

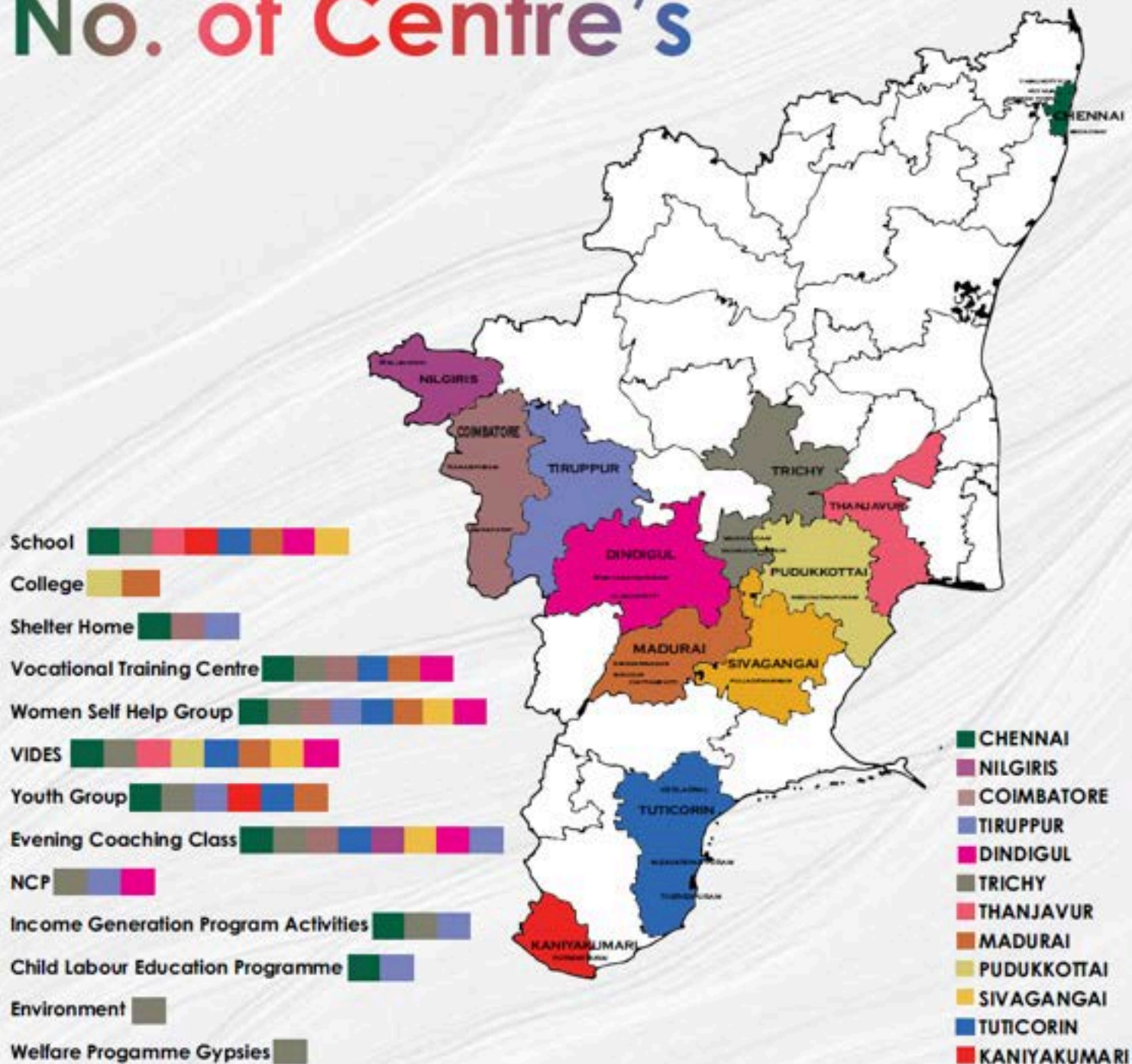
ANNUAL REPORT



2023-2024



No. of Centre's



VISION

ASSIST envisions an inclusive, equitable and sustainable society.

