

# ABI TRUST

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## Annual Report for 2024-2025

(A charity for people's empowerment)

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**Preamble:**

ABI TRUST is a voluntary service organization established in 2006 under Indian Trust Act vide registration number 727/2006, located in Tiruchirappalli District, India. Their mission is to focus on the total development of children, school students, adolescent girls and women. It works with a variety of groups including children, women, adolescent girls, youth, men, rural workers, child labour and rice mill workers. The organization is governed by a board of three trustees, all with extensive experience in community development programs. The Chief Functionary, Mr. R. Maruthanayagam, is a graduate with 26 years of experience in the voluntary sector. All the trustees are men and they are enthusiastic about the trust's activities.

**Legal Entity:**

- Trust registration number: 727/2006 (24/05/2006)
- Trust FCRA registration number: 076040449
- Trust PAN: AACTA0205F
- Trust 12A: AACTA0205FE20206
- Trust 80G: AACTA0205FEFF215
- Trust Darpan Registration number: TN/2020/0270008
- Trust CSR registration Number: CSR00021071

**Vision:**

ABI Trust Envisions a “Sustainable Development of Communities through Self-reliance”.

**Mission:**

ABI TRUST is dedicated to empowering communities and people's organizations to achieve self-sufficiency and sustainable development. We do this by strengthening local organizations through training in leadership, governance, and project management, believing that robust community groups are vital for advocating for needs and managing development initiatives. Our focus is the eradication of child labor and ensuring every child across the state receives a quality education, upholding their dignity and right to learn. We also provide essential services like education, healthcare, livelihood support, and legal aid, addressing fundamental needs without discrimination. ABI TRUST offers needs-based supportive services, including training, exposure, demonstrations, material aid, financial services, and skills exchange, to various sections of society.

### **Target area and population covered:**

Country : India  
State : Tamilnadu  
District : Tiruchirappalli  
Blocks : All blocks

No of Villages: 63 and population 6800 families

### **Activities for the year 2024-2025:**

### **Project implemented under FCRA:**

ABI Trust was conducted a campaign on “End Child Labour in Tamil Nadu,”. This campaign was held on October 6, 2024, in Anna Nagar, Samathuvapuram and Trichy, with the generous support of the OTF International Assistance Committee,



Canada. This program brought together 100 students, 15 teachers, and 15 parents to raise critical awareness about child labor and advocate for children's rights. The program aimed to educate the community on the importance of eliminating child labor, promoting access to free and quality education, strengthening child protection mechanisms, and preventing child marriages and trafficking. Through engaging sessions, community pledges, and creative activities for children, the campaign provided a strong commitment among participants to create a child labor-free environment, directly supporting our mission of a child labor-free Tamil Nadu by 2030.



The \$400 Canadian grant from the OTF International Assistance Committee was instrumental in making this campaign possible, covering all logistical needs, awareness materials, and program activities. We saw a renewed commitment from the community to prevent child trafficking and ensure children remain in school, with many expressing interest in joining local child protection committees.

### **Project implemented under CSR:**

With support of REPCO Home Finance, Chennai under its CSR program, ABI Trust completed a healthcare program, organizing 25 medical camps across repatriate and refugee settlements in the Tiruchirappalli district. This project provided comprehensive healthcare services to 3210 women, 946 children and 1140 men who



previously faced significant barriers to accessing medical facilities. The whole camp addressed the vital screenings for prevalent chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and various cancers to facilitate early detection, educating the community on preventive health measures and healthy lifestyle choices. ABI Trust provided IEC materials on health and solutions for small ailments.

The medical camps provided a wide range of essential services, directly benefiting above 5296 ie more than targeted. These services addressed common ailments like coughs, colds, fevers, and infections, while also providing critical management for chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma through medication and educational support. Beyond immediate care, the camps offered life-saving emergency assistance, facilitated referrals to government hospitals and Srinivasan Medical College Hospital, Samayapuram for 984 for complex cases, and administered immunization services against diseases like polio, measles, and tetanus. This includes 5 operation cases. All are successfully went on and a significant component involved raising awareness about hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, and overall healthy living practices.





These medical camps provided immediate medical aid and it built long-term health empowerment and community resilience. By connecting repatriate and refugee communities with vital healthcare, the camps significantly improved access to medical attention. A key focus was health education, empowering individuals with knowledge for proactive health management and disease prevention. The project featured a collaborative team of 15 healthcare professionals, including four doctors from Srinivasan Medical College Hospital, who provided medical examinations. The medical camp was acknowledged by Mr. E. Santhanam, Chairman of REPCO Bank, and Mr. C. Thangaraju, Chairman of REPCO Home Finance through their direct presence.



### Children Education Support:



The ABI Trust recently provided school supplies, including notebooks and writing materials, to 200 children in the Keerambur Ceylone Colony and Navalpattu Ceylone Colony. Additionally, 10 students received financial aid for their education. The trust hopes this support will help prevent these children from

dropping out of school this year and plan to continue its assistance.

### Single women awareness program:

In the villages across Turaiyur, Pullambadi, and Manachanallur blocks, we identified over 300 single women. From this group, we carefully selected 30 women who were most in need, specifically those with basic tailoring skills but lacking their own sewing machines. An orientation meeting was



held for these selected women at Ravi Mini Hall, Tiruchirappalli, on December 12th, 2024. This initiative received support from REPCO Bank, Chennai. Distinguished

guests from REPCO Bank, including Mr. E. Santhanam, Chairman, and Mr. C. Thangaraju, Chairman of REPCO Home Finance, were present. Mr. R.



