



OAZOANE

The Society for Development Human Abilities and Environment

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Helping Poor Population at Every Corners of the Need





Words from Secretary...



OAZOANE is proudly announces that, it has completed its twenty two years of existence in the operational area. The two decades and two year of existence is a significant period for **OAZOANE** and its development efforts. It is an occasion to rejoice and celebrate collectively and also to convey our record of progress and commitment to the poor people through this annual report 2011-12. The present report is clearly pictures our progress, achievements made among the poorest among the poor in the project areas during the reporting period.



We started our humble beginning and operations from Grass root level and reached several milestones in the field of development in the project areas with the active support of various funding agencies, active community support, involvement, committed staffs, and well wishers of OAZOANE.

I would like to appreciate the role that the different subgroups have played in shaping and refining the interventions of OAZOANE during the reporting period. I would also like to thank the members of the board of OAZOANE for their guiding inputs and

sincere coordination. Last but not the least; I would like to thank the members of OAZOANE for their involvement in the various interventions/ programs of OAZOANE.

Yours Sincerely



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Environment is a state level voluntary, development organization of grass root groups to initiate, support and strengthen the community groups in their efforts to solve the micro level problems through community evolved community intended and community propelled actions.

It was founded by the band of committed and educated voluntary youths bearing the burden of rural masses. The promoters of this Organization were inspired by the grassroots realities, their exploitation, poverty, disease and the lifelong misery prevalent in rural India.

It has been registered under the society registration act of Tamil Nadu and also registered under the 80G, 12AA, and FCRA and continuously renewed its registration with concerned registration departments.

Vision, Mission and Values

The core **vision** is to improve the proficiency level of grass root people by strengthening and facilitating them for total transformation to alter their unjust social, economical conditions.

The core **values** are Commitment, Quality Service, Empathy, Honesty, Love & Affection, and Excellence.

The core **mission** is to serve as platform to provide necessary inputs to the grass root movements and develop their skills and accelerated for an equitable, Social, economical, cultural and Human development.

Geographical out reach

Current Operational Areas

The following table indicates about the current area of micro finance operation and later on it is expected to expand its operational base in other part of the country.

Name of State	Name of District	Name of Block	Name of the Town Panjayat / Municipality	No.of Panchayats	No of wards	No. of Villages	No. of Slums
Tamil Nadu	Pudukkottai	Aranthangi		52		334	
			Aranthangi municipality	0	27	0	7
			Pudukkottai Municipality	0	25	0	10
		Avudaiyarkovil		35		314	
		Karambakkudi		39		246	
			Karambakudi Town Panchayat	0	15	0	2
		Kandarvakkottai		4		12	
		Manamelkudi		28		202	
		Thiruvarankulam		13		158	
			Keeramangalam Town Panchayat	0	15	0	
Andaman	Port flair	Ferrezer Gunj		7		25	
Total				178	82	1291	19

OAZOANE is operating its projects and Programs in various community blocks of Pudukkottai district of Tamilnadu and Bambooflat district of Andaman Nichobar Islands. Presently is working with 7 blocks, two municipalities, two town panchayat, 178 Village Panchayats and 1291 villages and hamlets. Predominantly is working with poorest among the poor, downtrodden belongs to the SC/ST/BC and other community such as Fishermen, Gypsy and Salt Workers. Its clientele group in each region has peculiar socio cultural traits. Based on their felt needs and requirements, **OAZOANE** is sincerely taking all the effort to solve their micro and macro level problems.

Capacity Buildings and Leadership Development Program:

OAZOANE initiated various training activities for SHG's women members' micro enterprises and to develop their skills. The following are the core trainings were organized during the reporting period.



Capacity Building Initiatives

- Women empowerment
- Improved health aspects
- Reproductive health, Nutrition
- Mother and Child Care
- Leadership & communication
- Rapport building
- Human relation
- Water conservation
- Panchayat Raj
- Government schemes

The process of women empowerment has been started through these process and activities. Under these activities there are more than 47,272 women, Panjayat raj institution members, Adults and Girls, School children have been made aware on various individual and common issues.

