

DRAFT WORKING REPORT

Decentralised Gender & Child Budgeting – Pilot Study (Ward 77)

A joint initiative by

Office of the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), Egmore Assembly Constituency

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Information & Resource Centre for the Deprived Urban Communities (IRCDUC)

Background



- Mr. I. Paranthamen is the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) for the Egmore Assembly Constituency.
- Egmore Assembly Constituency comprises of Zone 6 and 8 (partially).
- The proposal for facilitating Gender & Child Budgeting Process was submitted by IRCUDC to the office of the MLA, Egmore Assembly Constituency.
- After a joint discussion, Ward 77 was identified to facilitate the process on a pilot basis because of the higher proportion of vulnerable sections in the ward.

Rationale for initiating the Gender & Child Budgeting Process

- The population shift from rural to urban for livelihood opportunities, calls for robust mechanisms to alleviate poverty in urban areas.
- Access to services like shelter, health, drinking water, sanitation and other basic entitlements disproportionately affects vulnerable sections.
- The high incidence of violence against women and children further has an adverse impact on women and girls that exacerbates the existing vulnerabilities faced by them.
- To address these issues processes like participatory gender budgeting exercise can promote active participation and inclusion of women, especially those from vulnerable sections, in the public decision-making process.

Objectives

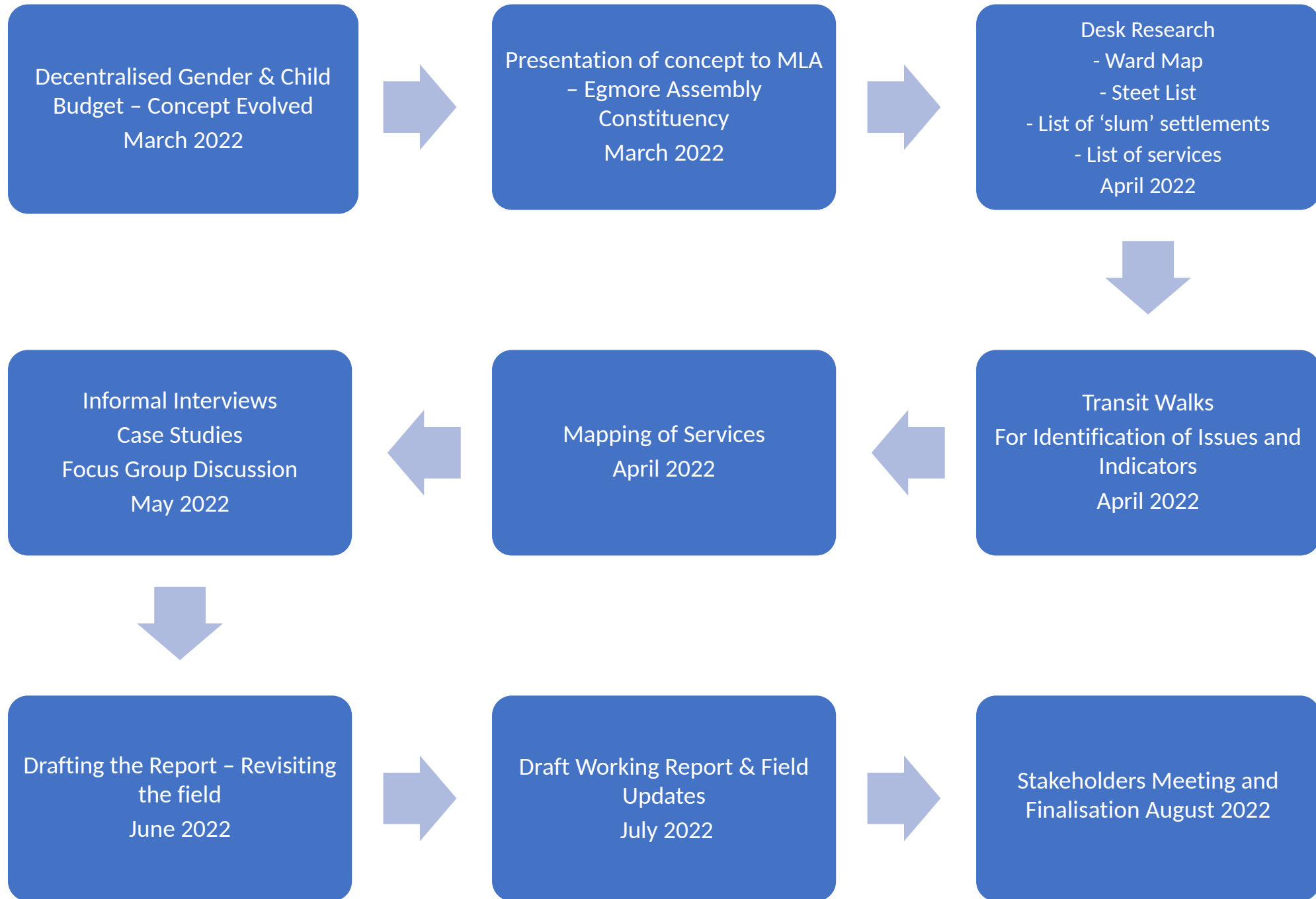
- To ensure that our cities provide an enabling environment for women and girl children, interventions and gender responsive budgets needs to be evolved and executed to address the prevalent gender inequalities in the society.
- To ensure that the process of planning undertaken starts at the micro level (ward level) in an inclusive and participatory manner addressing the issues of women and girls from vulnerable sections.
- To demonstrate a model process of a participatory, inclusive, decentralised gender responsive planning that can be replicated and upscaled.

