

# **Annual Report 2018 - 2019**

**(ABI TRUST)**



## **EDUCATIONAL ECONOMONICAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT- ABI TRUST**

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Dear Trustees,

I am very happy to present our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Report in the board meeting for the period 2018-2019. Past several years, we have worked with several communities and brought several changes among them. We have worked with dalit and scavengers community and brought some changes in their health and school education practice. We have helped several rural peripheral workers for their social security rights.

We have extended our activities in other blocks too in Tiruchirappalli District, Tamilnadu, India. Our planned activities with the community brought some fruitful results and enhance their life skills towards their empowerment. Over the years our work helped women to access fair credit, PM micro insurance, social security rights and development rights. We have also contributed lot for environmental protection and promotion. During this reporting period we have organized the following program to ensure their socio, economic, education and health development of poor.

- ✓ Naturopathy camp
- ✓ Child labour awareness camp
- ✓ SHG training
- ✓ Domestic workers rights workshop
- ✓ Workshop of women at work place
- ✓ Environmental camp
- ✓ Adolescent health camp
- ✓ Global warming workshop
- ✓ Organic farming

**Legal Entity:**

- ABI Trust registered under Indian Trust Act vide regn No: 727/2007
- ABI Trust registered with Income Tax Department under PAN number-AACTA0205F,
- ABI Trust registered with NGO's Partners System, New Delhi vide reg no: TN / 2020 / 0270008

**Working area and Target People:**

Country : India  
State : Tamilnadu  
District : Tiruchirappalli  
Blocks : Andanallur, Manikandam, Tiruvarumbur, Pullambadi & T. Pet,

No of Villages: 63 and population 6800 families

## **Project Activities and Achievements:**

### **1. Environmental Education among Students and Youth**

We promote “Environmental Education among Students and Youth” in four schools in Tiruchirappalli district. We have conducted these programmes at Kattur, Navalpatty Burma colony, Solamadevi and Suriyur. 500 students and 1000 youth were participated in the program for this program. We have conducted the following program with support of the grant.

#### **1.1. Project Orientation Meeting:**

To educate the students on the issues of environment and animals we have organized an orientation program on 18<sup>th</sup> April at our office, Kattur. 6 school students and 18 youth were participated from 4 villages. In the orientation training we have



disseminated the information on environment especially on importance of tree plantation to address climate change, keeping the ponds, lake, rivers, and canals from dumping garbage by the public, keeping them to keep rain water, promoting rain water structures at homes and preventing the plastics. Six youth volunteers are appointed to conduct the program with input and designed program. The orientation program was facilitated by Mr. Marudhanayagam, Program Director, Mr. Subramaniam, Project Director, GVN Trust, Pudukkottai, Mr. Jeeva, PRM Trust and Mrs. Seethalakshmi, Environmental Educators,

#### **1.2. Environmental education and formation of eco clubs:**

With permission of school authorities, we have organized environmental education training in 2 schools and 2 programs among youth. Average 70 students were participated in school program. Mrs. Sagunthala Devi, MA., B.Ed, Environmental Educator participated and delivered a lecture and presented the details on environment, water and air pollution, water problems, and problems of garbage and how to prevent them. The village level program was facilitated by Mr. K.R. Raju, MSW., Environmental Educator. We have circulated IEC materials. Totally the program helped the students to understand the present situation on environment and climate change. We have formed the environmental clubs and elect the representatives like President, Secretary and Treasurer.



#### **1.3. Essay Competition:**

To improve the knowledge on environmental aspects, we have organised competition on environmental aspects in which 60 students from 4 schools were participated. We have organized this competition on 5<sup>th</sup> July, to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Kattur, Navalpatty Burma colony, Solamadevi and Suriyur schools. Students came with lot of

preparations for the competition. During the paper screening, we have noted that the students addressed the issues of water, plastics, failure of monsoon, decreasing the forest area and issues of animals. Mr. Marudhanayagam, Program Director and Miss. Niranjana, Managing Trustee facilitated the competition. School teachers are involved in evaluating the papers. We have presented a certificate to the students. The program helped the students to get great insight on environment.



#### **1.4. Tree plantation:**

We have undertaken a tree plantation program at the Kattur, Navalpatty Burma colony, Solamadevi and Suriyur school campus and planted 400 saplings. Students prepared the land with support of workers with organic manure and planted the trees. Each one took incharge to grow the saplings. Dr. Sugumar, Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre, Navalpattu, Trichy and Mrs. Suganthi, District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli were inaugurated and facilitate the program.



#### **1.5. Promotion of bio diversity register:**

During the bio diversity register preparation, we have involved some elders who have rich knowledge on agriculture, water resources, traditional seeds, local saplings. The youth along with school children prepared the bio diversity register. They covered water resources of the village, home forests, traditional seeds, traditional habits on environmental aspects etc. It was nice program.

#### **1.6. Environmental day celebration:**

On World Environmental Day, we have distributed information, education and communication (IEC) pamphlets to the general public. In the pamphlets we have printed the matters on banning the plastics and planting trees. The IEC material was distributed in 4 villages among 1000 public especially among youth. We covered the general public, students, women, shop owners and bus passengers.

### **2. Naturopathy camp:**

ABI Trust is promoting the health habits among the rural community. We are concentrating on naturopathy and yoga education especially for children, women and youth. During this year we have organized a two day naturopathy and yoga education on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Koyyathoppu village. 30 participants were participated. Dr. R. Sugumar, from Jai Renga Naturopathy and Research Centre, Tiruchirappalli addressed among the participants on naturopathy, yoga and natural food and herbal medicines.

He trained the participants with practical sessions with simple yoga practice. He stressed the participants to practice the same at their home to prevent from diseases. We have arranged a demonstration of various naturopathy foods at the training place. We have provided the naturopathy foods to the participants during the training session. We, hope that this program will help the people to prevent from minor diseases.

