**GAWDESY**

GANDHIAN WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Karuppur, Thiruvaiyaru-Taluk, Thanjavur district,

Tamil Nadu-613101

**ANNUAL REPORT - 2016**

**My life is my message**

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Our aim is House to House compulsory Toilet Constructions

Our Service is

Key to solve

Poverty

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**Introduction**

**Gandhian Welfare and Development Society (GAWDESY**) is an Non-Profit organization registered under Tamil Nadu Societies registration Act 1975 with the registration number: 11/1993. The organization is located at main road, Karuppur, Konerirajapuram -post, Thiruvaiyaru-Taluk of Thanjavur district. Being the follower of Mahatma Gandhiji, The president and Secretary of the organization are committed to uplift the rural poor marginalized and vulnerable people by their physical, mental, psychological, political and Socio-economic well beings.

Inspired by such a vision, since 1982, GAWDESY lead towards various developmental programs in the rural community and being crossed across milestones with the geographical limitation of Thanjavur district. The organizational program activities covered in all the 2260 villages of 589 Panchayats of 14 blocks in the district. It is well known organization for valuable contributions by empowering women for their Socio-Economic developments.

Every year the organization continues its mission with remarkable achievements. Similarly, the Year of 1st April, 2015 to 31st March, 2016, GAWDESY leaves the marks of progress among individuals in group situation to act independently and quality life enhancements.

The Annual Report for the period of 1st April 2015 to 31st march,2016 explores the activity based achievements and outcomes in an fruitful manner.

**Gawdesy Activities and Programme**

1. **Formation of Self Help Group**

During the reporting year, 112 Self Help Groups are formed in 57 villages. Each group composed of 12 to 20 members. Totally 1680 women are actively involved in the groups. These groups were provided with Bank Accounts at ICICI Bank, Primary Agriculture Cooperative Bank, State Bank of India and Indian bank. Each Self Help Group has determined to conduct monthly meeting to ensure the proper Internal Savings, collecting and lending, passing resolutions for operating account systems as Joint Accounts under common name of the SHG. The proper functions and follow-ups of Self Help Groups and meeting the criteria and expectations of experts, the SHG are assessed for sanctioning Bank loan after six months.

1. **Loan linkage services to Self Help Group**

During the period, 510 groups are provided with Bank loans through GAWDESY for 15.88 crore from ICICI Bank, HDFC and other nationalized banks of 12.01 crore, 01.15 crores and 5 lakhs respectively. Totally 9170 SHG members were benefitted out the loan linkages.The loan amount received by the members are repaying their loan by 12 months,18 months and 24 months.

1. **Staff Review meeting**

GAWDESY have the practice of conducting staff review meeting thrice in a week with 3 different batches to analyze the performance of project indicators with the standards and staff performances for the previous week. Each meeting eight cluster coordinators with one admin staff presided over by the president and secretary of the organization used to organize the review meeting between 02 pm to 06 pm. Once in a quarter, all staff Monthly Review meeting will be conducted to find out the success and challenges of activities and refining upcoming monthly plan of actions.

1. **Toilet Constructions / Awareness:**

There are about 16000 people of 180 villages made aware on Toilet constructions and hygienic usages. Consequences of open defecation and advantages of using constructed toilets are sensitized through the awareness campaigns. The campaign highlighted the 95 % Percentage of people are regularly in practice of open defecation at same places at road corners, street sides, rivers, open paddy fields, etc instead of using constructed toilets. During the rainy seasons the densely areas of road corner and street sides are found to be only places for open defecations by the people through which the people become more vulnerable to deadly diseases as they walk on the excreta. The children and elderly people of the villages have no other options other than nearby houses. The awareness programs are executed by addressing the above said issues included the significance of Hand washing with soap after the toilet usage.

The impact of the awareness campaigns made over the villages brought out with the successful construction of 94 toilets. So we planned to construct low cost toilets in the rest of the households in Thriuvaiyaru, Budalur and Thanjavur blocks through approaching donors.

