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## Annual Report - 1989.

## Non Formal Education and Youth Activities.

We have given in this report our step by step progress in our attempt to create a new society, which is free from the ‘Social Evils’.

Our society -KARD has been working with the people of the 42 villages in Thovalai Taluk under the folds-Non Formal Education, Formation of clubs and activities, one family one tree Programme, Help the needy programme and Organisation of the Agriculturists.

## Non Formal Education:

We have been conducting regular Non Formal Education classes in all the 42 villages with the help and sincere co-operation of volunteers in the respective villages. The students comprise of the non school going children and also the dropouts. Need for education, cleanliness, Social environment, diseases and their prevention, need for health, need for kitchen gardens etc., comprise of the curriculum. Besides, they were taken to good movies and picnics which help much to strengthen the rapport between the students and the social worker. Again, we have helped the dropouts to continue regular schooling by talking to their parents.

## Formation of Clubs and Activities:

We have been working in 52 villages though we have given 42 villages in the Project. We could not avoid the near by villages when they come and ask for such Organisations. We have formed all the clubs-youth clubs, Ladies clubs, young students movements (Boys, and Girls separately) in all the 52 Villages.

We could organize the Agricultural coolies only in twenty three villages before March 1990.

We have organised the young working children in all the 21 villages. We have also co-ordinated them and regular co-ordination meetings are conducted.

Regular meetings have been conducted for all these clubs separately, in all these villages and all the clubs except Agricultural coolies have been co-ordinated have been conducted every month. We believe we will co-ordinate the Agricultural coolies also before June 1990.

All their clubs have been formed with the motto ‘village uplift’ and in their respective club meetings the club members were enabled to plan out their share in developing their village. We have made them do a collaborated work in each village. That is, if a programme is necessary for their village all the office bearers of the clubs in villages, namely youth club, Ladies club, Young students boys and girls, Agriculturists, and young children workers (which we call office Bearers meeting) meet and plan out how they can do the programme successfully. For example if a Health camp is necessary for them they decide and plan it out in the office Bearers meeting and share the work. With the co-operation of all the clubs in the villages they complete the Health camp effectively. They were enabled to do all the activities in the similar way. We have made the clubs conduct 119 Health camps and 106 Veterinary camps.

We have made the clubs give petitions to various departments like District collector, Managing Director of Transport Corporation, Electricity Board, panchayat Presidents, Block Development officers, Tahsildhars, Revenue Inspectors etc., 142 such petitions were given this year. All these petitions were given to request the officials to get their basic needs like, drinking water, electricity, pathway, to their village transportation facility to their village, etc. for some of the given petitions they have got the reply and got the request sanctioned and the remaining are on the process.

Apart from this we have motivated the clubs to do what they can to their village. In this regard, all the village clubs were motivated to do work like, cleaning the bushes on the path way to their village, cleaning the drainages, cleaning the streets, cleaning the drinking water well etc.

They were motivated to organise Health camps and also Veterinary camps in their villages by utilizing the Government Health workers. But, some of the camps are going on and many of them fails as the Health workers are careless and they concentrate only in family planning and also they have very little transportation facilities. With the help of two good hearted Health workers we could conduct Eighteen Health camps in our area this year.

The Agriculturists in our villages were also organised and they were motivated to undertake activities inorder to uplift their village. The Agriculturists in our villages were made to meet in a common place in the respective, villages, and enabled to have discussions on their problems like water scarcity, wages, need for pesticides, manuring schedule etc. The officials from the Government Agriculture department were also invited to give them ideas on manuring and usage of pesticides. As this enables the Agriculturists get more ideas on their daily work and as they feel that such an assistance is necessary for them and also as they find the effect of such a programme is a very quickly found one, the co-operation from their side is much. Meanwhile we find it very difficult to co-ordinate them as they have little work in this season. During April &May they don’t have work in the fields and we hope during this season we will co-ordinate them this year.

We have started our work to conduct parents meetings for the young children workers to know whether our organisation for them – for the young children workers is necessary and in what way does it help the children workers in their life. We have conducted six such meetings in their respective villages. We have also decided to conduct the same in all the villages.

We have motivated the clubs to start Night study classes in Thirty six villages and only in sixteen villages we could not start the Night study classes. Now the clubs in the respective villages are taking care of these night study classes.

We will soon motivate the other village clubs also to start such classes for the young students Boys and girls.

## KARD MALAR:

The magazene ‘KARD MALAR’ is very much helpful for us. It plays a prominent role in our work, bearing stories, small poems, incidents etc. with awareness ideas. It enables our staff to discuss the village problems in the club meetings.

## One Family One tree programme:

Under this programme we have planted many trees (more than 150 trees) this year. All these trees were planted with the co-operation of all the clubs in each village. We have motivated them to plant trees during all the festivals and functions in their village-in memory of that function.

## Help the needy programme:

Under this programme we have motivated the clubs to identify the people who are physically handicapped, old widows and help them to get pensions from Government such as pension for the handicapped, oldage pension, pension for the widows etc. In this regard we have given this year 67 petitions and out of which we have got 26 pensions.

One of the reason for the effectiveness of our programme is the training programmes. If is the training programmes which enable the staff understand the problems, the cause for the problems and the social situations clearly and gives them courage to put each step with courage in tackling the village problem. So also the training programmes for the youth the children, the women and also the agriculturists helps them understand the social milieu clearly. It is with this idea they begin to act.

## Future Programmes:

* Regular personal contact
* Formation of village groups

(with the help of all the members of all the clubs)

* Regular co-ordination meetings for all the clubs.
* Parents meetings for YCW children
* Night study for the young students.
* Organisation for Agriculturists in all the villages and also co-ordination for them.
* To make all the clubs act and function to get their basic needs.
* To make them conduct Health camps & Veterinary camps, regularly.

Though our programmes are far-reaching we are careful in putting each step with full confidence and we hope we will attain success in our attempt.

We are thankful to Cebemo for its generosity without which we could not have initiated our work in Thovalai Taluk. We are very much thankful to the club members in each village for their co-operation to carryout our programmes. We also extend our sincere thanks to the well wishers, for their effective ideas and suggestions about our work in the villages. KARD also converys its humble thanks to its staff, for their fullest effort with the people of Thovalai Taluk.

Thovalai,

7-3-1990. PROJECT DIRECTOR.