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Reviving Hope: Rebuilding stronger communities through Resilience and Renewal



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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER'S DESK

Most Respected Sir/Madam,

It is my honor to present to you ATSWA Trust's Annual Report for the year 2022-2023. This report captures the remarkable journey of resilience and renewal that we embarked upon in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.



The past year has tested us in unimaginable ways, but it is during times of adversity that the true strength of our organization and the communities we serve shines through. In the face of unprecedented challenges, ATSWA Trust has remained steadfast in its commitment to reviving hope and rebuilding stronger communities. We have focused our efforts on addressing the critical needs of marginalized communities, recognizing that education, economic empowerment, and health and well-being are essential building blocks for their revival. Through innovative initiatives and strategic partnerships, we have bridged the education gap, provided economic opportunities, and restored confidence in the health and well-being of our beneficiaries.

Our success would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication and hard work of our team. Their commitment to our mission, their passion for creating positive change, and their resilience in the face of adversity have been truly inspiring.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to our partners and donors. Your generous support and collaboration have been instrumental in driving our progress and amplifying our impact. Together, we have created sustainable change and transformed the lives of countless individuals and families.

As you delve into this Annual Report, I invite you to witness the incredible stories of hope, strength, and transformation that have unfolded over the past year. It is a testament to the collective efforts of our organization, the communities we serve, and our stakeholders.

Looking ahead, we are committed to continuing our mission of empowering marginalized communities, unleashing their potential, and building a more just and inclusive society. With your continued support, I am confident that we will overcome any challenges that lie ahead and make an even greater impact in the years to come. Thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey of revival, resilience, and renewal.

With the deepest gratitude, optimism, and love

Seva. S. A. Chelladurai
Founder & President – ATSWA TRUST

JOURNEY THROUGH TIME: REFLECTING ON OUR PATH

ABOUT ATSWA

ATSWA Trust is a registered non-governmental organization (NGO) that operates in the Chennai, Thiruvallur, and Kanchipuram districts of Tamil Nadu, as well as 66 Mandals in Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh. Our wide-ranging initiatives encompass child care, disability support, HIV and AIDS intervention, healthcare, women's development, senior citizen care, disaster preparedness, employable skill training, road safety, emergency relief, response, rehabilitation, traditional farming, and environment protection.

Our journey began with two determined individuals, Mr. S. A. Chelladurai and Mr. S. Arputharaj, who hailed from Sathyavedu Mandal in the Chittoor district. Motivated by their own experiences of overcoming poverty, they dedicated themselves to helping deserving children break free from the cycle of poverty. This led to the establishment of a residential home for children affected by HIV and AIDS in the year 2000. Since then, we have expanded our efforts to empower adolescents, youth, and adults, providing them with education, support, and opportunities for growth.

At ATSWA Trust, we remain committed to our purpose and work tirelessly to make a positive impact in the lives of marginalized individuals and communities.

MISSION STATEMENT

ATSWA Trust is dedicated to bringing relief, help, and healing to marginalized communities, irrespective of language, race, religion, caste, color, creed, or sexual orientation. Since 2005, our aim has been to improve the lives of individuals and the communities they belong to, while also preserving and protecting the environment. We strive to create lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, illiteracy, inequality, and social injustice, fostering a just community where every individual can experience the fullness of life.



CHILD CARE: TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE INTERVENTIONS

We operate three residential homes that provide life-transforming interventions to 287 children in need. Our primary focus is on ensuring these children have access to essential necessities and opportunities for growth. Our comprehensive care includes safe shelter, clean water, nutritious meals, medical support, quality education, skill enhancement, economic development support, family essential kits, groceries, and counselling. The three core sectors we prioritize are health, education, and HIV/AIDS care.

Empowering Boys and Girls: Happy Children's Home



In Dasukuppam village, our Happy Children's Home stands as a beacon of hope, providing a nurturing environment for 60 girls and 65 boys. These residential homes offer essential support and guidance, empowering children to overcome challenges and thrive.

Supporting HIV and AIDS Affected Girls and Boys: ATSWA Rehabilitation Centre

Located in Madanambedu village, our ATSWA Rehabilitation Centre is a haven exclusively catering to 100 girls affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS. Additionally, 40 boys and their families receive invaluable support through this residential home. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Kindernoithilfe, a German funding organization, for their assistance in meeting the needs of this facility.



Building Resilience, Inspiring Growth: Empowering through Counselling



Our counselling services play a pivotal role in empowering our beneficiaries. We provide personalized support to help children face challenges with resilience, enhance their decision-making skills, and foster leadership abilities. Through counselling, we enable personal growth and ignite the spark of self-confidence.



PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: CARE FOR BODY AND MIND

At the core of our mission is ensuring the well-being of our beneficiaries. We provide access to medical care, essential medicines, and nutritious food. Our dedicated staff assists all children in regularly taking antiretroviral therapy (ART) medicines, maintaining a proper diet, and actively engaging in recreational activities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have gone the extra mile by providing additional groceries and family essential kits to help them navigate these challenging times.



