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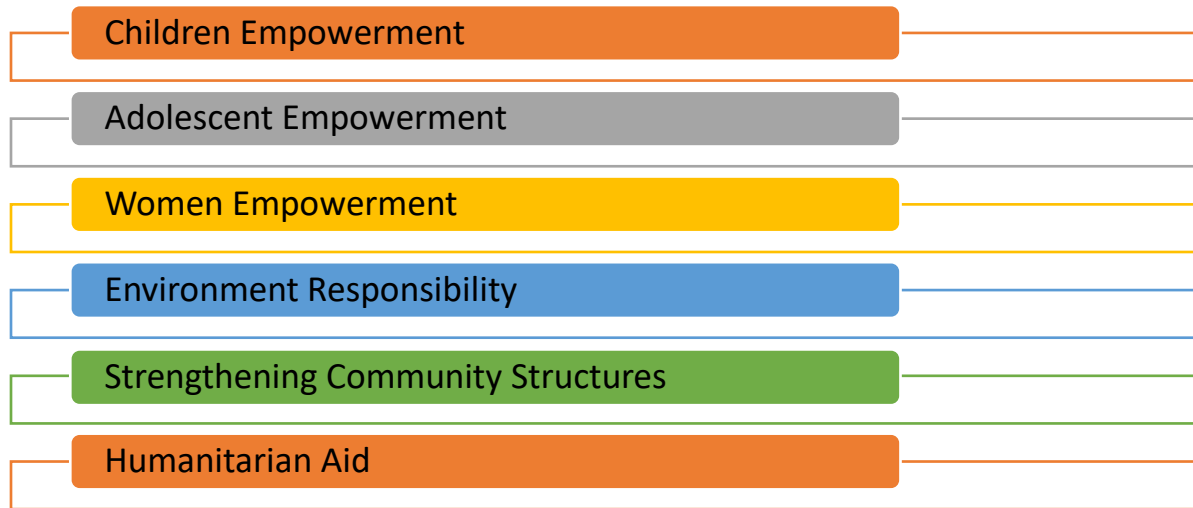
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INTRODUCTION

Social Need Education and Human Awareness (SNEHA) a non-profit organization working from 1986 for the fishing community of Nagapattinam, Karaikal and Mayiladurai districts works towards a just society that is free of caste, class, religion, gender, language and age-based discrimination through social transformation through participatory, consultative transparent and inclusive system of governance which ensures the protection and promotion of environment and sustainable development. Sneha facilitates the mobilization of unorganized and marginalized workers in fisheries and allied sectors especially women, dalit, minorities and other marginalized communities and their children in order to protect and promote their rights in a sustainable manner. It advocates equality before law for marginalized groups and a state governed by participatory, deliberative and inclusive processes. Sneha marched into its successful 34th year of intervention in 2020 to enable the target community to realize their socio, economic, education, environment and cultural rights. In addition to the regular activities, few additional programmes and events were conducted during the year thus protecting the rights of the community especially vulnerable women and children.

ACTIVITIES

Following are the key areas focused by SNEHA through various activities for the year.



Various activities were conducted under each of the above key focus area through different methodologies and strategies to bring the desired impact among the target community

