

ACTIF TRUST

(ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION
INDIA FOUNDATION TRUST)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PROFILE



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**Action for Community Transformation India Foundation Trust
(ACTIF Trust)**

Organization Profile

Introduction :

ACTIF Trust came into existence informally from 1987, and was registered as a nonprofit organization officially in the year 1995. ACTIF Trust works voluntarily for deprived peoples Rights and Development. Focus of the organization is majorily on Environment, Tribal Development, Education, Agriculture and Livelihood Development. Currently, the organization works in 15 districts of Tamilnadu through a network of members - Network of Tamilnadu Peoples Fellowship for Livelihood Resources (TPFLR) especially for Tribal Development.

VISION : Empowering tribal communities and improving their social and economic status, who live in 15 districts covering both the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats in Tamil Nadu, India.

MISSION: Contributing towards the promotion of sustainable strategies for the development of the socio-cultural and economic development of the tribes through updating their knowledge, skills and awareness for an improved quality of life and standard of living through collective action.

Whom we work with :

We work with tribal communities that include Palliyas, Malayali, Irular, Malai Irular, Paniyas & Pullaiyas in Tamilnadu, India.

Where we work :

We work in 15 Districts of Tamilnadu and the working areas are Kanniyakumari, Thirunelveli, Theni, Kodaikanal, Thirupur, Coimbatore, Ooty, Sathyamangalam, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Salem, and Namakkal,

Current Activities:

ACTIF Trust currently works with the network of Tamilnadu Peoples Fellowship for Livelihood Resources (TPFLR). The network is promoted and supported by HEKS, Switzerland. Through the network, the focus groups are 22000 Tribal farmers, both men and women. These tribal farmers are supported for capacity building, technical knowhow of agriculture and marketing, support for Forest Right Act including claim of lands, Livelihood development, Financial Education & Health and Hygiene.

GENERAL DETAILS OF THE ORGANIZATION

A.Contact Details

1.	Name of the Organisation	Action for Community Transformation India Foundation Trust (ACTIF Trust)
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3.	Field Office	<p>Action for Community Transformation India Foundation Trust (ACTIF Trust) 3/4777-1 Kurumbapatti Road, Kunnuvarayankottai village Nilakkottai (T.K). Dindigul. 624220.</p>
4.	Legal Status, including date of registration and number	<p>a. Date of Registration: 11/10/1995 b. Trust Registration No. – 2004/1995 Income Tax Registration: 132 / 2004 – 2005 under 12 – AA of Income Tax Act d. Registered under 80 – G of Income Tax Act e. PAN – AAATA7572M f. Registered under Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board</p>
5.	Permission to Receive Foreign Funds	Registered under FCRA Number: 075940428
6. a.	Bank Details of Foreign Funds (FCRA Account)	<p>Name: Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank Ltd Address: 51, East Avani Moola Street, Madurai Main Branch, P. O. Box No. 205,</p>

	(Annexure 4)	Madurai – 625 001, Tamil Nadu, India. Phone: (00)91 45 22 62 36 71 (Foreign Exchange) Fax: (00)91 45 22 62 18 23 Type of Account: Savings Bank Account Account No.: S. B. A / C: 002100050000634 SWIFT Code: TMBLINBBCHE IFSC CODE ; TMBL 0000002
6. b.	Bank Details of Local Funds	Name: Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank Ltd Address: 51, East Avani Moola Street, Madurai Main Branch, P. O. Box No. 205, Madurai – 625 001, Tamil Nadu, India Phone: (00)91 45 22 62 40 11 (Savings Bank) Fax: (00)91 45 22 62 18 23 Type of Account: Savings Bank Account Account No.: S. B. A / C: 002100050000633
7.	Name of the Auditor	CA. M. Gideon Paul, B. Com., F. C. A., Madurai.

History of the Organization :

Adivasi are people who are original inhabitants or indigenous people of the particular region. They are officially called as Scheduled Tribes. It is estimated that 93% of the tribal population in India are living in forest areas by forming small hamlets. Tribal communities are tending to be the most economically backward of all the rural population in our country.

