapuram and 110 students in Poli-technique College.

Students were given gender education, critical reading of media, awareness on the evolution of society, caste and religion along with its impacts, psychological understanding of oneself and others and respecting rights and treating everyone with dignity without discrimination were dealt in the sessions.

Competitions and activities based on Human Rights were conducted for the students of all our evening study centers on the event of the celebration of Children's day. The students understood the need to treat everyone equally and respect individual rights.

A.3 Campaign against Child Sexual Abuse: Staff training & follow up of child protection policy programme was held on 7th July 2018. The programme was presided over by Sr. Soosaimuthu Arul Mary, the Animator of our community. She greeted all the staff and congratulated them for their commitment in the work. She gave a brief orientation on Child protection policy and how they can make the children to protect themselves from harmful situations by listing out the points from the United Nation Child Right convention (UNCRC). The convention that consists of 54 articles covering all four major categories of child rights: Right to life, Right to development, Right to protection, and Right to participation was explained. She further explained on the two category of the children listed out in the Juvenile Justice Act 2015 i.e. Conflict with law & Care and protection. She gave various examples in order to make the participants to understand the topic thoroughly. The session was interactive and informative.

The staff participated well by sharing their experience in the field. Sr. Sebastian Caroline insisted on creating awareness about the child rights to the members of the children parliament. At the end the review of the implementation of Child Protection Policy was done by the Marialaya staff & the community. The staff were given instruction and updated with the organization activity.

A.4 World day against Child Labor : The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. Each year on 12 June, the World Day against child labor brings together governments, employers and workers organizations, civil society, as well as millions of people from around the world to highlight the plight of child labourers and what can be done to help them.

Awareness programs were organized throughout the district. In collaboration with several Government departments such as Labour department, Child line and other resource organizations and Schools. Regarding child labour abolition various programs like signature campaign, street play, school awareness programs and vehicle awareness at various places were organized. Seven talukas of the district was covered from on 12th - 15th June. Inaugural ceremony was headed by District Collector Mr. Palaniswamy. Street play performed by the children of Marialaya was staged at the entrance of the Collectorate, Railway Station, Bus stand and five Government Schools. More than 400 people viewed the street play.

One day orientation for the HR Managers was organized in one of the Hotel at Tiruppur. We believed that it's not enough only reaching the general public and children we also need to reach the other side of the child labour issue. Orientation was organized for HR managers from various spinning mills and garments at Tiruppur who have the greater responsibility recruitment process in their own units. This was another milestone in our commitment to ensure child rights for a happy and healthy childhood.

A.5 Follow-up Training on CPP for Parents, Teachers, Staff and students: Staff training & follow up of child protection policy programme was held in all the Institution. A brief orientation on Child protection policy and the means to create child-friendly environment were discussed with the Teachers, Staff, Parents and students at various moments. The United Nation Child Right convention (UNCRC) that consists of 54 articles covering all four major categories of child rights: Right to life, Right to development, Right to protection, and Right to participation was explained. Juvenile Justice Act and the role of CWC were also explained vividly.

A.6 Rally on Violence against Girl children and Women: Marialaya women and children rehabilitation home in collaboration with Tirupur Railway Protection Force organized an awareness program on women and children safety at Tirupur railway station premises on 1st August. The program started with a formal welcome by the RPF Inspector Mr.Suman, he welcomed the gathering and narrated the purpose of this awareness program. Followed by him Sr.Lourdu Sagayam, Director of Marialaya gave her special address. She explained the present situation of women and girl children in our society, she spoke about their struggles like love affair, sexual abuse, false promises, extra marital relationship and family conflict etc.

We used the street play methodology for this awareness program to reach out to the public. Our Marialaya team performed a play regarding the issues faced by the children and women and what are the complaint mechanism and prevention methods for this type of social evils. Through this play the general public became aware about the women and children related issues.

In this program, Mr.Sunil Dhuth, Railway station Manager; Sr.Latha, Marialaya Programme Coordinator and Mr.Dinesh and Mr.Kathir, Coordinators form Childline participated as Special Guests. The vote of thanks given by RPF Inspector Mr.Suman concluded the program.