MISSION

ASSIST as a synergy source facilitates the transformation in CHILDREN, YOUTH and WOMEN of the communities in our reach, by organizing people & resources as catalyst for socio-cultural & economic positive change and promoting a grid of likeminded organizations to meet challenges and opportunities through lobby and advocacy.

VALUES

TARGET GROUP FOCUS



Our Team



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COORDINATOR &
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COORDINATOR

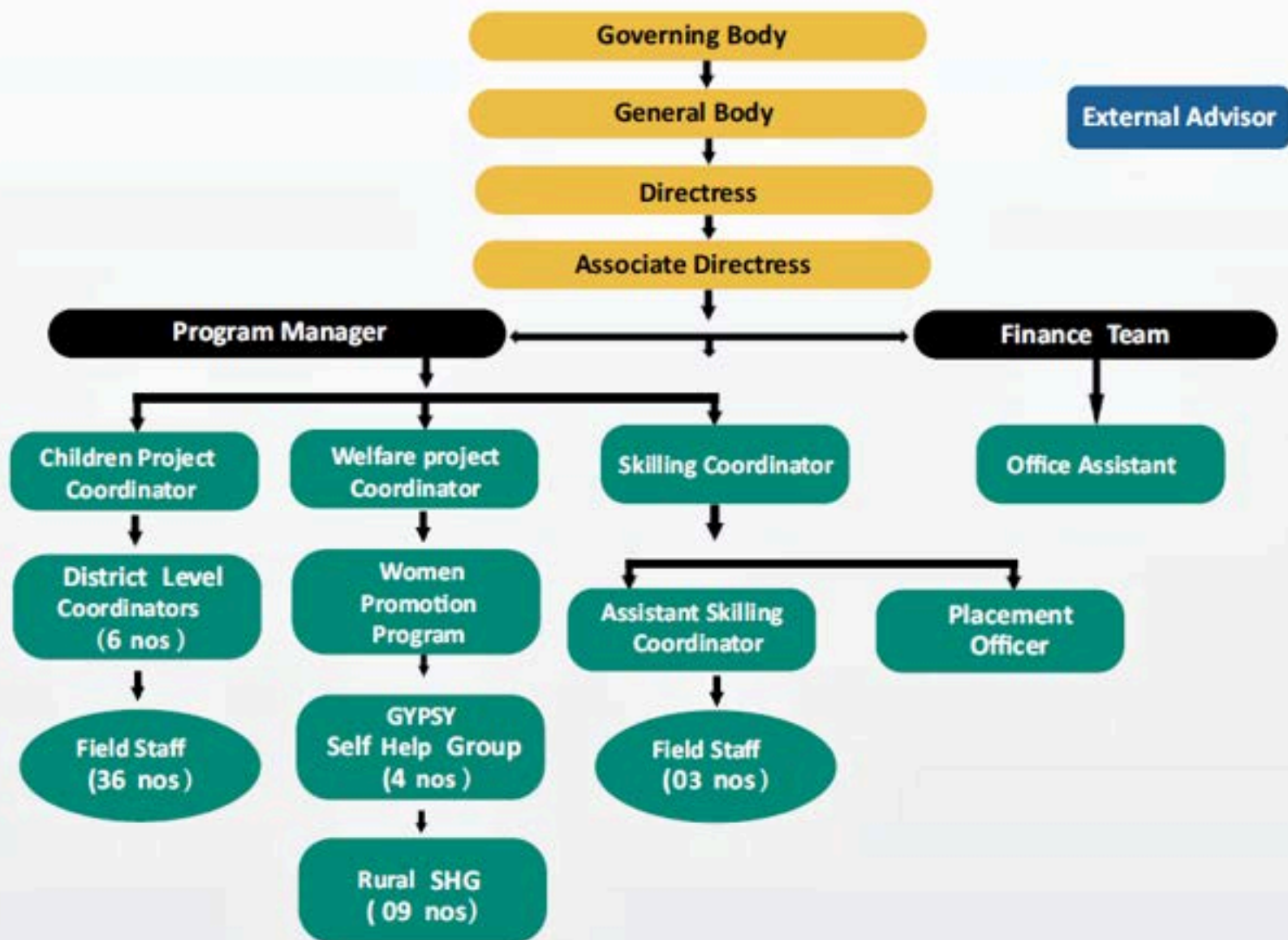


MRS. SALOMI SENGOL
CHILDREN PROJECT COORDINATOR



MRS. P. EUGIN ROSLIN PRIYA
TAILORING TEACHER

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Message from the Provincial



**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
will be called God’s People’**

The province of Trichy takes its pride to bring life, love and peace to people at large with the support of ASSIST the social development office, to reach the youth at risk, women in need and our environment at threat. I am happy to write for the Annual Report 2023-2024 that present the various services that has brought great impact in the field of Education, social service, women empowerment, youth upliftment and partnership, justice and social integrity of creation activities. I warmly congratulate the social ministry sector of our province that works for the most vulnerable group of society through various development program and activities like environmental care, E- commerce, 21st century skills programs, STEM education both in schools and evening study centres, training for organic farming, income generating programs and livelihood projects.

I believe the words of Rigoberta Menchú Tum a human rights activist, “Peace is not only the absence of war; as long as there is poverty, segregation and exclusion we could hardly reach a world of peace.” Therefore, I appreciate and wish ASSIST to continue to work with the vision of bringing inclusive, equitable and sustainable society where people find joy in living in love and peace and sharing that lasting happiness with each other.

A heartfelt thanks to Sr.Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi and her team for their passionate efforts in supporting the marginalised and fostering their growth for more effective and more sustainable change, enabling everyone to become confident, responsible and democratic.

