



Seb's Projects India Annual Report 2017 - 18

Celebrating Change



SEB'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS



KUPSOOR



THANIYAMARATHUR



PERIYATHANKOTAI



PERIYAPANAPARAI



PALAMARATHUKOLLA



MARUTHVALIMEDU

SEB'S SCHOOLS STEPPING UP... MOVING TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

We share with immense pleasure the real impact Seb's PROJECTS INDIA has made in the lives of children and communities across the Jawadhi Hills and rural communities in Vellore district. We hope this will reinforce your confidence in the development process and witness the change in their lives. We place on record the excellent partnerships over the years from donor institutions and individuals for their trust in us and commitment to our work that has further facilitated strong partnerships with the State Government offices, hopefully a big step towards sustainability and the involvement of the government in addressing the urgent needs of these neglected communities. The State Planning Commission has come forward to build two classrooms, a kitchen and toilets for five of our Seb's Schools in the Jawadhi Hills (As you are aware, we functioned from a thatch shed).

This would be a great blessing and boost for our teachers and students. We are thrilled that our advocacy over the years has borne fruit, and that the government recognizes the needs of the people living in these remote communities and endorses our model of ushering education.

Partnerships leading change and development in the Jawadhi.



EDUCATION LEADING TO TRANSFORMATION



We have enrolled 290 tribal students across 7 Seb's NRSTC Primary Schools. We are proud that over the past years 250 students have completed their primary education and moved to middle school and continue their high school education. A few years back it was a challenge for us to sustain the children through middle school. Our success of running the primary schools effectively in the villages, has now gained their trust and they understand the importance of education, with the parents leading their children to boarding schools to continue their education. This year we successfully made 43 transitions from primary to middle school.



QUALITY EDUCATION WITHIN THE REACH

In another landmark achievement Seb's tribal school encouraged and provided the opportunity for 29 fifth grade students to write the entrance exam for sixth grade admission organized by Eklavya model school in Jammunamarthur of Thiruvanamallai district. The Eklavya government model school provides scholarships for the complete school education and focuses on quality of education. We are happy to inform that 11 students have qualified in the entrance exam and were enrolled in sixth grade.

MUSIC SPORT AND ART an opportunity to learn and excel.

This year our Seb's School children had a new experience of learning by exhibiting their talents through different competitions. A number of sports competitions like - Kho-Kho, Kabaddi were organized between Seb's schools.

Debates were conducted during the Teacher's day celebration. Children spoke confidently on the given topics displaying their public speaking abilities and confidence. Students also participated in art and quiz competitions.

Members of the music band were awarded certificates of merit on completion of three years in the school band.







PERIYAPANAPARAI
Tobal Village

SEB'S SCHOOL
PERIYAPANAPARAI

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

It is mandatory that the land on which the new class rooms are built to be registered under the Education Department. We were overwhelmed at the generosity of individuals who willingly donated their land for the cause of education.

New School initiative:

We would like to introduce you to our new Tribal school at Chinnaettipetti village, where we supported the teachers. This school was started as an initiative by the tribal community under a Tamarind tree with 40 students. We were successful in getting the NRSTC approval from the government at the end of the school year.



Local People at the heart of solution.

MEET GANESAN - AN INSPIRING STORY

Ganesan a young man, the teacher who was instrumental in starting the Chinnaettipetti school, attributes his education to his mother who was determined to educate her son.

He relates an incident in his life which was the turning point. His mother received a letter from the government and she had to go from village to village to get somebody to read the letter. It was frustrating and a painful experience. So she decided that she would send her son to school and ensure there is one person in her village who is literate. Ganesh believes it is education that has got him where he is today and wants to make sure every child in his village gets an opportunity to attend school. He took the lead in creating an awareness among the community on the importance of education. On starting the school he used the students to raise awareness through role plays and drama.





SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

-making dreams come true

Seb's scholarship program works in partnership with various individual donors for educating the tribal students and under privileged deserving students around Vellore district.

