

**Vocational Skill Training for Widows, Young Women and Girls
Andipatti Block, Theni District, Tamilnadu- India.**

COMPLETION REPORT

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TO
Ms. JANANI RAVI
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Respected Madam

Sub: Submission of Tailoring Training Completion Report – reg

Greetings from VMI!

With all your support, cooperation and coordination we completed Tailoring Training in which 90 women of various categories was benefitted. Because this training they become self-reliance with skill and withstand on their own legs. While implementing the project your encouraging support facilitated us to bring out the project successful. Many of our trainees gained regular employment and income sources. As per your instructions we here are sending Completion Report to your reference. Kindly go through the report and provide your feedback. If you require any more information please do write to us we will furnish the same at the earliest. Kindly see the attachment.

Your early support and cooperation expected.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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On

VOCATIONAL SKILL TRAINING FOR WIDOWS, YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS

Preamble

VAIGAI MAHALIR IYYAKKAM – VMI is happy present this Vocational Skill Training completion report for the period from November 2013 – October 2014. This skill development training primarily promoted to meet the needs of widows, young women and girls in Aundipatti block belong to Theni district. The primary objective of the training was to empower women folk through self-reliance and manage themselves through a skill and gain social capital in the family and community at large. As a result of this objective Skill Development Training on Tailoring was promoted on 29th November 2013 with the support and guidelines of SANKALPA-USA. We here are submitting the completion report with case studies. We have further request from our villages to continue the training.

Based on this an inaugural function was organized on above date in which Ms.Usha Devi, Project Officer, Mahalir Thittam (Tamilnadu Women Development Corporation), Mr.Thngapandian, Assistant Project Officer-Mahalir Thittam, Mr.G.Balakrishnan, Lead Bank Manager-Canara Bank and Mr.Kandavelmani, Branch Manager-Indian Overseas Bank-Aundipatti was participated and encouraged the trainees. In their inaugural and special address they were encouraged the trainees to learn tailoring skills and made efforts to become self-employed or entrepreneurs and gain good position in garment industries and economically sound and socially empower. Ms.Veeritahai Secretary – VMI invited the Chief Guest and Special Invitees and all trainee participants. Ms.Seethalakshmi-Treasurers-VMI delivered vote of thanks.

Training Modules

It was decided to train the participants at various levels. First of the trainees was selected based on their commitment in learning process and accessibility to reach the training center

on time. Most of the trainees were selected through the support and cooperation of Community Based Organizations such as SHGs and Elected Panchayat Representatives. VMI was also utilizing its rapport to identify qualified and eligible trainees. It was decided to train the participants under mentioned aspects such as scope for tailoring, machine maintenance, manual and power operation, simple garment cutting and stitching such as hand kerchiefs, pillow covers and long stitching items. Later the trainees were taught on master cutting on various designs and shapes for children and women wares. The improved stage many trainees brought their own materials from their home and neighbors and completed the work. Every stage the Tailoring Instructor taught them through diagrams and appropriate cutting and stitching process. Every trainee spend 12 month period to complete the training. VMI provided necessary support, cooperation and inputs for each trainee to learn the skill effectively. Apart from tailoring they were provided life skills and social education on necessary hours.

Operational Procedures

To reach and benefit large number of women it was decided to run 3 batches of training everyday consists of 30 trainees. The VMI training center and other infrastructures were provided to improve the learning process effectively. Every batch learns minimum 2 hours and more. The time schedule was 10 – 12am, 1-3pm and 4-6pm. The whole training was provided on free of cost. It was registered more than 90 trainees in the whole project operational period. Based on specific syllabus they were trained and they were provided enough space and time to work on cutting, stitch on the machines. They were provided timely support to rectify their mistakes and improve their learning's.

Learning's and Skills Outputs

Tailoring machines maintenance, necessary equipments and spares implications. Peddling and electric motor support use. Needle fix and various stitching process. The under mentioned items were taught to the trainees throughout their learning period. Practical and theoretical sessions were organized on every item. Necessary clarifications and supervision were provided them to learn effectively.

