Introduction

The second wave of covid-19 has made havoc in the country and the families, who go for daily wages were left blindfolded at home unemployed without any income. Rural Development Trust in Thiruporur block, Chengalpattu District along with its staff and dedicated volunteers took steps and worked on war footing to address this burning issue in the beginning of the current financial year. RDT planned strategic activities which would enable the life of children and women. Educational activities for the children like Special classes for the migrant Children, tuition centers for tribal, gypsies, daily wage earners, differently abled, parentless and single parents, Distribution of Educational materials and food for the children of Daily wage earners are different activities planned for the children. Preparatory center for the children, who could not complete their school education, educational assistance to the students who had to discontinue their higher education are the educational activities to direct the children towards their desired goals. Women are also empowered through personality development training, computer course, tailoring and special skilled training by RDT. RDT is at present working in 65 villages in the district. All the activities planned are professionally implemented with the genuine support of RDT team in all the working villages. The involvement of team members, teachers, Volunteers and community leaders aim at promoting fraternity and sorority in the society we live in. The support of ASHA is very generous which, is the key instrument to deliver goods to the needy.

1. Activities for the Children

Special schools for the children of migrant construction workers, is one of the main activities of RDT. All the teachers in charge of special schools spend their valuable time for the development of the children. Classes are conducted from 9.00 A.M to 3.30 P.M. There are 164 children in 5 special schools. There are 5 part time special schools and there are 77 children. There were 15 Tuition centers where 519 children benefitted out of the activity.

1.1. Special School for the migrant Children

Children in the special schools are taught regular subjects. They have learnt to adjust their daily living with minimum requirements. Children at least feel relieved, since they are able to attend the classes, conducted by RDT teachers in their living places.

1.1.1 Distribution of Educational Materials

Children who were regularly attending school have not been to the School since March 2020 in the state. Children who go to private schools have regular online classes and our children could not have access since they do not have smart phones to attend the virtual classes. RDT also conducted tuition classes through online mode Google classrooms, using their mobiles. We have distributed 15 smart phones, 5 tablets and 10 laptops to attend the online classes. Children have been divided in to two batches (Morning and Afternoon) and three children were asked to sit in a group to use one device.
The main focus of RDT is to educate the children who are less privileged and to motivate them to grow in a healthy manner. In this context, RDT organized a distribution program of Educational Materials on 11th July 2021 in the office. There were 60 children, 20 parents, 10 teachers and 15 volunteers altogether. All of them were provided slate, Pen, Pencil, Note books both long size and short size, eraser, Sharpener, Geometry box. They were also provided Ever silver plate and glass. The RDT team along with its volunteers went to Thandalam on 12th July 2021. There were 15 children to receive the plates in the village. Plates were also provided in Alathur, Vengileri, Thiruporur and Siruthavur on 13th July 2021. There were 44 children in these villages received plates from the organization. There were 62 children to receive the educational materials. The team members visited the children at Chenganmal on 26th July and August 3rd 2021. Children were motivated to learn their subjects. They were also provided notebooks, slates, pen, pencil, eraser, sharpener and scale. There were 15 children who received the materials. The team visited the children at Thandalam Kulakarai on 2nd August 2021. There were 20 children for receiving the uniform. 167 migrant children studying in the special schools were given Note Books and stationery on 17th Feb 2022. Some of the schools were supported with blackboards. 31 Children from Oragadam and 14 from Alathur Erikarai were supported with notebooks and other stationery items. All the children were given Notebooks in Long size and small size, pen, pencil, Geometry, Slate, Scale, Eraser and Sharpener. Totally 428 Children received educational materials from RDT.

1.1.2. Distribution of Bags to the children of Parentless and single parent:

RDT found that distribution of Bags may motivate them to attend the school without any stress. RDT mobilized school bags which would cost Rs.500 and they were distributed on 10th October 2021. 10 Children from Kottamedu, 27 from Oragadam, 22 from Siruthavur, 10 from Arunkuntram, 11 from Idayankuppam, 26 from Thandalam, 2 children from paiyanoor, 05 from Thaiyur, 08 from Thiruporur, 19 from Vengileri, 15 from Alathur, 6 from Alathur Erikarai, 1 from Kuzhipanthandalam, 1 from Kalavakkam, 8 from Pandithamedu, 5 from Peramanur were distributed school bags. Totally 176 Children got the School bags.