Process

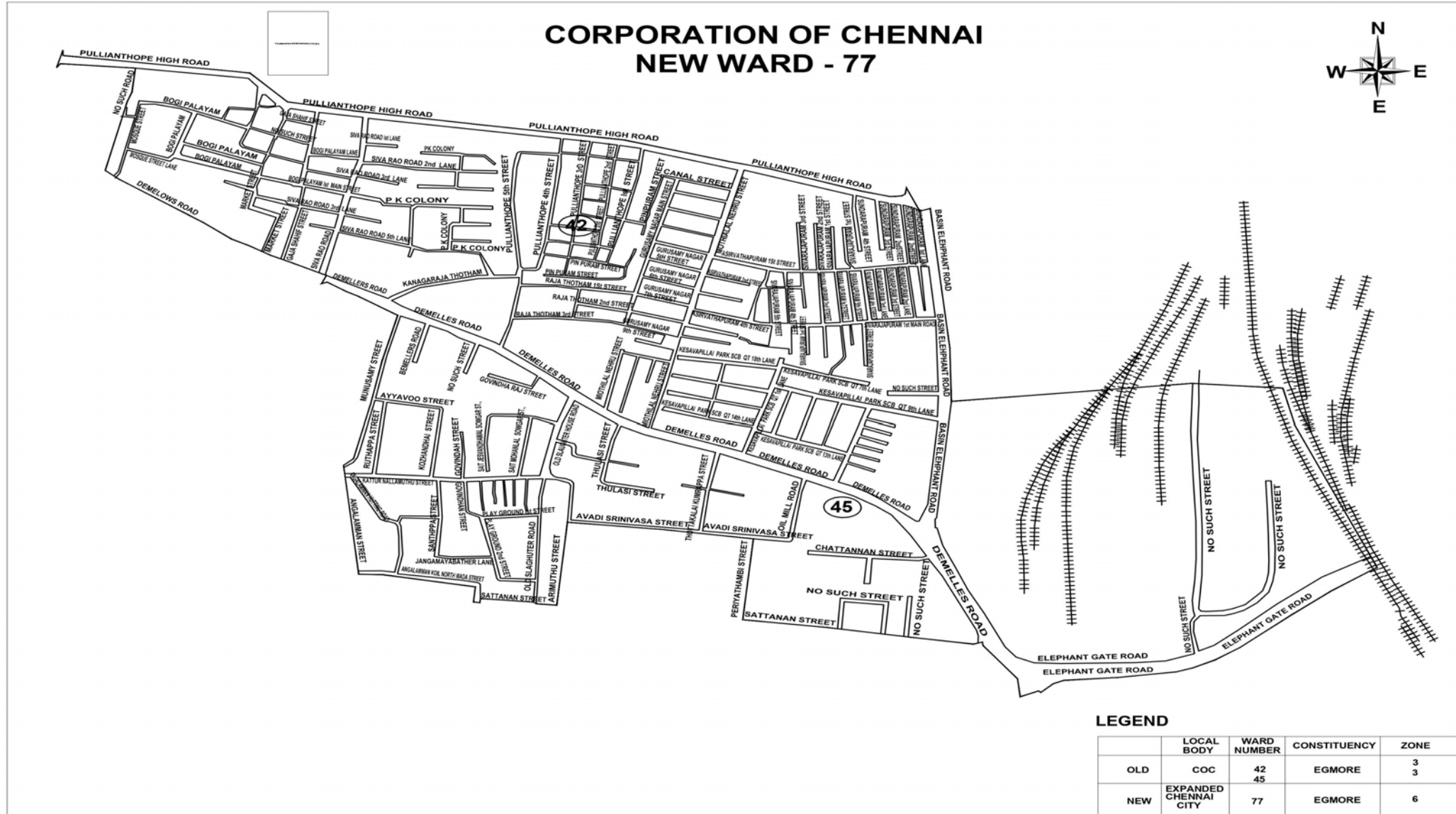
- Identification of a ward based (with higher proportion of vulnerable sections) on the interest from the elected representatives of that constituency/ward.
- Availing information from the elected representatives about the proposed budget activities in the ward/constituency.
- Mapping of different income groups in the ward and earmarking spaces where vulnerable sections reside.
- Mapping of existing infrastructure frequented by women and girls
 - Schools
 - Colleges
 - Parks
 - Playgrounds
 - Public toilets
 - Malls
 - AWPS (All Women Police Station)
 - E-Sevai Centres

- Mapping of Safe and Unsafe Zones in the Ward
- Focus Group Discussion with Woman from vulnerable sections, college students, school students, teachers, working women on safety, Residents Welfare Association (RWAs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), and civil society groups to identify specific issues and requirements related to safety, access to shelter, safe drinking water, sanitation, and health care services
- Transect walk at night to identify issues such as availability of streetlights and identification of dark spots in the ward
- Interactions with multiple stakeholders
- Preparation of gender responsive budget report for the ward for further action by the elected representatives – Feeding to the budget of the respective departments
- This exercise could be followed by a participatory gender auditing process, an interface between the women stakeholders in the ward/constituency and the elected representatives to assess the implementation of activities proposed in the gender budgeting process.

Timeline & Process



Ward 77



Ward 77

- Ms. Sumathi is the Municipal Councilor for Ward 77.
- Ward 77 is located in Zone 6 of Greater Chennai Corporation.
- Household: 9,800. (approx.)*
- Population: 60,000. (approx.)*

*Source: Times of India, 5 May 2020

- In 2020, one of the areas with higher number of Covid-19 positive persons.
- Of the 357 Covid-19 positive cases in the 15 wards in Zone 6, nearly 160 (45%) were in Ward 77. (May 2020)
- Asirvathapuram, Gurusamy Nagar, Ayyavoo Street, Thattankulam, Dr. Ansari Street, Avadi Srinivasan Street and Sivarapuram were areas under containment. (May 2020)

