



A REPORT ON  
**2015 FLOOD RELIEF**  
AND  
REHABILITATION



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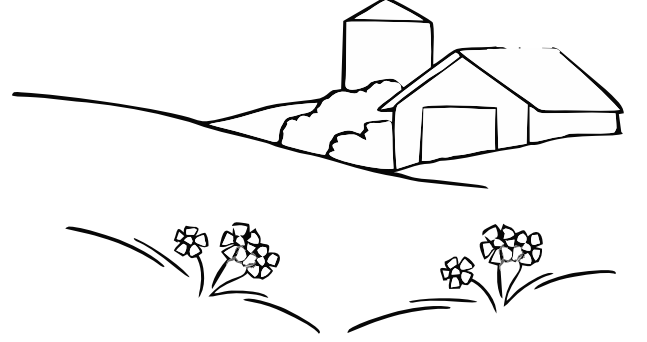
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- லாக்டர் வ. சுப. மாணிக்கனார்



## Nature's Service

Cow's milk is not entirely for its calf;  
Flowers' fragrance is not for the garden;

Abundant harvest is not for the farm;  
Plenty of water in the pond is not for the pond;

Delicious fruits are not for the tree;  
Melodious music is not for the musical instruments;

I see the nature working to enrich others;  
My life must be dedicated to serve others;

- Va. Su. Pa. Manickam



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Daivamani Sivasailam  
President - TNF U.S.A.

## Message from the Board



S. Rajarethinam, IAS (Retd.)  
Chairman - TNF Chennai Center

The word '*fil-anthra-pi*' in Greek means – the love of fellow men.

This love for the fellow human being was supremely manifest during the calamitous December 2015 floods of Tamil Nadu. The spontaneous response of the TNF members, individually and through our sister organizations in USA, to the plight of their flood affected brethren in Tamil Nadu deservedly won the hearts of all. With pride and immense satisfaction, we record our appreciation of the benevolence of all the donors towards our flood relief and rehabilitation efforts.

More than 56,000 people were helped immediately. In fact TNF managed the funds so well that 90% of the funds received were utilized for long term rehabilitation, schools, infrastructure, housing, libraries, livelihood programs, etc.

In the 43 year-long history of the organization, flood relief operation of 2015 has been the most visible success story. Sustainable livelihood projects for the people displaced by floods are getting commissioned in 2017 in collaboration with specialized organizations.

This special report on flood relief is a factual account of the activities executed by TNF team Chennai & USA in the affected areas of Chennai, Cuddalore, Thiruvavur, Kanchipuram and Tiruvallur Districts. The reports stands as testimony to the generosity of the Indian community in the U.S., TNF's dedication, commitment and execution ability. It also highlights the joy, members experience in giving to the needy.

To conclude with gratitude to all, we quote Saint Thiruvalluvar.

**மறவற்க மாசற்றார் கேண்மை துறவற்க  
துன்பத்துள் துப்பாயார் நட்பு.**

Forsake not the friendship of those who have been your staff in adversity. Forget not be benevolence of the blameless.





## 2015 FLOOD DISASTER IN TAMIL NADU

- Heavy rains from October to early December
- More than 400 people and 4000 cattle killed
- About 2 Million people shifted to relief centers
- Damage loses and impact on agriculture, trade and manufacturing estimated to be about US\$15 Billion
- Chennai recorded 41.3 inches of rain in November, a record for that month since 1918
- Affected areas include Chennai, Cuddalore, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Thiruvallur and Kanchipuram districts in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry





Gandhi Nagar, Cuddalore District

Taramani, Chennai District

TN Pattinam, Cuddalore District

## A GLANCE AT THE NUMBER OF LIVES TOUCHED

Category	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (in Rupees)
Displaced people provided food	10121	75,000.00
Families provided with relief kits	3750	15,42,672.00
Students received Special School Relief Kits	2752	7,30,701.00
People Provided Medical aid	14063	15,05,165.00
Children in Renovated Creches	325	3,98,137.00
Members / Visitors of Renovated Circle Library	17500	40,21,352.00
Rural Students in Renovated Government Schools	1600	27,79,741.00
Homeless People in newly constructed homes	810	3,05,44,479.00
Damaged houses repaired	160	19,540.00
Children getting " Second Chance " at Education Centre	46	1,06,000.00
Women Empowerment through Tailoring Training and Providing Machine & Other activities	40	3,70,484.00
Women Trained for Self employment Programme	90	42,332.00
Infrastructure support to schools	3838	19,68,411.00
Flood Displaced children trained in chess Games	40	14,860.00
Students benefited through School renovation in Chennai	700	1,60,000.00
Community Hall- Minjur	150	4,52,506.00
Project Monitoring, Supervising & Auditing Support	5	5,46,956.00
Flood Relief Assistance through Sister organisations	4200	26,14,336.00
<b>Total Funds Received from USA</b>	<b>60,190</b>	<b>4,78,92,672.00</b>

**Total US Dollars - \$ 714,432 (Indian Rupees 47.90 Million)**

# MEDIA COVERAGE OF OUR ACTIVITIES

## Renovated Ashok Nagar Library to open today

...du Foundation to digitise the centre

...a marble flooring, electricity lines, tables, chairs and new ones have been added. The entire building has been whitewashed and

## Renovated Ashok Nagar...



(from page 1)

...has been set up in the entrance.