OPENING DOORS TO KNOWLEDGE: EDUCATION FOR ALL

Education is a powerful tool for empowerment. We prioritize providing quality education to all children under our care, facilitating their enrolments in nearby regular schools. With Tamil and Telugu as the medium of instruction, we engage after-school tuition teachers to enhance their understanding and academic performance. The results are remarkable, with a 100% pass rate as 97 children successfully completed their annual examinations.



Unleashing Creative Potential : Livelihood Alternative Training

In addition to education, we focus on building skills for a sustainable future. Our livelihood alternative training programs offer children the opportunity to develop life-changing skills in various crafts such as mat making, basket weaving, embroidery, and painting. We provide all necessary materials and resources, enabling them to acquire valuable skills that pave the way for a brighter future.



Unlocking Opportunities: Skill Enhancement for HIV and AIDS-Affected Individuals

We believe in empowering individuals affected by HIV/AIDS. Our special skill enhancement training equips them with practical skills in tailoring, hair cutting, mechanics, computer servicing, tattoo art, and more. By enhancing their abilities, we open doors to income generation, improved socioeconomic status, and a pathway to self-sufficiency.



Fostering Sustainable Communities: Support for Poor Families

We go beyond direct support by fostering sustainable communities. We provide groceries and essential materials to 400 underprivileged families, ensuring access to three nutritious meals a day. Additionally, we motivate and train 189 families to establish kitchen gardens, cultivating long-term food security and self-reliance.



"Pathways to Progress: Program Highlights"



Christmas Day Celebration: Bringing joy and festive cheer to the children in our care, the Christmas Day Celebration is a special event filled with laughter, gifts, and memorable experiences. It creates a warm and loving atmosphere, making the holiday season a time of happiness and togetherness.



Community Care Boys Gift:

Our commitment to the community extends beyond our residential homes. Through the Community Care Boys Gift program, we provide essential items and gifts to boys in need, ensuring they feel valued and supported in their local communities.



Community Leadership and Skill Training Program:

Empowering young individuals to become leaders in their communities, this program equips them with essential leadership skills and provides training opportunities. By nurturing their potential, we inspire them to make a positive impact and drive positive change.



Economic Development Training:

Recognizing the importance of economic empowerment, our Economic Development Training equips individuals with practical skills and knowledge to start their own businesses or secure meaningful employment. Through this program, we aim to break the cycle of poverty and foster sustainable livelihoods.



Government Schemes Awareness Program:

Bridging the gap between government schemes and vulnerable communities, this program raises awareness about available social welfare programs and ensures that individuals and families can access the support they need. We facilitate information sharing and provide guidance to maximize the benefits of government schemes.



KITCHEN GARDENING:



Promoting self-sustainability and healthy living, our Kitchen Gardening program teaches individuals how to grow their own vegetables and herbs. By cultivating their own food, participants gain valuable skills while improving their nutrition and reducing their dependence on external sources.



RECREATION AND PICNIC TO QUEENSLAND AMUSEMENT PARK:

Creating memorable experiences and fostering a sense of joy, our Recreation and Picnic program takes children from our homes to Queensland Amusement Park. This fun-filled day allows them to relax, play, and enjoy various recreational activities, providing a break from their daily routines.



Revolving Support:

Recognizing the importance of ongoing support, our Revolving Support program provides financial assistance to individuals and families in times of urgent need. This revolving fund ensures that we can respond swiftly and effectively to unforeseen circumstances, offering a safety net for those facing challenges.



Royal Enfield Gift:

Through the Royal Enfield Gift program, we provide deserving individuals with the gift of a Royal Enfield motorcycle. This enables them to access better employment opportunities, reach distant locations, and improve their overall quality of life.



Work Experience Program for Adolescents and Women:

Empowering adolescents and women with practical skills and work experience, this program prepares them for the workforce and enhances their chances of becoming self-sufficient. By offering valuable training and hands-on experience, we equip them with the tools for a brighter future.



These initiatives, supported by our committed staff and generous partners, exemplify our dedication to transforming lives and nurturing brighter futures. Through comprehensive care and a holistic approach, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of vulnerable children and communities.



ATSWA'S REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR CHILDREN AT RISK PROJECT

ATSWA is delighted to share the impactful achievements of the KHN Project from April 2022 to March 2023. Despite the challenges posed by the fourth wave of the Omicron variant, we successfully provided essential medical care, vocational education, and counselling to vulnerable children and adults.

Highlights:

- *HIV-infected and affected children in the program: 160 Community awareness about HIV: 1,767 people reached*
- *Awareness about disabilities and prevention: 1,598 individuals informed*
- *People facing extreme hunger supported: 458 individuals*

ATSWA extends heartfelt gratitude to all donors and collaborators for making a lasting impact on these individuals' lives. Together, we empower them to lead better lives and contribute to nation-building.