1.1.3. Distribution of Uniform and dresses to the tribal Children

RDT identified the children of parentless and single parent and Tribal who did not have uniforms. Six children from Oragadam and two children from Alathur received the uniforms. 11 families from Erikarai were given dresses on 24th August 2021. Children who are in Special School at Chemmencherry were given dresses on 26th March 2022. There are 13 boys and 9 girls in the school. All the 22 children were given coloured dresses. 15 Children residing in Thandalam Kulakarai also received dresses. All the 20 staff and teachers were also given uniform. 60 persons from 15 families from Erikarai were supported with dresses. Totally 117 were supported with uniforms and coloured dresses. Children living in AlathurErikarai, Kalaignar Street, Thandalam Annanagar and Paiyanoor were supported with the educational materials. It was found that some families in Bootheri did not have adequate clothes. These families were surveyed and RDT came to know that 12 families were in need of clothes. It was distributed on 8th November 2021. In total 137 children were supported with uniforms.

1.1.4. Nutritious Food for the Children
RDT provides food to the children who are in the special schools. During Lock Down, they were provided provision and rice. Children living in Thandalam, Vengileri, Idayankuppam, Alathur and Chenganmal benefited out of this program. Totally **300 children benefited continuously for 6 months.** Children are given vegetable rice, Curry leaf rice, Tomato rice, Jeer rice, Lemon rice, Coconut rice and tamarind rice. They are also given Chickpea, sweets, Briyani, nutritious balls and egg once a week. During Festivals people are given sweets. Since most of our children are unable to buy sweets, RDT provided sweets to celebrate festivals. **200 families** from Alathur, Erikarai, Kalaignar Street, Idayankuppam, Thandalam, Thiruporur, Chemmencherry, Venkileri, Siruthavur and Orgadam were covered for this activity. Some of the children were supported with provision too. 15 children from Pandithamedu, 17 from Paiyanoor, 15 from Thandalam Anna nagar, 60 from Kottamedu, 60 from Kottamedu Dalits area, 50 from Idayankuppam, 30 from Kalaignar Street and 50 from Alathur Erikarai in total **327 children** were supported with provision. Some of the families received this for 5 times.

### 1.1.5. Special Coaching to the Children

RDT in its intervention found out that children in many villages were left abandoned without educational activities. There were **30 children** in Poothandalam who assembled in a mission church at 11’o clock on 15th July 2021. They were asked to write English Alphabets. It was so pathetic to see some of the students could not write them in order. The same session was conducted in Venkileri on 15th July 2021 at 2.00 P.M. There were **20 children** for the class. There was also training on mathematics. 56 children participated from Venkileri, Siruthavur and Alathur School Street. All the **20 centers** (Special Schools and Tuition centers) have been functioning in the living areas of the migrants are taking a way forward at this pandemic, though it is intriguing. Drawing competition for the children was conducted in 9 working villages. **179 children took part in the competition.**

### 1.1.6. Initiatives taken for the library

It was felt as a need to have a library in RDT Office. We have planned to collect the books related to subjects, poems, essays, stories, general Knowledge and Novels. Monthly weekly journals, Dailies, Employment news and books on Self-development, Life histories of great leaders were also procured. Books related to alternate medicine, TNPSC competitive examination books and books referred for banking examinations are also purchased. We distribute to the tuition centres and special schools. **All the children in Special schools and Tuition centres benefit out of it.**

### 1.1.7. Distribution of Prizes for the skill development programs and celebrations held

RDT conducted competitions for the children. It is to identify their special skills and take steps to improve it. Drawing competition was conducted in Venkileri, Alathur School Street and Siruthavur. Totally **91 children** took part. Nature was the topic for the students who took part. 24 children were selected and prizes were awarded. All the others got consoling prizes. **This event made the children feel happy. They also requested RDT to conduct various competitions in forthcoming days.** Children in special schools and Evening tuition centre celebrated **Pongal and Republic day** in their villages. These days were celebrated with fun and frolics. Children and parents gathered for these functions and appreciated the efforts taken by the organization.
1.1.8. Distribution of masks to the children

The fear of Covid-19 and Omicron is threatening the public day by day. Though the lock down is lifted for some days, the fear exists in every village. All the children were asked to wear masks while they attend classes. RDT distributed masks in all its working villages.

