



QUARTERLY REPORT - July - September 2021

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS), Chennai.

We are happy to share this report of our activities for the quarter-ending September 2021.

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR):

After the break of two months due pandemic, all our four CBR centres reopened on 1st July 2021, for the academic year 2021-22. Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Vocational Skills Training, and Monthly Parents Meetings were held on a regular basis during this

We have continued to provide pre-employment training in hospitality, house-keeping, and shop management to our Special Youth with the hope of finding them a job in the future.

Independence Day was celebrated in all of our centres observing COVID 19 protocols. Our Special Children and Youth actively participated in the function, held in full view of the general public. The Greater Chennai Corporation's Health Officer, Friends of MCDS, and local participants were among the Guests.



Independence Day Celebrations



CBR Centres held awareness activities for Special Children and their parents on important days such as World Physiotherapy Day and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Day.



Special Parents of Chemmencherry during Awareness Campaign

Special Children of Chemmencherry and Special Youth from Srinivasapuram and Perumbakkam took advantage of the Free Eye Screenings in partnership with 'IVI' held in their respective areas.



Special Youth availing Free Eye Camp

Eleven Special Children of Kannagi Nagar and Chemmencherry have been enrolled in Government schools according to their learning ability during this reporting period.



Special Child admitted in Govt. School

Study Centres:

All our Ten Study Centres in the relocated slum areas with a permitted maximum strength of thirty have resumed for the academic year on 1st July 2021-22. Children were visibly happy to be back at their centres to learn and to meet their friends after the lockdowns were lifted.

Study Centres teamed together with CBR Special Children and Youth for Independence Day celebrations in their various localities, strictly observing COVID protocol

Apart from academics, children are actively involved in indoor games, art, crafts, drawing and paintings and other creative initiatives from Waste to unique products. They enjoy their weekly outing with their staffs. In the new arrangement of a supervisor for every three centres, the Study Centres are functioning very effectively with near full strength.



Students trying their hands on Drawing



Hand writing practice for our study centre children

Health Programme:

During the reporting period, the Clinic on Wheels, with a doctor and a trained nurse, as well as support staff, equipped with sufficient stock of free medicines, reached out to over 7,000 (Seven Thousand) people.



Dr. Agila attending to a Special Youth in Srinivasapuram



Eye Screening Camps & Spectacles Distribution:

As in the past, MCDS in collaboration with "India Vision Institute" (IVI) organized Eye Screening programme for the Special Children, Youth, SHG Women and General Public at Srinivasapuram, Chemmencherry, Pulianthope, Triplicane, Kannagi Nagar, Kandigai, Old Perumbakkam and Valluvar Nagar. One Thousand people benefitted during this quarter ending September 2021.



Eye Screening in Community Areas

Three Hundred and Seventy Five Spectacles were distributed in August and September to those with defective vision where we had the screenings by 'India Vision Institute' between July to September 2021.



Recipients of Spectacles at relocated slum areas



Health and Hygiene Awareness:

Awareness programs on Hypertension, Diabetes and TB were organized for the General public during this reporting period and Three Hundred and Seventy Six underprivileged people in the slums and relocated slum areas of Chennai were benefitted. This programme was organized in association with "Resource group for Education and Advocacy for Community Health"(REACH).



Health Awareness by REACH at Kannagi Nagar

Women Empowerment Programme:

Regular monitoring of accounts for the SHG groups and monthly meeting were held in all the Federations, namely Adyar, Thiruvanmiyur South Mada, Valluvar Nagar, Kannagi Nagar and Chemmencherry.

Forty Eight SHG Members from the Valluvar Nagar participated in Alcoholism awareness program. Mr. Sabapathy from TTK hospital enlightened the beneficiaries about withdrawal symptoms, health issues caused due to liquor consumption and the management & treatment.



Oath taking during SHG meeting at Thideer Nagar



Sixty Five beneficiaries including SHG Women and General Public participated in the Facts and Myths about Breast Cancer Awareness Programme held at Kannagi Nagar. This programme was organized in collaboration with Grace Trust, India Turns Pink and Rotary Club of Madras North.



Participants at Cancer Awareness Programme in Kannagi Nagar

The Third batch of Tailoring course, supported by 'ABRAO GROUP' was inaugurated in the month of July 2021 in the august presence of Brothers from Perungudi Community, Local Police officials, Neighbourhood NGO partners, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board officials and well-wishers of MCDs. Day to day schedule is being closely followed up in the Tailoring Training Centre and the students complete this six months course by January 2022. A small but welcome deviation for the present batch is that the 'BEST FIVE' out of the twenty will be awarded a Tailoring machine each at the end of their training course.



Third Batch Tailoring Training students with the Guests



Senior Citizens' Forum:

All our Elders had their regular exercise, Yoga, Meditation, General Health check up and sharing medicinal tips. Elders Day is planned for 1st of October.



Elders Exercise session in progress

Staff Workshop:

MCDS in association with 'Clay Finger 7' organized a 'two-day workshop' for the Special Children and Study Centre Children of Chemmencherry & Perumbakkam as well as the staffs of MCDS. The team stressed on Nurturing the Nature, Hand Impression, Action Songs, Paper Crafts, Self-defence & Clay art to name a few. Our staffs and children were fully immersed in learning the basics during this workshop. MCDS gratefully acknowledges the team of 'Clay Finger 7' for this engaging activity-based workshop.



Staff and Children workshop session in progress



Dry Ration Relief and Food Distribution:

Due to partial lockdown and layoffs, many people in relocated slum areas were not able to get back to their work. MCDS reached out to these underprivileged people by distributing sumptuous food in our working areas with the support of Brothers from Perungudi Community and Rev. Fr. James of St. Pius X Church, Perungudi. More than Three Hundred cooked Food packets were distributed to the disadvantaged people on a daily basis.



Food distribution at relocated slum areas

MCDS is an ardent believer in Divine Providence, manifesting itself in unexpected ways. Rev. Bro. Susai Alangaram, Principal, Santhome School along with 'Magic Bus India Foundation' supported our beneficiaries of Rural Programme at Uthiramerur as well as the relocated slum people in Chennai through their Two Hundred packets of Dry Ration Relief materials, each kit costing about Rs. 1000/-.



Relief Distribution to Tribal Families at Endathur village near Uthiramerur