Kaviya's Journey to a Brighter Future

Kaviya, a tribal girl from Tirupati, faced tremendous hardships after her father's untimely death. Her mother, working as a helper in a marriage hall, struggled to provide for the family. They faced financial instability and were on the verge of abandoning their studies. However, their lives took a positive turn when they discovered KNH-ATSWA Rehabilitation Centre.

Kaviya and her sister found a safe shelter, nutritious meals, and support for their education. Kaviya's academic performance improved, and she dreams of pursuing a successful career to support her family. Her story showcases the transformative impact of education and support in breaking the cycle of poverty.



Nandhini's Triumph over Adversity

Nandhini's early years were marked by abandonment and uncertainty. Left in an orphanage, she lacked a permanent home and family. However, her life took a positive turn when she was admitted to KNH Home. Despite being diagnosed with HIV, Nandhini's determination and resilience shone through. With the support of ATSWA, she received counselling and continued her education with unwavering dedication. Nandhini's hard work paid off as she excelled academically, becoming an inspiration to others.

Her story is a testament to the power of love, care, and education in overcoming adversity and creating a bright future.

These impact stories highlight the transformative journey of individuals like Munaiya, Kaviya, and Nandhini, whose lives were touched by the programs and support provided by ATSWA and KNH. Through comprehensive care, education, and emotional support, these children have overcome immense challenges and are on the path to a better future. Their stories serve as powerful reminders of the impact of our work and the difference we can make in the lives of those in need.

ATSWA'S EDUCATIONAL REVIVAL: EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

A BEACON OF HOPE: AFTER-SCHOOL REMEDIAL CLASSES

ATSWA's educational initiatives have served as a powerful mechanism for reviving the lives of underprivileged children in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the world grappled with the unprecedented challenges brought about by the virus, our After School Remedial Centers emerged as beacons of hope, providing much-needed educational support to those in need.

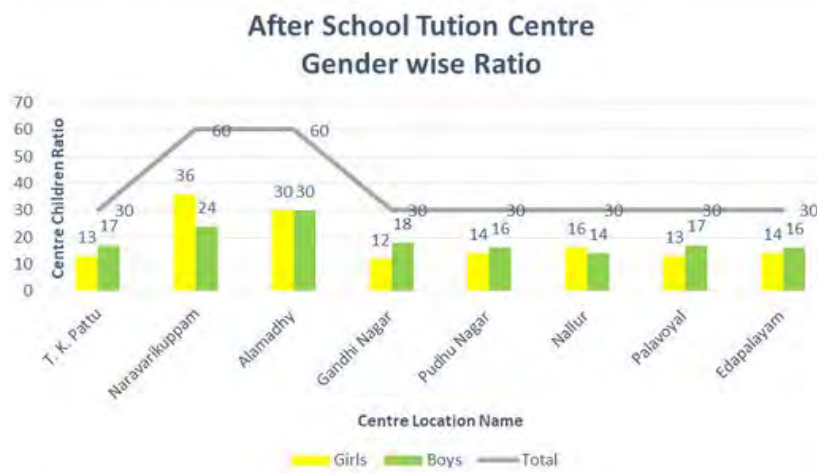


SMILE Foundation: Bridging the Gaps through Mission Education

SMILE Foundation's Mission Education provides free education to underprivileged children, catalyzing positive change in their lives. By adapting teaching methodologies to bridge the digital divide, we revive educational opportunities for vulnerable communities in the Redhills area. Engaging activities and celebrations foster creativity, while parent meetings and teacher training ensure holistic development and quality education. Together, we empower young minds, breaking the cycle of poverty and paving the way for a brighter future.



Strategically located in ten different slum areas, our School Educational Centres served as safe havens for 300 children, nurturing their academic growth and holistic development. In addition to academic support, we instilled a sense of patriotism through vibrant celebrations of national and state events. Engaging the children in drawing, painting, and craft competitions, we unleashed their hidden creativity and reignited their passion for learning.



During the visit of Mr. Praveen Raj, Assistant Manager and Mr. Abishek Bhartwaraj, Finance Officer on 29 September 2022.



Children displaying their skills in art work and drawing



A Partnership for Success: Parents, Teachers, and ATSWA

Central to our educational revival efforts was the establishment of regular parent meetings, forging a strong partnership between parents, teachers, and our organization. These meetings became platforms for discussing children's progress, identifying areas for improvement, and empowering parents with the knowledge and tools to actively participate in their children's education. Embracing technology, we introduced user-friendly mobile applications that allowed parents to conveniently track attendance, health records, and academic progress, ensuring their continued involvement in their children's educational journey.

Nurturing Holistic Development:

Our commitment to educational revival extended to empowering our teachers through comprehensive capacity-building programs. Through monthly training sessions, we equipped our educators with the latest teaching techniques, effective use of educational technology, and essential skills for fostering positive relationships with students and parents. By enhancing their teaching competencies, we aimed to provide the highest quality education to the children we served.