Vocational Skill Development (EDP) Program:

OAZOANE has been Organizing Series of Entrepreneurial Development Program for the Self Help Groups Members who are under the below poverty line in order to motivate them to start economic activities. There are more than 17,000 women members have been generating sustainable income through various individual and groups based economic key activities on their own ways and means. These women are economically empowered and are in the process of sustainable development.



Integrated Model Training cum Demonstration Center

Livelihood Programmes for Rural Poor:

Promotion of Livelihood program for the rural poor is one of the prime activities of our organization as it shows way for them to increase their economic level. In this context, various income generation programs were initiated aimed at ensuring and assuring the basic means for livelihood for the most deprived section particularly among women in the project areas. Under this major activities there are more 15000 poor women are engaged in more than 60 kind of economic activities.

Activities such as fish forming, Bakery Production, Readymade garments are most important economic activities are integrated during the reporting period.

Readymade Garment Manufacturing Unit

In order to generate sustainable income generation and employment, **OAZOANE** has implemented various activities. One of the activities is training and production unit. Readymade garments have been started and providing technical training for the rural poor women in the project areas. There are 40 women are involved in this activities. As marketing of this product is not an issue as the members SHGs are purchasing these products by themselves. The women members are getting regular income on a sustainable basis in these key activities.

Marketing by and through SHG's women is one of the innovative idea promoted by our members



Skill Training on Bakery Production

Bakery training and production is one of the important economic activities continued during the current reporting period also and continued with the aim of

employment generation and income generation on a sustainable basis. Necessary training and skill have been imparted to the poor women who were enrolled in the Self Help Groups. There are 25 poor women directly and 45 women indirectly involved in this activities. They have attained adequate training and skill in bakery production and they have encouraged starting economic activities.



Nursery, Fish and Brick Production:

Promotion of Nursery, Fish and Bricks are also the important income generative activities had been integrated during the report period. The major objective of these livelihood programs is to help the poor women for identifying the suitable economical activities in order to generate sustainable. All assisted women had been taken up a suitable economic activity with the suitable tie up with the bank, technical skill and facilitate with marketing and various collaborations.

Integrated Child Development centers (Crèches)

The rural poor children's are facing lot of problems because of their poor family strata. Due to this sorry status, the children are more affected. Empowering poor children is one of the key activities of the organization through which we can avoid the child labor is rampant in Agricultural sector. To mitigate these problems **OAZOANE** is running 7 Crèche centers and 175 children are taken care by these integrated Child Development centers. These 175 children are providing with recreational activities, food, educational activities, sports etc., to shaping the fortune in a protective manners.



Creating Happy through Family Counseling

Nowadays, lot of families are lacking their happiness because of the problems emerges in their family due to misunderstanding among them. These problems are aggravating some times and creating more untold sufferings for the women in rural areas. The adolescent's girl's problems are more acute. Teen age sexual problems are also significant to note. To bringing these problems under the control, family-counseling services are in progress in the project areas. From this family counseling center, number of women problems are solved then and there. Most of our self-help group's members are utilizing this family counseling services to the greater extend and themselves. Family Counseling activities are actively contributing for those women with problems with tears and get solved their problems on the spot.

Survival Old Age Home for the Destitute Elders and Senior Citizen

Now-a-days, Elders and Senior Citizen are facing lot of crisis due to lack of care from their family members and they are really suffered a lot in this regard. They need love & Affection with proper care. Isolation and destitution between the poor senior citizen and aged persons is quite common in the rural areas that too among the poor families. Considering these problems, **OAZOANE** is started and running two Old Aged Homes for the Old Age people and Elders. Through this home, various activities such as Food, Shelter, Medical, Recreation, and facilities are extended to the elders who are staying at the Home. There are 65 such Elders are taking shelters at this home for the last 11 years. Now they are so happy with their inmates and sharing their joys and sorrows. **OAZOANE** has taken care for burial after death of the elder in the home. The Central and State Government are supporting these Homes.



Water Management Initiatives

OAZOANE is working to create awareness among the community. As part of its water conservation and management activities, **OAZOANE** initiated Watershed development Program in order to protect water resources and usages in the project areas. The intensive awareness and sensitization on water management were extensively integrated in the project areas. The intensive capacity building and training programs were organized in the project areas on promotion of watershed and its usage. More than 450 Self Help Groups and Federation Members were actively participated in the program. More over the respective village public also participated and made awareness on various issues related to the Water.

