

MADURAI SEED ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

MADURAI SEED is a voluntary organization supporting and empowering underprivileged children and young people since 1999. Our mission is to provide a supportive, nurturing environment for socially and economically disadvantaged children and young people to discover their mental abilities, enrich their self-esteem, and develop emotional stability to promote personal and social responsibilities.

This year, we've directly reached around 500 children and 100 young people through our holistic education centers, scholarships, skills development programs, and community initiatives.





About Us & Our Vision

Started in 1999, MADURAI SEED is a grass-root level voluntary organization promoting socially economically disadvantaged children and young people through education. Our drop-in centers provide opportunities for children to make progress educationally, personally and socially.

VISION

"All Children and Young People Are Educated, Healthy, Mature, Responsible and Capable of Leading Our Future World"

MISSION

"To Provide a Supportive, Nurturing Environment for Socially, Economically Disadvantaged Children and Young People, to Discover and Develop Their Mental Abilities; Enrich Their Sense of Self-Esteem, and to Empower Them with Emotional Stability to Promote Personal and Social Responsibilities."

VALUES

Learning from each other | Growing together | Sharing is caring

Beneficiaries Overview

190

Children in Karumbalai

86 boys and 104 girls across
three age groups

241

Other Children

Including hostel children,
government and aided school
students

18

Young People

9 boys and 9 girls (18-23
years) receiving education
support

60

Interns & Volunteers

Social work students and site
visitors contributing to our
mission

Our children come from diverse educational backgrounds: 53% study in government schools, 29% in government-aided schools, and 18% in private schools. Among our young people, 11 are first-generation college students from their families.



Holistic Education Centers

The core structure of MADURAI SEED is our education centers in Karumbalai. These safe, sophisticated and welcoming spaces come alive every evening with the sounds of teaching, studying, laughter, and learning. Children from disadvantaged backgrounds gather here after school for academic support, creative exploration, and life skills development.

Vandugal Arangam

For 6-9 year olds (61 children)

Vergal Arangam

For 10-13 year olds (64 children)

Kanavugal Arangam

For 14-17 year olds (65 children)

Thedalgal Arangam

For 18-23 year olds (18 young people)

Scholarships & Financial Support

FMS Scholarship

"Friends of Madurai Seed" in Zurich supports 18 college-going young people (9 girls + 9 boys) throughout their education. Prof. John Potts plays a significant role in connecting individual donors to support our youth.

KFR Scholarship

KFR school children in Zurich support 133 Madurai Seed children through this program. In 2024-2025, the program was held on four different occasions for various classes, with parents participating to learn about the funding source.

Asha-Boston Stipend

Provides monthly stipends to 14 young teaching volunteers at Madurai Seed and 4 at the boys hostel, supporting their education and expenses while they commit their time to teaching.



Reading Workshops & Thenkoodu Children Bank

Reading Workshops

Laura Villiger, John Potts, Nick, Maggi, and Rose conducted engaging reading sessions for our children and young people. They explored stories like "The Necklace," "Frankenstein," "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," and "The Diamond as Big as the Ritz," focusing on comprehension, vocabulary, and analytical skills.



Thenkoodu Children Bank

Every child at Madurai Seed has a savings account named Thenkoodu (Beehive). Children save small amounts daily, which grow until the end of the academic year. The savings are returned with 20% interest at the start of the new school year.

100

Bank Members

₹38,636

Total Savings

₹7,603

Interest Given



Vasantham Summer Camp

From May 1st to 15th, 2024, we hosted the Vasantham Summer Camp at our centers and Sevalayam Hostel, bringing together 86 children and 18 young participants for an unforgettable experience. The camp offered diverse activities designed to inspire creativity, promote physical fitness, and foster teamwork.



Martial Arts

Children learned Karate and Silambam, developing discipline, focus, and self-defense skills



Dance & Music

Western Dance, Oyilattam (traditional dance), and singing sessions enhanced creativity and cultural awareness



Yoga & Wellness

Yoga sessions promoted flexibility, strength, balance, and mindfulness



Spoken English

Language classes through drama and conversation improved communication skills

Special Events & Community Celebrations

Institution Day

We celebrated our 27th Institution Day on February 1, 2025, with lamp lighting, cake cutting, performances, and videos highlighting our activities and alumni achievements.

Building Hope

On Children's Day (November 14, 2024), we inaugurated the ground floor of our new education center building. On Youth Day (January 12, 2025), we dedicated the "Thedalgai" Young People's Education Center on the first floor.

Cultural Celebrations

Throughout the year, we celebrated festivals including Ramzan, Diwali, Christmas, New Year, and Pongal, bringing our community together through traditional activities, performances, and shared meals.

In Memory

We honored Teacher Mariammal, a beloved educator and trustee who passed away, through memorial services and charity activities that reflected her dedication to education and community service.