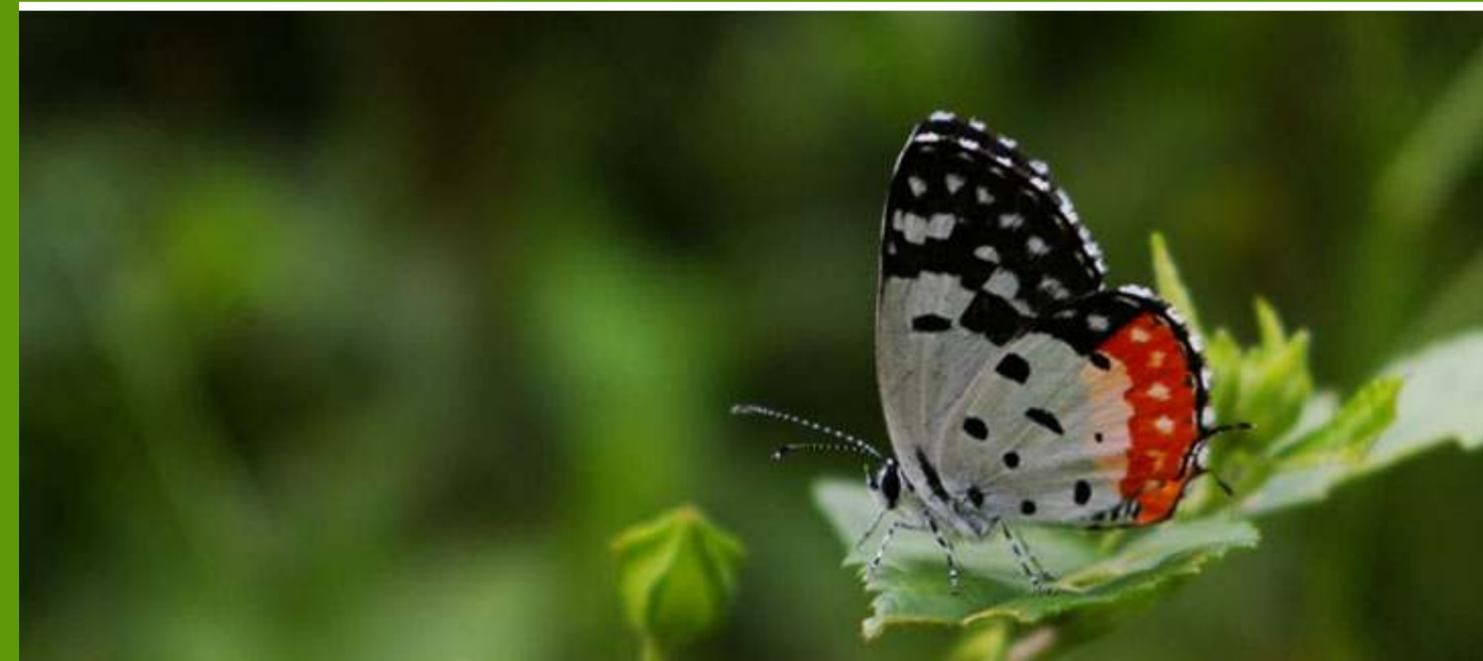




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## Annual Report



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### **My Note for my people**

I am happy to present this Silver Jubilee Annual Report. Peace Trust is crossing another significant phase – its 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Service to the community. During this period, we have crossed several milestones, happy moments and difficult. In the 25 years of developmental work, Peace Trust was founded for the purpose of ensuring human dignity, human welfare and human rights for the poorest, it has gone from strength to strength to spread its wings to include watershed development activities, environment education and protection, women empowerment programmes, child rights protection and enhancement programmes and for fishing community – rebuilding lives, etc.

In the last year too, we marched further ahead in our glorious path, guided by our founding vision. With some degree of pride, I can say that our interventions have succeeded in creating stable and better living conditions for the Tsunami affected families in Nagapattinum District. Our focus there was on creating permanent and safe living houses for the Tsunami affected people of the Seruthur Village of Nagapattinum district.

As an organisation committed to sustainable development and protection of environment, Peace Trust's contributed additional works on agriculture and watershed development works along with sustainable development and sustainable environment. For a country like India, sustainable agricultural development is not only the need of the hour to meet the food demands, but also a means to help achieve poverty reduction through economic growth. These factors are interrelated, and addressing one without the other would not yield desirable results. In the core of our commitment to environmental protection, the prime focus is on "Climate Change". Thus, before setting international benchmarks for tackling climate change, it is essential to create awareness at local level and strengthen mitigation methods towards arresting climate change. Since we strongly believe that traditional knowledge is dying and indigenous adoption methods are unknown, it is becoming acutely difficult to deal with issues arising out of climate change. Yet, it is still possible to protect our societies and communities from its impact to some extent. So we work hand in hand with Community Based Organisations (CBOs) drawn from 17 districts of Tamilnadu in implementing the strategies towards mitigating impacts of adverse climate change.

Just as we were focussing on these, there has been increasing demand for 33% reservation for women in the Indian parliament. Peace Trust too joins hands with this progressive demand. Besides moral support, Peace Trust has added substantial muscle to such demands by mobilising women in the Dindigul area to press for such 33/% reservation for women even at the local bodies during the electioneering phase of the last parliament elections. Although such campaigns are yet to see the fruits of their labour, they will surely end in victory and when the moment of victory comes, Peace Trust too can take credit for it. Throughout our journey the mass media has been an unshakeable ally, as all of our work has been highlighted in major newspapers and Televisions and Radio channels. Peace Trust's own Pasumai Community Radio has been an important source of strength in taking our messages far and wide in the Dindigul area. Media spotlights have helped

our target members. Especially the farmers and children community to bring out their unheard voices

particularly their wishes are kept in darkness and have been brought to limelight through our Pasumai Community Radio. An independent impact study about the Pasumai Community Radio has revealed to what a great extent Peace Trust has got into the minds of Dindigul People.

Personally I am touched by the troubles and tribulations of Srilankan Tamil Population. My deep-felt wish is that there may never be a war again in Sri Lanka. We all have to understand that we could never get back all the lives lost in the name of some political achievement.

With several successful and developmental achievements we are marching on our way to emerge as a people-oriented, learning organisation addressing the issues of the most disadvantaged people. At this juncture, I walk on holding hands with my colleagues with the firm faith that all those who stand by us will only do so more intensely.

### **OUR PROJECTS**

#### **I. Children Rights programme and Tsunami Housing Project**

- a. Strahlemann Peace Support Centre for Children affected by Tsunami
- b. Seruthur New life project
- c. Early Childhood care and support Programme
- d. Peace Industrial School

#### **II. Environment and Agriculture development Projects**

- a. Socio Economic Empowerment for marginalised farmers and landless families through integrated watershed development
- b. National Environment Awareness Campaign

#### **III. Women Empowerment Projects**

- a. Women Development projects
- b. Peace Production centre
- c. Peace Garments Unit

#### **VI. Youth Education and Development Programme**

- a. Peace College of Education
- b. Information sharing - Pasumai community radio.

#### **V. Health Project**

- a. Up gradation of medical equipments

## Strahlemann Peace Support Centre for Children affected by Tsunami

**Project Title :** Strahlemann Peace Support Centre for Children affected by Tsunami.

### Introduction Of The Project :

Strahlemann Peace Support center has been functioning for the relief and rehabilitation of Children affected in Nagapattinam District. The prime objective behind the center is to protect the children from abuses and exploitations and provide a platform to reside in a good shelter. Three years have passed and the centre is now rebuilding the lives of many children of the poor families and for the holistic development of the community.

**Donors :** Supporting Donor: KKS Stiftung – Germany

**Project Area :** Seruthur and Vailankanni village within two kilo meters.

**Target Group :** Tsunami affected children from Seruthur and Vailankanni village

### Goal and Objectives of the Project :

To safeguard the rights of children from abuse and economic exploitation and ensure safety through enhancing educational opportunities.

### Need of the Project / Project Purpose:

Five years have passed since Tsunami struck Tamil Nadu. Nagapattinam being the worst affected district, many residents had lost their innocent lives and among them the worst affected were children. Many children were orphaned at the sweep of the waves while others lost either of their parents or close relatives who contributed to their life sense of security. Girls are made to remain in their home to look after their siblings in the absence of their mothers. Many girls are forced to get married or suffered psychologically by their step fathers or mothers. Some children suffer by their drunken fathers who used to beat their mothers often. The consequences of problems created by Tsunami necessitated the need for a place to protect the children rights and rebuild their hopes to bring a bright future. The prime aim of the centre is to protect children from abuses and exploitations and to provide a place where they could get quality education and to build personalities to sustain themselves.

**Location Of The Project :** Vailankanni, TamilNadu, India.

### Project Description with Elaborate Project Activities:

The project activities comprise of :

1. Special coaching
2. Educational assistance
3. Health care

### Recreational facilities

1. Training programmes related to personality development (Creativity, Child rights, Disaster Preparedness, Coastal ecology, Vocational Skills, Career Guidance, Media advocacy).

### CARE IN THE HOME

Basically the home is meant for the Tsunami affected children. Now the conditions and norms for giving boarding is revised to admit others like single parent children, orphan children, children of step mother/father, etc. 20 children were accommodated in the hostel of the center and thus full boarding (accommodation, food, educational support, training programmes, support services etc.) is provided to all the children. All the boarding children go to school from the centre. There are also children coming only for tuition classes, and so totally there are 100 beneficiary children at this SPSC. Till April, the children stay in SPSC centre. In the month of May, boarding is closed, as it is vacation for the school children too. During the summer vacation special career development programmes, self development programmes and vocational classes had been conducted for all the SPSC children in batches.

During the month of June, to replace the passed out children of the centre, new admission was carried out in our SPSC center. Admission was carried out by assessing the real need, by proper field enquiries, and by filling up necessary registration forms. The situation before the child came into the centre is being recorded which will be useful to assess the development of the child in the centre periodically and to improve accordingly. Totally 100 children are benefited under the project of SPSC.

### Beneficiary Children List 2008:

Class	Team	Number of students		Total	Staff in charge of the students
		Boys	Girls		
VI		1	5	6	Mrs. Anthoniyammal
VII		1	3	4	
VIII		-	8	8	
IX	Yellow	9	18	27	D. Amudha
X	White	7	18	25	K. Sugumaran
XI	Green	4	14	18	J. Jaime
XII	Red	7	5	12	K. Pannerselvam
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100</b>	

The children follow the regular timings i.e. they arrive by 4.30 pm from the school and have their games, both indoor and outdoor games. Soon after games they refresh and have their snacks. From 5.45 pm to 7.30 pm they continue their education classes. Packed lunch is provided to the children to have their food in the afternoon. The food menu schedule was framed according to the interest of the children.

Every evening the children are involved in outdoor and indoor play activities. They play in

groups and choose games as they wish. During the sports time all the staff are with the children and play with them. Daily attendance of the students was strictly followed and the reason for absence will be noted and during the field visit, the reason will be clarified with the parents. Proper counseling and guidance will be given to the children to come daily to coaching class at SPSC. The drop out rate was decreased considerably when compared to the previous years. Regular field visit by the staff motivated the parents and also the children to attend the school regularly. The health worker regularly monitors the health of the children by providing simple tips related to health.

### **Education and Tuition classes**

SPSC children are given regular coaching during the tuition classes being conducted in the evening. The teachers follow the timetable and curriculum which they had prepared in advance. The staffs handle the subjects according to the timetable. Children clarify their doubts during tuition time.

During the month of April special attention was given on studies to make the children prepared for their exams. Students in the tenth and twelfth grades were given prior attention due to their government public examinations. During the exam period special advices and training programmes were also provided to these children. The academic performance of the children has considerably improved. 99% of the children belonging to X and XII grade had passed in the examinations, as clearly seen from the results published by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Our children belonging to XII grade had joined in engineering courses like Aeronautic, EEE and Civil with government quotas.

### **Educational assistance:**

The school started in the month of June and, as a part of our educational assistance, the school fees for the current academic year have been paid for 100 children in their respective schools. These payments include the admission fees and other special fees, which were paid at the admission or the first day of the new academic year. According to the education standards starting from standard VI to XII, the school note books were also distributed to all children of SPSC. The SPSC van is regularly used to transport children to and from the tuition classes. The van has been used during the summer camps also.

To overcome the existing economic burden, family support is provided by the Strahlemann Peace Support Center for the children affected by tsunami. Every month Rs. 300/- is being deposited in the name of children, which amount will be saved till the children complete the schooling and will be utilized for their higher education. During this academic year 44 children were given such support. The saving accounts passbook is maintained in the office. Of this amount Rs. 50/- is contributed by the parents every month, which decision was taken by the agency representatives in the parents meeting. Previously it was very difficult to collect the contribution from the parents. But later, through many sensitization programmes and discussions, the parents and guardians realized the importance of their contribution towards their children's development.

### **Health Programme**

The health worker Mrs. Anthoniyammal takes care of each and every child by monitoring their health regularly. She insists on the need of the child maintaining good health and hygiene. The health worker also makes frequent visits both to the Seruthur and to the Velankanni villages. She also meets the

parents of the children and insists upon the need for maintaining a healthy environment at the home and in the community.

On 10<sup>th</sup> August 2008, Medical camp on "Eye-check-up" was organised by Vinayaga Mission Medical College, Karikal. All the children participated in the medical camp and the Eye Specialist Dean suggested 25 children to have a further eye check up in the Vinayaga Mission hospital. The staff team decided to take the referred children to the mission to have further clarification and for better diagnosis. SPSC staff also participated in the medical camp and got benefited. In October 2008, as per the order of Nagapattinam collector, a medical camp was conducted for the boarding children and they gave the report that when compared to the other child care centres, the children in SPSC centre are healthier. We are maintaining separate records and monitoring tool kits for such medical camps and providing medical care for each child. This helps to improve the health status of all children systematically.

### **Cultural Training Courses**

In the months of April and May, summer camps were conducted for the children of SPSC. These kinds of bridge courses would facilitate higher education for the children and develop their extra-curricular skills. The following is the list of summer camps conducted for the children:

Sl.No	Name of the Camp	Person In-Charge
1.	How to draw in various materials and Drawing competition for SPSC children	Mr. Kennedy
2.	Explaining the other project activities of Peace Trust.	Ms. Sugirtha Bai, Coordinator
3.	About Child abuse Importance of child line	<b>Boys</b> Mr. Sugumar, Mr. Panneerselvam. <b>Girls</b> : Ms.Sugirtha, Ms. Amudha
4.	About Child abuse cum film on child abuse	Ms.Sugirtha Bai, Coordinator
5.	Environmental awareness	Mr. VarathaRajan
6.	Importance of herbal plants	Mr. Punnarselvam RMHP MD (TM) and Mr. Vetriazhagan
7.	Counselling training	Mr. Ramasamy
8.	Psychological training for children	Mr. Ravi and Mr. Kannan
9.	Psychological training for children	Mr. Ravi and Mr. Kannan
10.	Educational Tour Yarkadu and Okkenakkal and Kodiya karai	
11.	Puppet show Training programme	Save the Children
12.	Street play Programme at Seruthur	SPSC children

In the month of January the volunteers team had a visit to SPSC centre and among them a special "New Year and Pongal" celebration was carried out in our centre. The volunteers Nicola (19) and Mirjam (20) had finished their schooling and have decided to do a social work for six months in India. After their acclimatization phase in the KKID in Coimbatore, they started on the 18<sup>th</sup> of

September and had internship in Peace trust and stayed in the SPSC center for six months (September 2008 – February 2009). Special dance and elocution programmes were conducted by our SPSC children. The volunteers from Germany also gave special dance and song programme to our children. They were also involved in

- 1 Wall painting (ABC, Cartoons, Balloons)
- 2 SPSC song
- 3 Teaching English class (children, Seruthur people, Staff)
- 4 Teaching German class (Staff)
- 5 New Year Celebration
- 6 Help in the tuition
- 7 MDG Reports (about tsunami affected people, timetable of hostel life).
- 8 Teaching morning sports
- 9 Painting (playground, flower boxes)
- 10 Playing and be together with the children as often as possible

The two volunteers taught our SPSC children spoken English and also how to draw and paint on walls. Few results were also seen in the walls of our SPSC building. This helps the children to identify their drawing and painting skills. Volunteers also motivated our children on how to paint in the play materials and flower pots etc., and also taught new games and exercises to our children. All the children enjoyed and involved voluntarily in those activities.