A.7 Seminar on Human Rights: A Seminar on Human Rights: A Clarion Call for Self-Transformation, Social Transformation and Political Transformation was animated for 50 school children. The participants were given inputs on violation of Human Rights in their surroundings or neighborhood. The participants immediately brought forth issues and incidents regarding Child Marriage, Child Labor, Trafficking of Women and GST. The speaker of the day, continued his session with thought provoking and insightful information and citing from famous personalities who had labored and struggled to stress the need of Human Rights like Federal Castro, Paulo Ferrer. In his sharing he also exposed that the core of Indian Constitution was formulated based on Human Rights. This was really an eye-opener for many of the participants who learned the basic human rights.

A.8 Initiatives on India Constitution – Preamble : Competitions were conducted on Indian Constitution – Preamble for all the students in our institutions.

A.9 NCP Formation Trainings: were conducted in 5 districts for 450 students. Mr. Dinesh Kumar the Coordinator for Children Project animated the sessions with various activities and enabled the children to understand their roles and responsibilities. NCP members had their oath taking ceremony in their respective villages in the presence of the local leaders. Children are supported by their parents, teachers and local leaders in their initiatives to exercise their rights.

A.10 Rallies in protest against the serial sexual abuse and murders of low caste girls and honor killings:

“Girls are the spirit of our nation. Give them wings to fly and not the pain to cry and die”

In a move to promote ‘Child abuse and violence free Tamilnadu’ the management of our Lady’s Matriculation school, Broadway initiated a peace rally on 13th Nov 2018, condemning the atrocities against girls.

It was an apt day to fight for our girls as we celebrated the feast of our Co -foundress St. Mary Mazzarello who spent her life for the upliftment of young girls. Students from the neighboring schools joined in rising voice for the vulnerable girls. The rally began with empowering inputs by Mr. Balasingh a Social activist and Mr. Arul Doss a well known writer and social activist who spoke about the laws and regulation prevalent in the country to protect children and highlighted the achievements of few girls and women like Malala Yousafzai , Mary Kom. Students were motivated to stand for their rights and dignity. Students shouted aloud fiery slogans asking justice for the girls who were killed and promoted awareness among the public to safeguard the rights of children. The effort ended as a successful achievement due to the collaboration of the neighbouring schools, parents, Salesian Family members and City Police. May the journey continue towards realizing a just and safe society.

A.11 Celebrations to mark the 70 years anniversary of the declaration of Human Rights in our institutions.

“All Human Beings are born to be free and enjoy Equal Right and Dignity”. Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December. The United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#). This year, Human Rights Day marks the [70th anniversary](#) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being -- regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Having this in mind Marialaya organized human rights day in Gov. Arts and Science College, Avinasi. Mrs. Vani Lakshmi Jegathambal, Thasildhar, Mrs. Hemalatha, Principal, and Sr. Antony Lourdu Sagayam, Director of Marialaya were the Chief Guests. Nearly 300 students both male and female participated and made the day remarkable one. After the inaugural talk the rally marched ahead for two kilometers from College to Avinasi New bus stand. Students shouted slogans expressing their anxiety towards ensuring the safety and dignity of every person in the society. It was indeed a feast to the eyes to see the young people acting with discipline and commitment.

b. One casenarrative

I am Mrs. Kanagamuthu. I am happy and proud to introduce myself as the mother of Udhayasandhiya who attends the Evening Study Center in Karuvikadu, Sivangangai District. My daughter who was whiling away her time by watching Television and playing pranks has now become a Minister in our village NCP. She speaks about the rights of children and engages in such healthy activities like getting street lights for their center and writing petitions for dustbins. She also

encourages her friends who do not attend school regularly to be regular and helps them in doing their homework. She also participates in competitions without fear as she says that it is her right to participate.

