

Annual Report 2017 - 2018

(ABI TRUST)



**EDUCATIONAL ECONOMICAL AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT- ABI TRUST**

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From the Desk of Managing Trustee:

Dear Trustees,

I am very happy to present our 8th Annual Report covering the period 2017-2018. Really I am very glad that we are moving to celebrate of Decade work in next two years. We have started our work with the dalit community and elaborated our work with children, women, rural peripheral workers, dalit, scavengers and other rural community those who are most deserved and deprived in the society. We are working in the rural areas in four blocks of Tiruchirappalli District, Tamilnadu, India. Our work with the community materialized some fruitful results among them. Especially the scavengers are educated on safe health practice and we worked for environmental promotion in the villages. During this reporting period we have organized the following programme for the rural community to promote their socio, economic, education and health development.

- Self management training for women self help groups
- Tree plantation Programme and environmental awareness camps
- Youth awareness on alcohol
- Legal awareness camps
- Health and yoga training
- Organic farming training
- Training on global warming for farmers
- Child labour elimination camps
- Naturopathy awareness camps
- Networking activities

Legal Entity:

- ABI Trust registered under Indian Trust Act vide regn No: 727/2007
- ABI Trust registered with Income Tax Department under PAN number- AACTA0205F,
- ABI Trust registered with NGO's Partners System, New Delhi vide reg no: TN / 2020 / 0270008

Target Area / Target People:

Country : India
State : Tamilnadu
District : Tiruchirappalli
Blocks : Andanallur, Manikandam, Tiruvarumbur, Pullambadi and Lalgudi
No of Villages : 63 and population 6500 families.

Project Activities and Achievements:

1. Self management training for women self help groups

ABI Trust have been working with women since its inception. We have promoted more than 130 women self help groups in the project area and helped them to access bank credit to establish their own ventures. We have conducted many training program for the members of the women groups. We have organized SHG management training, water and sanitation training, environmental training, child labour awareness training, global warming training, legal awareness training, supported credit through banks, conducted training on naturopathy.

During the reporting period we have conducted one day training on SHG management to 32 women at Malliyampattu village. The Project Director Mr. Marudanayagam trained the group leaders on SHG formation, conducting monthly meetings, savings and internal credit, account opening in the bank, records maintenance, accessing the bank finance, internal credit interest rate fixation etc. This training programme helped the women leaders of the groups to run their groups without external assistance.

2. Environmental awareness camp and Tree plantation Programme

With support of PEACE Trust, Dindigul, we have organized environmental awareness workshop, cultural programme and tree plantation programme for farmers at Allithurai and Somarasampettai villages. 220 farmers were participated. We organized the workshop on the theme of land degradation, desertification and drought was very useful to understand the present climate change and its effects among the farming, cattle and environment. Valid resource materials were provided to the participants to understand the drought and desertification. The farmers realized the importance of rainwater savings, protecting water ponds and water resources, tree plantation and indigenous seeds and seedlings. Farmers learned the effects of drought,

land degradation and desertification and take oath to protect the land and promised to involve in regular tree plantation programme,

3. Youth awareness on alcohol

We have organized a village level meeting at Meelakalkandar Kottai for youth on alcohol and its demerits. 22 youth were participated from different cine associations. Mr. K.R. Raju, Secretary Village Development Centre explained that the youths in the state are mostly addicted for narcotic drugs and they spent their major earnings for alcohol. It destroyed their potentials and affects their health and family. So, the youth should prevent the narcotic drugs and will helpful to their family and elders.

4. Legal awareness camp:

We have conducted one day awareness program on legal aid for rural people with support of District Legal Aid Service Authority, Trichirappalli. The chief guests are Mr. P.Velmurugan, BL, President, District Chief Judge Mr.P. Parthasarathy BL, Secretary for free legal aid, Mrs. R. Purnima B.com, L.L.B were participated and delivered the free legal aid services available at the district court for all issues. The educated the mass on importance of legal awareness, counseling and free legal aid. In this program 210 general public were participated and submit their grievances through their petitions. Most of them for family property issues, old age pension, patta, birth certificates and ration cards.

5. Organic farming and global warming for farmers:

We have been working with farmers for the past six years and conducted environmental awareness camps, tree plantation programme, water management training, waste recycling training and organic farming training. During the reporting period we have organized workshop at Kulimani villages who are cultivating paddy, banana and vegetables. We trained the farmers on various methods of organic farming, preparation of organic manure, application in vegetables and paddy, plough system, seed management etc. We linked their various activities how it is benefited to global warming or affect to the global warming.

6. Child labour elimination camps

We are working with children for the past several years and ABI TRUST is the Regional Convenor for Campaign Against Child Labour – CACL. We have organized an event for the elimination child labour working at various industries at Tiruvarumbur area. We organized a camp near the bus stand and displayed banners

containing the message on child labour issues, acts, punishments and importance of education. Mrs.M.Seethalakshmi Director of ABI inaugurated the camp and more than 200 public were visited the camp.

7. Health, Yoga and Naturopathy awareness camps

We have organized a programme on Naturopathy and Yoga for the rural women at Keelakurichi in which 20 women were participated. Dr. R. Sugumar addressed the participants on naturopathy, Yoga and natural food, Herbal medicines. They performed few yoga exercises for the women for minor ailments. It was a nice programme for the women and they promise to follow the yoga at their home. Hope this programme will create awareness among the women on the importance of naturopathy, yoga, herbal medicines and nature food system.

8. Networking activities

ABI Trust is one of the member in the following networks.

Right to Education - RTE network
Campaign Against Child Labour - CACL
Voluntary Action Network India -VANI
TNVHA – Chennai
SAM – Tamilnadu

Our Auditor:

We have appointed Mr. S.Kanagarasu, B.Com., ACA., Chartered Accountant, Regn No: 228606, Trichy as our Auditor of the Trust.

Conclusion:

We express our sincere gratitude to our Trustees, Staff, volunteers, donors, networks, NGO's friends, government officials and CBO's with whom we have been working and gaining experience in the development field. We thank them for their valuable support, advice and co operation. ABI trust never forget their timely support.

Report Presented by:

Signature

**Mrs.M.Seethalakshmi)
Managing Trustee, ABI Trust, Trichy**