Education as the Key: Paving the Way to a Brighter Future

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated supporters, volunteers, and partners, whose unwavering commitment has played a pivotal role in reviving the educational prospects of these young minds. As we navigate the path to recovery, education remains the key to rebuilding and revitalizing communities. ATSWA is proud to be at the forefront of this educational revival, empowering young minds and laying the foundation for a more resilient and prosperous future.



Prithika's Journey of Hope

In a small village, Prithika faced immense struggles after her father's untimely death. Her mother, Archana, worked tirelessly as an administrative assistant, but their limited income made it difficult to meet their needs. Prithika and her brother, Sidharth, struggled to access education due to the distance and expenses involved.

Everything changed when they discovered the After School Educational Centre. Archana was relieved to find out that it provided free education for children like Prithika and Sidharth. Prithika joined in April 2022, initially struggling with subjects due to irregular school attendance.

With the dedicated support of her center teacher, Prithika's confidence soared. She found a safe and nurturing environment where she could ask questions without fear. Slowly but steadily, her understanding improved. The impact of the After School Educational Centre extended beyond academics.



Prithika and Sidharth felt valued and cared for, developing a newfound sense of empowerment. Their mother was proud of their progress and the positive change the centre brought into their lives.

This tale reminds us of the vital role played by after-school centers in empowering underprivileged children. Every child, regardless of their background, deserves a chance to unlock their potential and shape a future full of possibilities.



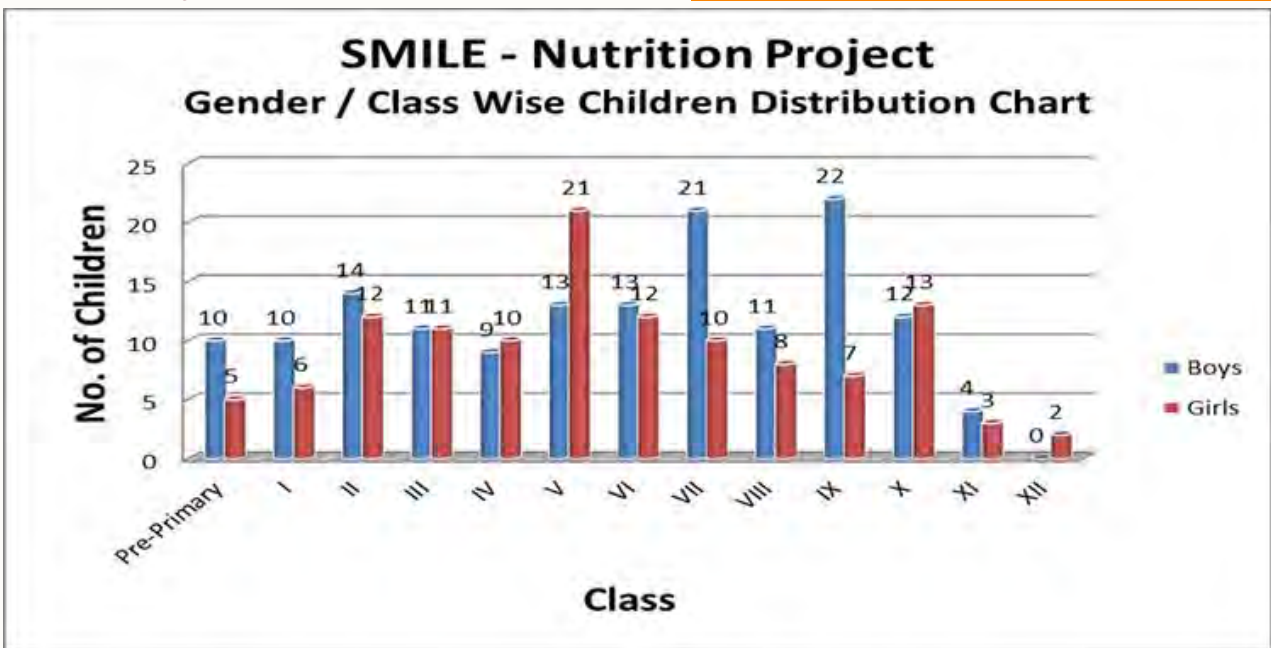
Nourishing Lives: A Narrative of the Nutrition Project

The Nutrition Project under the Mission Education supported by Smile Foundation was undertaken by ATSWA Trust. It has been instrumental in providing essential nutrition support to underprivileged children in the Redhills area of Chennai, Tamil Nadu. This narrative highlights the impact of the project on the lives of beneficiaries, showcasing their stories of resilience and hope.



Weekday Nutrition Menu:
The project ensured the distribution of nutritious meals five days a week, consisting of the following items:

Monday	: White Chickpeas
Tuesday	: Mung Bean
Wednesday	: Black Chickpeas
Thursday	: Groundnut
Friday	: Milk



Distribution Statistics:

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Quality Check Mechanism:

The project maintained a robust quality check mechanism through regular supervision and visits by Ms. V. Kavitha, the Coordinator. Ms. Kavitha ensured the smooth functioning of the tuition centers, verified student attendance, monitored teacher presence, and supervised the distribution of nutritious supplement food as planned.

