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Continuing Eco Farming started by Nammalwar in 1995
Seasonal Analysis by Farming Communities for Nature Agriculture
(Friendship Children's Home)
(Environment Education)
(TBGP – Forest Extension)
(BDMRFA – TNSRLM – TNWDC)
ORGANISATION PROFILE

VOICE (Voice for the Oppressed through Integrated Community Emancipation) Trust was registered under the Indian Trust Act as a non-profit Voluntary Organization or otherwise called these days as NGO (Non Governmental Organization). VOICE Trust is a secular Social Service Organization. The Registration Number is 380/85. Date of Registration is 12.07.1985.

- The First Amendment Deed was registered on: 26.12.1995.
- The Second Amendment Deed was registered on: 10.05.1999.
- The Third Amendment Deed was registered on: 17.11.2001.
- The Fourth Amendment Deed was registered on: 26.07.2005.

(The Fourth Amendment Deed was signed by the Donor + the first 3 Trustees and the present 5 Trustees with witness by Mr. A. Gregory, Founder of VOICE Trust).

VOICE Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees. Now, the all Women Board Members are:

Mrs. A. Jecinta, D.C.D., - Managing Trustee
Mrs. Jancy Quintal, B.A., - Financial Trustee
Ms. I. Mary Rita, M.A., M.Ed., - Wholetime Trustee
Mrs. R. Meenakshi, B.A., B.Ed., - Trustee
Mrs. R. Kavitha, Capart Trainee - Trustee

The first Registered Office was at Kumbakonam in Thanjavur District under jurisdiction of Registrar's Office at Madurai. The Present Registered Office is at Tiruchi under the jurisdiction of the Registrar's Office at Tiruchi, (Vide Amendment Deed of 26.07.2005).

From 1986, VOICE Trust is approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act. The FCRA Number is 075960042. The FC-3 Returns are submitted to the Home Ministry every year. This Registration continues to be active.

From 2002, VOICE Trust is approved by the Income Tax Department under the 12AA and 80G Acts for Social Works including the Development Programmes with the Disabled. The Pan Number is AAATV3191M. The 80G renewal was provided from 12.03.2008 to 31.03.2010. Now it is permanent approval under Finance Act 2 of 2009.

The Income Tax Department has also given TAN (Tax Deduction Account Number) Certification with effect from 03.03.2008. TAN Number is CHEV08861G.
**Goals:**

- Enhancement of ecological biodiversity for empowerment of Farming Communities including marginal farmers and landless agricultural laborers and for consumption of poison-free food and other organic products by all in the society for a healthy life.
- Natural Resource Management for environmental protection for pure air, good water and salubrious life through ecological bio-diversity and trees of all kinds.
- Economic development of the marginalized and the disadvantaged people without any discrimination of creed—caste—gender—language—region etc.,
- Basic Health Care for Women, Children, Aged and other vulnerable sections preferably with preventive measures and medical interventions that are nature centric.
- Rights of Children (especially the Orphans, Working Children and Girl Children) with special focus on Right to Education.
- Empowerment of Disabled Children, Disabled Adults and Mentally ill Persons for inclusion of Differently Abled Persons with Rights Perspectives.

**Specific objectives:**

- To increase awareness among the people about the need to lead a nature centric life not only for economic empowerment but also for preserving ecological bio-diversity and for protecting the environment for the good of the present and future generations.
- To facilitate formation of People’s Organizations such as Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer’s Forums, Youth Associations, Children’s Clubs, Disabled People’s Organizations, Human Rights Groups, Unorganized Worker’s Associations, not only for rights but also for responsibilities.
- To enable all-round empowerment of all the people irrespective of caste, creed, language, race or region, especially the disadvantaged, the displaced and the other weaker sections including the Women, the Children, the Aged, the Disabled and the Terminally ill persons including the AIDS Patients through self help initiatives, cooperative action for economic development, complementarity with the other living species for a life of synergy and social justice for sustainable development of all like gender justice through women’s rights, child rights with special focus on working children, livelihood rights for the landless laborers and other unorganized sectors, security rights for the working class and rights for the disadvantaged including Rights of the Disabled People and Rights of the Rural Adolescents for capacity building for life orientation and employability for developments of poverty stricken households especially in rural areas and urban slum and semi urban slum localities.

**N.B:** To Continue Collaborations with Government Departments for strengthening the empowerment processes with Farming Communities for poison-free food, Disabled Persons and Vulnerable Sections such as Women, Children and the Aged as well as Environment Protection Programs through School Students for eco friendly life and for economic sustainability.

