

## **Project Tulasi**

### **Improvements to Government Schools Villupuram and Thiruvannamalai Dist.**

#### **Asha Chennai Proposal – Year 2021-22**

In 2015-16 Asha Chennai supported two projects – FTC Seeyapoondi and Sangamam Senji. The schools supported by Sangamam Senji and Seeyapoondi are all in the Villupuram/Thiruvannamalai Dist and quite close by. They were also being stewarded by the same volunteer and therefore it made sense to combine them into a single project. Thus Project Thulasi was born.

#### **Background Tuition center**

Seeyapoondi is a small village with approximately 500 households. It is in Villupuram Dist. about 10kms from Melmalayanur. The children go to high and higher secondary classes by the government. buses which have only two services once in the morning as pick up and another in the evening for dropping the children.

The village does not have any common place for the children to come together after their work. There are approximately 10 SSLC students passing out in the village every year. They also do not have any common place to study or learn more. The 10<sup>th</sup> students who wanted to go for after school tuition for their extra learning, could not go because of safety issues. So we thought of starting a tuition centre for the children who are doing their SSLC.

#### **Background of Thulasi**

Asha Chennai started supporting the schools near Senji in 2015-16. Asha Chennai has been working with government schools in rural areas of Tamilnadu under the Project Sangamam, Project Dream and Project Pearl. One of the teachers at the Pearl project, Saravanan, cleared TET and got a government teacher posting. He got posted at Kamakaram in Villupuram district. Since he knew what Asha does, he contacted Asha asking us to support his school also with additional teachers and materials. There were other schools in the same area which also needed additional teachers.

The scenario as regards education in this district is similar to the rest of Tamilnadu. Government schools exist but with serious deficiencies. Private (read English medium) schools are coming up and eating into the student force of the government schools. But the private schools are often worse in terms of the quality of the teaching. Asha Chennai believes the revival and strengthening of the government schooling system is essential to the implementation of any mass education initiative in India.

We started supporting three schools as part of Thulasi in addition to the one school at Seeyapoondi. Asha started supporting Kamagaram, Nallan pillai petral, and Seeyapoondi in Villupuram District and at Kaniyampoondi in Thiruvannamalai District in the year 2015-16. In 2016-17 we also started supporting Kaatu Sithaamboor. in 2018-19 we added two more Schools to the list which is Karikalapadi and Nagalampattu.

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In the academic year of 2018-19, we provided stationery and sports materials for seven schools. All the schools except Karikalampadi celebrated their Annual day. Asha provided Prize for the children and snacks for the children. We are also taken Kaniyampondi school children Excursion to Crocodile bank and Birla planetarium

Asha teachers are regularly attending training programmes conducted in Chennai. Once a month they meet in their cluster level and look at their programme.

#### **Schools / Villages to be covered in 2021-2022**

##### **1. PUPS Kamagaram**

This is the school where Saravanan used to work. Over the last couple of years, both Saravanan and the HM who used to work there have got posted to other schools in Villupuram Dist. The current HM of that school is also keen to have Asha's support. The school is consistently one of the best in our assessments. The school is also very supportive of Asha's initiatives (like assessments) and tries to incorporate our feedback.

We are planning to start a KG in school. For this year we decided not to give Regular teacher. If the strength increases by next year we will try and send a regular teacher.

No of Students: 26(without new admission)

Head Mistress: Vijaya

Govt Teachers: HM + 1

Building: In good condition and has 3 rooms.

Computers: 1.

##### **2.. PUPS Nallanpillaipetral**

Nallan Pillai Petral is a significantly bigger school nearby. The HM at the school is also the cluster coordinator. He is originally from this same village and has returned after serving at several places and is keen to make a difference here since this is his own village. Asha teacher Manimozhi worked there for the past one year.

Here are the details of the school.

No of Students: 114 (without New admission)

Head Master: S. Arivazhagan.

Govt Teachers: HM + 4.

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Building: Really spread out with lots of classrooms – way more than they need. Two local village temple lands were falling in the middle of these buildings. It was serving as their playground. But they do not have any ground of their own.

Computers: 2. Actually the cluster resource center was also serving as their computer room. The room was very nice with a good digital projector etc. But the computers are very old and cannot really be used for much.

#### **3. PUPS Kanniyampoondi**

This is one of the high scoring schools in Asha Evaluation schools. But there is a gradual reduction of strength in this school. We are taking off our Asha regular teacher. Since the HM of this school is highly motivated and wanted to start working with 4 year old children and add them next year in the school.. This KG will be functioning inside the school premises. She requested a KG teacher from Asha side. So sasikala will go to Kolathur. We will appoint a kindergarten teacher.

No of Students: 24 ( without new admission)

Head Mistress: Ms. Ramani

Govt Teachers: HM + 1.

Building: The old building with 2 classrooms is not in good condition. A new building has been built in the back. That has one good classroom. That and the two classrooms in the old building gives it adequate space. Eventually the old building should also be renovated or rebuilt.

#### **4. PUMS Melmalayanur**

Melmalayanur Panchayat Union Middle school is situated in Melmalayanur - Senji road. It is a middle school. It has both Tamil medium and English medium from 1<sup>st</sup> standard to 5<sup>th</sup> standard. It has 4 computers and a computer teacher. Total number of children in 1 to 8<sup>th</sup> is around 329. 1<sup>st</sup> standard to 5<sup>th</sup> standard there are 206 children studying in the school. Children are mostly from surrounding slums and drop out from nearby English medium schools. Asha teacher Gnanasoundari worked there.

