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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 register no. 47/1984) TRRM is also registered with Income Tax department, NGO Partnership system, Ministry of social justice and empowerment and Ministry of Home Affairs under FCRA.

TRRM is women headed Organisation with Mrs. Helen stoffer as the general secretary of it. There are five members in the executive committee. Out of sixteen general body members, eight are women. Mr S. Karuppasamy is the project Director of TRRM since 2009.

TRRM is the collaborative organisation for the Childline 1098 services in Ramanathapuram District in Tamilnadu.

1.1. Objectives of TRRM

This society is formed on a non-profit basis for Rural Reconstruction to enable the people to help themselves towards comprehensive development which include:

- (a) As a self sustaining process whereby individuals and communities are equipped with required self confidence resources, skills and self determination which will help them to strive to achieve their full potential as human beings and as members of the society.
- (b) To enable them to engage in development paradigms including education, culture and Livelihood opportunities and to meet their basic human needs through full participation in their own development.

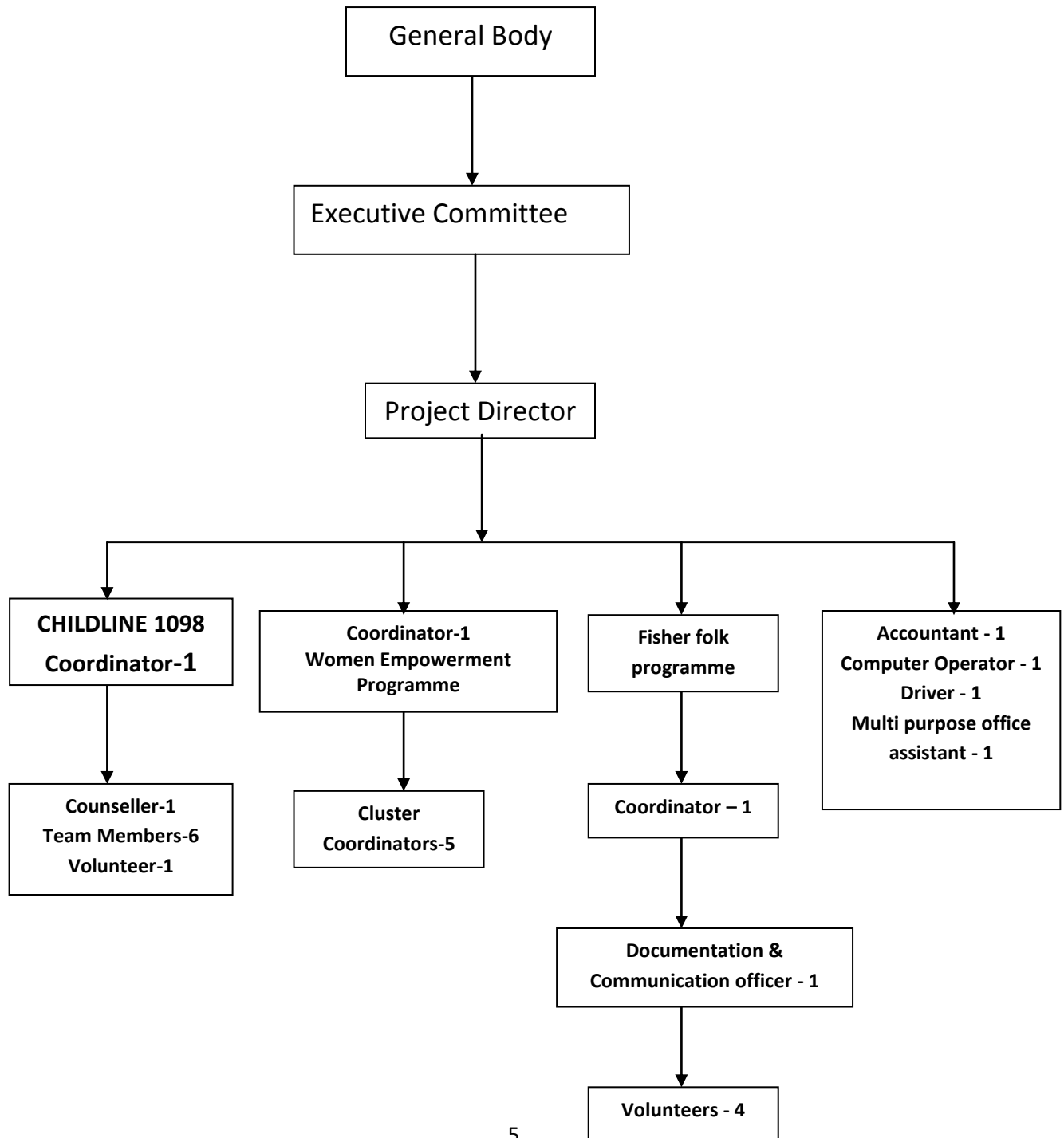
- (c) To enhance the quality of life of the rural people through non-formal and development education
- (d) To sensitize them on health needs of the people and to improve public health (both preventive and curative)
- (e) To train the villagers to promote family welfare personal hygiene and environmental sanitation.
- (f) To educate and train the people in applied nutrition and child care.

