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MERDS MISSION: It strives to work for the development of rural poor women and children and educated unemployed youth. It also tries to create a sustainable mechanism at micro level to build a society based on equity and social justice.

Vision: The organization is committed to improve the socio-economic development of downtrodden masses of Natham block, Dindigul district, Tamil Nadu, India.

Chapter -1 Drop out center

MERDS has been working for the development rural children living with poor environment through the help of BENG, The Netherlands for more than a decade in Dindigul district, Tamil Nadu, India. The children are under our care and we provide evening school education with the help of 4 teachers every day after the school hours. The children are getting education on their school curriculum, playing opportunities along with food in the evening. The parents are happy on this education and feel proud of their children. We stopped school dropout and encouraging the children to attend school regularly. The children enjoyed their studies and succeed in cocurricular activities too. They go for higher studies with lot of interest and work hard to attain good jobs in future.

Impact: 50 children (28 male and 22 female) from economically poor families got education on their school curriculum.

- All the children enjoyed food and other facilities.
- They got good study materials and stationery
- 100 parents indirectly benefitted
- All the 50 children are regularly going children to schools.
- 12 children got award on yoga competition.
- 3 female children won the award on sports activities in their school.
- All the 10th standard students who wrote the final examinations were passed in good grade.
- The 12th standard students also passed their subjects with high grades and eligible for the higher studies.

Teachers of DOC



COOK Amaravathi



Teaching staff



study discussion



Play indoor



Food time



Our Mission: To make all the children to go to school without dropout. Also to encourage the parents and society to avoid child labor. Healthy children is along with healthy education.

Our Vision: We are promoting 50 children every year and indirectly motivating 100 children to get regular school education. Dropout children is very less after our interventi

Chapter -2 Scholarship

Every year BENG provide scholarships to 15 girls who are hailing from Economically poor families and who are eager and intelligent to continue their higher studies. Last year there were 15 students who got their scholarships Rs 20000 each for their college studies. The girls achieve Excellent grades in their college examinations. They also keen on getting good jobs for their future. The parents of such girls are very proud of their children and feel happy on their adventure. This kind of support highly encourage them to continue their higher studies.

Impact of the scheme:

- *15 girls entertaining every year in the college studies
- * Every year 5 to 6 girls get jobs from various companies
- * The life style of the rural girls has been changed to higher level
- *The families of the girls attain happy atmosphere and begin to sustain because of their study.

Nagarasi -IT student



Abi – Diploma in nursing



sowmiajoy Engineering



Dharsini physiotherapy



Parkavi physics student



Lavanya Tele caller



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Chapter 3- Micro credit (Livelihood Development Project)

We promote Women in livelihood development activities and help them through small finance to promote their small business. The rural women who lead the family are the beneficiaries of this project. All women are getting Rs 5000 to 20000 according to their small business nature. They utilize the money to purchase selling materials like vegetables, fruits, groceries, food items, flowers etc. They go around the villages or towns to sell the products in the streets. Some people sell them through permanent shops. However the amount given to them made them financially democratic. They are free from money lenders who charged 10 to 50 times interest for the money given to them as loan. The whole family attain benefit through this scheme.

Impact:

- There are 60 women families attaining benefit through this scheme.
- The direct beneficiaries are 60 women and 300 indirect family members
- All the women are entrepreneurs and happily carry on the business
- They avoided middle men and Money investors.
- There is peace in their home
- Their children are happy and going to schools regularly
- The status of their families is increased.

Women group 1



women selling vegetables



Women selling vada food



woman keeping petty shop



WOMAN MAKING BREAD



Woman selling flowers



Group of Woman SHG Joined in the venture



Our mission: To promote small business ventures among women in the rural areas and to improve the status of their family through nominal income.

Vision: Promotion of self-help group livelihood activities and leading small business without money lender's intervention.

Chapter 4 – MENSTRUPEDIA PROJECT

Through this project the mensural hygienic conditions which are to be followed were clearly explained to the adolescent girls studying in the schools. The children from our drop out center were also taught on this subject and book materials were given to the children to read. The actual changes happening to the boys and girls during adolescent period were clearly explained to the children. Then group discussions were made among the children on this subject. Later the questioners were also given to them and their understanding levels were noted.

Later we arranged an awareness education project among 200 girl children in a school Natham town area and the girls were taught on the subject through a women coordinator from BELLA organization. We have provided the book materials and sanitary hygienic pads to the children. We hope the education will spread to their peer groups and neighborhood children. We would be in touch and the follow up program will be conducted frequently. The village girls got most useful education due to this project rather than the school curriculum.



Class room teaching on Menstrual hygiene



Children involved in menstrupedia project



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- Children 400 were given input on this subject
- The peer groups of trained children would be the most indirect beneficiaries of our project
- The school teachers and administration are willing to provide our education to the next children.
- The health and hygienic condition would improve soon among the village communities.

Mission: To make adolescent children to aware of hygienic practices during mensuration.

To make the children to understand the body changes during adolescence period and the follow the disciplined life cycle.

Vision: Making children aware on hygienic practices during mensural period through class room education.

To make the children to spread the awareness education to the peer group.

Thanks to BENG, The Netherlands.