...With the foundation, the traditional lamp is used in the inauguration of the renovated library. The school's members are present.

# தினகர

...வர்கள் வாழ் இந்தியர்கள்

...35 புதிய வீடுகள்

...நிவாரணம் வழங்கல்

## Bright & colourful

Ashok Nagar library attracts many, including children



School Education Department Director K Kannappan lighting the traditional lamp to mark the inauguration of the renovated Ashok Nagar library. Industrialist P G Pulanivas, District LC Officer S Sangeetha Choudhary and TNF USA members are present.

**TALK TEAM**

Elevated entrance with the portraits of great leaders adorning the compound wall and bright interior designs welcome visitors by the renovated library.

Speaking on the occasion, Kannappan said the library which was built in 1983, has got a fresh look with all facilities including the computers for kids and reference sections with the support of TNF USA. Considering the number of people visiting the library, the school's members are present.

## THE HINDI

**MEDICAL CAMPS**

Dr. Mel Hospitals has been conducting medical relief camps in city and suburbs in association with Association of Health Providers India, Society for Community Medicine of India and Tamil Nadu Foundation for Health Care. The camps are held in Perumbakkam, Thiruvarkkadai, Kottam. Many children had fever, body infections.

## நிவாரணம் வழங்கல்



...நிவாரணம் வழங்கல்

...மக்களுக்கு நிவாரணம் வழங்கல்



# தினகர துந்தி

DAILY

வாராந்திர துந்தி



...வாழ் இந்தியர்கள்

...வீடுகள் வழங்கல்



JJ Nagar, Cuddalore District

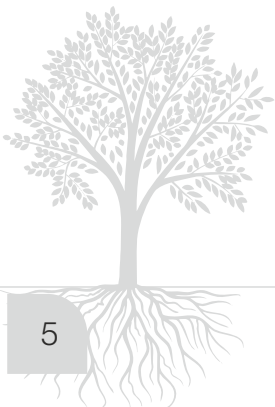


Kottaimedu, Cuddalore District

## SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE TO MITIGATE THE SUFFERINGS

We touched

10 days	Rs. 36.5 Lakhs	Rs. 36, 50,000/-
26 days	Rs. 1.75 Crore	Rs. 1, 75, 00, 000/-
100 days	Rs. 3.065 Crore	Rs. 3, 00, 65, 000/-





Thiruverkadu, Kancheepuram District



Keerapalayam, Cuddalore District

The clouds burst open on December 1, 2015 over Chennai and surrounding districts turning the area into a one massive lake. The unprecedented floods led to unimaginable devastation costing lives, homes, livelihoods and infrastructure. People fled from their homes just about saving their lives. Thousands were left stranded with no place to go or no clue as to where their next meal would come from. But, in a matter of days the situation was being brought under control, thanks to an unparalleled flood of support. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the TNF TN Chapter Trustee Mrs. Kavitha Suresh, Treasurer TNF & Ms. Swarna Pillai Trustee TNF heard people at Vettuvakeni near East Coast Road say, *“We don't have any food. We don't have any milk for the infants and babies. We are all stranded and need some help”*. That was it! The TNF team geared up. So the contribution began. It was a trickle at first,

but soon it transformed into a flood that addressed immediate needs and long term rehabilitation.

### The multiphase flood relief effort

- First phase - Immediate relief - food distribution
- Second phase - Relief kits, medical camps
- Third phase - Long term rehabilitation, livelihood support, repairs, renovations, constructions, education





Apparakudi, Thiruvarur District



Kovilpattu, Cuddalore District



Ramakotagam, Cuddalore District

# Phase 1

## DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD

The Tamil Nadu Foundation USA, Directors and Members raised Rs. 36.5 lakhs in 10 days.

Food was distributed at Injambakkam, Kovalam, Perungudi, Velachery and other places in Chennai and to isolated communities of Joggies at Apparkudi, Thiruvarur District and Narikurava families in Cuddalore District.

Beneficiaries - 10,121 displaced people.



Aminjikarai, Chennai



Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai

Phase  
**2** RELIEF KITS AND MEDICAL CAMPS

Within 26 days of the floods, Tamil Nadu Chapter received Rs. 1 crore and 75 lakh (Rs1.75 Cr) from U.S.A

This enabled the second phase of immediate rehabilitation. When the floods receded, people were faced with the daunting task of starting their life from scratch. TNF then distributed relief kits with essential household commodities such as rice, toor dhal, salt, curry powder, cooking oil, vessels and toilet kit comprising of bathing and washing soap, toothpaste, brush, coconut oil and blankets, mats and clothes.

