#### Summary report of activities in CORD Siruvani during August 2022

# By Poojya Gurudev's Grace and Poojya Guruji's Blessings, the following Seva took place in August 2022 in CORD Siruvani

#### **Mahila Mandal:**

The new Panchayats were visited and surveyed. 5 New MMs were started and 120 new members were added. The total no. of MMs now is 103. New accounts were opened for some of the MMs. Meetings were conducted with the usual COVID-specific precautions. Agenda during these meetings was—1) UpGram and Gram Sabha, 2) Breastfeeding awareness, 3) importance of Uzhavar Pathukappu Attai and 4) giving tokens for eye camp in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September.

Games were conducted and prizes were given. Vitamin supplements purchased by CORD were given to 719 women and adolescents (this was in addition to the vitamins purchased by the MMs). Seeds were given to 78 beneficiaries and many beneficiaries harvested different sorts of vegetables. Farm implements like Hoe were given to 12 women and metal vessels were given to 13 women doing MNREGA work. 210 L drums were given to 5 farmers last month and 3 farmers this month. 18 bundles of wire were given to 6 beneficiaries and wire basket making trainings were also given. Small aliquots of Betadine and cotton were given to 27 women for First aid.

Videos were shown to create awareness on sanitation and health. 87 villagers were insured under the LIC Group Insurance Scheme this month and 4 villagers had their claim settled. Resource person Sri.Ahmed spoke about ODOP (One District One Product) to make the SHG members become enterpreneurs. On the same day, Sri. Jayaprakash from ISHA gave details of free timber plants available.





**MM Meetings in progress** 





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New MM Meetings in progress



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# **Local Self-Governance**:

Upgramsabha meetings were conducted during the MM meetings and women were told about the importance of networking with the Panchayat and attending the Gram Sabha on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Women

were told to take the MM registers and record the minutes of the Gram Sabha.

Panchayat	Attendees Total	Male	Female	No. mobilized by CORD	No. of Petitions Given	Nature of Petitions
T. Nallur	210	110	100	50	7	-Ward II road and ditch -Electricity Post -Incomplete Community Hall in Ward IX
IKB	240	75	165	165	4	-12 <sup>th</sup> Ward Water problem -School toilet Semmedu -Yezu Vaikal Bus and Road -Ditch Problem Semmedu
VMP	60	20	40	40	10	-Bus and light for Tribal villageMore conservancy workers to be recruited.
Narasipura m	65	35	30	20	10	-Demand for Patta -repair of old part of school -JJM tap not supplying water
JNP	112	80	32	20	NIL	
Devarayapu ram	210	130	80	40	NIL	
Kemmaram						Not conducted due to Lack of Quorum
Mauthampa thi	214	134	80	20	1	
24 Veerapandi	212	132	80	20	-	
Total	1323	716	607	375	32	



Minutes Gram Sabha recorded in MM note



**Gram Sabha in Various Panchayats** 

#### Capacity Building of Villagers and CORD Workers:

CORD workers attended a 2 day seminar on Aatma Nirbhar Bharat organized by Amrita University in collaboration with ICSSR New Delhi. There were 60 participants from various states. Dr. Meera presented a paper on "Self-reliant India – The CORD model". The paper was well received and was published. Listening to the various speakers was a good experience for the CORD workers.

The leaders of the new MMs were taught to write the minutes, to enter the chanda and accounts. Also the rules and objectives of the MM were discussed in all the MMs specially the newer MMs and recorded in the minutes note on the first page.





Seminar on Aatma Nirbhar Bharat



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**Minutes note writing** 

## Self Help Group (SHG)

CORD put up stalls and Rs. 30,700 worth of SHG products were sold during the month. Sale of Rs. 21,300 worth of FPC products was facilitated.

All the SHGs were monitored in the field. 1 new SHG was started in Vellimalaipattinam and 1 defunct SHG started by other stakeholders was revived. Grading was done for SHGs. Chinmaya Subbalakshmi SHG received a loan of Rs. 2,45,000/-. SHG minutes note was given by CORD to 1 SHG.



**Grading of SHG and SHG Meeting** 



**SHG Groups** 



**SHG Products displayed for BDO** 



Soap made by enterprenuer

#### Yuvathi Samuh & Youth Program:

Classes were conducted for Yuvathis in various villages. During these classes the girls were told about the upcoming free Tally, tailoring and beautician courses. Awareness was also created on importance of taking iron and calcium supplements, proper diet and importance of HPV vaccine and also about Good Touch and Bad Touch. Interactive sessions were also held with boys in different areas where issues like road safety and addictions were discussed. Mr. Mukund, 17 years old, from 24 Veerapandi was counseled and placed in a job in K Electric Zone outlet.



Yuvathi Class in Tribal Area

#### Balvihar(Children's Group) Program:

Balavihar classes were facilitated by CORD workers and volunteers. Nutritious snacks were given. Story books and games were also given.









**Balvihar in Different Panchayats** 

#### Community Based Livelihood – Farm and Non-Farm Sector & Training:

The FPC put up stalls to increase the sales and their visibility. The FPO put up a stall in Madhampatti during the Coimbatore Collectors visit for "Mass Contact".