ACTIF stands for Action for Community Transformation India Foundation. ACTIF Trust was established with the major aim of transforming the social and economic life of tribal people, living in Kodaikanal region in Dindugal District, Tamilnadu, India. Till now we have identified 36 types of most backward tribal groups residing in our area. We are working with the goal of empowering the tribal people and enabling them to improve their social and economic conditions, live a life with dignity and self-sustainability.

B.About the Organisation

In 1987, Mr. Ashok Raja and Mrs. Manora had an opportunity to interact with Paliyar people as a community organizer and a multipurpose health worker respectively. Their close interaction with

Paliyar tribes led to better understanding of the tribes and their enriching culture. Their present sorry state, made the couple set their mind to settle down with them and work with them to regain their rights and utilize their ancestral land for improving their living conditions. ACTIF Trust came into existence informally from 1987, and we were registered as a nonprofit organization officially in the year 1995. We work as a voluntary organization with Rights and Development perspective. We are working for the improved quality of life and increased standard of living of the tribal communities in the Palani hills of the Western Ghats (Kodaikanal Region) in the Dindugal District of Tamil Nadu, India. We give special focus to participatory and integrated approaches in all our initiatives.

OUR BOARD MEMBERS:

S. No.	Name, Address and Position	Sex	Age	Qualification and Profession	Skill / Experience
1.	P. R. Ashok Raja, 372 A / 3, G. S.T. Main Road, Pasumalai, Madurai. Managing Trustee	M	51	B. A. Sociology / Social Worker	Working for the past 21 yrs. in the field of Tribal Development and 3 yrs in the field of Conservation at Palani Hills. Skilled in programme and activities planning, implementation, monitoring and management, organising and conducting trainings and leading the team.
2.	Mr Eddy Rajendran Vathalagundu Main Road, Palayamkottai, Athoor Block, Dindigul	M	65	Retired teacher	Working for teacher in past 35 years. Social worker and correspondent for one rural school. Financial Trustee.
3.	Mr.Sagayaraj Valdaries Ajantha Studio, Thiruchandur Road, Thirunelveli.	M	40	Garment Exporter.	Trustee.

Managing Trustee :**About our Members:****Mr P.R.Ashok Raja**

Mr P.R.Ashok Raja completed his BA in Sociology from Madurai Kamrada University, in 1987. From 1987 to 1994 he worked as a pioneer field officer in Kodaikanal's Tribal areas with Society for Integrated Development of Tribal (SIDT). During this period, he identified 68 Tribal villages in Lower Palani Hills. Among the 68 villages, 18 villages were newly formed. The Tribal people were collected and grouped together from various scattered plantation and forest areas. He organized village committees, youth clubs and women sangams (organizations).

In the year 1991 his hard work and involvement was towards the formation of the Palani Hills Tribal Liberation Movement (PalaniMalaiAdivasisVeduthalaiEyyakam—Tribal Federation). Through the Liberation Movement Ashok worked to secure the legal rights of the local Tribal, limiting against land agitations, helping the Tribal face their problems in relation to untouchability and helped a Tribal woman become a panchayat leader.

His involvement and commitment has been greatly appreciated by the Madurai Arch Dioceses and he was promoted as an Employment—Education Coordinator of Madurai Multi-purpose Social Service Society (MMSSS).

In 1995, Mr. Ashok together with Mrs. Manora formed ACTIF Trust for contributing more time to the tribal people. During the period between 1995 to 2003, he worked in a community construction programs in the states of Tamilnadu and Andra Pradesh. He also worked in various places for the social development as a grass root level worker.

From 2005 to 2009 following the Tsunami on 26th December 2004, he worked as a Coordinator in People's Development Association (PDA). His work at that time was much appreciated by the Government of Tamilnadu, as well as the local fisher folk at Nagapattinam.

From 2009 to 2015 Mr. Ashok Raja worked as a Director of ACTIF Trust. In this period ACTIF Trust was partner with various National and International organization and implemented Foster Care Projects, Livelihood Projects, Land right Campaign and Conservation Project.

