

**RURAL WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
RWDS**

SIMENUPUU FOUNDATION - PROJECT

**Project Title: PROTECTION OF THE ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT IN
TIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT**

**NINE MONTH REPORT
PERIOD: 1-5-2013 TO 31-1-2014**

**NO.1, New Muslim Street, Polur Road
Tiruvannamalai – 606 601, Tamil Nadu**

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STAFF DETAILS

S.NO	NAME OF THE STAFF	DESIGNATION
1	MS. J. Rajammal	Director
2	Ms.Sampath	Project Co-ordinator
3	Ms.Dhanalakshmi	Project Manager
4	Ms.Jeeva	Accountant
5	Ms.Priyanka	Community Organizer
6	Ms.Maniyammal	Community Organizer

Volunteers

S.NO	NAME	Village
1	Balakrishnan	Palipattu
2	Ramkumar	Chinnakolapadi
3	Karthikeyan	Japthikariyandhal
4	Sekar	Vadamathur
5	Thomas	Gulalpadi
6	Selvaraj	Punal Kadu
7	Anand	Selvapuram
8	Parthiban	Inamkariyandhal
9	Uma	Gandhinagar
10	Valarmathi	Devanandhal

Operational Area

Name of the Project	Villages	Panchayats	Blocks	Taluk	Tiruvannamalai District
Protection of the Ecology and Environment in Tiruvannamalai District	20	14	3	2	

II. Project Goal

a. Goal of the Project

Protection and Promotion of the Environment of the Comprehensive rights of Dalit's and tribal women and children of Tiruvannamalai District

Focus:

- Sustainable environment
- Protection of Livelihood Rights

Sector:

- Dalits
- Tribal People

b. Objectives of the Project

- Sensitization of the Local Communities and mobilizing them around the key environmental protective legislations, the challenges and need.
- To mobilize the community to join voice against the depletion of resources and facilitate them to safeguard the local livelihood resources.
- To prevent further depletion of the forest and the environment in Tiruvannamalai District.
- Exerting pressure on the government for implementation of key environmental protective legislations and policies.

Activities are carried out at two Levels

- **At Micro (Community) level:**
 - Sensitization and Mobilization
 - Strengthening the Protection Committee
- **At Macro Level:**
 - Lobbying
 - Advocacy
 - Campaigns
 - Networking
 - Mass Action

Implementation during 9 Months

- 1. Baseline Study:**
 - Completed in 20 Villages
 - Collected family details
 - Identified Forest Depended Communities
 - Collected information on forest produces, Wild Fruits, Herbs, Sevam Grass
- 2. Sensitization on Conservation and Management Plans:**
 - Completed Public Meeting held
 - Need for Food Security insisted
 - Legal training given
 - Importance of PRI shared
 - Orientation to PRI leaders

3. Sensitizing Community on Denial of Common Property Resource (CPR)

- Community Meetings – 25
- Focus group Discussions in all villages held

4. Capacity Building for Cadres

- One workshop held
- Shared knowledge on the various environmental legislations.

5. District Level Consultation

- One consultation held. PRI leaders participated with Movement leaders.
- Action Plans/Strategies evolved for pressurizing the government.

6. Meeting for Kauthimalai Protection Movement:

- 5 Meetings held
- Plans evolved to Stop Permanently the mining Activity
- District level consultation outcome shared

7. Strengthening the Community in 20 Villages:

Formation of:

- Farmer's Clubs – 13
- Eco clubs – 13
- Children's Clubs -13
- Women's Clubs – 13
- Youth club -13

8.Village Meetings

S.N	Name of the Village	Date	Children's Club	Youth Club	Women's Club	Farmer's Club
1	Ponalkadu	7.1.2014	20	20	20	15
2	Paliyapattu	8.1.2014	20	20	20	15
3	Devanandhal	9.1.2014	20	20	22	15
4	Gulapadi	10.1.2014	17	20	20	15
5	Vadamathur	11.1.2014	10	21	21	15
6	Melpadur	20.1.2014	11	20	18	15
7	Keel Padur	27.1.2014	20	20	20	15
8	Chinna Kolapadi	28.1.2014	20	20	20	15
9	Periya Kolapadi	29.1.2014	18	18	20	15
10	Vengaya Vellore	30.1.2014	8	21	20	15
11	Inam Kariyandal	31.1.2014	20	20	21	15
12	Vaividathanagal	4.2.2014	10	20	20	15
13	Gandhi Nagar	5.2.2014	20	20	20	15

9.Lobbying

- With Forest Officials
- With District Collector
- Taluk level officials
- With District level political party leaders

10.Formation of Environment Protection form

- Formed and Trainings given – meetings held

11.Study of Thurinjikuppam tribal Village:

- A Tribal village – 149 families displaced due to construction of dam.
- Displaced the entire village of thurinjikuppam
- People Lost their entire livelihood base their houses and lands.
- Promised employment but not given,
- Temporarily accommodated in four different areas
- People are migrant workers in Bangalore, Chennai, Tirupur

Outcome of the Interventions

- Protection Committee Formed and is very active the Committee is leading actions in protecting the two hills.
- Challenging every, one by the Government and Jindal Company.
- The people are sensitized and they are Mobilized towards the issue.
- They join Hands in addressing their Livelihood rights.
- Media is sensitized and has been Mobilized around the issue.
- Farmers Clubs, Eco clubs, Women's Club, Youth Groups and children, clubs are actively functioning
- The people have a platform to represent challenge their livelihood issues.