I am also a member of the Child Protection Committee. I am happy to learn about the rights of children and I see Child Protection Policy as effective instrument to safe guard our children and ensure a child friendly environment.

c. Two or three good photos



5. Protection of Adolescents and Children

No. of YaR Centers	No of Children and adolescents supported by YaR	Below 18		Above 18 years		No of YaR children rehabilitated			No of abused Children reached out		
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
6	736	0	531	0	205	468	0	468	503	0	503

a. Any special highlights / significant changes / innovative programmes?

- Childline and Press Meet:** Childline 'Se Dosti' is a weeklong national campaign which aims to make ordinary citizens stakeholders in CHILDLINE 1098. The campaign involves a range of events, activities across the country. Be it a student, a taxi driver and IT professional, a rickshaw puller or a housewife, it is the objective to reach out to people from different walks of life to get to know CHILDLINE, begin to care about vulnerable children and initiate action towards change. The ostensible purpose of this campaign is to generate a Million 'Dosts' for CHILDLINE and acquaint people with Child Rights and Protection. Tiruppur district MARIALAYA NGO is functioning as Childline Nodal Organization for past 8 years. Press meet was organized at Tiruppur on 13th November to release a case detail which was handled by Childline as means to announce the upcoming 'Se Dosti' one week program. Childline city Coordinator welcomed the gathering. Sr. Lourdu Sagayam, Marialaya Director headed the program, Mr. Baskar from CSED NGO and Mr. Kathirvel, the Center Coordinator participated in this program. Sr. Lourdu Sagayam explained the purpose of this 'Childline se Dosti week' and Childline activities. Followed by her Mr. Baskar released the one year Childline case data and he explained the vulnerable situation of children in this district. On Children's day 6 children from Child care Institutions were selected and they met the district officials and wish them by tying Childline Sureksha Bandhan to them. It was an inspiring moment to see the Children meet the District Collector, Superintendent of Police, District Social Welfare Officer, District Child Protection Officer, Child welfare Committee Chairperson and Members. This arrangement was made to make the Officials feel familiar and work closely with children especially while the children are in need of care and protection.
- Training children to give awareness and engage them in learning games, martial arts and dance as way of inner healing.

- **CHILDREN COMMITTEE MEETING:** A new initiative was introduced with the formation of 8 new Committees for the welfare of our Children: They are: Food Committee, Education Committee, Recreation and Cultural Committee, Spiritual Committee, Garden Committee, Police Committee, Discipline Committee and Health and Hygiene Committee. Leaders were elected by voting system and Children were allowed to choose the committee as they desire. Sr. Irudaya Raj Victoria gave an introductory talk about the networking and group spirit. Sr. Yacob Amalie the Animator and all the community Sisters congratulated them. The Animator focused on the success of their activities. The effort of the Social Worker Ms. Kaviya Priya who organized the programme to ensure participation of children in the child related activities was a grand success.
- **NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY:** “Every child is God’s gift to the world, born to accomplish his designs”. 29th January 2019 dawned as an opportune moment to create awareness on children’s rights and their need for protection. Eight hundred and fifty girl children from different schools participated in the programme including Sisters, School teachers, and staff of Marialaya, faculty members from Madras School of Social work and their College students. The programme began with a small prayer and lighting of the Kuthuvilakku followed by welcome speech delivered by Sr. Sebastiar Caroline and the guest were felicitated.

Sr. Arul Mary, the Animator emphasized the importance of working from the grass roots of the society and introduced the panelist. Mrs. Sharmila the Advocate from High Court outlined the various measure put in place to improve the condition of the girl child in our country, especially in Tamilnadu. Prof. Subashree the psychologist from Madras School of Social work spoke about the inequalities faced by girls, including rights of a girl child, importance of education, health, and nutrition.

The reason and importance of the Girl Child celebration was given by Mrs. Damen Queen Assistant Professor of P.G. Department of Social work at Madras School of social work. She also explained about the rights and importance of the Girl Child. Mrs. Dhanammal, the Senior Police Inspector brought out the different problems faced by the girl children and young girls in Chennai city. She brought out many cases which were filed in W.15 Rayapuram station and explained the causes for the problem. She motivated them to be careful in daily life situations and invited to work for the rights of girl children in the family and society.