I render my sincere gratitude to all our dear collaborators, committed staff, and networking NGO partners for your magnanimity of human spirit that shines brightly through your acts of kindness and compassion. Thank you and wish you to journey ahead to realize a great transformation in and around us.

Sr. Fernando Majella

Provincial, Province of Our Lady of Snow, Tiruchirappalli

Directress Message

**“The Time is always right to do what is right”
- Martin Luther King Jr.**



Dear friends, well- wishers, donors and treasured communities,

I am glad indeed to present the Annual Report 2023-2024 that documents all our efforts towards building a better protective future for children, youth, women and environment. Assist persevere to work for the most vulnerable communities in our reach with synergy source for socio- cultural and economic change. The pages of this annual Report reaffirm our goal to enlighten our children with education including sessions on 21st century innovative skills, STEM education, orientations and skills development program titled 'Be conqueror', and providing support through evening study centers. We continue to empower women with livelihood support and income generating programs with environment care activities.

The past year doubled our joy in improving the standard of the gypsy women community with beautician course, training on medicinal plants and natural remedies cherishing the wisdom of ancient towards environmental resilience. Our work has taken new dimension and effectiveness along with youth as partner with their internship programs from in and outside of our state that has enhanced our service to individual and underprivileged communities with constructive change.

There is much needs to be done, and we cannot afford to rest. More children need to be reached, more families need care, more youth need to be engaged in productive work and women need to be empowered with more sustainability. ASSIST is always hopeful to bring impactful transformation with new approach and collaboration to come out of the grip of generational poverty & illiteracy.

I am grateful to all our supporters, partners, and all our donors who continue to be there to help us fulfil our mission. Because of you, and with you by our side, ASSIST has been touching the lives of countless in the society. Together, we are creating positive change today that will influence generations to come. Thank you for being part of our family, for being at the heart of our work. ASSIST looks forward to the coming years with great optimism and inspiration.