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**Nature Centric**

*Facilitating nature centric interventions for Eco – Enviro – Economic Wellbeing.*
Focus Activities of VOICE Trust are:

- Integrated Farming for poison free food production, ecological biodiversity, economic sustainability, empowerment of farming people and healthy life for all in collaboration with agriculturists, Government and NGOs. (Poison–free Farming and Eco–friendly Living)
- Students Environment Groups for clean and green life, pollution free air and water, recycling for reusing green cover through tree planting and other eco friendly interventions in Schools, at home and in villages. (Our Earth–Our Future)
- Empowerment of Disabled People through CBR and Institutional approaches clubbed with inclusive education, home based therapy, medical treatment, aids and appliances, income generating enterprises and rights initiatives in collaboration with Government and NGOs. (Rights of physically challenged, mentally retarded and mentally ill persons through Disabled People’s Organizations: Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying)
- Integrated Development of Children in need and at risk under Joy to Children Program of AEM – VOICE and Technical Education of Rural Adolescents under Support to Children.
- People’s Organizations under Self Help Groups mode (SHGs of Women, Farmers, Agri Workers, Unorganized Laborers and Differently Abled Persons including Physically Disabled and Mentally Challenged People) for personality developments, family improvements, community empowerment, economic achievement, social gradation and rights action in all aspects of life. Focus is on Rights and Responsibilities.
- Emancipation of affected and afflicted widows, destitute people, displaced persons, aged people and terminally ill persons (HIV / AIDS) through relevant interventions in collaboration with Government Departments, NGO’s and Civil Society Organizations.

Collaboration with Networks

- Sustainable Agriculture: LEISA Tamil Nadu, AMEF, IOFM
- Natural Resources: TNEC (Tamil Nadu Environment Council)
- Human Rights: HRF, AREDS, Panchayati Raj, People’s Watch
- Differently Abled People’s Rights with Mobility India, Vidya Sagar, ADD India.
- Women Collectives / Child Rights (Rights of Vulnerable Groups)
- Biodiversity / Environment: NEAC (MOEF) & RRA – PEACE Trust
- Eco Farming Enterprises; IVI (Iyarkai Velaan Inaiyam – A Forum For Eco Farming)
VOICE Trust continues social action in its 30th year for Eco-Enviro-Social-Economic-Educational and other empowerments for the well-being of all the people without any discrimination of creed, caste, gender, language, region etc...

Directly working in 384 villages of Tiruchirapalli - Perambalur - Thanjavur Districts. Outreach Programmes are in parts of Ariyalur - Nagapattinam - Karur and Ramnad Districts. Also networking through IVI in all 32 Districts in Tamil Nadu and in the Union Territory of Puducherry (Pondicherry). But, more than area coverage, discovery of people’s talents for joint action for empowered life is emphasized.

N.B: Earlier, the Organogram was top down like the following. 24 Full-time staff, 41 Part-time Workers, 50 Teacher Coordinators, 180 Volunteers, and 287 Care Givers in different programmes.
Pace setting interventions by VOICE Trust from 1985 to 2015

1985: Registration of VOICE Trust as a non-profit Social Service & Social Action Voluntary Organization (NGO – Non Governmental Organization) for involving in economic – social -educational schemes for the all-round empowerment of the economically, socially and educationally disadvantaged people irrespective of creed, caste, gender, language, race, region or any other discrimination.

1986: Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) approval obtained from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India in 1986 and continues to be valid for the past 25 years. Every year, VOICE Trust submits the Financial Statement /Activities Report to Home Ministry.

1987: Rural Development Programmes launched in Murungai Village near Kattuputhur in Thottiam Union of Trichy District with focus on Emancipation of Widows, Education of Children, Youth Animation, Women Development and Drinking Water Schemes with grant assistance from MISEREOR, Germany. This was the first scheme of VOICE Trust

1988: Self Employment Schemes for the youth were started at Kumbakonam - Karaikal - Pondichery regions with help from SCLF (Swiss Catholic Lenten Fund), Switzerland

1989 to 1994: White Saree System which exploited Widows in Murungai and surrounding Villages was fought fiercely by Mrs. A. Jecintha, now, the Managing Trustee of VOICE Trust. She organized first the women and then the men and achieved the wearing of color sarees by the widows to stop the stigma of doom. Remarriages by widows is a breakthrough in the area


