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## **Forward**

With the grateful heart to the nature and the creator I am happy to say that we are in the 40<sup>th</sup> year of Kudumbam's journey towards Sustainable Development with the rural poor communities. It is my pleasure and privilege to present Kudumbam's 2021-2022 Annual Report in the 40<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting.

We could assure that we are almost in the correct path in safe guarding food security and livelihood security for the future generation. Our intervention in conserving the environment and to proclaim the same to the State, Nation and the World is in full swing through our activities.

With the thanks giving heart to the nature it is my pleasure and privilege to present Kudumbam's 2020-2021 Annual Report in the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting. Kudumbam's involvement in Sustainable Agriculture since its inception is still continued and the concept and its techniques have been disseminated to national and international levels through our trainings and works.

We are ever grateful to our co founders (Late) Dr. Nammalvar, (Late) Mr. Periyamayagasamy and Ms. Gandhimathi and our then farm manager (Late) Mr. Rengaraj. They are ever remembered and are in our hearts forever. We climbed to this level with their string foundation. We are ever thankful to the nature and God Almighty for providing a conducive environment to move towards this journey.

Climate change is the burning issue that all farmers find it very difficult to cope up with. Climate change and hence erratic monsoon results in failure of crops and yields or over flooding of the fields which puts farmers' livelihood under stake. To cope up with the climate change the farmers have to learn and practice climate resilient cropping techniques. Climate change impacts on agriculture are being witnessed all over the world, but countries like India are more vulnerable in view of the huge population dependent on agriculture, excessive pressure on natural resources and poor coping mechanisms. The warming trend in India over the past 100 years has indicated on increase of 0.60°C. The projected impacts are likely to further aggravate field fluctuations of many crops thus impacting food security. There are already evidences of negative impacts on yield of wheat and paddy in parts of India due to increased temperature, water stress and reduction in number of rainy days. The urge to address this issue is realized and Kudumbam attempts to solve the issues of climate change by taking initiatives to train the farmers to practice the techniques in the farms/fields.

In the micro credit activities in Pudukkottai district we have 373 JLGs and 17 SHGs with 1852 borrowers and with a loan amount of Rs.97,408,000/- in the reporting period from 2021-2022 and in Nagappattinam we have 123 JLGs with 546 borrowers and with a loan amount of Rs.25,060,000/-. We have established Trainers' Team in the 6 clusters of 2 districts. Through this Trainers' Team we have strengthened JLG leadership and micro credit

systems in the field. We have also increased production of Bio-inputs, up-scaled production of traditional rice

We are thankful to each and every one of you for your continued support and cooperation in enhancing livelihood of vulnerable communities in dry land and in coastal agriculture. Our efforts in improving the health and immunity system with pesticide free organic produce would bring a better livelihood to all in the mere future. We look forward for your continuous support in our journey in building a healthy strong World.

***Oswald Quintal***  
***Executive Secretary***  
***KUDUMBAM***

## INTRODUCTION

**Kudumbam** – “Family” since its inception in 1982 aims to promote sustainable agriculture. Our efforts attempt to empower rural community socially, economically and to safeguard the environment by involving them in water management, environment conservation increasing tree crops etc.,

Our vision is to strengthen vulnerable communities through building a multi-stakeholder partnership for the preservation and regeneration of native flora and fauna, in order to ensure a sustainable livelihood. Based on our vision and objectives our activities for the year 2020-2021 are strengthening JLG leadership, up-scaled production of traditional rice, millets, pulses, vegetables and Bio-input production. With the support of well wishers of local and international and with the support of Emmaus International and Future Earth we could support vulnerable families with food and medical kit during the lockdown.

We are happy to narrate our activities in detail below

### 1. ACTIVITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL

#### 1.1. ANNUAL SOLIDARITY PROJECT

The situation we undergone due to Climate change, Covid 19 pandemic, continuous rain and floods has put agriculture, food security and livelihood systems into a vulnerable status. It affects the whole of food security with the stake in the availability, accessibility and affordability of food and hence the whole of livelihood among the rural community. This has a negative impact on human health, livelihood assets, and food production and distribution channels. In the lock down situation as the movement was strictly in the beginning and then partially restricted, we were not able to organize our trainings to build the capacity of our field staff and Joint Liability Group members. Hence it was decided to conduct online classes/ trainings to the trainers/ JLG leaders so that they can train the members. Emmaus international, France supported this project and funded for the activities listed below

#### **Purchase of equipments for online classes:**

To facilitate this online classes in the 3 centres we purchased four desk tops instead of lap tops, LCD projector, Screen, UPS and battery, camera, speaker, UPS Multiport Adaptor, electrical extension box, Focus lights etc



### **Training of Trainers' Team:**

It is for the 30 Joint Liability Group leaders and attended the trainings which had been conducted 6 times in Pudukkottai district and 6 times in Nagappattinam district during this project. The trainings have been conducted for two days. The training contents are regarding sustainable agriculture practices and demonstrations and on micro credit, savings and book keeping. The contents on Sustainable agriculture are (i) Collective preparation and marketing of Milk and Bio inputs (compost, vermi compost, panchakavya, herbal pest repellent, fodder development, Azola cultivation) (ii) Designing of organic farm and integrated farming and certification (iii) Value Addition (iv) Cattle Management (v) Formation of Joint Liability Groups, Self Help Groups, Leadership qualities and responsibilities and (vi) Book keeping.