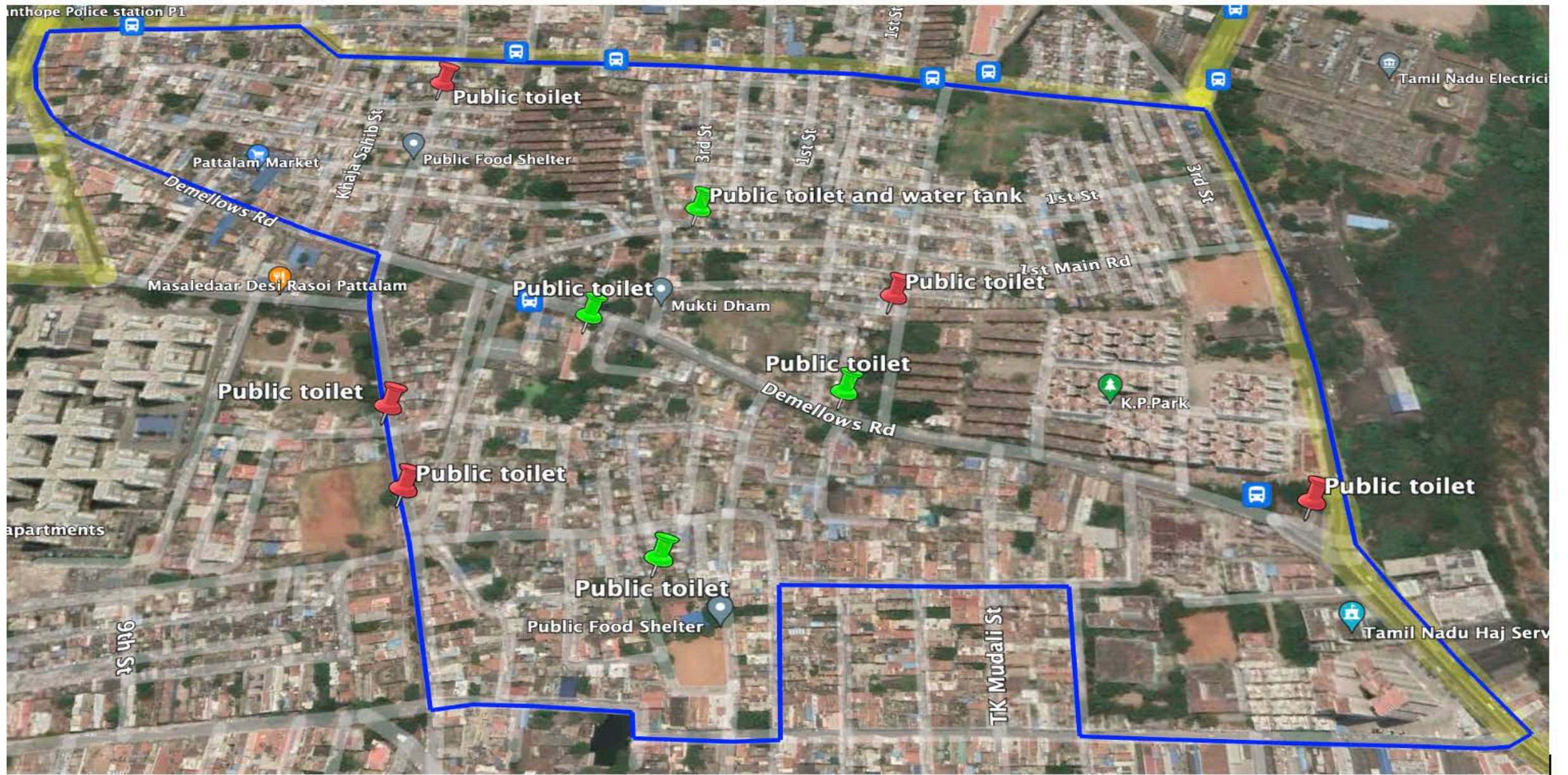
Discussion with Multiple Stakeholders



Discussion with Men, Women, Children, Elderly



Mapping for Infrastructure & Facilities



PUBLIC TOILETS - NOT FUNCTIONING

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Public Toilet	Guru Swamy Nagar 3rd street, Kesavan Pallai Park (Old Block), Demellows Road (3 nos.), Thattankulam, Choolai, Angalamman Koil Street(2 nos), Sivarao street.
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Findings

- There are about 10 public toilets in ward 77.
- 50% of the public toilets are not functional. Many people in the locality have individual toilets.

Suggestions

- The unused or damaged toilets can be made operational or repurposed into recreation space, libraries or gyms for people (based on discussion with the people in the locality) like the proposed library in the unused public toilet in Motilal Nehru Nagar.
- In the functional toilets Sanitary Napkin Dispensers can be installed.

Public Toilets - Not Functional	Remarks
Mothilal Nehru Street	Proposed to be covered into library
Demellows Road	Damaged & Unused
Angalamman Koil Street (2 nos.)	Damaged & Unused
Sivarao Road	Damaged & Unused

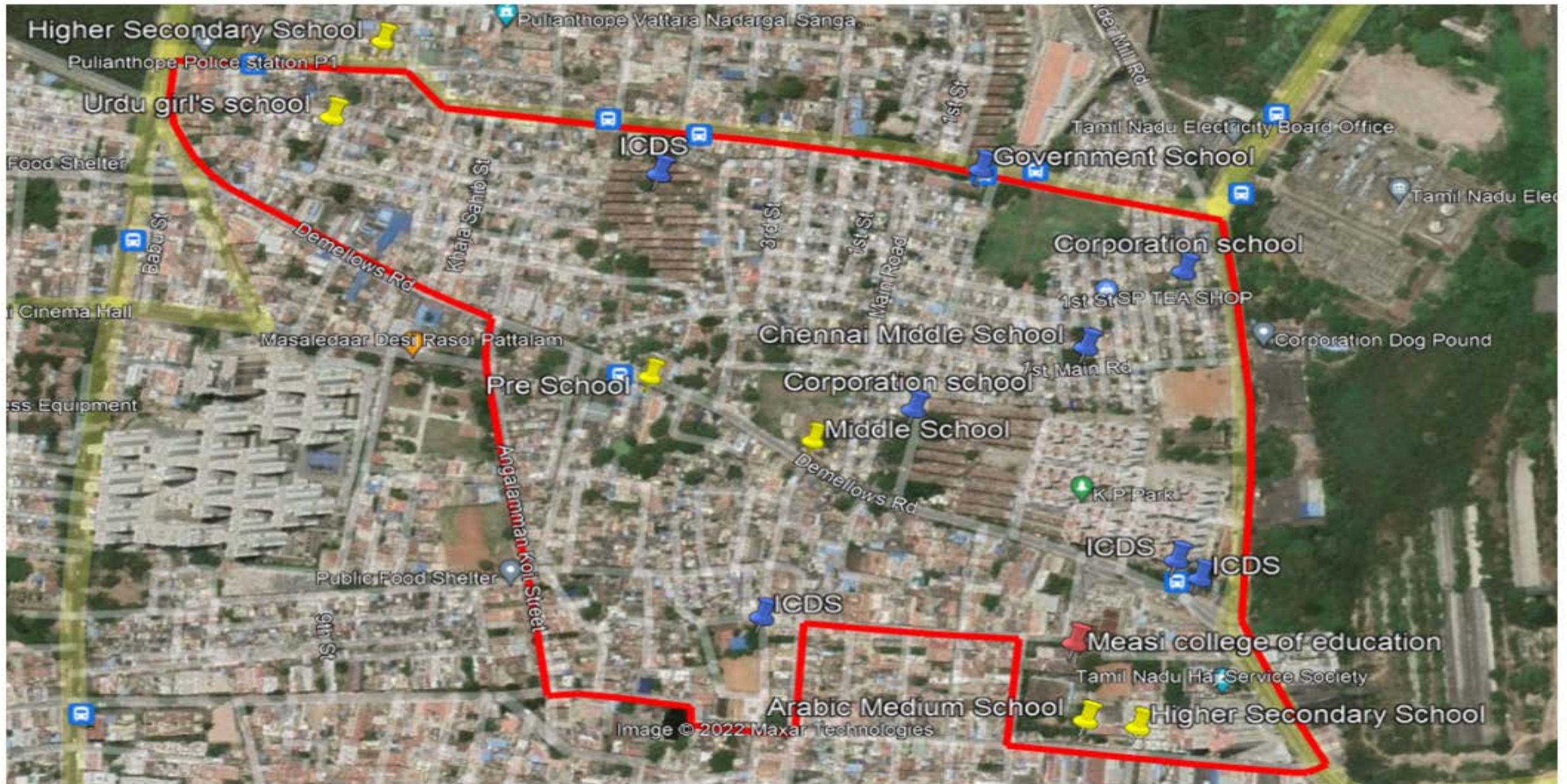


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EDUCATION INSTITUTE – PRIVATE	PRIVATE COLLEGE	EDUCATION INSTITUTE - GOVERNMENT