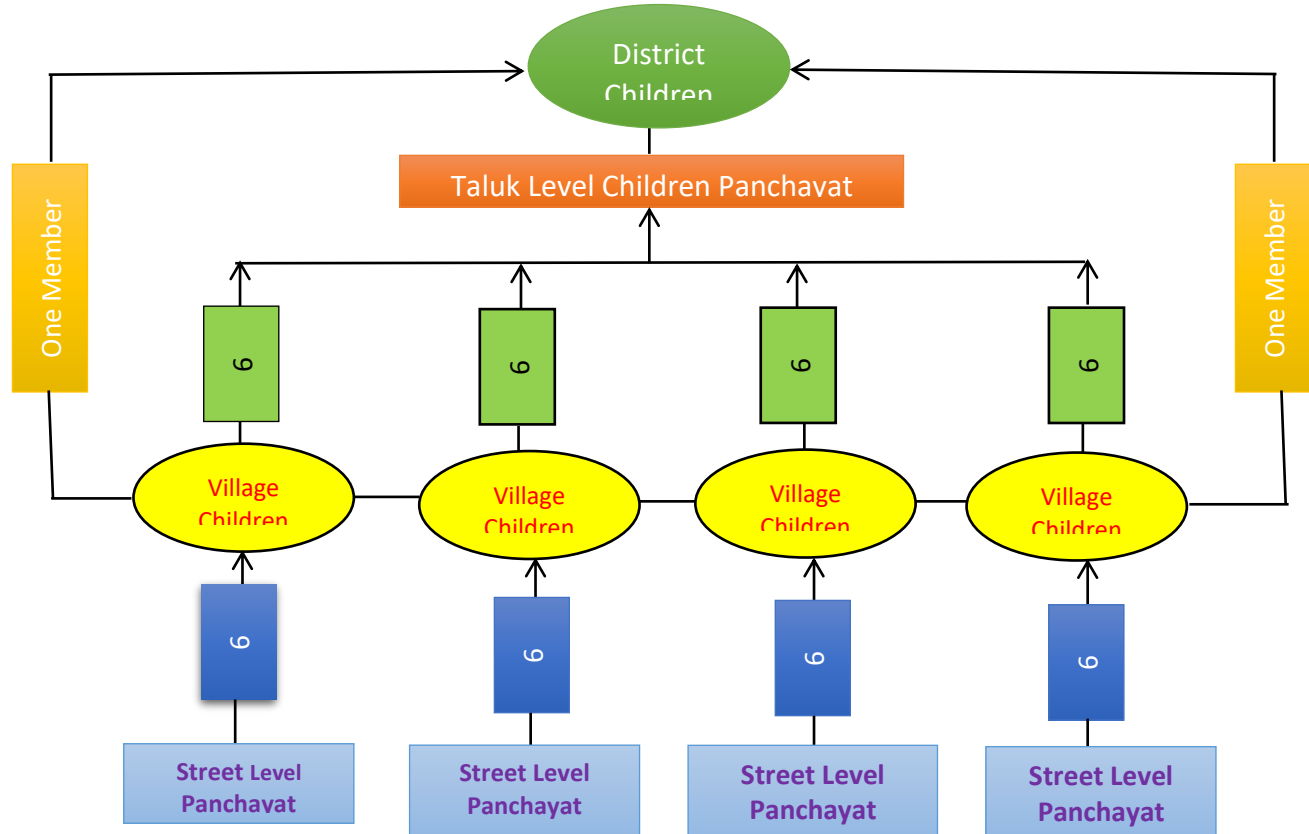
CHILDREN EMPOWERMENT

Children Panchayat

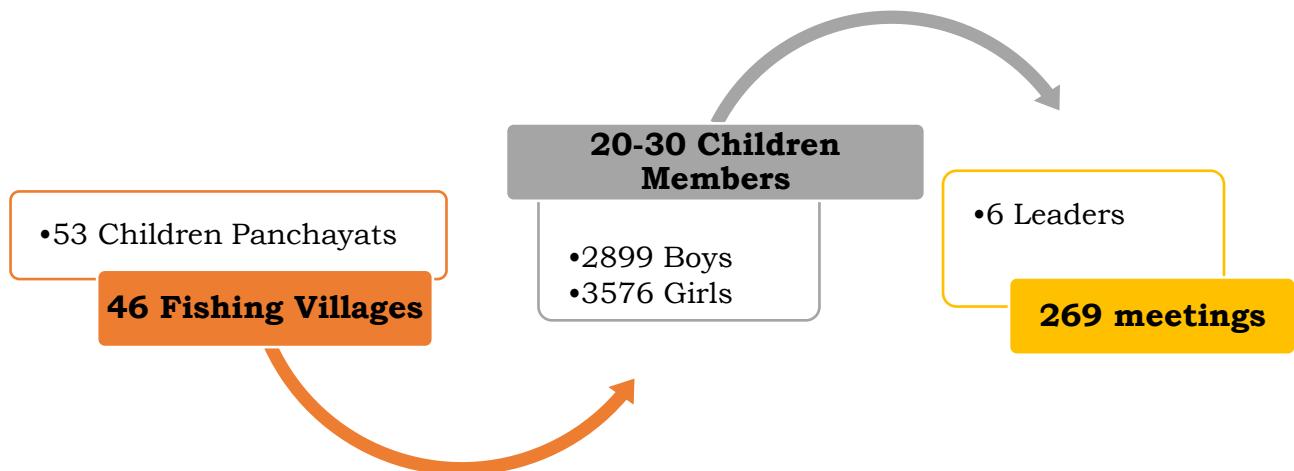


Children Panchayats are effective tools to mould the children as responsible citizens for future who would be made aware of child rights and the rights of their community. They will be trained to identify the issues and address them with the support of elders. As members, they will be responsible for ensuring the development and protecting the rights of community. They will contribute to socio-economic growth and more importantly, protect the unprotected majority of the population within the village. Sneha has initiated the Children Panchayats in the fishing villages with children members. Each Panchayat had 6 leaders who are in charge of Education, Health & Nutrition, Environment, Finance Child Protection and Girl Child Protection. Regular monthly meetings were conducted for the Panchayats which were facilitated by volunteers and field staff of SNEHA.

Structure of Children's Panchayat



In 2020, 269 meetings have been conducted. The children discussed about various issues like children education, school dropout/retention, Child Labour, Child Marriage, Violence Against Children, Noon Meals, practice of nutritious food habits, savings, environment protection, COVID-19 awareness and other basic needs, and planned activities to address the same.



Key Accomplishment of Children Panchayat

- A total of 67 children participated in the Gram Sabha meetings conducted in 4 villages.
- Children cleaned the Children's Activity Centre in 3 villages and motivated the MNREGA workers who cleaned the ICDS Centre, PDS shop and School in 2 villages.
- Children submitted petitions to the Panchayat leaders as a result, damaged doors and gate of 1 Children Activity Centre were repaired.
- Ensured that there was no rainwater stagnation in the road and surrounding areas of 6 villages and arranged sanitation through bleaching powder with the support of Village Administrative Officers and Panchayat Presidents.
- Ensured regular water supply in 2 villages.
- Children expressed their support towards the justice in Hathras case through slogans, videos etc.
- 185 Children from 6 Bocks of 3 Districts participated in the protest against New Education Policy through Rangolis at their respective houses.
- 300 children and their parents were respondents to the survey conducted by Sneha on the outcome of Online Education and its physical and psychological impact.
- Re-enrolled 1 child into regular school.
- 6 members form Children Panchayats were enrolled in private schools under RTE Act.
- Children started Nutritious Community Garden in 3 villages and Kitchen Gardens in 3 Houses.
- Children planted 1 sapling and arranged 21 saplings through VCS for 1 village along with the green cover fence.

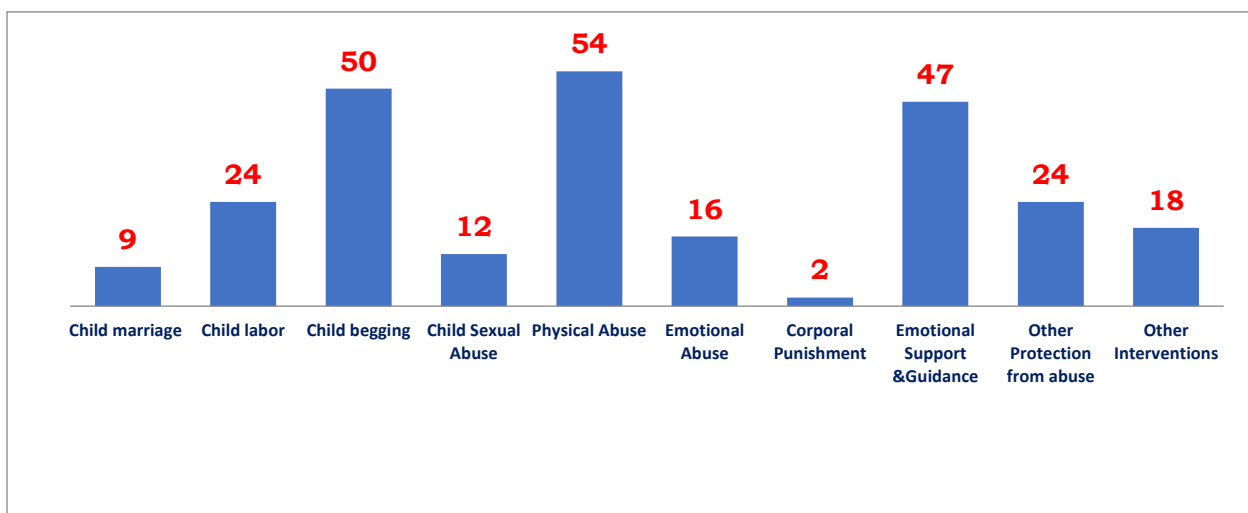
- 113 children from 5 Blocks expressed their love and support towards the sea living creatures through drawings, paintings and letters which were shared in Social Media with the support of Dakshin Foundation.
- 511 Children and 51 Adolescents from 6 Blocks participated in the online games programme jointly organized by UNICEF and Media (Puthiathalaimurai) on 7 topics related to COVID-19 awareness and precaution.
- Children were engaged in traditional games and avoided gadgets during Pandemic period
- Children learnt Origami and made Flowerpots and Hats.
- Children gained awareness about COVID-19 precautions and started practicing the same.
- 72 children from 6 Blocks participated in the Children's Day celebration via Zoom through songs, skits, speech etc.

CHILDLINE - AN EMERGENCY HELPLINE FOR CHILDREN



Child Protection is a key policy concern in India as children, especially those belonging to the weaker sections of society, are vulnerable to exploitation and harassment of various kinds. CHILDLINE 1098 service is a 24x7, emergency free phone outreach service linking children in need of care of protection, to relevant organizations run by government departments and civil society organizations for long term care, protection and rehabilitation. SNEHA has been an implementing partner of CHILDLINE 1098 at Karaikal districts of Puducherry.