1995: Skills Training for Self Employment were started in and around Siruganur in Mannachanallur Union of Trichy District with the help of MISEREOR in the Human Resource Development Training Centre inaugurated by Most. Rev. Dr. Peter Remigius, then Bishop of Kumbakonam. Embroidery works in Greeting Cards, Hand Weaving, Tailoring, Poultry Farming and Ecological Agriculture practices were the trades. People's Organizations were formed for functioning as the instruments for the integrated development of all the disadvantaged people

1996: Sustainable Agriculture with LEISANetwork (Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture)

1997: FFS in Cotton with AME (Agriculture, Man Ecology), Department of Agriculture (Govt. of Tamil Nadu) and Central IPM Centre (Govt. of India)


Livelihood Rights of the Landless Agricultural Labourers with Norwegian Human Rights Foundation (NHRF) in 3 villages before Grand Anaicut

Nature Centric Food and Naturopathy Herbals with RSWR (Right Sharing of World Resources), USA in 5 villages involving 50 Rural Women.

Income Generation Schemes For Rural Women with 1%FUND for Development C/o. FAO, Rome first in Tailoring, then in Organic Farming.

Women Development with MDDJ, Nuremberg, Germany.

Students Environment Groups in Schools with Dept. of Environment, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

Empowerment of Disabled Children with SKN (StichtingKinderpostzegelsNederland)
**1999**: Development Programmes with the Disabled (DPD) with ADD India, Vidya Sagar, Mobility India, District Rehabilitation Office, TMSSS –Kolping Centre, Hindu Mission Hospital, Disability Forum TOT (Training of Trainers) in Integrated Farming Systems for Sustainable Livelihood with IGSSS (Indo Global Social Service Society). Completed in 2003-’04. Totally 105 Trainers trained in Tamil Nadu & Puducherry from 1999 to 2004.

**2000**: Eco Farming Enterprises in collaboration with WILDEGANZEN, Netherland, Holland.

- Rural Health with James, Dougherty Foundation, USA/Friends of the Third World.
- Integrated Pest Management through Cotton FFS with FAO Cotton IPM Programme.
- National Environment Awareness Campaign of MOEF with CPR Foundation

**2001**: Vocational Training in Organic Farming with Central Social Welfare Board, Govt. of India and Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board for 25 Rural Women for 6 months

**2002**: Ertram Rural Community College with MCRDCE (Madras Centre for Research and Development of Community Education) for Agriculture and Rural Artisanry Courses

- Prize for Women's Creativity in rural life with WWSF (Women's World Summit Foundation), Switzerland.
- Vermi Compost Expert Antoniammal from Thiruvalarcholai Village, near Trichy awarded.

**2003**: Action for Women in Organic Farming through The Swallows in Denmark. Natural Farming for 300 Women in Agriculture with MANOSUNIDAS, Spain in 15 Villages Organic Cotton Production Centre with Emmaus International through VCDS and Friends of Emmaus (Emmaus Asia Section)

**2004**: Tsunami Relief for victims of December Sea Earthquake with IGSSS and GAA (German Agro Action) for 5850 Tsunami Survivors from Cuddalore to Kanyakumari

- Integrated Development of Mentally III Persons with ADD India and Basic Needs, Bangalore Medical Treatment of Mentally III Persons with District Mental Health Programme, Tiruchi

**2005**: Programs of ERCC with Stichting Benevolentia / Porticus through MCRDCE Diploma Courses under approval from TNOU (Tamil Nadu Open University) Study supports for 55 Tsunami Students with MCRDCE.

- Repairs of flood affected motors by ERCC Students with CARE India in Nagai District.
- Food distribution for flood victims with KUDUMBAM.
- Flood Relief Programs with help from SEVAI.
- Women SHGs with Mahalir Thittam (Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women)

**2006**: Permanent Shelter Project at Madavamedu under Tsunami Response Program with CARE India

- Joy to CHILDREN Program with AEM (les Amis des Enfants du Monde), France – Friendship
- Home for Children and Technical Education of Rural Adolescents with AEM.
- NEAC(National Environment Awareness Campaign) with PEACE Trust, RRA of MoEF.
- Study among Cotton Farmers about BT Cotton with Kudumbam and DSS.

