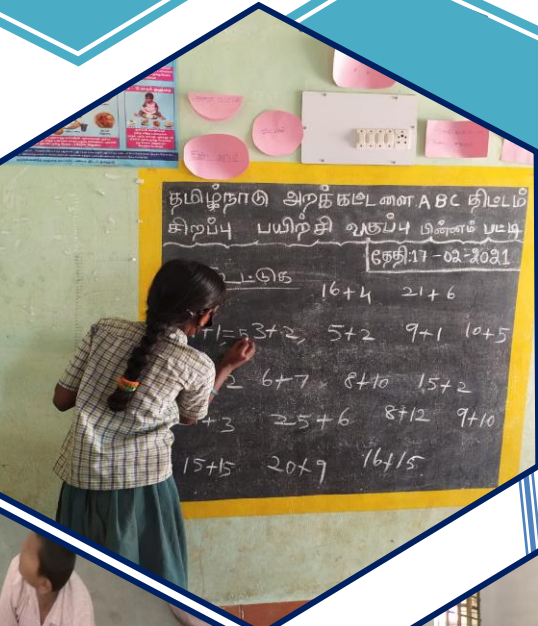




TAMIL NADU FOUNDATION

Annual Report
2020-21





குறள் வழியில்...

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“Building Capabilities, Bettering Lives”

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Greetings from the President வணக்கம்!



Dear TNF Members, Friends and Patrons,

The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021 translated to a daunting challenge for my role as the TNF President. Our normal channels of social services in Tamil Nadu had to be carried out with a great degree of ingenuity and flexibility. With the able assistance of the TNF staff on the ground in India and our committed members in the U.S. we took recourse to a multitude of virtual engagements to simulate gatherings, meetings and fundraising events. It was quite heartening to see the continued generosity of many of the ardent supporters of TNF who opened their hearts and wallets to help the needy and the underserved.

During this year, TNF successfully conducted two major virtual fundraising events. For their part, TNF Chennai came up with the unique idea of Special Coaching Classes to the students in the ABC Schools, as well as for those appearing for the NEET exams, a challenging requirement for MBBS & BDS programs in the medical and dental colleges.

In May 2021, TNF joined hands with a multitude of organizations such as ATEA, Indiaspora, Fetna, ATMA, IIT Madras Foundation, IIT MANA, CTA and many others to raise nearly **One million dollars** to fight the Covid-19 resurgence in Tamil Nadu through the HelpTNBreathe Campaign. This is the first time that so many Tamil organizations have come together for one cause.

During the fiscal year 2020-2021:

The ABC Education Initiative has grown with many Chapters and individuals adopting districts and schools. To date, we have 125 partner schools in 15 districts and more than 90,000 beneficiaries. As you well know, the ABC initiative opens doors for many slow learners and underserved children all over Tamil Nadu. TNF Chennai conducted Special Coaching Classes in 12 districts that have benefitted **1282 students**. In 2021, **1658 students** attended the ABC classes and **1723 students** received soft skills training, for a total of **4663 students** benefiting from these programs. Coaching for the NEET exams were held for students in Thiruvavur and Nagapattinam districts.

Mann Vasanai: The largest initiative of TNF targets to raise funds (to the tune of \$ 9 million+, \$ 250,000 per district) to sustain the TNF projects in each of the 38 districts and the Union Territory of Puducherry. Nagapattinam, Namakkal, and Sivagangai have raised more than 60% of Phase I goal of 50 lakhs per district. With your help, we can fund all of them in the very near future.



Operational Efforts:

- The current Bylaws governing TNF activities were drafted by the Board of Directors at its inception. In 2021 the TNF Board appointed a Bylaw Committee to review and propose relevant revisions, and the committee's amendments were approved by the General Body. The amended bylaws give provision for two of the general directors to be Directors of Youth and Communication, and Technology management. Henceforth, the mode of communications to the general body will be only by electronic mail except for the few members without email.
- TNF Policy and Procedure Manual was created to give clarity to the roles of the various offices and their responsibilities.

