

Annual Report for 2020 - 2021

(ABI TRUST)



EDUCATIONAL ECONOMONICAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT- ABI TRUST

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Dear Trustees,

I am very happy to present our 11th Annual Report for the period 2020-2021. 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.

- ✓ Child labor Elimination Prog
- ✓ Farmers training ,
- ✓ Capacity build training for SHG's
- ✓ Tree plantation.
- ✓ Environment awareness program
- ✓ Training on water and sanitation
- ✓ Child marriage awareness prog
- ✓ Women day Programme
- ✓ Voter awareness prog
- ✓ Survey on child labor
- ✓ Skill training for women
- ✓ Naturopathy awareness
- ✓ COVID Awareness and Relief support

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
- ABI Trust registered under the IT Act Section 12AB Provisional Registration No.AACTA0205FE20206 Dated: 27-05-2021
- ABI Trust registered under the IT Act Section 80G Provisional Registration No.AACTA0205FF20215 Dated: 23-09-2021

Working area and Target People:

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

No of Villages: 70 and population 10000 families.

Project Activities and Achievements:

1. Child labor 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 Allithurai 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.

2. Farmers training:

We are working with farming community for the past seven years with motive to promote organic agriculture to promote the health practice in the rural areas. We have selected 50 farmers from 5 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 55 farmers were participated. We organized this training at Somarasanpettai 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.

3. Capacity builds Training for SHG's:

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 153 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 three day training on Self Management Practice of Women Self Help Groups at Allithurai village.42 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.

4. Tree plantation:

The ABI TRUST has organized village volunteers and purchasing 2000 tree saplings then we coordinate to all of them for plantation of tree saplings in rural areas of Trichirappalli district, we have covered five villages in Mannachanallur and Manaikandam villages. We mainly planted in the public places and Temple lands even line of bond areas are planted. At present this areas were covered green environment. This program was support to controlling the climate change effects in future. This program was sponsored with local community contribution.

5. Environmental awareness:

We have organized an environmental awareness camp at Koiyathoppu village for the farming community. 46 farmers from 2 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.

6. Training on water and sanitation:

The ABI TRUST has organized the rural women self help groups for creating an awareness on the subject of water and sanitation. This program was organized as a workshop in Allithurai villages and there is nearly 39 women leader are participated. The concept of utilizing the toilet usage and preventing the water pollution is also taught to them. The sanitation facilities and clean less are importance to preventing the disease. The health promotion is must for human development index.

7. Women day Programme:

The ABI TRUST has organized the women group members for the observation of international women's day program. We have honoring the best women activist for health and Government office; Police are also awarded to honor. This kind programme was sponsor by the women group members. Three are nearly 100 of women are participating this programme. The external expert of women leaders are inviting as chief guest for delivered the special addressing the women day programme.

8. Child Marriage Awareness Programme:

We have conducted one day awareness program on prevention of child marriage for rural people with support of District Legal Aid Service Authority, Trichirappalli. The District Chief Judge is chief guest for this programme. 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 120 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.

9. Voters awareness programme:

The ABI TRUST has organized the youth sectors for creating the knowledge on voter and its importance of the Indian Democracy. We have motivated them to promoting their voting for selecting a good personality like to supporting the human. There are nearly 100 of youths are participated in this programme and the local well wishers are supporting this programme. The main motto of this voter's awareness programme is to ensuring the 100% vote to protecting our democracy. The young voters are very interesting to gathering the knowledge on the same.

10. Survey on child labor :

The ABI TRUST has organized the local youth volunteers from Trichirappalli district and they would train to take the village wise survey for assessing the child labour ratio in our district. In after that COVID situation there is high ratio of child labour increasing due to closed the schools and lockdown pandemic situation. The parents are not job and having poor life circumstances. We covered Annanagar, Malliyampatu and Mannachnallur areas and interact with community, school teachers, parents are also interacted in our survey. The main aim of this survey is to measure the actual child labor in our district. We have identified 140 child labor are in this area.

11. Skill training for women:

ABI Trust has 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 for skill training on tailoring and homemade sanitation materials. This program was supported by trustee's contribution and we have motivated them for accessing credit through banks. During the reporting period we have conducted one month basic skill training to 32 women at Malliyampattu village. This training programme helped the women leaders of the groups to run their groups without external assistance.

12. Naturopathy awareness:

We have organized a programme on Naturopathy and Yoga for the rural women at Mannachanallur 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.

13. COVID Awareness and Relief support:

The ABI TRUST was collecting relief materials from well wishers in Trichirappalli district and that was delivers by our board of trustees to the affected people. Initially we are creating an awareness on the subject of COVID disease and its prevalence way and we motivate that all people for wearing the face mask and following social distancing in all places. We motivate that people for hand washing and manage social distance in all times. We have distributed nearly 100 of poor family for supporting the food items and grocery materials to manage their life without empty stomach.

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.

Thanking you

R.MARUTHANAYAGAM,
Managing Trustee, ABI Trust, Trichy.