**2007**: Noise Free Trichy (Action against Noise Pollution) with Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board

- Talents Empowerment of the Disabled with District Rehabilitation Office.
- Students Environment Groups in 290 Schools in Tiruchy District (Competitions / Eco Camp) with Dept. of Environment and District Educational Administration.
- Family Improvements through VOICE Trust Eco Farming Enterprises
- Reaching out Organic Rice, Organic Vegetables and Organic Fruits through VOICE Trust Skills Empowerment for Rural Youth through ERCC in Rural Artisan
- Right to Information Act and other Rights Initiatives with HRF, DLU, PW– TN
2008: Construction of 190 Permanent Shelters completed at Madavamedu Coastal Village - Nagapattinam District under Tsunami Response Program of CARE India. Houses were handed over to 190 Tsunami Survivors by District Collector on 09.03.2008 Friendship Home for 15 parentless Children and Children at risk under Joy to Children Programme supported by AEM (Friends of Children of World), France.

Technical Education for 58 Rural Adolescents under Support to Children in AEM both for the TNOU approved 1 year Diploma Courses and Ecological Agriculture Courses facilitated by VOICE Trust in the Organic Farm near Siruganur.

Rehabilitation of Disabled People (241 Disabled Children, 324 Disabled Adults and 287 Mentally Ill Persons) with special focus on the empowerment of Disabled Women.

Environmental Protection Programme through Students Environment Groups (National Green Corps in 250 Schools and Eco Clubs in 40 Schools) in Tiruchirapalli District (Main Focus: Our Earth – Our Future).

National Environment Awareness Campaign under Ministry of Environment and Forest on Climate Change in 3 Villages for mitigation of global warming with PEACE Trust.

Trainings for new Self Help Groups with support from NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) at Siruganur in Tiruchi District.

Furthering activities of People's Organizations (140 SHGs of Women, 25 Men Groups and 24 DPOs – Disabled People's Organizations) not only for micro credit but more for integrated empowerments of all.

2009: Selection of VOICE Trust as one of the 100 finalists for DM2009 in World Bank Head Quarters in Washington D.C., USA. Mrs. A. Jecintha, Managing Trustee and Mr. A. Gregory, Project Director, participated in the event in November 2009 and presented a project proposal of Multiple Cropping for Climate Mitigation.
Fr. Russel Raj, Mr. Sunder and Family, Mr. Ravi Venkatesh, Dr. Radhakrishnan and Family, Mr. Sampath and Family, Mr. Johnson and Fr. Arul Xavier guided VOICE Team in Washington D.C., New Jersey and New York. VOICE Team also visited London in UK with guidance from Fr. Maira Francis. In Paris, with guidance from MEP Fathers and especially Fr. A. Soosai. In Montrouge with guidance from AEM Team. In Lourdes in France with help from Secours Catholic. In Rome in Italy with guidance from OMD Fathers. Mr. John Peter Benedict and family from Washington and Dr. Joseph Santiago extended support to VOICE Team.

Process for collaboration with Global Giving; Washington D.C was started as follow up of visit to USA in 2009 for Development Marketplace of World Bank (DM – 2009).

Naturopathy Health Awareness Programme was organized for people of Siruganur and neighboring villages in July 2009 in collaboration with NIN (National Institute of Naturopathy) Pune.

Special Activities during 2010-11:

- Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project (TBGP) in Collaboration with Forest Department.
- Selected as a Collaborator of Global Giving and a New Project titled as “Biodiverse Agri Training City to Youth” (Project #: 6265) was started.

Special Activities during 2011-12:

- Identification of 1250 Mentally ill Persons in Mannachanallur, Lalgudi and Srirangam Taluks of Trichy District and Initiatives for return to normalcy of Mentally ill Persons in collaboration with DMHP (District Mental Health Programme).
- Through Global Giving Project # 6265 every year 1500 youth were extended trainings in Biodiverse Agriculture.

Special Activities during 2012-13:

- Intensified TBGP (Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project) in many parts of Trichy District in collaboration with Forest Department.
- Right to Education in collaboration with SSA (Sharva Shiksha Abiyan) as master trainer for furthering School Management Committee.
VOICE Trust continued the following activities during 2013-14:

- 21 Children in Friendship Home under “Joy To Children” Program of AEM-VOICE Trust.
- Technical Education of 300 Rural Adolescents for employability skills.
- Community Based Rehabilitation of 1983 youth for employability skills.
- Employability of Disabled Women and Mentally ill Persons.
- Integrated Farming in collaboration with Kudumbam, EMMAUS, IVI and Global Giving.
- National Green Crops in 50 schools of Lalgudi Educational District (2000 students).
- Coordination for 290 Students Environment Groups in Trichy district (11600 students).
- 159 People's Organizations (Women SHGs, Men groups and Disabled People's Association).
- Tree Plantations in Agriculture lands under TBGP in Collaboration with Forest Department.
- Human Rights for the affected and afflicted with HRF, People's Watch, DLU (Disability Legislation Unit).