1. **Climate Change and it Causes**

Small scale Nursery of Tree plantations are established inside the GAWDESY campus with the objective as resource centre for environmental protection. GAWDESY also acts as a liaison between the community people and tree plantations sellers of outsiders in order to fulfill the requirements of different Interests of people on variety of samplings. This activity helps the surrounding villages to retain fair climates and to develop environmental protection for human life. For about 15000,( fifty thousand ) tree saplings are provided to the village peoples during the year.

Seed Sales through purchase also executed in 26 villages such as seeds of ladies fingers, brinjal, Avaraikaai, Pagarkkai, Podalankaai, peerkankaai, Parangikaai, Mullangi, Milakaai and other green leaves.

For the awareness on Climate Change among the village people, the wastages dumped become solid wastages as decompose and non-decompose should not be burnt together. Decomposing wastages has to be utilized for Agricultural Farming purposes and Non-Decomposing wastages have to be separated, saved and to be specifically sold for recycling purposes.

Through the above said activities of Waste management and developing tree plantations helps the surroundings to be safe and protect environmental resources for healthy life.

1. **Diet Improvement Programme**

The program aims at in taking of highly nutritional food with balanced diet including fruits and vegetables, identifying Hb level in blood, production of fresh vegetables within the house such as kitchen Garden, Nursery formation and seeds and tree samplings sales through GAWDESY.

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| **S.No** | **Quarter** | **No of Villages covered** | **No of Beneficiaries** | **Topics covered** |
| 1 | 1st Quarter | 22 | 630 | Formation of Kitchen garden ,Preparation of Healthy food and demonstration |
| 2 | 2nd  Quarter | 22 | 610 | Identification diseases and traditional Treatments |
| 3 | 3rd Quarter | 22 | 625 | Anemia and administering drugs & food |
| 4 | 3rd Quarter | 22 | 600 | Training Demonstration on Food Preparation and liquid drinks |

During the reporting period, 290 Kitchen Garden in 25 villages are developed by GAWDESY through which regular consumption fresh vegetables and local sales of excess vegetables and earning additional benefits of income are observed among the beneficiaries.

1. **PPTCT Project activities** **on HIV / AIDS interventions**

The project mainly focused with the services to people living with HIV/AIDS of all the 589 Panchayath villages of 14 blocks of Thanjavur and 5 blocks of Pudukottai districts with the support of IL & FS. The project includes the human resources of 2 coordinators and 20 outreach workers contributing the services.

During the year, Totally 62 HIV Positive ANC mothers are underwent deliveries under the project interventions. Out of them 22 ANC Positive are found newly by the project , 9 OLD ANC, 11 are newly identified for the second child deliveries totally 42 New HIV Positive ANC Mothers are identified.

No child found HIV Positive after the delivery conducted among 42 HIV positive mothers. Through the project activities Follow-up test has done at the age 18 which is mandatory and found nil positive .

There are 36 DBS tests which are mandatory to do within 42 hrs are done successfully during the period, 100% registration at ART Centre with no Lost to Follow –Ups cases are the achievements of the project carried out by the team of GAWDESY.

1. **Axshya Project activities - REACH**

Through the Project Axshya supported by REACH organization , GAWDESY conducted 66 Community Meetings on TB Awareness, 5200 households are covered by Door by door TB Sensitization (IOA/AXSHYA SAMVAD), 43 Samples of Sputum Collection & Transportations to DMC for TB Screenings, Campaigns on Cough With Care by 5 Wall Paintings, 6 School and 2 college students sensitization programs during the reporting year.

Through the activities 2 TB patients are newly identified and put on treatments of DOTS with the support RNTCP services. The project activities are being done at Thiruvaiyaru , Budalur, Papanasam and Thanjavur blocks in the district.

1. **Training in Tailoring Skills**

During the year, there are 68 women are benefitted out of the Tailoring Training program at GAWDESY. There are 24 women are started earning RS.8000/- per month as self employed and rest of them are working at local tailoring centers for daily wages. There are 76 Sewing machines worth about Rs. 5550/- are provided to them on installment basis of repayment through are provided to the winners with the support of ANARDE Foundations, GAWDESY to those who have completed Training courses successfully. The sewing machines Madurai.