3750 relief kits distributed.

Special relief kits were put together for school students which included school uniforms, mats, blankets, school bag, pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks, pencil box, tiffin box etc.

The kits were given to 1675 students in Chennai and 1077 students in Cuddalore.



T. Nagar, Chennai



Thillaividangan, Cuddalore District

Sirupalaiyur, Cuddalore District

Kallaiyankuppam, Cuddalore District





## MEDICAL CAMPS

Disease follows floods. To ward off this danger, TNF organised medical camps to treat the sick and injured. The camps were conducted across all the flood ravaged areas.

District	Camps	Partners	Beneficiaries
Chennai	12 camps	Dr. Mehta's Hospital Appasamy Hospital Viketan & 8K Miles Media	5085 patients
Cuddalore	5 camps	Doctors from Government Hospitals including Block Medical Officer	778 patients
Thiruvallur	1 camp	8K Miles Media	1600 patients

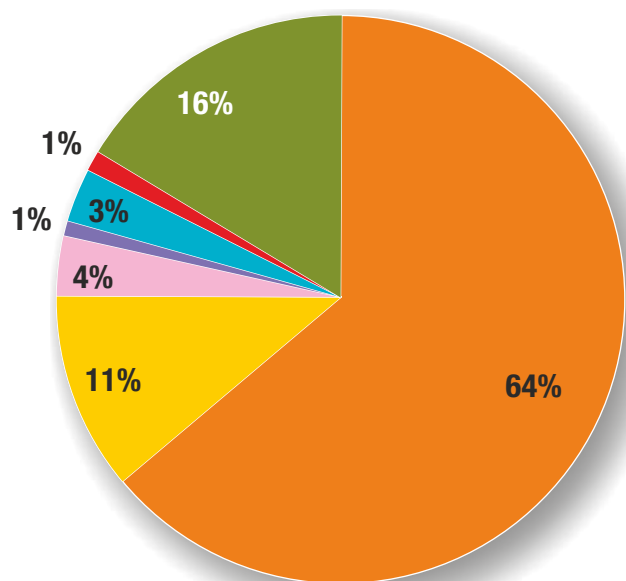
Siddha Medical Camps were conducted in

Sirupalaiyur | Boothampadi | Kalayan Kuppam | Cuddalore district

Siddha Medical Camps benefited 6600 people.



## FUND UTILISATION



Funds Utilisation	₹ Lakhs
Construction of Houses	305.45
Education	54.34
Immediate Relief	16.17
Livelihood Support	4.12
Medical Support	15.05
Project Monitoring	5.47
Repairs & Renovations	78.32
<b>Total in Rupees</b>	<b>478.92</b>

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- Construction of Houses
- Livelihood Support
- Project Monitoring
- Education
- Medical Support
- Repairs & Renovations
- Immediate Relief

**TNF MARCHES AHEAD**  
**WITH SETTING STANDARDS**  
**FOR DISASTER RESPONSE**  
 THROUGH INCREASING  
 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE  
 INDIAN COMMUNITY IN USA.

Phase

3

## LONG TERM REHABILITATION

The funds received from Indians settled in US, through TNF chapters, Temples, Tamil Sangams and various Associations touched Rs. 3.06 Cr in 100 days.

The in-depth assessment of the damages caused and the relief required helped TNF plan various rehabilitation measures.

Krishnamurthy and his wife living across the Coovum river at Kotturpuram survived the flood. They were given an Iron Box to restart their lives. They are now happy and back in action pressing clothes to earn their bread.

Sewing Machines were distributed to 60 women affected by flood and settled in Perumbakkam tenements allotted by Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board. They were given three months training in tailoring by TNF.

## LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

Murugammal of Apparkudi (Jogi Community) Tiruvarur District, who lost her husband and her son to Kidney disease was given financial support to revive her livelihood through selling of toys. She was earning through begging to give treatment for her third son who is seen in the picture, also affected of Kidney disease. Her conviction to save her family transformed her from a begger to business owner with TNF's support.



Perumbakkam , Kancheepuram District

Apparakudi, Thiruvarur District



Kotturpuram, Chennai District

AFTER



BEFORE

## REPAIRS AND RENOVATION



### CRÈCHES

ICCW runs day care centres for children aged between 3 to 5 years. The children from the underprivileged societies are provided healthcare, nutrition and pre-school education. The crèches make a major contribution in their development.

TNF repaired and renovated 3 Crèches one each in KK Nagar and Adambakkam in Chennai and one in Kovur Kancheepuram District. Toys and play materials were provided to 10 crèches in Kancheepuram and Chennai.