Responding to children in Distress - Analysis of calls:



Every call received in the 1098 number is a cry for help and that's where Childline's work begins

Protection from Abuse case and Intervention Highlights:

Of the 256 abuse cases, Physical abuse 54 cases, Child begging 50 and Emotional Support and Guidance cases 47 were the top three reported and intervened in the year. 19 FIR's were lodged for POCSO and Missing cases. 235 cases were produced to Child Welfare Committee. The team has rescued three new born babies, produced to Child Welfare Committee and surrendered. Thereafter the infants were placed in Puducherry Cluny Adoption Centre. Three survivors of Sexual abuse were identified as pregnant and regular follow up was made to prevent child illegal selling. The team has rescued Child labourers during Covid-19 pandemic with the help of Child Welfare Committee and Labour Officer.

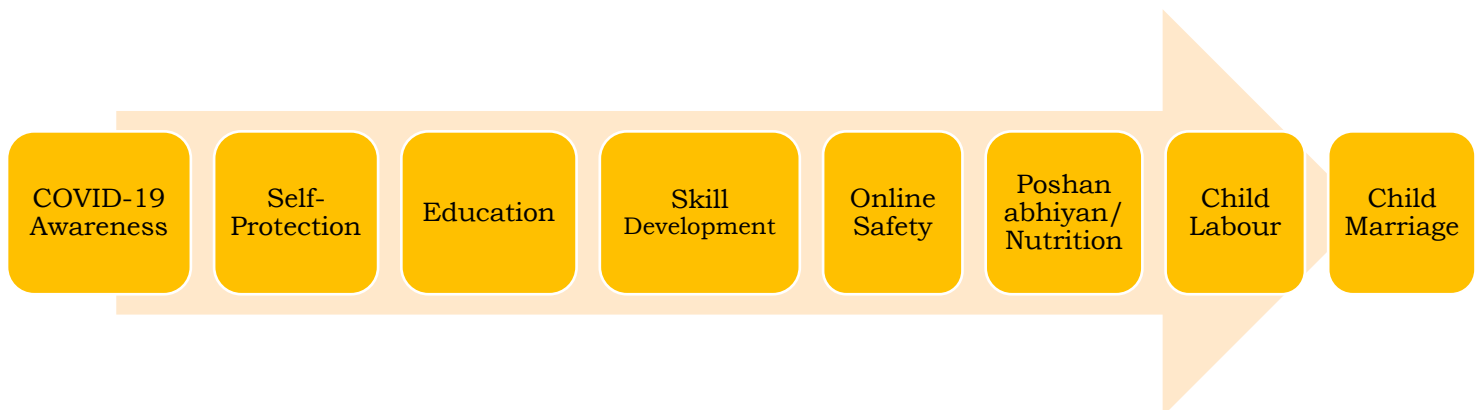
Open House: The voice of Children - Children's participation is interwoven into all aspects of CHILINE's functioning. CHILDLINE provides a platform for children to express their opinions, give feedback on its services and also identifies solutions to the problems through Open houses.



Programmes were conducted during the reporting period in collaboration with the Department of Labour, DLSA, Police, Health, Commune Officer, Anganwadi teachers, CWC, Hand in Hand Officer for the programmes where community and children specific issues were addressed.

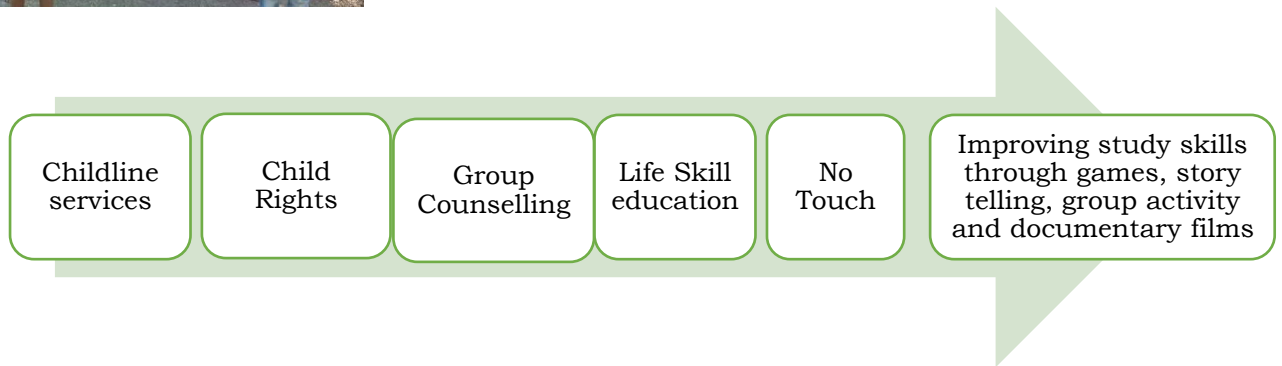


Children Meetings: 56 meetings were conducted during the year which were participated by 1840 children. The meetings focused mainly on various topics as below. The sessions were interactive where children actively participated and clarified their doubts.





School Awareness: 11 awareness programmes were conducted in 8 Government and 3 Private Schools on various interesting topics as below. 24 children related cases were identified through these programmes and necessary action were taken to protection the children.

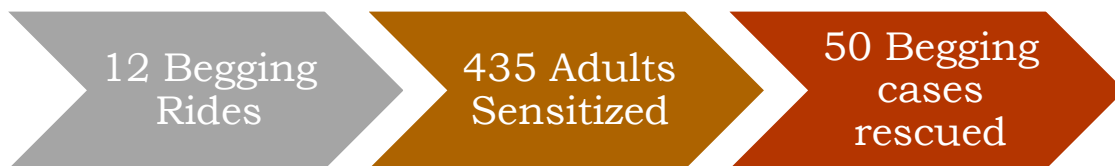


CAMPAIGNS & EVENTS

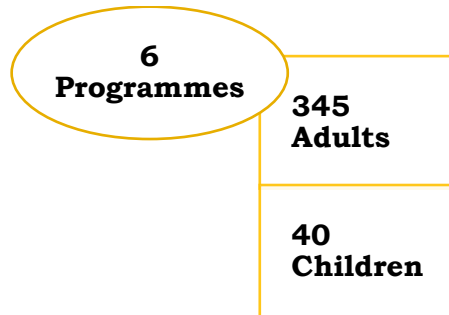
CHILDLINE Se Dosti - Friendship with Children: A week celebration was carried out on Children’s Day through various programmes with children and stakeholders. The main theme of the programme was “Friendship with Children”. The online programme included press meet District Collector cum Chairman and sharing of Childline activities and future plans. Online letter “Anbu Kaditham” was sent from District Collector cum Chairman to all the children and it was circulated through Whats app. Online drawing competition on the theme “My happy World” and Online speech competition was carried out on theme “Safe Diwali”.



Begging Ride: Begging Rides were conducted on a fortnightly basis at Thirunallur and Karaikal Pallivasal Street. Adults were sensitized on child line services and Begging cases were rescued during the year.