In the month of February, on the last day of their internship the “Farewell day” was organised in our SPSC centre for the volunteers. The final day was an unforgettable day to the volunteers. They shared their views about the centre, staff, beneficiary group and about the relation with the children. They remembered the unforgettable moments in the SPSC centre. The children and the staff also shared their learning and also the moments that they enjoyed with the volunteers. The children enjoyed new learning methods, paintings, relating with foreigners, greater interest to learn new languages and growing with the centre's expectations

#### **Vocational Training Courses**

Vocational training in computer skills has been started for the SPSC children. Qualified staff was appointed for the vocational course. Special syllabus related to the diploma course in computer containing subjects Introduction about operating system, Micro Soft –Disk Operating System, Painting, Note pad, Word Pad, Ms-Word, Ms-Office, and Fox Pro with practical exercises was taught in batches. 83 Children in the standards IX to XII are benefiting from the computer vocational training.

#### **Project Monitoring:**

Regular weekly staff meeting is being held to review the SPSC activities and progress of the beneficiary children. The meeting also helps to make some constructive changes, which aid in carrying out SPSC programme effectively. Apart from the regular staff meeting, there are frequent visits from the head office – Chairman, Chief Project Coordinator and Chief Accountant - and there are visits from the Coordinating agency CEVA

and sometimes visits from the agency KKS to review and monitor the SPSC activities. These meetings and its reflections also help to assess the performance of the staff and to grow accordingly.

#### **Project Reporting and Documentation:**

The project documentation is in the form of written documents, reports, photographs and video films. The press news related to children, disaster, Environment, Child rights, Abuses and the SPSC news published in the dailies are documented and filed. Media plays a major role for disseminating the information to the wider public. Considering this, a special coverage on the SPSC programme initiated by the KKS was published in Tamil and English dailies. The news covered the existing activities of the SPSC and the prime need of the centre and its programme in that area. The children views and the centre's activities were recorded and broadcasted in the Pasumai community radio.

#### **Sustainability of the Project:**

The strategic planning to run the centre independently after five years is under plan. Converting the SPSC into a training and resource centre also helps for the sustainable functioning of the centre. Local contributions and people's participation has been highly concentrated. The increase in children's stipend and the parents' contribution towards that on the monthly basis are some of indicators which ensure the center's sustainability.

#### **Proposed Activities For The Year 2009 - 2010 :**

- 1 Concentrating on the development of each child and integrating him/her with the community.
- 2 Providing capacity building training programmes and skill training programmes for children (above 14 years) and parents.
- 3 Strengthening the parents group by forming a committee.
- 4 Formation of old students association



*SPSC children playing in the cent*

**Housing Project**  
**Seruthur New Life Project (SNLP)**

**Project Title:** Seruthur New Life Project Rehabilitation and Reconstruction programme in the Tsunami affected Seruthur Village.

**Introduction of the Project:**

Many national and Inter national organizations had come forward to protect the Tsunami affected families and children. Considerable efforts had been taken at governmental and non-governmental level to make them get over their trauma. Peace Trust has been functioning for the relief and rehabilitation of Children affected in Nagapattinam District. Considering that most of the children for the centre are from Vailankanni and Seruthur, it was collectively decided that shelter program can be extended to these people. After a detailed analysis, the area selected for the construction of the new shelter for Tsunami affected families was the Seruthur village in Nagapattinam District. Sixty six houses were planned to be constructed in Seruthur village. The construction of 66 houses paved the way for the community to live in a safe condition.

**Project Area:**

The project village is Seruthur which is placed within two kilo meters of the project office and is very close to the Velankani temple.

**Target Group:**

The people engaged in fishing and non – fishing of Seruthur village are the beneficiaries of this project.

**Donors:**

Supporting Donor: KKS Stiftung – Germany

**Goal and Objectives of the Project:**

Improving living conditions and enhancing peoples' developmental capacities in the Tsunami – affected Seruthur Village.

**Need of the Project / Project Purpose:**

The Tsunami has caused significant damage to the infrastructure that has badly affected the livelihood of fishermen communities. The Seruthur village is inhabited by the coastal fishing communities whose livelihood is basically fishing and allied occupations. During the Tsunami there were severe structural damages and much loss of lives and also most of the houses were washed away by Tsunami waves.

**Location of the Project:** Vailankanni, TamilNadu, India.

**Project Description with Elaborate Project Activities:**

The project activities comprise of:

- Infrastructure: house construction for 66 families and community infrastructure.
- Community mobilization and awareness raising programmes regarding health, hygiene, environmental protection and community development programmes.

**House construction:**

The land for the construction of 66 houses was given by the Serthur village Panchayat committee. To get the approval officially from the government, the documents were prepared and submitted to Nagapattinam District collector. Peace Trust also had received official land document from Government for the construction of 66 houses. In the month of May 2008 the MOU form, the formal land agreement document, was signed between Peace Trust and the Nagapattinam District collector, which was approved by the Tamil Nadu government.

After receiving the MOU approval from the government, tender notices were prepared by the team of Seruthur New life Project people. The tender notices for the construction of the 66 houses were published in the Dhinathandi news paper on 10.6.2008 in the districts of Dindigul and Trichy,

The land was cleared by the Seruthur Panchayat and the land allotment and measurement for each house was done by the government officials. After the land allotment work was carried out by the government authorities, land mapping and the blue print was developed for these 66 houses.

The construction of 66 permanent houses was carried out in two simultaneous phases. The first phase covered 36 houses, and in the second phase 30 houses were built. Some infrastructural developments like laying the road, installing waste disposal bins, constructing septic tanks, etc. were also taken care of through the project. Meanwhile, the people participated in house construction, monitoring the quality of materials, routing water connection and getting individual water tap connections. The sitting ward members of Seruthur Panchayat planted saplings around the new houses.



## **I. Community Programme Report:**

On Tuesdays and Fridays, special community programmes on specific topics will be organized at the community level.

### **1. Inauguration of Community Awareness programme**

Inauguration of Seruthur Community programme started on 22.7.2008, at Seruthur community hall. All the Seruthur project staff, panchayat committee members and common people were present for the special inauguration programme.

The main aim of the “Seruthur New Life Project” is to provide new life to the Seruthur people both economically and socially. Now there are lots of opportunities available to the Seruthur people to improve their economical status through Government schemes and the net working programmes of Non Governmental Organisations. The “Seruthur New Life Project” aims to develop the Seruthur village by adopting that village, providing community awareness and development programmes and by integrating the activities with the mainstream.

The chief project coordinator, Ms.Uma Maheswari explained the activities carried out by Peace Trust in and around Nagapattinam District. She remembered the construction of 25 permanent Tsunami houses in Vellapallam through Peace Trust and also the construction of ten Integrated Child Development centres in ten villages of Nagapattinam District to enhance better services of Balwadi centres. SPSC project, its objectives and activities were also explained to the community. She also insisted upon the concept of Income Generation Programmes like processing of dry fish, producing grocery items for sale, fishing-related IGP which will help families to be self reliant. The unity, cooperation and

participation in the “Seruthur New Life Project” on the part of the village leadership was highly appreciated and welcomed.

Seruthur Panchayat member Mr. S. Subramaniyan and Mr. S. Kupuraj, thanked Peace Trust and the KKS for constructing 66 houses for Seruthur village and also thanked the SPSC team for motivating children for getting high marks and also for enabling one to get school first in Std X public examinations. They expressed their interest of Income Generation Programme relating to their traditional occupation which will help the villagers to improve their living conditions.

Mrs. Anthoniammal, community health worker, gave vote of thanks and she informed the gathering about the proposed community and health awareness programme for the next one year.

### **2. Herbal planting and home gardening**

This programme was started by Dr. Pannerselvam ICF, who gave the message on the importance of having herbal plants in the kitchen gardens. He suggested the community members to dig pits for the

garbage/ domestic waste, and that soil will help to grow plants in a good condition. In the coastal area the most prevalent disease are jaundice, skin diseases and ulcer. Most of the people are easily affected by these diseases. In order to prevent these diseases, herbal medicines will help better and have no side effects and these are also generally found in our living places. Some beauty tips with the herbal plants were also given to the community members.

### **3. Role of parents in children's' education:**

Mr. Jeganathan, (Sarva Shikshya Abyian – Education to all) SSA was invited for this special programme. The programme stressed the importance of education for parents because most of the parents in Seruthur village had no formal schooling. Moreover due to economic burden, they started sending their adolescent children for work as daily wage earners and keep the girl children to stay at home to take care of the younger ones in the absence of the parents. So imparting education to the community is the need of the hour. Mr. Jeganathan explained the importance of education to the community in a way they could easily understand. Education is the real weapon to fight against all difficulties in life. So the growing generation should be educated to educate the world. The welcome address and the thanks giving address were given by the Seruthur project staff.

### **4. Community Awareness programme on Migration:**

The community awareness programme is based on the migration issues - migrant worker in and around Tamilnadu. The migration message was presented by Ms. Sugirtha Bai, Project Coordinator, and the message was on ways of protecting the migrant labourers from labour violations. The session explained information on the mandatory documents and the Government action in safeguarding the migrant labourers, labour violations like long working hours, improper staying place, work order manipulation etc. Most of the time, the unregistered agencies will claim more money and finally they keep the person as a slave and a bonded labourer. Such a horrible condition can be prevented only by the individuals being aware of such recruiting agencies. This kind of information was provided to the people to be aware of the foreign jobs and to get to know more about the recruiting agencies.

### **5. Community Awareness programme on Child Labour:**

The community awareness programme based on child labour was conducted in Seruthur in order to prevent child labour in the society. One of the main objectives of Peace Trust is to prevent child labourers in and around Tamil Nadu. Peace Trust was recognized with awards for eradicating Child labour in the society. Quoting the experiences and briefing the importance of child education, the project staff explained the community people to send their children to school and educate them till their higher education. This helped the community to develop and direct their children towards quality education and well organised life for the future development of the family.

### **6. Community Awareness programme on differently abled in the society:**

The community programme was arranged to give awareness on disability and to brief the preventive measures of disability in the society. The background for organising such programme is that there are nearly 10 – 15 differently abled people living in the Seruthur community. Some are

severely affected by polio attack. So the programme helped them to have the knowledge on disability. It was insisted upon that one of the ways of preventing such diseases is by giving polio drops. It was also clarified that safe living with hygienic environment also helps them to prevent some chronic diseases. The programme also helped the community in realising the importance of in taking fresh vegetables in their daily food which will help them to build their immune system.

#### **7. Community Awareness programme on imparting education to the Society:**

A few years ago, education was given only to the selected community. But now the times have changed and the education and knowledge are the two sides of a coin. After the Independence of India, education had become common to all the people. Till the age of fifteen years they have to learn all the science subjects and after that they can select their own optional studies and they can develop their educational qualification. Not only formal education but job oriented education such as handicrafts and technical education will help the youth to sustain themselves. The objective of the training programme is that people should be aware of these technicalities and importance of building various knowledge inputs and try to use them effectively.

#### **8. Effects of usages of plastics:**

The community programme on effects of usage of plastic was described to the community by Ms. Sivashankari through video clippings. She explained that the wastes can be classified into organic waste and inorganic waste. The waste from living things, and which are decomposable are organic wastes and the waste which are not decomposable are inorganic wastes. The organic waste from animals can be used as manure and help as an ecological developer, but the inorganic wastes create damages to the environment. Among the inorganic wastes, plastic makes more damage to the environment. The plastic bags are not degradable and over time they break down into smaller, more toxic petro-polymers. So the effects of these materials on wild life and environment are high. Nearly 200 different species of sea life including whales and dolphins are dying due to polythene bags being used. The final conclusion is to make India free from plastics and polythene bags and to use paper bags and decomposable materials.

#### **9. Community awareness programme on ways of solving basic problems in day-to-day life:**

In the small villages, people are not aware of social issues, but are sensitive and so even small problems will create too much of trouble in the society. The joint family system has gone and nuclear family system is growing up. This is one of the main reasons that small problems are not able to resolve within the family. The elder ones of the family are no longer considered as assets of the family but are burdens. So getting the knowledge of elders is one important thing to solve the problem. The village panchayat members are great community assets, who will resolve the major village problems. The innocence and ignorance may cause huge problems which can be rectified only through education and awareness training programmes.

#### **10. Community Awareness programme on imparting knowledge on vocational course to adolescents:**

Now-a-days, all the youth, boys and girls, give importance only to their educational curriculum.

So the community programme was arranged to impart knowledge on the importance of extra-curricular activities like getting knowledge on IT, nursing, catering, tailoring and other art work courses. Such types of courses are available in all the government education centres and also in part time study centres. The vocational courses not only provide additional knowledge to the person but also help to earn and to be self sustained. The resource person from OFFER NGO explained the various courses presently available to the youth (boys and girls) to educate themselves.

#### **11. Community Awareness programme on immigration to cities:**

The rural community people should realize that they have many resources around and they should try to develop their economic situation by using these resources, instead of going to cities for new jobs which are not known to them. After the training programme, the participants came out saying that they will strive to work for their rural community's development instead of resorting to urban migration.

#### **12. Community Awareness programme on Improving Seashore area:**

Imparting knowledge on seashore is important to the community. The sea is the main source of income which gives food and life to the community. So they have to know about the importance of keeping the sea and its resources very clean and with more value. Most of the time, the unwanted waste water is mixing with the sea water and the garbages are also mixing with the sea water which keeps the sea water dirty which ultimately spoils the sea resources. Mostly the plastic wastages cause a great damage to the sea water. The Tamilnadu government is taking lot of steps to prevent pollution in these coastal areas and it is also our responsibility to participate and cooperate with them and make a necessary follow up. The message of the programme is that this helps us to safeguard our own resources and environment.

#### **13. Community Awareness programme on Dec – 1st - World Aids –day Programme:**

AIDS awareness programme was conducted in the Seruthur community hall. Nearly 60 people participated in the programme. Mr. Sugumaran explained the causes of AIDS, effects, data of the affected and infected people, districts where there are highest rate of the disease etc. The Government and the Non-Government Organisations are trying to impart knowledge on AIDS among the lay people to safeguard the individual and the community. He explained the causes of HIV disease and the ways of preventing AIDS. He also explained the preventive and curative methods. The social inclination about this disease is explained and so the community acceptance; social and psychological support needed is insisted upon.

#### **14. Community Awareness programme on Self-Help Group:**

The Self Help Group concept came in for the development of women. This SHG helps the village people who are living below the poverty line to improve their living standards in a better way. Rules and regulations of SHG, concept of women group, Bank linkages, loan and repayments are explained to motivate the fisherwomen to form a group. Moreover, for the fisherman community there are some provisions from the government which should be routed effectively through SHG. So it was

decided to start SHG group which helps women to be empowered and also to develop their society. This message was elaborated by Mr. Vinayagam, Assistant Project Officer, Tamilnadu Women Development Corporation, Nagai District.

#### **15. Community Awareness programme on polio:**

The polio attack is one of the dangerous diseases among the children in the community which would be prevented through the polio drops. Through a government programme, during the month of December and January, the polio drops are provided to all the children as a preventive measure. This should be performed with much care and perfection, to safeguard each and every child from the polio attack. Family members should take responsibility to give proper medicine to their children to prevent this crucial disease.

#### **II. Health Awareness Programmes :**

a. Health awareness programmes are conducted weekly in Seruthur village to make the people aware of their own health, hygiene, clean environment, healthy food varieties, awareness on diseases, coastal diseases, health vulnerabilities, problems of adolescence, etc. Health and hygiene includes two concepts like keeping their own body clean and keeping their environment clean, which help them to prevent dangerous diseases. She also instructed the parents on the importance of providing healthy foods, because in Seruthur village all the people like to have only fish and are neglecting green leaves and vegetables in their daily food. So most of the children have deficiency in vitamins and minerals and this leads to poor eye sight and chronic anaemia when they grow to teen-age. So our health worker instructed them to take green leaves like drumstick leaves and other green leaves in their daily food. She also asked them to help in keeping the environment clean and described measures to start a kitchen garden. Most of the community representatives agreed to start kitchen garden in their own house.