Educational Institute	Urdu Girl's School - Bhokipalayam 2nd main road, Princess Matric Hr. Sec. School - Pulianthope High Road, Chennai School - Mothilal Nerhu Street, Government School - Pulianthope High Road, Chennai Middle School - Sivarajapuram 1st main road, Corporation School - Sundarapuram, The Hindu Union Committee Middle School - Demellows, Anaikar Matriculation Hr. Sec. School - Sattannan Naicken Street, Madrasa E Noor Arabic school - Sattannan Naicken street, The little Angel Convent Pre-school -Demellows Road, Measi College of Education - Demellows Road, ICDS (4 nos)
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Findings

- There are about 14 educational institute in ward 77.
- Girl Children have access to Government, Government-aided and Private Schools in ward 77.

Suggestions

- There are no safety signboards in school zones. The 'School Zone' signboards could be installed to ensure that children are safeguarded from speeding vehicles.
- It is proposed that sessions on safety, awareness on various helplines for children, installation of Kavalan Apps in mobiles can be undertaken in schools.

Schools in Ward 77

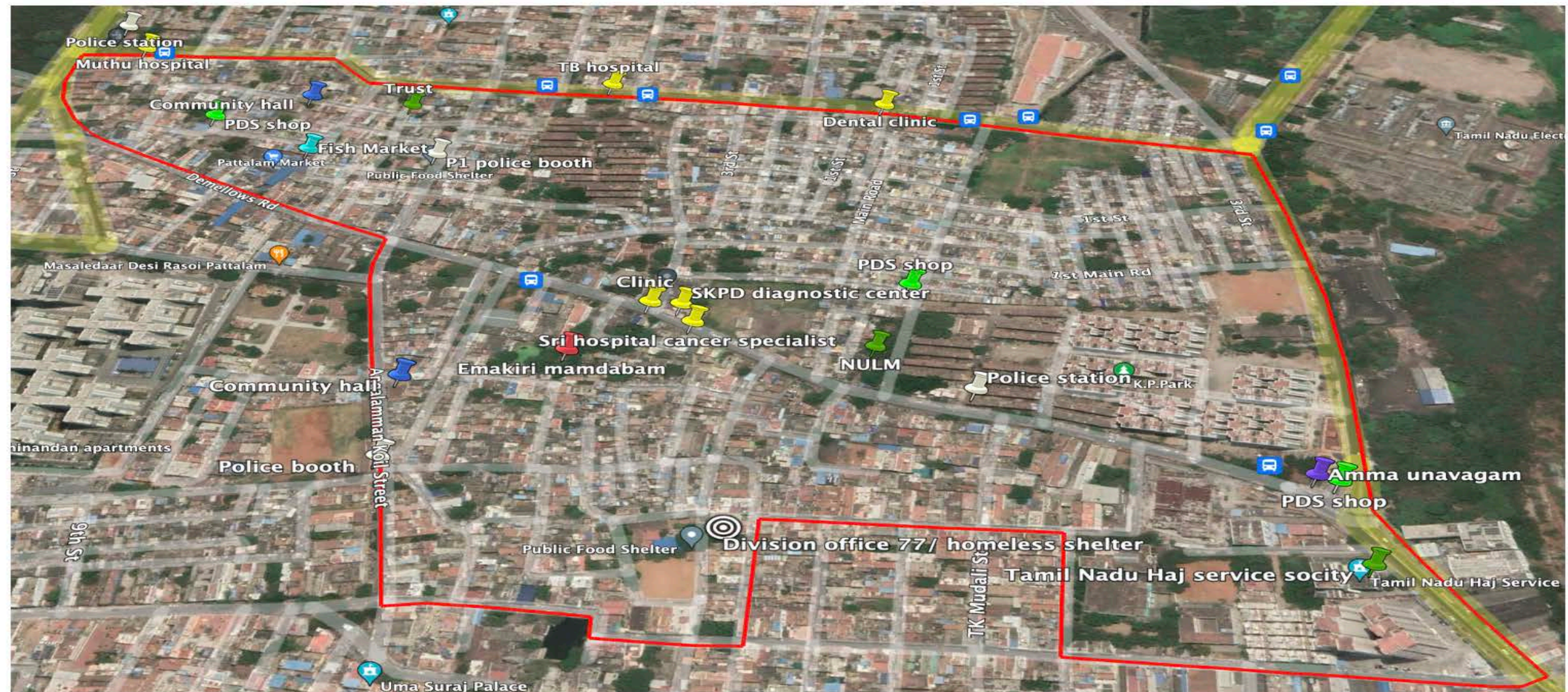


The space in front of the Adi Dravidar School needs to be cleared to ensure space for the children to walk safely



The cement sheets in the school building to be replaced (Unable to go inside to review further)

Transformers are found to be installed in front of both the schools, TNEB to shift the transformer



POLICE STATION	AMMA UNAVAGAM	NULM	EMAKIRI MANDABAM	CLINICS & HOSPITALS	FISH MARKET / MARKET	COMMUNITY HALLS	PDS

Police Station/Booth, Amma Unnavagam, NULM, Emakiri Mandabam, Clinics/Hospitals, Fish Market, Community Hall, PDS

Police Station - 1, Demellows Road; Amma Unavagam - 1, Emakiri Mandabam; UPHC - 1, Old KP Park; Private Clinics - 3, Angalamman Koil Street, Sivarao Road, Corporation Line; NULM Office - Mothilal Nehru Street; Private Hospitals-2 Pulianthope High Road Gurusamy Nagar; Fair Price Shops (PDS) - 2 Elephant Gate Street, KP Park, Community Hall - Angalamman Koil Street, Bhokipalayam 2nd main road

Findings

- There is no cemetery in the ward and the people have to travel to Otteri or Moolaikothalam (Near Mint).
- There is an AWPS in the nearby ward in Pattalam.
- There is one Private Fish Market and a Vegetable Market.
- There is only one Amma Unavagam and UPHC in the ward.