Measurement of hand kerchiefs, pillow covers and curtains for doors and windows. Inserting the cotton tape into pillow cover cap and embroidering on pillow cover with various designs and design stitching on edge of pillow cover.

They learnt under mentioned kids ware for children such as Bapis of 3 year old child, Inner wear for five 5 year old children, Petticoat of 6 years old child, Umbrella petticoat of 8 years old child, Front haped petticoat of 2 years old child, Side gathering petticoat for 6 years old children and Yok Frock of 10 years old child.

Added to this under mentioned garments were taught to the trainees.

Ramber: Ramber is a garment which link jetty and frock made for children. In this training the trainees become expert on stitching shrink formed ramber, side gather ramber and simple rambers.

Frocks: Yoke frock wide, makia yoke frock, yoke blouse, makier frock, ordinary frock and bush coat for children.

Kurtha and Cummies: Squire Neck princes Kurtha and Indian Chudithar Kurtha Cummies, Nursery Design Cummies, Kanpur Cummies, Festival Bandmaster Kurtha, Manipur Cummies, Cini Artist Cummies, Bengali Kurtha, Tamilnadu Simple Kurtha, Chennai School Uniform Kurtha, Nellai Naclace Two Piece Cummies, Madurai Cummies .

Various Blouse Patterns: g – shape neck, v – shape neck, u – shape neck, * shape neck and y – shape neck, ladder shape neck, bell design blouse, stone design blouse, lining of blouse edge, wedding blouse, stone and bell design on neck and arms, piped design blouse and contrast color arms and body.

Girls Trousers: knee pants, $\frac{3}{4}$ size pants, cotton pant, jeans pant, banian cloth pant, boys pajama, boys loose model pant and track suits.

Jippa Kurtha: Old model kurtha wears worn by old people with loose fitting and large pockets to keep petal nut, tobacco and purse.

Boys and Men Trousers: Half Pant, Police Pant and School Boys Pants.

Girls and Women Umbrella Skirts: Inskrits with 6 parts, 7 parts and 8 parts for readymade type. Women in-skirts with top inserted. Women sleeve blouse and women puff blouse with $\frac{3}{4}$ arms.

Chudithar Top Models: short chudithar, rangoli chudithar and Patiala model, masakali model and net model.

Various Model of Neck Chuddar's: v – shape neck, u – shape neck, * shape neck and y –shape neck.

Various Pattern Pants for Chuddar: Bell Bottom Model, Pencil pant and Elephant leg Model.

Men's' and Boys' Shirts: Separate cutting of collar, pocket and hand. Pattern to men and children particularly for boys. Full hand and half hand shirt cutting and stitching.

Pant cutting and Stitching: Separate cutting of front part, back part, pockets and belt loop fitting one by one.

New Model of Pants: Sun shoot of children with Pa shape of Front and Back neck.

Low Hipe Frock: Body part till hip, joining body with shirt and puff hand model.

Open Ramber – 4/8: This is a kid wear model.

Impacts of the Training:

This skill development training provided opportunity for more than 90 widows, young women and girls learnt about tailoring. Because of this training they become skilled enough to get employment opportunities by self and outside of their village. The widows become self-employed and earning opportunities in the village and taking care of the family. Previously they depend on men earnings in farming activities and now they earn themselves regular opportunity no dependence on men. Because of their income sources they gained respect in the family and they send their children in regular schooling. Girl children education and schooling increased. Early marriage was prevented. Income levels of the family increased.