The special guest Mr. Jaganathan imparted knowledge on importance of balanced diet and also about iron and vitamins needed for the adolescents, pregnant and lactating mothers. Regular health checkups among these groups are highly stressed. The documentary film showed the importance of taking iron rich food during the pregnant and lactating period. This helps to improve not only the mother's health but also the new generation's health. The first aid awareness and preparatory training programme was organized. First aid is given to persons when an individual is not able to do anything by himself/herself. First aid knowledge is important to save persons and to prevent him/her from further injury. Moreover the health centre is placed one km away and so the knowledge on first aid methods will help the community in a great way.

The social film on drug addiction and its ill effects is being telecast for the Seruthur people. In Seruthur village, we could see almost all people consuming alcohol. The film shows how a drug addicted family is being starved and their children becoming labourers and totally rejected in the society. The men in the family spent all his earnings only for getting drugs. The women in the family alone could not manage the poor big family. So the child is not able to continue the education; girls are being married at young age to an old man, the women are being widowed at young age, etc. Ultimately, the peace in the family will be destroyed because of drug. So the message is that the consumption of drugs and alcohol should be strictly prohibited.

#### **Project Monitoring:**

Regular staff meeting is being held to review the progress of house construction and the community awareness programmes. The consecutive meetings by the Project head (Mr. J.Paul Baskar), chief project coordinator (Mrs. N.Uma Maheswari), chief accountant (Mrs.Jeya Thoms), visit from the coordinating agencies (Mrs. Bidhu Mathew, Ms. Liya, Fr. Joy CEVA) and visit from funding agency (Dr. Sigirid Maurer) helps to improve the project activities now and then helps to implement the project effectively. The regular staff meeting and its reflections also help to assess the performance of the staff and provide adequate input.

#### **Sustainability of the Project:**

On reviewing the performance and response of the project activities, the project has been extended to 2013.

#### **Achievements of the Project:**

- ❖ Completed 66 standard permanent shelters for the selected village.
- ❖ Conducted approximately 20 community and health awareness training programmes.

#### **Proposed Activities For The Year 2009 -2010:**

- Construction of 50 more permanent shelters for the same project village.
- Starting new SHG groups.
- Motivating community for more Income Generating Programmes.
- Developing the whole Seruthur village by integrating the community awareness and social developmental schemes.

#### **Strengthening the Quality of ECCD Services in 10 Tsunami Affected Villages in Nagapattinam District of Tamil Nadu.**

The welfare of children is the first priority on the country's development agenda, not only because they are the most vulnerable, but also because they are our supreme assets and the future human resource of the country. Early Childhood Care for Development (the first six years) constitutes the most crucial period in life. Child development should have balanced linkages between education, growing environment, health, and nutrition. The programme covers 10 villages in 3 blocks of Nagapattinam District in Tsunami affected areas. It is a continuation of the earlier project namely, "Restoring Childhood for 0 - 5 years children affected by Tsunami in 10 villages namely Velankanni, Kalathidalkarai, Panagadi, Odacheri, Manakkudi, Umbalacheri, Settupulam, Sembodai, Thopputhurai and Kodiakadu in 3 blocks of Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu for improved access to ICDS services" for the year 2007-2008.

#### **Objectives of the project:**

\_\_\_To achieve the universalisation of ECCD services.

\_\_\_To ensure that all eligible children have access to ECCD services.

\_\_\_To improve the quality of the ICDS programme and health services. (With special reference to maternal and child health)

\_\_\_To strengthen and improve the level and Nature of Community involvement in the functioning of ECCD services.

#### **Need of the Project:**

Tamil Nadu is considered the best among the states having ICDS centres. But the working condition of the centres in Tamil Nadu is not up to the desired level. The centres function in places where there is no proper infrastructure. Especially in Nagapattinam District after the Tsunami, the ICDS centres in the villages were more affected and the functioning of ICDS centres turned worse. The Peace Trust, joining hands with Save the Children, constructed and gifted 10 Child friendly ICDS centres in these Tsunami affected villages. But still the functioning of the centers was not proper due to lack of awareness among the people and the lack of knowledge of ICDS workers and helpers. So the, ECCD project was framed to improve the functioning of the ICDS centres by increasing the awareness level of the community and the knowledge level of ICDS workers.

#### **Location of the project:**

Location of the Project office : Vailankanni, Nagapattinam (Dt).

#### **Target Group:**

The direct beneficiaries of this project are pregnant women, lactating mothers, children below the age of 6 yrs, parents of ICDS children, adolescents and ICDS teachers and helpers.

#### **Updating of base line survey and identifying the eligible children - data base creation:**

Even though the base line data was available for this project through the earlier project, it was necessary to update the data for the new project proceedings, as the base line data is the very basis for all the activities under the project. A questionnaire was prepared, the data was collected by door to door visit, and the data was consolidated and updated according to the Save the Children format.

#### **Enrollment Campaign:**

In order to impart Early Childhood Care and Education to parents, children and other members of the community, an enrolment campaign was arranged. This campaign was organized at the beginning of the project in such a way as to ensure the enrolment in ICDS centers and at schools too.

#### **Strategies used:**

The strategy used was Auto Campaign, Pamphlet distribution and giving awareness to the 4 groups (Village Level Monitoring Committee [VLMC], Parents, Pregnant women and Lactating

mothers and Adolescents and Children).

#### **Awareness Programme:**

The VLMC members were given awareness on the importance of this activity and were taken as volunteers. As for the parents group, the parents were asked to send their children to ICDS centres and to the schools. As for the Pregnant and Lactating mothers, they were explained about the role of ICDS centres and they were asked to utilize the services. As for the Adolescent and Children group, they were explained the importance of education and asked to continue their education without discontinuing.

#### **Impact:**

The children's enrollment in the ICDS Centers and Schools increased.

#### **Teachers' training / helpers training:**

The teachers' training/helpers' training programme was arranged for two days. This training programme was proposed for the teachers and helpers of the ICDS centres in the project and neighbouring villages. We had already built 10 ICDS centers in 10 villages from the earlier project with child friendly facilities. So this programme insisted on the different issues covering better utilization of various resources of the centre.

#### **Training Programme:**

In these two days, the teachers were explained about the importance of Mother and Child, Child Development; Relationship between Mother and Child and Teacher and Child; Health and Nutrition for mother and child; Detailed description about HIV/AIDS; Child and Mother Oriented schemes from both Central and State government; Relationship between ICDS teachers and VHN (Village Health Nurse) in performing their functions and to get people's cooperation; Importance of Record Maintenance; Role of ICDS teachers with regard to Village Health and Nutrition concern [group strengthening]; Enrolment of children in ICDS centre [Target Achievement]; Play way method of teaching; Self monitoring and Action Plan.

#### **Impact:**

In the last session, the teachers prepared their action plan which they would implement in their ICDS centres and villages. Training programme for ICDS Teachers was conducted for two days.

#### **Health and Nutrition training to pregnant women**

The Health and Nutrition training to pregnant women and lactating mothers was a special programme for pregnant women and lactating mothers beyond the regular "Training to Pregnant women and lactating mothers' programme. This training is mainly to explore personal hygiene, issues of health, early childhood care, child protection, breast feeding, importance of girl child health and nutrition, etc...

**Training Programme:**

The training contains the following topics as their sessions: what is puberty, what is pregnancy, menstrual cycle, conception or fertilization; Eligibility to become pregnant, Pregnancy confirmation tests, Immunization, Stages of Child Development, Foetus Development Stages, Regular medical check-ups, Pregnancy risks, Stress-free attitude, Nutrition a concern over Indian Women, Delivery (delivery date calculation), Child Care after delivery, Anti natal care and Pre natal Care, why PNC is important, Neo natal death and IMR, Measures to be taken immediately after delivery, Colostrums feeding, Feeding methods – Good and Bad, Structure and type of Breast, Breast Milk secretion, Reason for milk secretion reduction, Problems in Breast Feeding, Nutrition intake of Lactating mothers, Capacity of child intake of food, Growth of child, Immunisation, Nutritional Need, HIV/AIDS and Health aspects of Child Development like mental health.

**Impact:**

The Participants were clear about the Care which they want to take during Pregnancy and after Pregnancy period. They also shared their learning during the monthly Pregnant and lactating mothers training programme at field level. The Pregnant and Lactating mothers were given photocopies of different handbooks like Pennea keal, Thaipal, Thaiyum seyum and Thai.

**Exposure visit to the ICDS workers:**

The exposure visit to ICDS workers from 10 centres was arranged because the exposure to other field sites will help the ICDS members to have a different look on their perspective and try to evolve innovative techniques for the betterment of the child and ICDS functioning. It was planned to visit the Balwadi run by lead NGO, Cuddalore. The villages were Puthangatti, Lenin Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar and Nadhan Nagar. Here the lead NGO runs the Balwadi centers on their own resources and they were about to handover the centers to the Government ICDS project itself.

**Exposed to:**

The teachers were demonstrated and exposed to different activities like Data/Record Maintenance, Food Provided to the Children, Health care given to the children, Problems faced before and after centre establishment and its solution, Group Meeting conducted by them and Play way method adopted by them to educate the children.

The coordinator and other staff shared their experience and elaborate discussion was arranged to clear the doubts on the services of ICDS centers. The doubts were cleared. They demonstrated the ways of conducting the meeting, educating the children by Play way method, record and data maintenance, problems they faced before and after establishing the center, the steps undergone to bring children enrolment to the center and the methods used to make children to learn disciplinary activities.

**Impact:**

A feedback was collected from each teacher about their learning. They reflected that they learnt

how to update the record and data maintenance, how to bring disciplinary activities among children, how to utilize the available resources better, how to achieve the target of enrolling all children to the center, how to bring cooperation with the public, etc.... The exposure visit really brought a change in the attitude of the ICDS teachers.

**Life skill Training to adolescent girls and boys:**

As children were the main focus of this project, the Life Skill Training was planned. This training was to educate life skill methods, strengthening personal competencies and capacities through personality enhancement programmes (Goal setting, stress management, communication skills, leadership skills, self awareness, motivation skills, health and nutrition etc.) among the adolescent children. In order to reach maximum number of Adolescents girls and boys, the training programme was arranged at the ICDS centers of each village namely Panangadi, Manakudi, Umbalacherry, Sembodai and Thopputhurai. The training is more participatory and ICDS is considered as the resource centre of the village. Mr. Daniel, Save the Children, was called as Resource Person for these training sessions. The training was conducted using various strategies such as motivation, games, story telling, group discussion, case studies, mapping, drawing, open interaction to teach the concept of Life skill.

**Impact:**

The children in all the five villages participated interestingly. They participated in the interaction, group discussion, playing and story telling and showed their talents. They expressed the kind of training was new to them and it gave opportunity to think about themselves and to develop various skills. The training was good and children participated in sharing their views and learnt on life skill with interest and promised to follow the learnt techniques. Besides the life Skill they also learnt about Child Rights and Child Protection. The children become familiar about Life Skill Techniques.

**Training to Pregnant women / lactating mothers**

The training to pregnant women and lactating mothers was to train them on health issues, medical assistance which they need during ANC and PNC, nutritious food in take, mode of Immunization, etc. In order to carry out this, the members were formed into groups and trainings were given to them on every month under different topics.

They were trained on the Immunization taken during ANC and PNC, Medical check up taken during ANC, Immunization taken for child, nutritious food for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children, special care for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children, diseases, government schemes and HIV/AIDS etc...

**Impact:**

The pregnant women and lactating mothers were aware about ANC and PNC and they realized the importance of ICDS centre and its functioning and how they could utilize the centres services.

**Pulse polio immunization camp:**

The Pulse Polio Immunization Camp was organized by Government of Tamil Nadu on days

[21.12.2008 and 01.02.2009]. Peace Trust's animators went to all places with government staff to announce about the Camp and to give awareness about the importance of Pulse polio Immunization camp.

The importance of this camp was explained to the group members during the regular training. In addition to that, animators were given training to participate in the camp. They were trained on record maintenance, Polio expiry checking, Finding of Missing children from serving polio drops, serving Polio drops, etc...

The animators of PEACE TRUST are treated as volunteers for the Polio camp by the Government staff (VHN), and this networking provided the community better services.

### ***Breast feeding week campaign***

The Breast feeding Day is August 1<sup>st</sup>. That week was celebrated as Breast Feeding week. One special lecture programme to the pregnant women, Lactating mothers, and adolescents was arranged on that day. Posters Distribution and awareness creation among the group members were also carried out. The resource person, Mrs. Antoniammal, Health Worker explained about the importance of Breast Feeding, Colostrums feeding, structures of breast, problem faced while feeding the baby, how working women can feed a baby, what we can do if the milk secretion reduces or increases, etc... Two posters on the importance of breast feeding and birth and death registration were distributed to all target villages, ICDS centres, Schools, health centers, Public buildings, etc...

#### ***Impact:***

Representatives from each village come to know about the importance of breast milk and Colostrums and they shared their knowledge gained in the awareness programmes conducted at the field level.

### ***Children's day***

November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day and that week is celebrated as 'the children's right to participation week. The programme was celebrated in government schools by conducting various competitions for the children and by distributing gifts and sweets to all. In order to insist on 'the right of child to participate' all the children were encouraged to participate in the competition and were distributed with gifts and sweets. There was full participation among children. Even slow learning children and differentially abled children are motivated as per their abilities. This method of encouragement was appreciated by the school teachers and they resolved to follow the same methodology during their events.

#### ***Impact:***

The children were motivated to participate in all the competitions. Children's Day celebration gave emphasis on importance of Children's views and thoughts and the right of child to participate. The theme was better understood not only by the children but also by the elders.

### ***Training to Village Level Monitoring Committees***

The training to Village Level Monitoring Committees was a programme given to strengthen ICDS functions, to monitor the ICDS services, to improve the functioning of ICDS centres and to solve the problems in the functioning of the ICDS centres.

*VLMC group* consists of 2 equal members from different groups such as pregnant and lactating mothers, adolescent and children group, parents group and CBO. Every month the members of VLMC will discuss about the problems faced by the ICDS center, demerits and merits found in ICDS center, solutions to solve the problems, suggestions to improve the functioning, etc.,

#### ***Impact:***

The VLMC members were aware about the importance of ICDS centre and its functioning and how they could best utilize the centres and other Government facilities and Schemes.

### ***Training to parents***

This programme was planned to train the parents on how to educate and to take care of their children. The members of this programme were the parents of the ICDS centre's children and the parents of Formal child care centre's children. This group was formed and they were given training every month on different stages of Child Development. They also discuss the difference in child's attitude, the care given in the centre and the functioning of the center. These groups note down the problems of ICDS and they immediately approach the VLMC group and collectively resolve the problem.

#### ***Impact:***

The parent's group members were aware about the importance of ICDS centre and its functioning and how they could utilize of the services of the centres and other Government facilities and Schemes.

### ***Orientation to CBOs***

Orientation to CBOs was an essential programme which helps to improve the functioning of the ICDS centre, to make people aware about the importance of the ICDS centre, to utilise the services by regular monitoring and CBO role in awakening the people.

The sessions under this programme were about Introduction about Mother and Child, Childhood, Child Rights, Child Protection, Problem identification, care and protection of parents, Who are CBOs, what is their role in community, Their role in monitoring the ICDS centre and in functioning of ICDS centre and their role in community in participating the social activities of the society.

#### ***Impact:***

The CBOs were aware about the Importance of ICDS centre and they came to know how they can mobilise the government facilities and the government schemes and policies.

### ***Sensitisation workshop for PRI members***

Panchayat Raj Institution members are very essential members of the community in implementing the Government Schemes and various other schemes and also they were part of VLMC members. The Panchayat members from each village were asked to participate. The following matters were discussed in this training: About the organisation/about the project activity, Purpose of the training/ Objective of the training, Roles and responsibility of PRI members, Functions of local bodies/CBOs (SHG, Youth clubs and other mechanisms), Local network with government officials, Sustainability, Feed back and Action Plan.

**Impact:**

The PRI members were aware about importance of ICDS Centre, related government schemes and welfare measures.

The project ended on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. The awareness level among the villagers has improved, the enrollment in the center has attained the target level, the utilisation of ICDS centre has been improved etc., and thus the Project has attained its objectives.

**PEACE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL**

**1. Introduction:**

Peace Trust being socially sensitive to child rights and labour rights realized the necessity of formal and non-formal education and technical training to the teenagers who are not able to continue their regular schooling. Peace Industrial School tries to fill the gap between formal and non-formal education through this kind of technical education with the support of Indiska Magasinet, Sweden. Technical education in the field of computer, tailoring, electrical and other related trades are provided with more practical exposures and these trades are now recognized by the Government too. Within a year, the rural youth are trained not only towards technical training course but also in personality and social development programmes.

