

ACTIVITY REPORT

2023-2024



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. Formation & strengthening of 30 Women Groups for welfare of the Scheduled Caste women:

30 women groups were formed in 2 blocks of Sulur and Sultanpet of Coimbatore District. They are having women group meeting at the village level once in a month and conveying cluster level meeting once in a month and regional level meeting once in two months. There are 470 marginalized women in 16 villages of Sultanpet Block of Coimbatore District and 400 women in 15 villages of Sulur Block of Coimbatore District. This will contribute to access the economic entitlements for the Scheduled Castes Arunthathiyar women and to address the basic amenities and other infrastructure facilities of the villages in 2 blocks of Coimbatore District.

1.2. Cluster & Regional Level Federation:

A cluster and regional level federation was formed to develop marginalized women, particularly those from Scheduled Caste communities in Coimbatore District. This initiative aims to promote their dignity, awareness, and access to government schemes and entitlements. Through this federation, women in 2 blocks (Sultanpet and Sulur) have been organized into 30 village-level groups, capacitated on key issues, and capacitated to take leadership roles in their communities. The Scheduled Caste women in these villages have undergone capacity-building exercises on key topics, including the Indian Constitution, women's legislation, child perspectives, and government schemes and entitlements. This initiative aims to empower these women and enhance their awareness of their rights and privileges.

1.3. Capacity Building Programs on Formation of women groups:

Two capacity building programs were conducted in Coimbatore District, specifically focusing Scheduled Caste Arunthathiyar women in two blocks. These programs aimed to empower women through group initiatives, equipping them with essential skills and knowledge on leadership and collective action. This is a follow up of the previous year capacity building training and about 56 women who were already capacitated participated in the training and shared their experiences, testimonies, learnings of the last training by promoting social empowerment and community solidarity.

Through these capacitation trainings we have made engagements with the Tamil Nadu government and have accessed public toilets in Varapalayam and Iyyampalayam villages for 150 Dalit families, access to cremation ground for 40 families in Chandrapuram village of

Sulur, Coimbatore District, access to transportation facilities for 30 families in Murugampalayam village of Sulur, Coimbatore District.



1.4. Awareness Meetings & Trainings for Sanitary Workers:

SASY organized awareness meetings and trainings for sanitary workers, for the Scheduled Caste (Arunthathiyars) both men and women, to create awareness on their legal safeguards, entitlements, and government schemes. A recent training in Coimbatore District saw 52 sanitary workers participate, empowering them to access their benefits and improve their socio-economic status.

1.5. Facilitation on Enrolling 1500 Sanitary Workers in Sanitary workers Welfare Board:



We had facilitated the enrollment of sanitary workers in the Sanitary Workers Welfare Board, enabling them to access benefits and support. This involved guiding workers through the registration process, ensuring they provided necessary documents, and helping them navigate the system to secure their rights and entitlements.

1.6. Legal Assistance to the survivors of Manhole Deaths & Manual Scavengers:

We have provided legal assistance in 10 cases of discriminations of sanitary workers and manual deaths. FIR was registered in 8 cases and 5 cases are invoked under SCs and STs PoA Act, 1 case under the Manual Scavengers Act and remaining 4 cases under IPC and CrPC sections. 6 accused persons were arrested in 5 cases and interim compensation of INR 71 lakhs has been received under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013. Out of 10 cases, 5 cases are under investigation and 1 case is charge sheeted.

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

We have organized a state level engagement on the discriminations against the sanitary workers and Manhole Deaths in Tamil Nadu. This engagement was centered for the better implementation of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenging and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, through welfare and policy engagements to ensure the eradication of manual scavenging and complete rehabilitation of affected individuals.

1.8. 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.

1.9. Formation & Strengthening of Children Resource Centers:

Children Resource Center is providing space and platform for the Dalit children to explore themselves in terms of academics, sports and other extra-curricular activities. Totally 490 children from 20 CRC centers are attending the evening tuition classes CRC children had exposure visit to various government offices, nationalized banks, library and museums and significant impact is where the children have very strong decision that the future generation will study well and go for blue collar and white-collar jobs. The children are encouraged to grow in self-worth and are given the tools to change their futures. About 111 CRC students have excellently passed their 12th board exams and 140 CRC students have remarkably passed their 10th board exams in Coimbatore Districts. Out of 251, 3 students have got school first

and second ranks for the academic year 2023-24.



1.10. 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 129 children from 20 CRC centers have participated in the camp and there was performance by CRC Students on various thematic areas like children education, climate changes, self-confidence etc.



1.11. Cultural Training for Children:

25 Dalit children were professionally trained and emerged as KUYILI CULTURAL TEAM in Coimbatore District and have gained capacities on folk arts, street play, playing instruments and dance. The children have performed various cultural programmes at village level on various social issues and are creating awareness among the community mainly to break the barriers and to create a platform where they can exchange their ideas



and witness each other's performances. The children have also participated in District Level and Taluk Level Cultural Programs and have won first prize. It has promoted children participation, develop leadership qualities and exhibit their talents.

1.12. 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.

1.13. 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.

1.14. Advanced Trainings for Staff & CRC Facilitators:

SASY had organized Staff Capacitation Training for Women Federation Leaders and CRC facilitators and about 40 persons participated including JAI BHIM women federation members, CRC facilitators, community organizers participated in the training. The capacitation was on the legal safeguards, Accessing Government Entitlements and Community Organisation.

2. LC General Account:

2.1. Complementary Education Support:

5 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 115 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. Fact Finding Expenses:

A fact finding was conducted & complaints were submitted on behalf of the survivors as well as by the organisation to the concerned department, officials, and human rights redressal institutions.

2.4. Federation & CRC meeting Expenses:

Meeting with the women federation leaders and children resource center (CRC) facilitators mainly to facilitate a productive and effective meeting, enabling participants to discuss key issues, share experiences, and plan future activities.

2.5. Follow-up of the cases and Legal Assistance:

We 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.

