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**PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION FOR PEOPLE'S
EDUCATION (POPE)**

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FOREWORD

It is my great pleasure to express our journey of achieving the rights of women and children and Dalit including the capacity building training for the representatives of groups and group members, Awareness building among Children and adolescents, women empowerment through skill development program.

I would greatly extend my sincere thanks to all the solidarity groups, networks, collaborative initiatives and other likeminded groups for your continuous support and solidarity in all our efforts.

I would express my sincere gratitude to all the supporters, board and the staff team for their wide contribution and commitment to achieve remarkable changes in the past one year.

We thank you all for your great support to us in the past and sincerely acknowledge your guidance and handholding to accomplish meaningful interventions among the lives of Dalits to ensure their equality with dignity.

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ABOUT POPE

People's Organisation for People Education (POPE) is a registered, voluntary, secular, non-profit organization established in the year 1992, for accelerating Justice, ensuring Equality with Dignity of every individual. POPE strives to achieve this objective through quality Education to the Children of Dalits, Adivasis, and Promoting Entrepreneurship, Strengthening Access to Justice System, Social Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction, Management and bringing Socio & Economic sustainable changes in the lives of Dalits, Adivasis and other marginalized communities of Tamil Nadu.

VISION:

Create a just society with Equality and Dignity of Every person

MISSION:

Protect and promote the fundamental rights of Dalits, Adivasis and other most marginalized communities through quality education, accessing economic entitlements and justice.

KEY ACTIVITIES OF POPE

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SKILL TRAINING PROGRAM:



POPE has been working among Dalit Women since its inception with the commitment to promote Dalit women leadership. POPE has formed 6 women groups in the project working villages. POPE has organized

much training for the women groups to improve the knowledge in the area of leadership, Income generation training, micro-entrepreneur which helps them to become self-reliant and to act independently.

CAPACITY BUILDING ON ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

The members of the women group have undergone different trainings. POPE has capacitated the members of the women group on Animal Husbandry in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry. The topic includes goat rearing, prevention of disease, nourishing, animal insurance etc., women who are interested in livestock and poultry rearing requested to approach the department for scheme assistance. This training benefits the members to understand the concept of livestock rearing which makes them become an entrepreneur.

CAPACITY BUILDING ON ACCOUNTS AND RECORD KEEPING

POPE has organized training on Accounts and Record-Keeping for the representatives of the women group as part of the capacity building program. The main objective of this program is to enhance the capacity of the leaders of SHG. The women representatives were trained on the topic of maintenance of accounts, how to maintain a group resolution book, self -governance and team building etc, The Women groups are linked to the nationalized banks for credit assistance with the support of POPE.

CHILDREN RESOURCE CENTER:



Children Resource centre (CRC) has been established in the working villages of POPE. The purpose of the centre is to enable the children to exhibit the inherent talents. About 250 children have been benefitted and they have improved their knowledge of education through art and media. We have formed 5 CRC in 5

villages of Dindigul District. We have identified facilitators from each village and trained on Child Protection and Child Rights which helps them to understand the concept and perception of Child Rights. The children were guided by the facilitators very friendly. Children from the age of 6-12 will attend the centre in the evening. It helps the children to learn life skill-oriented things beyond their school subjects.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD SAFETY

An awareness campaign on Child Protection and Child Safety has been organised in collaboration with ChildLine 1098. The Children were capacitated on child protection and child rights which provides them to understand the safety measures while the life of the child is at risk. The team from CHILDLINE 1098 provides handbills to the community.



CAREER GUIDANCE CAMP FOR SCHOOL LEAVING CHILDREN

Children are our future generation. In many villages, children are not aware of various educational, training, scholarship and vocational trade details provided by the Government.



Since they lack vocational guidance/ career guidance, they easily become unsuccessful in their career and join with the petty coolie work. We have organized a career guidance camp for children to provide information on career-oriented studies which helps the student to easily get knowledge on the job offers, higher studies etc.,

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON PERSONAL HYGIENE

An Awareness campaign on Personal Hygiene organized in the working villages. This activity helps the women and children especially girls in maintaining their hygiene effectively. The village community people also provided their fullest cooperation for organizing this campaign. IEC materials on personal hygiene distributed to the village people.

SCHOOL DROP OUT AND ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN

POPE has effectively organized a school dropout and enrollment campaign in the project working villages. The members of the children's family participated in the campaign. They were provided with the information on the importance of education, admitting children into schools, education of girl child and eradication of child labour, scholarship schemes for children as well as utilisation of the facilities available at government schools.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AGAINST CHILD TRAFFICKING:

Child Trafficking is a major issue against children in many districts of Tamilnadu. Trafficked children were subjected to various forms of abuse, violence and will engage them as labour in textile and construction works. In this context, POPE has organized the community at the village level and brought awareness on child trafficking. It creates a great impact among the community on child trafficking. A team from CHILDLINE 1098 invited for this program. They explained how children are targeted and exposed to various forms of abuses and how to immediately rescue the child with the help of CHILDLINE and state authorities.



SOCIAL INCLUSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RISK REDUCTION:

POPE has continued the effort of addressing the Disaster Response since the Tsunami and especially POPE has been working among the socially excluded groups and addressing the issue of social exclusion in the disaster response. In this context, POPE had conducted community-based disaster responsive group formation training for the community. The youth volunteers, group members and community people have capacitated on Disaster Preparedness including rescue, relief and Rehabilitation. The capacitated group will engage in identifying vulnerability areas in their District. POPE is part of the state-level Humanitarian Responsive Core group and proactively participated in the Inter-Agency Group (IAG).



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

International Women's Day celebration on 8th March 2017 organised along with the members of women's group in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Dindigul District. The members of the group celebrated the day by sharing their achievements and challenges faced by them. About 40 group members actively participated in the celebration program. The women group members have displayed the items they have prepared by the group members. Ms Gomathy expressed their gratitude to POPE for providing their support and training to the members of the group.



PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

During this year, POPE had conducted Program Committee Meeting in the office premises of POPE. Every six months once, the program team will organize the meeting to discuss the program planning, execution, review, monitoring and evaluation of the project, activity. The program team has reviewed the activities implemented in the field, discussed evolving the strategies for strengthening the project. The program team also analysed contemporary issues like Child Trafficking, Social inclusion and Children Education, Disaster Preparedness and strengthening women entrepreneur to be intervened by the organization in the District.

NETWORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

POPE has a wider network with the Civil Society Organisation and Government agencies in Dindigul. We are maintaining a good rapport with Government Department to link the group members through possible schemes of assistance and advisory support. With the enormous effort of POPE, the members of two groups have received their credit assistance from a Nationalised Bank through which they use that the credit amount for involving in a small business like petty shops, food preserve items preparation etc.,