**Beneficiaries – 325 Children.**

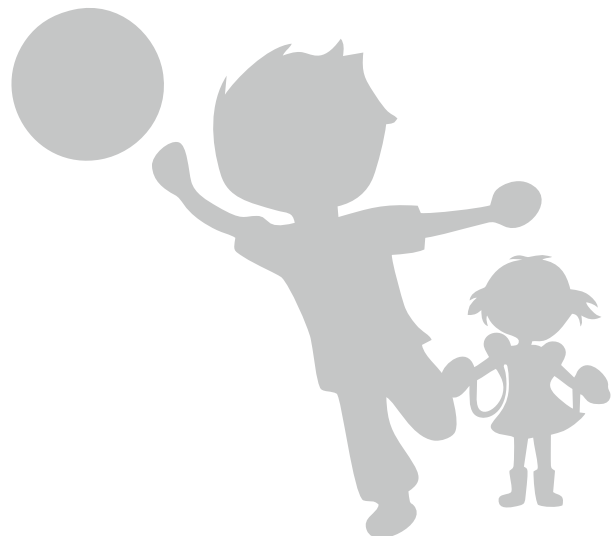


AFTER



BEFORE

Kovur,  
Kancheepuram District





Ashok Nagar Library, Chennai

## GOVERNMENT CIRCLE LIBRARY

Ashok Nagar Public Library, Chennai, with a built-up area of 1500 sq.ft. 16,900 members and about 650 regular visitors, was totally destroyed by the floods. On the request of the Director of Public Libraries, it was repaired and renovated and is now a showpiece of the will and initiative of the American Tamil people.

## TOTAL MAKE OVER

- New granite floor
- Electrical appliances and equipments
- Refurbished furniture and book racks
- New Computers ■ Renovated kids section
- Wall painting ■ Rest rooms





## OUR LITTLE BENEFICIARIES' WORDS

S. MEHANA  
IX-AS  
GOVT. GIRLS. HIGH. SECONDARY. SCHOOL  
ASHOK NAGAR  
CH - 83.

I LIKE THE LIBRARY VERY MUCH. BECAUSE THEY HAVE SO MANY GOOD AND MORAL STORY BOOKS IN CHILDREN SECTION. I STUDY THE VIVEKANDA'S BOOKS. IT IS VERY GOOD. IN THE OTHER SECTION I SEE THE MAHATMA GANDHI'S BOOK AND DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS. AND IT MAKES VERY PERCE IN THERE COMPUTERS ALSO. THEY HAVE SO MANY COLLECTION OF BOOKS. IT IS VERY USEFUL.

S. Mehana

11/10/16

7- APR 15 4:11

By: DIST LIBRARY AT 11 RAVENHILL

I HAVE TO TRAVE WITH MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHER TO THE LIBRARY AT 11 RAVENHILL. I LOVE TO TRAVE WITH MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHER TO THE LIBRARY AT 11 RAVENHILL. I LOVE TO TRAVE WITH MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHER TO THE LIBRARY AT 11 RAVENHILL.

Kids & its organizers who collected funds from donors, a renovation after a delay. The work was completed, was an example of unselfish & philanthropic attitude coupled with broad social outlook, and without effort for a noble cause. As a speaker with the library of the school, I believe that such noble activities will flourish. This was an immense happiness for me. I am sure the library will be a great help to the students. Gladly, but...

Janhani, 3<sup>rd</sup> std  
P.S.B.S. School  
S.S. Nagar

I like this library very much. After renovating there are many more collections to the list. The paintings on the walls gives me a enchanting look and makes me read a lot. The ambience and the small study table make me happy."

The collection of Amar Chitra stories are my favourite.

