

- **Organising Vocational training by linking with other Community Colleges/ Institutions for drop out girls and boys.**

The youths who were dropped out of their education were taken special care by giving counselling and guidance for their career.

Their fields of interest were asked and they were properly guided and joined in their interested course.

That course which helps them to sustain their whole life as a skilled person.

Likewise we have created opportunity for 8 youths and joined them in St. Joseph's Community College

They were trained in Refrigerator & A/C Technician, Electrical (Electrician), DTP Operator (Computer operator), General Duty Assistant (Nursing). Now students got Benefited out of it and now they are appointed as an interns in respective Companies.

Other than this we have created opportunity for 2 youth and by joining them in Fire & Safety course at Sri Ram Institution.



- **Youth club meeting**

Youths are the changing agents in the family and in the community in order to utilize such a tremendous power Youth clubs were formed in a motive of creating active and evolved youths in the community.

Youth clubs were formed in 7 villages such as Keelapattinacherry, Samanthampettai, Karaikal Medu, Thideerkuppam, Boothangudi, Kechankuppam, Nambiyar nagar with 15 members in each club.



Each Month youth assemble in the CRC centre for their youth club meeting where they have their own President, secretary and treasurer elected by them. Youths prioritize their issues and they choose the topic for discussion. Once the discussion starts on the issue everyone were asked their opinion on the matter of discussion hence the approach towards the issues and the processing of the issues

were also discussed. Each person was chosen and given a responsibility and the follow up was made until the issue is shorted out. Youth also represents their youth club in Grama Sabha meeting.



Our youths Achievements through the youth clubs in this year are:

- Samanathanpettai railway gate issue
- Boothangudi toilet construction
- Dengue awareness program

The detailed report on the above are attached below as case studies.

• **Youth conference at Bangalore:**

Two of our youth with the LS3 coordinator attended the National youth club conference at Bangalore. They also participated in the cultural event representing Tamil Nadu. The youths were able to identify the Unity in Diversity through the cultural program since they were able to meet different state people.

They gave their suggestion in improving the youth clubs and they even listed out the draw backs of the youth clubs so that the youth clubs can function more effectively.



LS3 capacity building training program:

LS3 coordinator with the Community Mobilizer attended 4 days Capacity building training program at Mangalore. In this training program The Goal of ChildFund India was explained and the pathways to reach the goals were also explained. The strategies of improving the youth clubs were discussed.

Each partner of ChildFund India presented their Achievements which helped to compare our growth with the others and this became a great platform to share our thoughts with the likeminded professionals.



Merci Rani – a Shining Star Case Story-2



Name : Ms. A. Merci Rani
Case no : 769
Village : Mahalakshmai Nager , Palpannaicherry.

George Bernard Shaw beautifully says, "The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them. ".Merci Rani is one of the best examples who made use of the opportunities to come up in her life.

Merci Rani is one of our sponsored children from Mahalakshmi Nager. Her father is an auto driver who goes for daily wages. Her two brothers are going for fishing and her mother is a house maker. She stopped her studies in between while she was in 9th grade. She has dropped out from the school and after that and she was helping her mother at home.

Merci Rani at her home

One day our field staff visited her house as their routine works. The staff of BEDROC tried their level best to convince her to continue her studies. But all their efforts were in vain. Then they persuaded her to come to the Youth Resource Centre (YRC) supported by the ChildFund India to join in the tailoring course. With much reluctance she has agreed to come to the YRC. There were 14 girls attended the Tailoring and Dress making training in the first batch and she was one among them.

Slowly she loved the training and she enjoyed coming to the YRC regularly without any break. She attended the training for six months and she has learned all the necessary techniques in tailoring. Various techniques like cutting and stitching gave her confidence. The Instructor was so happy to see her involvement and commitment. We have invited an external evaluator to assess the performance of the tailoring students towards the end of the course. She appreciated the different models done by Merci Rani. So after the six months, she has come out with rich knowledge and experience.



She was a lucky girl indeed. While she was doing the course she received Rs. 4080/ as DFC amount in the month of November, 2016. She did not have any second thought to spend the money. She went and bought a tailoring machine on her own with the guidance given by the staff. After completing the course at YRC, she has started her own dress making business at her home. In the mean time she got Rs.6436/ as DFC in the month of December, 16. Now she bought a motor for the machine. She is so happy now and she has become a small entrepreneur.

Merci Rani at YRC



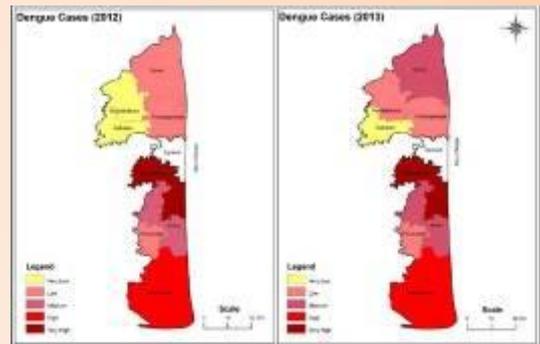
Meanwhile, some of her friends who attended the tailoring course in YRC, got a job in one of the Garment Industries in Nagapattinam. She joins with the group and she goes for work from 9 AM to 6 PM and after coming back from the work, she is busy with her own business at home. She is able to stitch chudithar and blouse.