Environment Awareness and Ecological forming

Series of camps were integrated on Environmental awareness and Ecological form in the project areas with the active support of the local people and beneficiaries. There are 10 such camps were organized by OAZOANE and more than 2,000 rural people, self help groups members, farmers and youths were greatly participated and benefitted from these important awareness camps. These camps had been organized in various project areas covering with representation of each project areas and blocks.

Technical Awareness interventions

OAZOANE realized that the popularization of people's friendly technology are highly need of the hour in order to use people technological innovations. In keep this thing in our mind we are working continuously in Popularization of Science & Technology. In order to reach the grass root level, **OAZOANE** has taken lot of efforts at the village level to create the importance of technology advancement and implication of it in the rural level. In order to achieve this objective, various training on vermin composting, waste management, awareness generation on reducing the chemical fertilizer among the small and marginal formers were organized to increase more yield in agricultural products.

Human Potential Development Initiatives:

OAZOANE has always developed the skills of their employees through organizing various capacities building and training programs for them. Every three months OAZOANE is conducting training programs for its staff members based on their need for development. This year OAZOANE has conducted 1 week training for 446 of SHG Leaders in SHG group formation, Management and Accounting system. Also conducted 4 days training program for 3345 SHG members on Function of SHGs, capacity building, social awareness programs. **OAZOANE** organized training program for 65 staff members on Micro credit management, Environment & Ecology programs, water and sanitation programs, welfare schemes, fundraising training.

Health Empowerment Initiatives:

The real empowerment of the society is having good health; on keeping this thing in our mind we conduct various health care initiatives in our area of operation. In association with various health care organizations we organized health camps, health education camps, eye camps, and HIV / AIDS awareness camps. To eradicate Malnutrition we conduct awareness camps to the pregnant women in the rural area and also served as catalyst in referring the patients to ICDS centers. OAZOANE conducted 24 health camps in our area of operation and take care of the health of the poor people in the community. During the health camps medical leading doctors were invited and involved in conducting the medical camps, eye camps and poor rural people are informed and motivated to take medical counseling and consultation. Free medicines also are provided to the rural people. As part of this program, a complete awareness was made in STD/HIV/AIDS among the various walks of life in the society.

Vitamin A Distribution with help of Vitamin Angels:

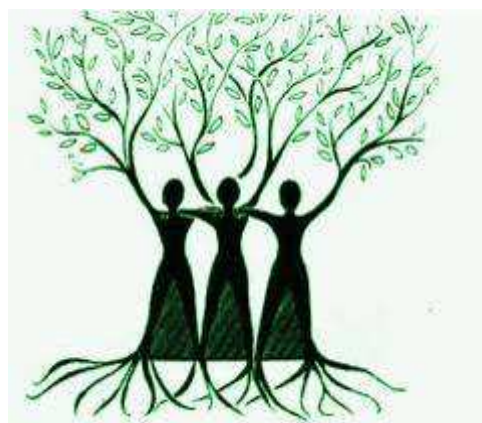
We have received the Vitamin A solution with all new safe and uncontaminated bottles from Vitamin Angels, USA. They are the organization for providing Vitamin A and Albondasole for the needy poor children at free of cost through NGOs like us. We have received the capsule for provide the same to the needy children from the age group of 0-5 years in all the blocks of Pudukkottai District. The process will start from the coming financial year.

Celebration of National & International Events:

OAZOANE has been Celebrated National & International days, which represent various issues in the development arena. Not only celebrated the important national days but also created awareness about the same to the rural masses and make them to realize the importance of the day. Some of the important national days celebrated by our organization are World Women’s day, Children’s day, World AIDS Day, Youth Day, World Health Day, World Heart Day, Senior Citizen Day, and Consumer Awareness Day.