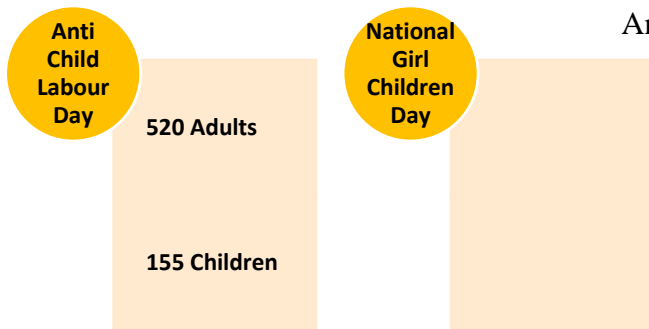
Public Awareness: Public awareness programmes on childline services were conducted on Tuesdays of each month in religious places of Karaikal District through in which adults and children were sensitized.



Awareness for Auto Drivers: Awareness programmes were conducted on child services during the year for auto drivers at Karaikal Municipality and Commune villages reaching out to the auto drivers.

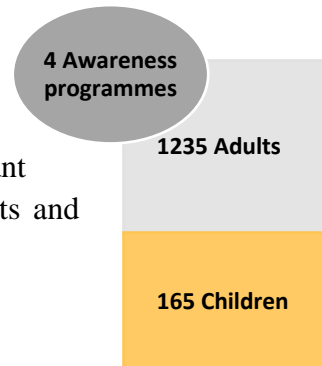


Special Awareness Programmes: Special awareness programmes were conducted on



Anti Child Labour Day with the support of media focusing on child labour, ChildLine services and experiential sharing and National Girl Child Day programme with planting of saplings with the support of Department of Police and CWC which was benefited by adults and children in 3 communes.

Mass Awareness Programmes: Awareness programmes about the children safety, ChildLine booth services and announcement of missing children etc. were conducted on important festive occasion in religious places which was reached out adults and children



4 Awareness programmes

350 Adults

180 Children

Community Outreach Programmes: Outreach Programmes including mapping of vulnerable pockets and door to door awareness were conducted in 5 villages covering adults and children.

Night Outreach Programmes: 11 Outreach Programmes were conducted including night screening of children in the streets and vehicles thus sensitizing around 465 adults and 275 children.

11 Awareness programmes

465 Adults

275 Children

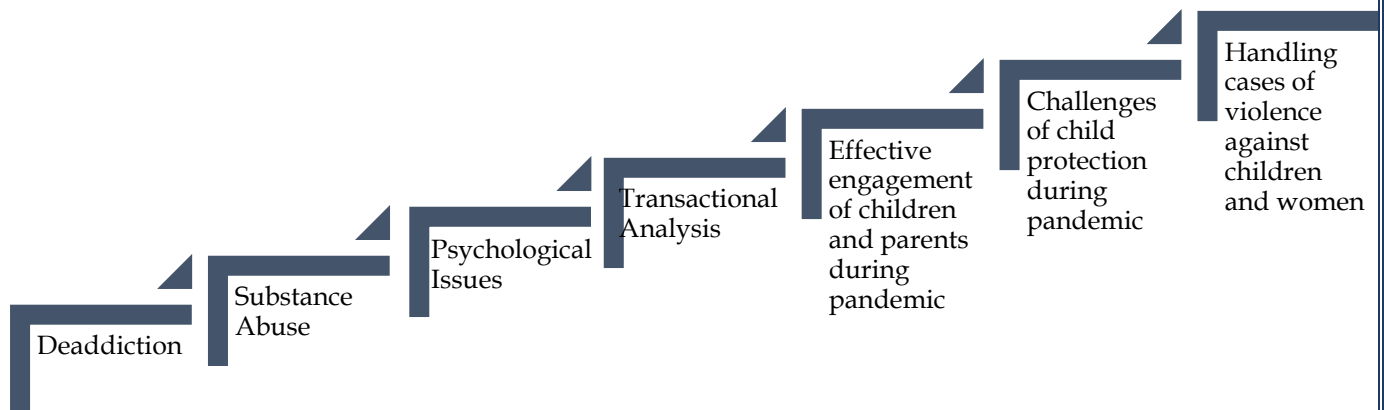
Stakeholder Trainings and Meetings: 3 meetings and 1 training were conducted with stakeholders from various departments (Department for Legal Services, Police, Labour) and NGOs and below topics were discussed. At the end of the meeting, it was decided to focus on activities like Labour ride and resolving case handling issues.

Violence against children

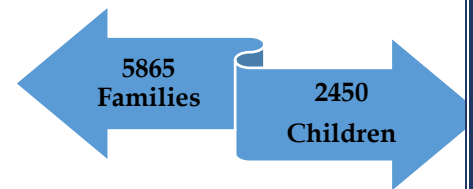
COVID-19

Child Labour

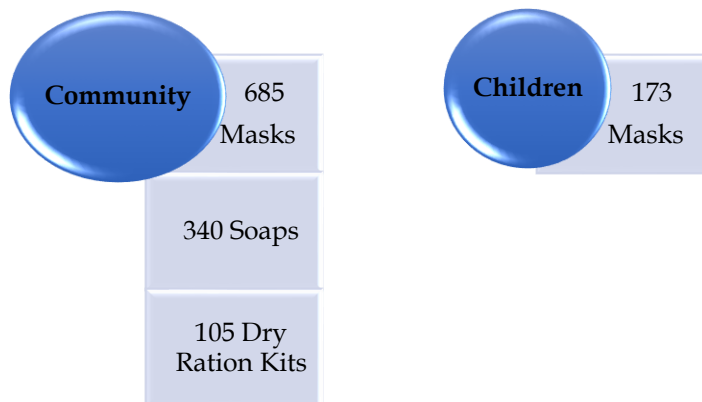
Online Capacity Building Programmes: 8 capacity building programmes were conducted for Childline team on various topics on COVID-19 and related case handling. The children keenly listened to the information and clarified their doubts through interaction sessions.



Awareness on COVID-19: Families and children were covered through awareness programmes on COVID-19. Pamphlets were distributed to them with information on COVID-19 precautions.



Relief Work for COVID-19: SNEHA responded to COVID-19 Pandemic through relief work. It arranged for relief kits and distributed to the community and children in 3 children's home.



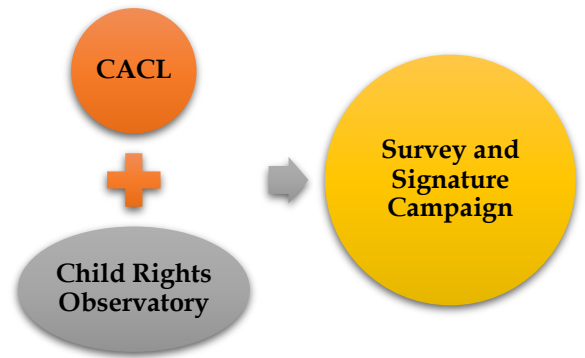
Key Accomplishment of CHILDLINE

- 1759 masks were distributed to the Children and community as part of COVID-19 awareness programme
- 105 relief kits with dry ration materials were distributed to deserving children during COVID-19 lockdown period as part of outreach programme.
- 15 relief kits with dry ration materials were distributed to children of single women
- 1500 COVID-19 Awareness Pamphlets were provided to public.
- 540 Soaps were distributed to the children and community
- Awareness was generated on Anti Child Labor Day and the programme was telecasted by Karaikal FM 100.03
- 5 Petitions were submitted to the relevant department for issues like drainage, sanitary, street lights, land documents, drug addiction by children, child labour, children park etc.

