

Annual Report for 2019 - 2020

(ABI TRUST)



EDUCATIONAL ECONOMONICAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT- ABI TRUST

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Dear Trustees,

I am very happy to present our 10th Annual Report for the period 2019-2020. Over a decade we have worked with several communities and brought several changes among them. In the beginning, we have started our work with rural dalit community and extended our work with children, women, rural peripheral workers, scavengers and other rural community those who are most deserved and deprived in the society. We have extended our activities in four blocks of Tiruchirappalli District, Tamilnadu, India. Our activities with the community brought some fruitful results and enhance their life skills towards their empowerment. Over the years our work helped the scavenger community to access good health practice and their development rights. We have contributed for environmental protection and promotion. During this reporting period we have organized the following program to ensure their socio, economic, education and health development.

- ✓ Aadhar Awareness
- ✓ Environmental awareness camp,
- ✓ Puduvalu Thittam Monitoring,
- ✓ SHG awareness
- ✓ Farmers training on organic farming and global warming,
- ✓ Child labour elimination program
- ✓ Training on violence against domestic workers,
- ✓ Networking activities

Legal Entity:

- ABI Trust registered under Indian Trust Act vide Regn No: 727/2006
- ABI Income Tax Department: PAN No: AACTA0205F
- ABI NGO DARPAN Number: TN / 2020 / 0270008

Working area and Target People:

Country : India
State : Tamilnadu
District : Tiruchirappalli
Blocks : Andanallur, Manikandam, Tiruvarumbur, Pullambadi & Tathaiyengarpetti.

No of Villages: 66 and population 6900 families.

Project Activities and Achievements:

1. Aadhar Awareness Camps:

Aadhaar card is 12 digit unique identity number for Indian citizens which gives an unique ID to them. There are several benefits for the Aadhar holders. It is necessary for LPG subsidy, to open new bank accounts, to avail passports, digital locker, to link with voter card, to avail monthly pension etc. As part of our National Development, our Central Government insisting the Aadhar card to all the citizens of India. In order to promote awareness on the importance of Aadhar Card to the rural community, we have organized five awareness camps at Indian Bank, OFT, Thiruvarambur, Andanallur, Nachikurich and Cantonment branch, Trichy. More than 3000 women were participated and benefited through this program. The NGO Heads, Bank officials facilitated the camps.

2. Environmental awareness camp:

We have organized an environmental awareness camp at Thiruvalarsoalai village for the farming community. 42 farmers from 3 villages were participated in the camp. The main objective of the camp is desertification and drought. Since the village is located in the banks of the river Cauvery the farmers choose this program. Mr. Antony Stephen, Faculty from Holy Cross College gave input on the recent disputes of sharing river water between Tamilnadu and Karnataka and coated the Supreme Court Judgment to the farmers. Due to lack of water in river Cauvery, he stressed the famers to adopt low consumption water plants for cultivation. He suggested the organic farming practice which consumes low water for cultivation.

Further he stressed to harvest rain water at their lands by promoting water ponds in the lands and to construct rain water harvesting structures at their homes.

3. Puduvalu Thittam Monitoring:

Chennai, VIDHYA has supported a small project to monitor the Puduvalu Thittam activities at Namakkal and Selam Districts. The Project Director of ABI along with his partners has involved in the evaluation process and submitted the report to the VIDHYA.

4. Training to SHG Members on Record Maintenance:

We are organizing regular training for the women self help group members to run their groups with democratic principles with self reliance. As part of women empowerment, we have promoted 136 women self help groups in the project area. We have linked the eligible groups with their banks for fair credit. With motive to empower the women leaders, we have organized two day training on Self Management Practice of Women Self Help Groups at Somarasampet village. 39

women leaders were participated. Mrs. Seethalakshmi, WDPS, Trichy has facilitated the training. She trained the group members on the following topics.

- ✓ Concept of Self-Help Groups
- ✓ Importance of Micro level Savings and Credits
- ✓ Provision of micro credit from Govt. and private institutions
- ✓ Micro Enterprises
- ✓ Book Keeping, Maintenance of Various Records of SHGs
- ✓ Internal loan lending and Recovery

We hope that this training program helped the women group leaders on self management practice and democracy principles.

5. Farmers training on organic farming and global warming:

We are working with farming community for the past six years with motive to promote organic agriculture to promote the health practice in the rural areas. We have selected 40 farmers from 4 villages and facilitating them to adopt organic agriculture. To equip the farmers further in our working area ABI organized training on organic farming cultivation in which 34 farmers were participated. We organized this training at Thiruvallasolai village. It is a river belt village and the total villagers depend on agricultural activities for their livelihood. Mr. Thiyagarajan, Dip in Agri facilitated the training program. He trained the group on preparation of farm compost, vermi compost, organic pest replants, water conservation methods, energy management, bio-diversity, seed protection etc. This training was helped the farmers to get good insight on importance of organic farming.

Further we have organized a training program for the same farmers on global warming especially on global warming through agricultural activities.

6. Child labour elimination program:

To ensure the rights of children on their education, ABI has been working with them for the past one decade. To create awareness among the rural community, we have organized a camp for the school students at Somarasampettai village in which 56 children were participated. Mr. Marudhanayagam, Project Director, facilitated the training. He shared the details of child labour acts related to education and right to education.

7. Training on violence against domestic workers:

We have organized a meeting for domestic workers at MAKE Trust, Trichy for the domestic workers at Trichy. The domestic workers were identified through our volunteers and our women group leaders and they invited to the meeting. Mrs. Gayathiri, Development Consultant, Mrs. Seethalakshmi, WDPS, Trichy has been

participated and collected the information on their violence at work place from the participants. We have released an awareness poster on the guidelines of ILO and Mr. Stephen, Holy cross college released the posters. It was documented and further meeting was planned in next year. This project was supported by DEEPS, Dharmapuri.

8. Networking activities:

ABI participated several network activities. They are;

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

9. Board Meetings:

On 6th September 2016, we have made supplement deed at the Sub-Registrar Office, Tiruvarumbur. As per the amendment the following trustees were elected.

Mr. R.Maruthayanagam	Managing Trustee
Mrs. S.Devabakiyam	Financial Trustee
Mrs. K.Annadurai	Trustee

During the reporting period the board met three times and discussed the activities, financial details and policies of the trust. All the documents are circulated to the trustees. There is no any national and International travel by the trustees.

10. Our Auditor:

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

Conclusion:

As the Chief Functionary / Managing Trustee of the trust, I express my sincere thanks the volunteers, staff, trustees, government officials and NGOs for their kind support and expect the same in coming years too.

Signature

Mr. M.Seethalakshmi, Managing Trustee, ABI Trust, Trichy.