1.2. Evening Tuition Centres for Tribal Children

There are 15 Tuition Centres in RDT and they play a pivotal role in supporting the children whose parents are daily wage earners and illiterates. These tuition centers create an ambience for the children who are inaccessible to get special paid coaching. There are 15 tuition centers in RDT. There are 323 children in total. Five centers were given black boards. All the students who are learning in the tuition centers were provided Note books, Pen, pencil, Geometry box and slate for the kids. All these educational materials provided make the student attend the tuition regularly. They also feel that their needs are met at the earliest which motivate their learning.

1.2.1. Celebration and Commemoration

Children who are coming for tuition in Siruthavur commemorated the women’s day on 8th March 2022. There were 26 children for the celebration. Ms.Malli, the tuition tutor spoke on the development of women from different angles. She asked the children to imitate Kalpana Chauvla, Mother Tresa and Johnsy Rani, who have played a major role in transforming the society.

1.2.2. Mainstreaming Irula Children

The team members of RDT found 10 children who were never enrolled in any school. The team members visited their parents and informed them about admitting in schools. The local volunteers also supported the initiative of RDT. It was on 22nd November 2021, all the 10 children along with the parents were taken to the Panchayat Union Middle School. The headmistress felt joyful and welcomed them with a big smile. All the children have seen the school building and the premise for the first time. Mr.Sivaraman, RDT volunteer, Mr.T.K.Elumalai, Managing trustee and Ms.Gomathi, Coordinator of RDT were there to grace this great function. All these families were also supported with solar lights, since electricity was inaccessible in that village. It was also brought to the notice that people in Alathur Erikarai also were in need clothes. RDT provided uniform to 35 children and all the adults were supported with colour dresses. This was provided on 20th November 2021. The same program was conducted on 1st January 2022 in Alathur Erikarai and Kalaignar Street and they were given dresses. As RDT team members visited the children, they came to know that Diaries would make the children record the important things for their long-term remembrance. RDT provided diaries to 100 children who requested for it. Some of the children requested for umbrella during the rain for their mobility. 12 families in Alathur (Erikarai) were supported with umbrellas. Children who found it difficult to manage the winter season were identified and 70 children were supported with sweaters on 15th January 2022. 41 children from Alathur Erikarai, Kalaignar Street, Thandalam Kulakarai and Rajeev Gandhi Street were provided uniform and dresses on 22nd January 2022.

1.2.3. New Building for a Tuition Centre
RDT is very unique in motivating the children to learn their subjects in evening hours. A village called Salur did not have proper building to handle classes for the children. The inaugural function (Poomi Pooja) was done on 14th Feb 2022.

1.2.4. Special class on Computer in a tuition centre

RDT has been conducting computer classes in RDT office. It is a novel step that the computer class was specially conducted in the tuition centre located at Thandalam. Children were very eager to learn the skill and promised that they would attend the forthcoming classes.

1.3. Solidarity program for the parentless and single parent children

RDT in its mission came across many children who have either lost their parents or one of the parents. RDT could identify 120 children from different working villages. RDT collected the data and filed their case studies. Initially they were supported with dry ration. 35 children came to the office on 10th June 2021 and they were provided Dry ration and provision which was worth of Rs. 1500

1.4. Supporting the students to appear for 10th Grade and Higher secondary course

RDT has identified the children who could not complete their school education due to various family issues. The willingness of children and parents were received by the staff a couple of months ago. They were visited frequently. As a sign of encouraging their interest RDT purchased textbooks from DPI, Chennai and distributed the text books to them. Totally RDT has supported

6 students for appearing 10th grade,

4 students for appearing higher secondary course and

30 students for continuing their college education.