Fundraising Efforts:

- TNF USA conducted Online Live Music Programs in August 2020 and January 2021 and raised close to **\$175,000.00** for the ABC Initiative and the Mann Vaasanai Projects.
- In fiscal year 2020-2021 TNF received a total amount of **\$666,524** for the various board and individual projects – a significant accomplishment considering the challenge we faced during the pandemic.
- TNF supporters from the US helped to raise more than **\$21,000** for the Covid-19 India Relief fund. This money was donated for RT PCR machines, PPEs, Oxygen concentrators in the most affected area hospitals in Tamil Nadu.
- TNF Chapters raised about **\$36,981** for the Covid-19 USA Relief fund to be given to Food Banks in various cities in the U.S.
- TNF Chicago Chapter raised **\$37,485** for the purchase of an RT-PCR Machine, a rapid screening assay, for Stanley Medical College and Hospital in Chennai.

TNF Service and Education Initiative: Since its inception the TNF Summer Internship program has enriched the lives of 134 U.S. born Tamil Youth from all across the country. Per the program's design and intent, these students spent time in various cities in Tamil Nadu, connecting to their roots and more importantly learning about the challenges faced by the local students in learning.

The rich experience has motivated some of these youth to start their own projects to help the children of Tamil Nadu. To-date, we have seven projects created by these youth.

The TAYMAI Grants is an extension of the project initiative and is managed by the Young Professional Committee. The YPC is assuming a key role in developing youth initiatives in many cities in the U.S.



In 2021, TNF Chapters continued to face challenges in raising funds. A few chapters conducted virtual walkathons. Only in April 2021 a few of the chapters began to have programs. During the pandemic, virtual sessions were conducted with individual chapters by the President and VP Chapters to keep in touch and to encourage the chapter members.

TNF has maintained communications with its members and supporters with the publication of the monthly e-newsletter Eegai, updates on Facebook about TNF and the Chapters, YouTube Posts of our activities, and Instagram postings.

In closing, it has been an immensely rewarding experience, making us realize that even in adversity TNF does receive a world of support from the Board Members in U.S., members of the chapters around the country, the staff at TNF Chennai, the Project Coordinators and teachers (who chose to work with the students even during the pandemic), the Chairman Thiru. Rajarethinam, the CEO Thiru. Ka.Ilango, and the Trustees of the TNF Chennai Center.

It has been a great honor, albeit a humbling experience, to be the first woman President in the history of Tamil Nadu Foundation and to serve in this difficult environment. I am very grateful for the support provided throughout my tenure by the TNF USA Board, the Chairman of TNF Chennai Trustees Thiru. S. Rajarethinam and the CEO of TNF Chennai Chapter Thiru. Ka. Ilango.

I am proud to be a part of this organization, and thankful for the opportunity given to me to be the President of this great organization that makes it its mission to serve the underserved in Tamil Nadu through Education, Women's Empowerment, Health & Hygiene, and Rural Development.

I will remain an integral part of the TNF and provide my dedicated support.

My best wishes to the new team of Board of Directors.

Thank you for your continued support for all the TNF Initiatives. Your generosity can and does make a difference!

USHA CHANDRA

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S. RAJARETHINAM, I.A.S., (Retd)
CHAIRMAN

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, TNF CHENNAI

Vanakkam,

The year 2020 – 2021 was full of challenges and uncertainties. Consequent on the closure of Educational Institutions on account of Corona virus Pandemic, students had to go for to Online Coaching. However, access to online coaching to rural Government School Students posed logistical problems. Under these circumstances, TNF had organised Special Coaching classes in 12 districts utilizing the services of 60 ABC Teachers strictly following the standard operating procedures announced by Government for containment of the spread of COVID-19. Under this programme, 1282 rural students were benefitted.