Since 2010 the scholarship program has awarded over 250 students in middle/high school in the tribal and rural communities. The Seb's scholarship program continues to provide children with the opportunity to get an education and dream of a better life.

School education in India is free and compulsory. However the cost of higher education is high and demanding. Also cost of educating a school child is highly challenging for the tribal communities. Due to less access to middle school they are bound to opt for boarding schools and this increases the burden to spend for boarding supplies and other needs.

The primary objective of the Seb's scholarship program is to encourage children who can progress beyond grade six to middle school, high school and to professional courses thus achieving the goal that every child has the right to education.

We are also celebrating the fact that all our scholarship students who are pursuing their professional courses have successfully cleared their exams and continue to do well in the courses.



Pandian has completed his diploma in AC mechanic.



Chellama is in the second year of her nursing course at MA Chithambaram College of nursing at Chennai. She has completed her first year exams and scored above average marks in all the subjects.

She is very interested in her practical work. She likes to be in hospital and get hands on training in assisting patients. She has gained confidence and these two years of her college experience has changed her a lot.

Chellama is so appreciative of her hostel and the security she enjoys being in a safe and lovely environment which is a new experience when compared to her home situation in the past. We met her recently and asked for her need, she replied that she has to study well and complete her nursing course. She enjoys her college thoroughly in all aspects.

We celebrate the success of Mohan our first tribal student who completed his BE in Civil Engineering.





Seb's School is our School

செப்ஸ் பள்ளி எங்கள் பள்ளி

.... We like coming to school

எங்களுக்கு பள்ளிக்கு வர பிடிக்கும்

.... We learn

நாங்கள் கற்றுக்கொள்கிறோம்

.... We Play

நாங்கள் விளையாடுகிறோம்

.... We make friends

நாங்கள் நண்பர்களாக இருக்கிறோம்

and have lots of fun.

நாங்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியாக உள்ளோம்

PRE SCHOOL/ BALWADI PROGRAM - first step to learning

Two Balwadi centers have been fully established in Periyapannaparai and Palamarathukollai with 25 kids in each center and there has been growing interest amongst young mothers to learn about maternal health needs and health of their growing children. The local balwadi teachers serve the community through the Balwadi's and conduct regular visits to the homes of mothers and infants.

Five students from our balwadi were enrolled in Class 1. We are happy to report they adjusted very well at the start of the school and Seb's Schools were delighted to welcome them to our Primary School.

Another 2 distribution points are also operational near our other tribal schools. At these points we receive nutritional supplements from the government ICDS Program and they are distributed to pregnant and lactating mothers and their children below the age of three.



WE HAVE COVERED

128
Children



19
Villages



152
Mother

HEALTH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



- All the NRSTC schools are provided with a hot nutritious noon meal and evening snack.
- Daily vegetables are added to the meals to provide better nutrition. This year the schools were provided with eggs by the NRSTC.
- Teachers and students organized a rally holding placards and voicing slogans all around the villages on Dengue awareness day. The causes, symptoms and treatment were taught to the people in the community.
- Our teachers go an extra mile to educate students on healthy life practices. Students were given a neat and clean hair cut by our school teachers which was highly appreciated by the parents.
- Health workers organized awareness programs for pregnant women and school children on hygiene practice and Pre and Post natal care.
- In partnership with Restless Development a workshop was conducted on the important issues of Sanitation, using toilets, hand washing techniques, Menstrual health and on Child Sexual Abuse.



HEALTH WORKERS IN COMMUNITY

Asodha and Sulochana are tribal girls, with a Diploma in Patient Care from Sittilingi Tribal Initiative. They were employed by Seb's to carry out the Health initiative. They mobilized the community when the medical teams arrived in the villages and educated the community on health issues. They also carried out a survey of the village population and their health status.

