

Re-Enrolment of Dropouts

Success stories from the Field¹

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¹ Case studies were collated as part of monitoring and review done on June 2017

Case Study 1: Umashankar

Name: Umashankar

Age: 16 years

Location: Vanniconendal village

Umashankar s/o Manohar lives in South Street, Vanniconendal. His parents are doing coolie work. He has two younger brothers who are going to schools. After studying 11th standard, he discontinued and started going for work to Jayabharath Spinning Mills, Malayankulam, Tirunelveli district. His mother Rajamiammal is the leader of Vasantham SHG promoted by SIVA Trust in her village.

When the case came to the notice of the Trust staff, they convinced the parents as well as the boy to join school. They made him leave the job and got him re-enrolled in 12th standard in Govt Higher Secondary School, Vanniconendal. His regular attendance is being monitored by the staff.



Case Study 2: Manikandan

Name: Manikandan

Age: 13 years

Location: Indira Colony, Koovachipatti

Manikandan s/o Late Thiruvettai has 8 siblings. He hails from a very poor family. His 4 siblings got married and settled nearby. One sister aged 19 is doing coolie work. Another sister aged 18 is mentally retarded and she is looked after by one more sister, aged 16, who studied up to 8th class and is assisting her mother in household works. She has been advised by our staff to join the tailoring course conducted by the Trust.



Under this condition, Manikandan also became a drop out after 6th standard. SIVA Trust staff convinced the family to send the boy back to school explaining the importance of education and got him admitted in 7th standard in PU Middle School, Koovachipatti. He is now attending classes.

Case Study 3: Jeyarani

Name: Jeyarani

Age: 16 years

Location: Sekkadi Street, Melanelithanallur

Ms. Jeyarani d/o Karnan-Subbulakshmi couple dropped out, despite scoring 276 marks in 10th standard public exam. Her parents are engaged agriculture; she has 2 other brothers. Elder brother is already working in Jeyabharath Spinning Mills, Malayankulam. Her parents asked her also to go along with her brother and work in the mill.



When SIVA Trust staff came to know about the case, they convinced the parents and the girl to leave the job and got her admitted in 11th standard in Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Sankarankovil. Thus a child labour was saved from the hardship of labour and helped in pursuing education again.

Case Study 4: Anandaraj

Name: S.Anandaraj

Age: 15 years

Location: Thonukal village

S. Anandaraj from North Street, Thonukal village studied upto 8th standard by staying in a hostel at Manur. His father deserted the family and he was left with his mother Sumithra, who does coolie work. As he did not like the hostel life, he dropped out in 9th standard and spending time idly in his village. His mother was a member of Vetri SHG started by SIVA Trust in his village.

The Trust staff noticed him and convinced him to re-enrol in 9th standard in Government Higher Secondary School, Thirumalapuram. He is walking daily to the school from his home, as his village does not have bus facility. He is in need of a cycle for commuting to the school.



Case Study 5: Saravanakumar

Name: R.Saravanakumar

Age: 14 years

Location: Thonukal village

R. Saravanakumar s/o Ramakrishnan studied 7th standard by staying in a hostel at Manur. His parents do coolie work. His mother Pushpalatha is a member of Roja SHG started by SIVA Trust in his village. As he did not like the hostel life, he dropped out in 8th standard and spending time idly in his village.

The Trust staff noticed him and convinced him and his parents to re-enrol in 8th standard in Government Higher Secondary School, Vasudevanallur. He is continuing to attend school.



Case Study 6: Siva

Name: V.Siva

Age: 15 years

Location: Indira Colony, Jameen Elanthakulam

V. Siva s/o Late Velsamy of North Street, Indira Colony has 3 siblings. One sister got married, one brother is employed in Chennai and one more sister is studying 6th standard. Due to family circumstances, he dropped in 9th standard and remained idle in his house for the last one year.

SIVA Trust staff noticed him, convinced him and his mother and got him re-enrolled in class 9 in Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Sankarankovil. He continues to attend the school regularly.



Case Study 7: Suresh

Name: P.Suresh

Age: 17 years

Location: Pudugramam street, Vanniconendal

P. Suresh s/o R. Paulraj of Pudugramam Street has completed 12th standard. His parents do coolie work. His mother Alaguduraichi is a member of Sree Murugan SHG started by SIVA Trust in his village. Due to family circumstances, after 12th standard he was working in a petty shop in his village.

SIVA Trust staff noticed him, convinced the parents to continue his study and got him admitted in Pasumpon Nethaji Polytechnic, Melaneelithanallur. He is pursuing technical education now and will have a better future.



Case Study 8: Ajith

Name: K.Ajith

Age: 17 years

Location: Dharmathoorani village

K. Ajith s/o R. Karuppusamy has two siblings, a boy and a girl. His father is working in a local cardboard factory. Mother Mariammal is a coolie worker. After completing 10th standard, due to family circumstances, he was working in a sweet shop for the last one year.



On noticing the case, SIVA Trust staff convinced him and his parents about the importance of education and got him admitted in Jothi Catering College, Sankarankovil. He is getting a professional education for a better future.

Case Study 9: Matheeskumar

Name: T.Matheeskumar

Age: 13 years

Location: East Street, M.N.Nallur

T. Matheeskumar s/o V. Thangapandi has two other siblings, a boy and a girl. His parents do coolie work. After finishing 5th standard, he was not regular in attending 6th standard and eventually dropped out.

During the parents meeting conducted by SIVA Trust staff in his village, the parents and the boy were convinced to continue education. Accordingly, he was re-enrolled in 6th Std in Hindu Harijan Middle School, Kurukkalpatti. He continues to attend school regularly.