Our decision to implement ABC Project in 19 districts in 78 schools increasing the number from the current 15 project districts covering 62 schools, could not be achieved due to lockdown.

When the schools were opened in January 2021, TNF, with the help of our dedicated field level staff conducted coaching classes for 1658 students besides imparting. Soft Skill training to 1723 students upto March 2021.

During this period 200 students have received scholarship worth Rs. 4.60 million.

Another milestone in our activities in the year 2020 is the supply of medical equipments costing Rs. 5.8 million to Government Medical Institutions. These equipments have been put to use not only for diagnostic purposes but also for teaching and Research purposes.

In the light of the decision of the Government of Tamil Nadu to reserve 7.5% of the medical seats for students studied in Tamil Medium in Government schools, the need for coaching rural Government/Aided school students to write NEET has assumed importance. TNF, with the available funds has organised online coaching which has received overwhelming response from the students.

On behalf of the Trustees, officers and staff of TNF Chennai Centre I record my appreciation and gratitude to the President, Board of Directors and Donors, for their consistent support to all our activities for achieving the objectives of TNF.



S. Rajarethinam,
Chairman,
TNF Chennai Chapter.

I. About TNF

Tamil Nadu Foundation Tamil Nadu Chapter was formed in the year 1983 and it is a non-profit Trust for the benefit and welfare of the deserving citizens of Tamil Nadu.

TNF USA was set up by NRIs from Tamil Nadu settled in the USA in the year 1974.

The Mission of the Trust is to channelize Donations received from NRI Tamils in USA to help the needy people in Tamil Nadu.

Objectives

- ❖ Enhancing quality of Education
- ❖ Improving Health and Hygienic Environment
- ❖ Creating basic infrastructure for rural development
- ❖ Empowerment of women to achieve better socio-economic status

Vision

To become a recognized charitable organization, representing the commitment of all people of Tamil origin living abroad to improve the quality of life of every citizen of Tamil Nadu.

Mission

To empower the underserved in Tamil Nadu (India) through Education, Women's Empowerment, Rural Development and Health & Hygiene by enriching their educational, social, economic and cultural status.

II. Education Enhancement Programmes



The goal of TNF's ABC initiative is to enrich and empower underprivileged students by providing resources, programs and tools currently not provided by the government.

The initial focus of the project was to enable grade level proficiency for underprivileged rural students who otherwise will become school dropouts. The current focus is on the entire student population, ranging from academically challenged to highly ambitious students.

a. Academic Bridge Course(ABC) project

The three components of the model are:

- a. Achieving academic proficiency**
- b. Boosting their morale**
- c. Championing for Higher aspirations**

During the period 2020 - 2021, 4663 students from 78 Government and Government aided schools of **ABC Project** benefitted in 19 Districts of Tamil Nadu.



Due to the pandemic –COVID-19, the schools were not reopened. Hence, TNF initiated the ABC **“Special Coaching classes”** from August 2020 in the ABC Project – areas. Later, when the Government announced the reopening of schools for 12th classes followed by 9th to 11th classes also, TNF supported the regular classes.

Besides, TNF organized **‘Soft Skill Training’** in 28 ABC Projects schools in 12 Districts benefitting 1723 students of High & Higher Secondary classes without compromising on the COVID control guidelines.

Special Coaching classes



Soft Skill Training



Summary of Beneficiaries

ABC Special Coaching Class	1282
ABC Regular Class	1658
Soft Skill Training	1723
<i>Total No. of Students benefitted during the year</i>	4663

b. Libraries are Temples Project

i. Somalay Memorial Branch

Library, Nerkuppai

Spoken English classes and JEE Coaching classes were initiated through online coaching to the rural students. So far, 21 students benefitted out this coaching classes.



ii. Anvarthikanpet Branch

Library, Ranipet

The students of ABC Special Coaching classes were given the computer training. One of the volunteer from the local area provided the training in batches. 220 students benefitted.