Sr.Azarias Arokia Mary Selvi

Directress, ASSIST, Tiruchirappalli



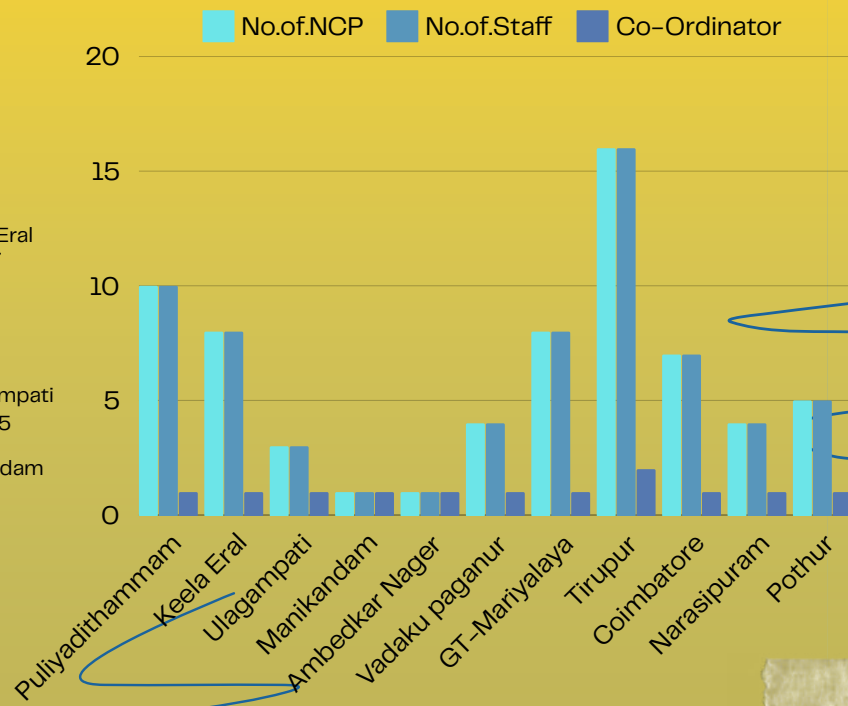
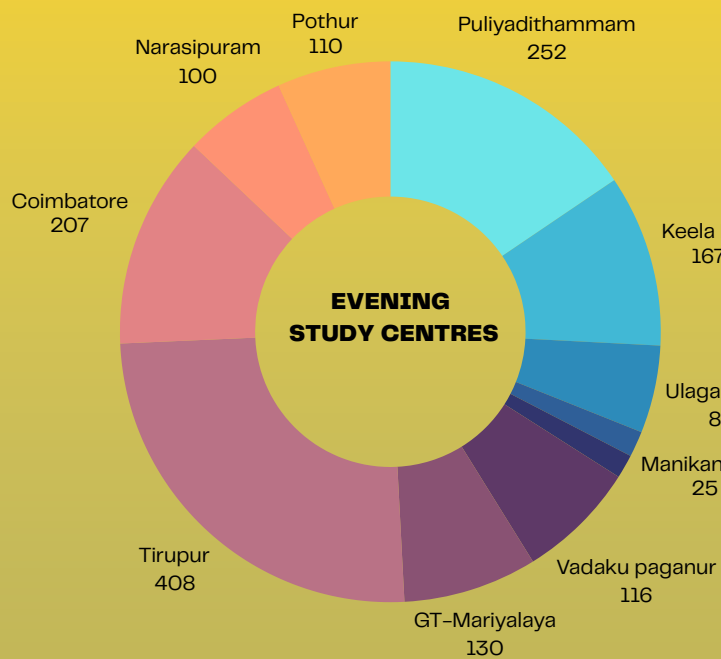
THULIR –PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Children hold the greatest promise for the future and the harbingers of social development and humanity's dawn. Realizing the crucial need and social obligation to work strongly and positively in the direction of protecting children from all forms of exploitation and neglect, ASSIST has dedication and passion for creating a society that is child-friendly, in maintaining child-centred care services featuring a specific emphasize on the equity of access. Our Programs have investigated important areas of activity where children can be more vigilant and secure residents of both our current and future communities.