Special Activities during 2014-2015:

- English class for disadvantaged Children from daily wages families at Friendship Children's Home in Siruganur, through Volunteers of ANN Foundation, USA.
- Block Disability Mitigation and Rehabilitation Facilitating Agency (BDMRFA) for Mannachanallur and Thottiyam blocks.

VOICE Trust continued following activities during 2014-2015

- 21 Children in Friendship Children’s Home under Joy to Children Program of AEM-VOICE Trust.
- Technical Education of 300 Rural Adolescents for employability skills.
- Community Based Rehabilitation of 3413 Differently Abled Persons and 787 Mentally ill Persons.
- National Green Corps (NGC) with 2000 children in 50 schools of Lalgudi Educational District.
- Coordination for 250 NGC (10000 students) and 359 Eco-Clubs (14360 students) in Trichy District.
- 159 People’s Organizations (Self Help Groups of Women, Men, Differently Abled, Farmers).
- Tree planting in farmers fields in villages in Trichy District under TBGP with Forest Department.
- English classes for disadvantaged children in collaboration with ANN Foundation.
- Human Rights for the affected and afflicted with HRF, People’s Watch, DLU – TN.
- Ecology and Environment in collaboration with Kudumbam, IVI, Peace Trust, Government.
- Master Trainer for School Management Committee under SSA in Trichy District.
- Environment Protection Forum in collaboration with TCC, NGOs and Civil Society Organizations.
Present Activities

**Integrated Farming System approaches**

- poison-free food, fodder, fiber
- pollution-free environment
- poverty-free communities

- One of the focus activities of VOICE Trust is nature centric agriculture. Efforts are continuing to revive nature farming activities with help of traditional seed varieties, rainwater harvesting, organic composts and bio-pest controls. Multiple cropping systems with livestock integration and value addition are facilitated, not only for increasing incomes but also for enhancing biodiversity and healthy life. Women and Men are encouraged to take up organic farming.

- Got introduced to nature agriculture in 1995.
- AME Foundation provided technical supports from 1996.
- Department of Agriculture of Government extended technical cooperation.
- Central IPM Center supported Integrated Pest Management.
- FAO Cotton IPM Program supported cotton IPM in 16 villages.
- Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department gave approval in 2013.

Past supporters include MISEREOR, Indo Global Social Service Society, Swallows in Denmark, Right Sharing of World Resources, Emmaus International, ManosUnidas, DRDCT-ICT-CSR.

Collaboration continues with Kudumbam, Emmaus Asia and IVI (Iyarkai Velaan Innaiyam - A Forum for Eco Farming). Department of Agriculture - Government of Tamil Nadu, Central IPM Center- Govt. of India.

Your help and cooperation is needed for the following:

- Preservation of indigenous seeds.
- Preparation of organic manures and bio-pest controls.
- Increasing biodiversity conservation.
- Value Added Products from organic agri produce.
- Farmers managed Agricultural cooperatives.

Women farmers groups, Men farmers groups, Youth farmers groups, are to be formed and training programs on eco farming have to be furthered for strengthening.
Biodiverse Agri Trainings to Youth through Global Giving Project with supports from Friends of Earth in India, USA, Europe and Worldover

In 2010 September, VOICE Trust won the Open Challenge in Global Giving and got initial supports from 54 Friends of Earth in India, USA, Europe and Worldover for training youth in biodiverse agriculture. The following banner was used for biodiverse agri trainings in past 5 years. Over 7500 youth have been trained so far. Follow up interventions are furthered by VOICE Trust to save agriculture for good of all.

Ms. Neeharika (Neha) Tummala, representative of Global Giving for India and Bangladesh visited VOICE Trust on July 10, 2014 and interacted with farming communities in and around Siruganur, Trichy District, State of Tamil Nadu, southern India.

Special Appeal: Continued supports are needed for strengthening youth in agriculture. Totally, 1332 youth are requiring supports in 222 villages during 2014 – 2015 & 2015 – 2016 periods. Following are details for donations for specific activities by youth for strengthening biodiverse agriculture.