Special Program on World Women’s Day

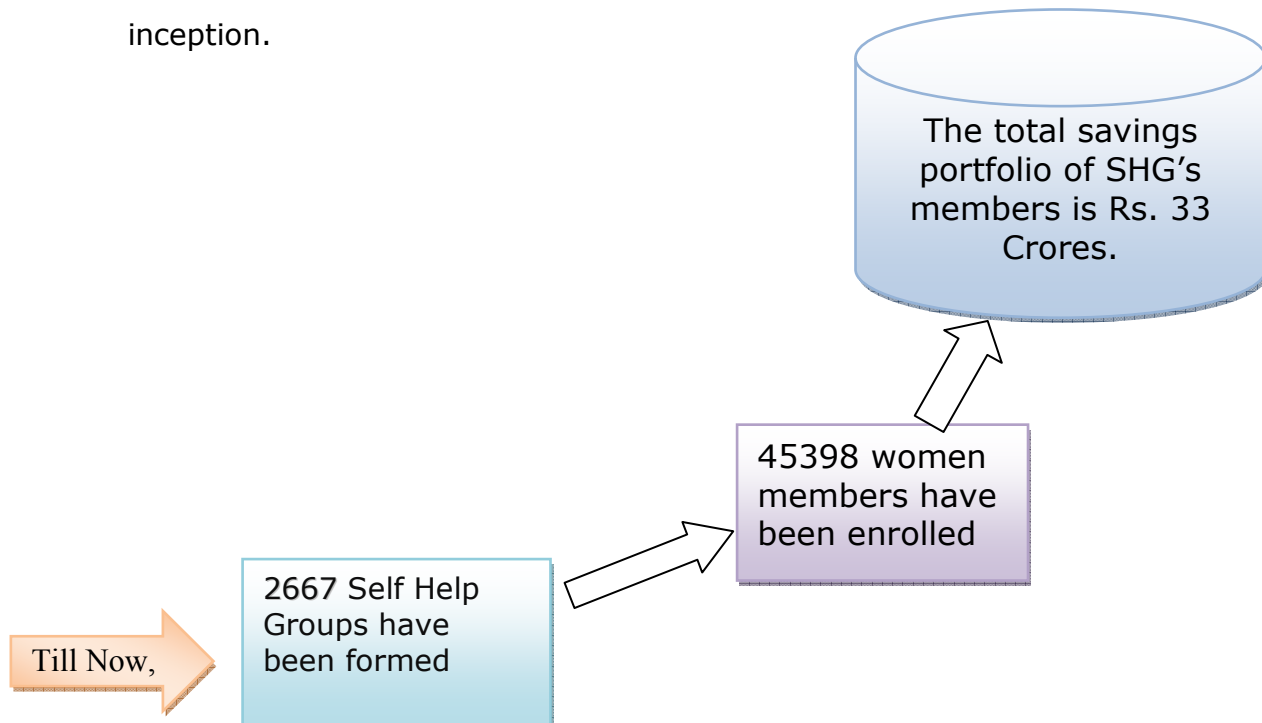
A special International Women’s day was organized during the 8th March – 2012. The Self Help Group’s women members from all over the project areas were participated. More than 5,000 active self help groups’ members witnessed the women’s day celebration. Various women and children issues, problems particularly burning problems were discussed and delineated. The women processions were started from different locations and gathered in Aranthangi. The central minister, local elected representatives, leading government officials, officials of other NGOs, were largely participated contributed for the success of the women’s day celebration activities.





Micro Finance and Women Empowerment Interventions

Alleviation of Poverty, Social, Economical and Cultural Empowerment are the core objectives of the organization. To reach the unreached through the comprehensive developments for the women and children in rural areas, **OAZOANE** has been Promoting and Organizing Self Help Groups right from the inception.



Through our micro credit program we make rural women economically empowered and protected from the local money lenders.

Supporting Micro Finance Funders, Bankers and Portfolio

Initiatives under micro finance services are the continuous process of the organization. We has been introducing and promoting various Micro Finance activities and services among the poorest women for the last eleven years as follows.