List of Trainees:

Sl.No	Name of Trainees	Husband/Father Name	Village Name	Age
1	R.Subarani	Prabhu	M.Subulapuram	25
2	R.Mahewari	Kannan	Mottunuthu	28
3	P.Selvi	Paneerselvam	Aundipatti	32
4	S.Sivasakthi	Sakthivel	Kanniappapilaipatti	29
5	M.Rukumani	Mahendran	Pappammalpuram	39
6	K.Annalakshmi	Kumaran	Pappammalpuram	35
7	R.Ramya	Sakthikumar	Aundipatti	28
8	K.Kavitha	Rajeshkannan	Aundipatti	25
9	S.Sivalakshmi	Nagarajan	Koppaiyampatti	20
10	R.Lavanya	Pandiyan	Koppaiampatti	24
11	N.Rajeshwari	Nagaraj	Regasamudram	32
12	V.Prithiya	Jayaram	Rengasamudram	19
13	V.Ramya	Rajesh	Rengasamudram	23
14	S.Shanmugapriya	Surya	Rengasamudram	23
15	S.Nagalakshmi	Palanikumar	Aundipatti	24
16	P.Krishnaveni	Perumal	Natchiyapuram	30
17	S.Packialakshmi	Varatharaj	Natchiyapuram	20
18	N.Dhanalakshmi	Karupasamy	Natvhiyapuram	23
19	R.Pandeeswari	Manivel	Aundipatti	21
20	A.Sankareswari	Muthu	Aundipatti	28
21	M.Saritha	Muthugoodalingam	Aunupapatti	29
22	P.Jaya	Pandiyan	T.Subulapuram	26
23	K.Mary	Kurinji	Jakkampatti	18
24	S.Nivetha	Selvam	Ramalingapuram	19
25	P.Sudha	Palpandi	Karisalpatti	22
26	Radha	Raja	Kondamanaickenpatti	22

27	Subahartha	Perumal	Bomminaickenpatti	25
28	Papathi	Ravikumar	Bomminaickenpatti	19
29	Kalpana	Thangam	S.S.Puram	26
30	Priyanka	Chinnasami	Karisalpatti	29
31	Sivalakshmi	Parthasarathi	Karisalpatti	25
32	R.Maheswari	Ravindran	Natchiyapuram	32
33	R.Ramya	Muthuraj	natchiyapuram	32
34	Kaneshwari	Kumar	Nagulagoundenpatti	33
35	P.Malarmani	Karuppan	Nagulagoundenpatti	25
36	Vennila	Muthuraj	Nagulagoundenpatti	32
37	Gowsalya	Vasu	Nagulagoundenpatti	29
38	Sangeetha	Kumar	Nagulagoundenpatti	30
39	Kokila	Kannan	Nagulagoundenpatti	25
40	Nagajothi	Rajesh	Nagulagoundenpatti	19
41	Meena	kamatchi	Nagulagoundenpatti	17
42	Pandiselvi	Pandees	Aundipatti	26
43	M.Palaniammal	Marimuthu	Kondamanaickenpatti	32
44	Nagalakshmi	Gopi	Aundipatti	25
45	Nityakala	Nagappan	Rengasamudram	24
46	Chitra	Balakannan	Rengasamudram	21
47	Rajakumari	Pandiyan	Annai Indra Nagar	27
48	Vani	Raja	Pappammalpuram	25
49	Sudhlakshmi	Pethamuthu	S.S.Puram	26
50	J.Nalina	Jagadesh	Ponnammalpatti	19
51	Manila	Prabhakar	Ponnammalpatti	25
52	Veeralakshmi	Kaliyaapan	Ponnammalpatti	24
53	Eswari	Muthuraj	Ponnammalpatti	21
54	Subuthai	Mudeswaran	Ponnammalpatti	26
55	Veeralakshmi	Krishnan	Ponnammalpatti	29
56	Annalakshmi	Murugesan	Velayuthupuram	28
57	Annakamu	Rathinaraj	Karisalpatti	33