Beneficiary Case Stories:



Jacintha, a 6-year-old girl from a very poor family, faced financial constraints that prevented her from accessing private tuition. However, upon joining the After School Remedial Education Program, she found a nurturing environment and dedicated teachers who clarified her doubts and provided individual attention. The provision of nutritious supplement food not only improved her health but also enhanced her concentration and energy levels, enabling her to excel academically. Jacintha aspires to become a teacher and is grateful for the project's impact on her life.



Tamizh Selvan, a 13-year-old boy from a lower-middle-class family, overcame financial hurdles and received the necessary educational support through the program. Despite his father's health issues and the family's limited income, Tamizh Selvan's determination to excel in his studies remained unwavering. The tuition centre provided him with individual attention, improving his handwriting, increasing his knowledge in all subjects, and resulting in better academic performance. The provision of nutritious food in the evenings boosted his energy levels and ensured good health. Tamizh Selvan dreams of scoring well in his future exams and making a positive impact on his family's life.

Parents' Feedback:



Revathi, a domestic household worker, expressed her gratitude for the free tuition system, which allowed her daughter, Charulata, to receive quality education despite their financial constraints. She acknowledged the project's role in providing individual attention, clarifying doubts, and enhancing her daughter's understanding of various subjects. Similarly, Uma Maheshwari, a housewife, commended the project for supporting her children's education and improving their health through the provision of nutritious meals. Both parents recognized the project's significance in alleviating their concerns and enabling their children to thrive.

Children's Feedback:



Tamizh Selvan, in his feedback, expressed his appreciation for the improvement in his handwriting, increased knowledge, and energy levels due to the nutritious supplement food provided by the project. He thanked the SMILE Foundation, ATSWA Trust, and his teacher for their efforts in implementing this valuable initiative.

The Nutrition Project has made a significant impact on the lives of underprivileged children in the Redhills area. By ensuring access to nutritious meals and quality education, the project has empowered these children to overcome obstacles and pursue a brighter future. Their stories of determination, gratitude, and academic progress reflect the project's success in nourishing minds and empowering lives. The ATSWA Trust, along with its partners and dedicated staff, remains committed to continuing this important work and expanding its reach to positively impact more communities in the future.


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ATSWA VOCATIONAL TRAINING: IGNITING MINDS, TRANSFORMING LIVES




ATSWA being a dynamic NGO dedicated to empowering underprivileged individuals have comprehensive vocational training programs. With a mission to bridge the educational gap and create employment opportunities, ATSWA is revolutionizing the lives of marginalized communities in the Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu, India.

ATSWA operates two vocational training centers in Redhills and Thirumullaivoyal, located in the Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu, India. These centers are easily accessible and provide training to unskilled and unemployed youth from underprivileged families. ATSWA has partnered with organizations such as SMILE Foundation, PMKVY, and the National Skill Development Council to offer recognized courses and especially empower women in the educational and economic sectors.



ATSWA offers a wide range of courses, including Basic Computers, a Diploma in Computer Applications, Tally ERP, Beauty Therapist, General Duty Assistant, Retail Management, Financial Literacy, Soft Skills, Personality Development, Tailoring, Aari Work, Fancy Jewellery Making, Nursing Assistant, Diploma in Nursing, Pharmacy Assistant, and Lab Technician. Each course has a specific duration and scope in the employment market.

WAYS IN UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH

- To reach potential students, ATSWA employs various mobilization strategies such as door-to-door visits, pamphlet distribution, awareness campaigns, and community meetings.
 - The admission and screening process involves assistance from mobilization and course coordinators, followed by a screening test to assess the student's knowledge of their preferred courses. The enrolled beneficiaries undergo screening, assessment, orientation, regular training, activities, and placement assistance.
 - The duration of the training varies depending on the course, ranging from one month to two years. The training includes theoretical and practical classes, spoken English, retail and basic management, and personality development. During the pandemic, online teaching methodologies were adopted, and assessments were conducted through platforms like Google Forms.
 - Career counselling sessions are conducted to guide students in various job opportunities available in sectors such as e-publication, sales and marketing, retail, warehouse, supermarket, back-office jobs, and data entry jobs.
 - The NGO also organizes Employee Engagement Programs (EEP) to facilitate job placements, where hiring agencies and HR consultants interact with students to help them understand employers' expectations and career opportunities.
 - Placement assistance is a significant focus of ATSWA, with a placement cell coordinating and carrying out the process. The academy has achieved a successful placement record, with many students securing jobs in organized retail sectors and other industries.
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Course Offerings:

These courses are recognized by the National Council of Vocational & Research Training (NCVRT). The training focuses on

Unleashing Potential with Practical Skills and Knowledge



Transforming Lives, One Skill at a Time:

- Basic Computers: Master the fundamentals of computer applications (Duration: 1 month).
- Diploma in Computer Applications: Excel in advanced computer operations and applications (Duration: 3 months).
- Tally ERP: Become an expert in accounting and financial management software (Duration: 2 months).