HUMAN RIGHTS:

The organisation works to educate and impart life skills to children in need, using a rights-based, non-institutional approach in order to help them become self-reliant and break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy that persists throughout generations. In order to enhance children's involvement in governance and promote democracy, numerous initiatives endorsing Child Rights Education have been made available through Neighbourhood Children Parliament (NCP) in evening study centres across multiple venues. Additionally, ASSIST has a research, advocacy, and training wing that aims to advance awareness of social issues, document the lessons learned from our initiatives, and disseminate those lessons to government and civil society organizations. It actively participates in national and worldwide networks to support and advocate for laws, initiatives, and programs that uphold children's rights.





“BE A CONQUEROR” – SOFT SKILL PROGRAM

Conceptualized and initiated by ASSIST, as a vehicle to empower children, “Be a Conqueror” a soft skills programme was implemented in all evening study centres, educating the children to know, to grow, to invest themselves to be a winner and celebrate their life. They were guided to get to know about multiple intelligence, to become expert with aptitude and ability with problem solving, decisiveness, flexibility and conflict management. They were motivated to invest themselves into career path, tracking their skills and achieve growth.



AUXISTEM EDUCATION

AUXISTEM education is a new focus area of the year, for the children empowerment encouraging diversity, creativity and innovation and motivating them to think creatively, develop innovative solutions to problems and become more confident individuals. The Program was launched across eight Auxilium Group of schools located in five districts. The Primary objective of the AUXISTEM Education pilot program was to introduce students to STEM concepts through hands-on activities using cretile kits, with the goal of fostering innovation, Problem-solving skills, and a passion for science and technology among young learners.

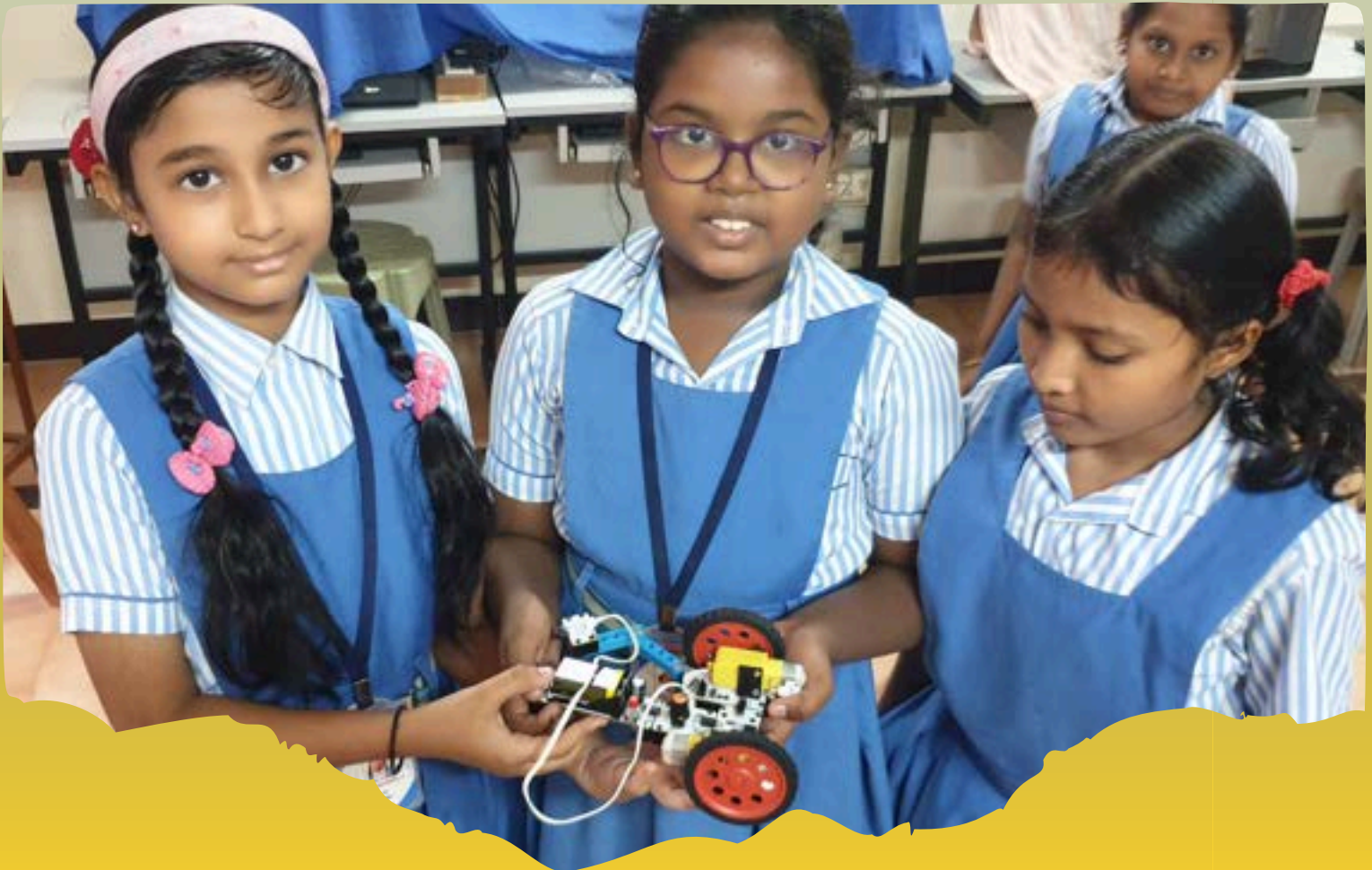
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STUDENTS
ENROLLED