1. **Formation and Functioning of Farmer’s Club**

During the year , there are 41 Farmers clubs in 41 villages are newly formed in the blocks of Thiruvaiyaru, Thanjavur , Budalur and Papanasam of Thanjavur district with the Support of NABARD. Each group consists of 10 to 20 members. About 650 Farmers are registered as Club members. All the clubs are facilitated and opened New Bank Joint Accounts in Nationalized Banks.

1. **Farmer’s club federation**

The specific federation for Farmers Clubs are planned to establish and as a result, one Federation has established in Thiruvaiyaru block. There are 22 village Farmers Club representatives are registered in the federation. Which is registered under Tamilnadu Societies registration Act,1975. This federation was inaugurated by Dr.N.Subbhain ., I.A.S.,District Collector of Thanjavur. There are about 200 federation **Farmers club** representatives are participated. LDM of Indian overseas Bank and Professor and Head of Veterinary science and Technology University of Thanjavur has participated in the meeting. Through such Farmers Clubs of villages, agricultural activities are executed effectively in an integrated manner.

1. **Exposure visit**

By GAWDESY three admin staff and 55 members of 20 Village Farmers Club of Thiruvaiyaru , Budalur , Thanjavur & Papanasam blocks of Thanjavur district are taken for two days Exposure visits supported by NABARD to Theni, Dindugul , Periyakulam , Chinnamanur, Vagai dam and surrounding areas. Grapes fields, Chilly cultivation, Banana groves, Irrigation to Banana groves through Solar Energy Pump sets, Turmeric, Ginger, flowers etc are included for the filed observations. The agricultural university, horticulture farming, Banana Export companies are visited and made open discussion for understanding of the activities carried out by concern area farmers.

1. **Vermi compost Training**

Totally 525 Self Help Group women and Farmers Club members were given one day training on Vermi Compost at GAWDESY Training Centre. The training included the preparation of vermi compost, the methods of utilization for Agricultural needs, cultivation of food materials without toxic substances to have both Quality and Quantities at equal amount.

1. **Organic farming Awareness programme**

During the period, Awareness programmes on Organic farming are conducted in 41 villages in order to sensitize the village people to concentrate more on natural way of cultivation of crops and protect the quality of soil for upcoming generations. The advantages and disadvantages of Organic farming are insisted the people through role play, street plays and distribution of awareness handbills. The program, made the people to recall the status of healthy living of previous generation and the status of unhealthy generations in the current society. The traditional forgotten methods of using wastages of livestock in a constructive way and giving importance to rollout the usages of fertilizers are highlighted in the programmes.

1. **General Health camp Conducted**

GAWDESY in association with Meenakshi Hospital, Sankara Eye Hospital , Kovai, Thanjavur Government Hospital Rotary Club of Thanjavur conducted general health Testing Medical Camp. In the camp, there were 390 people of 65 villages tested for clear vision and 26 people were referred for eye surgery and all people are cured, physically fit and indulged in successful daily living activities along with their lovable relations. The team with 12 medical staff from Meenakshi hospital, 10 staff from sankara Eye Hospital and 52 staff of GAWDESY organized and conducted the Eye camp successfully. The spectacles of low cost to the needy tested people are provided in the same day of the camp.

**16.Water, Health & Hygiene Awareness program**

During the year, totally 156 awareness programmes on Water, Health & Hygiene in 114 villages of Thriuvaiyaru, Budalur, Papanasam & Thanjavur blocks of Thanjavur district were conducted. Through the program , the rural people are sensitized about the current status and quality of water, availability and scarcity of water supply, wastages of water, handling and maintenance of water, outlet facilities in densely populated villages , mosquitoes protection, malarial infections, deadly diseases of dengue, importance of proper maintenance of drainages along the streets, purification and utilization of water for domestic usages, percentage of daily requirement of in-taking water and allied issues. It included the 5 step process of washing hands before and after in-taking of foods, frequency of drinking water at empty stomach in early morning.

1. **Independence day at Budalur**

GAWDESY organized Independence program on 15th August, 2015 at Ramya mahal in Budalur . There were about 1800 self help group members participated in the programme. The loan distribution for Rs.50,00,000/- ( Fifty Lakhs rupees only) to the SHGs were done in the meeting. Also 4000 Fruit Tree saplings of Mango and Jack fruit were distributed to all during the meeting.

