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WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The year 2023-2024 marks a significant milestone in DEET's journey of service to the underprivileged communities around Tirumangalam. Through our dedicated efforts and the unwavering support of our partners, we have expanded our reach and deepened our impact across multiple initiatives aimed at sustainable community development.

This year has been transformative as we successfully launched several new programs while strengthening our existing ones. Our Village Children Sponsorship Programme, in partnership with Stichting Children Support India (SCSI), and six supplementary education centres continues to be our cornerstone initiative, providing educational support to children aged 3-17 years.

We are particularly proud of our expanded Higher Education Support Programme, which now assists 20 college students in pursuing their dreams of higher education. Our commitment to family welfare has grown significantly with the support of Stichting Shubham e.V Germany, enabling us to extend comprehensive support to 50 families through monetary assistance and essential provisions.

This year also saw the launch of two major initiatives: our Livelihood Programme, supported by Women First International Fund, USA, which is empowering widows and deserted women through skills training and equipment support; and our Housing Project, funded by Selavip, Chile, which is providing safe and dignified housing to 50 women-headed families.

These achievements would not have been possible without the trust and support of our donor partners:

- Stichting Children Support India (SCSI), Netherlands
- Stichting Shubham e.V, Germany
- The Fund For Education and Development in Poor communities, Denmark
- Surpriseme Foundation, Netherlands
- Women First International Fund, USA
- Selavip, Chile

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, community leaders, and the local administration who have worked tirelessly to implement these programs effectively. Their commitment and hard work have been instrumental in transforming the lives of our beneficiaries.

As we present this annual report, we remain committed to our mission of creating sustainable change in our communities through education, livelihood support, and housing initiatives. The stories and achievements documented in this report reflect not just numbers and statistics, but real transformations in the lives of individuals and families we serve.

Premalatha,
Managing Trustee.

PROGRAMMES

During the year 2023-2024, DEET implemented six major programmes targeting different aspects of community development, with special focus on education, livelihood, and housing support for underprivileged families in the Tirumangalam region.

DETAILED PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

A. CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

During 2023-2024, the Village Children Sponsorship Programme supported 97 children across Sathangudi and Kandai villages in the Tirumangalam region. Through quarterly monetary contributions of Rs 1,500 per child, the program addresses comprehensive developmental needs including education, health, nutrition, and overall growth. Our educational support activities encompass daily academic assistance through study centers, with distribution of educational materials and play items.

The program maintains personal connections through letter communication between sponsors and children, especially during birthdays and special occasions. Children receive greeting cards and gift parcels from their sponsors, fostering meaningful relationships. Birthday celebrations are conducted regularly, where children receive gifts and new clothes. During Christmas, all children are provided with new clothes and sports equipment.



Family support remains a crucial component, extending beyond the sponsored children to assist their families during health emergencies and bereavement. In cases of health issues among family members, the program provides support, and during times of loss, offers both emotional presence and financial assistance.

Regular gathering programs are organized to build community and showcase children's talents. The program maintains high standards through consistent monitoring and support, creating lasting impact through its holistic development approach that encompasses both the children and their families.

B. SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION CENTRES

Our eight supplementary education centers strategically located in rural areas around Tirumangalam are serving 250 children during 2023-2024. These centers operate with a strong focus on child rights protection and holistic child development, providing crucial after-school support to children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.



The centers function six days a week, offering academic assistance in core subjects including Mathematics, Science, Tamil, and English. Our qualified teachers employ interactive teaching methodologies and use locally developed teaching aids to enhance learning outcomes. Special attention is given to children's nutrition through the provision of healthy millet snacks everyday, ensuring their physical well-being complements their educational progress.

Beyond academics, these centers have become vibrant spaces for sports activities and physical development. Weekly once regular sports sessions are conducted, and children participate enthusiastically in sports competitions. The centers organize various playing activities that contribute to both physical fitness and social skills development. These sporting initiatives have become an integral part of our holistic development approach.

The centers maintain a systematic monitoring system tracking each child's progress through individual portfolios, documenting academic achievements, sports participation, and personal growth. Monthly parent meetings ensure active community participation and regular feedback, strengthening the support system for each child.

C. HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The Higher Education Support Programme supported 7 students during 2023-2024. The 7 students are pursuing professional courses including Diploma of Engineering, Nursing, Bachelor of Education, and Computer Applications.