The training attended in the YRC and the DFC supports provided by the sponsor have lifted her life and now she is able to make her earning both from the Garment Industry and from her own business. She is planning to develop her business by appointing some more neighboring girls at her home.

stars in the history. Merci Rani has become a star of BEDROC.

I do not know anyone who has got to the top without hard work. That is the recipe. It will not always get you to the top, but should get you pretty near." —Margaret Thatcher. Merci Rani is on her way to reach the height.

Opportunities will knock at the doors and those who are able to make use of the opportunities have become the shining



Youth brings joy to the community Through awareness campaign on Dengue Fever Case study-3

Venue: Samanathanpettai, Nagapattinam District

Dengue Fever in Nagapattinam District

Dengue is a disease caused by a family of viruses that are transmitted by mosquitoes and hit people with low levels of immunity. In recent years it has become a major international public health problems and prevalent throughout the tropical and subtropical regions around the world mainly in urban and semi-urban areas. Dengue starts with chills, headache, pain upon moving the eyes, and low backache. Painful aching in the legs and joints occurs during the first hours of illness. The body temperature rises quickly as high as 104° F (40° C), with relative low heart beat rate. Dengue disease comes due to various spatial factors such as climate, environment, water quality and management.

education, air pollution, natural disasters, social and many others. The prevention of dengue requires control or eradication of the mosquitoes carrying the virus that causes dengue.

Nagapattinam Coast, with a coastline of 185 km is in the South Eastern part of India which is vulnerable to seasonal cyclones, frequent storms. According to the recent Indian Census, there are about 100,000 people are living in 20,626 households and about 40,000 are living in the coastal communities and they engaged in fishing activities. During North East Monsoon Season their coastal huts are turning down to favorable environment for the vectors to grow and multiply. Their children and elderly adult are most vulnerable to the vector-borne diseases and very particularly the 'Dengue Fever'. The figure dengue case map (2012) of Nagapattinam district shows that the very high risk was noticed in Nagapattinam taluk and it has generated as very high risk value 5.

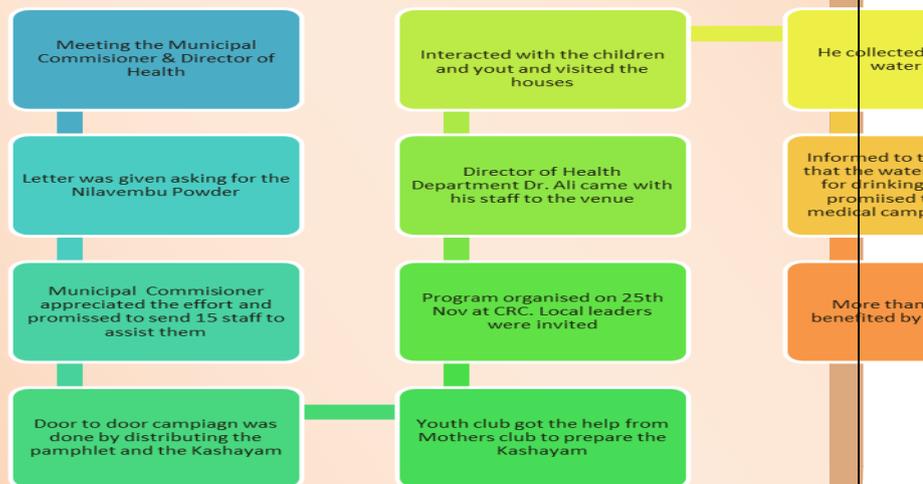
Samanthanpettai Village in Nagapattinam District

Samanthanpettai is a fishing village and it is identified as one of the high risks area in Nagapattinam District. More than 600 families live in that village and fishing is their main occupation for many years. This is one of the working villages where Bedroc implements Child Development Project for the past one year. There is no Primary Health Center or Sub center in this village. They need to go for three KM to Nagoor or Nagapattinam town for any treatment. Only VHN is visiting the village once in a week to provide support and assistance. This villages is administered by the traditional panchayat leaders who are very much support to Bedroc. There are 45 enrolled children staying in this village and Bedroc has formed children and youth club for the development of these children and regular meeting is held at the CRC with the guidance of Bedroc staff members.

Mother's club preparing the kashayam

Alai (Waves) Youth Club:

"Alai" (Waves) is the name chosen by the youth club members themselves to their group and it is very well fitting with the nature of their life. As usual monthly meeting with the youth group was held on 3rd of November, 16 at CRC and it was facilitated by the Bedroc staff. Since it is a monsoon period, discussion started on health and hygiene and the prevalence of Dengue fever. Based on the heated discussion, the members of the youth club started taking the following efforts. All these process were minuted in their book.