1.2. Our team

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Address
1.	Dr. P. MOHAN LARBEER	Chairperson	Tamilnadu Theological Seminary Arasaradi , Madurai - 625 016, Tamilnadu
2.	Mrs. HELEN STOFFER	General Secretary	No. 2/1733, Omsakthi Nagar, Collectorate Post – 623 503, Ramanathapuram District Tamilnadu
3.	Mr. S. KARUPPASAMY	Project Director & Treasurer	2/1754- 5, Omsakthi Nagar Collectorate post - 623 503 Ramanathapuram District, Tamilnadu
4.	Mrs. D. MALLIGA	Member	Chinnapalam, Pamban Post Rameswaram Taluk, Ramanathapuram District.
5.	Mrs. M. JOTHI	Member	4/463, Vaigai Nagar, Kattoorani Post Ramanathapuram District, Tamilnadu
6.	Mrs. L. ANNAMMAL	Member	Sethupthi Nagar, Pamban Pamban Post, Ramanathapuram District

7.	Mr. B. SIDDARTHAN	Member	TKC Bakery 34-A, A.A. Road, Gnanaolivupuram, Madurai 625 016.
8.	MR.S.ARULANANDHAM	Member	No. 8, John Armstrong Road, Thomas Town post Bangalore – 560084
9.	Ms. P. MEENAKSHI	Member	245, Vasuki 2 nd Street, Valluvar Colony, Madurai – 625017, Tamilnadu.
10.	Mrs. K. KALA	Member	1/8, KK Road, Erwadi, Kadaladi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District – 623 515, Tamilnadu.
11.	Mrs. S. MOHAMED SHREEN SHAFIYA	Member	25-A, Vettrilaikara Street, Ramanathapuram District – 623 501, Tamilnadu
12.	Mrs. J. RAMESWARI	Member	Karenthal, Thoruvaloor post Ramanathapuram District – 623 530, Tamilnadu.
13.	Mrs. G. VASUKI	Member	East Street, Rameswaram Taluk Ramanathapuram District, Tamilnadu
14.	Mrs. J. PRAMILA	Member	3/1823, Thanneer Oottru, Thangachimadam Ramanathapuram District – 623 529, Tamilnadu.
15.	Mrs. M. LETCHUMI	Member	4-3131, Chinnappalam, Pamban Post – 623521, Ramanathapuram Dist,Tamilnadu
16.	Mrs. RAJAMMAL	Member	Mangaleswari Nagar, Mayakulam Post – 623 515 Ramanathapuram District, Tamilnadu.

1.3. ORGANOGRAM



2. Activities Carried Out:

2.1. Childline Services:

Since 2012, TRRM is the district level coloborative agency for the childline foundation supported by the ministry of women and child development, Government of India. Under Childline services TRRM has completed 686 interventions which resulted in stopping 86 child marriages, rescued 24 Child labourers, enabled 167 Children to continue their studies.

More than all these 17 poor children suffering from congenital heart diseases were given free open heart surgeries with help of Surya Trust of Saravana Hospital Madurai.No where in India under childline services no such initiatives were under taken!





2.2.ICICI bank's credit linkages

Economic Independence is the key for women empowerment. With this as motto, TRRM has formed women self help groups. Apart from trainings, credit linkages to women groups extended to further their income generation activities. In this reporting period, 243 women Self Help groups of ours availed a sum of Rs.7, 46,39,100 – which triggered many economic activities in rural house holds.