Healthcare Heroes:

- General Duty Assistant: Embark on a fulfilling health care career with hands-on training (Duration: 6 months).
- Diploma in Nursing: Gain comprehensive knowledge and practical skills in nursing care (Duration: 2 years).
- Pharmacy Assistant: Dive into the pharmaceutical field and learn essential pharmacy operations (Duration: 1 year).
- Lab Technician: Equip yourself with the skills required to excel in laboratory practices (Duration: 1 year).



Beauty and Wellness:

- Beauty Therapist: Explore the world of beauty and gain expertise in skincare and haircare (Duration: 6 months).
- Advanced Skin & Hair Care: Unlock the secrets to radiant skin and lustrous hair (Duration: 4 months).



Retail Excellence:

- Retail Management: Master the art of customer service, inventory management, and retail operations (Duration: 3 months).

Milestones and Data Highlights of the Project:

Since the inception of the SMILE Twin e-learning Programme (STeP) in 2016, the ATSWA Trust and SMILE Foundation collaboration has empowered a total of 800 underprivileged youth from semi-urban communities in Chennai and Thiruvallur outskirts so far

Through ATSWA Vocational Training Academy, we were able to train 594 students in Diploma in Computer Applications (307), Tally ERP (176), Basic Computers (87) and DTP (24) courses.

Retail Management (STeP) Project Highlights:

Batch 1 (April-June 2022): Total Students: 40 (10 male, 30 female). Batch 2 (July-September 2022): Total Students: 40 (12 male, 28 female)

Milestone: Students achieved a significant career breakthrough, earning a monthly income of over 10,000Rs

80 beneficiaries were successful in becoming Beauty Therapists. Out of the 80, 60 are employed and rely on this as an alternate source of income. 20 have become entrepreneurs, opening their own beauty salons in order to recruit more beauticians.

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GDA Course Highlights: Total students: 110

Term-wise Breakdown:

Term 1: 36 students Term 2: 36 students Term 3: 38 students

The GDA course equipped students with healthcare knowledge and essential employability skills, leading to successful placements.

Students who completed the program are now earning salaries ranging from 10,000 to 25,000 rupees per month, enabling them to build rewarding careers in the healthcare field.

TESTIMONY: "I AM MS. ANITHA, A PROUD GRADUATE OF THE GDA COURSE (BATCH 1, 2022). TODAY, I WORK AS A GENERAL DUTY ASSISTANT AT MIZAN MULTI SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, SURAPET. THIS TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAM HELPED ME BECOME SELF-INDEPENDENT, BREAK BARRIERS, AND PROVIDE A BETTER LIFE FOR MYSELF AND MY FAMILY. THANK YOU TO THE DEDICATED TEAM BEHIND THE COURSE FOR BELIEVING IN ME."

SKILL ENHANCEMENT FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

In our mission to uplift women and provide livelihood alternatives, we introduced tailoring and AARI work courses. These courses enable women to quickly learn valuable skills and earn a sustainable income. With minimal investment, they can stitch blouses, create intricate designs, and showcase their creativity through AARI work.



Our trainees have excelled in this field, earning a minimum of Rs. 200 - 250 for blouse stitching with a profit of at least Rs. 100. The profit margin increases for blouse designing, embroidery work, and stone fixing, ranging from Rs. 2000 - Rs. 15000. These courses empower women to start their own businesses from home, offering flexibility and the opportunity to balance household responsibilities.

During this reporting period, we successfully trained 65 women in tailoring and 24 in AARI work & embroidery. By equipping them with valuable skills, we enable these women to become self-reliant entrepreneurs, fostering economic growth and empowerment within their communities.

Success Story: From Homemaker to Entrepreneur

Bhuaneswari, a resident of Naravarikuppam, Chennai, faced financial struggles as a stay-at-home mom with limited income. Her encounter with the Disha Educational & Social Welfare Society's skill training program changed her life. Bhuaneswari enrolled in the Self-Employed Tailor - Version 2 course and underwent three months of intensive training.

With dedicated trainers and practical sessions, Bhuaneswari learned to sew various garments, including blouses, frocks, and Chudidhar. Equipped with her newfound skills, she started stitching clothes from home and earning an average of Rs. 100 to 150 per blouse and Rs. 200 to 250 per Chudidhar. Her monthly income now amounts to Rs. 7500, significantly improving her family's financial situation.

Bhuaneswari's transformation from a homemaker to an entrepreneur has empowered her to contribute to her family's income and secure a better future for her children. She is grateful to Disha Educational & Social Welfare Society and the government's skill training department for providing this opportunity to unemployed women like her.

By supporting women like Bhuaneswari in their journey toward self-reliance, we foster economic growth and create a brighter future for families and communities.