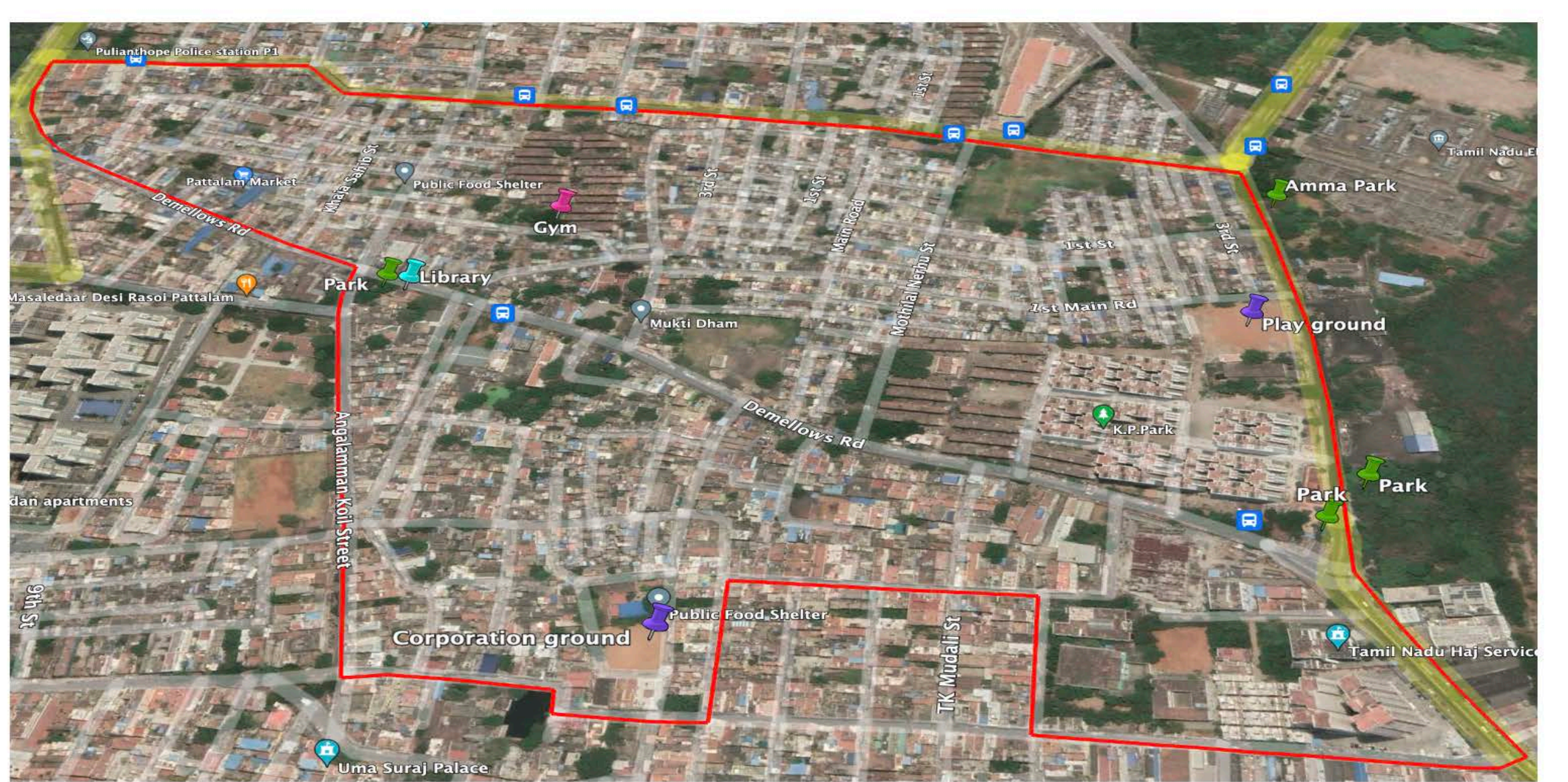
Suggestions

- Kalaingar Canteens and a Mini Clinic can be set up.
- Community Hall can be constructed in KP Park.
- Police Boys and Girls Club can be facilitated in KP Park and other areas based on availability of space.

Livelihood-related Services provided by NULM Centres in Ward 77

- The NULM Centre has 30 SHG in KP Park (5 in old and 1 in new block).
- Trainings provided - SHG Training, Tailoring, & Basic Computer.
- Tailoring and Computer Training in collaboration with National Academy in Perambur.
- Beautician course in F Block in KP Park.
- Under NULM most of the trainings programmes offered for women like tailoring, beautician are endorsing gender stereotypes.
- Challenge - Marketing products made by SHG.
- There can be diverse skill development trainings conducted through the NULM centre based on the needs of the women rather than restricting to micro-credit schemes through SHGs. NULM office can also conduct camps to enable women to access schemes from TAHDCO and other schemes.





PARK	PLAY GROUND	GYM	LIBRARY

Playground, Park, Gym,
Library

Demellows Road(1 Ground & 1 Library), Elephant Gate St (3 Parks), Old Slaughter
House Road (1 Ground), PK Colony (1 Gym – not functioning)

Findings

- The park inside KP Park Scheme area (Near F Block, New Phase) is not functional.
- The proposal to develop football, volleyball ground and gym is under construction.
- The high mast light attached to that park near the KP Park road is also not functioning (currently under the control of GCC).

Suggestions

- The grounds near Division Office and behind KP Park, can also be developed into sports training grounds like the proposal in KP Park.
- Play materials for kids in play grounds.
- Sports clubs and training to be organised for boys and girls by linking SDAT and SAI.