**2. Objectives:**

- To equip the students with job-oriented technical and vocational skills
- To organise capacity building programmes to improve the knowledge, aptitude and skills of the students.
- To encourage students to participate in the extracurricular activities in order to bring about a holistic development among the students.
- To facilitate the availability of job opportunities to the trained youth.
- To motivate students with special emphasis on social and economic upliftment.
- To make every rural youth of the school to be self-sustaining and self-reliant.

**1. Activities and outputs:**

During the first week of July, the admission work was carried out for the year 2008-09 by the ITI

administrative staff. Other staff involved themselves in identifying the economically poorer students by contacting Head Masters/ Head Mistresses of the High Schools and going to the rural areas around Dindigul and Vedachanthur to provide awareness on the facility of our technical education we provide to the rural poor students. Instructors contacted all the Schools and NGOs in their respective areas to maximize the number of admissions for the academic year 2008 -2009. As expected, the total number of the students went up from 40 to 79.

**3.1 Courses offered and number of students admitted during the academic year 2008-09:**

<b><u>Name of Trades</u></b>	<b><u>No. of students</u></b>
1. Electrical technician	18
2. Computer Software Programming	13
3. Computer Software and Hardware Maintenance	12
4. Cutting and Tailoring	9
5. Embroidery and Needle Work	14
6. Technical Teacher Training Certificate	13
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Total no. of students admitted	79
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**3.2 Academic Activities:**

Proficient and qualified instructors were appointed in all trades for proper coaching and training to the students. Before starting the course, there was a Staff Meeting in the Peace Trust Head Office to orient the staff towards better teaching and guiding techniques, Annual Calendar preparation, personality development programmes and other special programmes like seminars, essay competition, elocution, F.M./ T.V. Programs, spoken English class, Yoga and Meditation Courses, Educational Visits, Shramadan, Eco-friendly awareness programmes, sports activities etc. for the students.

The reopening of School for the year 2008-09 was held on 21.07.08. The newly admitted students gathered for the meeting with their parents. The Principal gave general instructions to the new students on school discipline, code of conduct, regular attendance and being attentive to education, knowledge and skill development.

**Monthly Tests:**

Monthly tests for all trades were conducted on 28.8.08, 29.8.08, 25.9.08, 26.9.08, 23.10.08, 24.10.08, 6.11.08, 7.11.08, 27.11.08, 28.11.08 18.12.08, 19.12.08, 28.1.09 and 29.1.09 during the academic period to improve the performance of the students. Again in the month of December, monthly tests on Theory and Practical were conducted for all the students on 18.12.08 and 19.12.08 respectively. These tests were designed in such a manner that the students would be prepared for the final examinations without any fear and hesitation.

**Special Exams:**

During the first week of the month, i.e on 4.4.08, before the starting of above functions, the model exam (external exam) was conducted for computer class (DPCA and CSP) students by the staff of MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Sempatty, to test and to improve their computer knowledge.

### **Revision Tests:**

The first revision tests on theory and practical for all trades were conducted on 12-05-2008, as instructed by the Regional Joint Director, Employment of Training Department, Madurai, in his letter RC.No.1021/E/2007 dated 30-4-2008. Soon after the tests, trade wise students' mark list for both theory and practical had to be prepared and to be sent to the RJD, Madurai in the prescribed format. At the same time, the second revision tests for all trades were conducted on 26-5-2008, as per the instructions of the RJD, Madurai in his letter RC.No.1021/E/2007 dated 30-4-2008. The revision tests covering all subject syllabuses were conducted on 9-6-2008 and 10-6-2008 for all trades on theory and practical respectively as per the instructions of the RJD,

### **Public Exam:**

The month of June is fully occupied with the exam mood. Thus the students are motivated towards exam preparation and tips for taking up the public examination. The public exam for T.T.C trade commenced from 20.6.08. All the (17) students have attended the exam at the exam centre, Government ITI, Dindigul for theory starting from 20.6.08 to 25.6.08, and for practical at Peace Industrial School centre from 26.6.08 to 30.6.08.

The public exam was held on 26.6.08 and 27.6.08 for theory at Government ITI center, Dindigul, and practical at Peace Industrial School centre for all other trades (ET, CSP, DPCA, CandT and EMB). After completion of all public exams, the students were given warm send-off meeting with memorable presentations by the principal who wished them all success.

### **3.3. Special capacity building programmes and Seminars: Job opportunities - Gulf countries**

A Seminar on job opportunities abroad, especially in Gulf countries, has been organized in the month of August to enlighten the Teachers of Peace Industrial School. The Chairman narrated the nature of job placements both in India and Abroad. He stressed that students must boost up their skills and develop broad outlook particularly in communication.

The Chief Guest Mrs. Shantha Maria Jones explained the demand for teaching profession abroad, particularly in gulf countries. She expected all TTC students to reveal themselves assertively as teachers, as they are producing Engineers, Doctors, Scientists and scholars by shaping the students. Further she explained the nature of school functioning, type of recruitment, salary, payments and other school welfare schemes in gulf countries. She added that hard work, perseverance and self-confidence are essential to transform dreams into reality and reach the pinnacle of career.

This seminar has really stimulated enthusiasm among the audience on strengthening their will power and personal skills to suit the demand of placements abroad.

### **Banking Services – an orientation speech:**

A Seminar on banking services was organised on 22.8.08 to promote the students' knowledge of bank activities, particularly about Axis bank, in the very presence of the Chairman, Peace Trust and the

Principal, Peace Industrial School.

The Chairman, Peace Trust, in his presidential address described the actual performances of nationalized banks as well as private banks. He explained that all categories of banks should be welfare-oriented and cater to the very need of the common lay man. The Chief Guest, Mr. Joseph Edwin, Assistant Vice-President and Bank Head, Axis Bank, Dindigul branch delivered a special lecture on the various functions and activities of Axis Bank. He asserted that banks should play a vital role in bringing about the country's economic growth and contribute to the over all prosperity of the nation. The students and teachers needed clarifications, in detail, regarding education loan, all kinds of banking services, deposit benefits, general and life insurances, share market and mutual benefit schemes, debit and credit card and housing loan are explained. The banks were nationalized for the purpose of bringing the financial institutions closer to the masses. He finally asserted that unless the banks were healthy, the country would not make any progress.

### **Developing Industrial skill**

The Manager, PIS, attended the seminar on the development of Industrial skills among the students of Industrial Schools at Madurai, conducted by Tamilnadu Industrial Schools Development Association. In this seminar, Industrial environment, skill development, the participation of Industrial Schools in small scale industrial sectors, scope and development of hospitality industries were discussed elaborately. The highlight of seminar was the august presence of Thiru. A.S. Jeevarathinam, IAS, Commissioner, Department of Employment and Training, Chennai, who gave an inauguration speech on varied skill development programmes to be applied for the development of Industrial Schools on par with other competent institutions. The programme paved way for having better network with the industrial sectors for achieving good placements for our PIS students.

### **Creative Power and capacity building:**

A Seminar on how to develop Creative Power and capacity building was organized on 8.9.08. The Chief Guest Fr. Philip Sudhakar, Dindigul, conducted the seminar class and explained in detail about various features of capacity building with practical and experimental basis by involving all students. He wanted that the students should expose their feelings openly without fear and gender disparities. Then he tested the students on their opinion on gender issue by giving writing exercise to both boys and girls for sensitizing them towards students relations. He promoted smiling exercise to students in order to develop creative mental power of the students. This seminar has really evoked a sense of moral values like personality evaluation, self awareness, interpersonal relationship, managing emotions, creative thinking, taking decisions and engaging in joint discussions.

### **Demonstration class on Sidha Medicines:**

A demonstration class on Sidha Medicines was organized on 11.9.08. Thiru P. Vadivel from Periyar Sidha Herbal Institution, Salem, gave demonstrations and explained in detail on all herbal medicines and their uses. He cautioned the students on their life style and food habits. He gave a list of congenial diseases, hereditary diseases and bacterial diseases, explained how they affect us and ways

of healing them through these herbal medicines without any side effects. He stressed the need for taking herbal medicines as the only remedy for all diseases for curing completely and permanently without side effects. He pointed out that the Tamil herbal medicines like small onion, Siru Kurinjan, Thulasi, Ththuvalai, Sirianangai, Chortu Katralai, milaku, Garlic and Kadukkai are considered to be panaceas, remedy for all diseases, from time immemorial.

This seminar has really stimulated the students on health, diseases and benefits of herbal medicines. It was felt that this demonstration on herbal medicines was the need of the hour.

#### **Placement related Exposure Programmes:**

The Rotary Club of Dindigul, and TELC Industrial Training Centre, Dindigul have jointly organized Career Guidance Seminar for ITI staff and students in Dindigul District on 23.10.08 at TELC Industrial Training Centre, Dindigul. Few staff and Students attended the programme and gained information on the kind of job opportunities available and the expertise expected. The seminar dealt with open learning processes, skill building necessities, students information on job availabilities, subsidy schemes under which the loans are being sanctioned for unemployed rural youth (PMRY), creating individual entrepreneurs, etc. It gave direction to the students on where to study, how to build skills, wherefrom to mobilize funds, how to place themselves in industries and how to become self reliant.

#### **National environmental awareness Campaign:**

The National environmental awareness Campaign Workshop on the theme “Climate Change” was organized by Peace Trust, Regional Resource Agency of Southern Tamilnadu by Ministry of Environment and Forest on 3.11.2008. All the students and the staff of Peace Industrial School attended the Workshop. The campaign speech mainly focused on the burning issues of climate change, global warming and environmental disaster management. The special guests explained in detail about the root causes for the occurrence of natural disasters like climate change and all other related environmental threats. This workshop has revealed that more than nature, man-made causes are real threats and so our role should be protecting the environment by adoptive measures from the individual to the community collectively. This workshop has planted seed in the minds of students towards his/ her duty in saving the earth and towards stopping environmental degradation.

#### **Quiz programme:**

Quiz programme was conducted for students of all trades to assess the students' knowledge, common sense, reasoning capacity and general knowledge. The programme was a perfect combination of fascinating questions from history, geography, biology, culture, politics and current affairs. The 60 minutes contest with interesting sets of questions made the students focused. The students had some hilarious moments with interesting answers. Among all trades in the contest, the electrical technician trade came first with highest marks. This quiz programme has really enhanced their general knowledge and encouraged them to equip themselves for participating in further competitions in future.

#### **Self Analysis and Confidence Building:**

The Workshop for developing students' confidence level was organized on 5.12.08 at the head office, Peace Trust. The Chairman presided over the Workshop. He advised the students to develop their motivation for enhancing their confidence level at this stage of adolescence. Mrs. Uma Maheswari, Chief Coordinator, Peace Trust, conducted the workshop and self analysis of an individual student was carried out. The students were called one by one on to the stage to narrate about themselves – incidences in their lives, experiences, strengths, weaknesses, family background, etc. by way of life mapping. The self was well expressed through this analytical activity. This workshop revealed clearly where the students lack confidence and are reluctant to speak. SWOT method was also explained and the students did their own goals being put in SWOT and it was very useful. This workshop has really encouraged the students to equip themselves with self-confidence by relieving their feelings of fear, inferiority complex and negative attitude.

In the same way, “Self Confidence” workshop was conducted on 15.03.09 by the publishers of the monthly journal called “Thannambikai - Self-confidence” at Parsons Court Hotel, Dindigul. The chief guests of the function were the eminent preacher, Ponnambala Adigalar of Kundrakudi, the prominent poet of Tamilnadu Thiru. Vairamuthu, Prof.Parveen Sulthana of Chennai and Thiru.Soma Valliappan. The essence of their speech was mainly on the importance of self-confidence. They all pointed out that we have enormous capabilities, but often our achievements fail because of lack of discipline, time management, laziness and instability/fear. In order to maximize our effectiveness, we must learn to work against boredom; and choose the long and difficult way in life rather than the short and easy way. It is important to bear in mind that everybody should have involvement, clarity and priority before doing things. They also stated that every body should imbibe the qualities of tolerance and flexibility in their life for accomplishing their targets. The above workshop has really motivated the staff to equip themselves with self confidence by minimizing their inferiority complex and negative attitude.

#### **“You can Win”:**

A timely needed seminar was organized on 12.12.08 on the topic “You can win”. The resource person of the day, Mr. Nicholas Francis, Director and Principal, NAM Foundation, Madurai, conducted the seminar on the topic, “You can win”. He explained the ways and means of imbibing the principle of “Looking within yourself”, with practical approach. He emphasized the students to develop their self-esteem by practicing the principles, namely, “believe yourself, develop challenging attitude, learn lessons from others and strengthen the will power”. He said that the students must be given enough chances to groom their career. Also he suggested that education should not become a stressful exercise. Each student must value their talents and try to set and achieve their goals by means of “ABC” – Attitude (A), Belief (B), and Commitment (C). If these three things correlated with the goal, one can easily achieve their goal. Further, he elucidated the theory of Discovering Natural Abilities (DNA) on making the choice of area most suited to the individual. This seminar has undoubtedly increased the students' capacity of realising their strengths and weaknesses and in setting goals and aims.

#### **Seminar on Complete Communication:**

This seminar was held on 22.1.09 by Mr. R. Murali, Executive Director, Kodaikannal FM radio

station, Kodaikanal. The guest speaker stressed in his speech that “A teacher is a bridge between the text book and the teaching”. He added that if the foundations of a bridge are not strong enough, it will collapse and the onus for making the students' foundation is with teachers. Unlike other relationship, student-teacher relationship is not built on trust; it is built on the comfort levels the teacher can provide to the student. Also it is built on mutual admiration. All students obviously do not have the same level of intellect nor do all of them have the same interest level. It is the responsibility of the teacher to see that each student realizes his/her true potential. The most common method to make them study is by instilling a sense of responsibility. Improving the confidence levels of a student can do wonders. A teacher is the only person who is entrusted with the enormous responsibility of making an average student a good one, a good one a better one and a better one the very best. Instead of realizing the true greatness of their profession, most of the teachers feel that instilling a sense of fear will earn them respect. But a sense of respect has to be commanded, not demanded. And when respect is commanded, the student-teacher relationship will blossom to its fullest.

#### **Extra Curricular activities:**

##### **Annual sports day:**

The annual sports day was conducted on 30.4.08 at the District sports stadium, Dindigul. Thanks go to Thiru. PaulRaj, Physical Education Director of Peace College of Education who had conducted the sports-meet in an orderly manner. The athletic events namely Running, Shot-put, Long Jump, Volley Ball and Cricket for boys and Running, Shot-put, Long Jump and Tennicot for girls were conducted in a disciplined and streamlined way. The winners of the sports events will be awarded and appreciated in the ensuing school annual day celebration.

##### **World Disable sports meet:**

The special sports event was arranged for youth with disabilities on 29.11.2008 at Dudley Higher Secondary School, Dindigul. In view of celebrating the World Disabled Day, the Chest Trust, Kombaianpatty, Dindigul conducted the sports Meet exclusively for differently abled students to boost up their abilities and bring down their inferiority complex. The differently-abled students of our school, namely, 1. M. Rathinam (CSP). 2. V. Annammal (CSP), 3. S. Sahaya Rani (TTC) and 4. K. Vanitha (CandT), participated in the sports meet. It was a moment of pride to the school that all above four students who participated in the sports meet came out with victories and got 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in their respective events as per their ability based competitions.

##### **Annual day Celebration:**

The Ninth School Annual day celebration was held on 9.1.09 in the industrial school campus. The Chairman, Peace Trust, presided over the function and the Principal presented the school annual report. The special guest Dr. T. Kohila Thangasamy, Principal, Lakshmi College of Education, Gandhigram, delivered annual day speech in which he stressed that the students must stimulate their hidden talents and try always to be a risk takers and not comfort seekers. He added that progress in all walks of life is a culmination of hard work and dedication. Another speaker, Thiru. S. Thomai Paulraj, District President, Tamilnadu Post-Graduate Teachers Association, Dindigul, pointed out, in his address, that every student has got his own talents which should be discovered, displayed and developed

properly during the school days. He appreciated overall achievements of the industrial school. It is commendable to mention that all 80 students who appeared for annual exam in the year 2007-08 have come out with 100% success.