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Students Environment Groups (National Green Corps and Eco Clubs) in schools of Trichy District in collaboration with Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu. Department of School Education, District Administration, Forest Department, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, and other stakeholders.

On 11.11.1998, VOICE Trust joined hands with Department of Environment to organize students environment groups in schools of Trichy District. Presently there are 250 National Green Corps (NGC) and 359 Eco Clubs in 609 schools. 24360 school children and 609 Teacher Coordinators are actively participating in the following activities:

- Personal hygiene with bath / bathing and clean attire to keep good health.
- Cleanliness inside the Schools Campus.
- Environmental sanitation around the schools.
- Growing trees to increase forest cover.
- Herbal Garden, Kitchen Garden.
- Rally, Campaign, Lobby for Green Environment.

VOICE Trust is the Environment Awareness Coordinator for 50 NGC Schools of Lalgudi Education District. Supports are extended for other NGC and Eco Clubs in Trichy–Musiri–Lalgudi Education Districts.

Following are special activities in 2014-2015:

- World Environment Day Rally in Lalgudi on 05.06.2014.
- Ozone Protection Programs during September 2014.
- Our Earth – Our Future Competition on 08.01.2015.
- Inauguration of Herbal Garden in Schools in Trichy–Lalgudi-Musiri-Educational Districts.
- Training for 359 Teachers of Eco Clubs on 30.03.2015 and 01.04.2015.

Your help is needed for the following:

- Sponsorship for Special Programmes for Environment Protection.
- Printing of Environment IEC materials for distribution to students, teachers, families.
- Sponsorship for eco camps for school children and teachers.
- Providing of Green Caps, Scarfs, Belts, Badges etc to students.
- Sponsorship for herbal plants and tree guards for protecting seedlings.
Present Activities

Block Disability Mitigation & Rehabilitation Facilitating Agency (BDMRFA) for Mannanchanallur and Thottiyam Blocks of Trichy District under Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission (TNSRLM) through Mahalir Thittam

From 1998, VOICE Trust is involving in allround empowerment of disabled children with help from SKN-Netherlands. Disabled Adults with help from ADD India, Vidya Sagar, TMSSS - Kolping Centre, Amar Seva Sangam, Cater Trust, SHWIET, Hindu Mission Hospital, Mitra, The Banyan, Disability Legislation Unit, District Differently Abled Welfare Office and District Disability Forum. Disabled Women empowerment programs are facilitated with Abilis Foundation and Mobility India.

Past activities were awareness programs to general public for inclusion of disabled children and adults. Clinical Assessment Camps to find out level of disabilities. Personal exercise, home based therapy and medical treatment. Aids and Appliances for bettering mobility and solving other impairments, skills trainings for self employment as well as jobs in government and private concerns, Disabled People's Organizations for integrated empowerments of differently abled persons.

In February 2014, Mahalir Thittam (Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women) chose VOICE Trust to implement various schemes for the Differently Abled and other vulnerable persons under BDMRFA. A Coordinator and 6 field staff are working with TNCDW and block development offices.

Your help is needed for the following:

- Skills trainings for Differently Abled Persons for Self Employment and in Private Companies.
- Technical sessions for Differently Abled Persons for availing employments in Government sectors.
- Training hall facilities for Differently Abled Persons in Siruganur and other 5 cluster centres.
- Disabled friendly bath/bathing facilities for Differently Abled Persons, especially for Disabled Women.
- Mobility supports and other Aids and Appliances for Differently Abled Women and Men.
Friendship Children's Home for parentless and at risk Children in Siruganur, Trichy, Tamil Nadu, India in collaboration with AEM (les Amis des Enfants du Monde), Montrouge, France

Children are gifts for parents, Children are the joy of families, Children are the hope for society in future.

The world of tomorrow will inherit the children of today. Whether nations grow and prosper will depend heavily on the survival, health, education and protection of their citizens, particularly the youngest. There are several compelling reasons to invest in children. To give all children the chance to have the kind of childhood and springboard to a better life is the duty of all.

AEM and VOICE Trust joined hands in 2006 to start the “Joy To Children” Program for parentless and at risk children. District approval in 2009. State Government approval in 2011. Coordination continues with District Social Welfare Department, Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Unit. Now there are 20 parentless and at risk Children, staying in FCH and studying in Government Schools. Games and Sports, intellectual developments and counseling sessions are organized for their integrated empowerments. Festivals like Pongal, Deepavali, Christmas are celebrated with friends and well wishers.