# AREA WISE STATISTICS

S.No.	Category	Area / Place	District	
1	Food Distribution	Vettivankeni, Injambakkam, Aminjikarai, Vysarpadi, Adyar, Perungudi, Velachery, T. Nagar	Chennai	
		Apparakudi, Katchanam	Thiruvapur	
		Keerapalayam, Ottankulam, JJ Nagar, Gandhi Nagar	Cuddalore	
2	Relief Kits - Groceries	Chetpet, T.Nagar, Bethel Nagar, Injambakkam, Nemily, Kovalam, Adyar	Chennai	
		Kattur Village, Minjur, Thiruverkadu	Thiruvallur	
		Kovil pathu, G. Theru, Ramakotagam, Kottaimedu, Nattar Mangalam, Manalmedu, TN Pattinam	Cuddalore	
3	Relief Kits - Uniforms & School bags to school children	Velachery, Taramani, Aminjikarai, T.Nagar, Adyar	Chennai	
		Keerapalayam	Cuddalore	
4	Livelihood Support	Adyar	Chennai	
		Perumbakkam	Kancheepuram	
5	Medical Camp	Perumbakkam, Thousand Lights, Choolaimedu, Vallurvarkottam, T.Nagar, Kotturpuram, Thiruvanmiyur, MMDA Colony, Arumbakkam, Aminjikarai	Chennai	
		West mambalam, Thiruninaravur, Thiruvallur	Thiruvallur	
		Ottankulam, TN Pattinam, Thillaividanagan, Manalmedu, Kuchi palayam	Cuddalore	
6	Siddha Medical Camp	Sirupalaiyur, Kallaiyankuppam, Boothambadi	Cuddalore	
7	Repair and Renovation - Creches	KK Nagar	Chennai	
		Kovur, Adambakkam	Kancheepuram	
		Repair and Renovation - Library	Govt. Circle Library, Ashok Nagar	Chennai
		Repair and Renovation - Community Hall	Minjur Village	Thiruvallur
		Repair and Renovation - Construction of water sump	Govt. High School, Ezhil Nagar	Kancheepuram
	Repair and Renovation - Govt. Schools Building	Repair and Renovation - Construction of Toilets	Govt. Higher Secondary School, Okkiam Thuraiakkam	Cuddalore
		Govt. Hr. Sec. School, MGR Nagar		
		Govt Primary School, Kuravanmedu Village		
		Govt Middle School, Alapakkam Village		
		Govt Middle School, Thangalikuppam-1 Village		
		Govt Middle School, Thangalikuppam-2 Village		
		Govt Middle School, Thangalikuppam-3 Village		
		Govt Primary School, Theerthangarai Colony		
		Govt Primary School, Kothavacheri Village		
		Govt Primary School, Thaiyalkunampattinam Village		
		Govt Primary School, Sithalikuppam Village		
		Govt Primary School, Kothavacheri		
		Govt School, Kattiyappalayam		
		Govt School, Sirathankuzhi Village		
		Govt Primary School, Kadampuliyur (Boys)		
Govt Primary School, Kadampuliyur (Girls)				
Govt Primary School, Kattandikuppam				
Govt Primary School, Elanthampattu Village				
Govt Middle School, Manamthavizhinthaputhur				
Govt Middle School, Manamthavizhinthaputhur Panchayat-2				
Govt Primary School, Periyakattupalayam Village				
Repair and Renovation of houses	Apparakudi - Jogi Community - 35 Families	Thiruvapur		
8	New Construction - Houses	Vadaharirajapuram - 19 Houses	Cuddalore	
		C. Sathamangalam 1 - 22 Houses		
		C. Sathamangalam 2 - 43 Houses		
		Boothampadi - 51 Houses		
9	Infrastructure Facilities	Chennai Corporation Higher Secondary School, Aminjikarai	Chennai	
		Govt. High School, Perumbakkam	Kancheepuram	
		Sevalaya - Kasuva Village	Thiruvallur	
		Govt.High School, Ezhilur	Thiruvapur	
		Govt. High School, Thiruthangur		
Govt. High School, Katchanam				
10	Livelihood Programs & Training Program	Tailoring Training - Perumbakkam	Kancheepuram	
		Women Trained for Self Employment Programme		
		Trained in Chess Games		
11	Children Getting "Second Chance" at Education	JJ Nagar, Ottanakulam	Cuddalore	
		Apparakudi	Thiruvapur	
12	Distribution clothes to the needy	Through CIOA	Chennai & Thiruvallur	
13	Educational support	Adyar, Besant Nagar, Velachery through Punnarjenmam Trust	Chennai	





BEFORE

Alapakkam Cuddalore District

## AFFECTED GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

- Schools renovated - 19
- Total cost - Rs. 28 lakhs
- Beneficiaries - 1,600 Rural students
- Major Donor - Columbus Tamil Sangam



Kothavacheri, Cuddalore District



Alapakkam Cuddalore District

### AFTER RENOVATION

TNF took charge to repair and renovate the Government Schools in Panruti and Kurunjipadi Taluk in Cuddalore District. The deserving and damaged schools were identified and recommended by the District Administration.



Kothavacheri, Cuddalore District



C. Sathamangalam 1 - 22 Houses

Rain or shine, people lived in a shattered life due to lack of shelter. And their condition worsened beyond words due to sudden rain and floods.

TNF identified that a joint effort with the Government will quickly benefit the suffering poor. The District Administration, appreciated the TNF'S tireless efforts and gave complete support by facilitating "the housing project" and also it identified

**Beneficiaries - 160** from the worst hit places in Keerapalayam and Kurinjipadi Blocks of Cuddalore district.



# NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOUSES





C. Sathamangalam 2 - 43 Houses



# NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOUSES





Vadaharirajapuram - 19 houses



# NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOUSES







Boothampadi - 51 houses

## THE CHALLENGES WERE MANY..

TNF faced many tough challenges but the love for fellow human beings helped to overcome and made everything possible.