The MSSW Students of Madras School of Social work performed a street play on “Save the Girl Child” and mime on Gender equality. The skit was very apt and significant, our Marialaya home children also staged a beautiful dance with the theme. The day called off with the pledge to establish a gender just society.

b. One case narrative:

YOUTH ACHIEVER’S AWARD: In Coimbatore District, the Child Labor Department organized a function to honor the children who were rescued by Child Labor Department and who completed their College and X, XII Standard. Ms. G. Saraswathi, one of our Shelter Home Child who was rescued by Child Labor Department was invited to receive the award. She is with us from 4th standard onwards. She completed her B.A. Economics at Nirmala College for Women at Coimbatore. She participated in the function held at Coimbatore Collector office and with great joy received the Young Achiever Award from District Collector Thiru. Hariharan. Sr. Michael Arokia Sujatha Mary the Programme Coordinator accompanied her. The Additional Commissioner of

Child Labor Department appreciated Saraswathi's achievement and assured her to help her to complete her higher studies. She wants to do Physical Education as she is interested in Sports. We congratulated her effort and May the Lord bless her for a bright future.

c. Two or three good photos



6. Campaign against Human Trafficking

Awareness on Human Trafficking			
Villages	Institutions	Non-formal centres	No.of Prevention Committee formed in villages
3	10	15	0

- a. Any special highlights / significant changes / innovative programmes?

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR – JUNE 12TH -2018

Street play performed by the children of Marialaya was staged at the entrance of the Collectorate, Railway Station, Bus stand and five Government Schools. More than 400 people viewed the street play.

CAMPAIGN ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAFETY - Awareness Program

Railway Protection Force organized an awareness program on women and children safety at Tirupur railway station premises on 1st August. Through Street play the general public became aware about the women and children related issues. In this program, Mr.Sunil Dhuth, Railway station Manager; Sr.Latha, Marialaya Programme Coordinator and Mr.Dinesh and Mr.Kathir, Coordinators form Childline participated as Special Guests. The vote of thanks given by RPF Inspector Mr.Suman concluded the program.

b. Two or three good photos



7. Environmental care

No. of Eco Clubs	No. of Children in Eco Clubs	No. of Trees planted	No. of Institutions engaged in Plastic free zones / Waste Management System	No of NGO / Govt partners
8	965	601	3	6

a. Any special highlights / significant changes / innovative programmes?

Awareness on Natural way of living and the need to strengthen our cultural roots

Environment Day celebration

- Go Green concept should promote in schools and college level. Children are our next generation so every changes are happened from the childhood period so that we planned our celebration in institutions.

Our major focus is to avoid plastic carry bags for that we have introduce colorful low cost cloth bags in schools.

We create cloth bags purchase atmosphere in school children are enjoyed to buy vegetables and fruits in cloth bags.

Now a days children are enjoy to carry lunch box in cloth bags. Some of the children are strictly instructed to the parents to carry cloth bags for vegetables purchase. Parents are also accepted their children suggestions.

- Organic kitchen gardens set up for Boarding children in 3 convents in partnership with Salesian Cooperators.
- 100 women trained in Socially useful Productive Works (SUPW) like soaps, candle, bag making etc. and link them with market with active support of Salesian Cooperators
- Organized awareness drive in 5 schools to eradicate the usage of plastic in collaboration with VIDES members.
- Promoted the usage of eco-friendly materials in linkage with other organizations in 5 schools.
- Organic kitchen garden set in 15 families in Trichy District with the assistance of VIDES members.
- Gifting saplings, paper pencils, paper pen and cloth pouch for staff and students
- Networking with Iyarkkai Mithrargal to promote eco-friendly edu-materials and nutrition product.
- Evening Study center students and NCP members were trained prepare seed balls and scatter them as means of reforestation.

b. One case narrative

Kitchen garden was set up for the boarding children in Madurai with the support of the Past Pupils and Salesian Cooperators. Organic seeds were planted and the children were trained to care for the garden. Recycling of food waste and preparation of natural manure were offered for children. Now the Boarders are enjoying the harvest of healthy vegetables and they have also inculcated the attitude of caring for the environment.

c. Two or three good photos



8. Any other major activity you would like to report? Please provide details of beneficiaries, significant impact, case narratives with photos.