Your help is needed for the following:
Coaching classes on school subjects. Personality Development sessions. Additional Infrastructures like separate living rooms for girl children and bath- bathing facilities, New borewells for regular water supply.
From 2011, Forest Department chose VOICE Trust to motivate farmers to grow greens in agricultural lands, not only for economic benefits but also for ecological biodiversity and environmental protection.

First 13 villages were selected and later 16 and another 15 villages were added. During 2014-2015, 15 more villages in Trichy District were brought under this proposed activity. A total of 59 villages are covered. Farming communities are motivated to join in biodiversity conservation programs.

VOICE Trust offered cooperation through staff team of 4 (1 full – time staff and 3 part – time staff). Forest Department gives free tree saplings. The growth of trees is for increasing forest cover. PRA exercises are organized in villages to motivate general public for cooperation.
Present Activities

English Classes for the disadvantaged children in collaboration with ANN Foundation, USA

English is becoming a key tool to open doors to the world and is used effectively as a mode of communication. The future generation (i.e.) today's children should be able to communicate in English for a better understanding of the global scenario. English language has become inevitable for job prospects.

When the Project Director of VOICE Trust approached ANN Foundation for help for the Differently Abled, Mrs. Ann Moideen, Founder and CEO of ANN Foundation, New York explained that they offer English Class for Disadvantaged Children with help of volunteers residing in India and abroad.

Ann Foundation also has provided 2 Desktops, (one for office and the other for Siruganur, where 20 parentless and at risk children live in Friendship Children's Home). From October 2014 to May 2015, 18 children from resource poor families in Mambalasalai Area benefitted through daily evening classes. These children are from daily wage earning families. Their parents are selling kolam powder and working as construction labourers. From June 2015, 20 parentless and at risk Children of Friendship Children's Home run by VOICE Trust in Siruganur Village are benefitting.

Mrs. Ann, visited VOICE Trust on February 16, 2015 and interacted with Children of Mambalasalai Area who participated in English Classes given by volunteers of ANN Foundation through Skype.

Your help is needed for the following requirements:

- Meeting of monthly internet charges coming to around Rs. 1,200/-.
- Students chairs and tables for taking notes during SKYPE Classes.
Placement Programme for Students of Colleges

From 1995, VOICE Trust is accepting Students from various Colleges for Placement Programs. The students are exposed to documenting office related matters at Administrative Office and are also exposed to field related activities both in Human Resource Development Training Centre in Siruganur - 621105, Trichy District and also in Mannachanallur and Thottiym Blocks. Though, the students are willing to extend supports to VOICE Trust by offering voluntary services, still, VOICE Team is convinced that they should be assisted with correct perspectives in social works and with concrete field activities in social action programs.

**During 2014-2015, following students from colleges participated in placement programs.**

- Mr. P. Ranjithkumar MSW I - Bharathidasan University (3 months duration).
- Ms. G. Rajasuba MSW I - Bharathidasan University (3 months duration).
- Mr. A. Syed Abdul Raheem MSW I - Bishop Heber College (1 month duration).
- Mr. M. Manikandan MSW II - Bishop Heber College (3 months duration).
- Ms. S. Josephine Nithya MSW II - Bishop Heber College (3 months duration).
- Mr. S. Subaraj MSW II - Holy Cross College (3 months duration).
- Mr. R. Dhivakar MSW II - Holy Cross College (3 months duration).

10 students from Thanthai Roever Institute for Agricultural Research and Development, Perambalur, stayed in VOICE Trust and got exposed to organic farming activities facilitated through Iyarkaiyin Aruputhum model farm in Siruganur and visited organic farmers in Manachanallur Block and other areas in Trichy District.

60 students of Raja Rajeshwari Teacher Training Institute, Siruganur were given an exposure in Ecological Agriculture in collaboration with Forest Department.

120 students of MAM College were given exposure in Environment Protection with Students of National Green Corps facilitated by VOICE Trust in St. John’s Higher Secondary School, Irungalur.
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VOICE Trust has been given organic farming certification by Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department (TNOCD) under Registration No. TNOF (569) registered on 11.07.2013. Following is the copy of the approval letter:

Appeal for new collaborations

MANOS Unidas, Spain has been approached for a new project titled as "Surviving Rainfed Agriculture in Manachanallur Union through Multiple Cropping to combat Climate Change".