08
SCHOOL
INVOLVED

05
DISTRICTS

05
TRAINERS

01
CO-ORDINATOR





AUXISTEM Robotics League

The **AUXISTEM Robotics League** was successfully conducted on January 24, 2024, with the gracious presence of our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai, former Indian Scientist from ISRO, and Special Guest, Mother Fernando Majella, Provincial of Trichy Province, Salesian Sisters of Tamil Nadu. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 122 students from both evening study centers and the Auxilium group of schools. Additionally, around 4,000 students from various schools attended as spectators. The league was divided into two segments: a competition and an exhibition.



ENVIRONMENT

The destiny of the planet is in the hands of our children, so it is crucial for them to learn how to use resources wisely and do their bit in the battle against climate change from an early age. The results of this difficult test could be a better, more sustainable and inhabitable world. The aim of promoting environmental education and awareness to children to develop a firm ecological mindset and use it to overcome today's environmental challenges with a proactive attitude and a strong commitment. The significance of World Environment Day was explained to the children at the Evening Study centres, conducting rallies, collective cleaning actions and recycling activities, emphasizing the importance of trees for human survival and urging them to plant saplings, avoid using plastic, and keep public places clean.

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Hi, my name is Kalaiventhan of grade 9 and I'm thrilled to share my journey of success and achievement through STEM education. Joining the STEM education which was newly introduced in our school this year (2023-2024) has been a game-changer for me. STEM education has helped me develop essential skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration. My biggest achievement was participating in inter-school Science project competitions, where my multi-technical robotic vehicle won the best project award. My success in STEM has also boosted my confidence and motivation. I've started to see the connection between what I learn in class and its real-world applications. This has made learning more meaningful and exciting.

KALAIVENTHAN
STD-IX
AUXILIUM MATRICULATION
HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
KEELA ERAL



VILUTHUGAL – PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

Assist commits to work for women empowerment to enhance their ability to generate revenue, secure physical surroundings, adult education possibilities, general productivity, nutritional status, and general health and well-being. In order to make women equal players in the process of development, against violence that is deeply rooted in the fabric of societies, ASSIST is spearheading programs give access to economic opportunities, and allow them to participate in decision-making.