Survey on Child Labour and Signature Campaign:

In the context of COVID-19 Pandemic and related school closure, children are out of school and many are pushed into child labour resulting in losing their right to education. Hence being a member of CACL, Sneha participated in a Survey and Signature Campaign among community in

the rural, semi-urban, and urban areas with the support of Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL) Network and Child Rights Observatory for reversing the situation of child labour. Since the COVID-19 relief amount sanctioned by Government was not sufficient for the community, a signature campaign was arranged by Sneha and 4575 signatures was obtained from the community for an additional request of the relief fund.



Study on Status of Child Marriage along with Child Protection Society (SCPS):



A study was conducted among 55 child marriage survivors in Karaikal district to understand the cause of child marriage, the influencers, mental distress undergone by the victims, need for training the officials to convert them as advocates for the cause for effective implementation of the laws and polices related to the same. Trainings were organized for the below

stakeholders with the emerging needs of the children brought out during the case study analysis.



ADOLESCENT EMPOWERMENT

Adolescent Groups (AG)

47 Adolescent groups were formed in 46 villages. 171 meetings were conducted during the year with a participation of 1940 adolescent girls. Various topics as below related to social issues were discussed during the meetings Plans were made for activities to address the above issues/topics.

COVID-19 Awareness	Online Classes National Education Policy	Child Labour	Child Marriage
Transformation during Adolescent Stages	Anemia	Usage of Sanitary Napkins	Sex Education
Vocational Training	Cultural practices at the time of Puberty (similar to marriage dowry)	Neithal Mugam	Hydrocarbon
POCSO Act	Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act	Services of One Stop Centre	Village Issues

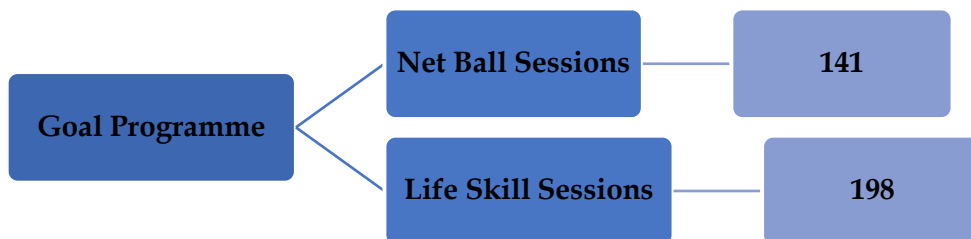
Young People's Initiative (YPI) ***Net Ball-Goal Program at the Community:***



SNEHA in collaboration with NAZ Foundation implements the Net Ball Goal Programme which uses netball and life skills education to transform the lives of young underprivileged girls from the coastal community. Netball is a team sport breaking the gender stereotype images of girl sport and needs minimum resources, is

cheap and requires the team players to interact with each other which further helps to enhance the personality of these girls. It improves eye-hand coordination, builds muscle strength, stamina, good cardiovascular workout, improves flexibility, reaction time, enhances attention and concentration. Adolescents playing netball have a greater impact on their social and communication skills. It also promotes teamwork, builds confidence, enhances problem-solving and decision-making skills. The Goal Program has trained 204 young girls and the program was held twice a week with one hour of net ball game and one hour of life skill training on various topics like communication skills, handling peer group pressure, health and hygiene, human rights, financial literacy, savings, self-reflection, their roles and responsibilities, confidence building, awareness about social issues etc.

141 net ball sessions and 198 life skill sessions were conducted during the year. The program aims in holistic development of these young minds. It starts with a basic understanding of oneself. Girls were taught about their rights and how to say “no” when needed, followed by a course on health and hygiene. The girls were also taught about various environment and social issues and about self-dependence and budgeting. During COVID-19 Pandemic and related problems, conducting net ball sessions was a challenge and hence training on origami, drawing, poetry, songs etc. were arranged for the adolescents.



Net Ball Camps at Schools:

4 days Net ball camp was organized in a school which was participated by 74 girls between the age group of 13-14 yrs. Net ball sessions and Life skill sessions conducted covered various topics as below.



- Net Ball Session**
- Catching
 - Throwing
 - Ball Passing
 - Net Ball Theory
 - Position
 - Rules
 - Tow-foot Landing
 - Pivot
 - Shooting
 - Single Dodge
 - Hands Over The Ball
 - Net Ball Tournament

- Life Skill Session**
- Menstrual Hygiene
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Knowing One's Rights
 - Financial Literacy

Free Net Ball Camps in villages: Net ball camps were conducted in 9 villages for girls and boys. Around 104 adolescents in total participated in the camp.

Fitness Training for Adolescents: Fitness training was conducted by NAZ in Zoom from April to September 2020 which was participated by 11 adolescents.

Financial Education: 2 days training on financial literacy was conducted by Sneha for the adolescents which was participated by 4 adolescents.

Training on Origami: 1-day training on Origami was conducted by the Cluster Coordinator for 10 adolescents.

Training on Child Psychology: 3 days training on Child Psychology was conducted for 11 adolescents.

Online Training: Online training was conducted on Yoga, Net Ball and Stretching Exercise which was participated by 11 adolescents.

Nutritious Supplement for Adolescents: Nutritious supplement like Split Bengal Gram (Channa), Green Gram, Jaggery, Health Mix and Egg were provided to the adolescents.

Protection measures for Adolescents: 50 Sanitizers in total were provided to the adolescents before starting each net ball session.

Key Accomplishment of AG And YPI

- Over 100 girls participated for justice in Hathras case through posters and holding lights as a collective.
- 2 Child marriages were identified and stopped with the support of Child line and DCPO
- Adolescent girls have gained confidence and involved themselves actively in the sports.
- Adolescent girls learnt life skills like leadership skills, practice of cleanliness, gender equality, child rights, friendship, started wearing footwear while using toilets, have started the practice of savings, hand wash practice before and after eating, bank and postal transactions, open in sharing problems/issues, started giving importance to healthy lifestyle especially during menstruation period and non-discrimination towards HIV/AIDS patients.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Sangam – Federation for Women (Helping people! Help themselves!)

The women of fishing communities were organized into collectives called the Sangams. Responding to strong gender-related disparities in the fishing community, SNEHA began working with the women in the fishing communities to address strong patriarchal values and encouraged a greater appreciation of the values addition to the fishing economy by the labor of the women in the various pre-and post-harvest operations related to fishing. Federation members were trained to organize themselves and voice out for women's rights, children's rights and human rights. The main objective of the federations is to facilitate the interaction, to take up need-based sectoral issues and gender issues at the Taluk and District level. Federation of Sangams enables fisherwomen to avail support of the community especially traditional Panchayat to voice their

views at a larger level. Sneha has achieved remarkable success in federating Sangams in Nagapattinam and Karaikal Districts. Independently and collectively women can make decisions in governance from the family to the panchayat level.



