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FOREWORD

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

I would greatly extend my sincere thanks to all the solidarity groups, networks, collaborative initiatives and other like-minded 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 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.

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.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF POPE

DALIT WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:

POPE has been working among the Dalit Women since its inception with the commitment to promote Dalit women leadership. POPE has been formed women groups in the villages and organized several training programs for the Dalit women to enhance their perspectives and handhold them to vibrantly engage in the grassroots advocacy on their rights and entitlements.

POPE has been mobilized 203 Dalit women and provided livelihood support and they have gained income through their small livelihood initiatives which helped them lot and reduced financial hurdle in the family.

CAPACITY BUILDING ON ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

POPE has organized training on Animal Husbandry in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry for the members of women group. The topic includes goat rearing, nourishing, animal insurance etc., the participants were asked to involve in livestock and poultry entrepreneurial work which makes them to be independent and 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:

POPE has established children Resource center (CRC) in the Dalit villages and it enabled space for the children to discover their inherent talents and discover their potentiality beyond the regular academic course.

The children learned Art and culture, which is one of the communicative mechanisms that increased the capacity of creativity and realize the value of wholesome education. POPE has reached out 504 children through CRC.

POPE has formed 8 children Resource Center in the following villages. Totally 504 children have come from 8 villages between the age group of 6-18. POPE has identified 20 facilitators from these villages and capacitated them on child rights. The facilitators played critical role and contribute to enhance the capacity of children on their education and creativity. The following table shows the village wise data which provides the no of children enrolled in Children Resource Centre



NAME OF THE VILLAGE	NO OF CHILDREN		TOTAL NO OF CHILDREN
Thiruvettakudi pet	41	32	73
M.G.R Nagar	26	23	49
Rajiv Gandhi Nagar	22	13	35
KattapillaiMaraicar Thottam	80	56	136
Vettaikaran Street	52	37	89
V.S Nagar	10	9	19
Colony street	35	54	89
Mettu street	5	9	14
TOTAL	271	233	504



AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD SAFETY

POPE has organized an awareness campaign on Child Protection and Child Safety in collaboration with ChildLine 1098. The team from ChildLine 1098 provides an overall function of Childline 1098, explained the good touch and bad touch, psychological problems of children and importance of Childline 1098 to the adolescent children of working villages of POPE

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY:

POPE has mobilizes children from its working villages and the children's from Children Resource Center (CRC) on the eve of observing world children's Day Nov 20, 2018. The children were enjoyed and actively participated in all events that have organized during the celebration. The children have realized their full potentiality and recognition of children globally.



AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON HEALTH AND HYGIENE

POPE has organized an awareness campaign on Health and Hygiene in the working villages. During the campaign, IEC materials distributed to the community people. This activity helps the women and children especially girls in maintaining their hygiene effectively. Children also participated very enthusiastically and effective manner. The village community people also provided their fullest cooperation for organizing this campaign.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AGAINST CHILD TRAFFICKING:

Dindigul is one of the source areas for the camp labour in the textile industries largely at Erode, Coimbatore and Tirupur. The adolescent girls were targeted into the well-organized camp labour system with high exploitive factors. The Dalit were an easy target for this exploitive camp labour system.

POPE has organized the community at the village level and brought awareness on child trafficking in the name of employment in the textile industries. It was immensely impacted in reducing the number of child labours and child trafficking for the camp labour system.

SOCIAL INCLUSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RISK REDUCTION:

POPE has been engaging in Disaster Response since Tsunami and especially POPE has been working among the socially excluded groups and addressing the issue of social exclusion in the disaster response. 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

POPE has fruitfully conducted an International Women's Day celebration on 8th March 2018 along with the members of the 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 60 group members have actively participated in the celebration program. The women group members have organized a cultural program at the end of the session. On behalf of the women's group Ms Lakshmi, Head of the women group has given the vote of thanks to all the participants.