The Guest of honours Mr.Ela.Ganesan,BJP, chennai and Mr.Dr.K.Subramanian, AGM, Nabard, Dr.D.Meenakshi, M.B.B.S, DPH were participated in the programme. The Presidents of Rotary clubs and their team conveners along with GAWDESY staff, President and Secretary have also participated in the programme.

1. **Gandhi Jayanthi Oct-2, 2015**

GAWDESY organized the Gandhi Jayanthi function at Sivasami Iyer Girls Higher Secondary School, Thirukattupalli. There were about 300 Self Help Group members participated in the function. Mr.N.V.Narayanasami, Secretary of the School and Mr.Rathinasami, M.L.A and Chairman of Municipal Administration has participated as key resource person for the function. The rally started from the school to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and taken Oath after the pushpanjali done for the statue of Mahatma Gandhi.

1. **Village president meeting through GMSAD Chennai**

One day orientation on Panchayat Raj system to 40 Panchayat Presidents was conducted at GAWDESY Training Centre on 27.12.2015. CRUSAD a Chennai based NGO supported to conduct the programme at GAWDESY.The formation of Federation for the above said 40 Panchayat Presidents and every year the meeting has to be conducted for review and refreshing activities. The powers to panchayat president as per the Panchayat Raj system has to be given to the Panchayat Presidents was highlighted in the programme.

1. **World HIV / AIDS day**

GAWDESY observed World AIDS Day program on 1st December,2015 in association with District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit-DAPCU . Rally started from Railway station to office of the District Collectorate. All 52 staff of GAWDESY included PPTCT staff and Mahalir Thittam staff have participated in the programme. All GAWDESY staff along with the President and Secretary have participated in the meeting organized in Collector ate office presided over by Dr.N. Subbaiyan District Collector of Thanjavur.

**21.World Women’s Day**

GAWDESY conducted World Women’s Day Program on 8th March, 2016 at GAWDESY Training Centre. Totally 360 women from SHGs were participated in the program. Awards to the best performers were given by the President and Secretary of the Organization. Self defense mechanisms while threatens by strangers, Self Help Groups have to conduct world women’s day program in their village by integrating all SHGs of the village by themselves in upcoming years. The women have to protect and take care of the elderly peoples in their homes without any negligence and discriminations.ICICI Bank Regional Head and other officials and staff of GAWDESY were participated as special invitees in the programme.

1. **Celebration of World TB Day**

GAWDESY conducted World TB Day on 24th March,2016 in Ice Factories of Thirukattupalli in Thanjavur district. There were 124 employees sensitized about the TB concepts and symptoms, currents status of infections rate in the district, National statistics of TB infections, Treatment of TB, Drug Adherence, completion of Treatment and rights and responsibilities of TB infections. The IEC materials on TB were distributed to the participants and 7 volunteers were selected from the participants for further follow-ups in the villages. In taking alcohol, smoking and substance abuses to avoid in the life of individual which may protect a man from all killer diseases including TB are insisted in the programme.

1. **Gandhi Asthi Karaippu Programme**

At Cauvery River Bank of Pushpa mandapam in Thiruvaiyaru, Gandhi Asthi Karaippu memorial day was observed by GAWDESY . The rally started from Theradi Thiruvaiyaru to Puspa Mandapam. In the rally 410 and above self Help Group members and farmers club members . Officials of Sarvodaya Mandal were participated and malaranjali has done for the photo of Mahatma Gandhiji. About 1500 Mango tree and Rose wood saplings were distributed to the people., The President and Secretary of GAWDESY along with the 25 staff have also participated in the programme.

1. **SHG Representative Training through NABARD Assistance**

In the month of April, SHG Representative Training was held at GAWDESY Training for 10 days for 10 different batches with 40 per each batch. In this training the animators and representatives of SHGs were participated in the programme. NABARD has supported to organize the Training at GAWDESY. The training includes the components of Accounts Maintenance, Bank Transactions, Passing Resolutions at SHG meetings, conducting periodical meetings, orienting NABARD services and programmes available for SHGs and so on.

