

SIVA TRUST

Service Initiative for Voluntary Action Trust

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Our Vision

Empowered rural communities

Our Mission

- Make women of rural societies progressive and self-reliant through self-help groups, financial empowerment, and health education
- Organize programs for the protection of children from all types of abuse and exploitation
- Enable a society with equal opportunities for persons with disabilities and to work for the land rights and economic sustenance of hill tribes in Tamil Nadu.

Our Team



S. Subramania Siva
Director/ Managing Trustee



Shakila Ramanathan
Finance Trustee



T. Selwyn
Trustee



R. Hemima
Trustee



Vijayalakshmi Srikanthan
Trustee

A Message from Our Director

The Trust continued its service to society in 2021 toward the upliftment of marginalized sections, and safeguarded children from abuse and exploitation.

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a significant decrease in the regular workrate. The Trust provided safety kits and essential items to staff members as well as beneficiaries in the Trust's operating geographies to enhance protection against COVID-19. A survey was undertaken to determine the status of COVID vaccination amongst the rural population, and an intensive campaign was undertaken to vaccinate almost 15000 villagers including differently abled people, school children, and pregnant women, as well as front-line health workers. I am happy to report that, as a consequence of these focused efforts, no COVID-19-related deaths were recorded in these villages. The project for tribal development in the hills of Tamil Nadu initiated by the Trust was continued by volunteers in those areas. The Trust's Board members and core staff underwent a training course provided by Dhvani Foundation in Bangalore under the Niranthara 3 program to shape and improve the strategic plan of our Trust. The Trust got more exposure in social media, new Trustees and Advisors joined and new initiatives made for fundraising. I thank the generous individual and institutional donors, Government officials, public, well-wishers, Board members and the team of dedicated staff members for their continued support to achieve our goals.

Objectives of the Trust

- Empowerment & socio-economic development of the downtrodden.
- Providing access to savings and credit for income generation for poor women.
- Delivering quality education and skill development for youth.
- Improvement of health status of women and children.
- Democratizing panchayats for local self-governance.
- Eradication of child labor/child marriage.
- Prevention of child abuse and protection of children's rights.
- Protecting forest land rights of tribal people and improving their economic status.
- Creating awareness on disaster risk reduction in hills and forest areas.
- Uniting tribal people under a democratic institution by providing them with appropriate training in self-governance.

Summary of Accomplishments in 2021-2022

- Enabled socio-economic empowerment of women; collaborated with SHGs to enable income generation
- Taught digital and financial literacy to women SHG members, helped them open bank accounts and use digital transactions
- Educated textile mill workers on their legal rights, oriented female employees on the provisions of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment in Workplace Act, and the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act
- Created awareness on Child Rights Protection
- Enrolled children in schools, helped differently-abled students enrol in special schools, provided additional coaching
- Supported differently-abled by helping them obtain disability ID cards, pension, train/bus passes and assistive devices
- Conducted health awareness programs, educated the community on the importance of COVID vaccination, organized vaccination drives, supplied hygiene kits, masks and sanitizer to rural people
- Obtained land rights for tribal people under the Forest Rights Act
- Trained tribal farmers on agricultural development and Govt. schemes including the the Prime Minister's Kisan Assistance. Helped them obtain seeds, saplings, fertilizer, agricultural implements on Govt. subsidies
- Arranged market linkages to goods produced by tribal farmers
- Organized tribal people into their own Federation, trained them on leadership qualities and financial management, educated them on Disaster Risk Reduction, helped them obtain community certificates, old age pensions, tribal welfare board membership cards, ration cards, and free LPG connections
- Distributed sustainability ration packages to people who lost their sources of income during the pandemic

Operating Geography

Under STdHF Revolving Fund Program

- Manur Taluk in Tirunelveli District (5 villages)
- Sankaran Kovil Taluk in Tenkasi district (10 villages)

Under TPFLR Program

- 15 Hill/Forest Districts in Tamil Nadu

Under the ICC/LC project of Multi Stakeholder Initiative

- Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Coimbatore districts

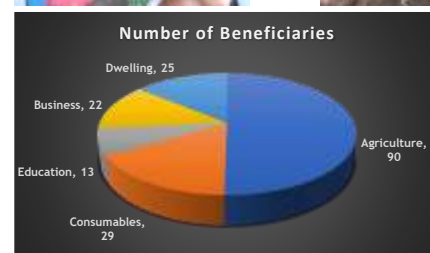


Economic Empowerment of Women Through Self-Help Groups

The lock down that was enforced following the spread of COVID-19 severely restricted people's ability to earn their livelihoods, especially in rural areas. Further, the lack of certainty around their ability to repay loans was an impediment to obtain any such temporary respite from their financial difficulties. Therefore, our operations with the Revolving Fund program got off to a sluggish start.