Rural Interior places , low lying house sites, bad roads made further impassable by the rains, blackouts, disrupted water supply and shortage of skilled manpower added to the woes.

Though 160 beneficiaries were identified, TNF could help only 135 due to non-availability of “Land Patta” - the title deeds.

To minimise the cost of construction, subsidised cement and steel were availed of and the low cost houses were constructed in accordance with the government's quality standards.

Minjur Community Hall  
Funded by New Jersey Tamil Sangam



## THE FACT SHEET

Name of the hamlets	: C.Sathamangalam (65HHs), Boothampadi (52HHs) and Vadaharirajapuram (18HHs)
No. of beneficiaries	: 135 Households (810 People)
Plinth area of each unit	: 218 Sq.Ft.
Construction Materials	: Fly ash bricks, Cuddappa flooring slabs, cement, pipes & electrical fittings
Additional Features	: Toilets under “Swachh Bharat” scheme were provided for 80 houses and the remaining were funded by TNF.
Final cost	: Rs. 2,20,000/- per house



Apparakudi, Thiruvarur District



## SUPPORTING THE “JOGI” COMMUNITY

‘Jogi’ community people earned their livelihood by dancing in the streets and selling inexpensive plastic items for a living. Around 80 families living in Apparkudi near Thiruthuraipoondi, Thiruvavarur District, were badly affected. Their mud and thatched huts were heavily damaged by the rains and floods.



Immediate food for all members of the community and building materials were provided for rebuilding their homes

**Beneficiaries – 160 people**



Ottankulam, Cuddalore District

## SERIOUS GAP IN EDUCATION ADDRESSED

During the relief operations, TNF identified a serious gap in the reach of education in respect of “Narikurava” & “Jogi” community students. The school dropout problem was due to following reasons

- Students displaced due to floods unable to continue their education
- Narikurava children in Ottankulam, Cuddalore and “Jogi” children in Apparkudi, Thiruvarur who accompanied their parents to work at the expense of education
- Their “fear” of flood experience



## TNF's effort

Special Coaching Centres to motivate educate and readmit children to regular schools. Two teachers, one in each area appointed.

Beneficiaries – 51 children









## STRETCHING THE DOLLAR

Every contribution is hard earned dollars. TNF values it dearly. Efforts were made to stretch the dollar value to draw its maximum worth.

No middlemen in our work. All projects were implemented by compassionate contractors with the active involvement of TNF Chennai relief staff.

### THE EXTRA MILE PROCURED

When the right team with outstanding track-record and right motives approaches, help becomes readily available. Here are our local partners who joined us towards this mammoth task.

- Ramco Cement
- Asian Paints
- Johnson & Co Tiles
- Bangalore Granites
- Drawings at children section by young artists
- Government subsidised cement procured for construction
- Fomra Electricals
- Steel procured at SPECIAL rate

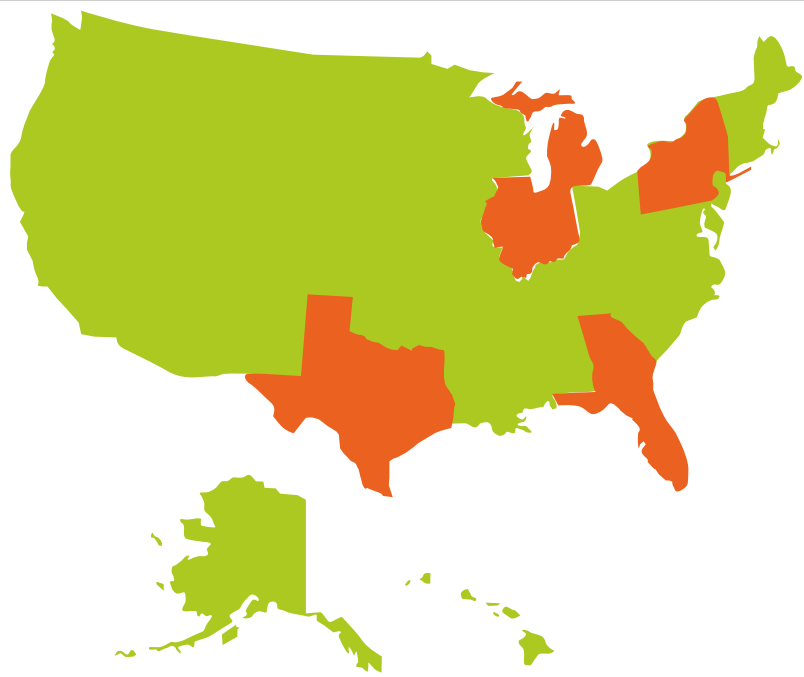


THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.  
YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND OUR TEAM  
JOINTLY HAVE **SET STANDARDS IN  
DISASTER RESPONSE.**

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Spontaneous response of the Indian community in the US through TNF, which acted voluntarily to mitigate the suffering of fellowmen, was a visible success far exceeding expectations. The efforts also helped in discouraging migration of affected population to nearby overcrowded towns and cities in search of relief and rehabilitation.



