

**TAMIL NADU RURAL RECONSTRUCTION MOVEMENT (TRRM)  
RAMANATHAPURAM**

**Annual Report 2014-2015**

**1. Introduction**

Tamilnadu Rural Reconstruction Movement (TRRM) is a well known voluntary organization of Ramanathapuram district – which is rendering yeomen service to the vulnerable and marginalized women and children.

TRRM is a registered society founded in 1984 and registered under Tamilnadu societies act. Under registered no. 47/1984 TRRM is also registered with Income Tax department and Ministry of Home Affairs under FCRA.

Mrs. Helen stoffer is the general secretary of TRRM. There are five members in the executive committee. Mr S. Karuppasamy is the project director of TRRM since 2009

**2. Regular activities**

**2.1. Childline 1098**

This year the childline activities witnessed progress in number of interventions – which prevented Child labour, child abuse and child marriages.



## 2.2. ICICI bank's credit linkages

Credit linkages to women groups extended further. A total of 212 women Self Help groups availed a sum of Rs.7, 23, 66,820 – which triggered many economic activities in rural house holds.



## 2.3. FPSI programme

Friends of Poor in South India , UK is supporting Fisher women income generation activities since 2010. This year 25 families were given solar lamps- who are living near seashore in Dhanushkodi area of Rameswaram islands.

## 2.4. Fisher folk empowerment programme

This programme is supported by Siemenpuu Foundation , Finland since 2012. This year witnessed awareness programmes were held for the fisher folks of Ramnad and Tuticorin on marine fishing rights & acts ,marine resources and also on marine conservation. More over the sensitization on Tamilnadu and Government of India's fisher workers welfare schemes.

## 2.5. Out sourcing services in Government Hospital

As a part of ensuring new born child care, TRRM has extended its man power (3 Ayahs,3 security guards) in New born child care unit, Government General Hospital ,Ramanathapuram.

### 3. Special activities

#### 3.1. Open heart surgeries for poor children

TRRM has extended its services to needy children who were suffering from congenital heart diseases by referring them to M/s Saravana Multi speciality Hospital, Madurai – who executed free open heart surgeries. So far three children were operated free of cost in this reporting period

#### 3.2. UNICEF Child rights conference at Chennai

TRRM ensured its presences by participating the UNICEF sponsored two days child rights conference held at Chennai on 18<sup>th</sup> &19<sup>th</sup> February 2015.Nearly 40 persons representing NGOs , Child rights groups took part in this conference. The role of TRRM in focusing child abuses and child marriages enlightened the audience to sharpen their resolution to press for child rights

#### 3.3. Higher education Programme for SC & ST students

TRRM in association with AGHAM foundation Chennai , conducted motivation programme for SC-ST students to avail Government Schemes it to continue their higher education in colleges (Both arts & since and technical) On 12<sup>th</sup> june 2015 Nearly 250 students along with their parents took part in this programme. As a result of our efforts, ten student joined in colleges.



#### 3.4. Training programme on children affected by HIV/AIDS

Madurai institute of social sciences conducted three days training programme for government and NGO functionaries on their role in rehabilitation of children affected and infected by HIV/ AIDS on 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014.TRRM represented Ramanathapuram Child rights groups.

**3.5. One day stake holders workshop on living resources of Palk bay gulf of Mannar 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

The IUCN sponsored work shop on living resources of Palk bay and Gulf of Mannar at Tuticorin on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014.Had invited TRRM to elicit its views on the current issues of Palk bay and Gulf of Mannar region. TRRM Director took part and presented its group discussion outcomes

**4. Net working and Lobbying**

**4.1. INSAF**

TRRM is an active member of Indian National Social Action Forum sine five years. On behalf of INSAF ,an awareness programme for fishing community was held at Ramanathapuram 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014.

**4.2. Coastal action net work**

TRRM is an active partner in Coastal Action Network, Taminadu & Pudhucherry Through this TRRM is spearheading advocacy & lobbying programmes in Ramnad for fisher women and also for traditional fisher folks.

**4.3. District Coordination Committee for Child protection**

TRRM is active in District Coordination committee for child protection since 2013.TRMM used this as plat form to high light the plight of vulnerable children to the administration and took remedial actions.

**4.5 Block level child protection committee**

TRRM is active in all child protection activities. As a part of its commitments , It took part in block level child protection committees of Mandapam, Nainarkoil Ramanathapuram blocks.

**4.4. RuTAG-TN**

On 26/7/2014 RuTAG-TN programme was held at Dhan Foundation buildlings in Madurai TRRM was represented by its Programme Director.

## **5. Student's internships**

a.TTS students internship programme continued this year with the arrival of two students , Mr. Samuel Durai and Mr Samuel Satish were those two students. They could complete their internship programme among the coastal people.

## **6. Conclusion**

This year TRRM has witnessed many events which will have far reaching effect on the importance of voluntary sector in this district. TRRM is thankful to all its well wishers and the officials who shared our concern and contributed their time and efforts