1.5. Door step Education (ILLAM THEDI KALVI)

Doorstep Education has been introduced by the state Government to educate the children who remain at home during this lock down. Children are invited to gather in a common area to learn their subjects. These children are guided by the village volunteers who offer their free services in evenings. Children come to the learning centre at 5.00 P.M and study their subjects till 7.00 P.M. Though this is initiated by the government, RDT collaborates with the government. Mr.Baskaran, Assistant Educational Officer visited RDT office on 31st of January 2022 and requested RDT to support the program. We have assured that we will provide training for the teachers in the program. We have also told them that we would support the children with all the required educational materials.

1.6. Support to the Differently abled Children

RDT in its persistent visits, it has identified a special group of differently abled children who have been ignored in the society. RDT began to support their families with rice and provision. Every month, children are visited and they are given 10 kilograms of rice. This becomes a great support for them at this pandemic where people are unemployed. The team members felt that they need more attention for their
empowerment. RDT had in depth discussion in three levels. It discussed with RDT team members and Volunteers. It has also extended its discussion with parents of the special children. Finally it was communicated to the board members regarding this. It was decided to start a special school for the disabled children.

1.6.1. Survey of the Differently abled

RDT took the name list of the differently abled persons in its working villages. The objective behind of this is to identify their skills and guide strategies to keep their life engaged for their livelihood. 27 disabled from Alathur, 8 from Venkileri, 20 from Siruthavur and 1 from Kannagapattu were identified. Totally RDT has identified 56 disabled persons from the villages.

1.6.2. Activities for Disabled Children

As a start-up program, RDT has found 25 children in two working villages, Alathur and Siruthavur. Actions are continually taken to identify a place to start the school. Now we are supporting these families who live hands to mouth. Monthly visits to the families and weekly visits to the differently abled become a solution. RDT team members are also establishing good rapport with these children. If RDT gets a suitable place, the program will be initiated, for the welfare of differently abled children.

2. Activities for the women and Youth

2.1. Distribution of Napkins to the Young Girls

Adolescent girls receive constant training to boost their physical and mental health. They have been motivated to maintain personal hygiene. To promote this character, RDT supplied napkins to the young girls, which are to be used during their menstruation. 25 girls from Idayankuppam, 13 from Alathur Erikarai and 12 from Alathur-Kalaignar Street were supported.

2.2. Tailoring to Young women

RDT offers tailoring training for free of cost. The same course is offered outside for higher price. We were providing this training to many before the pandemic. The tutor takes personal care and all the trainees feel comfortable in getting the training. RDT has introduced the tailoring course to empower the women in the concern areas. Classes are conducted for 3 hours. There are two batches of Girls and women attend the training at free of cost Women who have learnt the complete course have been recruited by export companies. RDT has purchased 2 power machines so that those who learn here are trained highly professionally. RDT has also guided two persons who were trained here to submit their applications for the free sewing machines in the collector office. This year RDT has trained 76 Girls and women have been trained.

2.3. Computer Course

Computer course for the youth is another initiative in RDT. Some of the Students who have attended the class in the previous batch have appeared for the examination. The present batch has been explained the parts of the computer. Details about Note pad, Excel, Power point presentation and MS. Word have been
taught and all the students were given practical on the above too. Class hours are conducted from 9.30 A.M to 12.00 P.M. Ms. Banu, who has completed BSc computer science, is the tutor. Her expertise has been a great guide for the students who attend computer class in RDT. All the children in the computer class have been given diaries. All of them were supported with Note books, Pen and Pencil. They are also supported with masks and sanitizers to protect them from the effects of Covid-19. They are also encouraged to take books from the library and motivate them to read something to gain knowledge. **Totally 48 students have completed computer course in RDT.**

### 2.4. Corona awareness programs to Adolescents

It was decided to provide awareness sessions for the adolescents, since they are also the target groups in RDT. The first session was conducted in Alathur on 17th May 2021. This was provided for the Irula tribe. There were 25 adolescents for the training. Mr.T.K.Elumalai, the managing trustee and Ms.Gomathi, coordinator were the resource persons. They were well explained of standard operative procedures and advised them to stick to them. They were also provided soaps, masks and sanitizers. They were also asked to be the roles models for the younger generations. The same training was also given in Chavadi kulakkarai on 19th May 2021. There were 20 participants for this program. This awareness program was also given on 22nd May 2021 at Venkileri and 20 participants to take part in the program. All the participants were encouraged to follow the lock down rules.

