

KURINJI NETWORK EVALUATION

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 We undertook this evaluation process in order to review the activities of the Kurunchi Network, which has carried out systematic work in Salem and Namakkal districts during the last 3 years, namely, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- 1.2 We tried to access the achievement of the Kurunchi Network, qualitatively and quantitatively.
- 1.3 The aim of Kurunchi Network is stated as sharing information, overview a, resource, and extending solidarity among network members, for peoples causes, through joint action programmers
- 1.4 The term member NGOS of the Network have brought in their speak skills and different users of concern, like Debt and tribal & Issues, child Rights, gender equality, prevention of female infanticide and farcified
- 1.5 Study survey and Documentation, followed by massive campaigns followed by advocacy and lobbying have been going on during the 3year project period.
- 1.6 Porters, handbills and brooklets highlighting research finding, bean intents to the multiple actions by the network, to reach their soul.
- 1.7 Our evaluation indicates that all then efforts have just touched the tip of an iceberg bug, and much more needs to be done.

1. Social Empowerment

a) Strengthening sangams & Dealing women issues

- Membership increased in each sangam
- Women resolved their family problems with groups
- Government fund flow to the villages for the worth of Rs.1,12,900
- 85% of members were prevented from infanticide
- Village and Panchayat level committee generated on prevention of female infanticide and foeticide

b) Cultural program on protection of girl children

- Members were motivated to educate girl children
- 80% of members made aware of Government schemes for girl children
- 22 members availed the schemes to the extent of Rs.1,12,400.
- Harassment of women in villages reduced

c) Celebrating International Women's Day

- Awareness on property rights, reproductive rights, decision making rights generated
- Disputes of atrocities resolved by negotiations

d) Pada yatra on ‘ Prevention of violence on women’

- 52% of women stopped loans from money lenders
- Government action against money lenders
- Money lenders were reduced in target area.
- Violence by money lenders reduced by 80%

e) Demonstration and protest against unregistered scan centres

- Vigil on scan centers by women & District Medical Officer
- Government action to register scan centers
- Awareness to made sex selection abortion is illegal

2. Economic empowerment

a) Small savings and credit Assistance

- Women groups meet twice, make regular savings
- Unnecessary expenditure curbed by 30%
- Money lenders got reduced by 50%
- Bank managers take part in group meetings

b) Credit Assistance Program

- Total loan repayment
- Loan by revolving capital
- Girl children’s education & health achieved
- Women influence over men in family matters

3. Political Empowerment

a) Participation of Group Members in Gram Sabha

- Women empowered to question Gram Sabha
- Attending grievances by Panchayat presidents/ward members
- Groups avail community hall for meetings
- Basic amenities achieved

b) Self management of elected women presidents/ ward members

- Women function independently
- Women move out freely without men
- Panchayat gives importance for women problems

4. Protection of Girl Children

a) Door to Door Counselling to eligible couple

- 29 cases of atrocities identified & addressed
- Good rapport between staff and target group
- Women Groups get respect in the community
- Change of attitude among men on gender equity

b) Documenting birth & death of children

- Change of attitude in providing care to girl children
- Female infanticide prevented
- Some women prefer Government cradle scheme

c) Promoting kitchen Gardening

- Anemic complaints reduced
- Women produce Rs.200 worth vegetables per month

5. Training

a) Staff training

- Reporting habit regularized
- PME process become proper & effective
- Communication skills enhanced
- Achieving target with ease

b) Group leaders training

- Police gives due respect to women groups
- Groups avail Government schemes
- 100% girl children of leaders get education

c) Cultural training

- Inhibition, shyness of staff dispelled
- Team spirit developed
- Skill in various arts developed

6. Joint Action Programme

a) Seminar on Rights of Girl Children & prevention of female infanticide & foeticide

- Government formulated schemes for girl children
- Working children enumerated
- Progress achieved in caring girl children

b) Rally cum Human Chain

- Panchayat level committee to prevent female infanticide /foeticide formed
- Lobbying with local MLA & petition submitted

c) Block level conference

- 3 family issues solved
- 3 women benefited Government welfare schemes
- Sangam strengthened at block level