The comprehensive support covers tuition fees, educational materials, accommodation expenses, and transportation costs. Each student receives regular mentoring through monthly guidance sessions with professionals from their respective fields. Our tracking system monitors their academic progress, with students maintaining an average of 75% in their courses.

The program continues to break barriers of higher education accessibility for rural students, creating pathways for professional growth and economic stability. Positive feedback from students and families highlights reduced financial stress and increased focus on academic excellence.

D. FAMILY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

The Family Sponsorship Programme supports 52 families in the Tirumangalam region, focusing on vulnerable households including single-parent families, those with differently-abled members, and families facing severe economic hardships. Once every three months, the program provides ₹ 1,500 monetary support and essential grocery provisions.

The support package mirrors the child sponsorship program's comprehensive approach, addressing family needs holistically. Grocery provisions include essential commodities carefully selected to meet nutritional requirements. Monthly home visits monitor family progress, with special attention given to children's education, school attendance, and academic performance.



The program implements family development plans, creating supportive ecosystems that guide families towards sustainable self-reliance. Monthly community meetings provide platforms for sharing experiences and accessing guidance on health, education, and financial management.

Key achievements include improved household nutrition, reduced family stress levels, and enhanced focus on children's educational opportunities. The holistic support approach continues to create meaningful impact for vulnerable families in the region.

E. SURPRISE ME PROGRAMME

The “Surprise Me” Programme has brought hope and unexpected support to 250 families across the villages of Tirumangalam, Andipatti, Batlagundu, and Kumbakonam. This innovative initiative goes beyond traditional support models by creating moments of joy and providing critical assistance to the most economically vulnerable populations.



The program offers comprehensive support through carefully selected items across multiple categories. In mobility assistance, the program provides walking sticks, walkers, wheelchairs, and bicycles to help individuals improve their independence and movement. Household support includes essential kitchen utensils and groceries, addressing basic living and nutritional needs. Technology and educational support are delivered through tablets and educational materials, helping bridge digital and learning gaps. Personal care and comfort are enhanced by providing dresses, dolls, and toys that bring joy and emotional well-being to families and children.

The program's unique approach transforms routine aid into surprising, dignifying experiences. By carefully selecting and delivering items, the “Surprise Me” Programme not only meets practical needs but also restores hope and creates unexpected moments of happiness for struggling families.

E. LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME

The Livelihood Programme launched in November 2023 is implementing a comprehensive skill development initiative for 10 widows and deserted women from marginalized communities. The program offers intensive training in tailoring and aari embroidery, being conducted at our vocational training center in our office campus. The six-month training program is designed to provide 960 hours of hands-on training, covering basic to advanced tailoring techniques, design development, and business management skills.



Currently in its fourth month, the trainees have mastered basic stitching techniques and are progressing well in aari embroidery work. The morning sessions focus on tailoring skills while afternoons are dedicated to embroidery practice. The participants have already completed training in stitching blouses, churidars, and basic embroidery designs. Their quick learning and dedication are evident in the quality of their practice pieces.

Upon completion of training in June 2024, each participant will receive a motor-powered tailoring machine worth Rs. 15,000 to start their home-based enterprises. The support package will also include initial raw materials, basic tools, and marketing linkages. Weekly

assessments show promising progress, with all participants demonstrating good skill acquisition and enthusiasm for establishing their enterprises.

Regular counseling sessions and exposure visits to successful tailoring units are being organized to boost their confidence and provide practical insights into business operations. The programme is on track to transform these women into skilled entrepreneurs, capable of managing their own micro-enterprises and supporting their families.

F. HOUSING PROJECT

The Housing Project, initiated in January 2024, aims to provide safe and dignified housing to 50 women-headed families in the Andipatti region of Theni district. The project, currently in its implementation phase, focuses on constructing low-cost houses, with proper sanitation facilities. The beneficiary families were carefully selected through a transparent process involving community consultations and detailed needs assessment conducted during November and December 2023.



As of March 2024, the project has achieved several key milestones. Land verification and documentation have been completed for all 50 beneficiaries. Construction work has commenced. The foundation work for these houses is completed, and wall construction is in progress.

Each house is being constructed with quality materials and includes a living room, kitchen, and attached bathroom. Special attention is being given to proper ventilation, water supply connections, and electrical fittings. The beneficiaries are actively participating in the construction process through regular site visits and decision-making regarding their house plans.