TNF sincerely thanks every individual donor for generously donating toward flood relief through TNF USA, TNF Chapters and our valued sister organizations. We are also grateful for the unity exhibited by the officers of our sister organizations. You worked tirelessly with the Tamil Nadu Foundation by partnering in our efforts, contributing towards stretching every donated dollar to the fullest extent possible by avoiding middlemen and by strictly adhering to all the guidelines established for 501(C) (3), 80 (G) AND FCRA approved organizations as per U.S. and Indian laws.

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“ TNF gave good visibility for our Tamil Association with our logo and name in flood relief event banners and provided us timely reports that we shared with our Cleveland community. ”



Chandra Kayambo, President, Northeast Ohio Tamil Sangam, Cleveland



“ TNF's 40+ years of legacy in implementing projects in Tamil Nadu made it easy for us to convince Michigan based Indian organizations and temples to partner with TNF. We were all impressed by TNF's ability to provide us timely reports with pictures for the funds we raised. ”

Annadurai Murugesan, President (2016) , Michigan Tamil Sangam, Detroit, Michigan

“ இத்தருணத்தில் இந்த சித்த மருத்துவ முகாமினை எங்களோடு இணைந்து நடத்திய வாசிங்டன் வட்டாரத் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை, அமெரிக்காத் தமிழ் மருத்துவக் கழகம் ஆகிய அமைப்புகளின் அன்பர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் எங்களது இதயம் கனிந்த நன்றிகளைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறோம்.

எவ்வளவு தொலைவில் இருந்தாலும் நம் மக்களுக்கு உதவ வேண்டும் என்ற உயரிய எண்ணத்தோடு பல முறை தொலைபேசியிலும் பல்வழி அழைப்பிலும் மின்னஞ்சல் வாயிலாகவும் எங்களைத் தொடர்பு கொண்டு எங்களுக்கு ஊக்கமளித்து உதவிய அனைத்து அன்பர்களுக்கும் எங்களின் நெஞ்சார்ந்த நன்றிகளைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறோம்.

உங்கள் எல்லோரின் உளமார்ந்த வாழ்த்துக்கள், இந்த முகாமின் பயன் எதிர்பார்த்ததை விட அதிகம் மக்களுக்குச் சென்றடைய உதவியது.

நன்றி வணக்கம். ”

ப. செல்வ சண்முகம், தலைவர், உலக சித்தா அிக்கட்டளை



## BENEFICIARIES

“ We are “Narikuravas”. We are isolated community. We were stranded during floods and had no food for two days. It was then that two people from Tamil Nadu Foundation came and saw our condition. Immediately they organized food for all of us. Freshly cooked warm food was served by them for three days which gave life to us. They also gave us immediate relief kits which included, groceries like rice, toor dal, salt, cooking oil, sooji, mustard, gram dal, Urd dal, soaps- bathing and washing, dettol, and Bedsheets, tub, tooth paste and brush etc. Also conducted medical camp in our area. Thanks to Tamil Nadu Foundation who supported us when nobody cared for us. ”



Selvi, Ottangulam, Cuddalore District

“ அனைவருக்கும் பூதம்பாடி ஊராட்சி மக்களின் சார்பாக தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை அவர்களுக்கு நன்றினை தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். எங்களது கிராமம் பாதிப்புக்குள்ளான கிராமம் இந்த கிராமத்தில் 51 வீடுகள் தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை அமெரிக்கா நிறுவனம் எங்களுக்கு கட்டி கொடுத்து உள்ளது. எங்கள் ஊர் நவம்பர் மாதம் 2015யில் பெரும் வெள்ளத்திற்கும் பெரும் துன்பத்திற்கும் ஆளானது. இந்த கனமழையின் காரணமாக 4 பேர் இறந்து விட்டார்கள். இந்த துயரத்திலிருந்து நாங்கள் மீளவே முடிய வில்லை. இந்த மீளாத முடியாத காரணத்தால் தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளையின் மூலம் கடவுள் ஒரு கோலத்தில் எங்கள் ஊரில் வந்து இறங்கியுள்ளார். நாங்கள் எல்லோரும் எப்படி இந்த பாதிபிலிருந்து மீளப்போகிறோம், நமக்கு எப்படி விடிவு கிடைக்க போகிறது என்று கலங்கி நின்ற போது இந்த சுழ்நிலையில் தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை அமெரிக்கா எங்களுக்கு இலவசமாக வீடுகள் கட்டிக் கொடுத்து கழிப்பறை மற்றும் குளியலறைகளையும் கட்டி கொடுத்து எங்கள் குடும்பத்தினரிடையே மற்றற்ற மகிழ்ச்சியை கொடுத்துள்ளது. கடந்த வருடம் தீபாவளியை எங்களால் கொண்டாட முடியவில்லை. ஆனால் இந்த வருடம் தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளையின் சார்பாக எங்கள் ஊர் மற்றும் சாத்தமங்கலம், வடஹாராஜபுரம், இனிய தீபாவளியினை கொண்டாடப்போகிறோம்.

