

Association for Social Solidarity and Empowerment Training Trust (Asset Trust)

Introduction :

Background information, basic principles, and philosophy of “Asset Trust”

Asset Trust is of all strong view that unless and until women and orphaned girl children who have long been kept in lower strata of society, neglected and uncared, subjected to various forms of atrocities and are living in dehumanized conditions are provided necessary opportunities holistic development in its truest sense and creation of cannot be achieved.

Keeping this in mind Asset trust was legally registered under Trust Act in 2011 even though it has been in existence since 2008 and has been functioning on adhoc basis till the period of legal registration to gain more knowledge on the target women community, their crucial problems and needs, chart out future developmental course of action with suitable strategies and techniques which would ultimately living fruitful results.

All the programs /activities of Asset Trust has since its inception been directed towards empowerment of generally neglected women and girl children community with the active involvement of target community with the active involvement of target community and their facilities and their support, help and co-operation in the planning and execution of development activities is very much ensured as reap maximum benefits out of it. The activities carried out and various trainings organized for the betterment /upliftment of target community were mainly based on local contribution an utilization of locally available resources

The organization is guided by a set of core values and democratic principles such as transparency, accountability, flexibility, collective responsibility and honesty, and is governed by a Board of Trustees and an advisory Committee along with a well established Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) system. Asset Trust has a team of 5 efficient and dynamic staff members with necessary experience and expertise in their field of work that involves Leprosy /Tuberculosis Prevention and Care and Support. The organization has a well established capacity building mechanism through a series of intensive trainings, experience and exposures. And involved in the Asset family are 5 staff, **5** peer educators, **12** Self Help Groups with **680 women self help group** members, and a strong reserve of volunteers in all the areas, to help and support the initiatives of the organization. Asset Trust has a well-furnished head office at Madurai and 2 field offices at Nilaiyur village for Thiruparankundram block and Athipatti for Sedapatti block in Madurai The offices are equipped with advanced communication. The one training venue at Nilaiyur, Madurai.

Trainings and seminars on HIV/AIDS for students :

As there is genuine and urgent need to undertake trainings and other developmental activities for slum and students communities in relation to HIV/AIDS, Asset Trust organized 3 trainings with title Prevention and control , Reformation and Rehabilitation with regard to HIV/AIDS in which 250 persons actively participated. Based on the inputs provided to other groups they are able to clarify doubts & evolve need based activities plans to be carried out in their respective areas.

Health Camp : health camps are one of the regular activities of Asset Trust. It is being observed that health camps are very effective & fruitful for increasing health seeking behavior among the beneficiaries. Asset Trust provides general medicines to the patients treated through the health camps.

Trainings and Seminars on HIV/AIDS for youth children and women :

It is a sorry state of affairs that it is true that youth, children and women in poor families face much hardships, encounters lot of problems and difficulties in terms of availing the benefits of various resources available in the community such as Education, Training, Employment, Health, Legal Aid etc., If this being the common situation in India one could imagine the plight of women and children and students either affected or infected with HIV/AIDS towards meeting out their various vital needs because of the stigma attached to the said problem. The society generally looks down upon them with fear & contempt. Hence, with a view to respond to the needs expressed by HIV/AIDS infected and affected families especially children, adults, young women during meetings & trainings towards assisting them in fulfilling their educational, training, employment legal needs, thereby We, Asset Trust organized Training, Seminars in different occasion in the year 2017-18 and thereby its motivation to enabled the students children hailing from HIV/AIDS families to continue their academic / technical education and there by infuse new hopes and courage in their life, helped the affected families especially women to get imparted with necessary skills in desired trades and thereby increase their chances of future employability or self-employability, facilitated the trained students, adults, women who have previous experiences in certain trades to undertake suitable employment activities this would fetch regular and decent income for their families, provided necessary opportunities for the members in HIV/AIDS families especially women and children to stand on their own foot in future, encourage them to face the challenges, difficulties and problems with courage, confidence and self-determination in life, indirectly motivate the local community to understand the conditions of HIV/AIDS affected families, need for caring them with increased social responsibilities, provided legal assistance for the needy and thereby help to restore their rights and get proper justice for their genuine grievances.