2.3. Protecting the coastal ecosystem of the Gulf of Mannar and ensuring the traditional rights Fishing community of Ramanathapuram and Tuticorin districts

The coastal traditional fisher folks lack enough support to ascertain their traditional fishing rights. With TRRM and like minded NGOs, they were given orientation to ask for their rights. There were 90 fishing villages having a total population of 2,00,000 fisherfolk benefitted this network program.

2.4. Enhancing the income generating opportunity among the Fisher folk women

FPSI has been benevolent to the poor fisher folk people of Ramanathapuram district by extending to support them to enhance their income. The benevolence was duly used by the most marginalized women to enhance their income and for meeting out their basic needs. The support money sent from FPSI to TRRM over these years has been disbursed among the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries are making use of the money by investing in income generating operations. This report is a compilation of the details of the investment and the status of reimbursement by the beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries are making use of the money by investing in income generating operations. This has helped them to enhance their income marginally.

They are not borrowing from money lenders who charge exorbitant rate of interest and make them to be under the clout of debt bondage. This situation is gradually improving. This is a major achievement. Group unity has enhanced and they support each other. There is new bonding among the members. They support each other better.

The enhanced income helps them to meet out their basic needs which they were not able to meet out earlier. They are able to provide better meals and have overcome poverty situation. This has improved the nutrition level among women and children of the supported families.

Few families are able to buy new uniforms for their children. Some parents have saved little money to buy new school bags for the children in the new academic year 2015 to 2016.

They have started to treat their girl children equally and are willing to send their girl children for higher studies. Earlier they were sending their girl children till middle school or high school levels only. Now they have internalized the importance of education for girl children.

Gradually there is improvement in the decline of gender discrimination. Women from the fisher folk community are the most sufferers of gender discrimination. Enhance of income enhances their confidence and courage to face the situation boldly.

The process of reimbursement continues and the repayment is being deposited in the bank in the name of the group. This money is jointly operated and will be again rotated among the group members who complete the repayment.



2.5 Support service for govt hospital- Ramanathapuram

TRRM has provided 6 volunteers to work as support staff with meagre stipend in New born child intensive care unit of Government Hospital, Ramanathapuram. This service is going on since 2013.

2.6 National environmental awareness programme

With the support of Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, two days environmental awareness cum Medicinal Plants, rearing program was held at Puthenthal Village. Dr M.R. Kaalimuthu of Sugam Vaidyasalai had arranged for medicinal plants and also conducted the programme.



3. Net working and Advocacy

- **TRRM has good rapport with all development organizations of Tamilnadu.**

The following are the groups/ Net work with which TRRM has links:

- **Tamil Thinai**
- **Coastal Action Network (CAN)**
- **Joint Action for Sustainable Livelihood (JAsuL)**
- **Collective Action for Climate Change (CACV).**
- **Association Deep Sea Going Artisanal Fishermen (ADGAF)**
- **Sama Kalvi iyakkam**
- **Indian National Social Action Forum (INSAF)**
- **Inter Agency Group (IAG)**
- **Block level Child Protection Committee**
- **Tamilnadu Child Rights Protection Network (TNCRPN)**

4. Major events in 2015-2016 at TRRM

May 2015	Attended Grama Sabha meetings in 6 Panchayaths and passed resolution on Childline
June 2015	Observed world anti child labour day
July 2015	Operation Mushkan programme of Childline
August 2015	Attended Grama Sabha meetings in 7 Panchayaths and passed resolution on Childline
September 2015	New members were inducted in TRRM board TRRM Anniversary function at Pamban Training Centre
October 2015	Attended Grama Sabha meetings in 8 Panchayaths and passed resolution on Childline
November 2015	One week- Se Dosti Programme of Childline conducted at Ramanathapuram Visit of Mr. Chris Brown of Friends of Poor in South India.
December 2015	Siemenpuu Foundation Partners Meeting at Madurai N&F Visit from CHILDLINE India Foundation
January 2016	Attended Grama Sabha meetings in 7 Panchayaths and passed resolution on Childline Two days NEAC programme at Puthenthal
March 2016	Founders Memorial Service at Madurai International Womens day function held at Chennai conducted by ICICI Bank

5. Conclusion

This year witnessed many new initiatives by TRRM. It expresses its gratitude to all its staff, Women group members, allied partners, and the target people. TRRM also places its profound thanks to its bankers, auditors, donors & Department officials for their kind cooperation and prompt support in the hour of need.

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