S No	Micro Finance Institutions	Amount Received
1	Rashtrya Mahila Kosh Ministry of Women and Child Development New Delhi	37,000,000
2	ANANYA finance and inclusive growth private limited,- Ahmedabad	62,000,000
3	Maanaveeya Holding and Investment Pvt. Ltd, (Oiko Credit, Netherlands) Hyderabad.	35,000,000
4	ICICI Bank	5,000,000
5	ECLOF – India, Chennai	1,300,000
6	Indian Overseas Bank, Aranthangi	11,000,000
7	DSMS- DRDA, Pudukkottai	600,000
8	HDFC Housing Unit	2,000,000
9	NMDFC New Delhi	2,475,000
10	Individual Lenders	8,900,000
Total loan mobilized and distributed		165,275,000

Loan Product

In order to promote economical empowerment of the poor women, OAZOANE extends its financial services for the following various economical activities.

- Consumption loan,
- Agricultural Seasonal loan,
- Business loan,
- Income generation loan and
- Housing loan

The loan repayment schedule time is between minimum twelve months to sixty months.



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Various Appreciations & Recognitions Received

OAZAONE received appreciation and recognition by various leading institutions, Central and State Government's Departments, for its various achievement and yeoman services rendered to the community society at large. It has been recognized and appreciated in many forums with citation and certificate and mementos. The following table highlights important department appreciated.

S. No	Organizations	Reasons for the Recognition
1	Jt Joseph Hospital , Trichy	Services done to poor in solving their health problems.
2	District Collector	Excelled work done for organizing Women Empowerment year
3	District Collector	Achievement in Micro Credit for Self Help Groups.
4	Project Officer Women development Corporation	For Best NGO
5	Project Officer Women Development Corporation	For pioneering effort in SHG movement
6	Project Officer Women Development Corporation	In appreciation of implanting and promoting Self Help Groups under Mahalir Thittam.
7	Chief Secretary ICICI Prudential - Mumbai	Generating awareness on Life Insurance for Self Help Groups.
8	Gold Star Millennium Award	For the service in the field around 21 years.

Agencies behind our success

Number of individuals and organization are behind our various development activities and initiatives. In this great endeavor, the following Departments, Corporations, Agencies and funding agencies are supporting us on a continuous basis for our various development initiatives and actions

District level Agencies:

Indian Overseas Bank, Aranthangi
Sharva Shiksha Abiyan – Pudukottai
THADCO – Pudukottai
District Rural Development Agency
ICDS – Pudukkottai
District Social Welfare Office

NABARD
Lead District Bank
Department Of Agriculture

State Level Agencies:

Tamilnadu Women Development Corporation
Directorate of Social Welfare – Tamilnadu
Tamilnadu Social Welfare Board

National Level Agencies:

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment –Govt. of India
Central Social Welfare Board
CAPART – Hyderabad

International Level Agencies

∇ Vitamin Angels – USA, Stay Classy – USA

Payment gateway in www.oazoane.org

We have created the payment gateway in our website with the help of the following agencies.

Simplygive.org.in
Stayclassy.org

Through this payment gateway, we can able to receive the donations from all over the world.

Different Funding Agencies Visited our Organization:

S. NO	Name of the Agency	Name of the Visitors	Date of Visit	Purpose the Visit
1	Integrated Child Development Scheme	K. Kausalya. MA., Programme Officer, Dist-Cell – ICDS, Pudukkottai	15/12/11	Evaluation
2	Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board	Mr. Domnic-APO, TSWB	26/01/12	Monitoring CRECHE
3	Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation	Mr. Muthupandi APO – Training, Project Implementation Unit, Mahalir Thittam	20/10/11	Monitoring of Self Help Group
4	Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation	Mr. Raja Mohamed APO – Monitoring & Evaluation Project Implementation Unit, Mahalir Thittam	10/12/11	Monitoring of SHGs
5	Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation	Mr. V. Thiruvaramam, PO – Project Implementation Unit, Mahalir Thittam	05/08/11	Monitoring of SHGs
6	Habitat for Humanity	Mr. Satyajeet Charles, Manager – Programs	12/07/11	Housing project ananalysis
7	District Social Welfare Office	Mrs. P. Vijayarani, Programme Officer, Pudukkottai	25/09/11	Monitoring of Aged Home

**Location of various project offices, branch offices and field offices
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**OAZOANE is extending its heartfelt thanks for
Your wholehearted supports extending during the last years and
expecting the same in the years to come**