Maruthanayagam welcomed all guests and participants. The REPCO Bank representatives delivered valuable lectures on the importance of self-employment, highlighting tailoring as a secure profession for these women. Following the lectures, 30 sewing machines were donated to all the single women who attended. We believe this

support will significantly boost their income, help them overcome debt, and better manage their household expenses.

### **Projects implemented under Local Contribution:**

#### **Child marriage awareness camps:**

Despite the enactment of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (PCMA), child marriages unfortunately persist, particularly within the Boyar communities in Tamil Nadu. The PCMA, which came into force on November 1, 2007, defines a "child" as a male under 21 years of age and a female under 18 years of age, and explicitly prohibits such marriages. It also provides for stringent punishments for those who solemnize, promote, or permit child marriages. Through our volunteers and Self-Help Group (SHG) leaders, ABI Trust identify instances of child marriage and conduct two workshops at Samathuvapuram, Pullambadi, where 65 women, including those from the Boyar community, participated. Mr. R. Maruthanayagam, Managing Trustee, and Mrs. Ananthi, Master Trainer, educate participants on the legal consequences and severe societal consequences of child marriage, aiming to empower communities to eradicate this practice. The Act also mandates the appointment of Child Marriage Prohibition Officers by state governments to prevent such marriages and spread awareness.

#### **Child Labour Elimination Program:**

COVID-19 led to more child labor as schools closed. Children now work in many places, including selling vegetables, auto repair shops, hotels, and electrical work. Some even train with their parents for future jobs. Recognizing this, ABI TRUST held two training programs on June 22, 2024, and November 20, 2024, in Kovathakkudi and Samathuvapuram villages, respectively. About 40 women including few children attended each session. Advocate Mr. J. Raju and Mr. Prabu, from Child Welfare Committee, taught participants about child labor laws and

punishments, even sharing court cases of those convicted. This training aims to help communities prevent child labor and encourage reporting to the district committee.

### **Environmental awareness program:**

ABI TRUST organized an intensive environmental awareness program across five villages: Samathuvapuram, Kallakudi, Koyyathoppu, Kulumani and Koopu. The primary focus of this program was to educate the local community, benefiting approximately 300 individuals, on the persistent issue of plastic pollution. The program emphasized simple yet impactful themes: encouraging the adoption of cloth bags to reduce reliance on single-use plastics and promoting practices that prevent the pollution of vital water sources and soil. By empowering villagers with practical knowledge and promoting sustainable habits, ABI TRUST aims to promote a cleaner, healthier environment in these villages.

### **Farmers training on organic farming:**

More than a decade, ABI TRUST has helped small farmers. It started 20 organic farmer groups in villages. ABI TRUST taught farmers how to grow organic food and fight climate change. Farmers learned to grow vegetables, leafy greens, groundnuts, millets, paddy, and seeds using organic manure. On September 9, 2024, 38 farmers met in Eechampatti village. They learned to make vermicompost and farm compost, and how to control pests naturally. They also learned about saving water, drip irrigation, government subsidies for tools, and protecting seeds. These trained farmers now make and use vermicompost and farm compost on their farms.

### **Youth Awareness on Drug Addiction:**

In Samayapuram Main Road wine shop is seeing a surge in young, labor-oriented customers, alarming community groups and women's self-help organizations who have reported rising alcohol consumption. In response, ABI Trust launched an IEC campaign, distributing materials and placing stickers to highlight alcoholism's dangers. Despite these efforts to raise awareness, many customers seem unaware of the message. ABI Trust plans to continue these vital awareness activities for greater impact.

### **Staff capacity Building:**

We hold monthly meetings with our staff and volunteers to review our progress, plan for the future, and share new ideas. To further develop their skills, we also arranged a

two-day visit to the Science Society. This trip was designed to help our team gain more knowledge and practical experience in science.

### **Annadanam dress for elders through local Hundial Collection:**

ABI Trust placed 18 hundials at nearby hotels, through which the public generously donated Rs. 69,539. This support allowed us to provide food and dresses during the Pongal festival. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed.



### **Networking activities**

ABI TRUST Trust is one of the member in the following networks.



Camp Against Camp Coolee System,  
Right to Education - RTE network  
Campaign Against Child Labour - CACL  
Voluntary Action Network India -VANI  
TNVHA – Chennai  
SAM – Tamilnadu

### **Board Meetings:**

During the reporting period, ABI TRUST had four Board Meetings. The board discussed the on-going programs, projects, policies, finances and future plans of action. The Board members were also given travelling expenses to meet their travel expenses to attend the EC Meetings and were not paid any remuneration / salary / honorarium by the Trust.

### **Trustees:**

Mr.R. Maruthanayagam	:	Managing Trustee
Mrs. Devapakkiam	:	Financial Trustee
Mr.K.Annadurai	:	Trustee

### **Our Auditor:**

We have appointed Mr. S.Kanagarasu, B.Com., ACA., Chartered Accountant, Regn No: 228606, Trichy as our Auditor of the Trust for the period 2023 to 2026.



**Conclusion:**

We express our sincere thanks to OTF International Assistance Committee, Canada, REPCO Home Finance, Chennai, Shamdasani Foundation, SBI, Samayapuram, TN Force, Thozhi Network, CACL, TNVHA and VANI networks, NGOs, donors, Government Officials, Trustees, staff volunteers for their kind support for the empowerment of the target community. We expect the same support in coming years too.

Date : /08 /2025

Place : Kattur, Tiruchirappalli

Signature

R.Maruthanayagam, Managing Trustee,  
ABI TRUST,