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Dear Sirs / Madam,

Greetings from Hand in Hand India

Thank you very much for your kind support to **Vasanthanadai Panchayat** for the past 24 months. The project has now come to a close. Please find attached the final report outlining our achievements.

Hand in Hand India will continue to monitor the village through the Cluster Level Network (CLN) to ensure that the community has been able to take ownership of the development work and that the CLN is active and sustainable.

Thank you once again. We look forward to your continued support.

Best regards,

Kalpana Sankar
Chairman and Managing Trustee



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Village Upliftment Programme Final-24 Month Report

**Vasanthanadai,
Tamil Nadu, India**



Submitted to
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Donation Summary

Donor	Pharmarelations AB
Project Period	January 2019 – December 2020
Village Name	Vasanthanadai, Tamil Nadu

Village Uplift Programme

Hand in Hand India has implemented the Village Uplift Programme (VUP), which conducts activities from three of its pillars in one panchayat. Major activities conducted under this Programme include Socio-economic development of women, Microfinance, Enterprise development, and Child Labour Elimination program. The Programme lasts for 24 months.

Activities	Target	Achieved	Remarks
Women Empowerment & Job Creation			
Number of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) functioning	15-20	15	Most of the eligible women are enrolled in HIH India's SHGs. Others are in SHGs under govt. scheme.
Number of women in SHGs	250	201	
Number of SHG members who attended basic training	100% of SHG women	201	
Total number of family-based enterprises	(60% SHG women)	102	INR 15,60,000



Family-based enterprises supported through HIH loan and skill trainings	<i>Based on the need</i>	37	11 members availed a loan of INR 3, 70,000/- and created family based enterprises (Saree sales, Milch animal rearing, Goat rearing, Tailoring & Petty shops). 26 members created family based enterprises through Skill Trainings (Tailoring & Green Feed cultivation- Azolla Feed - A Low cost aquatic fern that serves as a healthy feed for livestock)
Family-based Enterprises supported through SHG's internal loan	<i>Based on the need</i>	33	INR 2,90,000/- (Agricultural, Milch animal rearing and petty shops)
Family-based enterprises supported through Bank loan	<i>Based on the need</i>	32	INR 9,00,000 (Milch Animal, Agriculture, Tailoring)
Formation of Women SHGs Cluster Level Network (CLN)	1	1	24 SHG members are part of the CLN
Number of toilet loans	(20% of SHG women)	-	Basic awareness on the importance of using toilets was given to the villagers. Loans were not given as local government was constructing toilets free of cost for the people.
Number of women trained in women literacy Centre	(40% of SHG women)	85%	85% of the women were trained on literacy
Number of veterinary camps	4	1	One camp was conducted and 1556 animals got treated (The remaining three camps were conducted by the government with the support of Hand in Hand India)



Skill Development and Technical Centre (SD&TC)			
Number of SHG members who attended vocational training	2 training as needed	2	Tailoring (1)- 25; Green Feed Cultivation (1) – 20
Number of SHG members who attended Enterprise Development Programme training	1 training with selected members	1	25 members attended Enterprise Development Programme.
Child Labour Elimination Programme			
Awareness on Child Rights	Need basis	204	Awareness on Child Rights imparted to 204 members
Construction of Toilet facilities	Need basis	1	One safe and hygienic urinal system was constructed which benefitted 52 students
No. of children enrolled and mainstreamed in govt. schools	Need basis	84	84 children were enrolled in Union Middle school at Vasanthanadai panchayat
Awareness on COVID-19 sanitation	Need basis	1 event (80 families)	Awareness on COVID-19 sanitation imparted to 80 families
Children's Day Celebration	Need basis	65	65 students of the local school attended and benefitted.
International Volunteers Day Celebration	Need basis	75	75 villagers participated and benefitted.
T-shirts and sports materials distribution	Need basis	95	T-shirts distributed to 45 children and sports materials distributed to 50 children.
School Compound Wall Painting Inauguration	Need basis	50 members	50 members participated in the School Compound Wall Painting Inauguration.