Training on Female Infanticide /Foeticide :

As girl children and women are trained right from birth to accept the old and traditional social and cultural values that they are inferior to men, women and girl children are generally timid and voiceless. With the right type of education and motivation provided to women and girl children through meetings, trainings, seminars, on various aspects of life and to understand the need for their own associations which would strive hard for their well being and development, 5 Women Groups 5 Children Groups have been formed in 5 village each in the said blocks (Totally 20 Women Groups and 20 Children Groups in all the blocks) With a view to provide supportive services to the initiatives of women and girl children groups in the villages, we have also initiated youth and elders committees in these areas. The issues affecting women and girl children are being critically analyzed and the local people's groups are able to find solutions for the problems through collective planning and action. The basic issues such as road, transport, health and nutrition centre, electricity are also being properly addressed. More focus is being given to the prevention and control of female infants/female foeticide, the local people's

committees initiated by ASSET TRUST ensure that there is no killing of female infants or practice of female foeticide. They work in close co-operation with Social Welfare Office, District Child Protection Committee, Police, legal departments.

Environmental Awareness Training :

We have conducted Climate Change and Environment Awareness Program for the year 2018-19 with the theme of Climate change with Save the Earth organized at Pullor village of Kariapatti Block , Virudhunagar District to Women self help members to facilitate the Climate change and its impacts, Meanwhile of the program Resource persons has given key notes on Climate change, What is the meaning of climate change, how to take steps to face climate change and what are the alternative ways of climate changes occurred particularly agricultural production and safety measures. During the program Rally on Environmental Awareness Program and raised the slogans about Environment conservation and climate change, Notices and awareness leaflets also distributed to Rural people, students, youth club members, farmers club members , and Women self help group members. 450 Rural people actively participated and benefited under the program.

Motivational Training to People living with HIV/AIDS:

Motivation Training through to build confidence & upgrade their Vocational and Marketable capabilities to take up full time employment for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA). Providing vocational and marketable skill training for 30 girls / women living with HIV/AIDS on Book Binding & Envelop Cover Making. 30 girls/youth on Tailoring and Embroidery, 30 youths on Cell Phone Mechanism works for regular employment and Income. Building Confidence and Make them as Active Income Generated Persons and left out from Ideal Mentality, Socially negligence and Poverty.

Sustain income generation for 28 Physically disabled Single Women & Physically Disabled Widows living at 4 villages from Thiruparankundram Block in Madurai District, Tamil Nadu, India towards to end their poverty condition like through IGP i.e., Petty shop, Evening Tiffin Centre, Milch cow rearing and Vegetable Vending Activities' Project funded by Right Sharing of World Resources, USA

Project Orientation & Skill Up Training and seed money to 28 Physically disabled Single Women & Physically Disabled Widows

As a first step of ensuring long term and sustainable development of target women community, we organized a week long intensive Trainings for 28 Physically disabled Single Women & Physically Disabled Widows at Thiruparankundram, Madurai District, South India on

1. Project Orientation Training (2 days)
2. Skill up and Marketing Training (3 days)

The trainings covered the aspects of orientation to real development (Various steps and stages involved) , systematically planning and execution of economic activities with careful thoughts,

marketing the products, need for savings and loans, methods of revolving the amount, transparency & accountability united acting together with a spirit of oneness, roles and responsibilities in developing their own families and communities with necessary knowledge, skills and capacities, promotion of leadership, documentation etc., The trainings were participatory in nature. Resource persons who have rich experiences in this field of activity took part in the training. Every day feedback from the participants was received. At the end of the training day, Revolving funds were distributed to 30 women according to the trades chosen by them (**Petty shop, Evening Tiffen Centre, Milch cow rearing and Vegetable Vending Activities**) by Country Representative of RSWR, USA, We are closely monitoring the activities of members and are giving proper guidance to them, but for the timely financial support of Right Sharing of World Resources, USA , Asset Trust would not have been executing the developmental activities during in the year 2018-19 and they are still continuing their support taking into consideration the commitment of our organization in the field of development.

World AIDS Day 2018 :

In view of World AIDS Day 2018 observed on 1st December 2018 the school/college and youth clubs and women organization's conducted meetings, rallies, cultural events in and around the areas coming under Kariapatti block in Virudhunagar District. There are effectively intervention exchange of views and nice sharing and the activities were very much helpful in dissemination of information , concerning the seed crucial issue, the activity covered 230 persons from 7 villages.