### **3. Child labour awareness camp:**

ABI has been working with children for their development rights for the past one decade. To ensure the rights of children on their education, ABI has been conducting awareness camps at village level. During this year we have conducted the awareness camps at Devarayaneri and Solamadevi villages in association with our friendly NGOs among our women group members. More than 50 women and children were participated. Mr. Marudhanayagam, Project Director, Mr. Thiyagarajan, Child Line and Women Police officials were participated and facilitated the program.



### **4. SHG training:**

ABI Trust have been working with women for their socio, economic, educational and cultural development in Tiruchirappalli District. It has been promoting grassroots-based strong community based organizations enabling children, women and farmers to come together, to discuss together and to address their problems together.

As far as women are concerned, ABI is promoting women Self Help Groups, SHGs, in the villages. So far it has promoted 82 women SHGs and the total membership is 1020. ABI conducted need-based training programs like group management for effective functioning of SHGs with democratic principles. These SHGs involve in their routine works like, conducting monthly meetings, savings and credit mobilization, bank linkages, participating in training programs and other rural development programs. During this reporting period, ABI conducted two training programs on SHG management on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Mullikarumbur and Allithurai villages. On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 we have organized the program at Koyyathoppu village. Average 35 women leaders participated. It trained them on the following aspects.



- ✓ Women self help group, formation of producers' groups, code of conduct of group members, monthly meetings, bank linkages, record maintenance, etc.
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities of group members, conflict resolutions, maintenance of various records, etc.

Mr. Marudhanayagam, Project Director, ABI Trust trained the group members. The training program helped women leaders to build their capacities on



autonomous functioning of groups, build their unity and helped them to access bank finance for their livelihood activities.

#### **5. Domestic workers rights workshop:**

On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 we have organised a workshop for domestic workers at MAKE Trust, Tiruchirappalli district. More than 28 women from 6 villages participated. Domestic workers from Thiruvarumbur and Annadanallur block were participated.

#### **6. Workshop on women rights at work place:**

We have organised a workshop at Ariyamangalam town among the rice mill workers to educate them on their development rights. We have organised this training on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in which 30 women workers were participated. The participants shared the present situations at their work place and share the possible remedies. We shared the



information on minimum wages, social security rights, and attractivities at work place and how to approach these issues and safety and healthy practice. Mr. Marudhanayagam, Managing Trustee, Mrs. Seethalakshmi, WDPS, shared the information and educated the rice mill women workers.

#### **7. Environmental awareness camp:**

With support of local grants, we have organized environmental awareness camp and tree plantation program for farmers at 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Kulumani village. 42 farmers were participated. We organized the camp on present issues of land degradation, desertification and drought. It was nice program for the farmers to understand the present climate change and its effects among the farming, cattle and environment. Valid resource materials were provided to the participants to understand



the drought and desertification. The farmers realized the importance of rainwater savings, protecting water ponds and water resources, tree plantation and indigenous seeds and seedlings. Farmers learned the effects of drought, land degradation and desertification and take oath to protect the land and promised to involve in regular tree plantation program.

#### **8. Health camp for adolescent girls and women:**

With support of Fullerton, TNVHA, Chennai supported for two health camps. We have organized these camps at Thathaiyengarpet on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and 10<sup>th</sup> april 2018 at Tharanallur. In both camps more than 120 general public including women and adolescent girls were participated and benefited. The medical team from Navaladiyan Hospital, Kattur facilitated the camp. A team comprising of six persons including a medical officer examined the general public and distributed the medicine and referred some cases for medical checkup to government Hospitals. Sugar test, BP, weight were checked to all the public and provided medicine. One more training was organized on

28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Suriyur village. On 8<sup>th</sup> February we have organized a meeting on child marriage at our office in which the women were participated.

## **9. Global warming workshop:**

To address the issues of global warming in our project area, we have organized a training camp for small and marginal farmers at Tiruchirappalli at Hotel Arun on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in which 32 farmers were participated in the camp. ABI have been working with farmers for the past several years and conducted few environmental awareness camps, tree plantation program, water management training, waste recycling training and organic farming training. This specifically organized on global warming in agriculture. We trained the farmers on various methods of organic farming, preparation of organic manure, application in vegetables and paddy, plough system, seed management etc. We linked their various activities how it is benefited to global warming or affect to the global warming.

## **10. Organic farming:**

ABI is concentrating among small and marginal farmers in cultivation of minor millets in their dry lands. The unseasonal rain for the past two decades the minor millets cultivation area was shirked. Most of the minor millets are in endangers. Few farmers are still keeping the seeds of minor millets. In order to promote minor millet cultivation in the project area we have organized a training program for the dry land farmers at Mullikarumbur village on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in which 28 farmers were participated.

Mr. Subramaniyan, GVN Trust, Pudukkottai facilitated the training program. He educated the farmers to identify the availability of traditional minor millets in the district and to collect the same and to promote a traditional minor millets seed bank for cultivation and multification. We demonstrated few varieties of minor millets to the farmers and its cultivation methods. The farmers decided to involve in minor millet cultivation for their family and to propagate to other farmers in the project area.

## **11. Networking activities**

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

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

## **12. Board Meetings:**

During the reporting period, ABI 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 during the reporting period.

### **13. Our Auditor:**

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

### **Conclusion:**

We express our sincere thanks to CACS, TN Force, Thozhi Network and other NGOs, donors, Government Officials, for their kind support for the empowerment of the target community. We expect the same support in coming years too.

Date :  
Place : Tiruchirappalli

Signature

Mrs. M.SEETHALAKSHMI Managing Trustee,  
ABI Trust, Trichy