Need for expediting work in Pulianthope High Road - Exposed electrical cables pose safety threats for the residents in the locality



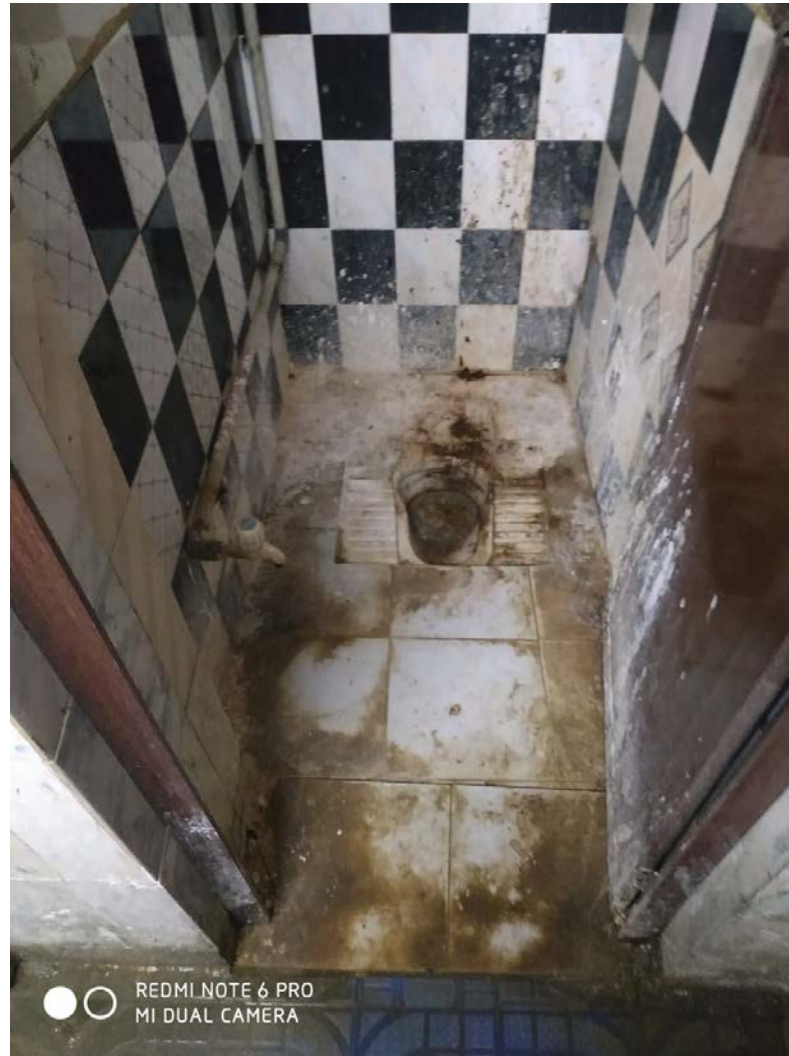
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Open Drains in the Locality - Need Storm Water Drains before Monsoon



Shelter for Urban Homeless in Ward 77 - Elderly Men and Women



To address the issue at the earliest to ensure safety of elderly residents in the shelter

Increased Need for Flood Mitigation Measures - Settlements Prone to Flooding

Raja Garden (Thottam)

Kanagaraya Garden (Thottam)

Asirvathapuram

Dr. Ansari Street

Sundarapuram

Pulianthope High Road

Thattankulam Shelter for Homeless

Mapping of Settlements

Status of Settlement in Ward 77 (as per 1975 Socio-Economic Survey, 2005 & 2015 Survey)

S.No	Name of the Settlement	Notified in 1975	Land	Area as on 1975	Age of Settlement as on 1975	Status as per 2005 Survey	Status as per 2015 Survey
1	Kanagaraya Garden Street (Kalvaivedu)	Yes	Private,GCC	0.49	63	Not Listed	Tenable
2	Kanagaraya Garden (Thottam) Part I	Yes	GCC, Govt, Private	0.31	63	Not Listed	Tenable
3	Kanagaraya Garden (Thottam) Part II	Yes	Private, GCC	0.33	63	Not Listed	Tenable
4	Sundarapuram	Yes	GCC, Govt, Private	1.72	48	Developed	Tenable
5	Kattur Nallamuthu Street	No				Not Listed	Tenable
6	Sivarajapuram	Yes	Private, Govt	0.78	10	Developed	Tenable
7	Jet Jaivathamman	No				Not Listed	Tenable
8	Dr. Ansari Street	Yes	Private	0.63	9	Developed	Tenable
9	Asirvathapuram	Yes	Private, Govt	0.78	10	Developed	Tenable
10	Raja Garden (Thottam)	No				Unobjectionable	Tenable
11	Mothilal Nehru Street	No				Not listed	Untenable
12	Gurusamy Nagar	Yes	GCC, Govt, Private	1.07	43	Developed	Untenable
13	Kumaraswamy Ramapuram	No				Developed	Untenable
14	Parvathy Kakkam Colony	Yes	Private, GCC	1.93	18	Developed	Not listed
15	Islambeda (Pulianthope 1 to 4 Streets)	Yes	Private	0.57	25	Developed	Not listed
16	Muthammal Koil	Yes	Private	0.17	10	Developed	Not listed

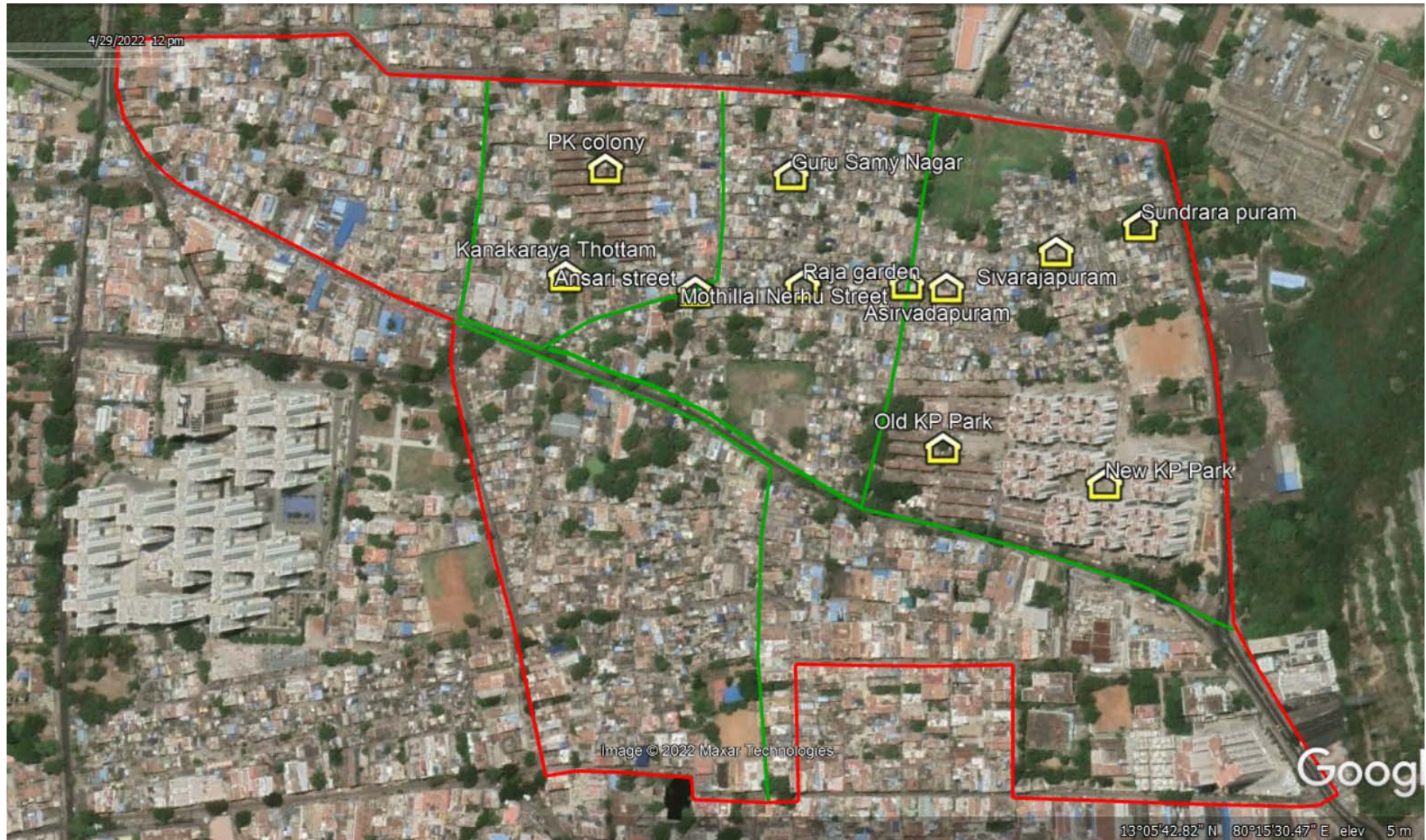
Tenable Settlements in Ward
77 as per 2015 Survey by
TNUHDB