C. Educational Scholarship



A sum of Rs.45,85,165/- was sanctioned during the financial year to 201 students

Summary of Beneficiaries

Regular Educational

172 Students

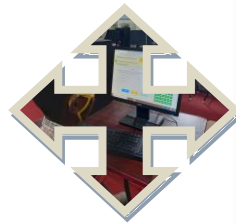
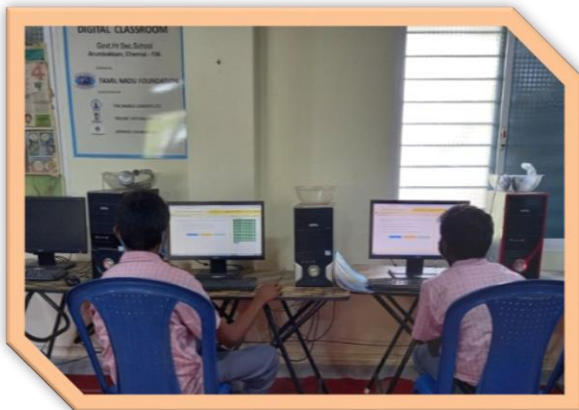
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29 Students

d. Self Guided Digital Classroom

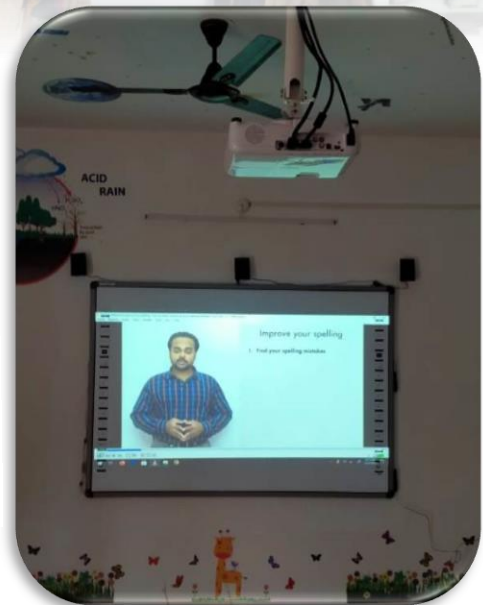
TNF initiated the Digital Classroom in Government Higher Secondary School, CMDA Colony, Arumbakkam in 2017.

The objective is to facilitate students of class 6 to 9, learn English and Mathematics with the help of various learning digital tools. Through this project, 175 students benefitted during the year.



e. Successful School Project

A Smart classroom was established in Panchayat Union Middle School, Muluvi, Panchayat Union Middle School, Settukadu, Panchayat Union Middle School, Kolagur, Panchayat Union Middle School, Nallur, Panchayat Union Middle School, Mannur at Salem district. Through this project 300 students benefitted during the year.

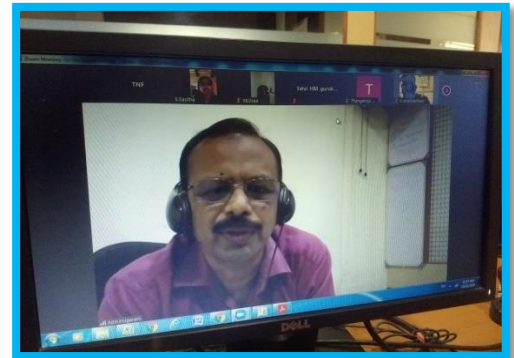
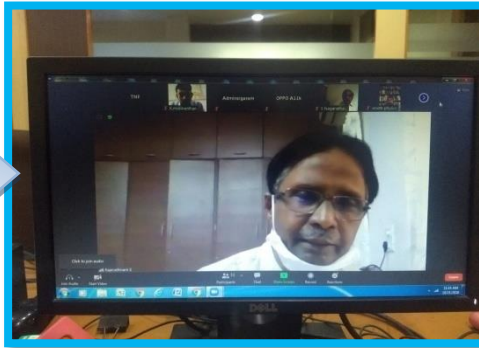


III.NEET Coaching Classes

The NEET Online Tamil Medium (35 students) and English Medium (48 students) Coaching classes to the Girl students of KGKG Girls Hr. Sec. School, Vedaranyam and other Govt. and Govt. Aided schools in Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam District that was initiated at the end of October 2020. On an average there are about 35 students attending the classes regularly from 12 Government and Government aided schools.