Finally, the prize distribution event came for the purpose of encouraging their spirit of competition. Thiru. M. Basil, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, gave away the awards and Mark Certificates to the outstanding students who got first rank in the trades. 1. S. Mohan, E.T trade (176 out of 200), 2. R. Sophia Rani, DPCA trade (183 out of 200), 3. R. Shaya Mary, CSP trade (157 out of 200), 4. M. Muthuselvi, EmbandN.W (188 out of 200), 5. B. Shaya Mary CandT trade (174 out of 200) and 6. J. Jenifa, TTC trade (892 out of 1100) and also to the winners of all sports events received prizes. There were cultural programmes by students and the annual day function came to an end, stating the future plans.

##### **Project monitoring:**

The project activities are reviewed, monitored and re planned as per the rules and regulations from time to time through staff review meeting, meeting with the Chairman, parent's-teacher meeting, staff students meeting etc.

##### **Special Visits:**

The distinguished guests from Indiska, Sweden, visited our school on 23.02.09. Thiru Chandran Nair of Mumbai, Indian coordinator, also accompanied the visitors. In honour of the guests, a simple function was arranged with cultural programmes by the students. It was a thrilling experience to the visitors. Enjoying the programmes, the guests felt happy and appreciated the varied talents of the students. Then they reviewed the general functioning of the school with the Chairman and the Principal. They appraised the immediate requirements of tools and equipments in all trades for replacing the outmoded equipments. Then the guests visited all the classes and interacted with the students and the staff. They raised a number of questions to the students about their studies and ambitions on completing the vocational training course. In general, the visitors have commended the activities of the school with utmost satisfaction.

##### **Educational Visit:**

The students of TTC, Cutting and Tailoring and Embroidery and Needle Work trades (30 students) were taken on a visit to Tirupur on 18.4.08 for educational tour, in which they visited trade-related units namely 1) the Greetings Colour process and 2) the Nikhans. This educational tour has been very useful to the students who got all information about yarn colour processing, drying process of yarn and fabric in the Greetings unit and various types of stitching, cutting and printing process in the Nikhans.

All the students of Electrical Technician trade (20 students) were taken on a visit to Mercury Coach, Bus Body Building Unit, P.M. Patty Road, Pavithram, Kovai Road, L.G.P Nagar, Karur District on 10.05.08 for educational tour. This tour has really enlightened the students in the up-to-date practical knowledge of their concerned trades.

##### **Plans for the next academic year plans:**

- to increase the number of student admissions
- to provide the best technical education service
- to equip students for extra-curricular activities
- to incorporate trust activities with the education of the students of the school
- to evolve programmes for bettering and developing the staff.
- to develop the infrastructure and administrative structure of the school

We hope that these strategies will help the school to function more efficiently and to serve the needy students of Tamilnadu in a better way.

***SOCIO ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR MARGINALIZED  
FARMERS AND LANDLESS FAMILIES THROUGH INTEGRATED  
WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT***

**Project area:**

Twenty neighbouring villages within the Puliamarathukottai watershed area of Oddanchatram and Vendasandur Block of Dindigul District, Tamilnadu State, India.

**Target groups:**

The target group of the action are about 5000 socially and economically marginalized persons from 1000 small and marginal farmers and landless families of twenty hamlets within the Puliamarathukottai Watershed area of Dindigul District. The final (indirect) beneficiaries are the entire population of the twenty hamlets totally 2000 families or 10,000 persons.

**Project Activities and Results**

**1: Promotion of viable income generation activities for landless poor families.**

**1.1 Baseline survey:**

A detailed hamlet-wise survey has been completed, to get first hand information about the project area. Based on the survey report SHG formation activities were started. As a first step, Village Key Persons (Village Volunteer) in each hamlet were identified. With the help of these key persons, SHG formation works are under progress.

**1.2 Introductory meetings:**

Hamlet wise introductory meetings were conducted in all the project villages to make the community get introduced to the project staff, the objectives of the SEEIWD project. The consistent and continuous meeting with these people helped to discuss the income generation priority needs of the landless families in the project area.

**1.3 Income Generation Training Programmes:**

**Hamlet wise Income Generation Training Programmes were conducted for all the women**

The watershed project area women groups, especially the landless poor families are organized as Self Help Groups and regular training programmes are arranged. The main focus of the training programmes is to build the communities capacity and to increase the economic level by promoting viable income generation programmes. Before starting of IGP, the people should know their strength and weakness, self control, business skills, confidence, time management and self interest. So these self help groups are encouraged to save money as per their capacity and are motivated to conduct regular meetings to discuss social issues. Records maintenance and group development training are given to enhance them economically and socially.

Followed by this, the formed Self Help Group (SHG) members and landless community women were trained in various vocational programmes. The main objective of this Income Generation Programme (IGP) is to motivate the rural women towards various skills related to the area, to produce and sell the products within the community. The women SHGs have good network with one another so that they have good scope of selling the products among themselves with the faith that the whole community is being economically developed. Not only organised SHG members but interested women of the community are also encouraged to undergo the vocational training programmes. More IGP activities like candle making, washing and cleaning powder production, soap oil and phenoyl making, liquid blue making, pickle making, Shampoo, sambirani, Pain balm making etc. were proposed to the women groups of all the project villages in order to generate their own income. Moreover these trained groups are also guided to get finance as loan from external sources. This financial support and the skills imparted during training will help the unemployed women to develop socially and economically.

Many of the SHG members and landless women have started income generation activity. They started producing their own products, selling within the community or nearby SHG groups and thus developing socially and economically.

**1.4. Exposure IGP Visit:-**

Our Community Organiser visited other Entrepreneur institutions to improve the Income Generation Programmes. They visited the field at Malaikovil Village of Trichy District to be exposed to IGPs engaged in ornamental jewels making and Garments exporting. K.S. Export, candle making and exporting unit at Madurai, was visited by Ms. Gandhimathi, community organizer. The field exposure not only builds organisational relations with that enterprise but also helps to build network and have marketing linkages. The community organizers came to know of the business plans of the particular unit and ways of adopting the business strategies in our project area.

**2: Implementation of soil and water conservation technologies:**

After organizing farmers of all project villages, training on soil and water conservation has been conducted at the Thasiripatty training centre on 16.7.2008, for 23 farmers. This training explained the importance of soil and water conservation technologies and the various techniques to be adopted for successful soil and water conservation methodologies.

Again three consecutive meetings were proposed during January to March and totally 163 farmers and landless labourers participated in these training programmes. The following valuable points were discussed,

- Prevention of soil loss from the catchments
- Promotion of multi-disciplinary integrated approach to catchments treatment.
- Improvement of land capability and moisture regime in the watersheds.
- Promotion of land use to match land capability
- Reduction of run-off from the catchments to reduce peak flow into the river system
- Increase in the productivity of land affected by chemical fertilizers and pesticides for increasing sustainable agriculture production.

At the field level it will be done in the form of farm bunding and by land treatment activities. The farmers of the villages are motivated and explained about the related subjects like how to recharge the ground water by rain water harvesting and how to protect land from soil erosion etc.

**Result:**

Organizing farmers and explaining to them about the importance of soil and water conservation measures resulted in creating awareness among the farmers and they come forward to adopt methods like farm bunding, contour bunding, water absorption trenching, loose rock check dam etc. One practical field training in soil and water conservation has been conducted in the Pulangattinaickanur village to show the soil and water conservation structures (like LRCD, Stone Outlet, Contour Bunding) to the trainees and to explain the technology involved in the structures and their importance in conservation of soil and water. They have fully participated in the farm bunding work proposed, contributed some local contribution, and practically worked in their own land for the effective farm bunding work.

**2.2 Construction of soil and water conservation measures:**

Soil and water conservation measures implemented in the watershed resulted in protecting the fertile top soil from erosion and retained the soil fertility and thereby improved the land productivity. Run off water in the field is properly harvested. And it resulted in improvement of the ground water table in the nearby wells. Farm bunding was done in 27 hectares of land in the watershed villages. Around 30 landless families are regularly engaged in the farm bunding work, preparing construction or rehabilitation plans of water harvesting structures, percolation ponds etc, supervise actual construction and turnover structures to user groups.

The details of the Contour Bunding Work completed, old check dams rehabilitated, new check dams

**A. Contour bunding and trenching and sustainable agriculture measures:**

Totally 157 hectares of land have been covered under farm bunding activity within the watershed area. Common area at Pulankattinaickanur is also covered under this activity at the foot hills of Karumalai area.

**B. Loose Rock Check dam and Stone bunding:**

Loose Rock Check Dam (LRCD) has been constructed (75nos) in the stream in between the lands at Karumalai foot hills near Pulankattinaickanur. LRCD made in this stream will help in soil erosion control and to increase the ground water level in the nearby open wells and bore wells. Farmers are trained for the productive utilisation of the treated land and to maintain the treatment structures for effective conservation of soil and water.

**C. Rehabilitation of Old structures and construction of new check dams and FarmPonds:**

The degraded water harvesting structures in Karumalai foothills at Pulankattinaickanur, Poovaipalayam and Check weir of Percolation Pond at Karattur are rehabilitated with the participation of the community. Rehabilitation plan for the degraded structures are discussed with the user community. Participation of the community was good. Rehabilitation work and construction works are completed. The User Groups have been organized and are being strengthened for the future maintenance of the structures.

**D. Desilting of Tanks and Canals:**

The drainage pattern and the water harvesting structures in the watershed area are studied by using transect technique with the participation of the community. Catchment area of every water-harvesting structure was identified. On the basis of the field data, rehabilitation plan for the degraded water harvesting structures was designed. The rehabilitation plan was discussed with the user community before the implementation.

In the drainage lines beginning from the top the degraded water harvesting structures such as repaired check dams and percolation tanks have been rehabilitated. This allows surplus runoff, which already had been considerably slowed down to accumulate and get stored along the entire drainage line. It ensured rapid and substantial ground water recharge and the creation of water banks in the watershed area.

**Table - Degraded Water Harvesting Structures Rehabilitated during the Year 2008**

Sl.No.	Type of the Structure	Name of the Village
1.	Percolation Tank (1 –No.)	Karattur
2.	Checkdam (1 –No.)	Pulamkattinaickanur
3.	Checkdam (1 –No.)	Poovaipalayam

**E. Construction of New Check Dams and Farm Ponds**

The small scale rain water harvesting structures such as check dams, and percolation ponds are considered to be the most efficient way to collect water and a good strategy to withstand drought in the watershed area. Check dams are designed based on the catchment area of the particular structure. Three check dams, and one farm pond are newly constructed in the Karumalai drainage lines.

Sl. No.	Type of the Structure	Name of the Village
1.	Check dam –No. 1	Malligapuram
2.	Check dam –No. 2	Pulamkattinaickanur
3.	Check dam – No. 3	Poovaipalayam
4.	Farm Pond – No.1	Poovaipalayam

The constructed check dam –No. 1 is large in size. The check dam- No.1 is constructed across the stream at Malligapuram having a width of 21.8 M. Flow calculated in the stream (during peak flow period) is more than 7 cubic meter per second. So the flow is high. It requires large size of construction. It took almost two units of Check dam cost for the construction.

For all these structures, User Groups have been organized and trained for future maintenance. Self Help Group members and landless families are getting employments through the project structure creations. The dry lands were converted into productive lands. The fertility of the soil has been increased. These structures help in control of erosion, retention of soil fertility, better soil moisture regime, infiltration, water storage, retention of ground water etc.

### **3: Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural Technologies for small Farmers:**

Farmer beneficiaries of the project area were identified and organized and the concept of sustainable agriculture was introduced to them. Training modules were prepared for different user groups and for different topics. Training was conducted on sustainable agriculture practices with theoretical, field level and practical methods.

#### **Result :**

Farmers were trained in sustainable agricultural practices and are motivated to switch over to farm diversification activities. Four training programmes at Asairputhur, Pulankatti Nayakkanoor and Puliymarathukottai area and Poovaiyipalayam village, were organized for the farmers. 30 -35 farmers participated in the training programmes. The training concept is like:

1. Organic compost making
2. Training and Demonstration - Organic compost

93 farmers got benefited from these training. The farmers realized the importance of the cheap manure prepared and made available by the community.

Selected farmers (24) of the watershed project area were taken to Santhosh Farms, Pollachi. They were explained about the importance and benefits of organic farming, vermicompost, bio-gas production, tree planting and growing. The concept of multi-tier cropping is very innovative and new to the farmers attending the visit. Another exposure visit was arranged to State Horticulture College at Periyakulam, to learn about dry land horticulture crops cultivation aspects. Farmers from 23 small-scale and woman-headed farmers participated. One more exposure visit and training programme was organized by the State Agriculture Department at Trichy for promoting sustainable Agriculture. Five key farmers from the project area attended this training and learnt the concept of sustainable agriculture.

### **3.3 Start up package on Farm diversification supplied**

In our Project Area most of the lands are cultivated only in rain fed condition. Farmers are cultivating only in monsoon seasons. Sometimes the monsoon fails them. So we introduced the farmers towards cultivating dry land horticulture crops such as Amla, Mango, Sappotta and Drumstick. Before the supply of startup packages, farmer's fields were identified through regular field visit and farmers

meeting. From the project, start up package of horticulture crops were supplied to the farmers to get income all through the years from their farm. For this year, start up package on farm diversification was supplied to **61** Farmers, which plant varieties include mango, acidlime, amla, drumstick, neem, kumil, teak etc.

### **4: Introduce Renewable Energy Technologies.**

An awareness raising campaign on Renewable Energy sources was conducted at Puliymarathukottai village for 65 persons. The main focus of the campaign is to explain the importance of utilizing the Renewable Energy Sources and their advantages,

1. Smokeless chulahas,
2. Bio-gas plants,
3. Solar street lights/ solar pumps, and
4. Wind mill

#### **Result:**

Already Biogas plants are being installed in many project villages. The training stood as a motivating effort to promote more of renewable energy technologies. There are frequent power failures in the community. Moreover there is a hike in the cost of cooking gas cylinders, and thus the campaign is very relevant to the existing situation.

### **5: Organise and capacitate community based organisations.**

Community based organisations such as Village Watershed Committees, User groups, Self Help Groups (Women SHGs and Farmers (Men) SHGs) were formed in the project area. Community organizing with women beneficiaries was conducted.

One Village Watershed Committee was formed and, as an Executive Body, it was involved in planning and implementation of the land area and drainage line treatment activities. Regular meetings – once in a month are conducted for the Village Watershed Committee members at the field office. During the report period 3 meetings were conducted. The VWC members help in community participation, choosing the area for project implementation and now they have full understanding of the project. Out of the 20 SHGs graded, 19 groups are recommended for the release of loan amount for their economic development.

### **6.Awareness through Cultural Programme:**

Apart from the formation of groups, common people of all the project villages are sensitized towards the issues of the watershed project, land and soil fertility development, rain water harvesting and water enhancement concepts through cultural awareness programmes. Totally, TEN Cultural Awareness Programmes were conducted at different hamlets within the project area at SennanKottai. There was great response from the community people, as they were retained even during the late night hours and around 135 people participated. Continuous meeting and training to the different user groups have been carried out to keep close coordination with the project villages and the community.

### **7. Mass Media Coverage:**

Almost all the project activities and training programmes are being published in the local newspapers Tamil dailies. During the training and awareness programmes in the field, radio programmes in coordination Pasumai community radio were arranged to bring out the voices of farmers in the media. Moreover, the completed watershed activities under IWMP project and the objectives and plans of the SEEIWD project were telecasted in the regional Television channel “Makkal TV”, through its programme called “Malarum Bhoomi”. They also gave special focus to the SHG women IGP activities. It has been telecast for more than six episodes and has received overwhelming response from the farmers and women. The marketing network for IGP is being extended in the highlight of the telecast.

Again, the farmers' activities and their views are brought out through this Makkal TV media programme as “Farmers Festival” during the month of January. That is also a great achievement. The media programme created good rapport and credibility with the farmers. They also have got special interest in developing their farming activities.

### **8. About the funding agency and its Visibility:**

EU logo is being printed in all the pamphlets and banners being used in the programme activities. Project title board is designed and being placed in which EU logo is being highlighted. During the project meetings, campaigns etc. the contribution by EU is being explained to the beneficiaries and to the target groups.