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Glimpses of Vasanthanadai Panchayat



Tailoring training conducted at Vasanthanadai Panchayat



Beneficiary started cultivating Jasmine Flowers with the support of Hand in Hand India's loan



Beneficiary started Pickle enterprise from home with the support of Hand in Hand India's loan



Beneficiary started her own flour grinding enterprise with Hand in Hand India support



A beneficiary started Rooftop (Terrace) Country Chicken rearing with the support of Hand in Hand India's loan. Her son was also trained on how to make Azolla Feed (A low cost aquatic fern that serves as a healthy feed for livestock)

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A SHG woman started rearing milk animal with the support of HIH India's loan



An SHG member started selling garments with the support of Hand in Hand India's loan



SHG women who attended tailoring training conducted by Hand in Hand India started gaining income through stitching cloths



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A tailoring trainee of HiH India started earning through stitching cloths

Before



After



Wall painting on creating awareness on National leaders, painted in the school wall of Anaicut, nearby main junction from the panchayat

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Installation of safe urinals by the students with the support of HiH India



“Dinamalar” - A Daily Regional newspaper, has captured the above innovative method in its daily coverage

SOCIAL AUDIT

After completion of two years, Hand in Hand India has handed over the task of sustaining the development of Vasanthanadai Panchayat to the SHGs Cluster Level Network (CLN). For the first time under Hand in Hand India’s guidance the CLN conducted a social audit of the Village Uplift Programme.

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Approximately five members from the Panchayat conducted an audit for their village, in the presence of two external members who were students belonging to Department of Social Work from a reputed college. The community members completed a prescribed evaluation for providing an overall picture of the efficacy and impact of the concerned project.

The following information was captured through the questionnaire:

- **Data** (Quantitative & Qualitative) in each of the five key areas – Women’s Empowerment, Skill Development and Technology Centre (SD&TC) and Child Labour Elimination Programme.
- **Expectations** of the village community
- **Suggestions** for the improvement of the Programme.

The Evaluator encouraged the stakeholders to narrate their own experiences and that of their friends and colleagues so as to capture the program’s impact. The findings of the social audit exercise for the village are given below. The stakeholders were also asked to spell out the future directions in which they would like the Programme to move ahead. Two members from Hand in Hand India assisted in mobilizing the local community to do the audit and were available for any assistance.



SOCIAL AUDIT REPORT

- **Panchayat Name:** Vasanthanadai
- **Overall Panchayat Rating:** 93%

Pillar	Total Score (out of 40 for SHG & SD&TC and 20 for CLEP)	Highlights	Wish list
Self-Help Group & Microfinance	39	Saving habits among the women has increased. Formation of CLN has strengthened the decision making process among the women in the panchayat. Women started their own enterprises with the support of Hand in Hand India. Veterinary camps were conducted in the panchayat; which reduced the mortality rate among the animals.	More loans for Enterprise Creations and Market Linkage supports are required.
Skill Development and Technology Centre (SD&TC)	37	The Trainees who have undergone the skill trainings on Tailoring, Green feed cultivation are well equipped with skilled knowledge and they do earn on their own.	Self Help group members requested to have appropriate linkages with companies.
Child Labour Elimination Program	17	The children in the panchayats are aware of their rights and they are aware of various forms of child labour. The safe urinal system installed in the local school of the panchayat has created conducive atmosphere for the students in the school campus.	The school authority wants more training on Child Rights to the students of the local school.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

- Self Help Group (SHG) has become one of the sources of Income for the welfare of the families.
- Family-based enterprises have resulted in Improvement of Income levels among SHG members' families.
- SHG members have become entrepreneurs after getting trainings through Hand in Hand India.
- Women who attended the Tailoring Training have started their own enterprises.
- Veterinary camps helped addressing seasonal diseases and need based vaccinations for milk animals.
- The students are now relieved from the unhygienic practice created at the urinal space as the same space is turned into more conducive and hygienic one.

PROGRAMME IMPACTS

- Because of loan through SHG, many have become entrepreneurs and the Economic condition of the women who were part of SHGs was improved.
- The Tailoring training given to the women has made them self-reliant through which they are supporting their families financially.
- SHG members have become entrepreneurs after getting trainings through Hand in Hand India.
- The periodical Veterinary Camps were helpful in controlling seasonal diseases like foot-and-mouth in the animals which has improved sustained milk production and income generation.
- The CLN which consists of SHG members has become one of the decision makers for the betterment of the village.



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- Installation of Safe and Hygienic low-cost urinals has benefitted the children studying at the Government Middle School and increased the strength (more enrolments) of the school.

CHALLENGES

- Community gathering was a challenge during the awareness programs.
- Lack in youth participation and community engagement.
- Faced challenges in member follow up and tracking due to COVID-19 lockdown.

FUTURE PLANS

Hand in Hand India continues to engage with the community of Vasanthanadai panchayat with various ongoing activities, such as microfinance loans and also enabled skill trainings. Hand in Hand India will also work with the community members through the Cluster Level Network (CLN) to ensure the sustainability of various programs.