Progressive farmer Smt. Priya Sukukumar attended training on Bee Keeping in TNAU. Dr. Meera and other CORD workers attended two farmer meets. The one in Madhvarayapuram village was to address the farmers on seed farm and seed certification. They have been brought under KAVIADP scheme. Dr. Meera showed them the various pheromone traps, guided them on use of biofertilizers and told them the advantages of joining the Siruvani FPC. Dr. Meera also addressed the farmers in Kalayanoor which belongs to 24 Veerapandi focus Panchayat. She spoke to them about pheromone traps, organic pest repellents and importance of FPC. Some directors of Siruvani FPC and Dr. Meera visited the factory manufacturing Coconut Milk extractor and other necessary equipments to expand the company's products.

CORD facilitated trainings and helped the entrepreneurs to market their products. Agarbathis and hand-made soap were sent to Chinmaya Ashish Trust. The free tally course has been completed and the next batch of students are being recruited.

The tailoring class in CORD Siruvani office is continuing with 18 students. Rotary Club of Coimbatore Metropolis will be supporting the program by paying the tailoring instructors fees.

1 soap powder demo was given in Kondayampalayam MM with 40 beneficiaries. 1 Pain Balm making demo was given to Sangeetha of Devarayapuram MM, SC colony. Sangeetha is a widow. The material was purchased by her. With the agarbathi material purchased by CORD demo was given in 2 MMs in Maniarasi Nagar and Medur of Kemmarampalayam Panchayat. 1 wire basket making training was also given.



Tally Class





**Pain Balm Making** 

Soap Powder Demo

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Wire Basket Training

Agarbathi Demo

**Collector Meeting at Madampatti** 

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**Farmers Meeting** 



**RAWE Program and Demo on Yellow Sticky Trap** 

#### Community Based Inclusion and Development(CBID) Program:

Aids & appliances like commode, backrest and walker were given to the injured. CBL opportunities were also given to them. A survey was conducted to determine their documents. Home visits were made to identify the differently able and information was given to the corresponding Government Departments.



#### **Networking:**

Dr. Meera addressed the CIRS students on formation and running of SHGs. CORD mobilized funds of Rs. 15,000/- for Education Aid for Architecture student Devi whose father is not earning well and Rs. 5,000/- as medical help for Smt. Muthulaksmi who has a liver problem and is in our Chinmaya Gyanavinayagar MM.

Dr. Meera attended the Mass Contact program organized by the Government so that the collector could receive petitions and listen to the problems of the people. The various departments had put up stalls. It was a good networking experience.

20 Agri students doing B.Sc Agriculture in Karunya University were posted for 2 months with various farmers for hands on experience. CORD networked with the farmers and linked them with the students. CORD was invited to participate in the Students demo in Puthur as part of the RAWE program for the Agri students of Karunya University. The students gave demos on a solution for driving away wild

boar, yellow sticky trap, tonic for coconut plants and other inputs.







Medical Help For Smt.Muthulakshmi





MM Leader Smt. Bhagya Organized e-Shram Camp

"Mass Contact Program"

#### **Community Health Program:**

206 villagers were examined and treated, 71 treated free. Blood sugar was tested for 41 villagers and many new diabetics were diagnosed. 29 villagers had various blood tests done at subsidized cost. 16 villagers received first or second dose of Hepatitis B vaccination and 9 completed the course this month. 1 camp was conducted for screening villagers for cervical cancer. 33 women benefitted from the HPV self Sampling camp at Selambanur and Jagirnaickenpalayam.

Home visits were made to check villagers who were too ill to go to the hospital. The details were shared with the medical officer of the PHC.

Breast feeding awareness program was conducted in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club of Coimbatore North. The program was conducted in the Primary Health center in Pooluvapatti. 50 pregnant women attended the program. Lactational counselor Smt. Sharada Ram spoke to the women and guided them on Breast feeding and cleared their doubts.





**HPV Screening Camp** 

**Breast Feeding Awareness** 

**Community Based Sanitation and Hygiene Program:** 

Women were motivated to dig compost pits and segregate waste. Stagnant water was emptied and

people were motivated to cover stored water with cloth to prevent mosquito breeding. Gloves were given to conservancy workers. 61 dust bins were given to MM members. The broken toilet door of Mahila Mandal member Abhirami of Ward V of VMP was replaced.



**Toilet Door Replaced by CORD** 



**Teaching Tribal Women Dangers of Open Air Defication** 



**Stagnant Water Emptying** 

**Dustbin Distribution** 



Segregation of Plastic Waste and Cloth Bag Awareness

## Volunteers & Intern:

Ms Radha from Brindavan Retirement Home and Smt. Lakshmi from Soundaryam Retirement Home taught the children on Sundays in CORD office.

Ms. Uditi and Ms. Sakthishree of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year MSW of Amritha University are doing their field work

program in CORD Siruvani.



## **Volunteers taking Tuition Class in CORD Office**

We are very grateful to all the villagers, volunteers, donors, the CORD staff and Resource Persons for the wonderful experience and all the effort they have put in to make the program a success.

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