Activity:

1. Awareness on current politics in preparation for the coming Elections for FMAs of Provincial community (5), Neighboring religious (30) and the Diocese Commission for Youth Animation.

Significant Impact: The participants understood the need to get into action and read the events critically.

Awareness material prepared for internal circulation to help Sisters to communicate to the target group and prepare them for the election.



2. Relief work for the victims of Cyclone Gaja: In network with Manitham and other volunteers ASSIST was able to coordinate the relief work of the province and distribute the contribution of the Salesian Family for 450 people affected by cyclone in 6 villages. ASSIST has adopted a village and it will engage in the full rehabilitation of the 50 families in the village including construction and promotion of livelihood.





3. "Save the girl children" Rally against the serial killings of girl children in Tamilnadu was undertaken by the 700 students and staff of St. Francis Xavier A.I. Higher Secondary School, Our Ladies Matriculation School, St. Anne's Girls High School, St. Dominic Savio Matriculation School, Bishop's Corries and Marialaya. Social Activists motivated the students and students from Loyola College enacted a street play named, "Thulir thinum Velligal" which triggered a girl who was suffering from abuse at home to come forward to share with the Headmistress. The Parents were called and informed for further action.



The awareness created among the VTC students in ASSIST and the internship students enabled them to participate in the Grambha Sabha, and being a part of passing resolution which is village people's need.

9. Any other interesting activities, you would like share. Please list them.



30 College students from 3 colleges were given leadership training and they were taught to understand politics and the structures that favour discrimination in the society.

The “Adolescent well-being” Animation conducted for 120 students in Mohammed Jamal College enabled the young boys to think aloud the practical problems they face in the transit period and some of them even became emotional and the sessions facilitated the understanding of oneself and the struggles of others especially the girls of the same age.

The Video show – ‘Parierum Perumal’ for the youth and discussion which followed it was a means to help them to understand the deep rooted evils of casteism in our society and the role of youth in overcoming it.



Participated in the protest against the Pollachi incident along with other NGOs and Political parties in expressing our concern for the safety of women as it is a degrading event against the rights of women and condemned the irresponsible act of the government.

Women's Day Celebration

International Women's Day was celebrated in ASSIST on March 8th. The emphasis of the celebration ranges from general celebration of respect, appreciation and love towards women to a celebration for women's economic, political, and social achievements and empowerment. The theme for the day's celebration "Let's honor Women" focused on mobilizing momentum for the recently adopted 2030 Agenda which addresses key challenges of the 21st century, such as poverty, inequality, and climate change.



ASSIST took this initiative as an opportunity to unite the women and the non-formal Staff of INT Province along with the representatives of NGOs located in Trichy along with the identified role models of Women Achievers. The celebration was a reminder of the inevitable roles and powers of women in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles and to emphasize the importance of women's empowerment.

Mr. G. Balamurugan ACP, Golden Rock Range, was the Chief Guest; Mr. Aruldoss NAPM, Social Activist along with Sr. Noelle, VIDES Ireland and Mrs. Elisabetta, Program Officer for Asia, VIDES were Special invitees on the occasion. We have been witnessing the achievements of women in science, civil rights, journalism, sports, arts, technology and beyond for centuries. We created a space to recognize the achievers who are living with us and thus 10 women were presented 'Achievers' Award' for their special contribution as heads of Institutions, Social Workers and Self Help Group leaders.



250 Women and other participants from 8 districts took part in the celebration. The Chief Guest in his address exhorted the audience to recognize the role of women in daily life and to understand the individuality and the special gifts of Women. He invited every individual to celebrate the contribution of women in their family. Later Mr. Aruldoss explained the achievements of women in the history and invited the women present to become creators of history. Sr. Mary Margaret, Provincial Our Lady of Snow Province vividly explained the role of women from the time of creation till date. She further appreciated the achievements of daily life and encouraged them to continue their service with spirit of faith and love. The Contact Period Candidates sang a song to mark the occasion.

