

# ACTIVITY REPORT

## 2024 - 2025



**Social Awareness Society for Youth - SASY**

Tamil Nadu

## **Activities conducted for the Local Grant**

### **1. Accessing Social and Economic Justice for Dalit, with a focus on Arunthathiyars in Tamil Nadu: (APPI)**

#### **1.1. Enrolment & Accessing Schemes and Entitlements from the Tamil Nadu Government:**

We had facilitated the process of enrolling in the sanitary workers welfare board had filed 345 applications to the district level concerned department for membership of sanitary workers in the social security board and 54 membership cards were accessed.

In continuation to the follow up of the capacity building trainings, the JAI BHIM women federation members are actively engaged in submitting petitions to the government officials. About 4 petitions for housing with land pattas in Senjeri village, petition for public toilet in S. Kumarapalayam village, upgrading of government school, streetlights, pension for single women, petition seeking education support for destitute children and petition for primary health center in Senjeriputhur was collectively by the block level and district level JAI BHIM women federation leaders. Also 92 individual petitions were submitted by the Dalit women in the Nallurpalayam village of Sultanpet block seeking housing with land pattas. In this 3-year project phase about 247 Arunthathiyar families have accessed government schemes and entitlements.

#### **1.2. Legal Assistance to the survivors of Manhole Deaths & Manual Scavengers:**

We have provided legal assistance in 12 cases of discriminations of sanitary workers and manual deaths. FIRs were registered in 9 cases registered under relevant acts, including SCs and STs PoA Act, Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers & their Rehabilitation Act, IPC, and CrPC sections. Complaints were submitted to the concerned government departments and redressal institutions aiming to promote justice and support marginalized communities, particularly sanitary workers who face significant challenges and vulnerabilities. 16 accused persons were arrested in 6 cases and compensation of INR 1,06,42,500/- were provided to the survivors' families in 7 cases. Six cases were charge sheeted and 24 accused persons arrested in 17 cases and we have facilitated the Special Public Prosecutor appointments in two cases under rule 4 (5) of SCs and STs PoA act. As a rehabilitation measures 11 persons in 7 cases have received government job under the stipulated act, 2 cents of land in 1 case.

#### **1.3. Welfare & Policy Engagements for better implementation of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenging & their Rehabilitation Act 2013:**

We have made engagements with the Tamil Nadu Government and have sent the research study report to 21 corporations in Tamil Nadu mainly for disseminating the study report, for the better implementation of the Act and providing relief, rehabilitation to the survivors'



families. Followingly, the Tamil Nadu Government had released various announcements in mechanizing with the robotic machines. Followingly the Tamabaram Corporation, Avadi Corporation, and Chennai Corporation have announced regulations regarding vehicle registration for sanitary workers and manual scavengers which includes mandatory vehicle registration, permit system for sanitation vehicles, installation of safety equipment (cameras, GPS, emergency response systems), driver verification, regular vehicle maintenance, proper waste management, emphasis on worker safety (PPE, training), compliance monitoring and thereby ensuring the safety of the sanitary workers.

#### **1.4. Publication and Pamphlets IEC materials:**

Publication and distribution of IEC materials, such as pamphlets, have promoted awareness among sanitary workers about government welfare schemes, their rights, and entitlements, enabling them to access benefits and improve their well-being.

#### **1.5. Children Camps & Cultural Programme for CRC Children:**



We have conducted One Day Children's Camp for our CRC Children and the aim of the children's camp is to promote children participation, leadership skills and help them dream about their future goals and understand what it takes to achieve those dreams. About 125 children from 20 CRC centers have participated in the camp and performances were made by CRC Students on 15 thematic areas like children education, child legal safeguards, climate Management, self-confidence. The camp was packed with artistic performances, showcasing the talents of CRC students and facilitators.



#### 1.6. CRC Facilitators:



30 Children Resource Center Facilitators play a vital role in shaping, empowering children and communities through education, academic and extra-curricular support.



They facilitate learning, promote child safeguards, and foster inclusive development, driving positive change in their respective environments in two blocks of Coimbatore District.



### **1.7. Staff Meeting with CRC & Women Federation Leaders:**

Staff meetings were held with Children Resource Center facilitators and Women Federation leaders to discuss ongoing initiatives, challenges, and strategies for empowering marginalized women. The meeting aimed to strengthen collaboration, share best practices, and align efforts to achieve common goals, ultimately enhancing the impact of community development programs.



## **2. LC General Account:**

### **2.1. Complementary Education Support:**

Students heading from below poverty line and single headed family was provided complementary educational support. This monetary assistance helped the students to pursue their education, enhancing their academic performance and opportunities. This initiative helped bridge learning gaps and provided them with the resources needed to succeed.

### **2.2. Documentation & Monitoring Expenses:**

We had studied and documented 80 incidences of caste based discriminations committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Children, Women and other vulnerable communities. From these data the implementing organisation had provided legal assistance in the respective cases.

### **2.3. Legal Aid services (conducting FF) & Follow-up of the cases:**

We have provided legal aid services in 4 cases and have provided support to survivors by following up on their cases and providing legal assistance, connecting them with the advocates, and ultimately helping them in accessing the platform and rebuild their lives.

### **2.5. Staff Capacitation & Perspective Building:**

Staff capacitation and perspective building on gender perspectives, intersectionality, and global perspectives on legal safeguards aim to enhance understanding, empathy, and skills in addressing complex social issues. This training promotes equality, inclusivity, and effective protection of rights, particularly for marginalized groups, ultimately improving the impact and effectiveness of their work.





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