### 3. Health related Activities:

#### 3.1. Awareness program

Covid-19 has created havoc and people were thrown to a new normal world. People were in a need of getting awareness. RDT visited the villages and explained different parameters which could be followed for the safety of all. RDT team explained the protocols and standard operative procedures. They advised the people to maintain social distancing, wearing masks and hand washing. They were also motivated to administer vaccination. 20 percent of the population has been vaccinated after the awareness programs. They were also given soaps, sanitizers and masks. The support of ASHA is remembered on and on. Totally 100 families benefitted out of this program. This awareness has made a life change in them. Totally 100 families benefited of the program. There were 100 participants from idayakkuppam, Thandalam, Pandithamedu, Kulakarai, Alathur and Chemmencherry.

#### 3.2. Supports to the Hospitals run by the Government

Extending help to the hospitals run by the Government is a new activity which was planned in this year. All the hospitals were full and could not accommodate them in anyway. This has served the purpose of the organization. Hospital at Sirukuntram was provided with Hand rub, Beurer B.P.Monitor, Pulse Oximeter, Infrared Thermometer and Hand Sanitizer stand. This was provided on 10th August 2021. Hospital at Manampathy was given Sanitizers, Pulse oximeter, infrared thermometer and Blood pressure monitor. This happened on 6th August 2021. Our networking with hospitals has enabled their service. They are also asking us to continue this network in mere future. RDT could distribute the things required since they were supported at this time.
The RDT team identified the Primary health centers and sub-centers which could cater to the needs of many people in the villages. When people become sick, they visit government hospitals for the treatment. RDT team visited the Health centers run in Thaiyur, Chunambedu and Perumbakkam. Centers were supported with Urine strips, Drabkin Reagent, Glucose, Cholesterol 100 ml delta, Micropipette stand plastic holes, tablets like Monorin, Amoxycillin, sipagel, Paracetamol, Calcium lactate, AD-Multi vitamin tablets, Cezine, Domberidone, Diclofina, Injection like Imphocobin, palmol, Aardex, Surgical spirit, Nicotine solution, Hydrogen Peroxid, Tetanus Toxaide, and masks. RDT has been supporting Government hospitals during this pandemic. Primary Health Center located at Kelambakkam was supported with following items. All these were provided to the hospital team on 31.08.2021. RDT has supported a few hospitals run by the government during the pandemic. This hospital expressed their needs and these were provided to them now. 200 paracetamol tablets, sanitizer stand, Hand wash solution, 500 masks, 200 head caps and sanitizer 100 ml 100 bottles were given. Totally 6 hospitals were supported.

3.3. Counseling services

Counseling is one of the most important activities as we deliver goods to the people. The team members visited Madayathur, Siruthavur, Perunthandalam, Kottamedu, Arunkuntram and Thaiyur in the month of August. They exclusively visited 6 families where they lost the family members due to Covid-19. Six of them were family bread winners.