Providing free Reading and Writing Materials, School bag and lunch box to 50 Disabled , Orphaned and PLHA's (People living with HIV/AIDS Children with financial support of POST, UK

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PROJECT REPORT	
Project Name	Providing free Reading and Writing Materials, School bag and lunch box to 50 Disabled , Orphaned and PLHA's (People living with HIV/AIDS Children
Sanction/Project date	February 6, 2019 – (Purley Over Seas Trust's Sanction E.mail letter)
Project Co-ordination	Krishna Amirthalingam , Project Director, Association for Social Solidarity and Empowerment Training Trust (Asset Trust)
Funded/Supported by	Purley Over Seas Trust, United Kingdom
Work Description	Provided free Reading and Writing Materials, School bag and lunch box to 50 Disabled , Orphaned and PLHA's (People living with HIV/AIDS Children in the presence of Women councilor of Thiruparankundram Block Panchyat Union Mrs. K. Backiam and she distributed educational materials to 50

	children. Every children and their parents being happy after received the materials.		
No of beneficiaries	50 Disabled , Orphaned and PLHA's (People living with HIV/AIDS Children		
Project villages	Nilaiyur, Parasakthi colony, Parapathi, Om sakthi nagar, Harvey patti Madurai , India		
About Beneficiaries	Parents of above said children mainly depends on agriculture and unorganized daily wage labor job. The poor income is very low and unable to spend the amount for children education. Particularly the disabled children investment is waste. The Orphaned and Women living with HIV/AIDS economical condition is below poverty line level.		
MATERIAL	#	DESCRIPTION	
		Reading and Writing Materials, School bag and lunch box to 50 Children	24996.00 (£ 300)
		Asset Trust Contribution	6972 (£84)
		Total	Rs. 31968 (£ 384)
Completed Date	23.04.2019		
Status	Completed		
Impact	Children are now feeling very happy after received Educational materials like school bags, lunch box, new note books , pencil, pen. Children doing very well in studying in schools, regular attending school without dropout and absence, improvement of exam marks scored better and school teachers and parents appreciation is another encouragement point to these children. At last 50 children and their parents convey their best thanks heartfelt thanks to Purley Over Seas Trust's Director, Treasurer and Team Members.		

Women and Right Trainings : Rural Women are now facing un-toldable situations and circumstances, and they are need for Legal Aid Training and through this awareness training they are able to get boldness and legal aware that could be matured at the initial stages. Hence awareness on the same is very important. In Madurai from Madurai District, Tamil Nadu most women suffer from Wage and sexual discrimination also. Thus we organized an Legal awareness program for women on March 8, 2019 People coming from Kariapatti, Aruppukottai and Virudhunagar block from Virudhunagar District, in which more than 150 women actively taken part. The resource person Mrs. S. Esther , legal counselor from Legal AID counseling centre, District Magistrate, Virudhunagar , Participants gained crucial knowledge on this important topic

Member and collaboration

Community Partner NGO with Global Youth Service Day, USA

Campaign Partner NGO - 19 Days Campaign again women atrocities, WWSF, Geneva (only campaign not for funding partner)

Associate Member NGO with CIVICUS, USA

Member NGO with Guide Star India

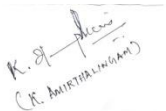
Member NGO with United Way, Mumbai

Previous Partner NGO with Right Sharing of World Resource (RSWR) USA

Future Plans : During visit to slums, backward areas of several taluks in and around Madurai and Coimbatore where scavengers & burial ground workers are living the families mainly women belonging to following categories approach us towards concentrating for their upliftment. Asset Trust even though it has financial constraints and is struggling to conduct various need based programs /activities for the target groups i.e., women burial round workers and scavengers which we at present concentrate, we have plans to concentrate in future the following target groups .

- Women Prisoners & Women in Prisoners families
- Women Household workers
- Commercial Sex workers
- HIV/AIDS Awareness Program for Young People in and out of School and Projects to help children orphaned by AIDS, towards prevention & control of STD/HIV/AIDS” & World AIDS DAY 2021 Campaign
- Save Tamil Nadu People from Corona Virus II Wave

Thanks with kind regards.



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