The celebration concluded with the pledge of the participants to honor and celebrate femininity.

NDF Annual Meet:

FMA-NDF 15th Annual Meet 2018, 16th to 19th December 2018, Guwahati

The inauguration of the 15th FMA- NDF Annual Meet was held in the presence of Mrs. Ishanu, the Deputy commissioner for Labour, Assam, Mrs. Goswami, the strategy analyst, UNICEF, Rev. Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ, Consultant of NDF and Deputy Director of Jesuit Refugee Service, Rome and Sr. Alphonse Kurisingal, Provincial at Auxilium Reach out, Guwahati. Sr. Annie the SDC of Guwahati Province welcomed the dignitaries, SDCs, sisters and lay collaborators from seven provinces. There were 35 participants, including five lay collaborators.

The Chief Guest, Mrs. Ishanu, released the 15th Annual Report. First copy was presented to Sr. Alphonsa. Sr. Aitihun Lawai from Shillong Province proposed the vote of thanks.

Annual Meet: Theme, dynamics and outcomes

The deliberations of the day begun with the brief introduction on the Annual Meet, theme, dynamics and outcomes by Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ. He highlighted four objectives as purpose of this meet and explained them. He also mentioned that at the end of the meet we would evaluate how far we have realize these objectives.

- Objective 1: Exploring opportunities on Education for Social Change: NationBuilding
- Objective 2: Amendments in CPP
- Objective 3: Sharing/learning from the annual reports of provinces and revisiting new AR - format
- Objective 4: FMA-NDF Plan 2019

Education for Social Change: Nation Building

Sr. Manisha Parmar, INB Province took over the session on Education for social Change and Nation Building. She started with the quote from Swami Vivekananda. She spoke also on Nation building and the challenges. Finally, she concluded her session with some thoughts on how can we make our educational system relevant for preparing the leaders for the Nation.

Fr. Joe Xavier elaborated on the concept and implications of Education for Social change: Nation building.

On day 2, 17 December, the discussion on the “Education for social Change and Nation Building” begun with the province wise group work based on the input by Rev. Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ.

CPP amendments:

Each province presented CPP amendments and some highlights of the implementation, pointing out how CPP has helped them to create child friendly ambience in formal and non-formal institutions. They also mentioned how other stakeholders, NGOs and government officials recognize this important work of child safeguarding.

Fr. Joe Xavier, consolidated the reports presented by the groups on Child Protection Policy, and the amendments. Following are some of the key points mentioned in the amendment, which in turn were discussed by the core group.

Fr. Joseph Xavier presented the amendments made in the draft on Child Protection Policy. Apart from clarifying some areas of concern and edits a new section on Province Appellate Commission was included along with model formats and links to appropriate laws. The amended policy was unanimously approved by the floor.

Annual Report presentation and discussion on new AR format:

The session on Annual report presentation of the year 2017-18 was presented by NDFC and seven provinces based on the prescribed annual report template.

Among many new initiatives, humanitarian assistance given to Kerala during the flood crisis, initiatives of Guwahati in terms of combating trafficking and rescue operations and the children initiative to get the lights for the village was much appreciated.

Fr. Joe initiated reflections on new Annual report format. He mentioned our purpose is to present FMA-NDF as one body.

The day concluded with the inspirational video displayed by Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ, of a woman who in the midst of ordeals in life, succeeded in her career to give hope to all.



Developing common project for FMA-NDF:

Realising the need to develop a common project for FMA-NDF, which would bring together as much as possible, formal and non-formal sector, discussions were held on what would be the appropriate strategy to take forward Socio political education. Two broad strategies were discussed – Emerging Cultural Nationalism and Environmental care and Environmental Justice, in groups. This discussion was followed by the critical analysis offered by Fr. Joseph Xavier, using Lok Manch as an example, prepared by Jesuits to reach out to the poor and marginalized. He gave us some practical tips to refer to the leading figures who are

engaged in Environmental care and socio, political and cultural education.