4. Livelihood Activities

4.1. Distribution of dry ration and provisions during the period of Lockdown

People in our working areas found it very difficult to manage the lock down situation, since these families do not save any money to manage the emergencies. RDT has understood this difficult time and decided to render support to manage their livelihood. Kind donors were approached for helping the families in the villages. 417 Tribal families, 72 Gypsy families, 12 Migrant families, 76 People without ration cards, 15 differently abled persons, 312 Dalit families, 47 parentless children received provision and rice in the first phase. Lock down announced in the state affects the livelihood of the migrant, tribal and economically backward communities. This 2nd Phase program has covered 601 families in these months. Some of the families were given more than a time. 232 Tribal families, 300 muslims, 21 Daily wage earners and 48 Differently abled families were covered. People who were totally uncared living in Thandalam, Alathur, Vengileri, Kottamedu, Pandithamedu, Kalavakkam, Siruthavur and Bootheri were enlisted for getting the supports. They were provided 5 kilograms of rice and all the required provisions. There were 94 beneficiaries from 13 villages to receive the provision in the third phase. People requested rice, vegetables and groceries. RDT mobilized these food materials and they were distributed in their localities. 11 families from Alathur Erikarai twice, 2 families from Vadakkupattu, 24 families from Chinnayavar, 15 families from Siruthavur twice, 12 families from Melaiyur, 01 family from kalavakkam, 7 families from Venkileri, 17 families from Alathur, 36 families from Kottamedu, 40 families from Oragadam and 10 families from Kayar were supported with rice and provision. Totally 175 families were given provision. This took place in the month of October 2021. 27 families from Lathur Erikarai, Siruthavur and Oragadam were supported with tarpaulin in the fourth Phase.
RDT identified 6 persons who were mentally challenged and differently abled and supported with provision items on 12\textsuperscript{th} March 2022. All these beneficiaries are from Paiyanoor. They were supported with 25 kilograms of rice, dhal and Edible oil. RDT also supported 13 families living in Alathur Erikarai. They were given 5 kilos of rice. Another 18 families at Oragadam were helped with 5 kilos of rice. Though there are 43 families in the village, we selected the people who were in the most need. RDT also supported 16 differently abled persons from Paiyanoor, Siruthavur. Oragadam and Alathur. They were supported with 5 kilos of rice. This was done in the 5\textsuperscript{th} Phase.

4.2. Distribution of masks, sanitizers and precautionary methods

As people were directed to follow the standard operative procedures during the lockdown, RDT reiterated them and gave awareness regarding the pandemic situation. RDT provided masks to the families and reminded them to wear whenever they visited the neighbors. They were also given sanitizers and soaps. People were reminded to drink KabasuraKudineer, which has been suggested by Siddha Practitioners once in three days. They were explained of social distancing and vaccination. People were motivated to take vaccines to protect them from corona. RDT visited all the working villages and distributed masks, soap and sanitizer and made them aware of using them every day.

4.3. Distribution of Food packets

RDT also thought of providing food to the people who became sick during the lockdown. The organization found out apt donors for this activity so that steps taken would persist without intervals. This was a great support to the families who were in hardships, especially elders and children without care takers felt grateful to the organization. Food was served according to the numbers in the villages. 500 food packets were distributed everyday in all our working villages.

4.4. Health Support to the People in the villages

This fire accident at Melevalampettai made a great loss to the Irula Tribe families. RDT along with its team visited the village on 27\textsuperscript{th} April and provided food packets as they were the immediate needs. Again the affected families were visited on 30\textsuperscript{th} April 2021 and they were provided Rice and provision. Though only 14 were affected by the fire, RDT supported all the 30 families residing in the village including the non-victims. Ms. Ellammal, W/o Kuppusamy is 27 years old and has a child who is 18 months old. She was not keeping well since her kidneys were absolutely damaged. Doctors advised to go for dialysis. She was residing in Kovalam and she was a rag picker. Since the condition for the patient was very critical, she was taken to the hospital. She was granted permission by the District Collector.