Pulianthoppu
Kanagaraya Garden (Thottam)
Sundarapuram
Kattur Nallamuthu Street
Sivarajapuram
Jet Jaivathamman
Ansari Street
Asirvathapuram
Raja Garden (Thottam)

Untenable Settlements in Ward
77 as per 2015 Survey by
TNUHDB

Mothilal Nehru Street
Gurusamy Nagar
Kumaraswamy Ramapuram

Mapping for Settlements in Ward 77



Raja Garden (Thottam)

- People have land titles.
- No proper road facility inside the streets - lots on potholes in the roads.
- Flooding is a main issue in the settlement during monsoons, water enters the ground floor and people have to shift.
- Settlement prone to flooding because the height of the adjacent road is increased resulting in water stagnation inside the area.
- Speeding bikes inside the settlement and it poses safety issues for children and they are unable to play. Need speed breakers, people have informed authorities but no action taken.
- People need better roads and storm water drains.

Kumaraswamy Ramapuram

- People do not have land titles, some unknown person has been trying to convince people that for Rs. 45,000/- they can avail land titles. People are confused and requested for clarity.
- Water Contamination.

Kanagaraya Garden (Thottam)

- If it rains, the houses gets flooded with sewage water.
- Settlement is located above a drain, it used to be desisted regularly but now it is not, people used to die while cleaning the drain (narration by women).



Asirvathapuram

- Water stagnation during rainy season.
- Children unable to play because of speeding two wheelers, children are confined inside the houses at evening - **Need speed breakers.**
- They have individual water connection but it is inadequate. **They need public tap in the street (4th street).**
- **Need play area for children.**

Sivarajapuram

- Water contamination.
- Ration shop is not in the vicinity.
- Women safety is an issue, they are unable to walk alone at night.
- **Women want CCTVs installed in their neighbourhood.**

Sundarapuram

- Contamination of Water & Scarcity of Water.
- Water stagnation during rainy season.
- Safety for women and girls is a issue as people from other areas come near this settlement and use drugs in the dark spots around the settlement.
- Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam - For the last two months there is no follow up, no one has visited.
- Children unable to play because of speeding two wheelers - **Need speed breakers.**
- **Women want CCTVs installed in their neighbourhood.**

Gurusamy Nagar

- There are 9 streets
- Some houses have land titles and some don't
- **People requested for land titles**

PK Colony - Plans for reconstruction - One month notice issued to the people



KP Park - Block 7 & 10

- No adequate dustbins
- Disposal of waste by residents in between the tenements
- Water Stagnation
- Sewer water stagnation