58	Raji	Mani	Karisalpatti	35
59	Annakili	Vasudevan	Karisalpatti	25
60	Ilavarsi	Pandiayan	Karisalpatti	22
61	Indurani	Chinnaraj	Karisalpatti	29
62	Vasanthi	Rajesh	S.S.Puram	27
63	Pandiammal	Pandiyan	Kondamanaickenpatti	24
64	Chellammal	Sangili	Ethakovil	26
65	Chitrakala	Kumar	Ethakovil	23
66	Jothi	Ramar	Balakkombai	22
67	Natchiammal	Preveen	Balakkombai	21
68	Chellamani	Veeramani	Karisalpatti	25
69	Jayakodi	Kamatchi	Karisalpatti	26
70	Veeralakshmi	Suburaj	Karisalpatti	28
71	Amsam	Gubendran	Karisalpatti	29
72	Kannamani	Gopal	S.S.Puram	24
73	Dhanalakshmi	Ramraj	Karisalpatti	23
74	Seetha	Ramakrishnan	Karisalpatti	30
75	Sugapriya	Perumal	Karisalpatti	31
76	Uma	Thangam	Jakkampatti	34
77	Packialakshmi	Radhakrishnan	Jakkampatti	25
78	Devi	Veeramuthu	Jakkampatti	25
79	Jothi	Chinnaraj	S.S.Puram	29
80	Jaya	Saravanan	Kobaiyampatti	29
81	Sivarani	Asoke	Kobaiyampatti	27
82	Durga	Kumaresan	Kobaiyampatti	25
83	Vasavi	Ponraj	Aundipatti	23
84	Vadamalaijothi	Poun	Aundipatti	22
85	Muthulakshmi	Pounraj	Aundipatti	25
86	Kavitha	Krishnan	Aundipatti	28
87	Mahalakshmi	Balakrishnan	Mottunuthu	18
88	Mahalakshmi	Kanagaraj	Kobaiyampatti	19

89	Kamuthai	Ethiraj	Karattupatti	25
90	Ambika	Balakrishnan	Rengasamudram	18

Case Studies

My name is Jeya belong to T.Subbulapuram village. I have two children and working as agricultural coolie. My husband was expired due to addiction of alcohol few years back. I was members in Bahavathi Amman SHG where I got opportunity to enroll and learning Tailoring training.

My parents supported some extent to learn the tailoring and taken care of my children. I had regularly participated in 2nd batch of training. I was given good opportunity to learn and practice the training in the center. Now I have ability to stitch garments for children and women. After my coolie work I was spend my time in stitching garments. With my parents support I was purchased a second hand tailoring machine for the purpose. Now I earn Rs.3000/- per month and taking care of children education and schooling. I am very much supporting my children. I and my parents were happy that I am not much depending on them and I am also supporting them. I do my regular savings in my SHG. I take this opportunity to thank VMI and SANKALPA – INDIA to provide this training.



Widow

I am aged 25 belong to Ponammalpatti village which located 12km distance from Aundipatti. I have studied up to 10th standard. My husband is working in a factory as casual labour. His earning was not enough to meet family needs and children requirements.

I was work in many shops but I get very poor income and disparity. In this situation I had an opportunity to get training on Tailoring which was organized by Vagai Mahalir Iyyakam, Aundipatti. My husband was also encouraged me to participate in the training. I was participated in the training in second batch which was very comfortable for me. After completion of the training I had an opportunity to work in local garment company as Machine Operator where I earn Rs 5,000 along with other facilities. Every day company vehicle picked up and evening drop me in my village itself. My children were taken care of my mother-in-law. I am spending my time with my children on leave days. Now my family become a regular income source to taken care my family requirements. Thanks to VMI.



Dalit Women

Pandiammal belongs to Kondamanaikkanpatti village. My husband is working in the town as Sales man in a department store. Due to his job convenient we live nearby town. I am staying with my husband and no children. I was alone at home long time. In this situation one of my friends told me about tailoring training going at Aundipatti.

With her help and support I was joined in the training in 2nd batch. In this training I was learnt many garment cutting and stitching for children and women. After completion of the training I had purchased a tailoring machine to do my personal work. However many local people started giving their materials for stitching. Now I have regular customers and having good earning to take care of myself and do some savings. My husband is happy. Now my mother-in-law is staying with us and helpful for me. I am very much thankful to VMI and SANKALPA for the opportunity provide for me to withstand through a skill.