In the evaluation of the meet, the participants expressed satisfaction and appreciation. Many were particularly happy with CPP amendments and new AR presentation. There were some apprehensions about the socio political education project. However, they felt the discussions were helpful. Province annual reports were highly appreciated as these demonstrated creativity and vitality in the social ministry of the provinces.

Token gifts were exchanged along with Christmas wishes. Fr. Joseph Xavier SJ, gave the concluding message. The function ended with intoning of the hymn, showers of blessings.

Summer Camp for Children

Summer was conducted evening study center children as a means to inculcate creativity, communication skills, enhance motor skills in order to facilitate problem solving skills, logical thinking and team building. 150 children from six districts participated in the three camps conduct at AuxiBosco, Thuvarangkurichi in the month of May 2019.

Drawing:



Drawing makes children more expressive. Drawing is another important form of communication. The adults can gain an insight into the child's thoughts and feelings through their drawings. Being able to express what they feel also boosts a child's emotional intelligence. With this focus children were given an opportunity to learn to draw during the camp. The training has enhanced the children's motor skills. It has helped them improve their hand and eye coordination, while fine-tuning their finger muscles. Little artistic heroes and heroines have emerged with inbuilt confidence in their creative skills.

Drawing has developed kids' problem solving skills.

Sports:

Academic learning and sports education complement each other. They resemble the two sides of the same coin. With the aim of developing the overall personality of our students, sports education was accompanied with the academic curriculum. The qualities of the leadership, sharing, team spirit and tolerance were learnt from sports.

Sports education not only taught the students to maintain the physical stamina, but also the habit of obedience, discipline, the determination to win, willpower, etc. The power of reasoning, mental development, vocational specialization have been achieved by the students who willing participated in the Sports training.

Students from six districts were given training in Volley Ball, Kabadi, Throw Ball, KoKo and in athletics for two months. This has been an opportune moment for the staff to identify the ability of the students and encourage them to build their future and have dreams of achievement and career building.



Folk Dances:

Folk Dances are an integral part of people's tradition and culture. The children were taught folk dances as a means to impart a part of the history and the tales which can often reveal a lot about the periods these dances have developed through. These dances are also excellent forms of exercise and they were a very useful combination of dance and physical



exercise, which enabled the children to gain physical fitness as well as creative satisfaction. Children from six districts were offered training in folk dances like Silambam, Karagam, Kolattam, Ooyil, Kaliyal and Parai.

The Folk Dance training has brought about a harmony. When dancers got together, often holding hands to dance, it brought a feeling of unity and harmony within their group. When people perform Folk Dances together, they get to know and love their land deeper.

Children also discovered their passion and some of the grown up students have decided to learn folk dance and develop their career in this line. Indian Folk Dances are appreciated and admired all over the world, and can bring their dancers name,

fame and fortune.

These activities not only helped the children to gain physical fitness and mental relief, they also opened up avenues for them to reflect about fame, money and a great career as either dancers or trainers. These were also a great way of expressing talent and creativity.

VISITS:

Monitoring Visits for NDF Project supported by Misan Cara:



Sr. Annecie Audate the Director General of VIDES International along with Ms. Rita Pala the person responsible for projects in Asia visited ASSIST and our Centers in Kondasamudrapatti, Dindigul on 2nd and 3rd February 2019. Sr. Mary Josephine Isabella accompanied them and monitored the effectiveness of the children project implemented in INT. They were given a warm welcome by the ASSIST team and the implementation was explained to the Visitors along with documents maintained. Children presented the benefits of the project through enactment and cultural events which vividly enabled the donors to perceive the impact. The entire team of children, teachers, parents and CPC members were engaged in a lively interaction with the donors and they appreciated the commitment with which the project is implemented and encouraged the team to undertake more creative response according to the signs

of the time.