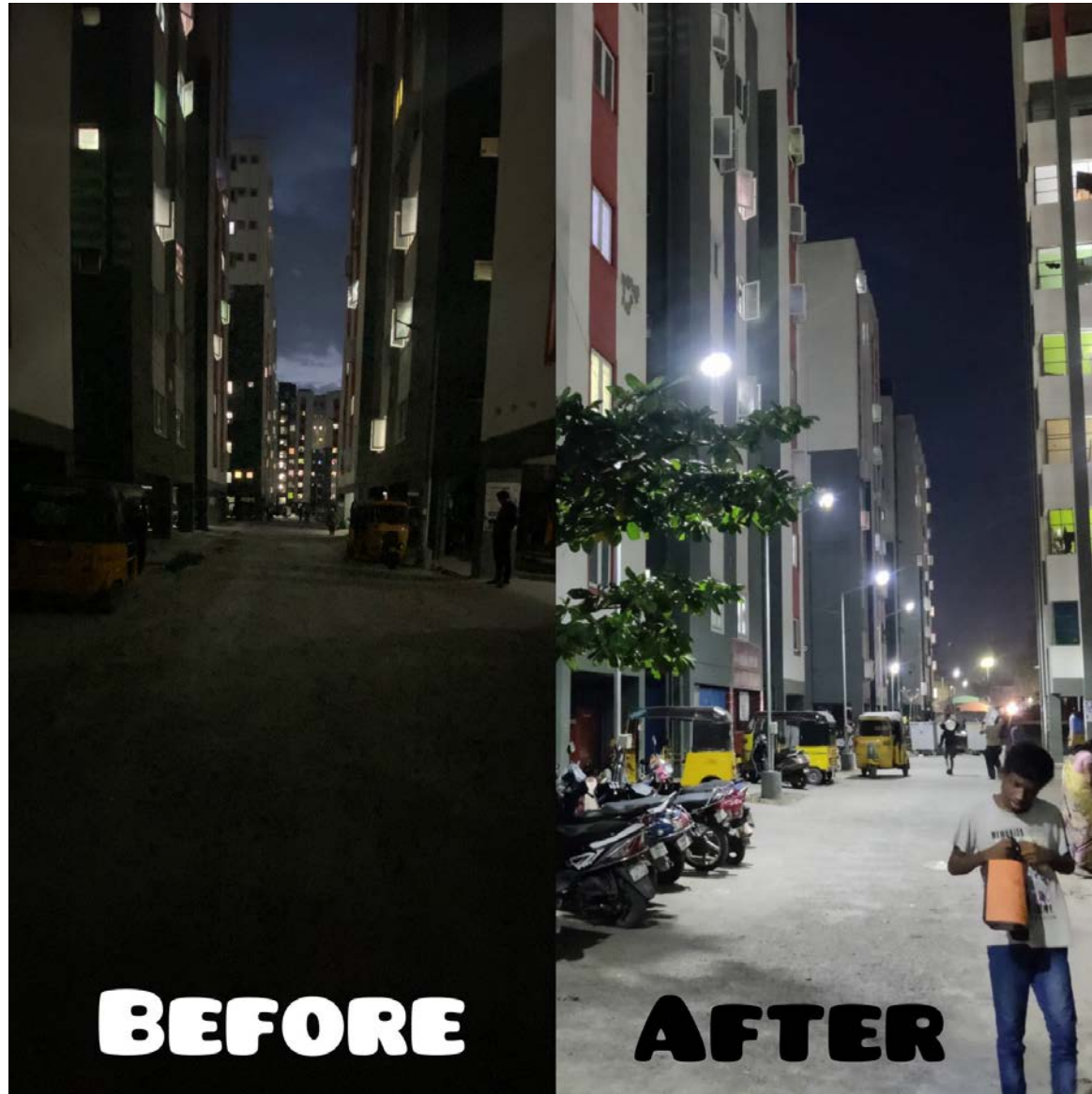


KP Park

- The resettled families requested a camp for change in address in essential documents. Team IRCDUC has coordinated with TNUHDB to address this issue and organise a camp.
- The ration card near KP Park located in the main road is not very accessible for people. People need to form a queue in the road to access. To have barricades to ensure that people can wait and access the products from the shop without affecting the traffic.
- Children are not playing in late evenings because of fear of safety. Parents are reluctant to send the children for playing because of consumption of alcohol and substance abuse out in the open. Women have also expressed this concern.
- Children pointed out that the corridors inside the buildings are dark and they are scared to use the staircase as it is not safe. Lighting in the corridors were requested by the children.
- Children felt that water supply should be ensured during the weekends.
- Only children resettled from Pallavan Salai are boarding two buses to reach school on a daily basis (discussion with class 7 and 8 revealed this information). They expressed their concerns.



- To ensure that the Police Booth located inside KP Park to be made operational



The Process is 'action-oriented' - Based on discussion with women the issue of non functional streetlights were identified and issue addressed within a day in coordination with TNUHDB.

Mapping of Schemes & Departments

Sector	Services	Department/Agency	Remarks
Solid Waste Management	Addressing issue of non functional toilet	Greater Chennai Corpoation	Public Toilet spaces can be reimaged
Solid Waste Management	Sanitary napkin dispenser in functional toilet	Greater Chennai Corpoation	Dustbins for disposal to be provided
Solid Waste Management	Garbage bins required in Old KP Park, Garbage removal process to be more robust	Greater Chennai Corporation	Removal of garbage like how it is followed in other parts of the city where it is cleared regularly
Water	Settlements 'slums' face water contamination issue	CMSWSS	
Water	KP Park - Water supply on Saturday and Sunday	TNUHDB/CMWSSS	
Storm Water Drains	Flooding in the locality - Storm water drain work to be expedited	Greater Chennai Corpoation	Flood Mitigation Plan for the Ward to be prepared
Safety	Issue of exposed electricity wires to be addressed	TANGEDCO	
Safety	To relocate the transformers installed in front of schools/near school compound walls	TANGEDCO	
Safety	Installation of 'School Zone' Signboards	Greater Chennai Corpoation	Walking lane for children to be explored in school roads
Safety	Setting up of Police Girls and Boys Club in KP Park and other locations where safety issues are present	Greater Chennai Police	

Sector	Services	Department/Agency	Remarks
Safety	Awareness on Child Protection in Schools	Greater Chennai Police (AWPS)	Specific awareness on helplines, Kavalan App can be provided
Sports	Sports training ground to be set up along with training for girls and boys	SDAT	
Parks	High mast light to be made functional in KP Park, play grounds with play materials to be furnished	Greater Chennai Corpoation	
Nutrition	Setting up of Kalaigñar Cantees	Greater Chennai Corpoation	
Health	Setting up of Mini Clinics	Greater Chennai Corpoation	
Livelihood	To widen the scope of the schemes beyond SHG, seed money for business and other schemes under TAHDCO to be explored	Tamil Nadu Corporation for Women Development	Skill Development beyond Tailoring, Computer to be explored
Social Security	Camps for enrollment in Welfare Boards to be organized in all settlemnet	District Adminstration	
Homeless Shelter	To renovate the building	Greater Chennai Corpoation	Accessible building for eldelry in the shelter

Sector	Services	Department/Agency	Remarks
Housing	Reconstruction of Dilapidated Tenements In PK Colony	TNUHDB	
Housing/Lighting	Lightings in Corridor (KP Park)	TNUHDB	Expedite the process of formation of RWAs and trainings with support from NGOs
Land Titles	Issuing sale deeds/patta for 'Unobjectionable' and 'Developed' Slums by availing NOC from the land owning department	TNUHDB/Revenue Department	A specific survey to be conducted to assess the possibility of the same
Governance	Sirubar Nagara Mandrangal (Bala Nagara Sabha) to be initiated	Greater Chennai Corporation/Ward Committees/Area Sabha	Government of Tamil Nadu can evolve this a policy

Information & Resource Centre for the Deprived Urban Communities (IRCDUC)

- Information and Resource Centre for the Deprived Urban Communities (IRCDUC) is a Non-governmental organisation that is secular.
- IRCDUC has been working closely with the vulnerable communities like the urban homeless, migrant workers, informal settlements in Chennai and Madurai for over 8 years.
- IRCDUC is a member of the State Level Committee for Monitoring Progress of Shelter for Urban Homeless for Tamil Nadu constituted by Supreme Court of India
- Member of District Habitat Committees - Chennai, Chengalpattu, and Kancheepuram Districts
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 - (b) Social Inclusion & Social Impact Assessment
 - (c) Participatory Planning & Community Development Studies
 - (d) Social Awareness Programs
 - (e) Rehabilitation & Resettlement Studies.