## **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

### **Introduction:**

Peace Trust has been campaigning for environmental protection for the past 25 years. Peace Trust's service to the community has been recognised and it was appointed as the Regional Resource Agency (RRA) by the Ministry of Environment and Forests during the year 2006 to carry out the National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) for 17 districts (Coimbatore, Dindigul, Madurai, Trichy, Sivagangai, Nagapattinam, Ramnad, Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari, Nilgiris, Theni, Viruthunagar, Karur, Tuticorin, Thiruvavur, Thanjavur, Puthukottai) of Southern Tamilnadu. The aim of the NEAC is to campaign for one of the environmental protection themes and to create green environment all over India.

### **Routing Proposals from the Participating Agencies:**

To be part of the NEAC, participating agencies such as NGOs, CBOs, schools, colleges and Universities are encouraged to participate by submitting a proposal to the RRA in the prescribed format of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. Peace Trust print these applications and circulate to the grassroot field based NGOs, institutes, colleges, universities and schools. Awareness inviting applications/ proposals was done through trainings, community radio, press media and through web sources.

### **Scrutinising the proposals received from Participating Agencies**

RRA has 'Scrutinising Committee' to look into the proposals and those will be put for

recommendations. Much importance is given to the proposals carrying concrete awareness and action component and a long-term outcome with regard to environmental conservation. The recommended proposals were placed before the regional resource committee of MOEF for approval.

After the sanctioning, the participating organisations will be given sanction orders and release of grants in two instalments to conduct the National Environment Awareness Campaign. The number and the quality of the participating agencies have been increasing over the years and are listed below:

PROPOSAL DETAILS	FOR THE YEAR 2006-2007	FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008	FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009
Applications distributed	1000	800	750
Proposals Received	868	918	665
Proposals Recommended	742	851	650
Proposals sanctioned	422	390	398

### **Post sanction workshop**

Soon after the Regional Resource Committee meeting, to start the NEAC campaign of the year, the sanctioned organisations are invited for post proposal workshops. It was organized on 3.1.09 at Naidu Mahajan Hall, Dindigul to train nearly 427 participants towards NEAC programme activity, insisting on the importance of awareness and action component, importance of keeping the time frames –the deadlines and importance of producing the necessary required documents. During the pre proposal workshops, the environmental theme of the year “Climate Change” is greatly highlighted. The resource book, posters, resource materials, current trends of the theme “Climate Change” are collectively presented to the participating organizations. Different successful models in implementing the programme are shared through power point presentations, displays or exhibits, cultural programmes, involving media/ press and through small documentary / short films.

### **Participating agencies activities:**

The activities of the PAs include both awareness and action component on the theme 'Climate Change'. The different PAs who had conducted the NEAC programme in the respective districts are listed below:

Name of the Districts	Awareness component	Action Component
Coimbatore, Dindigul, Kanyakumari, Karur, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Nilgiris Pudukottai, Ramnadhapuram, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Theni, Thiruvavur, Tirunelveli, Trichy, Tuticorin, Virudhunagar.	Workshop, trainings, rally, camps, Public meetings, research publications, case studies, competitions, Exhibitions, demonstration projects, preparation of Audio visual materials, Folk media, street Theaters, festivals, science fairs, etc.	Plantation wetland conservation, energy conservation, use of wind and solar energy. Cleaning of water bodies/tanks. Cleanliness drive, solid waste management i.e household and composting/vermin composting, municipal waste, bio medical waste, plastic waste

Almost all the organizations and the agencies involved in the environment programme utilize the National Environmental Awareness Campaign as a common platform to share ideas and overcome the constraints of the issues. Many organizations have also come forward to work in network, to exchange ideas and to utilize the available resources effectively from each organization. Such team efforts will help to focus and manage the problem at larger levels in an effective manner by sharing unique innovative technologies.

**Monitoring and reporting:**

Project personnel of Peace Trust, having experience in environmental field and who are at the Project Coordinator level, are assigned to do the monitoring of the Participating Agencies. RRA representatives are invited as resource persons for the Programme. So it is more of a resource sharing and experience-based learning about the PAs than going as a monitor. The monitoring team not only observes the NEAC programme but also assesses the other capacities and strengths of the PAs to enhance networking programmes all over the year in all the 17 districts of Southern Tamilnadu.

The activities carried out by the 398 participating agencies covering the awareness and action component are documented in soft copy as well as hard copy and are being reported to the ministry. The programme and accounts documents are put in separate files and best performing organization, its case studies are being documented separately. The programmes will be published in various media and are recognized through RRA awards.

**Women Development**

**Introduction of the Project:**

Peace Trust had been involved in women development activities since 1997. The organization is linked with the TamilNadu Women Development Corporation since 1999. During the year 2008, the collaboration was again renewed. Though the affiliation area is Dindigul and Vedasanthur, Peace Trust is forming women groups and working for women empowerment in Ottachathram and Pulliyamarathukottai Panchayts of Dindigul District. Women Development activities are carried out in 20 Panchayats in Dindigul District - 12 Panchayat in Dindigul Block and 8 Panchayat in Vedasanthur Block. The total group strength is 828; the membership strength is 12420 in Dindigul District. Among the groups 282 are formed in Vedasanthur Block and 546 groups are formed in Dindigul Block. To support the women in their Development Activities, Youth groups are also formed in certain villages. Totally 112 Youth groups are formed. Their membership strength is 1680.

In Peace Trust, the Women Development activities are carried out for the over all development of the women folk rather than merely focusing on Economic Development. The women groups formed are mainly involved in addressing Development issues like women issues, women empowerment, child labour, environment awareness programmes, watershed development programmes, village's development issues etc.

**Project Area:**

We are working in the following Panchayats of Dindigul District

**Social Development:**

Women Development activities progress in unison with the Social Development programmes. Peace Trust wishes to encourage a healthy debate on gender issues as a means of promoting public reflection and policy action at various levels. This forum encourages NGOs, academicians, policy makers, researchers, students, women networks, Community Based Organizations, individual women and men to actively participate and share ideas, case studies, suggestions and views on a number of relevant issues like: Crime against women, Dowry, Women's rights, Early marriage, Infanticide and feticide, Participation of women in decision - making. Women Development projects provide a platform for convergence of community outreach programmes in health, sanitation, child labour, post literacy etc., through SHGs. A journal named 'Mutram' published by TNCDW is subscribed by all the groups. This monthly journal helps the women groups to get to know about the women issues, case studies, women entrepreneurs, achievers, constraints, etc. prevailing in other districts of Tamilnadu. SHGs also write their own articles and send it for publication.

**Training:**

First the organized SHG women members are imparted training in 4 modules for 4 days to orient them to the SHG concept. The office bearers of the SHGs (Animator and Representative) are given training in 3 modules for 6 days. This training enhances the leadership quality, team building spirit and capacity to maintain books of accounts. In addition, SHG members who are interested in starting economic activities or developing skills to get self employment are provided skill training. The skill training includes a 5 day capsule on entrepreneurial development. Through Peace Trust, the women trained in SHG concept and A and R training and skill trainings for the year 2008-2009 are listed below:

- a. A and R Training - 370 Beneficiaries
- b. SHG Training - 2532 Beneficiaries
- c. Skill Training - 100 Youth through reputed industrial houses and other institutions.

**VTP Training:**

Apart from these, the women are provided with Vocational Training Programme from which 100 SHG members got benefited. The following are the VTP Training programmes: Jewel making and handicraft. The VTP training helps the women to start their enterprise on their own and be an independent earning member of the family.

**Panchayat Level Federation:**

SHGs of one Panchayat are brought under one umbrella, called Panchayat Level Federation (PLF). These federations, by pooling their talent and resources and exploiting economies of scale in production and marketing, can benefit member SHGs immensely. The PLF can also guide and monitor the functioning of SHGs in all Village Panchayats and strengthen them for ensuring sustainability and self reliance. All the SHGs in the Panchayat are members in the PLF. The Animators and Representatives of the SHGs in turn will participate in the PLF members' meet which happens once in a month. They save money, discuss Panchayat issues and women issues and work collectively for the welfare of the whole community.

### Block Level Co-ordination Committee (BLCC) Meeting:

The BLCC meeting is proposed separately for Dindigul and Vedachanthur for logistical convenience. Such meetings are held to meet all the SHG members in one place at least in a month. All the PLFs of Dindigul and Vedachanthur Block meet the women development staff and resolve their conflicts, clarify doubts, discuss new schemes, etc. For Dindigul Block, every month on the third Tuesday this BLCC meeting will be held in the Peace Trust office. In most meetings, resource persons are invited to deliver a special address on various issues like health, insurance coverage and marketing systems. Through these meetings 3285 persons have been benefited.

In Vedasanthur Block, the BLCC meeting is held every month on the second Wednesday and the venue is the premises of the Peace ITI at Vedasanthur. Through these meetings 92 groups have attended the programme and nearly 1380 persons have been benefited.

### **Government Programmes :**

In order to keep avail other welfare schemes of the government, the group members are motivated to participate in all the government sponsored programmes.

- 04.10.08, the Mahalir Thittam conducted a Loan Mela at Mariyamman Temple Campus. "khdGkpF Cuf kwWk; c sshl rp Ji w mi krrH j jU.K.f.] j hypl" was the special Chief Guest and he distributed Revolving Fund to 193 Peace Trust groups.
- Again, the Mahalir Thittam conducted a Loan Mela at PVK Mahal, Dindigul. Thiru.I.Periyasamy, Minister gave an enlightening speech about the SHG concept and gave away RF to 60 Peace Trust groups. Dindigul Union Office and the Mahalir Thittam conducted district level and Panchayats level competitions among women to bring out their talents and to recognise their traditional and earned skills. The recognition and the financial gifts really motivated the women to develop their skills and be active all through the year.

### **World Women's Day:**

On March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009, World Women's Day was celebrated by the Peace Trust by organizing Women Development Team at Naidu Hall, Dindigul. 2000 SHG members attended the programme. The following Chief Guests participated in the campaign programme;

1. Thiru. J. Paul Baskar, Chairman, Peace Trust
2. Tmt.Mercy Baskar, Principal, Peace ITI
3. Tmt.Ramani Mathew, Senior Lawyer, Dindigul
4. Tmt.Sundravalli, Tamil Lecturer, Arulanandhar College, Karumathur.

Since it was the election time, we, through Peace Trust, put forth our demands like enhancing women's participation in the parliament, increasing education and boarding facilities in schools for the girl children, etc.

### **Peace Production Centre**

Peace production centre is mainly meant to develop our traditional skills and to enhance employment opportunities among the women in Dindigul district. Traditional Indian skills in handiworks, hand embroideries, hand-made handicrafts items are being revived to revitalise our culture

as well as to provide alternate employment opportunities to the women folk. Hence to train the women in different handmade embroideries and paper designing works, various vocational trades are being provided through vocational training and production centre of Peace Trust since 1998. It is continuing its services till date for the poor women, adolescent girls and youth. The organised poor women members of Self Help Groups (SHG) are motivated to undergo short term vocational training in different trades, which include traditional and non-traditional activities. This helps the women to upgrade their skills and to get additional family income. As most of the families in the project area are of agricultural labourers or small farmers, the additional income earned through such vocational programmes helps them a lot, albeit in a small way.

Peace Trust Vocational Training and Production Centre (VTPC), conducts various short term vocational training programmes in trades such as Greeting Card Making, Tailoring, Wire Basket Making, Palm Leaf Products, Crafts Products, Soft Toys, designing, screening and printing. Peace Trust is supporting the women members in marketing the products both through national and international channels. Peace Trust has collaborated with Indiska, Sweden, to have direct sales at their show rooms. Peace Trust's recognition by Mahalir Thittam helps in creating local market outlets through exhibitions, festival sales programmes and sales melas.

### Vocational Training Programme:

There are six trainers to train the women groups on the above mentioned trades. The total work force includes one coordinator, administrative staff, accountant, designer, Screen taker, developer, producer and general workers for completion. Six staff members are working at the office level to train and supervise production. There are approximately 60 women in Dindigul - Sellapadi and Settiyapatty Panchyats - working on producing Greeting Card Making, Tailoring, Wire Basket Making, Palm Leaf products, Crafts Products, etc.

Plan of the first development sample according to the required design sent by the marketing people are received at Peace Trust. The development sample is then designed, screened, printed and then hand work items included with perfection and sent to the marketing people for getting approval. They view those prototypes, suggest necessary corrections and get it finalised according to their requirement. It is then only that bulk order is received from the marketing agency. As soon as the orders are received for particular product, women groups as per their talents are trained and entrusted with bulk production. The women after training take the raw materials home, do the necessary handwork and then submit it for final finishing and packing. During the production, there is quality checking, whether the hand works are designed as per the requirement. At all stages of producing, women are being involved. All the designs, samples and bulk products are produced by using natural dyes, natural colouring and handmade papers. All the work process including developing, screen taking, designs, knitting, embroidering, pasting, finishing and packing are done manually.

The produced goods of different varieties done by the production team for the year 2008 - 2009, are presented below:

S.NO	Type of product	No of people trained	No of items produced	No of items sold
1.	Greetings card	100	37200	37200
2.	Three Heart box	25	1500	1500
3.	Small textile bag	30	1500	1500

Apart from the bulk production, production team do development of samples and counter samples made out of creative handworks. To provide vocational training and alternative employment opportunities, Peace Trust has formed a vocational training and production centre, which not only enables the women to have training but also ensures the increase in the family income. Based on the individual ability to make hand made products, each woman is earning Rs.40/- to 50/-per day. Peace Trust is developing more of these products/creations, getting more orders and increasing the work force day by day.

### PEACE GARMETS UNIT

#### Project Title:

Peace Garments Unit under Income Generation Programme for the poor and underprivileged women of Vedachnathur area of Dindigul District.

#### Introduction:

In order to abolish Child Labour, preserve Environmental Resources and to empower the landless and poor unemployed young women, Peace Trust has established a Garment Manufacturing Unit under the Integrated Watershed Management Programme with the whole-hearted and generous sponsorship of Karel Kubel Stiftung (KKS) Germany, European Commission and Peace Trust during the year 2005.

#### Goal and Objective of the Project:

The main objective of the unit is to create livelihood opportunities for the landless women and poor young women who are socially and economically oppressed in the society.

#### Project Description:

Peace Garments Unit was started on August, 2005 under the Integrated Watershed Programme. The unit was established on the Peace Industrial School Campus in Vittalnayakkanpatty village near Vedasandur, on NH-7 Road, 15kms away from Dindigul District. It provides livelihood opportunities for 50 landless women who are below poverty line living around Vedachnathur area. These beneficiaries had undergone a specialized two months training course on tailoring by the experienced trainers. At present each trained operator is earning Rs 2000/- per month, which is an additional income and helpful in increasing their standard of living. In addition to this, individual capacity has been improved by conducting social awareness and personality development training programmes to enable them to manage such units on their own.

The Garment Unit is maintained by a well-experienced tailoring master, who runs the unit in a systematic and efficient manner. Weekly meetings are held for all the operators along with the instructors to discuss the future plans of development and work orders for the next week. There are records and reports on Daily, Weekly and Monthly basis, which depict the overall activities of the Unit. These reports help in assessment of the unit and to develop growth plans. These periodical reports are

being sent to the chairman for review and monitoring

#### Project activities:

Generally we are obtaining work orders from reputed companies of Madurai, Karur, Erode and Dindigul districts. Our areas of expertise are making women outfits, Men Outfits and Home Furnishing items. The work orders as cloth materials given by the supplier, are taken to Garments Unit, and then stitched as per the design, followed by packing and finally dispatched to the concerned supplier as finished goods. We have also networked with Peace Production Centre, which helps us to route the foreign buyers.

#### Sustainability and Achievement of the Project:

So far training and employment opportunities are being extended to atleast 100 landless poor women for the last 5 years. We are providing continuous work for the rural women, which improve the workers' standard of life. By the help of some well known companies, we are trying to create rapport with some foreign suppliers, which will help unit to get foreign work orders and function in a sustainable manner. In the next years, we have plans to retain the workers strength by introducing staff welfare measures such as performance incentive, Educational tour, introducing personal, social and health programmes for the workers. The workers are considered as the asset and if they are satisfied, they may be more productive thereby contributing to the sustainable function of the garments unit.