From 2016 to 2020, Mr.P.R.Ashok Raja is working as a Deputy Convener of Tamilnadu in the network of TPFLR. Tamil Nadu People's Forum for Land Rights (TPFLR) was initiated in 2002 by the partners of HEKS/EPER in Tamil Nadu to assist the landless poor by lobbying with the Government for land distribution. Until 2006, the members of TPFLR had mobilized around 20,000 acres of land to the landless PooC. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA), enacted by the Government of India had provisions for the Adivasis and Forest Dwellers to gain ownership of land, both for individual and collective

Our Major Projects

1.Rajiv Gandhi national creche scheme for the children of working mothers supported by Tamil Nadu State Social Welfare Board (2004-2007)

ACTIF started the Balvadi Centers in tribal villages.It is a place for the preschoolers, between the age group of 3 – 5 years, where they are taken care during the day time, while their parents are at work. In these centers we provided the children with nutrition, health care, immunization, primary education, play materials and other essential services required for children. These centers functioned from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. These centers were established mainly for three reasons:

- (i) It was to prevent the school dropouts, who were stopped from their studies in order to take care of their younger brothers and sisters during the day time.
- (ii) The tribal mothers used to take their children with them to the Coffee plantations, where they work as laborer, where they are exposed to lot of pesticides, weedicides, fungicides and inorganic fertilizers used in large quantity, which can cause many health problems to these children.
- (iii) The roaming experience of the children at the tender age develops an attitude to avoid the formal education during their age of primary education.

S. No.	Name of the village	Children benefit from Pre-primary Education centres		
		Male	Female	Total
1.	Moolaiyaru	08	14	22
2.	Kaduhuthadi	11	14	25
3.	Thamaraikkulam	09	16	25
4.	Korankombu	12	08	20

5.	Pathiyakkadu	16	06	22
	Total	56	58	114



2. Children Development – Children Circle Centre, School Enrolment & Condensed Course

Children Circle Centre: It is a place for encouraging the tribal children, who attend the formal education, in order to cope with the formal education in an effective way. There are five centers in five villages. Each center had a care taker to look after the children, who attend the center in the evening from 5.00 to 7.00 pm. They start sessions with playing their traditional and creative games for an hour. Then they will take coaching of their formal education and do the home works. The animators help the children in these activities. During the weekends, the children were given opportunity to develop their life skill. They were given education on the rights of children, tribal and women. Another activity of these centers was celebrating special festivals (both National and Regional). It was used as an occasion for the community to come together, to feel their power and learn new things, which will be useful for their life, like awareness on their status and possible efforts to empower themselves. The children were supported with educational and supportive materials. This program was conducted for three years from 2004 – 2007, which was supported by Holding Hand International, Presentation Sisters of Ireland, few individuals from abroad and local contributions. About 133 children from five villages (Kaduguthadi, Moolaiyaru, Vadaharapparai, Thamarakkulam and Vaalagiri) benefitted out of this program.

S. No.	Name of the village	Children benefitted from the centre		
		Male	Female	Total
1.	Moolaiyaru	14	12	26
2.	Kaduhuthadi	16	18	34
3.	Thamarakkulam	12	14	26
4.	Vadaharapparai	14	20	34

5.	Valagiri	07	06	13
	Total	65	68	133



3.School Enrolment:

This was like an awareness campaign for the parents to take necessary steps for enrolling the children in schools at their school going age in the beginning of the June every year. We also provided them with necessary supports for admissions in the schools and hostels.



4. Condensed Course:

It is a program provided by the Tamil Nadu State Social Welfare Board for the girls, who failed in their Government Examination at 10th Standard. It was to support the 10th failed students (only girls) to reappear for the Government Examinations by providing them with extra coaching on the failed subject. It was like private tutorial centre. It was functioning in a rented building from morning 9.30 am to 4.30 pm with two qualified teachers, one full-time and one part-time teacher. About 25 girls benefitted out of this program. The minimum number of girls needed for this program was 25. The girls had to travel and come from faraway places every day. Since it was difficult one for them, they were in need of a residence to continue their studies. But, the program of the State Government was not supporting residential type course.