Federations have enabled SNEHA to organize fisherwomen under cooperatives and trade unions. Each federation comprises a member from each Sangam which constitutes the general body of the federation. Village Coordination Sangam has 10-20 members each, out of which 3 members act as President, Secretary and Treasurer. 1 member from village level will represent at Taluk level Federation and few members from Taluk level federation will represent at District level federation. In total 327 Sangams are present in 6 Clusters comprising of 4839 members during the reporting period. 2492 cluster level sangam meetings, 36 village coordination Sangam meetings and 1 Cluster level federation meeting was organized. Each Sangam have savings through membership fees, which is used as revolving fund for loans. Meetings were conducted on a fortnightly basis in which issues pertaining to economic empowerment, issues among sangam members, issues related to women, violence against women, village level issues, children's issues and general issues were discussed. The issues which are not resolved at village level are escalated to the next level with the support of Taluk level and District level federation members.

Samudra Mutual Benefit Trust

Samudra Mutual Benefit Trust is a community-based organization under Samuthra India Producer Company registered under Indian Companies Act 2013. Samuthra caters to the economic needs of the coastal communities and holding the local economy within the community. Samuthra supports to market the products manufactured by the Sangams.

Important activities of Samuthra during COVID 19

- ⊗ Trainings
- ⊗ Formation and strengthening of new groups
- ⊗ Strengthening the existing units where the business is less in COVID 19

Capacity Building and strengthening the MSME's:

Nearly 13 training programmes were conducted to strengthen the business skills and marketing skills for the MSME's. Due to covid minimum participants were called for the training.

S. No	Date	Programme	No of Participants	Impacts
1	21.01.2020	Marketing skills training	61	This continuous need-based training helped the women in understanding the market and developing their business skills. All these programmes were systematically planned and delivered so that MSME's were able to equip themselves and were involving in producing new products based on the need of the society.
2	22.01.2020	Marketing skills training	52	
3	15.02.2020	Annual day programme	264	
4	22.02.2020	Skills training	6	
5	07.03.2020	Consumer awareness programme	36	
6	07.03.2020	Consumer awareness programme	45	
7	14.03.2020	Consumer awareness programme	31	
8	17.03.2020	Consumer awareness programme	56	
9	19.03.2020	Consumer awareness programme	34	
10	19.03.2020	Skills training	9	
11	21.03.2020	Skills training	4	
12	23.12.2020	Cross Cutting Workshop	56	
13	29.12.2020	Reading and Writing Skill training	42	

Key Accomplishment

- ➔ Sangam members expressed their support for the justice of Hathras case
- ➔ Sangam members fought to ensure utilization rights over marine resources
- ➔ Sangam members have addressed village level issues.
- ➔ Sangam have organized open sale of products and made profit.
- ➔ Sangam members were actively involved in COVID-19 relief activities and distributed relief kits to 1560 beneficiaries, food and essential supplies to 435 vulnerable community members.
- ➔ Sangam members participated in the struggle to repeal the National Fishery Policy 2020.
- ➔ 38 members from 9 Sangams actively participated in Sangam level trainings on the threat to resource of Cauvery Delta region.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Environmental Responsibility is about managing the use of natural resources in the most effective and efficient manner in order to reduce environmental impacts and financial costs. There are four different levels of environmental responsibility: individual, community, industry, and government. The below main interventions were made during the year as a response to environment.



Livelihood Opportunities for Fishing Community

SNEHA has been striving for the livelihood of the fishing community through various actions in order to protect the coastal communities, to fight for their political powers, to lobby for the fishery friendly policies and schemes, to work to release the coast from the Coastal hazards and mega destructive Projects and to takes steps to protect traditional and customary rights control over the Coastal communities on land and resources. Various activities were conducted to ensure the livelihood of the communities such Awareness Programmes on Labour Acts and Blue Economy with like-minded people, Campaign against the Destructive projects in the Coast, commercial ports, Sagarmala and Core projects, Ocean and Land Grabbing, Hydrocarbon, National Fisheries Policy, Petrol and Diesel Price hike and Ship Trafficking Corridor. Other interventions were to protect Land rights, retrieve stranded Tamil Fishers from Iron, Covid-19 Relief and Compensation to Fishing Community and Environmental Impact Assessment.

Beach Profiling

In 2015, the Beach Profile Monitoring Programme began in Karaikal District with trained volunteers from the district collecting the data at four control points in Karaikal. The volunteers have been documenting the details on the shore such as the vegetation, solid waste, available life forms and ecological indicators and human related disturbances on the full moon or new moon day every month. The ultimate idea is for communities to take ownership to regenerate a thriving coastal ecology. Beach profile monitoring programme has created space for coastal communities to proactively engage in observation, documentation and recording of data pertaining to their local ecology, using beach profiling and sand grain size analysis strengthened by photo documentation and archiving of data. This uses simple science with adequate scientific rigour for

informed decision making, laying the foundations of a community beach monitoring and restoration system; integrating into a community resilience cell. This initiative endeavours to use ecological monitoring tools and restoration ecology techniques to create ecologically aligned sustainable livelihoods, and a cadre of community first responders in the context of the disaster cycle and climate change. Beach profile is a proactive strategy, where community is the co-creator who is actively engaged in monitoring the coast with scientific rigour. As fishing is a way of life and coast is their livelihood space for the communities, they are moving further to evolve measures for restoration of the coastal ecology as a resilient mechanism. The youth as right holders and duty bearers have understood the need for monitoring and documenting empirical evidences for restoration of the beach using simple scientific tools in the context of vulnerability to disaster and climate change. Monitoring shorelines change on a long-term basis, observing our natural environment and acting to support regeneration of natural environment has to be a natural practice. People as custodians of the natural environment of the coast have existed closest. The whole idea of restoration of natural spaces whether it is sacred groves or the forests or coastal lands has to be reinstated and practiced as a way of life in the younger generation as custodians of nature.

During the year, beach profiling was done in Vanavan Mahadevi village with the support of 13 volunteers and 16 teachers. The outcome of the process was sorting of 6 types of sand and mapping their levels. Village mapping was also done by 25 volunteers, 33 sangam members and 5 Panchayat President in Kameshwaram and Vellapallam villages about the natural resources and disaster mitigation methods. The presence of Sand Dunes generally protect the village from disasters. Hence Sand dunes were created during the year.