Monitoring Visit of HRDC Project supported by Misan Cara: Sr. Noelle, VIDES Ireland and Mrs. Elisabetta, VIDES International Project Officer for Asia along with Sr. Shermila the SDC of INM visited ASSIST to monitor the implementation of Human Resource Development Center Project in INT centers. It was an opportune moment to showcase the efforts of our Sisters engaged in the mission of empowering women. The team of staff engaged in the project were

present for the meet from all 6 districts. They interacted with the beneficiaries and the staff to observe the understanding of the project and its demand.

They witnessed the celebration of Women's day on 11th March 2019 and were delighted to see the women who received Achiever's Award. The monitoring schedule started on 12th morning and the entire day proved to be a fruitful experience of sharing and guidance. We thanked the Lord for this moment of enrichment and support.



CELEBRATIONS:



Christmas Celebration in ASSIST



Christmas Celebration with the people affected by cyclone Gaja



Pongal celebration with the women and children @ Ambhedkarnagar

10. What would be three important success in your ministry that you would like to highlight this year? (Field, province governance, support from sisters etc)

Field: District Coordinators – VTC and Women program

Province Governance: Apostolic Plan has helped us to be focused in our interventions which were verified and evaluated. Province Secretary has been a great support in the communication between SDO and the communities. More inter-sectorial and unified actions in the Province has strengthened the passion for the marginalized among the Sisters.

Support from Sisters: The eagerness of the Team members and the Sisters who are in the field was encouraging to take forward the planned activities. The documentation has improved to a certain level due to their cooperation.

11. What are three important challenges that you would like to highlight this year? (Field, province governance, support from sisters etc)

Field:

- The lay staff in the field need to be followed and encouraged by the Sisters.
- Staff turnover.
- Lack of Cooperation from the part of the parents we are able to implement CPP and conduct CPC meeting regularly in the villages.
- A bonding need to be created in the communities where we are working.
- ASSIST needs to build its brand.
- Expertise and Data needed in placement services
- Insufficient equipment and gadgets for the effective implementation of the activities.

Province Governance: Province level support is at its maximum.

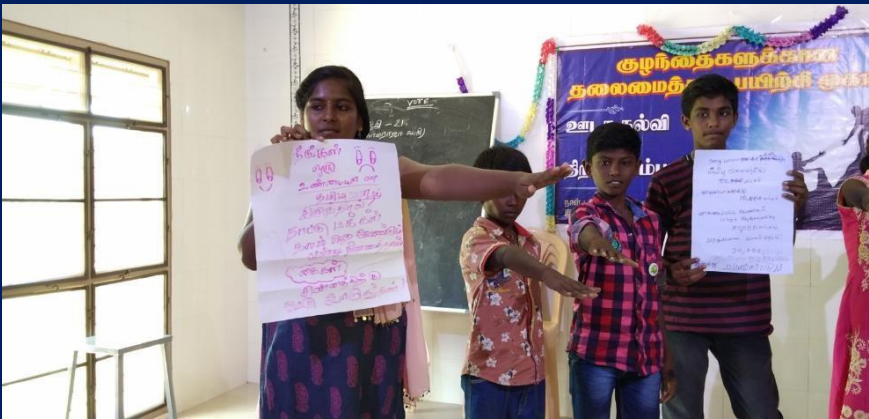
Support from Sisters:

- Sisters need to be organizers, Coordinators and develop more potential relationship with the lay staff.
- Need to put in more time and effort in rapport building for effective implementation of CPP and conducting CPC in the villages.
- Documentation need to be strengthened and capacities built.

12. Photo show (present some good photos compilation)



NCP Formation Training



Leadership Training for NCP Members



ASSIST's engagement in Environmental care



Vocational Training and partnership with Quest Alliance



**Celebration of Women's Day on
March 11th 2019 @ ASSIST, Trichy**





Representatives of Evening study centres and children at risk participated in the first Peace Convention held in Coimbatore on 12th October 2018



Awareness on the role of women in the Social Transformation



**Training in human rights for children
and youth**





Nutrition distribution and parents meet





**Becoming Invincible
Towards Social Transformation**