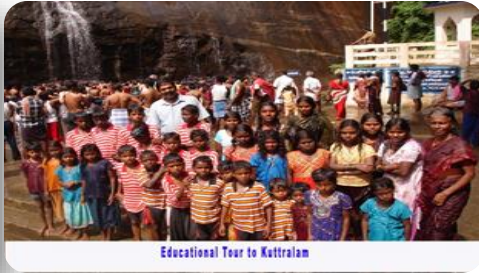
5.. Foster Care Program (From 2006)

ACTIF Trust runs a Foster Care Program for the Tribal children since 2009 with the support of HEKS. It renders its unconditional support for the formation of the tribal children. There are 28 children from 10 tribal hamlets, who finds it difficult in accessing the formal education due to their geographical location and family background are benefiting from it. These children stay in the home and study in the nearby schools. They are given life education and skill training to face the mainstream society, access the formal education and preserve their traditional knowledge and wisdom. They are given food, shelter, clothing, health care, educational support in home like environment. Their time is structured well so that they can optimally utilize their time for building their behavior and character to sustain their tribal life as well as accessing the mainstream society.

A steering committee is functioning to plan and monitor the smooth and effective function of the home, which includes the representation from the parents' side. Periodical Parents' meetings are conducted to make the parents understand the process of their children's education. Parents visit their children in the weekend. Now, we encourage the contribution of the parents for the sustainability of this program.



Children's are come back to Home - 2012



Educational Tour to Kuttralam



Boys are studying in the Home



Children's are going to the School



Children's are involving Craft works in the Holidays



Children's are Studying in the Home



Childrens are playing in the Carrom Board in the Home



Children's are playing in the home



Aligar swamy completing his skill work in the Home



Celebration - Organisational day



6..Health Education for mothers and children (2006-07):

ACTIF has conducted this program in six villages namely, Moolaiyaru, Vadaharapparai, Valagiri, Keelkumburaiyur, Kaduhuthadi and Thamaraiykkulam through house visits, village level group meetings and treating the minor ailments. A trained MPHWH conducted this program for the pregnant women, lactating mothers and women with minor ailments. The health worker followed up the immunization program in these villages. About 275 families benefitted out of this program.



7.Community Organizations Self Help Groups:

ACTIF wanted to inculcate the value of savings in women, in order to save the tribal from moneylenders. Since they never had the habit of savings and don't know how to read and write, it is difficult for them to follow it. They come together for dealing with issues; but, not as SHG. Therefore, we still continue the SHG education at the concept level. This program is sponsored by Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board. More than 120 women benefitted out of this education process. But, we are not successful in forming them as SHG. This awareness generation program is an ongoing program for this year as well. There is a greater need for forming of Grama Sabha in each of the Village Panchayat in order to implement the Recognition of Forest Rights Act – 2006. At the same time there should be Forest Rights Committee in each of the Tribal Hamlet, consisting of six to fifteen members. These committees have to bring and discuss their issues related to land rights and customary rights at their Grama Sabha meetings. Since these are the basic units for asserting their rights through the law, we have formed 40 Forest Rights Committees in 40 tribal hamlets and 16 Grama Sabhas are made tribal friendly in 16 Village Panchayats. Seimenpuu Foundation, Finland, a right based organization, has supported us in forming these 40 Forests Rights Committees in 40 tribal hamlets.



8. Protection of tribal rights

The following have been our major activities:

1. Organizing the tribal population against their alienation from the forest lands.
2. Filing petitions against restricting the tribes from collecting forest minor products.
3. Fighting for the housing rights of the tribes in the forest land.
4. Protecting rights in access to basic rations (subsidized food and other items) from the public distribution shops.
5. Procuring community certificates to get the provisions given to scheduled tribes
6. Helping Tribes to obtain other government issued legal papers

ACTIF TRUST has helped the Tribal people file a petition to the district magistrate in order to acquire birth certificates for the population. Birth certificates are fundamental document for getting various provisions from the government and are also a necessary document when making any formal applications. Without a birth certificate the tribal people have no proof of identity or existence. It is a basic step towards empowerment most people don't consider, as is seen as so basic.



