

Transformation of an SHG and a Village: A Case Study

In 2008, with the aim to stop child labour and improve the economic stability of the vulnerable families in India, SIVA Trust with funding from TdH-NL has initiated the 'Revolving Fund' programme in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. Around Rs. 40 lakhs was provided a revolving fund by TdH-NL to SIVA Trust for financing women, minorities and weaker sections of the society in rural villages and urban slums in Tirunelveli. Loans at affordable interest rates were provided to target beneficiaries.

About the Revolving Fund (RF) Program

TdH-NL has provided a revolving fund to SIVA Trust, a charitable organisation based out of Tirunelveli district in Tamil Nadu, India. Since 1995, with the support of TdH-NL, SIVA Trust has addressed issues ranging from water sanitation, housing, nutrition, livelihoods, microcredit, child clubs, pre-schools to shelters for women in need besides relief during displacements due to the conflict or disasters. This revolving fund was provided to train and empower the women in their own preferred livelihoods and give access to micro credit for launching their livelihood activities. The intended outcome of this project is to enable 2000+ deserving women earn adequate incomes through livelihood activities for meeting the basic needs of the family. With the incomes earned the women can repay their loans; pay the for better education of their children and take better care of their children while exposing themselves much less to exploitation.

Overall Progress and Outcomes of the RF Program

Under the partnership between SIVA Trust and TdH-NL, a revolving fund of INR 4 million was given to the trust. That totals to an amount of INR 2 million given to SIVA trust.

It is interesting to note that as on March 31, 2017, the fund has grown to INR 55,969,500, calculated from the total loan amount disbursed. The loan is lended to the members at the rate of 24%, with the condition 12% to remitted back TdH-NL. However it is currently rotated, resulting in increase in fund value at INR 8,971,491.

The loan has benefitted:

- 147 SHGs
- 2,038 members
- 2,343 is number of loans availed

Case study of an SHG: Development in Progress

Sowpackiya I is one of the first groups that SIVA Trust formed, as part of the Revolving Fund programme in Vadakku Puliampatti village of Vannikonendal panchayat. It was earlier promoted by another NGO working in the area. But due to lack of proper follow-up and any development activities by the NGO, the group was not functioning. When SIVA Trust's Community Organiser entered the village, the women members were disillusioned over the concept of SHG and was not willing to participate in any of the activities. With persistent effort, the group was restarted on 07.03.2008.

The group has 12 members with the following functionaries

- President : M. Maheswari
- Treasurer: A.Shanmugathai
- Secretary : A.Maragathamani
- Community Organiser : S.Pramatchi

Snapshot at RF Loan

Loan Outstanding (as on Dec. 2017) Rs. 2,26,500/-

Total No. Of loans taken : 32

Total Loan amount taken : Rs. 8,70,000/-

Memberwise Loan disbursement

S.No.	Members	No. Of Loans	Date	Purpose of loan	Loan Amount (Rs.)
1	V.Rajathi	2	24.5.2012 24.10.2017	Agriculture Education	Rs.20000 Rs.30000
2	S.Alaguthuraichi	2	24.5.2012 24.10.2016	Agriculture Education	Rs. 20000 Rs.30000
3	S.Shanmugathai	4	24.5.2012 24.11.2014 24.12.2016 24.10.2017	Agriculture Agriculture Agriculture Agriculture	Rs.20000 Rs.30000 Rs.30000 Rs.30000
4	M.Maheswari	3	24.8.2012 24.10.2014 24.07.2016	Agriculture Agriculture Agriculture	Rs.20000 Rs.30000 Rs.30000

5	A.Shanmugathai	4	24.8.2012 24.1.2015 24.12.2015 24.8.2017	Agriculture Agriculture Agriculture Agriculture	Rs.20000 Rs.30000 Rs.30000 Rs.30000
6	K.Maarithai	3	24.8.2012 24.2.2016 24.8.2017	Agriculture Agriculture Agriculture	Rs.20000 Rs.30000 Rs.30000
7	S.Maragathamani	3	24.8.2012 24.5.2015 24.2.2017	Agriculture Livestock Education	Rs.20000 Rs.30000 Rs.30000
8	K.Muthulakshmi	3	24.8.2012 24.7.2016 24.10.2017	Education Agriculture Agriculture	Rs.20000 Rs.30000 Rs.30000
9	P.Perumal Ammal	3	24.4.2013 24.3.2015 24.10.2016	Agriculture Agriculture Education	Rs.20000 Rs.30000 Rs.30000
10	A.Annaselvam	2	24.12.2015 24.08.2017	Agriculture Education	Rs.30000 Rs.30000
11	N.Lakshmi	2	24.12.2016 24.10.2017	Medical Expenses Marriage Expenses	Rs.30000 Rs.30000
12	G.Gomathi	1	24.2.2017	Education	Rs.30000
		32		Total	Rs.8,70,000/-

It is clearly evident that the members of this group are reaping benefits in terms of meeting out their capital investment for their livelihoods, majorly agriculture and also to meet out medical, marriage and education expenses.

Case study of Vadakku Puliampatti: a Village in Transformation

Located in Vannikonendal panchayat, Vadakku Puliampatti village is one of the intervention villages of SIVA Trust. It is to be noted that the SHG promotion and microfinance activities done by SIVA Trust through the Revolving fund had helped in pooling investment and aiding in lot of members taking up various development activities.

As on December 2017, 9 groups have been formed with around 132 women as members in the groups. Here are financial details of the SHGs in the village:

- Total savings Rs: 12,17,800/-
- Total loan amount disbursed: Rs:87,20,000/-
- Total loan outstanding: Rs.18,76,000/-
- Total No. of loans given: 306

Purpose of loan

Purpose of loan	No. of loans	Amount given (in Rs.)
Agriculture	142	39,65,000
Small Business Loan	70	17,70,000
Emergency Loan	94	29,85,000

Distribution of Loan based on Purpose