Since, Government of Tamil Nadu has given 7.5% quota for the Government school students for admission to M.B.B.S. course this online coaching will be very useful to NEET Coaching students.

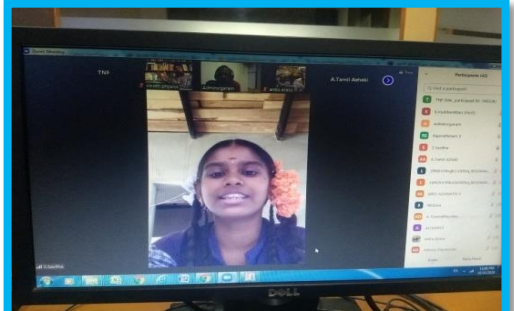
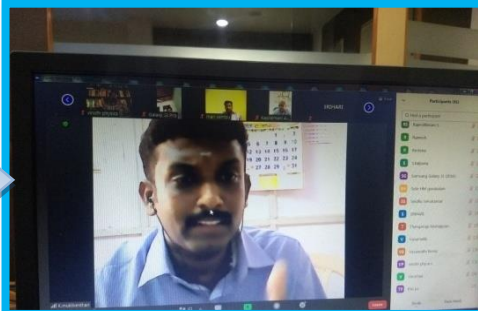
Inauguration



Distribution of Study Materials



Online Classes



IV.GAJA Cyclone Relief and Rehabilitation work Project

a. Construction of 9 make shift houses to the Gaja Cyclone affected beneficiaries in **Muthanpallam** at **Pudukottai District** was completed with an estimated value of **Rs. 11,25,000/-** with the funding support from TNF Dallas Chapter and paid for the year Rs. 4,72,500/-

Before



After



b. Repair and Renovation of classrooms at Government High school, Gramamedhmedu, Nagapattinam District.

Cost of Project Rs. 3,96,500/-

BEFORE



AFTER



V.COVID-19 Research Educational Projects

Tamil Nadu Foundation has donated RT-PCR Machines to Stanley Government Medical College, Chennai and Madurai Medical College. 3,93,460 samples were tested using these machines during the year. Dean, Government Medical Colleges of Chennai and Madurai reported that the RT-PCR is being used by medical students for their studies.

TNF also supplied 10 Nos of Oxygen Concentrator and 50 Nos of Oxygen Cylinders to Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai more than 5600 have COVID patients benefitted.



VI. Special School for Intellectually Disabled Students



TNF provides assistance to the intellectually disabled students of a Special school at sirkazhi in Myiladuthurai District.

- Providing Nutritional food and supplements
- Purchase of medicine
- Salary to Special Teachers

No. of Children Benefitted - 63
Total Amount of Assistance provided – Rs. 10 lakh



VII. Individual Donor Projects

a. Government Hr. Sec.School for the Visually Impaired, Poonamallee at Thiruvallur District

Construction of security cabin, repair of the main gate and entrance and the change of roof of a classroom were undertaken with the funding support from TNF Dallas Chapter.

Total cost of the project – Rs. 19.50 lakh

No. of benefitted – 220 students

BEFORE



AFTER



b. Educational Assistance to orphaned Girl children, Kundrakudi, Sivagangai District

TNF provides educational assistance to deserving girl children below 18 years of age at Kundrakudi in Sivagangai District.

