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## **Outreach Clinic Summary - Jawadhu Hills**

| Name of Village  | <ol> <li>SFRD Primary and Secondary School for Tribal Children,<br/>Guniganthur Village, Jawadhu Hills, Tiruvannamalai</li> <li>Marganur Village, Kovilur Panchayat, Jawadhu Taluk,<br/>Tiruvannamalai</li> <li>Vilankuppam Village, Vilankuppam Panchayat, Polur Taluk,<br/>Tiruvannamalai</li> </ol> |
|--|--|
| Population   | 1) 1700+ Students and 300 Staff<br>2) 300<br>3) 1960   |
| Occupation   | Students/Teachers/Administration/Agriculture/Civil<br>Construction/Manual Labour   |
| Healthcare Initiative  | `Acwerk', Salem and Society For Rural Development, Jawadhu Hills   |
| Venue  | 1) SFRD School Building 2) Marganur Village Residential Area<br>3) Vilankuppam Anganwadi Building  |
| Date & Time  | 1) 24, 25 NOV. 2023 / 3.00 PM to 7 PM<br>2) 24 and 26 NOV. 2023 / 10 AM to 7 PM<br>3) 25 and 27 NOV. 2023 / 11 AM to 8 PM  |
| Doctor   | Dr. T.M. Chinnaiyan  |
| Communication<br>Medicines                                     | Social Worker. Athiya Chinnaiyan<br>Athiya Chinnaiyan and B. Somasundar  |
| I.E.C. & Admin.<br>(Information, Education &<br>Communication) | Athiya Chinnaiyan, Dakshnamurthy and B. Somasundar   |

| Associate                              | SFRD, Secretary. Thiru Dr. K. Arjunan – M.9487735328  |
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| Village Health Worker                  | Marganur Resident Thirumathi Chitra   |
| Health Volunteers                      | Three Members from SFRD, Guniganthur  |
| Media                                  | Thiru B. Somasundar, Chennai City   |
| Helpers                                | Five Students from SFRD, Guniganthur  |
| IEC Method                             | Door-to-door issue of 200 Pamphlets and Word of Mouth announcement - Two Days before ORC  |
| Transportation                         | Private Taxi - 1 Four-Wheeler & 1 Three-Wheeler, 1 Self-owned Two-<br>Wheeler   |
| Expenditure                            | IRS 32098+11300+2000 = IRS 45398.00 (Medicines+Taxi+Media coverage & Stationery). Medicine consumption - 80%  |
| Travel Time                            | Eight Hours - Four Hours From Salem City  |
| Media Coverage                         | Photographs, Video and Footage  |
| Total Patients Registered              | Sixty-three, Fifty-Four, Ninety-Six, Eighty-Seven<br>(Women 105 + Men 43 + Girls 97 + Boys 55 = 300)  |
| Total Prescription Medicines<br>Issued | 300   |
| Total Diagnostics                      | 10 (Random Sugar)   |
| Total Consultations                    | 300   |
| Health Problems                        | O. Arthritis, Diabetes. M, S. Hypertension, Viral Throat Infection, B. Asthma, Fungal Infection, Actinic Dermatitis, Pigmentary disorders, Contact Dermatitis, Callosities, Vitamin deficiencies, Anaemia, Thyroid - Nutritional Goitre, Acute Conjunctivitis, Allergic Conjunctivitis, Pterygium, Cataract, Macular Growth, Acuity of Vision, Gynaecological Problems and Trauma |

#### Society For Rural Development - Guniganthur Village



#### SFRD Society Information

SFRD - is located in Tamil Nadu and registered as a Society in Vellore, the state of Tamil Nadu. The NGO's unique registration ID is 'TN/2009/0022548'. The NGO was registered by the Registrar of Societies with registration number 108-1979 on the date of 1979 November 2nd Friday, and the parent organisation is independent. The Chairman of SFRD is Balaji G., and the Chief functionary officer is Dr. Arjunan K. SFRD Society Organization / NGO Information

NGO Name SFRD Unique ID of VO/NGO TN/2009/0022548 Chief Functionary Arjunan K Chairman Balaji G Secretary Arjunan K Treasurer Pugazhendhi A

SFRD Registration Details Registered With Registrar of Societies Type of NGO Society Registration Number 108-1979 City of Registration Vellore State of Registration Tamil Nadu Date of Registration 02-11-1979 FCRA 075980032 NGO Registration Certificate Contact Us

SFRD Contact details **State** Tamil Nadu **Country** India **Telephone** 04181-297126 **Mobile Number** 9443165328 **Address** Dr. K. Arjunan, Secretary SFRD Tribal Bhavan, Guniganthur Jawadhu Hills 635 703 Tiruvannamalai District **Email** sfrd.seva@gmail.in Website NO website is listed Fax 04181-245248

SFRD Operational Areas, Major Activities & Achievements Animal Husbandry, Dairying and fisheries, Agriculture, Children, Dalit Upliftment, Drinking Water, Education and Literacy, Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, Tribal Affairs.