ASSIST has made an attempt to increase awareness of gender equality on International Women's Day with the day's theme, "Inspire Inclusion". We inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world and when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment.



WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION – TRICHY

OPENING OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION UNIT IN ATHIVETTI VILLAGE



**PROVIDING GOATS
FOR
60 WOMEN FOR
LIVELIHOOD AND
SUSTAINABILITY**

OPENING OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION UNIT IN ATHIVETTI VILLAGE



WOMEN INVOLVED IN ECO-FRIENDLY PRODUCTION





Assist has brought great change in my life as well as in the entire village. After the Gaja Cyclone, we were unable to come up in our life, but they have helped us to learn to be self-sustainable person through various income generation programs. They had set up a food production and preservation unit in our village through which we as women Self Help Group members work together and produce preserved healthy food products like coconut powder and drumstick powder that are appreciated and gave maintainable income.

Mrs. Ananthi,
SHG member,
Athivetti, Thanjavur.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR "GYPSY" COMMUNITY

"Gypsy" often conjures up images of wandering bands of peddlers where most of them live in poverty and lead an unsanitary lifestyle that has created many physical needs among them. The quality of health care, nutrition, and education is poor and most children do not attend schools because their families are always on the move. ASSSIT has adapted the "Gypsy" community at Devarayaneri and work for their development giving them an awareness and improved their attitude to live healthy and sustainable lifestyle with adequate income generating opportunities to raise their standard of living. They had been encouraged for self-employment and oriented for self and environment hygiene.



NARIKURAVAR GIRLS LEARNS ART OF MAKEUP -BEAUTICIAN COURSE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATE





**TRAINING ON
RESPONSIBLE
PARENTING WITH
A CRITICAL VIEW
OF MEDIA**

**TRAINING ON
HERBAL COSMETIC
MANUFACTURING
FROM VALALAR
FOUNDATION**



**PROVIDING
PLANTS FOR
SETTING UP A
COMMON
NURSERY, HERBAL
GARDEN AND
VERTICAL GARDEN**



**CHERISHING THE
WISDOM OF
ANCIENT
TOWARDS
ENVIRONMENTAL
RESILIENCE**



I come from Narikurava community. Assist taught me to respect myself and celebrate the life by teaching us tailoring and beautician courses. Our life is always unstable and we roam around to earn for our livelihood. We have never received any recognition for our work or been appreciated anywhere. But Assist encouraged me to love life by respecting and valuing each other to lead happy and disciplined life in communion with each other. I am very much grateful to all that they do for our community development.

Sorna

Devayaneri, Trichy



VERGAL – PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Youth possess a great deal of strength and intelligence, which, if used wisely, might help bring invisible forces into the light, hardship into victory, and hard work into achievement, ultimately contributing to the general development of the individual and the country. The mission of ASSIST is to stimulate and inspire the next generation by providing them with the resources they require to live and to prosper by honing their skills.



E- COMMERCE TRAINING

We have empowered around 150 youth from Madurai and Thanjavur districts with E-commerce training since it is able to go beyond boundaries and growing level gets rapid. We have helped them to identify the value of e-commerce and getting self-employed with data – driven marketing, community building, SMS Marketing and CX Strategy.



ORIENTATION SESSION ON 'BE CONQUEROR" AT AUXILIUM COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE -REGUNATHAPURAM



**AN INTER-SECTORAL
VENTURE: TOT FOR
VIDES -ULAGAMPATTI**

CAREER GUIDANCE AT KEEL ERAL



TRAINING FOR PROJECT WRITING FOR THE STUDENTS OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, TRICHY AT KOTAGIRI





ASSIST WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AS PARTNERS

Assist conducted various dynamic Community Organization programs in collaboration with the internship students from different college, Holy Cross College Trichy; Srimad Andavan Arts and Science College, Trichy; Bishop Heber College, Trichy and Bharathidasan University College, Trichy. We focused on community development with the awareness program on Global warming, health and hygiene, and women enhancement.