FOSTERING RESILIENCE: DISASTER RESPONSE & RISK REDUCTION



During this intervention, no disasters occurred, but we remained dedicated to providing comprehensive knowledge of disaster management, covering various aspects such as types, prevention, rescue, evacuation, relief, response, counselling, and abuse prevention. Our initiatives included providing trauma care and counselling to individuals, resulting in increased preparedness across all age groups.



The Disaster Response & Risk Reduction program has undertaken a project in the Pazhaverkadu block, encompassing 37 villages, with a primary focus on empowering communities and enhancing resilience. ATSWA has been diligently working to raise awareness and conduct training programs for community members, with particular attention given to the youth, women, and elders. Despite facing challenges in obtaining full cooperation from village leaders, we have made significant progress in gaining community support. Our efforts have involved schools and the entire community, aimed at disaster preparedness and the establishment of disaster rescue teams in each village.



Looking ahead, our commitment to building resilient communities, empowering individuals, and fostering hope in the face of adversity remains steadfast. We plan to continue collaborating closely with local government agencies. We express our gratitude to ELCA GrantMaker for their support and acknowledge the dedication of our project team, volunteers, and community members in making this endeavour possible.



NURTURING SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN INITIATIVES

In the pursuit of green initiatives, our organization is dedicated to empowering marginalized and impoverished farmers who play a crucial role in the economy. We recognize the significance of farmers in running both the economy and society, and we aim to uplift their livelihoods. Through various training programs and support, we have reached 1335 individuals from 30 villages, fostering knowledge in farming techniques, water conservation, and more. As we continue this journey, we aspire to create a safer and better environment for all.





EMPOWERING FARMERS THROUGH TRADITIONAL FARMING

ATSWA launched a project to train farmers in traditional farming practices, addressing their challenges and promoting sustainable agriculture. The project has reached 573 families so far. Livelihood alternatives such as poultry and goat rearing were provided, leading to increased income and improved quality of life. Nine training sessions were conducted, benefiting 288 participants from various villages. The training covered topics such as rearing methods, disease prevention, vaccination, and breeding.

KITCHEN GARDENING FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

ATSWA promoted kitchen gardening to establish self-sufficiency and nutritious food production. A total of six trainings were held, benefiting 203 community members. Community members received training on setting up kitchen gardens and were provided with seeds and saplings to kickstart their gardens.

PRESERVING TRADITIONAL SEEDS AND ORGANIC FARMING

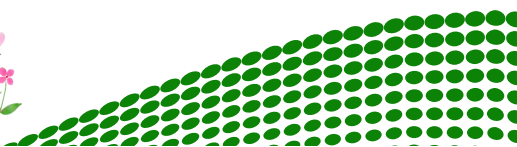
ATSWA organized a seed exhibition to promote organic farming and preserve traditional seeds. This two-day exhibition showcases traditional seeds, educating farmers and children about organic farming and traditional seed varieties. Approximately 277 individuals visited the exhibition. Community members marvelled at the diverse array of seeds, fostering an appreciation for sustainable agricultural practices.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT

ATSWA trained community members on solid waste management, emphasizing the value of waste as a resource. Waste collection and recycling techniques were taught, generating awareness about the environmental and economic benefits.

WATER CONSERVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FARMING

ATSWA conducted training on water management and rainwater harvesting to address the impending water scarcity. Participants learned innovative techniques for maximizing yield while conserving water in traditional farming.

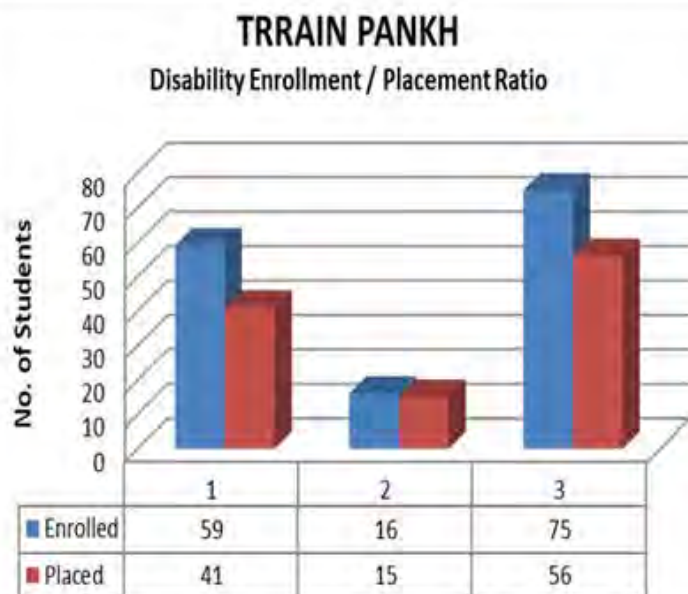


BUILDING INCLUSIVE LIVELIHOODS: DISABILITY INITIATIVES

Enhancing Employable Skills and Economic Independence

ATSWA, in collaboration with TRRAIN, embarked on a mission to empower the physically challenged through employable skill training. Pankh - Wings of Destiny, an initiative by TRRAIN, aimed to provide employment opportunities in the retail industry, enabling individuals with disabilities to lead dignified lives.