# The Following is the List of NGOs operating in the above-mentioned ITDP areas with Grants from the Government of Tamil Nadu:

Hostel Name - Places - No. of Students

1 S.F.R.D Higher Secondary School - Kunikanthoor, Thiruvannamalai District - 550

2 Nagammai Gurukulam kalvi Arakatalai Murugu Aided Middle School - Vilupuram District - 50

#### Marganur Village



Locality Name: Marganur (மார்கனுர்) Block Name: Jawathu Hills District: Tiruvannamalai State: Tamil Nadu Language: Tamil Elevation / Altitude: 172 meters. Above Sea level Telephone Code / Std Code: 04181 National Highways Reachable to Marganur National High Way: NH179D National High Way: NH179A

## Rivers Near Marganur

Cheyyāru: Cheyyar: செய்யாறு

**Marganur** is a small Village/hamlet in Jawathu Hills Block in Tiruvannamalai District of Tamil Nadu State, India. It comes under **Kovilur Panchayath**. It is 49 km North of the District headquarters, Thiruvannamalai, 2 KM from Jawathu Hills, and 183 KM from the State capital, Chennai.

### Vilankuppam Village



Locality Name: Vilankuppam (விலங்குப்பம்) District: Tiruvannamalai State: Tamil Nadu Language: Tamil Elevation / Altitude: 172 meters. Above Sea level Telephone Code / Std Code: 04181

Vilankuppam is a small Village/hamlet in Tiruvannamalai District of Tamil Nadu State, India. It comes under Vilankuppam Panchayath. It is located 49 km North of the District headquarters, Tiruvannamalai, 186 Km from the State capital, Chennai.

#### Vilankuppam - Village Overview

| Gram Panchayat | Vilankuppam    |
|----------------|----------------|
| Block/Taluka   | Polur          |
| District       | Tiruvannamalai |
| State          | Tamil Nadu     |

| Pincode                 | 606907          |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Post Office             | Kelur B.O.      |
| Area                    | 266.31 Hectares |
| Population              | 1960            |
| Households              | 485             |
| Assembly Constituency   | Polur           |
| Parliament Constituency | Arani           |
| Nearest Town            | Polur (14 Km)   |

#### Inference

The hospitals that are accessible from SFRD, Guniganthur Village, Marganur Village and Vilankuppam Village are;

- 1. **Government Hospital, Chengam**: Located in Chengam Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, 04188-2223991.
- 2. **Government Hospital, Cheyyar**: Located in Cheyyar Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, 04182-2222191.
- 3. Government Hospital, Polur: Located in Polur Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, 04181-2230481.

There are Primary Health Centres in each of these Taluka's.

International Journal of Management Research and Social Science (IJMRSS) Volume 4, Issue 3, July – September 2017 Table I. Per Capita Income and Expenditure of BPL & APL Families (Per Annum) BPL (Below Poverty Line) The economic status of the household's Total income (Rs) 11741 Total food expenditure (Rs) 5277 Total non-food expenditure (Rs) 4015 APL (Above the Poverty Line) The economic status of the household's Total income (Rs) 28839 Total food expenditure (Rs) 8341 Total non-food expenditure (Rs) 5313

70 per cent of the population is below the poverty line (BPL), and 15 per cent are poor and have weak economic conditions. Only 30 per cent of people are above the poverty line (APL). Around 90 per cent of the population is engaged in agriculture and cattle rearing, their staple source of income.

Most of the populations are seasonal migrates to Chennai, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala for construction and farming works.

Schools are inaccessible, and drop-out rates are high.

There are no check dams hence water is a major problem during summer.

More than 80% of adults are liquor addicts and exhaust all money on the consumption of liquor. This is one of the attributing factors of tribal poverty.

Adult men and women suffer from Communicable diseases. Reproductive tract infection is one of the major health problems of women. 80% of the children are malnourished. Infant Mortality rate and maternal mortality rate are around 5 times higher than the national average. The traditional faith healers play an important role in healing. Their health-seeking behaviours and health practices are harmful.

Almost 100% of women are anaemic. Anaemia among pregnant women and at-home births are the major reasons for the increased mortality of infants and mothers.