Dr.K.Subramanian, AGM of NABARD was participated in the Training. Mahalir Thittam Trained 10 TOTs have conducted sessions in the training programme.

**25. Bank Loan Details of SHGs**

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| **S.No** | **Name of the Block** | **ICICI Bank** | | **HDFC Bank** | |
| **No. of SHGs** | **Loan Amount** | **No. of SHGs** | **Loan Amount** |
| 1 | Thiruvaiyaru | 120 | 5,86,93,520 | 47 | 1,32,26,000 |
| 2 | Thanjavur | 65 | 3,81,42,200 | 10 | 31,98,000 |
| 3 | Budalur | 112 | 5,84,93,700 | 37 | 95,00,500 |
| 4 | Papanasam | 10 | 28,23,800 | 2 | 4,60,000 |
|  | **Total** |  |  |  |  |

**Conclusion:**

In order to uplift and empower the poor vulnerable and marginalized people, GAWDESY continuous its efforts by implementing and providing sufficient services related to their education, communication, socio-economic developments within the target geographical areas. The above said services brings the consistent self confidence, hopefulness, social integrity, environmental adaptations, increased self and social responsibilities, positive attitudes towards future endeavors, income generation , self reliant, entrepreneurships, strengthening local institutions and objective as making model villages and panchayaths.

Since its inception of services to till date, it was observed that GAWDESY plays a significant role in rural development and enhancement of humanities in and around the blocks of the Thanjavur district. The year of 2015-2016, GAWDESY adds one more feather in its milestones of services. In forthcoming years, GAWDESY plans to continuous its mission for building sufficient Toilets in each and every house of the targeted villages towards Health and Hygiene and Environmental protection.

**WELL WISHERS**

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| **S.No** | **Date of Visit** | **Well wisher** |
| 1. | 02.04.2015 | X.Jude Alexander, APM, Reach Axshaya |
| 2. | 02.05.2015 | M.Karthik kumar, Process Risk & Audit Manager, ICICI Bank. |
| 3. | 19.05.2015 | K.Subramanian, DDM, Nabard, Thanjavur |
| 4. | 28.06.2015 | Muthukumar, Annai Banumathy Foundation, |
| 5. | 11.07.2015 | M.L.Alponse Raj, Island trust, TAMWED, Kotagiri |
| 6. | 08.08.2015 | M.Thirunavukkarasu, DIS – DAPCU |
| 7. | 10.08.2015 | B.Dhinakar, HDFC Bank , Thanjavur |
| 8. | 13.08.2015 | Rajeev.N.R, Fvaluation consultant |
| 9. | 13.08.2015 | S.Suresh, Finance consulted Evaluation |
| 10. | 15.08.2015 | G.LakshmiNarayanan, President, Palace cityLions club, Thanjavur |
| 11. | 25.09.2015 | M.Santhosh Reddy, PPTCT Audit |
| 12. | 29.09.2015 | A.Aathreyan, Audit Manager, HDFC Bank. |
| 13. | 20.11.2015 | V.Thangarasu, Manager, Microsate - Thanjavur |
| 14. | 27.11.2015 | M.L.Alponse Raj, Island Trust, Kothagiri |
| 15. | 27.11.2015 | Mr.Oz Osborne, Tamwed, UK. |
| 16. | 27.11.2015 | Duncan Havey, Tamwed, UK. |
| 17. | 03.12.2015 | A.Anoopkumar, HDFC Bank Ltd |
| 18. | 09.12.2015 | G.Pradeep, APM, Reach, Project Axshaya |
| 19. | 07.01.2016 | Dr.Arulvasam, Medical office, Naducuavery PHC |
| 20. | 07.01.2016 | N.Annamalai, Health Inspector, Naducuavery |
| 21. | 07.01.2016 | P.Madhavan, DPM, DAPCU |
| 22. | 28.01.2016 | M.Santhosh Reddy, PPTCT Auditor |
| 23. | 28.01.2016 | Mr.N.Balu, AGM, RBI, Chennai |
| 24. | 29.02.2016 | R.Sumathi,Manager, TCCB, Naducuavery |