Here are the details of the school.

Total number of students - 329

Number of students in Primary 150 (Without new admission)

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Total number of teachers -115 HM+ 9

Building: They have 11 rooms in good condition. Newly inaugurated Toilets.

#### **5.PUMS Kattu siththampoor**

Several of our Thulasi teachers are coming from this village. This school is a middle school. It has English medium and Tamil medium until 5<sup>th</sup> std. This is a big school with 120+ children in the primary school with 5 teachers.

This school has sufficient classrooms for the children. It has fairly a good space for the children to play. They have 3 laptops and 2 desktop computers. 3 of the children from the school got the MNMC scholarship last year.

HM of the school is very keen to take help from ASHA. We told them that we will support only primary school. He agreed to that. We started supporting the school last year by providing a teacher. Asha teacher Sathya has been working there for the past one year.

#### **6.PUPS Nagalampattu**

Nagalampattu is Primary school which is part of Nallan pillai petral Cluster and Senji block. It has 54 children and two government teachers. It is three kilometer away from Nallan pillai petral. Asha Teacher Priyanka worked here from the beginning.

Here are the details of the school:

Number of student in the school: 45 (Without new admission)

Head master - K.Anandhazhvar

Government teachers - HM + 1

Building: There are two rooms in good condition. For now 1,2 and 3 are staying in one room and 4 and five studying in one room. Have one computer and digital Projector.

#### **7. PUPS Karikkalampadi**

Karikalampadi school is located very close to Kaniyampondi. It is located on the main road from Nallan pillai petral to Thiruvannmalai.. It has three rooms in good condition, one computer.

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Here are the details of the school:

Number of students in the school. – 66 (without new admission)

Head mistress - N. Shanthi

Government teacher - HM+ 2

#### **8. Gangavaram**

This is a primary school in a fairly well-off village. While the school's strength is 103, a much bigger number (500+) are going to private schools. They have increased the strength of the school from 17 to 103 in 3 years and the HM is confident of increasing it further to 150 in a year with Asha support. Here are the strength details of the school.

The school has 3 government teachers and one computer. There is enough space in the school to accommodate an additional Asha teacher. The school has access to an eSeva centre where they can conduct a class. The school is entirely Tamil medium. The school is in Senji block where we are already supporting schools and they heard about us from Nallan Pillai Petral school.

We interacted with the children in the 5<sup>th</sup> std and the teachers were happy to allow us to gauge their level. The children's level of education was quite good. They need an additional regular teacher and can also make use of a computer teacher. They also would like a drinking water facility at the school – an RO processing system.

#### **9. Kolathoor**

The school has a strength of 152 and only about 30 children go to private schools. The strength at the school is stable. The school has 2 computers. They have 6 teachers at the school.

The HM took us to a couple of the classes. One class (I think the 4<sup>th</sup> std) run by a male teacher was very good in terms of the LTM they had made. The entire class was filled with LTM made by this teacher. His passion for that was very evident.

The school has a really huge campus and can easily accommodate additional classes. They would like an additional teacher from us. They can make use of a computer teacher from us as well.

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#### **Budget for 2021-22**

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<b>Thulasi Project Proposal 2021-22</b>			
<b><u>S.N</u></b> <b><u>o</u></b>	<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>Cost Details</b>	<b>Budget 2021-22</b>
1	Coordinator	8000*12+5000	101000
2	Regular Teachers for 7 schools	901200*12+30000	931200
3	Computer Teacher for 9 schools	43200*12+20000	538400
4	Kindergarten Teachers for 3 schools	15800*12+10000	199600
5	Tuition and librarians	8000*12+4000	100000
6	Stationary materials:Crayons Color pencils, Drawing note, Charts, Maps, Globe, Paper, Sketch pen, Pen, Notebook	100/student, number of children for 2021- 22 is 1096	109600
7	Sports Materials Plastic balls for younger children, Footballs for older children, Tennikoit rings, Skipping ropes, Snakes & Ladders, Ludo etc. board games	3000 for small schools, 4000 for bigger schools. Thulasi has 4 big schools and 5 small schools	31000
8	Maths and English kids	2000/school	45000
9	Mats for the school	5000 per school	16800
10	Evaluation, Assessment, training for the evaluation	20000	20000
11	Teacher training,	30000	100000
12	Black board and scribble area repainting	2500 for small shool and 3000 for bigger school. Thulasi has 4 bigger school and 5 small school.	32500
13	Administration: Office rent,Vehicle service 10000.	1500*12, 1500*12, 10000	46000

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14	Miscellaneous Emergencies, Volunteer expenses.	20000	20000
15	Data plan for the teachers and for office	2500*13	30000
16	Two sets of Uniform and a bag for the teachers	2000*15	30000
17	School day and other school functions. Rs 5000 per school. Double for bigger school	5000*2 ;10000*7	65000
18	Craft week at 2 schools	10000	10000
19	Computer maintenance costs at Rs 1500 per computer (both teachers' and schools)	40*1500	60000
20	Library books Kattuchithamur and Seeyapoondi	5000*2	10000
21	Guide Books for 9th and 10th ( for tuition centre)	5000	5000
22	Electricity bill for tuiton center and libraries	1000*12	12000
23	Newspaper/Magazine for library	0	0
24	Excursion once in a year for the tuition centre children	15000*1	15000
25	Scholarship for Tuition children	5000*2	10000
26	Teacher excursion	3000*16	48000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2586100</b>