The year started with 73 female SHGs with 1375 members. With diligent work from our dedicated staff, we were able to expand the RF operations by adding 11 new groups in seven new villages. SHG meetings were organised in 11 villages in which 144 members participated.

From April onwards, the Stitching Terre des Hommes Foundation in Bangalore took over the RF portfolio, and SIVA Trust remained as the facilitator for the program in the Trust's working areas. By the end of the financial year, the number of groups rose to 110 with 1552 members. Over the last 14 years of RF operations, a total of 4735 members have been bestowed with a cumulative sum of Rs.13,89,63,500. The reach of our RF operations this year is summarized in these pie-charts:



Supplementary Education Centres (SECs)



The numbers of functioning supplementary centres and student beneficiaries were inconsistent due to COVID-19 restrictions and resultant school closures. From 298 students in 7 centres in January 2022, the strength grew to 315 students across 8 centres in March. Extra coaching was provided to academically-challenged students by local volunteers. In addition, they attended several sessions to enhance their general knowledge, academic and extracurricular skills. These interventions vastly improved the students' academic performance: 85% of them scored above 50% in class tests. Pongal, Republic Day and other days of National importance were celebrated. Elocution, creative writing, drawing, and poster competitions were held during these occasions.

Our staff conducted regular orientation sessions for students and their parents on the importance of education. At the same time, new centres were opened in locations where there was a significant demand. Financial literacy classes were conducted in 8 villages and benefited 146 villagers. Our staff also joined the School Management Committee meetings to ensure that all students in our working area attended school regularly.

Re-Enrolment of School Drop-Outs

In May and June every year, our staff conduct intensive surveys in the villages where we operate, find pupils that dropped out of school, and convince them and their parents to re-enrol. This year, due to COVID restrictions, the schools did not open until December, and our staff helped in the re-enrolment process. Online classes were held in some areas, but without adequate equipment and motivation, students could not completely concentrate on education. We encouraged the students to continue their academic pursuits at our tuition centres that were available in the vicinity.

ANC/PNC Meetings

The Trust's health workers provided counseling to around 300 AN/PN mothers. The services of VHN and government hospital doctors were also utilised to educate pre-natal and post-natal mothers on their health and that of the child, the importance of breast feeding, vaccination, and the consumption of nutritious food. The team also undertook a campaign to allay the concerns of pregnant women around COVID-19.



Vocational Training

Only one tailoring training institute could be operated at Vanniconendal, with local girls and women learning the nuances of tailoring. They made masks that were then distributed to the locals. Some of the women who completed this training availed loans to purchase their own sewing machines and started earning additional income for their families.



Awareness for Adolescent Girls

Our staff conducted health awareness sessions for adolescent girls, explaining nutrition, personal and menstrual hygiene, healthy association with the opposite gender, and the provisions of the POCSO Act.



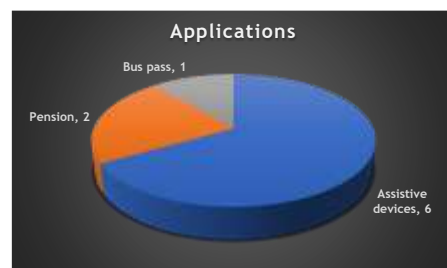
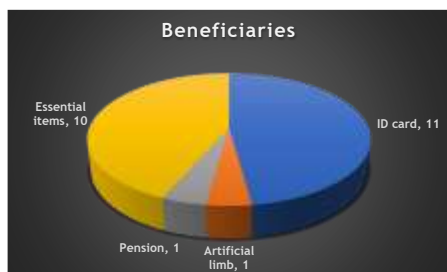
Legal Awareness Training

Mrs. Neelaveni, a senior advocate from Tuticorin and an advisor to SIVA Trust, trained the staff on legislations pertaining to women and children, and updated their knowledge on those topics.

Assistance to People with Disabilities

SIVA Trust continued its focused work for around 130 people with disabilities in 18 villages in the Melaneelithanallur and Manur blocks.

Our staff helped procure National Disability ID cards, pension, aids & appliances, rail/bus passes, and other available government schemes for the disabled by coordinating with the Tirunelveli District Differently abled Rehabilitation Officer. The direct beneficiaries from these programs are depicted in these pie-charts:

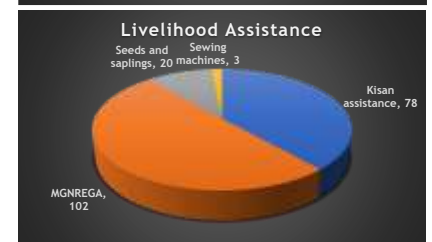


Infrastructure and Livelihood

On behalf of the Trust, petitions were submitted to officials to improve infrastructure in the Dalit inhabited streets of Vanniconendal and Devarkulam. As a result, the officials visited those areas and sanctioned a budget for improving living conditions.