4.5. Construction and renovation of huts

It was found that huts in Nallur were in worse conditions as they were not renovated after a long time. This was discussed and the team visited the area on 6\textsuperscript{th} July 2021. With the enormous support of the volunteers huts were totally constructed with new materials. RDT identified 4 families (Oragadam-3 and Alathur-1) and they were supported with thatched leaves. RDT team members identified 23 families in Oragadam, one family in Thirunilai, 13 families from Siruthavur, 16 families from Alathur Erikarai, One family from Kalaignar Street, 70 families from Salur, 15 families from Thandalam Kulakarai, and 11 families from Bootheer. Totally 150 families have received the Tarpaulin.
Tribal people living in Idayankuppam found it very difficult to manage their life during monsoon and rainy season. They were living in huts and their huts were totally damaged and awaited for help. Their huts were dismantled and they were newly built in the month of July and August. Mrs.Lakshmi, Mrs.Amutha, Mrs.Revathy, Mrs.Kirija, Mr.Selvaraj, Ms.Chitra and Ms.Pattu were the beneficiaries to receive supports. They all wore a big smile on their faces. RDT has constructed new huts for 4 families in the month of September 2021. It has also distributed solar lights to 4 families. RDT has also constructed 3 huts in Idayankuppam. It is the great relief for the tribal families who were living in damaged houses. **10 families were supported to avail the welfare cards.** Many families do not have patta, which is the original claim for their lands. RDT has taken measures for it and 70 families have been helped to apply for patta. Panchayat has given **10 cents of land in Salur** for constructing community hall. The vacant land can be used for the same purpose. If it is constructed, people can use this place for social gathering. We can also start the tailoring and computer courses.

### 4.6. Availing water facilities in villages

Irula Tribe families living in Sembakkam had a hand pump in the month of April because of the support rendered by RDT. Constructing water tank in Sembakkam was considered one of the prime needs and steps were taken immediately. This was realized on **5th July 2021.** This water tank has been a big relief for the residents. The team visited Idayankuppam where 43 families reside. These families expressed that they find it difficult to fetch water from faraway places. This was considered and immediate action was taken and a bore well was installed on **19th March 2022.** Electricity connection was done and Motor was connected for easy access.

### 4.7. Distribution of kerosene Stove for the people Affected during Rain and Mosquito nets

Most of the people who do not have Gas stove use ordinary oven. They collect firewood and cook the necessary food. People found it very difficult to cook the food during rainy season. RDT identified 10 families who could not cook the food and they were supported with kerosene stove. RDT also provided food, Bread, and Biscuit to 80 persons during the heavy rain. Some of the families in our intervention areas found it very difficult to protect themselves from mosquito bite. It was so bad during the rainy season. RDT felt that providing mosquito net may be a remedy for this problem. As people received the mosquito nets, they felt happy to use them in their houses. Children were also specially protected from this issue. **15 families from Alathur Erikarai, 14 families from Alathur-Kalaignar street, 30 families from Salur and 12 families from Oragadam benefitted out of the event.**

### 4.8. Distribution of Iron Cot and Mats to the people affected by Rain

People in these villages are living nearby ponds. As it was heavily raining, water level also came up in the pond. This was entering in to their huts and people in these villages were unable to use their floor for sleeping. This issue was brought to the notice of RDT. Discussion was held in the office and it was decided to provide them iron cots. They were also given mats to spread on the cot. People were also given bed sheets to wrap themselves during the rain. Iron cots were given to 24 families. **124 families were given mats.** 151 persons received bed Sheets. All these materials were given in the month of November and December 2021.
4.10. Distribution of Solar Lights

Solar lights were distributed to the families who are inaccessible to electricity. RDT took the name list of the families in the month of September and the program was organized in October 2021. 11 families from Alathur Erikarai, 13 families from Oragadam and 13 families from Kayar were given solar lights. People in few villages are in accessible to electricity. Children living in these villages were supported with solar lights and Street lights. Totally 73 families were supported with Solar lights.

4.11. Wheel Chair to a Differently abled Child and an Elder

Mr. Annappan and Gandhimathi living in Mullipakkam has a child namely Jebashini. She is 7 years old and unable to walk from her birth. The child finds it very difficult for the mobility. Mother of the child could not go for work since she had to carry her to all the places. RDT provided a wheel chair to the child. Now the mother takes the child to the working sites in the wheel chair. She feels happy that child is sitting safely on the wheel chair. Ms. Kadhambam was a differently abled person. She is 85 years old living in Salur. Her husband Mr. Kuppan is also very old. He cannot support his wife due to age factor. Both of them expect others for their livelihood. They do not receive old age pension from the government. RDT planned to provide a wheel chair so that she can be independent. This was provided on 29th of November 2021. RDT also provided solar light and adequate dresses for them. Both of them felt happy and thanked the team for supporting them at the time of need.