Recognition of Forest Rights Act – 2006 Campaign

GramaSabha:

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All the previous Acts have ignored and stood against the existence of tribal in the forest. This is the first Act of its kind, which has recognized and supported the tribal, formulated and enacted Recognition of Forest Rights Act – 2006. This Act helps to gain entitle of the tribal agricultural land for their livelihood. After a long struggle for the benefit of tribal people, we took it as an opportunity to propagate, educate and train the tribal people and their leaders about the law and its provisions in protecting the land rights and customary rights of the tribal.



h. **Skill Trainings** – Lantana Products & Value Addition of Non – Timber Forest Products (NTFP)

The tribal were made to be unskilled, landless and agricultural labourers. They live as poor by losing the opportunity of using traditional skill and opportunity in Food and MFP gathering. Therefore, ACTIF is providing several skill development trainings for the adolescent girls and youth. The skill development trainings are based on Non Timber Forest Products.

Value Addition Training of the Non-Timber Forest Products:

- Amla: Jelly, Subhari and Juice making
- Kapack: Cushion, Mattress and Pillows
- Kadukkai: Tooth Powder
- Wood Works: Hand Craft
- Palm: Broomstick
- Honey: Processing and purifying
- Wax: Making perfume candles
- Lantana: Furniture

Lantana – Livelihood Promotion through Conservation – Lantana shows the novel way: Lantana is not a NTFP. It is shrub in the forest, which threatens the bio-diversity of Western Ghats, including controlling and destroying the NTFP.

It is important and inevitable to control the spread and destroy the growth of this dangerous shrub. One of the strategies is that converting the shrub in to household articles, like Chairs, Baskets, Racks, Stands, Shelves, T. V. Stands, Swings, etc. by adding the value through human skill. We have trained 21 persons (6 male and 15 female) from 3 villages, Korankombu, Vadaharapparai and Moolaiyaru, on Lantana Products Training. We have the future plan to continue this training.

This shrub could replace the use of cane, which is in threat of extinction. This program is supported by Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE), Bangalore. This year as well, we are joining hands with ATREE in providing skill training for 120 women from six villages (Kaduhuthadi, Manathevu, Korankombu, Kadaisikkadu, Perunkadu and Vadaharapparai) in promoting Lantana Products.



1. Organic Farming Training

Use of inorganic substance in forest and hilly areas for agricultural purposes will disturb the harmony in the natural environment and destroy the equilibrium of bio-diversity. The non-tribal is already using large quantity of pesticides, weedicides and fertilizers in their plantations for commercial crops. By seeing this, the tribal also tempted to go for the use of inorganic substances in their cultivation practices. The fact is that they cannot earn any profit out of using the inorganic methods of cultivation. Therefore, we started trainings them on improved organic practices for their cultivation. Because these training, tribals who cultivate in the thick forests, where the destruction of bio-diversity (extinction of insects, birds, animals, herbs and grass) may happen, if they apply inorganic substances are avoided.



j. Solid Waste Management:

We have started educating the tribal community people on Solid Waste Management as a way of prudent use / disposal of wastes. The improper disposal (use and disposal of polythene bags in the open space with organic substances / wastes) of wastes caused stagnation water, breeding of mosquitoes, blocking water from being absorbed by the soil and other environmental sanitation problems. Therefore, we initiated Solid Waste Management awareness, education and vermi-compost demonstration in three villages for more than 140 people with the support of Ministry of Forest and Environment.

MFP / NTFP Collectors: As part of livelihood activity, the tribal collect 'Lieckens', a kind of parasite plant growing on the trees, which is used as a spice in food and preparation of vegetable dyes. When they collect it from the trees, the tribal remove the upper skin of the trees, which cause the damage to the life of the trees. Like this, there are so many damages made by the tribal without awareness of what they do, while collecting their livelihood. We educate them about these and make them to take precaution for not damaging the natural resources, while they collect their livelihood. Also, we try to find out alternative methods, like nursery development and plantation of fruit tree saplings, for promoting the livelihood products in and around their

houses and hamlets. This program was supported by Ministry of Environment and Forest and ATREE.