Besides providing educational assistance to encourage to pursue their talents and interest.

No. of children benefitted	-	21
Total amount of assistance provided	-	Rs. 19.17 lakh



C. DBTR National Higher Secondary School, Educational Project

33 Note pads / Tablets were distributed to the eligible students for attending Online coaching classes.

No. of students benefitted -33
Cost of the project -Rs. 4.30 lakh



d. Awareness campaign on birth defects and other genetic disorder



Awareness campaigns on birth defects and other genetic disorder are conducted to various stakeholders during the year 235 people attended the awareness.

Cost of the project - Rs. 7.98 lakh
No. of benefitted -235 People

e. Educational Enrichment

TNF has donated 8 Nos of white boards to Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary school.

Cost of the project - Rs. 49,455/-
No. of benefitted - 250 students



f. **Educational assistance to the Destitute and socially abandoned school children / Industrial training institute students**

Towards the scholarship, uniform materials and sports materials for the destitute and socially abandoned children at Sriperambathur.

Total cost of the project - Rs. 2, 81,493/-
No. of benefitted - 150 students



VIII. Tailoring Education

Six month training was given to adolescent girls and women in and around perumbakkam.

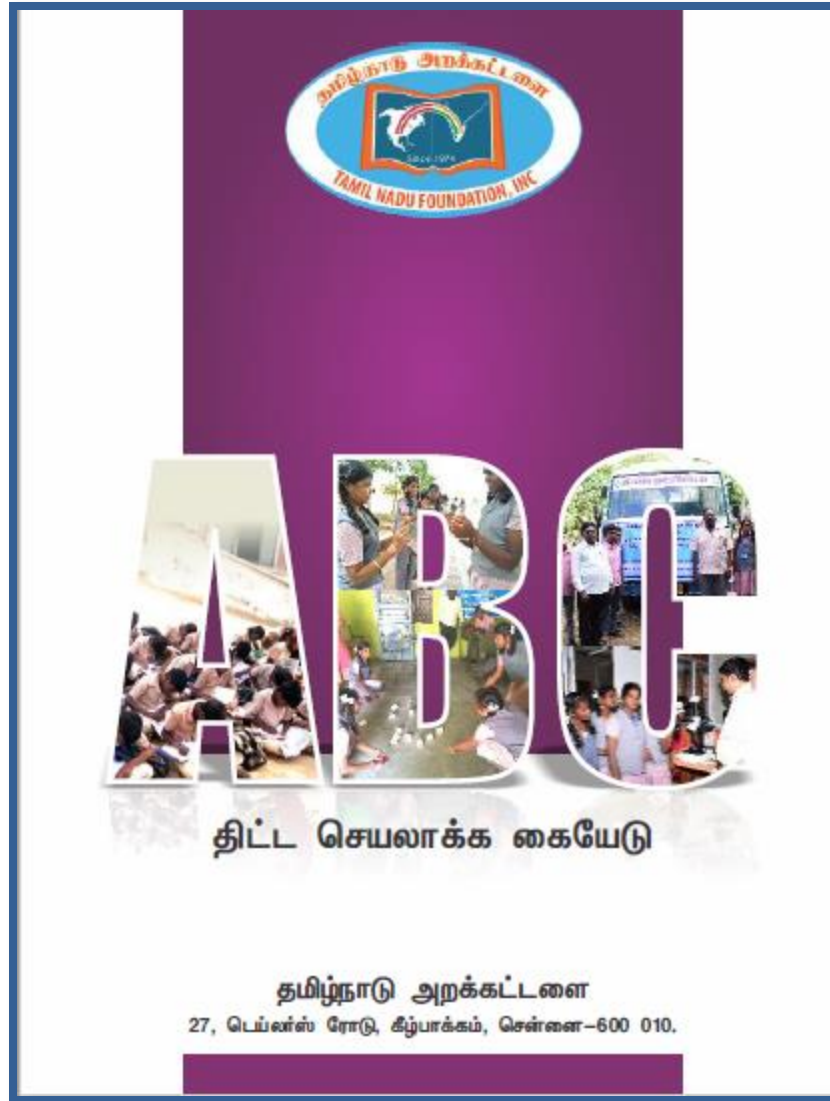
No. of Beneficiaries - 40 women



IX. Others

ABC Project implementation Manual

TNF has come up with the ABC Project implementation Manual. This manual will be of help to the TNF ABC Project staff to implement the programme with consistency across the districts of Tamil Nadu.