4.12. Assessment of needs identified in Government Schools

RDT found that some of the government schools which had poor facilities and infrastructures. The team members visited 10 schools. Each school enumerated their needs. The team members collected the needs and trying to identify potential donors for supporting these schools. All our children are studying in these schools. When we accomplish these needs, our children may find their schools with all the infrastructures.

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<td>3</td>
<td>Panchayat Union Middle School</td>
<td>Thiruporur</td>
<td>222</td>
<td>Teaching staff, white wash for the building, 2 Bureau, clearing bushes, Uniform, painting black board, Reverse Osmosis water Facility, School bags and water bottles</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Panchayat Union Middle School</td>
<td>Thandalam</td>
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<td>Laptop, Play materials, Long size note books, Shoes and Socks</td>
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5. Professional approach and team work in the organization

5.1. Involvement of the staff members in RDT

Staff members of RDT are highly dedicated and visit the villages every day. Staff members of the organization go to the village and visit the families. They listen to their day to day issues and offers suggestions to improve their life. Ms. Gomathi and Ms. Rajeshwari spend their valuable time from 9.30 A.M to 3.00 P.M. Their visits are more useful for the families who undergo pains in the families. They provide counseling and guide the families to obtain government schemes. There is a Coordinator for the project done in RDT. There were 2 Telugu Teachers, 18 teachers, 2 tailoring Teachers, 1 computer teacher and 2 Accountants. In total 26 staff are working in RDT. Special training for the teachers was given to all the teachers at RDT on 19th March 2022. There were 18 teachers for the Training. Mr. Iyappan, the headmaster of Panchayat union school was the resource person for the training. He explained the sounds of the letters in English alphabet. He also guided the participants how to read the sentences in English.

5.2. Volunteers in RDT

Volunteers in RDT are selflessly serving and they are the bridge between the organization and the people. It was felt that the support rendered by the volunteers was enormous in the working villages. Their services during the pandemic have been highly appreciative. RDT has identified 30 volunteers who worked commendably well during this pandemic. As the services are increasing in RDT, people feel the need of coming forward to support the team. RDT feels that its services are recognized in the village community. All of them appreciated the efforts taken by the organization and they also promised that they would render support to distribute the essential goods to the people. This has been found a role model for the future generation to contribute something for a better society. This was conducted on 30th June 2021.
Outcomes of the Activities

- RDT has distributed 15 smart phones, 5 tablets and 10 laptops to attend the online classes
- 164 children in 5 special schools and 77 children in Part-time special schools have been supported
- 428 Children have received educational materials
- 176 children have received school bags
- 137 children have received uniform and colour dresses
- 327 children have been supported through providing food
- 179 children have taken part in drawing competition
- All the children are encouraged to utilize the library books
- All the children have been supported with masks and sanitizers
- 15 Tuition centers where 519 children have got benefits
- 10 children have been enrolled in the school
- 120 single parent children have been supported with provision and rice
- 40 children have been supported to appear for 10th grade, higher secondary course and College education
- 25 differently abled children have been supported
- 76 girls and women have completed tailoring course
- 48 students have completed computer education courses
- 6 primary health centres have been supported
- More than 1000 families have been supported during Lock down with provision and dry ration
- 500 food packets have been provided during lock down
- 4 families have been supported to renovate their huts
- 10 families have received welfare cards
- 70 families have received patta for their living land
- Water facility has been availed in two villages
- 71 families have received mosquito nets and 24 families have got iron cots
- 124 families have received mats and 73 families have got solar lights

Conclusion

RDT could do all the activities in 2021-2022 with the great support of staff, volunteers and the beneficiaries. Above all these activities became possible only because of the kind support of ASHA. The activities started still continue with the same vigour and migrant and tribal children feel that their life is progressive towards attaining their future goals. RDT feels proud that the role of volunteers becomes very prominent and we can reach more number of children in coming days.