Research on Blue Economy

Given SNEHA's long and continuous engagement with coastal communities, the recent (2010) global projection of Blue Economy as Economic Frontier for nation's development made SNEHA to critically look at the discourses of the Blue Economy with the lived experiences of the Coastal communities. In this context, SNEHA devised an Action Based Research project titled "Towards Coastal Justice: A People's Tribunal to Transform Coastal Governance in South and South East Asia" and approached the SwedBio/Stockholm Resilience Centre. In June 2018, the SNEHA with the support of SwedBio grounded the project, the project objectives focused on Knowledge Production from the ground that explores the established dominant discourse on Blue Economy and then to evolve a South and Southeast Asia declaration towards evolving alternate

jurisprudence (Fisher People Tribunal) at the regional level for the cause of coastal communities with a focus on Small Scale Fishers and Women. In nutshell, the project visioned with an outcome to challenge the dominant discourse of development (Blue Economy) that has not only failed to respond to needs of the fisher people, but resulted in human rights violations against coastal communities and large-scale damage to the environment. Since the project inception, SNEHA was clear that this was not a mere academic research project but an action research initiative with a clear objective of its findings being used to strengthen fisher people's movements around the region to protect their rights over coastal and ocean commons. SNEHA undertook the study covering countries in South and Southeast Asia (India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Indonesia). The Action Research was undertaken with the collaboration of several Fisher Rights Centric grassroot organizations such as NFF Supported Organizations (India), COAST (Bangladesh), SDF (Thailand), KIARA (Indonesia), and NAFSO (Sri Lanka) as Field Partners and World Forum for Fisher Peoples (WFFP) as the Global Partner.

SNEHA's Fisher Centric Regional Global Networks and their commitment towards fisher people had made them to effectively explore the action research "Social, Economic, Ecological, and Political Implications of Blue Economy on coastal communities in South and Southeast Asia" and finally accomplish the action research by conducting the "International Tribunal on the Impact of Blue Economy in Indian Ocean Countries" on February 2021. SNEHA summarizes the process and execution of the Action Research Project "Towards Coastal Justice: A People's Tribunal to Transform Coastal Governance in South and South East Asia" in order to reflect on the challenges and lessons learned throughout the progress of the project. This report will serve as historic document on the Blue Economy discourses and for future reference of SNEHA as well as the Fisher people Networks Groups/ Forum involved in the regional action research project seeking coastal justice for fisher people in Indian Ocean region. Further, SNEHA's Core Research Team and their network members jointly reflected on the BE Action project which further transcended the action project "Building Climate and Disasters Resilient Marine Traditional Fishers and Coastal Communities towards Securing and Asserting their Marine and Coastal Spaces" working towards disaster and climate justice for fisher people (2021 to 2023).

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY STRUCTURES

Collective working is required to bring in the desired change in the community thereby achieving empowerment whereby real control by communities over resources, project/program design and selection, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation happens. The key actors within the community are needed to be involved in decisions about their life. The structures present in the community were sensitized and capacitated by SNEHA enabling them to be active with the motivation, skills, and confidence to speak up for their communities and say what improvements are needed. Hence meetings have been held with the various committees during the year.



- Formation of SMC as per the direction of RTE Act 2009
- Issues and strategies in the formation of SMC
- Composition of School Management Committee
- Norms for SMC
- 75% of SMC members should be parents and guardians and 50% should be women members, prime importance should be given to disadvantaged and weaker section.
- The committee is vested with the authority regularising day to day affairs of teachers, learning, fund mobilising and relation of children in the school up to the age of 14.
- It is also to make their contribution viable in administration and achieve quality education.
- Effective administration and achieving the quality education by all sense.



- Legl issues of SMC
- Composition of School Management Committee
- SMC should have 9 members and it should be formed within 6 months of the academic year and the SMC should be altered or changed for every two years.
- As per RTE norms the SMC members should be nominated.
- SMC development plan should be made once in 3 years and every year the sub plan should be made.

LOCAL BODY GOVERNANCE:

Women in Panchayat:

SNEHA empower women to participate in local Grama Sabha meeting and ensure their effective participation in village developing plans, upliftment of weaker sections. They are also empowered to express their felt needs and grievances. Women are also proactively participating and they propagation through Self help groups.

Achievements of Women in Panchayat:

Last year Grama Sabha meetings held in 17 panchayat, 22 villages where 45 male, 224 female and 66 children were participated. Participation in Special Grama Sabha meeting conducted in 2 villages of 2 different panchayats, where maximum participations were ensured, 25 male and 90 females.

Nearly 50 petitions were submitted in Grama sabha meeting. All these petitions were given for infrastructural development like laying roads, drinking water, street lights, removal of Prawn bins in villages, Electricity line, community hall, employment, MNERGS workers wages, removing thorn bushes, renovation of school, constructing fish market port, play grounds, ensuring Regular visit of Doctors in PHC, construction of permanent Disaster relief camp, Public toilets, Drainage, banning liquor shop and practice, garbage requirement, constructing bridge near sea shore areas and transport facility. Of the 50 petitions, 20 were action taken and 25 were under follow up.

SNEHA is reviving political participation among fisher women and ensures that the benefits of various government schemes reach the needy and deserving people. It also supporting womens leadership in panchayats and it is transforming in to greater uptake. The elected women are now role models to other women in their communities are altering the development agenda to address issues critical to fishers life. These women were also oriented on reading and writing skills and are learning fast and are able to function effectively.

Challenges faced:

Patriarchy: The male coworkers of fishers show insensitivity and refuse to cooperate. Domestic violence and economic dependency negatively affect their functioning.

Caste system: Hierarchical caste system among rural fishers makes it difficult for women from backward communities to function independently and effectively. Community or local traditional leaders functions parallel to panchayats.

HUMANITARIAN AID

SNEHA has vast experience in Humanitarian Aid in terms of responding to various disasters by way of relief and rehabilitation activities.