X. Mann Vasanai

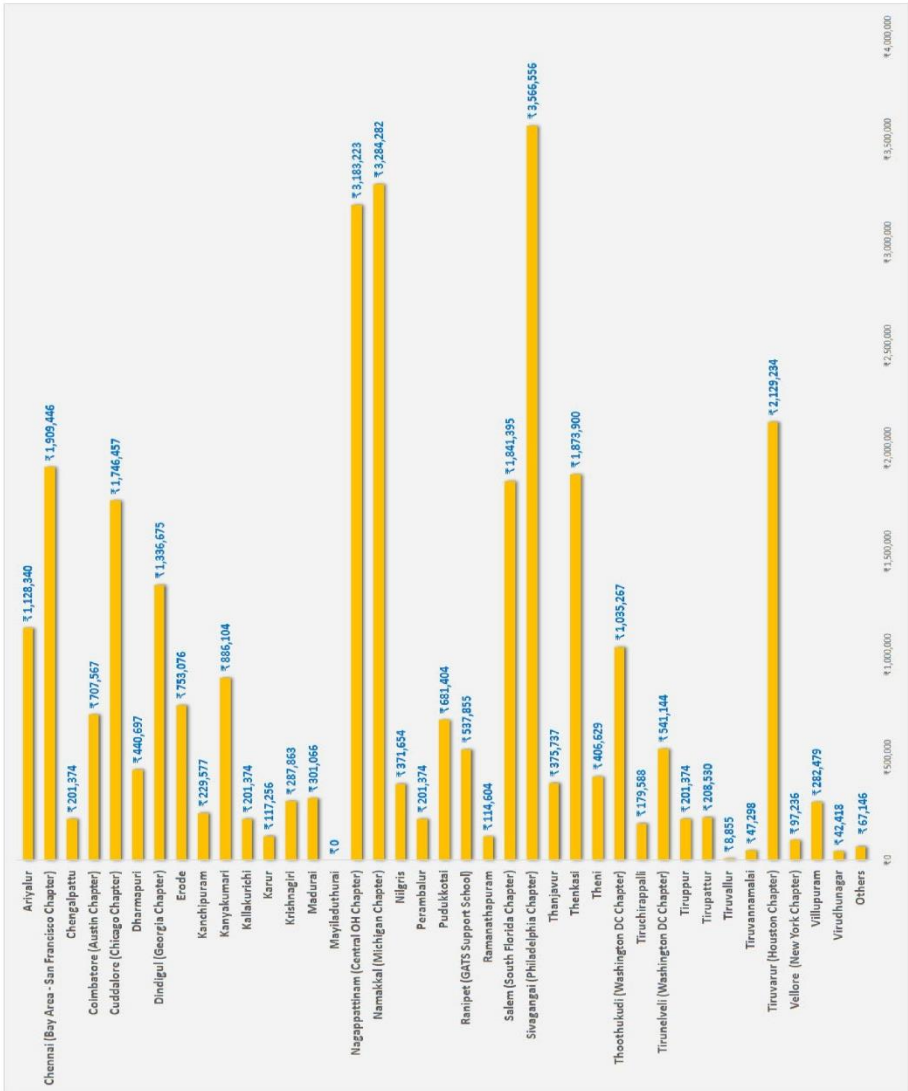


Only the interest generated from the funds for a specific district will be used in that district to sustain TNF USA board sponsored projects in Education