இந்த வீடுகளை அன்னார்ந்து பார்க்கும் பொழுது ஒரு தலைமுறைஅல்ல, இரு தலைமுறைகளை, மூன்று தலைமுறைவரை தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை அமெரிக்கா என்று தான் ஞாபகத்திற்கு வரும். ”

வெற்றிச்செல்வன் - பூதம்பாடி, பொது மக்களில் ஒருவர்



அனைவருக்கும் வணக்கம்

நான் இந்த ஊரில் பிறந்து வளர்ந்து தற்போது சிதம்பரத்தில் வசித்து வருகிறேன். இந்த ஊரினை தேர்வு செய்த தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளைக்கு எனது நன்றியினை தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். கடந்த 20, 25 வருடங்களாக இந்தப் பகுதியில் தரமான வீடுகளே கிடையாது. அது மட்டுமில்லாமல் கழிவறை வசதி முற்றிலும் கிடையாது. அதுபோல் நீங்கள் தேர்வு செய்த இடம் மிகவும் பொருத்தமானது. அதற்கு நான் மிகவும் நன்றினை தெரிவித்து கொள்கிறேன். நான் இந்த பகுதியில் சர்ச் மட்டும் தான் கட்டிடமாக பார்த்து இருக்கிறேன். எங்கள் ஊர் அருகில் உள்ள ஓடை ஒன்று உடைந்து விட்டால் மூன்று கிராமம் தண்ணீரில் முழுகி விடும். எனக்கு தெரிந்து தன்னார்வ தொண்டு நிறுவனம் ஒன்று சாத்தமங்களத்தை தேர்வு செய்து வீடுகள் கட்டி கொடுத்தது உங்கள் தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை மட்டும் தான். அதனால் என் கிராமத்தின் சார்பாகவும், நான் சார்ந்திருக்கின்ற பத்திரிக்கை துறையின் சார்பாகவும் நன்றினை தெரிவித்து கொள்கிறேன்.

V. சிவராஜன் - சாத்தமங்களம், பத்திரிக்கையாளர்

அனைவருக்கும் வணக்கம்

வடஹாராஜபுரம் பகுதியில் மழையினால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட மக்களுக்கு தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை வந்து பார்வையிட்டு, இந்த பகுதியில் கான்கிரீட் வீடுகள் கட்டி கொடுக்க முன் வந்தார்கள். அதற்கு தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை அமெரிக்கா நிறுவனத்திற்கு எங்களது நன்றியினை தெரிவித்து கொள்கிறோம். எங்களது கிராமத்தை அடையாளம் காட்டிய BDO ஐயா அவர்களுக்கும் நன்றியை தெரிவித்து கொள்கிறோம்.

முருகன் - ஊர் தலைவர், வடஹாராஜபுரம்

என் பெயர் ரி. முல்லையம்மாள், திருவாரூர் மாவட்டத்தை சார்ந்த அரசு உயர்நிலைப்பள்ளியில் 7ம் வகுப்பு படித்து வருகின்றேன். நான் ஆறாம் வகுப்பு படிக்கும் போது எனக்கு ஆங்கிலம் எதுவுமே தெரியாது, 2015 ஆம் ஆண்டு TNF வகுப்பு தொடங்கப்பட்ட போது தான் கணக்கு, ஆங்கிலம் தெரிந்து கொண்டேன்.

எங்கள் ஊரில் Joggies என்று என்னால் மேற்காண்டு படிக்க முடியவில்லை, இதனால் நாங்கள் ஆடுகள் மேய்க்கவும், ஸ்டிக்கர் விற்பதற்கும் சென்று கொண்டிருந்தோம். அப்போது தான் TNF எங்கள் ஊருக்குள் வந்து விசாரித்து நீங்கள் யாரும் ஆடுகள் மேய்க்க கூடாது என்றும் நீங்கள் அனைவரும் படிக்க வேண்டும் என்று கூறி எங்களுக்கு TNF வகுப்புகள் எடுக்க ஆரம்பித்தார்கள். இப்போது நாங்கள் ஆங்கிலம், கணக்கு நன்றாக படிக்கின்றோம், மேலும் எங்கள் ஊரில் பல பிள்ளைகள் படிக்க வேண்டும் என்று ஆசைப்படுகிறார்கள். அதற்கும் தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை எங்களுக்கு உதவி செய்ய வேண்டும்.

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