Communicable diseases like diarrhoea, Jaundice, typhoid, venereal diseases, sexual diseases, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS etc., are mostly due to lack of awareness of preventive methods, poor hygiene and sanitation.

The suicide rate has increased drastically over the last decade due to poverty-induced problems, unemployment, alcoholism, disturbed family organization and migration.

Thick forest trees are felled. People do not have much awareness of tree plantation and cut trees for firewood purposes. Alternative energy use is not known to them.

The mean age for marriage for boys is 15 age and for girls is age 13. Premarital sex, elopement, plurality of sex, and extramarital sex are commonly accepted, which leads to several social and health problems. Around 70% of Tribals are illiterate and marriages are strictly from their tribal community.

The Jawadhu Hills are the home of about 80,000 indigenous Malayali (meaning "people of the hills.") tribal people. They are one of the earliest indigenous groups native to the Indian Subcontinent. The ethnically distinct and remotely located Malayali people live outside of the mainstream of Indian society. Most of these tribal people work as small-scale subsistence farmers or land labourers. The Malayali people's lack of running water and basic hygiene presents a health hazard that results in unnecessary critical illnesses and deaths. The remote situation of their habitat, combined with a lack of proper infrastructure in healthcare and transportation, has resulted in high morbidity and low life expectancy.

#### Deliberation

A detailed study and evaluation for setting up a Community Health and Welfare Centre in Vilvarani village, Vilvarani Panchayat, Polur Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu, Pin Code 606906, India.

Month of evaluation: December 2023.

For, Acwerk Rural Development Foundation

Dr. T.M. Chinnaiyan Trustee

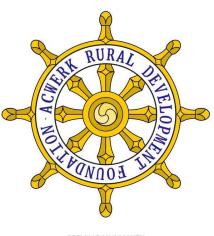
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> DEC. 2023

Place: Salem City

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## Visit of Project Site in Vilvarani Village

| Members Present:      | Dr. K. Arjunan - Secretary, SFRD, Gunganthur Village<br>Pugazhendhi A - Treasurer, SFRD, Guniganthur Village  |
|-----------------------|---|
|                       | Athiya Chinnaiyan - Managing Trustee, ARDF, Salem<br>Dr. T.M. Chinnaiyan - Trustee, Acwerk, ARDF, Salem   |
| Date:                 | 11 December 2023  |
| Time:                 | 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.   |
| Area of Site:         | 3 Acres   |
| Status of Site:       | Inactive  |
| Period of Inactivity: | From 1992 till date   |
| Date of Inception:    | 1979  |
| Founded:              | Primary School (Boarding and Day scholar)   |
| Founder:              | Dr. K. Arjunan - Chief Functionary  |
| Entity:               | Registered Society  |
| Infrastructure:       | Dilapidated Administrative, Class Rooms, Vocational Units, Animal<br>Husbandry, Veterinary Unit, Hostel for Students and Staff, Warden<br>Quarters, Daycare, Kitchen and Dining |

| Functional Utility: | Power and Water   |
|---------------------|---|
| Caretakers:         | 4 Staff Employed in care of Animal Husbandry, Campus<br>Maintenance and Security  |
| Animal Husbandry:   | Cows, goats and poultry   |
| Reason for Closure: | Loss and Liability of Income Generating Units on site   |
| Proposal by SFRD:   | Lease Agreement (Monthly/Yearly), to conduct Health Care Unit,<br>Eco Tourism, Animal Husbandry and Administrative Functions.<br>Certain portions of the project site will be retained by the Chief<br>Functionary of SFRD.<br>Lease amount negotiable<br>The possibility of renovating a few structures only and required<br>assistance will be provided by SFRD if needed.  |
| Viability of Site:  | Low productive attitude of people due to lack of commitment and short-term benefits   |
| Inference:          | Dr K. Arjunan closed education and rural welfare activities in 1992<br>after the loss incurred through income-generating units in Vilvarani<br>and reached the SFRD Educational Centre and School in<br>Guniganthur Village managed from inception by the principal, his<br>wife Mrs Silambi.<br>Site not suitable for continued educational, health care and other<br>community welfare activities as the investments can not be recovered<br>in the interest of the people or the Trust.<br>Dr. Arjunan is not keen to associate with Acwerk in Tribal Welfare<br>activities. |
| Conclusion:         | The idea of Lease agreement and investments does not go in favour of an Ecologically Sustainable Village model.   |

### Deliberation: On 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 it was resolved to conduct a Feasibility Study of the

A detailed study and evaluation for setting up a Community Health and Welfare Centre in Vilvarani village, Vilvarani Panchayat, Polur Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu, Pin Code 606906, India.

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