The Trust's efforts culminated in accommodation and livelihood assistance for several villagers:



HEKS Project Activities

The Tribal People's Fellowship for Livelihood Resources (TPFLR) Society was formed in December 2019, with tribal representatives as office bearers. As Secretary of that Society, the SIVA Trust Managing Trustee continued to lead its activities during 2021-22 as well. The main goal during this phase was to establish market linkages for the agricultural products of the hill tribes and to continue to lobby for forest land rights.

The Society successfully enrolled 1549 members. Due to the pandemic, only 50 new individual titles for 20 hectares (Ha) could be distributed this year, bringing the total number to 6134 individual titles for 3584 Ha and 142 community titles for 101909 Ha, benefitting 7492 families.

Former TPFLR staff continued to work as volunteers in different hill ranges and provided the tribal people with survival and hygiene kits. They also helped them obtain community certificates, ration cards, Aadhar cards, and tribal welfare board membership cards.

A meeting with the Executive of the TPFLR was held on 21st Sept. 2021 to discuss future courses of action. Mr. G. C. Siluvai, former Country Head of HEKS-EPER participated and provided valuable guidance to the team.



Concluding Remarks

During the year 2021-22, SIVA Trust continued to make significant contributions to socio-economic, educational and health related activities in its project area, despite the pandemic-induced tumult. We have created the necessary infrastructure by way of recruitment and training of our staff, that will render our operations both scalable and sustainable. The Trust is excited to expand its geographical presence, as well as community outreach activities.

We solicit valuable suggestions, voluntary assistance and effective support from all sections of the community, and are committed to achieving our goal of creating a child exploitation-free environment in the areas where we operate.

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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT STATEMENT

Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2022

Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
General Fund			
As per last year	8071311.31	Fixed Assets :	
Add : Excess of Income Over Expenditure	320244.83	As per Schedule	4851207.00
	<u>7751066.48</u>	Current Assets :	
Add : Net Effect of Revolving Fund Closure	576818.50	Browsing Centre Advances	25000.00
	<u>8327884.98</u>	Sivasakthi Federation	2000.00
		TDS- Prakasapuram Coop Bank	4748.00
		FD Interest Receivable	89379.00
		TDS	9931.00
		Fixed Deposit - I	565275.00
		Fixed Deposit - II	<u>2000000.00</u>
Staff Welfare Fund			2696333.00
As Per Last Year			
			878590.98
			<u>8426130.98</u>

Place : Tirunelveli
Date : 26.08.2022



For Service Initiative for Voluntary Action Trust

(Signature)
Managing Trustee

" To be read with our report of even date annexed "

For ALWIN ERIC & CO.,

Chartered Accountants,

Firm's Regn No. 011294S

(Signature)
P. Alwin Eric
Proprietor

Membership No. 217071

UDIN : 22217071APYHAKW8280

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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT STATEMENT**Schedule for Receipt and Payment for the Year Ended 31st March 2022****Opening Balance****Local Fund**

Cash in Hand	937.00		
Cash at IOB, Kurudampalayam - 061601000070287	389258.00		
Axis Bank A/c No. 917010045947827	56004.00		
TMB, Palayamkottai A/c. 301253	2016240.80	2462439.80	

FCRA A/C

Cash in Hand	292.54		
Cash at Bank - IOB - 061601000020827	477059.14		
Cash at SBI, Palayamkottai A/c.No.10481948178	118542.33	595894.01	3058333.81

INCOME :**Other receipts**

F.D. Interest	55446.00		
Bank Interest Received	3377.00		
Income Tax Refund	4490.00	63313.00	

Local Fund Account - :

Contribution From Managing Trustee	4000.00		
Local Donation	73064.53		
Grant received from STdHF	815072.00		
Contribution for Star Health Insurance Premium	47571.00		
Children Of India Foundation Grant	150000.00		
Project Siksha Foundation Grant	25000.00		
Dhwani Foundation Grant	407500.00	1522207.53	

EXPENSES :**Administrative Expenses**

Audit Fees	15160.00		
Bank Charges	389.20		
Office Expense - Administration	109237.27		
Office Rent and Electricity	30422.00		
Fundraising Expenses	20399.00		
Part-time Accountant Salary	4400.00		
Printing & Stationery	2911.36		
Maintenance	18770.00		
Staff Review Meeting & Training	5441.00		
Staff health insurance	134465.00		
Staff Welfare Fund	48000.00		
Telephone and CUG charges	5087.00		
Travel	62843.10		
Vehicle insurance	43711.43	501,236.36	



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Managing Trustee