Priority Species and Sites Protection:

In collaboration with ATREE – CEPF SG Program, ACTIF has implemented activities that are necessary to protect priority species and sites in the Palani Hills, Western Ghats, **since 2009**. ACTIF has worked among 20 tribal hamlets on protecting the threatened species (Grizzled Giant Squirrel) and establishing / maintaining canopy cover area and linkages to corridors .



Environmental Awareness

Promoting harmonious living with nature is one of the main goals of our organization as the tribals rely on the forest for their sustained living and on the rivers for their daily water needs. Tribals live in the wild and experience extreme hardships.

ACTIF has organized activities on bio-diversity conservation for people from the tribal hamlets. We have undertaken an in-depth study of the flora and fauna of the Palani hills and understood the pathetic conditions caused by forest degradation. During forthcoming years ACTIF seeks to undertake eco-restoration activities through some committed donor organization.

ACTIF has organized training for youths so they may add value to their collected forest products. They were also taught some alternative livelihoods. This process has made them realize that the

wild is their primary supplier and is in need of constant preservation. The importance of forest produce and the products which can be made and sold using effective marketing for income generation were highlighted.



Tamil Nadu People's Forum for Land Rights ;

(TPFLR) was initiated in 2002 by the partners of HEKS/EPER in Tamil Nadu to assist the landless poor by lobbying with the Government for land distribution. Until 2006, the members of TPFLR had mobilized around 20,000 acres of land to the landless PooC. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA), enacted by the Government of India had provisions for the Adivasis and Forest Dwellers to gain ownership of land, both for individual and collective purposes. Although this Act was implemented in most of the states in India, in Tamil Nadu, the Government was reluctant to implement it stating a pending legal suit in the High Court of Madras. TPFLR took legal recourse through an Adivasi representative to

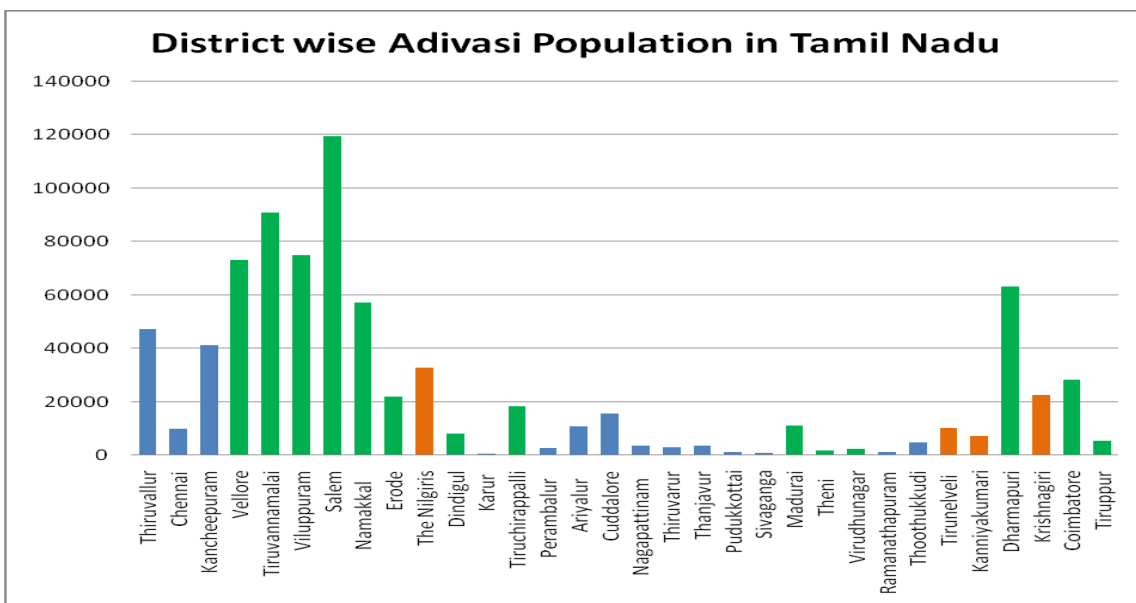
get the restrictive order vacated, first in the Madras High Court and then in the Supreme Court in Delhi and got a favourable order on 1st February 2016. From mid-February, TPFLR was reactivated and an interim project was implemented until December 2016 to assist the Adivasis in 8 districts to access land rights under the FRA, by following up the status of the claim forms submitted by them during the period 2008 to 2010 and also assisting the PooC to submit new claim for A new project was launched from January 2017, with an overall goal of 'Improved quality of life for 22,000 Adivasi families in Tamil Nadu through land mobilization and sustainable livelihood' and it was implemented in the identified 12 hills / forest areas during the period 2017 and the work was extended to 4 more districts from the beginning of 2018. The main focus of the project is to assist the PooC to have access to land rights and livelihood resources and resilience building by capacitating them with the required knowledge and skills, and simultaneously building them up as an effective network at the Hill and State level to voice the rights of their community.