Field Immersion program with the Fellowship students of Mercy Mission, Bangalore in project drafting and need assessment to create ripple effect that drives positive change and inspires future generations.



PRA (PARTICIPATORY RURAL APPRAISAL) WITH STUDENTS OF AZIM PREMJI UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE



PROMOTING VOLUNTEERISM:



YOUTH IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Assist incorporates youth, meaningfully and effectively into environmental action and decision-making to make them better, more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable decisions with long-term effects are ensured for both present and future generation. Forty-six students from social work department of Holy Cross college, Trichy along with four staff from Assist were engaged to make endline survey for livelihood and nutrition household in Athivetti village to know the impact of our work after the Gaja cyclone and were able to cover up 375 families.



I got an opportunity to directly interact with members from the community and understand their problems firsthand. This community engagement strengthened my knowledge of how the social development sector works. Assist created work environment that let me explore and think in innovative ways. I cultivated the attitude to learn and were constantly applying in the immersion, looking for ways to strengthen the project.

VISHNU VARATHAN,
AZIM PREMJI UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE



“ ENVIRONMENT

Our natural ecosystem serves as a foundation for our survival, and ASSIST is dedicated to leading the way in raising consciousness of environmental issues. We make sure that it is our collective and individual responsibility to tend to the eco system in which we all live.

EXPOSURE VISITS TO VANAGAM



FARMERS' PROJECT

Inspired by the idea of integrated organic farming, Athivetti village's farmers have been involved in a complex endeavour that improves people's livelihoods more especially, their life style and economic standing of each family individually and the village collectively. Restoring water ponds and implementing cutting-edge farming techniques, such as using organic fertilizers and insect repellents; organic manure, seeds, and coconut plants have been given to farmers. In order to enhance production handling, the known as the Athivetti Organic Products Production Center (AOP) built and equipped with a hot air drier.



TRAINING FOR ORGANIC FORMING AT ULAGAMPATTI

SOIL TEST



THANGA SAMBA -SEED DISTRIBUTION TO DINDIGUL- ULAGAMPATTI FARMERS



DISTRIBUTION OF FISH HATCHLING AND FISH FEED TO FARMERS AT ATHIVETI



H₂O SUMMER CAMP

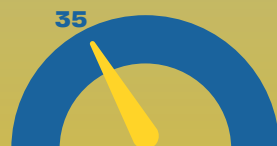
Summer camp is a free space for children to learn and explore new things which are essential in day-to-day life, so as part of summer camp, this year we came forward with the title of H₂O Summer Camp 2024. This camp's main objective is to raise awareness about Sustainable Development Goals and Greywater Management system, an essential sustainable method for recycling water. The camp was held in the month of May with the initiative of Sisters and volunteers in all our evening coaching centers. The children learnt about Sustainable Development Goals and their importance and mainly focused on Greywater Management and its advantages.



**SANGAMAM SALESIAN
SISTERS, KEELA ERAL**



**AUXILIUM PROVINCIAL
HOUSE, ASSIST, TRICHY**



**ULAGAMPATTI
AUXILIUM SOCIETY**



**ARUNODAYA SALESIAN
SISTERS, PULIADITHAMMAM**

HIGHLIGHTS



**Participation in
national inclusive
children parliament,
Delhi**



**AUXISTEM
league**

CYCLONE MICHAUNG RELIEF EFFORTS





INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT



WASH FOR WOMEN AT MANIKANDAM



KIDS GAME ZONE



**INNOVATIVE LEARNING THROUGH
- SMARTIVITY KIT
- STEM LAB**

We are grateful to you



Azim Premji
University



AUXILIUM EDUCATION RESPONSE FUND



*Building the Road
Beyond...*

**3000 CHILDREN - 07 DISTRICTS - LESS 5%
DROP OUT IN SCHOOL**

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