Promoting Inclusiveness in Retail and Healthcare



We facilitated access to medical support, nutritious food, and safe shelter for People Living with HIV (PLWHIV) and People with Disabilities (PwD). Through health camps, we identified individuals with various diseases and connected them with experienced doctors. Additionally, we encouraged their participation in Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to tap into business loans for future financial stability.



Training and Placement Achievements

Amidst the challenges posed by the pandemic, we trained 74 physically challenged individuals in three batches. Of the participants, 59 were male and 14 were female. With a 70% placement record, 56 individuals received valuable placement assistance, securing their first jobs.

Leadership Development and Support

We organized a community leaders training program, which 93 individuals with disabilities attended. The session focused on improving leadership skills, decision-making abilities, effective communication, and self-defense. Participants were motivated to overcome challenges and report any encountered abuse. Fellowship lunch and essential groceries were provided, and safe vehicle arrangements ensured the gifts reached their residences.



Sunitha, a 22-year-old girl with 100% hearing impairment, completed her B. Com degree. She joined ATSWA TRUST's "Retail Management Course" and improved her communication skills. After completing the course, Sunitha got a job as a Retail Trainer Associate (RTA) earning Rs. 10,500 per month.

Success Story #1:
R. Sunitha



Rishika, a 19-year-old girl with 60% hearing impairment, joined ATSWA TRUST's employable training course. She developed her interpersonal skills and secured a job as a Retail Trainer Associate (RTA) earning Rs. 10,500 per month.

Success Story #2:
K. Rishika



Manivel, a 24-year-old with 74% hearing impairment, enrolled in ATSWA's training course. After improving his skills, Manivel secured a job as a Senior Assistant in a Flipkart warehouse, earning Rs. 12,441 per month.

Success Story #3:
R. Manivel

These success stories demonstrate how ATSWA and TRRAIN empowered individuals with disabilities to obtain employment opportunities and improve their lives.

Through these efforts, we aim to foster inclusivity, diversity, and economic growth by creating sustainable livelihoods for the physically challenged. By promoting employment and support networks, we transform lives and advocate for a more inclusive society.

Agro-Based Micro Enterprises: Towards Prosperous & Eco-Friendly Future

ATSWA and its partner organizations have nurtured sustainable livelihoods, empowered communities, and fostered environmental responsibility. They continue to expand their impact, working towards a just and prosperous community, free from poverty, hunger, illiteracy, inequality, and social injustice.

To tackle gender inequality, we provided vocational and skill-based training to women from marginalized communities, enabling them to gain employment and generate income. Our collaboration with Asha Handicraft, a Fair-Trade Organization, ensured marketing support for Indian artisans while preserving traditional crafts. SAHAARA Charitable Society played a crucial role in fulfilling the dreams of vulnerable individuals through remedial education, holistic care, and alternate livelihoods. Oasis India's work against human trafficking and drug abuse complemented our efforts in rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration. YMCA's community-based approach uplifted marginalized communities through education, vocational training, and social welfare.

Through these partnerships, we successfully empowered marginalized individuals and communities. We networked with visually challenged individuals who work in public spaces, providing them with opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. By offering vocational training to women, we contributed to reducing gender disparities and promoting economic independence.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to expanding our impact and working towards a future where exclusion is eradicated. We will continue to collaborate with like-minded organizations, leveraging their expertise and resources to create sustainable change. Together, we will build a society where no one is left behind, and the potential of every individual is realized.



DRIVING COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS: PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS



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- ANKURAM NETWORK FOR SINGLE WOMEN FOR ANDHRA PRADESH.

Skill Training Recognition

- PRADHAN MANTRI KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJANA (PMKVY).
- NATIONAL COUNCIL OF VOCATIONAL AND RESEARCH TRAINING (NCVRT).
- JAN SHIKSHAN SANSTHAN (JSS).

HIV and AIDS

*Sathi — International Network for Crusade against HIV and AIDS
Local area Network for HIV and AIDS Awareness and Advocacy*

Disabled

- *National Trust for the Disabled*
- *National Disabled Rights Movement.*
- *Rehabilitation council of India.*
- *South Zone CBR Network.*
- *Disabled people's Rights Movement of Andhra Pradesh (State Level Network).*

Conclusion

ATSWA Trust's motto of revival and resilience has guided our response to the pandemic. We have adopted strategies, expanded our reach, and remained committed to serving the most vulnerable. We envision a better future for our beneficiaries, nurturing empowered individuals who will shape a brighter tomorrow.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to this transformative journey. We are grateful for the support of our donors, which has allowed us to make a lasting impact on the lives of those in need. Despite the obstacles, our dedicated team and volunteers have adapted and innovated to continue our vital work.

Together, we have demonstrated the power of collaboration and compassion. Guided by our values, ATSWA Trust will continue to be an anchor in driving positive change, ensuring a life of dignity and opportunity for all, fueled by compassion and generosity.