#### Status of the Production (Mar 2008 – April 2009)

S.NO	Style	Quantity
1	Men's shirts	8456
2	Ladies Tops	8759
3	Home Made items	2151
4	Charts	1729
5	Skirts	3047
6	Pant	555
7	Greeting card	9946
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34643</b>

#### Proposed activities for the year 2009 -2010

We are planning to expand our garment unit by placing some more specialized machines, which would help us to accommodate more number of beneficiaries. It will also enable us to increase not only production and also strengthen technical knowledge of workers. We also plan to arrange medical campus, Capacity Building programme and exposure visit for our beneficiaries. It makes them mentally and physically very strong not only in their work but also in their lives.

### PEACE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Peace College of Education is one of the projects of Peace Trust, initiated in the year 2007. The college is located at Vittalnayakkanpatty village, 15 kms away from Dindigul on NH-7 near

Vedasandur. With a mission to achieve well planned and systematically co-ordinated development of teacher education at the graduate and post graduate levels in line with the changing perspectives of the new academic environment and train equally capacitated teacher trainees to face challenges that face the present education system. Peace College of Education is functioning from 2008-2009 academic years onwards. The Peace College of education has got the relevant recognition from the National Council for Teacher Education, Southern Regional Committee and Bangalore. It is also affiliated to Tamilnadu Teacher Education University.

It is well known that the status of the teacher truly reflects the status of the nation. Hence our endeavor is to regularly prepare well-qualified teachers with professional competency of a high order, sense of responsibility and a commitment to strive continuously to raise the learning and teaching capacity of the students to appreciable levels. In Peace college of Education, 100 students are doing one year B.Ed., Degree programme for the academic year 2008 – 2009 covering Ten major subjects like Tamil, English, Maths, Physical Science, Bio-Science, Computer Science, History, Commerce, Economics, Geography. The board of study is under the control of Tamilnadu Teacher Education University – Chennai. For each and every academic year, 100 students are admitted for the one year degree course. These 100 students will become model teachers and successful individuals in all aspects for the society. The 100 teachers will produce several thousands of valuable student communities.

**GOAL AND OBJECTIVES:**

- To promote educational research at all levels of school education
- To develop the curriculum aiming at an all round development of the child at all levels of education
- To develop and produce the teaching-learning materials
- To develop educational technology for use in teaching-learning activities and in the training programmes, and to provide distance education
- To devise systems and approaches for qualitative education
- To develop strategies to achieve the goals of education for equality.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION WITH ELABORATE PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**

**Academic Activities:**

The technically well-qualified and experienced lecturers in the relevant subjects have been appointed for proper coaching at maximum level.

**Monthly tests and Examination:**

In order to cover the portions and for the revision of syllabus, monthly tests are being conducted regularly for all the majors:

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

DATE	PLACE	PROGRAMME
02/07/2008	Peace college of education	Inaugural function of Peace college of education
10/07/2008	Peace college of education	On the spot live F.M Programme was organized for the Peace College Education students by the Pasumai community radio, Dindigul.
11/08/2008	Peace college of education	Seminar on Employment Opportunity for Graduate and Post Graduate Teachers in Gulf Asian Region
22/08/2008	Peace college of education	Introductory Seminar on Banking Service
29/08/2008 to 30/08/2008	Peace college of education	Empowering B.Ed., Student – Teachers with New Teaching Techniques.
05/09/2008	Head Office, Peace Trust	Teachers Days Celebrations
20/10/2008 to 10/12/2008	27 Schools in Dindigul District	Intensive Teaching Practice for students in Government / Government aided / High School / Higher Secondary school in Dindigul District
20/10/2008 to 10/12/2008	Head office Peace Trust	College staff exposure to other development projects of peace trust. 1. Reporting and documentation at Peace Trust 2. Pasumai community radio – Reach analysis 3. National Environment Awareness Campaign Monitoring work
03/01/2009 to 04/01/2009	Peace college of education	State level Farmers’ Festival and Pongal celebrations
09/01/2009	Peace college of education	First Graduation Day and Annual Day
13/02/2009	Peace college of education	Awareness programme on Climate Change
09/03/2009 to 14/03/2009	Peace college of education	First Unit Test for college students
20/04/2009 to 28/04/2009	Peace college of education	Second Unit Test for college students
06/05/2009 to 12/05/2009	Peace college of education	Model Exam for college students

**PROJECT MONITORING:**

The functions of our college and its programme activities are being periodically reviewed and monitored on conducting staff meeting and coordinators meeting by the Chairman, Peace Trust and the Principal, Peace College of Education.

#### **PROJECT REPORTING AND DOCUMENTATION:**

The reports regarding staff position, student's attendance, programmes carried out during the month and the tentative programmes to be carried out in the next month are being sent every month to the Head Office, Peace Trust. The quarterly and annual reports are also prepared and sent to the Head Office, Peace Trust for favour of progress review.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECT:**

The opportunities provided in this college are not only education but also focusing on other self development activities such as personality development, self awareness programmes, inter-personal relationship, managing emotions and stress, conducting of competitions and sports events to expose the hidden talents of the students, several field-trip visits and physical education activities to make the student-teachers to be efficient. Special importance is being given to academic activities and student placements. These are the incentives from the academic beginning to the end which aimed at inculcating the moral values. Thus the sustainability of the project gets greater positive results.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT:**

It is really a matter of pride to the college academic record that 100 students appeared in the Madurai Kamaraj University, B.Ed Degree Examinations for the year 2007-2008 resulted in 99% passed outs in the examinations.

#### **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2009 - 2010:**

1. To increase the students' placements and career opportunities
2. To build our own college campus with all basic amenities with the compound wall around.
3. To modernize our resource materials on library books, laboratories, computer lab, sports materials and other infrastructure to update ourselves more professionally.

#### **Pasumai (FM 90.4) – A Community Radio:**

Peace Trust launched the first community radio services Pasumai (90.4) in Dindigul area covering 25 km of radius – within Dindigul district, during April 2007. The coverage area falls under four blocks of the district, Athoor, Rediyarchatram, Sanarpatty, Vedasandur and Dindigul block of the town. Total population covered through the Pasumai community radio is approximately around 5 lakh, including Women, SHG members, Local Panchayat representatives, Farmers, School and College students, Youth, Traders, slum dwellers, factory workers, unorganized labourers, etc.

#### **Objectives of Pasumai Community Radio**

- Pasumai Community Radio is truly people's radio that perceives listeners not only as receivers

and consumers but also as active citizens and creative producers of media content.

- Pasumai Community Radio carries representatives from all sections of the community. It guarantees equal participation and involvement of all member community of Dindigul and nearby cities.
- Pasumai Community information systems provide information to the poor, marginalized, migrants, labourers, women, children and the general public at large. It is not demand driven and overlooks local knowledge.
- Pasumai Community Radio is reflection of local community/ People's thoughts and concerns.

#### **Equal representation of community members:**

Our Pasumai community radio deliberately involves professionals and local people from almost all the fields to enhance equal participation.

Since Community radio is concentrating more on the problems faced by the oppressed, suppressed and downtrodden people the representative members include academicians, social workers, civil society members, students, youth group, volunteers, farmers, women, etc.

#### **Programme Broadcast:**

The programmes are broadcast for four hours, i.e. from 6 AM to 10 AM. Since Peace Trust has been doing developmental work in Dindigul town for the last two decades and has a network of SHG members, NGO representatives, Civil societies, Youth groups, consumer forum, laborers, children and students, it was easy for the Pasumai CR team to assess the performance immediately. The community radio was received well by the people as there are community representatives and participation in each and every programme of the radio, which motivated to extended the radio services for 18 hours of broadcast i.e. from 6 AM to 12 midnight. At each and every extension programme we have been directed by the listeners. On any change/ addition / deletion of programmes, we have been consulting community representatives. After getting a positive response from the listening community, we from Pasumai CR plan, discuss, analyze and proceed further on the execution or the cancellation of the changes.

#### **Present Features of Broadcasting**

The same 18 hours of broadcasting is successfully maintained for the past one year without any breaks. There are no repetitions of programmes at any point of time. The CD's / Records are kept for documentation purpose only.

#### **1. Vaigaraivanam (6.00-6.30am)**

Religious songs and National Songs, Day and Date Reviews and Spiritual Information common to all sections of the society are being broadcast in this slot.

#### **2. Oorgolam Povoma (6.30-7.00am)**

The programme features interesting places, pilgrimage centers and communities giving all relevant details.

#### **3. Then Sindum Malargal (7.00-8.00am)**

This is a Short Message Service (SMS) Programme where listeners could update their General

Knowledge. There are questions to the listeners and they have to send the answers through mobile phone messages. Pasumai CR has provided two mobile numbers 9994261196, 9487471082 to the listeners for messaging as per their convenience.

**4. Munnilai Thagavalgal (8.00-8.30am)**

Awareness on local events, State, National, International events, Government announcements, Agriculture Markets, Climate, Trade and General information are provided in this section.

**5. Thannambikkai Neram (8.30-9.00am)**

It gives self confidence thoughts, motivation and Time management tips.

**6. Porulathara Ulaga Thahavalgal (9.00-9.30am)**

Economic development, industrial ups and downs, share market rates, etc. are discussed in a more collegial manner. Finance reserve bank bulletins and exchange rates are briefly discussed here.

**7. Sirappu Parvai (9.30-10.00 am)**

Social Awareness, Social Improvement Message, Different type of cultural, educational articles and economical impacts of our present society are broadcasted here.

**8. Isai Charal (10.00-11.00am)**

Phone in programme- where the listeners make a call and discuss about social problems, social improvement thoughts.

**9. Urimai Ulaga Thagavalgal (11.00-11.30 am)**

Rights of the child, human, consumer information and statistics reports are highlighted to make the society aware of their rights.

**10. Thisaikatti (11.30-12.00am)**

Information on Employment and Educational opportunities is broadcast, helping the listeners with their career, job and educational options.

**11. Ulaga Nadugalil Thamilargal (12.00-12.30pm)**

Tamil migrants' issues, concerns and Tamilnadu's historical events are included in this slot.

**12. Digital Thamilazam (12.30- 1.00pm)**

Detailed reviews on latest digital and other electronic products are given to the listeners.

**13. Iniya Illam (1.00-1.30pm)**

This is a phone in programme on recipes, home furnishings and home making.

**14. Munnilai Thagavalgal (1.30-2.00pm)**

This programme gives awareness on local events, State, National, International events, Government announcement, Agriculture Markets, Climate, Trade and General matters.

**15. Vivasaya Ulagam (2.00-2.30pm)**

Detailed information for the farmers on agriculture, eco-farming, poultry, animal husbandry and looking after pets, etc. is provided, focusing on sustainable livelihood options.

**16. Manam Thiranthu (2.30-3.00pm)**

This slot is set aside for listeners' feedback, including comments and suggestions on Pasumai FM Programmes.

**17. Maruthuva Ulagam (3.00-3.30pm)**

It gives general health information.

**18. Nool Arimugam (3.30-4.00pm)**

This programme gives brief information and reviews of new releases (books) in the print media.

**19. Ilakkiya Saaral (4.00-4.30pm)**

Listeners can send their poems through Short Message Service (SMS) or request recitations of their favourite poems.

**20. Inniya Thozhi (4.30-5.00pm)**

This is a women's programme on home based self-employment options, women self help groups, women entrepreneurship, etc.

**21. Chathainaiyalar Nerram (5.00-5.30pm)**

This slot is for giving profiles of achievers and interviewing them. Describing the life, experiences, achievements, etc. of those who reached great heights through their own efforts would be motivating to the listeners.

**22. Munnilai Thagavalgal (5.30-6.00pm)**

This is for awareness on local events, State, National, International events, Government announcements, Agriculture Markets, Climate, Trade and General Awareness

**23. Siruvar Mandram (6.00-6.30pm)**

The programmes is on child rights with social awareness stories, puzzles and jokes for children and their development.

**24. SMS Rhythm (6.30-7.00pm)**

This slot is for developing, especially in the neighborhood. The listener can SMS his/her choice of music and dedicate the same to somebody he likes to.

**25. Sutru Soolal Ulaga Thagavalgal (7.00-7.30pm)**

This focuses on environmental information, global warming, deforestation and other disasters awaiting the earth.

**26. Nagaichuvai Saaral (7.30-8.30pm)**

The time is for phone-in live and SMS. The listeners send jokes and other messages through Short Message Service (SMS) making listeners to laugh and ponder.

**27. Mummilai Thagavalgal (8.30-9.00pm)**

The world news round up and news analysis focusing on the major happenings around the world and frontline information on all events are given in this programme.

### 28. Innisai Iravu

Short information with music related to Youth, Women, Child, Family Unit, etc.

### 29. Twenty-Twenty (20-20):

Viewer's choice of music through letters

### 30. Nonstop Hits

This programme is for music and songs to entertain those who toil late in the night.

### Community Development

The 30 programme slots in the Pasumai CR radio broadcasting has the following programme features like **Phone-In Programmes, SMS programmes, spot live programmes/ On the spots, interactive sessions etc.** All sections of the community have chances of participation in the programmes and are motivated to express the views and ideas on career guidance, migration, love and arranged marriages, climate change, violence, peace, women issues, problem solving, environment protection etc.

### Special Event announcements

There are also voice clippings and awareness announcement on the following subjects like NEAC-National environment awareness campaign for climate changes, breast feeding, child labourers, activity based learning, organic farming, festival celebrations and republic day special programmes.

Thus in every segment and aspect of broadcasting programmes, the preferences of the members of the community are taken up and the listeners are encouraged to engage in social discussions. Entertainment programmes with humor and good music are also broadcast to the people to lighten their hours of listening and to attract the listeners' attention. Thus Pasumai community radio is delivering much information in conjunction with music which caters to the fullest enjoyment of the listeners.

### A meet with Listeners

**Date : 13.4.2008 (One full day)**

**Venue : Naidu Mahal, Round Road, Dindigul**

**Total Number of participants: 1000**



1. Mr. S.S.Krishnamoorthy, I.P.S, D.I.G of Police, Dindigul; and Mr.J.Paul Baskar
2. Chief Functionaries Presence "Pasumai Santhipu" (Pasumai Meeting)

Mr. S.S. Krishnamoorthy I.P.S, DIG of Police, Dindigul, Theni Range  
Mr. B. BalaSubramaniam, M.A. B.L.,

Mr. G. Sundrarajan  
Mr. M.V.R. Soundrarajan  
Mr. K.A.R. Mytheen  
Mr. S.K.C. Kuppasamy

The chief functionaries inaugurated the functions and appreciated the Station Director for his initiative of setting up a community radio. Every one appreciated the community radio for its unique features on information, useful interaction and views on social / developmental issues.

### Feed back of the listeners:

- Pasumai FM has gained large network of listeners within a short span of time.
- Listeners' participation in each and every programme is appreciable.
- More live programme could be added,
- **The clarity of the broadcast could be improved**
- There should be more interactive sessions with the listeners for the programme Manam Thiranthu (Opening our hearts)
- Dramatic presentation of traditional literature is unique and interesting to listen
- Pasumai CR signatures are good and thought provoking
- Pasumai CR is trying to reach the unreached through presenting more and more lively developmental programmes.
- Social issues discussed now and then should be presented to the notice of higher government officials. To Increase information content
- No repetition of programmes, which should be appreciated

There were also cultural programmes by school children, street theatre groups, traditional or rural cultural team members, etc. These members volunteered for the programme. It was realized at the end that the voluntarism is higher than expected and one day was not enough to present all their skills. At the meet, some of the unique developmental practitioners, writers and farmers were recognized by the Pasumai CR team and were given awards during the programme.

Another study on "A SURVEY ON THE PASUMAI FM LISTENERS' VIEWS ON MEDIA" was undertaken in the month of August 2008. The survey reflects that Pasumai Community radio has good network of community listeners from all sections of the Dindigul area. Sensitizing the community towards social issues and problems are achieved highly through the Pasumai Community radio media. The above two interactive sessions with the listeners gave Pasumai CR team an idea about the response a community radio. The increased number of participants as compared to the first meeting itself shows the development of the Pasumai CR among the common public. Other than the two interactive sessions, we have designed structured questionnaire (covering simple 20 Questions) which was distributed among the public during the town Kootai Mariamman festival times (March 2008). That too was received well and we got positive response from the public saying that almost all the programmes of Pasumai CR are well received and is meaningful even to the poor common man. Similar manner, we also got appreciation from Radio Duniya and Satellite Radio, focusing on our future plans which are given below:

### Future plans:

- To increase the broadcast for 24 hours and to shift the station to Sriumalai hills
- To include English news and materials
- To network with other community radios abroad to have wider focus and knowledge.
- To network with all India Radio stations and developmental organisations, for the efficient programme broadcast
- To increase more local voices to the Pasumai Community Radio.