Impact of this program

1. Since the members of the club went to the houses with the municipal staff, they had hands on experience and

understood how this Dengue fever spreads in stagnant water and how it affects the community

2. The interaction with the Director of Health Department gave them an opportunity to realize the importance of cleanliness in an around their dwelling places.
3. The entire community especially the mothers expressed their happiness and thanked the youth club for taking this initiative.
4. The youth club members felt proud of their works and they have become an instrument to bring joy and happiness to the community.
5. The recognition and the appreciation given by the District Officials and the local community gave them a push to continue their efforts.

DD Health is testing the water in the community



Club members with the municipal staff during a campaign



DD Health Interacts with youth club at CRC



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Youth Involved in Swachh Baharath Abiyan Case study-4

Venue; Boothangudi Village,
Nagapattinam District

SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Launched the ambitious 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' (Clean India Mission) 2nd October 2014. The 'Abhiyan' was launched on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 145th birth anniversary. It is India's biggest ever cleanliness drive with 3 million government employees and school and college students of India participating in this event, covering 4,041 statutory cities and towns, to clean the streets, roads and infrastructure of the country. Millions of student and youth taking pledge for a clean India. It is our country. The government is aiming to achieve an Open-Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2 October 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, by constructing 12 million toilets in rural India, at a projected cost of ₹1.96 lakh crore (US\$29 billion).

"Has it ever pained us that our mothers and sisters have to defecate in open? Poor womenfolk of the village wait for the night; until darkness descends, they can't go out to defecate. What bodily torture they must be feeling, how many diseases that act might engender. Can't we just make arrangements for toilets for the dignity of our mothers and sisters?"—Piyush kumar

Dream of India, a youth club in Boothangudi village understood the meaning behind these words and jumped into action for the benefit of the local community.

Boothangudi Village, Nagapattinam District:

Boothangudi is an agricultural based village in Nagapattinam District. There are around 500 families living there. Agriculture is their main livelihood and most of them are landless farmers and they work as coolies. CPCL (Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited) is very close by and many youth are working in CPCL on a temporary contract basis. The land in this village belongs to the temple and no one can claim as the owners of the land. Bedroc implements its child development project in this village with the support and the cooperation the village leaders and the community. There are 24 enrolled children and Bedroc has started a CRC for the welfare of the children. Child Club, Youth clubs and mother's clubs are very active in this village. Many children are having anemic problem and most of the children's growth has been affected due to this problem. Toilet is the major problem in this village. Only 150 families are having toilet facilities at their homes and the rest are going for

open defecation, which becomes a major area of concern for the grown up girls and women in this village.



Dream of India – Youth Club:

Late our Indian President Dr.Kalam inspired the children to have dreams in their lives. The youth club members of Boothangudi has chosen this name for their club which shows their passion to bring changes in the community. As usual the youth club meeting was held on 8th November. Various agenda were discussed and finally the problem of toilet facilities was discussed. Some of them began to share

their difficulties and expressed their concern. It was felt by ever one and they wanted to take an immediate action to solve this issue.

Met the panchayat president and a written petition was given to him

Met the Village Officer (VO) & Discussed the Issue

Met the Union Chairman along with the Panchayat President

Union Chairman Sanctioned seven Toilets
1st Phase

Government has allocated Rs. 12,000/ for the construction of a toilet in a house. The efforts taken by the youth group bore the fruit and the toilet construction has been started in 7 houses and now 57 houses have toilets. The Chairman has given the promise to allocate more toilets in future. The youth group is so happy along with the community. Their efforts will continue.

Children Knocking at the Doors of the Prime Minister



Samanthanpettai Village, Nagapattinam District

Case Study-5

“Grown men can learn from very little children, for the hearts of little children are pure. Therefore, the Great Spirit may show to them many things which older people miss”

The above said words of Prof. Blac Elk are true when we look into the attitude and the activities of the little children from Samanthanpettai village in Nagapattinam District, which was highly affected by the giant wave of Tsunami in 2004. Now the village is able to stand up with the help and the support given by both Central and State government.

Samanthanpettai comes under Nagapattinam Municipal area and there are 4071 people living (male – 1650, Female – 1518, Children – 905) in 750 houses. All these people were relocated to this place by the District Administration after the Tsunami. Fishing is their main livelihood. There is a Panchayat Union Elementary School which was started in 1937, before the Independence. At present there are 274 students and they are very well looked after by 10 teachers.



Children in panic: The children studying in this school live in panic every day and the parents with desperate heart are standing at the door steps to see the children coming back from the school in the

evening. The reason for their worry is that the school is situated

Let us
sacrifice our
today, so
that our
children can
have a better
tomorrow.

-Dr.Kalam