

**Project Tulasi**  
**Improvements to Government Schools near Senji, Villupuram Dist.**  
**Asha Chennai Proposal – Year 2017-18**

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 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 govt. buses which has 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 Sangamam Senji**

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 teacher 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.

The schools in this area are similar to those in many other rural areas of Tamilnadu. But in addition these villages do not have any public transport. That means getting and retaining the government teachers is a problem in these schools.

We started supporting three schools as part of Sangamam Senji in addition to the one school at Seeyapoondi. Asha started supporting Kamagaram, Nallal pillai petral, and Seeyapoondi in Villupuram District and at Kanniyampoondi in Thiruvannamali District in the year 2015-16. In 2016-17 we also started supporting

In the academic year of 2016-17, we provided stationary and sports materials for the four school. PUP school in Seeyapoondi had celebrated their first Annual day with a help of Asha. School students felt happy to present their skills. All the village members participated in the programs. Games have been conducted and given prize.

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

### **Schools/Balwadis to be covered:**

#### **PUPS Kamagaram**

This is the school where Saravanan used to work. Last year he got posted to a different block of Villupuram Dist. The HM of that school is also keen to have Asha's support. The school has done one of the best in our assessments. The school is also very supporting of Asha's initiatives (like assessments) and try to incorporate our feedback.

Head Mistress: Vijaya  
Govt Teachers: HM + 1 (gone on maternity leave)  
Building: In good condition and has 3 rooms.  
Computers: 1.

1 <sup>st</sup> Std.	2B + 2G
2 <sup>nd</sup> Std	4B+ 6G
3 <sup>rd</sup> Std	5B + 5G
4 <sup>th</sup> Std	3B + 2G
5 <sup>th</sup> Std	9B + 7G

**Total number of boys = 23**

**Total number of girls = 22**

**Total number of children = 45**

#### **PUPS Nallanpillaipetral**

Nallanpillaipetral 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. The school had English medium for classes 1 and 2.

Here are the details of the school.

Head Master: S. Arivazhagan.

Govt Teachers: HM + 4.

1 <sup>st</sup> Std.	18
2 <sup>nd</sup> Std	22
3 <sup>rd</sup> Std	21
4 <sup>th</sup> Std	16
5 <sup>th</sup> Std	43

**Total number of children = 120**

Building: Really spread out with lots of classroom – 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. The computers were quite old but were maintained well and still operational.

### **PUPS Kanniyampoondi**

Here are the details about this school.

Head Mistress: Ms. Ramani

Govt Teachers: HM + 1.

1 <sup>st</sup> Std.	1B + 4G
2 <sup>nd</sup> Std	2B + 5G
3 <sup>rd</sup> Std	5B + 9G
4 <sup>th</sup> Std	3B + 4G
5 <sup>th</sup> Std	4B + 6G

**Total number of boys = 15**

**Total number of girls = 28**

**Total number of children = 43**

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

Computers: None. They would like one.

### **PUPS Seeyampoondi**

This is the village where FTC Tuition center project has been running. The school has two buildings and three rooms. One big building has separated with a wooden partition. First standard and second standard are studying in one room. Third and fourth studying in one room. Fifth standard children are studying in another room. Currently there are 36 children studying in the school.

The school has one computer with a projector, which they regularly use it. It has a toilet without practically usable facilities. They have a underground water tank and a motor. They have a small play area.

While the school HM welcomes Asha support and is keen to improve the school, the other teacher is a drunkard and is very bad for the school. There seems to be no way to get rid of the teacher. He is singlehandedly responsible for the big drop in the enrollment at the school. Here are some details regarding the school.

Headmaster: Manimaran  
Govt Teachers: HM+1

1 <sup>st</sup> Std.	4B + 3G
2 <sup>nd</sup> Std	4B +3G
3 <sup>rd</sup> Std	2B
4 <sup>th</sup> Std	5B + 1G
5 <sup>th</sup> Std	5B + 5G

**Total number of boys = 20**  
**Total number of girls = 12**  
**Total number of children = 32**

### **PUMS Kattu siththampoor**

Few of our Tulasi teacher coming from this village. This school is a meddle 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 Nine spaces for the children. It has farely a good space for the children to play. They have 3 laptop and 2 desktop computers. 3 of the children from the school have got the MNMC scholarship the last year.

Head misters of the school is very keen to take help from ASHA. We told them that we will support only for primary school. She agreed to that. We started supporting the school last year by providing a teacher. Asha teacher Annamalai worked there for 4 months.

Number of students in primary school - 120  
Number of Teacher in the primary school- 5

## Project Details and Estimates for Year

SNo	Work Description	Cost and Modification Details	Total Cost for Asha
<b>School Budget</b>			
1	Additional teachers (Incl travel) Kamagaram – 2 Nallanpillaipetral – 1 Kanniyampoondi – 1 Seeyampoondi – 1 Kattu sithampoor -1	6000 x 6 = 36,000  36,000 x 12 + 18000.	Rs 450,000
2	Educational materials  Cryons Color pencils Drawing note Charts Maps Globe Paper Sketch pen Pen Note book	Nallan pillai petral and kattu sithampoor budget is Rs 20,000. Other schools Rs 10000 per school.	Rs 70,000
3	Sports Materials  Plastic balls for younger children, Footballs for older children, Tennicoit rings, Skipping ropes, Snakes & Ladders, Ludo etc. board games	Nallanpillaipetral amd kattu sithampoor budget is Rs 10,000. Other schools Rs 5,000 per school	Rs 35,000
4	Materials for schools – Mats, cooking materials, water drums, tumblers/plates etc. Rs 10,000 per school. Double for Nallanpillaipetral and kattu sithampoor		Rs 70,000
5	Evaluation and other training costs – Assessments, teacher training, etc.		Rs 20,000
6	Black board and scribble area repainting	Once	Rs 20,000
7	Volunteers/interns travel. Miscellaneous Emergencies, Admin expenses.		Rs 20,000
9	Table	5000	5000

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10	Laptops for the teachers	30,000 x 5	150,000
11	Two set of Uniform and a bag	2000 x 5	10,000
12	School day and other school functions. Rs 10,000 per school. Double for Nallanpillaipetral and kattu sithampoor. May be used for other functions or excursion.		Rs 50,000
<b>Seeyapoondi Library / Tuition Centre</b>			
13	Library books		10,000
14	Festivals and celebration (for tuition centre)		2000
15	Guide Books for 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10th (for tuition centre)	20x200	4000
16	Current bill 200+ room rent 400=600x12 (for tuition centre)	600x12	7200
17	Centre teachers salary Thamodaren 2500 + Kalpana 2000	2500x13 2000x12	56500
18	Camera	5000	5000
19	Salary + Conveyance for librarian (all inclusive)	2000x13	26,000
20	Current bill for library	100 x 12	1,200
21	Newspaper/Magazine for library	1000 x 12	12000
22	Craft week	5000	5000
	<b>Total</b>		<b>10,28,900</b>