The Project Holder is ARISE, Kariyapatti and the Implementing Partners are SIVA Trust, Coimbatore and ACTIF Trust, Batlagundu.

The office bearers are:- S.S. Shiva – State Convener

P.R. Ashokraja – State Deputy Convener

A. Selvakumar- State Treasurer



- 12 Hills in 14 districts to be covered in first year of the project
- 4 Hills in 4 districts to be included in the second year of the project
- Districts not covered due to non-availability of PooC eligible under FRA

Latest tally of individual titles issued (as on 31-12-2019)

District	Hill Conveners	No. Of titles	Acreage	In Hectares
Villupuram	M. Elumalai and C. Jothimani	333	478.18	193.5168
Salem	P. Kumar and D. Syamala	205	336.18	136.0501
Dharmapuri	A. Ragupathi	268	320.8	129.8259
Erode	L. Sivaraj	491	715.76	289.6656
Virudhunagar	C. Manivannan	19	0.38	0.1538
Kanyakumari	N. Ravi	150	333.76	135.1243
Theni	P.R. Raja	75	92.43	37.4059
Nilgiris	R. Ganesh Kumar	1041	796.24	322.2354
Coimbatore	K. Veerappan	1103	1442.26	583.6746
Tiruppur	V. Kannadasan			
Namakkal	A. Amitabh Bachan and S. Karunanithi	557	608.7	246.3375
Thiruvannamalai	A. Rajendiran and V. Raghu	40	137.5	55.6455
Vellore	V. Dhandapani	106	195.01	78.9195
Tirunelveli	C. Manivannan			
Dindigul	K. Anbalagan	65	76	30.7568
Krishnagiri	S. Sadiq	64	70.81	28.6564
Total		4517	5604.01	2267.9681

Latest tally of community titles (under Form 'B') issued (as on 31-12-2019)

District	Hill Conveners	No. Of titles	No. of beneficiaries	Acreage	Hectares
Salem	P. Kumar and D. Syamala	5	75	47527	19234
Dharmapuri	A. Ragupathi	49	4149	185868	75222
Theni	P.R. Raja	14	252	3521	1425
Total		68	4476	2,34,337.28	95,860

Tally of VDCs/FIGs formed and Model Farmers/DRR training undertaken

Name	District	FRA awareness	VD Cs	FIG s	Agri Trg	Perso ns	DRR Trg	Perso ns
N.Ravi	Kanyakumari	720	2	4	9	570	5	391
A.Manivannan	Tirunelveli	250	0	0	2	130	0	0
P.R.Raja	Theni	850	14	3	8	480	5	331
V.Kannadasan	Tiruppur	900	4	0	7	463	3	151
K.Veerappan	Coimbatore	800	5	5	8	531	6	358
R.Ganesh Kumar	The Nilgiris	220	1	1	2	130	0	0
L.Sivaraj	Erode	750	11	6	9	625	8	501
A.Ragupathi	Dharmapuri	650	7	5	9	567	5	357
D.Syamala	Salem (Yercaud)	950	7	25	10	707	7	592