Pasumai community radio tries to cover all developmental issues. This we consider as our success in reaching the people to the core. Pasumai CR team also feel proud in performing an appreciative role in transforming the society through providing community sensitive information continuously and efficiently.

### **Upgradation of the medical equipments at the Government hospitals - Perambalur District**

#### **Introduction:**

Jamsetji Tata Trust in coordination with Peace Trust is implementing the project called upgradation of the medical equipments of the Government hospitals, at Perambalur District. Thereby Tata trust is releasing funds in phases for the purchase of new equipments to be supplied to the government hospitals of the Perambalur district in three phases and Peace Trust is coordinating the project.

#### **Objective of the Project**

To upgrade the medical equipment of these Government head quarters hospital, at Perambalur and other six Taluk Hospitals in the same districts in Phase I and II and Primary Health centre in Phase III. The supply of such equipments will enhance the services of hospitals and Primary Health Centers all over in Perambalur District in reaching the poor rural people in an efficient manner.

#### **Need of the project**

Need assessment was done at the Perambalur and other six Taluk Hospitals and in Primary Health centers and found that the sanctioned medical equipments should be upgraded to serve the rural people better.

#### **Project Processes:**

As a first phase of the project, the up gradation of medical equipments started from the Perambalur District Head Quarters Hospital.

The first phase started in the month of January, 2008. Before starting that phase, one or more meetings among the Tata Trust, Tamilnadu State Government and Peace trust personnel happened in revising the need of the equipments, the availability of physical space in the hospital, available doctors and technicians team in the hospitals for handling and maintaining the equipments. Resource team and consultant from Tata Trust also visited Peace Trust and guided for the effective implementation of the

project.

The quotations for the purchase of sanctioned equipments were collected from the various suppliers all over Tamilnadu and from Bombay. The Purchase Committee meeting was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Trichy and the team collectively decided to negotiate with the selected suppliers for competitive prices and for better services.

#### **Purchase Orders:**

After an intensive discussion and negotiation with the suppliers and on consolidating the suppliers list, the same was forwarded to Dr. Seema Gupta, consultant Tata Trust for her final approval for issuing Purchase orders. On 29th March 2008, Peace Trust got clearance for **13 equipments**. Again in the month of May, June and July, Nine (**9**) **equipments** were sanctioned, again **3 equipments** were cleared during the month of December and three more equipment got clearance during the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the year 2009. The total clearance of equipment till the reporting period is about 28 numbers.

Soon after getting clearance or sanction approval from Dr. Seema, the concerned suppliers were issued purchase orders from Peace Trust. The payment terms include three phases for each supplier. That is the supplier will be released 10% payment as advance during the issue of Purchase order, 80% payment soon after installation and remaining 80% after completion of training. The payment mode is the same for all the suppliers and in some cases (in the kind of value added equipments) the percentage of payment amount varies.

All the cleared equipments **got two years warranty** and the service will be taken by the respective supplier. The service reports of the machines are also kept with the suppliers and will be collected at the end of warranty period. The proper transfer and utilization of the installed medical equipments will be handed over to the Government. Peace Trust will facilitate an agreement between government and Suppliers for the post installation services and its maintenance.

#### **Utilities of the equipments supplied:**

During the month of January 2009, Dr. Seema Gupta visited the District Headquarters hospital and saw the utilities of the equipments supplied.

The purpose of the visit to the hospital is to physically verify the structural development and construction of the operation theater and also to verify the status of the delivered equipments supplied by Tata Trust. The team also assessed the effective functioning and usages of the supplied equipments, almost all the supplied equipments are being used in the Hospital.

The Ortho tables, Laparoscope and C-arm are not put in use as the hospital personnel were waiting for the swab results. And during the visit, it was suggested to fit air filters in the newly built operation theatre. Moreover there are not enough technicians, radiologists and operation theatre assistants to fully use the equipments. So the usage of equipments is only partial.

The operation theater construction is well planned and equipped with all new supplied equipments. The operation tables are placed in the operation theater and the light and pendants are

fitted. X-ray machines and ortho in-plants and instruments are made to use. C-arm, Tables and Laparoscopy sets are delivered and are waiting for usage, as they are taking the swab tests. The monitors are fitted in various departments and are in usage immediately after the supply. Color Doppler and Ultra Sonogram are also being used by the GH officials.

We have also looked into the stock registrar of the hospital and the status of the most of equipments are put into use and given to the department concerned.

Sino	Name	Total Numbers Supplied
1	Operation Table	Two
2	Operating Table with Orthopaedic attachments, light and pendants	ONE
3	C-Arm X-Ray Unit	ONE
4	X-Ray Unit 500MA - Digital X-Ray Unit	ONE
5	Portable X-ray unit 50MA	ONE
6	Single Chip Basic Leproscopy set	One
7	POP Cutting Saw - Electrical	ONE
8	Hemi-orthoplasty-instrumentation set	ONE
9	Hand Drill	TWO
10	Interlocking Nail Basic Instrumentation set	ONE
11	Small Fragments - Instrumentation set	ONE
12	Large Fragments-Instrumentation set	ONE
13	DHS-Instrumentation set	ONE
14	External Fixator	TEN
15	Multi Parameter with Monitor	TWO
16	Infusion Pump	TWO
17	Portable Ventilator	TWO
18	CTG Monitor	ONE
19	Pulse Oxymeter	Four
20	Defibrillator	ONE
21	Colour Doppler	ONE
22	Ultra Sonogram Scan (General-1 and O.G.-1)	TWO
23	Leproscopy set	ONE
24	Compact Urethroscope with Cystoscope biopsy	One
25	Auto Analyser	ONE
26	Strelhmenn Pin holder	TEN
27	Thomas Splint	TEN
28	Boyle's Apparatus (with NO2 and O2 Cylinders)	Three
29	BB spring	TEN

Again during the discussion, Dr. Seema Gupta recommended to include equipment model number and type in the purchase order. She suggested that to include these two specifications in the table format /statement of the purchase order. Hereafter all the purchase orders will include these two specifications.

The Chairman, Peace Trust emphasized the need for clearing the remaining items in Phase I. He also raised concern about CT scan which is very much needed in Perambalur District Headquarters Hospital. Since the project has many indirect implications - benefits and applications related to government, it was suggested to complete the Phase I before the month of January 2009. Anyway if supplied, the District Headquarters personnel will be pressurized by the District collector to make use of the supplied equipments as there are still more phases to go.

At least one meeting is planned every month with the District Collector and the Joint Director, Permbalur district by the Peace Trust project members (October 2008, November 2008, and in 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2008). Primary purpose of all these meeting is to meet the Collector and to confirm the total number of equipments delivered to the hospital, to reveal the usage of equipments and to plan for future purchases.

#### Conclusion:

Peace Trust wishes to complete the phase earliest by March 2010. All the process of clearing the equipments meant for the Phase I are in line and we hope that we surely complete the Phase I time line set, if there is cooperation and support from all the stakeholders of the project. We, from Peace Trust would like to thank Tata Trust and its consultant for all the guidance and support extended.

#### **Strahlemann Peace Child Support Centre: CASE STUDIES – 2008 - 2009**



#### **Yes! I love Painting!**

My name is S. Subash doing standard X in Serthur School. My father Mr. Subramanian (42 yrs) is a fisherman, my mother Mrs. Kanagaselvi is a homemaker. My younger brother Madhan (12 yrs) is studying in standard VII and my younger sister Swathi (10 yrs) doing her V standard in Serthur School. After Tsunami, our livelihood support has gone and my family daily living had become very horrible. We are living under the below poverty line. We are residing in our own house. Through the Strahlemann Peace Child Support Center's staff I came to know about the center and I joined in the Strahlemann Peace Child Support Center in the year 2005. I am a semi-boarding student. I like to take evening snacks in the SPSC center. I like to study in the Strahlemann Peace Child Support Center center because it provides a pleasant condition to improve my educational standards. The Strahlemann Peace Child Support Center teachers clear my questions as often. I love to play football in the Strahlemann Peace Child Support Center Park. I wish to become a District Collector, with this

position only I can help poor children to improve their studies. I like painting and drawing and spend most of my time in that. Every month Rs.300/- is deposited in the post office savings for my future educational assistance, to continue higher education and to achieve my ambition in a successful way. Through cell phone training I learn modern techniques and confident of being self employed. The cultural training and the vocational training promoted my self-confidence to face the traumas courageously. The medical camp improves my health consistently and the counseling like taking bath daily, eating more vegetables directed my self to follow the habits. S. Subash is soft character; he likes to play in the Strahelmann Peace Child Support Center ground every evening. After joining in Strahelmann Peace Child Support Center his educational standards improved. He loves to continue his education through our Strahelmann Peace Child Support Center.

### **I dream of a Scientist**



My name is S.Anbarasi, studying in standard XI. At the time of Tsunami I was playing near the seashore, when every one shouted about the waves, my brother and my sister started running and we reached a safe place. Both my parents into fishing occupation and in the evening we all meet together but the tsunami waves washed all our household items. The incident was an unforgettable one. At present we are residing in our own house in Serthur village. Through the field work, I came to know about Strahelmann Peace Child Support Center. I like the tuition programmes in the evenings and wish to participate in all the motivation training programmes. The educational assistance of depositing Rs. 300 in the saving bank account and the free note books enhanced my parents' attitude of making me to study well till I wish. The motivational camps changed my character to be a firm person in the society. I keenly observe the medical camps organized, as I wish to become a doctor and want to serve the poor.

S.Anbarasi is a good girl in the center, but at first she was reluctant to mingle with the tuition friends but later she became social in making friends. She likes to study science and always ask questions relating to inventions and scientific achievers. She is an intelligent girl, where she never retires till she gets a satisfactory answer. Her health status and her psychological status are being improved through the Strahelmann Peace Child Support Center. She spends most of her time in putting new embroidery designs. She loves the tailoring course provided in the center.

### **I am not only Home maker but also an Entrepreneur**

I am Sakila devi from ottanagampatti and I am married to Mr. Radha Krishnan. He is working as a carpenter. I am aged 28. I came from a poor family. I came to know about the watershed project and group organizing work. Already I saw some water development programmes going on in my village. I also watched the village cultural programmes and awareness programmes initiated by Peace Trust some months ago. I thought shall I get an opportunity to join the serving team. I came across a note that Peace trust is forming different groups like farmers' group, User groups, landless farmers groups etc. as soon as I heard that I joined in the self-help group of Peace Trust in the January month, 2009. The staff gave us training and capacity building programmes. I am the animator of the group. Initially we rendered

internal loan among landless famers belonging to Ottanagampatti. After a period of six months, now we got loan from bank through the Peace Trust. As I am already trained in tailoring, I started my own home tailoring at my village with the loan amount. My income is considerably increasing and I am looking forward to more assistance to start up many micro enterprises in my village for my people.

### **Realizing life of a special child**

Sudarsan, five years old child. He is son of Sellaiyan and Aruljothi, residing in Thattara theru of Thopputhurai. He is born as a mentally retarded. He is not been recognized and he won't speak to anybody. He even does not know to eat properly. Some one has to feed him and he is totally dependent. He always keeps quite and sits alone in a corner of his house. Even though he lives in a joint family, his mental growth is not up to the normal. Sudarsan's parents took him to many doctors but there is no change in him. He remains same. Then, the Animator Mrs. T. Sumathi gave individual counseling to the parents and made them to leave the child in ICDS center. After giving continuous counseling to the parents, they send their child in ICDS center. Sudarsan was taken to the center. Due to the great effort of the animator and the ICDS teacher, they made him to sit with other children, made him to eat by his own, learn through pictures, etc. and they gave some special counseling to their parents and gave training through 'Training to parents' programme too. After this consistent exercise, the reaction from Sudarshan was shocking to their parents. As during earlier times, Sudarsan sit in a corner, closes his eyes and ears when he saw other child/children passing the way and was not willing to see and listen outside voices. Now Sudarsan had improved a lot. He speaks normally, playing with other children, eating properly, trying to do his work by his own, keen to learn more, etc. He likes to come to ICDS center even during heavy rainy times. Not only his learning but his relation to other child has been improved.

### **I am earning for my studies**

I am A.Kulanthai sahayaraj, 20 years old, native of Nallamanayakkanpatty village 25kms away from the school. I have passed 10<sup>th</sup> standard. My father Arulraj, 50 years old who has special talent in climbing coconut trees for weeding. He has work during the harvesting period in coconut farms for which he is earning Rs.100/- per day, which is the main source of income to my family. My mother 45 years old is a housewife and is taking care of us. We have no lands for cultivation in our own and we are living in a rented house. My parents are toiling like anything for our well being. In these circumstances, I have heard about Peace Industrial School about its selfless service to the poor students. So, I have joined in this school during this academic year 2008-09 in "Electrical Technician trade" which I heard is a job oriented course. Even now, in the midst of my studies, during holidays, I am earning by working as labour to meet my own and the family expenses. I have got one younger sister aged 19, studied up to tenth standard who is getting training in tailoring in Don Bosco Trust, community college, Dindigul. I feel I am very fortunate to be a student of this school where I am getting a varied personal development programmes like participating in seminars, awareness and cultural programmes and sports activities which will definitely equip my personal capacities. So, I hope I will definitely get trade related job as Electrical Technician after completing my course.

## I am with great sensible power

I am K.Vanitha, 17 years old, born with different abeled skills, hearing and visual impairment. However I have passed tenth standard. I am native of Vellamadai village near Vadamadurai at the distance of about 30km away from this school. My father is no more and my mother is also deceased. My only married elder sister and her husband are my guardians and caretakers for me at present. My sister's husband is taking care of the whole family with all responsibilities including my studies. He only admitted me in this school in "Cutting and tailoring trade" during this school academic year 2008-09. I am staying here by availing hostel facilities where all my inmates are very intimate and helpful to me. They all show their kindness and impassion during which I forget all my natural deficiencies. The school management, the staff and the students are encouraging me in all respects. I feel that I am fortunate for being a student of this institution. The school authorities have given me maximum favors in teaching, guiding me and for meeting out the expenses. I hope I will hold better position in future with all the well wishers of the institution.

### Peace Trust Project status: Funded Projects

S.No	Focus Area	Project Title	Funding Partner	Location	Project Nature
1.	Sustainable Agriculture and Watershed Development	Socio Economic Empowerment for marginalized farmers and landless families through Integraed Watershed Development Programme – SEEIWD	Karl Kubel Stiftung (KKS) , Germany	Puliamarathukottai (Vedachandur and Ottachnathur Block ) Watershed area of Dindigul District	Ongoing
2	Disaster Management and Children Residential Programme	Strahlemann Peace Support Centre for Children	Karl Kubel Stiftung (KKS) , Germany along with Strahlemann Initiative and Fraport	Nagapattinam District	Ongoing
3.	Youth Education	Peace Industrial School	Indiska Magasinet of Sweden	Dindigul	Ongoing

### Indian Government Funded Projects:

1	Sustainable Environment awareness and Development	National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC)	Govt. of India Environment Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi	17 Districts of Tamil Nadu	Ongoing
2	Watershed Development Prgramme	Periyakottai Watershed Development Project (PWDP)	NABARD	Dindigul	Ongoing
3	Women Development	Mahalir thittam	Tamilnadu Corporation for Development of Women, (TNCDW)	Vedasandur and Dindigul District	Ongoing
4.	Improving Medical Care and Facilities in Government Hospitals	Upgradation of Medical equipments in Government head quarters hospital, at Perambalur and other six Taulka Hospitals in the same district	The Jansetji Tata Trust (JTT)	Permbalur District	Ongoing

### Peace Trust's Own Funded Projects:

S.No	Focus Area	Project Title	Funding Partner	Location	Project Nature
1	Peace Media Centre	Pasumai Press	Press work orders from other projects of Peace Trust	R.M. Colony Dindigul	Flourishing
		New Ed Publications	Subscribers of the Journal/ Magazine		
		Pasumai FM community Radio	Sponsors and Customers.		
2.	Innovative education and trainings	Peace College of Education	Beneficiaries' group	Vittalnayakkan patty, Vedachanthur, Dindigul	Sustainable growth.

### Concluding note:

With all these development initiations, Peace Trust has been making concrete impacts in its project area. We have been marching with people for creating sustainable environment by pooling equitable resources.

### PRESS MATTER:



