**RURAL DEVLOPMENT TRUST**

**Executive summary**

Rural Development Trust is a registered nongovernmental organization, which has been working with vulnerable sections in the society from the year 1992. The present intervention with the children of Migrant construction workers began in the year 2006 with 100 children and it has worked with more than 5000 children till now. Children who had studied in the school have gone for higher education and technical education. The empowerment of migrant workers and the intervention with the children have been very productive and satisfying.

Special schools centre are functioning in Kovilambakkam, Chemmencherry, Therkupattu, Kunnavakkam, Oadai(Shollinganallur), Thiruporur/Thandalam, Sengammal, Pallikaranai and Day care centre are functioning in MGR Nagar,Kumaran Nagar, Thoppu. The middle school and Tribal coaching class will function in RDT school building-Thiruporur. All the 10 schools will cater to the needs of the migrant children. RDT has identified 253 migrant children and 24 Tribal children for the current academic year.

Children from Orissa, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh come to Tamilnadu as their parents migrate for their livelihood. As they come here they also bring their children. These children were not granted admission in the state Government schools due to the language barrier. RDT has begun its intervention and help the children in enrolling them in the special schools. They are taught in Hindi, Oriya and Telugu. With the great support of ASHA, RDT has been able to support the children with educational material and the other facilities such as nutritious food, transport. Children are given good food and their health is protected through medical camp, Children are given uniform and they are given special computer training. They are also supported with extracurricular activities. All the basic needs like drinking water, Toilet facility, study rooms and electricity are provided in all the schools. Transport facility will be availed for the children who come from faraway places to the new school.

**Activities in the Current year**

**1. Conducting Three Day Care Center for the Children age of 0 to 5 years**

Children from 0 to 5 years will be provided a platform to identify their talents in the day care center. This is facilitated with a teacher. Play way method is practiced and children are taught through joyful methods. Day care centers are functioning in Chemmenchery thoppu, MGR nagar, Kumaran Nagar. Totally, 58 children are in the Day care center. Children who come here enjoy the atmosphere and learn easily.

**2. Conducting Special School for the Children 6 to 10 years**

Children from 6 to 10 years are educated in this special school. Regular school is conducted from 9.15 A.M to 4.15 P.M. Children are taught in their own mother tongue is the unique intervention in the school. Child friendly atmosphere helps the child learn effectively. All are given nutritious food in the afternoon. This becomes a great source of support for the parents who go for work early in the morning. Children are given special orientation to exhibit their talents and inculcate the same.Special schools centre are functioning in Kovilambakkam, Chemmencherry, Therkupattu, Kunnavakkam, Oadai(Shollinganallur), Thiruporur/Thandalam, Sengammal, Pallikaranai and total number of students in special schools are 170 students. All special efforts by RDT will enable the children to develop their personality and come up in the life with what they aspire to become in future.

**3. Conducting Middle School for the Children age of 11 to 13 years**

The new School will be conducted from 9.15 A.M to 4.15 P.M. Children will be given lunch in the School. This will be prepared by a cook in the school campus. RDT has planned to commemorate all the national important days and common festivals. Children will be educated with new technical tools like Computer and Projector. Children will be trained in extracurricular activities such as drawing, music, dance, art & craft, computer training and yoga in all the holidays and week end. They will be given food during the activities. All the special classes will be conducted in the new school. New plans designed will be conducted in the new school.

**4. Tailoring Training:**

Tailoring training will be given to unemployed youth and women. The training classes are functioning in RDT school building, Thiruporur. At present, 60 women’s are joined for the training classes for their skill development.

**5. Health enhancement programs**:

RDT has planned to conduct health camps for the children and their parents. Migrant workers face many health related problems as they are exposed to heat. They also do not pay attention to their nutrition based food. Due to this issue, RDT has planned to provide lunch and Tiffin for the children. Regular camps will help maintain their health and they will be guided to take up their regular job in a healthy manner.

**6. Administration**

RDT is able to function effectively only because of the support rendered by staff and the teachers. The project Coordinator will monitor the whole project and will make visits in the schools. The Assistant project coordinator also will support the coordinator in all the ways. Teachers are the important stake holder in running the project. They will help the children to learn in a conducive manner. They will attend the regular meetings and take part in the trainings organized by the organization. Parents also will be informed of the performance of the children. They will be also informed the progress of their children in the parents meeting.

**7. Coaching Class for Tribal Students**

RDT has identified 24(13 girls, 11 boys) tribal dropout students who were in the class’s 5th to 10th standard. They reside in Alathur, Thiruporur, Chinnakayar, Edaiyankupam village - Thiruporur block. Their parents approached RDT and demanded us to support for the children’s education. Presently, the dropout children’s are working in some small shops and hotels. Poverty and migration are the main reasons why students could not go to school regularly.

Our aim is, to train the dropout students and make them perform well in their government examination. Therefore, RDT will be organizing coaching classes for students in the RDT school premises. For each student, Rs. 250 (24 student \* 250 = 6000) is the allotted examination fees by the government. We have added the details in the budget proposal.

**8. Relief work on COVID- 19**

In recent times, RDT has involved in COVID-19 relief work especially for migrant workers. Migrant workers are going for daily wages and lived hands to mouth. The daily wage earners are kept in very bad condition because of sudden lock down announced by the government. Since they lived with the daily wages, they do know what to do in this emergency. At this juncture, people need our support to get live a normal life.

**At the outset**

RDT would like to thank ASHA for providing continuous support to help the children in need. All the activities became possible only because of the consistent support by the ASHA. All these planned activities will be implemented as per the budget and the life of migrant children will be enabled and enhanced effectively.