K.Anbalagan	Dindigul	350	3	6	7	385	3	412
A.Amitab Bachan	Namakkal-1	600	5	15	8	410	4	320
S.Karunanithi	Namakkal-2	670	7	16	7	366	4	412
S.Kumar	Salem (Kalvarayan)	630	5	8	7	365	4	370
C.Jothimani	Villupuram-1	520	6	10	7	380	4	398
M.Elumalai	Villupuram-2	900	5	7	7	400	4	404
A.Rajendiran	Thiruvannamalai-1	500	5	7	7	360	2	202
V.Raghu	Thiruvannamalai-2	625	0	0	3	160	0	0
K.Dhandapani	Vellore	250	0	0	3	165	0	0
S.Sadiq	Krishnagiri	765	0	0	3	170	0	0
Total		11900	87	118	123	7364	64	5199





Strengthening of TPFLR:

In order to strengthen the TPFLR organisation, with the ultimate aim of handing over the management of the organisation to the PooC, at the end of the project period, effective training of the VDC leaders are done during VDC/FIG meetings and other interactions. The following 6 representatives were included in the General Body of TPFLR during the year 2017 and more such inclusion will be done in the coming years:-

1. Mr. Krishnan from Kanyakumari district
2. Mr. Mohan from Namakkal district
3. Mr. Vijayan from Salem district (Kalvarayan Hills)
4. Mr. Gunasekaran from Salem District (Yercaud Hills)

5. Mr. K. Chandran from Coimbatore District
6. Mrs. Savariammal of Theni district

The Governing Body and General Body meetings were held at Chennai on 13-12-2017, attended by 20 and 46 members respectively. Mr. Ritto Cyriac, Director of Tribal Welfare, Chennai and former PCCF Dr. Sreedharan were the special guests on that occasion.

Future programs for improving agricultural income:

For improving the agricultural income of the PooC, the TPFLR arranged for a market research study by Dr. R. Balasubramanian, Professor & Head, Department of Market Extension, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and the study team visited the districts of Kanyakumari, Theni, Erode, Dharmapuri, Namakkal and Villupuram and interacted with various stakeholders. The study report has reached its final stage and based on their findings and recommendations, pilot projects will be started to market at least two products in the State.

The PooC representatives will be taken for an exposure tour this year for understanding the success of similar projects in the neighbouring States.

The Agriculture & Horticulture departments of the State Government as well NABARD are also encouraging the formation of FIGs and FPOs and we are in regular touch with those department officers, to get those benefits for our PooC.



**Other activities:**

When Kanyakumari District was hit by Ockhi storm in the month of November 2017, the TPFLR members mobilised some fund, visited the storm-hit area and distributed garments to the storm-affected tribal children.

By the efforts taken by the Hill Conveners in various districts, agricultural implements, saplings, seeds and fertilizers were distributed to the PooC by the Agriculture and

Horticulture Departments, either free of cost or at subsidised rate. This was very useful for them in improving their agriculture production as well as learning modern techniques of agriculture. During the DRR training conducted in some districts, the Fire & Rescue department officials trained the PooC in fire fighting methods.

The Hill Conveners helped many PooC in getting community certificate, OAP, Tribal Welfare Board membership card, ration card etc.



Our need...

ACTIF needs help for running the following programs for the empowerment of tribal women, children and communities:

- a. To run the children development programs in the communities in order to develop the tribal children;
- b. To help the tribal children to continue and complete their schooling and pursue higher education as the first generation;
- c. To Conduct Skill Development Training for the women on Lantana Products and other Value Addition trainings of NTFP;
- d. To conduct trainings on Organic Farming, Processing, Labelling and Marketing;
- e. To establish linkages with and run outlets of Organic Products and

f. To continue the efforts in protecting the priority species and sites in the Palani Hills, Western Ghats

Our Banking details

FCRA Account;

Name of the Account : Action for Community Transformation India Foundation Trust

Name of the Bank : Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank,
Madurai Main Branch, KeelaavaniMoolaVeethi,
Madurai- 1, Tamil Nadu

Bank account number : 002100050000634 (only Foreign Contribution)

FCRA account number: 075940428 .

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Name of the Bank; Tamil Nadu Mercantile bank,
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