Young Woman

I am aged 28 years having two girl children belong to Karisalpatti village. My husband was left me and living with other women for the last two years. He is having habit of consuming liquor. I have studied up to 8th standard and working in a textile shop as sales women.

My parents are helping me in all aspects. He is not taking care of the family and children. With meager income I managed the family. In this situation I was informed about VMI Tailoring training through one of relative. Then with the permission and support my parents I was joined tailoring training in 1st batch where I learnt good practice on machine maintenance, cutting and stitching of various items related to children, women and boys garments. While training process going my parents was purchased a machine for me which made my practice and easy. After completion of the training I started stitching children and women garments in the village itself. In the beginning people were hesitated to give orders for stitching. Now I earn good will of good stitching and providing garments on punctual. Now I have regular income through tailoring. I earn average of Rs 4,000/- per month and taking care of children. Thanks to VMI and my relative who guide me for regular earning and self-reliance.



Destitute Women

I am Sivasakthi 3rd child in my family. I have two elder sisters and one younger brother in my family. I am aged 19 and completed my education up to 10th standard. Female infanticide is very popular in my area. However my parents concerned on children and saved us and they provided education and schooling.

We have little land for cultivation. We cultivate vegetables in our land. We do also very much supportive to our parents. Apart from cultivation my parents also going agricultural wage work in my village. But income of the family is not sufficient to maintain the family. In this situation my mother learnt about 'VMI training on tailoring' and she insisted me to participate in the training. I was joined with my village girls and participated in 1st batch. In the beginning I had some problems on measuring aspects on garments and cutting. Our Instructor taught me with patience. With her support I have completed the course. My father purchased a Tailoring machine and ask me do stitch garments at home. First I had stitch my family members particularly my mother and sisters blouses. I did it well. Then nearby women started gave their blouses and children garments. Then I was improved well. Now I am self-employed in home itself. As an average I earn Rs 3,500per month and very much supportive to my parents. They were happy with my earning and learnt the skill. I have to thank to my mother who insisted me to participate in the training. Now I am taking this opportunity to thank the instructor and VMI happy situation to learn the skill for girls like me. I am confident and self-reliance.



Young Girl

Epilogue

In the beginning we found difficulty to identify trainees. Later VMI requested our SHG leaders to identify the trainees with the support and cooperation local leaders. Through above process trainees was mobilized. We have limited our trainees 30 per batch. In this completion reporting period 90 people were trained. Some of them had dropped sometime due to timing and transportation then it was streamlined. Now they were proud that they skilled enough to earn independently. Now there is demand from villages to start tailoring training again. There is enough women and girls available to participate in the training. Because this training women folk become empower through a skill. VMI gained good reputation in its project operational villages. VMI take this opportunity to thank all well wishers, staff, Governing Board and SANKALPA-USA had extended their full cooperation and support to complete the project successfully for the best interest of women.

PHOTO GALLERY



Lighting of Kuththuvilakku by Mrs.Veerithai, Secretary,VMI



Mrs. Usha Devi, Project Officer, Tamilnadu Women Development Corporation, Theni and Mr. G. Balakrishnan District Lead Bank Manager participated in the Inaugural Function.



Mrs. J.Usha Dvei,Project Officer, addressing the beneficiaries.



Beneficiaries during the training



Beneficiaries during the training



Theoretical Information During the theoretical training-1



During the theoretical training-2



During the theoretical training-3



Tailoring Equipments



Practical Training



Cini Artists Commies



Tamilnadu Simple Kurtha



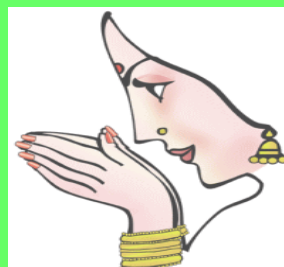
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