VOICE Trust is planning to implement this project in 36 village panchayats of Manachanallur Union by motivating 540 small and marginal farmers to continue agriculture with the help of organic manures and bio-pest repellants. Trainings in organic farming techniques will be extended to the farmers so that they can continue nature agriculture not only for economic viability but also for production of poison-free food and creation of poverty-free society. This will be a 3 years project.

Melania Foundation, Netherlands has been approached for a new project titled as "Supporting Women's Group for rearing Country Chicken."

12 Women of Self Help Groups in Siruganur and C.R. Palayam are involving in rearing of country chicken. There is danger for young chicks from vultures, mangoose and monkeys. Hence, they want help to have a weldmesh cover to protect country chicken. They are confident to provide healthy meat and nutritious eggs. They are also involving in preparing of manures from poultry droppings. They are assured of small supports from Melania Foundation. Later, they will continue this activity by themselves.

Grateful acknowledgements

to Government Departments, Donor Organizations and Individuals
for supporting various social works of VOICE Trust from 1985

VOICE Trust appreciates all the supporters who had extended help for implementing various social works from 1985 onwards. We also appreciate their concern for the common good of all in society and especially the economically-socially-educationally disadvantaged vulnerable people without any discrimination by creed-caste-gender etc.
VOICE Trust organized TOT Programs from 1999 to 2004 with support from IGSSS. In all, 105 persons got training farming systems with guidance from Eco Scientist G. Nammalwar. The valedictory programs were chaired by Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Peter Remigius and merit certificates were given to the trainees.
Bringing back normalcy for Mentally ill Persons  
in Collaboration with SALVATORIAANSE Hulpactie v.z.w, Belgium  
under Development Programs with the Differently Abled (DPD) by VOICE Trust

In the beginning of 2013, SALVATORIAANSE Hulpactie (Salvatorian Relief Action) from Belgium extended help to VOICE Trust for purchase of 6 Cows for Friendship Children’s Home run by VOICE Trust in Siruganur Village for benefit of 20 parentless and at risk Children.

VOICE Trust purchased 5 Cows and helped Children of Friendship Home with unadulterated and fresh milk for enhancing their good health. Cow urine and cow dung were used for preparing organic manures and bio-pest repellants. The completion report was submitted to SALVATORIAANSE Hulpactie by end March 2014 along with the Audited Statement of Accounts for the grant assistance provided by Salvatorian Relief Action. Great appreciation was conveyed to SALVATORIAANSE Hulpactie.

A new project proposal was submitted to SALVATORIAANSE Hulpactie for bringing back normalcy to 120 Mentally ill Persons in parts of Trichy District for starting the process of empowerment for over 1250 Mentally ill Persons in the taluks of Manachanallur – Lalgudi – Srirangam in Trichy District, State of Tamilnadu, India.

In the beginning of 2015, SALVATORIAANSE Hulpactie approved this project and activities for bringing back normalcy to 120 Mentally ill Persons were started for the inclusion of mentally challenged Differently Abled Persons. Following is the banner for the new project:

Identification of most deserving Mentally ill Persons and referring them to District Mental Health Program of Government of Tamil Nadu is the main processes facilitated under this project during the beginning of 2015. Other project activities will be followed up in 2015 and 2016.
Iyarkai Velaan Inaiyam (IVI) – a Forum for Eco Farming of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry was inaugurated by Mr. Nammalwar on 02.02.2000. Presently there are 150 IVI Groups all over the State of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry. Following are photos and news reports of events happening in different locations of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry.

Financial supports are required for furthering eco farming activities in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. VOICE Trust is coordinating IVI activities in collaboration with Zonal Representatives Mrs. A. Jecintha, Mr. Rama Perumal, Mr. P.S. Bose, Mrs. P. Sarojini Devi, Mr. S. Charles and Mr. G.F. Visuvasam.

VOICE Trust is joining all IVI Groups to appeal to Funding Agencies, NGO Networks and Corporate Companies to extend supports for continuing eco farming for poison-free food, pollution-free environment and poverty-free society.
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- Agriculture Trainings
- Students Environments Programs
- Home for Parentless Children
- Skill training for Rural Women
- Empowerment of Differently Abled Persons
- Women Self Help Groups

VOICE Team appeals for help and cooperation from individuals and from organizations for continuing social action initiatives in the above fields. Your donations are solicited for direct benefits to children, youth, women, farmers, differently abled persons and all other economically-socially-educationally disadvantaged people without any discrimination by creed-caste-language-region etc.

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