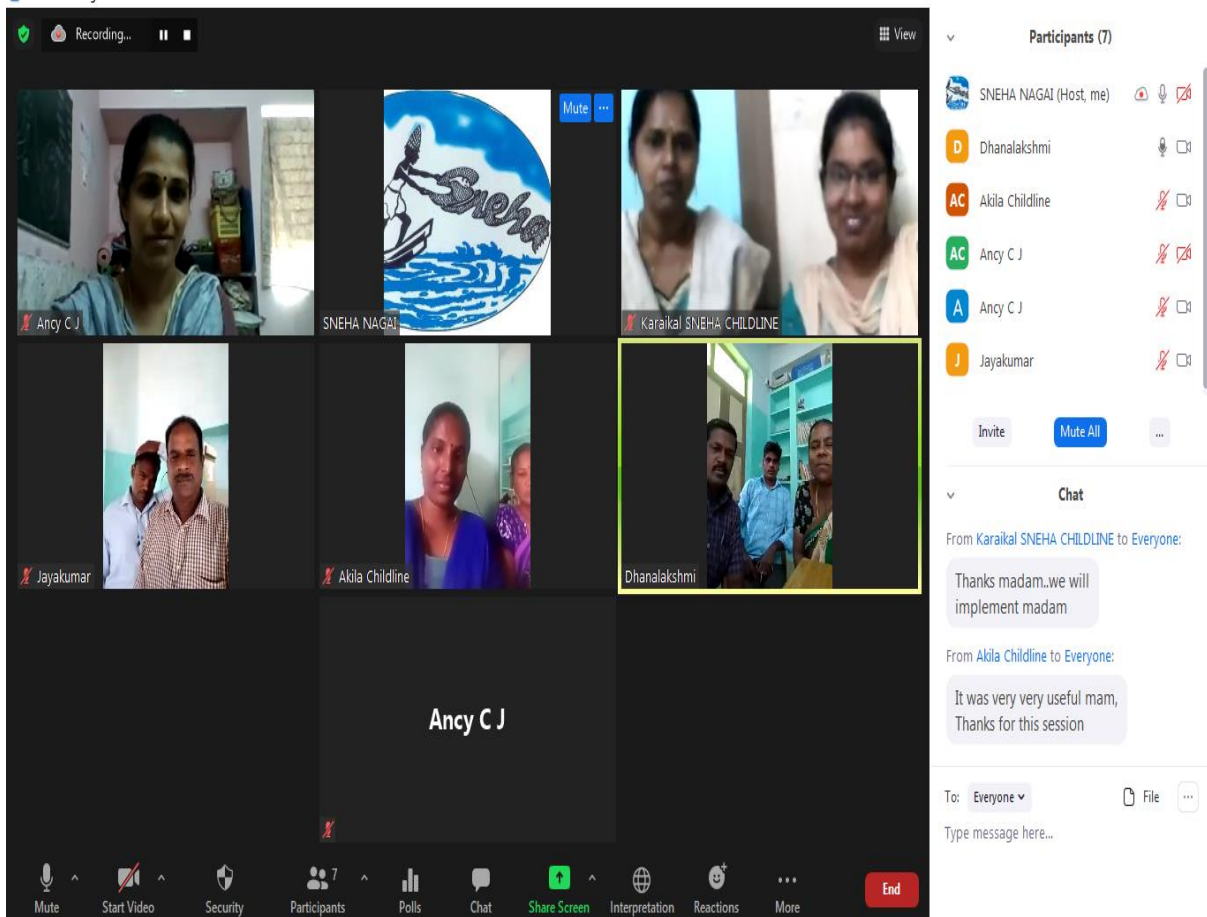
Relief Activities

During the year, Sneha was involved in the relief activities during the disaster Gaja Cyclone and COVID-19 Pandemic. Relief kits with dry rations and nutritious supplement were distributed

to the victims of Gaja cyclone. Dry rations, Masks and Sanitizers were distributed to the community during COVID-19 Pandemic.

Rehabilitation Activities

153 teachers were trained to handle disaster victims, conflict resolution, team building, telescope usage and 1516 children trained on life skills and career guidance. Games and Competitions were organized also organized for the children. Based on ASER method, baseline and end line survey were conducted at schools to analyze the performance level of the children affected by the Gaja Cyclone. **Children Activity centres** and 46 Children Panchayats (comprising 350 boys and 693 girls) were formed for the survivors of Gaja Cyclone. Field level activities were conducted for the children in 9 villages of 15 Panchayats engaging 178 boys and 270 girls in drawing, crafts, household chores, wealth from waste activities etc.



Village Level Child Protection Committees

Online activities were conducted for the children and the details are given below:

Date	Programme Host	Topic	Details of Activity	Participants (Children)
23/04/2020	Tamil Nadu Science Forum	My Planet my family	Video of story telling	12
10 days	UNICEF and Puthiyathalaimurai	7 activities for children at home during pandemic	Video of activities	248
30/06/2020	Super Wings	Story telling	Story telling video	4
12/07/2020	Makkal Paadhai Iyakkam	Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam	Speech and video recording	2
16/08/2020		One Student One Tree	Planting of trees and maintaining them, sharing the photos	31
18/08/2020	Gandhi Foundation	Story telling	Video recording of story telling and posting in You Tube	4
31/08/2020	Tamil Nadu Science Forum	Nature	Drawing about nature	4
03/09/2020		Teachers Day	Poem about teachers and recording video	2
03/09/2020		Observation of Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Birthday	Video recording the reading of quotes	8
05/09/2020	Tamil Nadu Science Forum	Teachers Day Competition	Poem, Story, Drawing by post	5
08/09/2020		Observation of Hiroshima Nagasaki Day	Rangoli with Quote	4
17/09/2020	Vidhya SEEDS NGO	Story telling	Story telling by phone	1
23/09/2020		Book Friend	Participation in online programme	1
05/10/2020		National Wild Life Week- Respect wild life	Drawing	16
27/10/2020		International Thirukural Conference	Reading Thirukural	3
29/10/2020		Listen Everybody-Skill Development	Poetry and Drawing in google form	6
05/11/2020	Vidiyal NGO	Child Rights	Participation in Google meet	2
06/12/2020	Childline and Vanavil Trust	The world I love	Drawing and sharing by Whats app	9

PHOTO GALLERY OF ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN EMPOWERMENT

Children Panchayat Programmes



Childline Programmes



ADOLESCENT EMPOWERMENT

Adolescent Group Programmes



Young People Initiative Programme



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Sangam Meeting



VCS Meeting



Federation Meeting



Samuthra



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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Livelihood Programmes



Beach Profiling

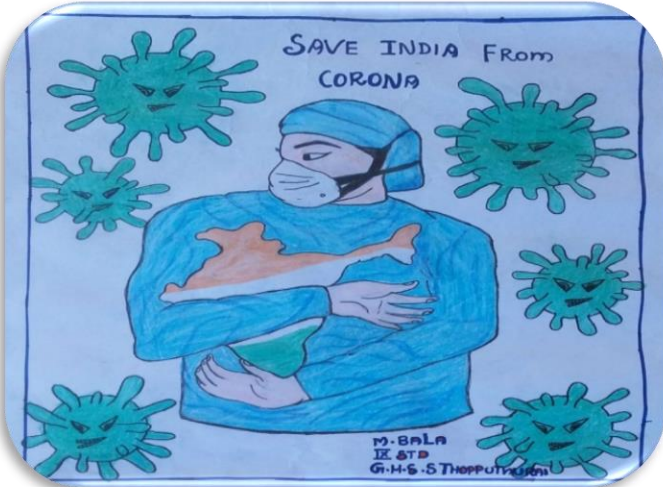


HUMANITARIAN AID

Relief Activities



Rehabilitation Activities



பேச்சுப்போட்டி பரிசளிப்பு விழா

காரைக்கால்,டிச.2-
வைன் சார்பில் இணைய
வழியில் நடத்த பேச்சு
மற்றும் ஓவியப் போட்டி
களில் வெற்றி பெற்றவர்க
ளுக்கு கலெக்டர் அர்ஜுன்
சர்மா பரிசுகள் வழங்கி
பாராட்டினார்.

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முன்விட்டு 'பாதுகாப்பான
நீயாவளி' என்ற தலைப்
பில் பேச்சுப்போட்டியும்,
'மகிழ்ச்சியான உலகம்'
என்ற தலைப்பில் ஓவியப்
போட்டி கடத்த 14ம் தேதி
முதல் 16ம் தேதி வரை
இணைய தளம் மூலம்
போட்டி தடைபெற்றது.

போட்டியில் வெற்றிப்
பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்கு
பரிசு வழங்கும் நிகழ்ச்சி
ன்று கலெக்டர் அருவ
ஜின்சர்மாதலைமைதாங்கி
டுவைன் மைய ஒருங்கி
கலந்து கொண்டனர்

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