DISTRICT CORPUS FUND *(As of 31st March 2021)*

Phase I Goal: Rs. 50 Lakhs for each districts



XI. Trustees & Board of Directors

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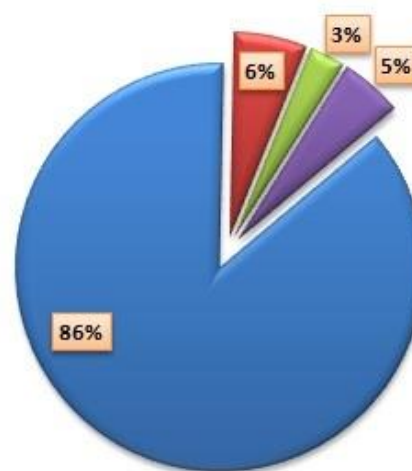
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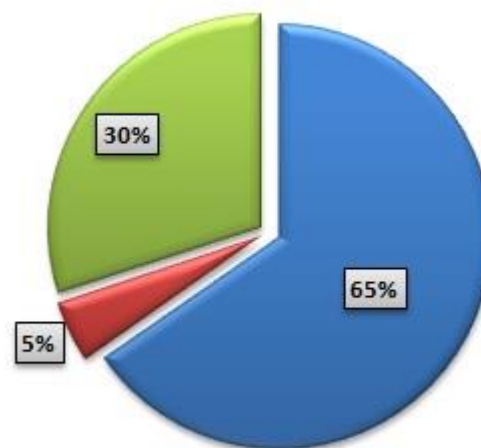
Source of Funding 2020-21 (Rs. In Lakhs)

TNF USA	229.43 (86.42 %)
Benevity Inc- UK Online Giving Foundation	15.43 (5.81%)
Individuals	7.50 (2.82 %)
TNF TN Chapter	13.13 (4.95 %)
Total	265.49 (100%)



Utilization of Funds (Rs. In Lakhs)

Enhancing Education	146.16 (65.37%)
Natural Calamity	10.39 (4.65%)
Awareness & Training in Health, Rural Development & Women Empowerment	67.03 (29.98%)
Total	223.58 (100%)



XIII. Appreciation for the Good work..

30 students get training in soft skills

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HANDS ON: Tamil Nadu Foundation, a non-profit organization of Tamil NRIs in the US, organised a soft skills training programme for school students

Madurai: In all, 30 students of Class IX and X at Papakudipatti government high school took part in a two-day soft skills training programme on Friday and Saturday to help them cope with the impact of the pandemic and also get career guidance.

The programme was conducted with expert trainers from Tamil Nadu Foundation (TNF), a non-profit organization founded by Tamil NRIs in the US, as part of their ABC Project to benefit government school students. "We interacted with students on how to build resilience and cope emotionally, especially if they or their families are infected by Covid-19," said K Shanmugasundaram, one of the trainers. Students were also taught about how they can face job interviews, become an entrepreneur and pursue higher studies.

Since 2012, the ABC Project has extended its reach to 61 schools in 14 districts and it was for the first time the programme was held in a school in Madurai. "Our aim is to train students, especially slow-learners. We also look to boost the morale of students," said Dr Ka Ilango, CEO of TNF.

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RT-PCR machine donated to Madurai Medical College
Tamil Nadu Foundation (TNF), a non-profit organization created by a group of Americans of Tamil origin, donated a RT-PCR machine costing Rs.50 lakh to Madurai Medical College on July 20. Revenue Minister R. A. Uthayakumar, who inspected the college on Wednesday, checked the machine and expressed his gratitude to those who donated the machine. Government Rajaji Hospital Dean J. Sanguanani said that with this machine a total of five machines were available. This will help us to test around 4,000 samples, he said. The TNF had earlier given a RT-PCR machine to Government Stanley Medical College in Chennai.



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