The project has established a monitoring committee comprising community representatives and technical experts to ensure construction quality and timely completion. Regular site visits and progress documentation are being maintained. The entire project is scheduled for completion by September 2024, promising to transform the living conditions of 50 vulnerable families in our target area.

ADMINISTRATIVE MONITORING AND GOVERNANCE

DEET conducts monthly review meetings to systematically assess program progress and effectiveness across all sponsorship and support initiatives. These meetings provide a comprehensive platform for internal evaluation, ensuring continuous improvement and strategic alignment of our programs.

Financial management is a critical component of our administrative monitoring. We maintain rigorous financial reporting practices, conducting periodic audits of our accounts and ensuring complete transparency. Audit statements are shared promptly with grant-providing organizations, demonstrating our commitment to accountability and trust.

The monitoring mechanisms involve detailed progress assessment documentation, which tracks the implementation and outcomes of various programs. By maintaining open communication with donors and stakeholders, we create a robust system of oversight that supports our mission of creating meaningful social impact.

Our administrative approach emphasizes systematic review, financial transparency, and continuous learning, enabling us to maintain high standards of program delivery and organizational governance.

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Our organization deeply values the critical support of individual donors who play a pivotal role in advancing our mission. During the year, we maintained meaningful engagement with our international network of supporters, with notable contributors including Mr. Bent Borresen from Denmark and Mr. Paul Smit from the Netherlands.

These individual donors demonstrate remarkable commitment to our social development initiatives, providing financial support that enables us to expand and sustain our programs across rural communities. Their contributions reflect a profound trust in our organizational mission and a genuine desire to create positive social change.

The support from individual donors represents more than financial assistance; it embodies a global community of compassionate individuals who believe in empowering vulnerable populations. Their ongoing engagement enables us to continue our work in education, child development, family support, and community transformation.

We express our deepest gratitude to these supporters, whose belief in our work makes our comprehensive social development programs possible. Their contributions are instrumental in helping us create meaningful, lasting impact in the lives of individuals and families across our target regions.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Development of Education and Environment Trust.

Foreign Contribution Account.

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended on 31.03.2024.

Receipts	Amount INR	Payments	Amount INR	% of Expenses
Opening Balance	2,04,488	Programme Expenses:		
Donation & Grant Received	79,10,694	Complementary School Programme.	2,81,260	4%
Bank Interest	23,756	Financial Assistance Support for basic needs, health and education to adopt children.	24,32,816	35%
		Support for Higher Education.	2,00,390	3%
		Direct Educational Support to adopt Children.	2,47,267	4%
		Surprise Me gifts programme.	2,96,805	4%
		Rural Low Cost Housing.	14,50,000	21%
		Fixed Assets (Purchase of Projector, Swing Machine and Multi-Functional Hall)	17,47,700	25%
		Administration Expenses.	2,57,758	4%
		Closing Balance.	12,24,942	
Total	81,38,938	Total	81,38,938	100%

CONCLUSION

The year 2023-2024 has been a significant period of growth and expansion for DEET, marked by the successful continuation of our established programs and the launch of ambitious new initiatives. Our Village Children Sponsorship Programme and Supplementary Education Centres continue to create meaningful impact in children's education, reaching 365 children collectively. The expansion of our Higher Education Support Programme to 20 students marks our commitment to ensuring continuous educational opportunities for rural youth.

This year has been particularly noteworthy with the initiation of three major interventions. Our Family Sponsorship Programme has successfully extended support to 50 vulnerable families, providing them with essential resources for stability and growth. The Livelihood Programme, currently training 10 women in tailoring and aari embroidery, promises to open new avenues for economic independence. The Housing Project, under construction for 50 women-headed families, represents our largest infrastructure initiative to date.

These achievements have been possible only through the steadfast support of our donor partners - Stichting Children Support India (SCSI), Stichting Shubham e.V Germany, Women First International Fund, USA, Selavip, Chile, Mr. Bent Borresen from Denmark and Mr. Paul Smit from the Netherlands. Their trust in our capabilities has enabled us to expand our reach and deepen our impact in the community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and community leaders who work tirelessly to implement these programs. Special thanks to the local administration and government departments for their continued cooperation and support.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to our mission of creating sustainable change in rural communities. With ongoing projects set for completion in the coming months and plans for strengthening our existing programs, we are confident of making even greater strides in our journey of service to the underprivileged communities around Tirumangalam and Andipatti.