They maintain records of pregnant women, births and deaths in the village. They closely monitor the new born babies and ensure that they are immunized. They are provided with a small medical kit of stethoscope, BP apparatus and glucometer. The community started to trust and accept them as health workers.

Asodha and Sulochana have been recruited recently by Christian Medical College and Hospital as part of their health team in the Jawadhi which would be a great opportunity for them to hone their skills and be a part of a bigger health initiative.





SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

The spirit of entrepreneurship is fast spreading in the tribal communities where Seb's Projects has a presence. They are business savvy and confident to negotiate better prices, more aware of the government schemes and willing to get further skilled to improve their livelihoods.

The journey of the Thandayankotai women who manage the Eco Trails for University students and production of handmade soaps today have further improved their ability to earn better incomes from the forest produces.

Women who never ventured out of their homes collect the fruits of the forest and take it to the markets in Anaicut and Vellore which would get them a better price than selling it to a middleman.

Some of the women seized the opportunity to learn the skill of spinning cotton and they have a steady business to spin within the comfort of their own villages which has enhanced their earnings.

AT TRIFED EXHIBITION



BUILDING STRONG, SELF - RELIANT COMMUNITIES

In Periyapanarai we had established the Tyler's community shop with the idea of introducing business to the community.. Today there are 3 shops and two successful women's self help groups who have accessed 300,000 rupees from the government scheme and are in the process of procuring and rearing goats which would be distributed to each member.

The Samai Machine Project in Peenjamandhai will help at least 20 villages around to process their millets and market it for a better price also make it a part of their diet.



**JOHN AND MARIE INAGURATED
THE MILLET PROCESSING CENTER**

NEW PARTNERSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



Neema Varghese our Board member received the Global Employee Award for the year 2017 from Corporater in recognition of her involvement in social impact projects. The award was for 5000 USD which was presented to Seb's projects.



CORPORATER PARTNERSHIP : The visit of Tor Inge Vasshus the Founder and CEO of Corporater resulted in the adoption of Seb's projects as a Social impact initiative of Corporater with the commitment to provide quality education, healthcare and livelihood to the underprivileged who would otherwise continue to be in the peripheries of the social fabric.

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The Sebastian Hunter Memorial Trust and Seb's Project India express our sincere Thanks to

- **The Prayag Volunteers** continue their support through visits and providing material resources to Palamarathukollai school and village. The students eagerly look forward to their visit as it is always packed with fun.
- **Maria Marina Foundation** for their continued support for the last four years providing stability and the momentum, contributing to our success.
- Corporater
- District Education Department
- District Health Department
- District Forest Department
- The 5 Individual members in the Jawadhi hills who donated the land for building the schools.
 - Vinod and Asha Nehemiah
 - Angela and John
 - Geraldine and Anup
 - Sarah Lloyd
 - Amy Jackson and Charlotte
 - Slade and Hudson
 - Humanitarian Clowns
 - Susheela and Deepa Koshi
 - Rohan Venkatesh
 - Lions Club T Nagar
- ICDS
- TRIFED
- VIT University
- Abdul Hakeem College
- CMC CHAD HOSPITAL
- Linda Farley
- Jose Kochiyil
- Marie and John
- Sheila Prasad



OUR MONEY

Income: ₹ 57,55,737.00

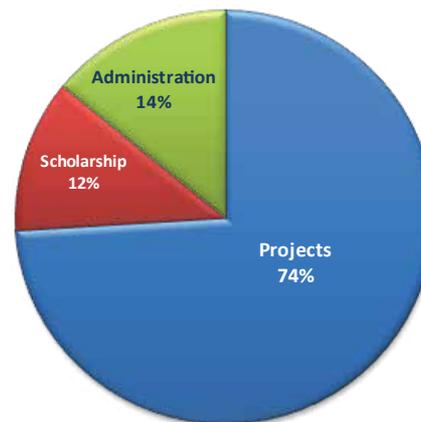
Expenditure: ₹ 49,88,537.00



INCOME



EXPENSES





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