### **Deepening of Open Well:**

In 1990 we purchased the farm. The existing well was excavated in 1990 for 12meters, which was deepened in 2000 for 4meters. We applied for agriculture free current in 1996. The agriculture free current has been sanctioned in January 2021. From 1990 till 2015 we have utilized an oil engine. The water level dropped in 2015 and hence we stopped utilizing the open well. Now the open well has been deepened by 7 meters. Radius of the well is 5 meters. Due to the trench and bund works in the 13 farms ponds, the water table has been increased. Therefore to increase the water level in the well we deepened the well by 7mts. At present we have enough water to irrigate 2acres of vegetable plot and our nursery seedlings.



The outcome of deepening the well and installation of new pump set has increased the area under vegetable cultivation in the farm; we have also increased the tree nursery by 50,000.

### **Fixing of Pipeline/ Drip irrigation**

We assembled and fixed pipelines for drip irrigation purpose. Drip irrigation can be very useful during the summer time when the water level goes down. Therefore to do drip irrigation we purchased pipelines, laterals, bend valves and fittings. Purchased pipelines for 175 meters and did excavation of trench and fixed the pipelines.

### **Monthly Review Meeting:**

The staff meet once in a month for reviewing their activities and planning for the next activities regarding training related activities, implementation and about their micro credit

activities - what problems they face and how to rectify those problems and to motivate the group members to indulge in collective actions and value addition.

### **1.2. FAP SUPPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL WOMEN SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

The Abbe Pierre Hostel for Rural Women is an accommodation for the Joint Liability Group leaders to get training on collective initiative and value addition. The construction of this hostel will have 4 rooms in the ground floor with an attached bath room and toilet in each group. In each room 4 women will be accommodated. A total of 16 women will get training at a time. The beneficiaries are rural married women of the Joint Liability Groups around Kounji farm from 45 panchayats. Through the skill training we would increase their income by two to three Euros a day. The construction is in process. The building has been constructed till roof concrete level. It is expected to be completed in February 2023.



## **2. ACTIVITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH FUTURE EARTH - PROMOTING FOOD SECURITY**

With support from Future Earth programme Asia 2017- 2021, Kudumbam aims at promoting climate resilient crops to ensure nutrition and food security in Pudukottai district. Since 2017, Kudumbam has strengthened local farmers' climate resilient capacities by teaching them skills in how to adapt climate resilient technologies on pulses, millets and paddy. Further on, Kudumbam has influenced people's centric policies to ensure sustainable and equitable livelihood by organizing Bio-village conferences. Government officers, activists and farmers have participated annually. Kudumbam has strengthened grass root level democracy for the communities to have access and control over natural resources, production and market by enrolling farmers into producer companies and PGS groups. Safe food awareness programs and health camps have been conducted in schools and in villages as well as tree plantations. The programme is gender equal and women farmers have attended Training of Trainers (ToT) in sustainable agriculture and natural resource management. These are achievements to empowering women and marginalized people for creating an equitable and inclusive society. This programme on ensuring nutrition and food security only ensures immunity through nutritious food like millets and vegetables by supplying nutritious vegetables which could be accessible locally from the kitchen garden the beneficiaries have established.



### **2.1. The Capacity of local farmers to cope up with the climate resilient technologies**

Climate change and hence erratic monsoon results in failure of crops and yields or over flooding of the fields which puts farmers' livelihood under stake. To cope up with the climate change we trained the farmers to learn about climate resilient cropping methods. This training was organized two times, and a total of 28 farmers of both men and women from three villages viz. Kannankudi, Killukottai and Malaiyadipatti participated in these two training. The focus of the training was on climate resilient cropping techniques like selection of crops, mixed cropping and water storage techniques. Lead farmers Mr. Kalaiselvan and Mr. Aravindan were the resource persons to give training on climate resilient cropping techniques.

### **2.2. Organizing State level conference - for policy influence**

As the pandemic Delta virus was affecting people seriously there was lock down and restrictions of people to gather in one place. Therefore we could not organize State Level conference at Kolunji farm as we organized previous years. Instead decentralized four day programme was organized to debate on unsustainable policies of the State, recurring droughts, climate resilient techniques and strategies evolved by farmers to overcome these issues in the month of August at 6 villages viz. Kovil veerakudi, Killukottai, Visalur, Odugampatti, Pallathupatti and Avoor. Around 400 farmers participated in this workshop.



### **2.3. Established seed bank on millet and Pulses**

We organized a training programme at Kolunji farm on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021 and distributed seeds to farmers of Kurugathampatti & Neduthampatti villages. We identified interested farmers in seed production and seed multiplication and could establish seed bank of millet and pulses. Fifteen farmers from Kurugathampatti and 15 farmers from Neduthampatti participated in this training and seed distribution. Pulse varieties of Red gram, Horse gram, Cow pea and Lab Lab and millet varieties like Kodo millet, Finger millet and Baniyard millet were distributed.

#### **2.4. Established seed bank on Traditional paddy**

Training on seed production on traditional rice varieties of drought and flood tolerant was held in the month of July and August at Avoor and Sami Uranipatti. 15 farmers from Avoor and 15 farmers from Samiuranipatti who are involved in the production of Traditional rice seeds such as Karuppu Kavuni, 60th Kuruvai, Mappillai Samba, Thooyamalli, Garudan Samba, Iluppai poo samba, Poongar, Kichadi Samba, Kuthiraivali, Kullakar, Karunguruvai and Seeraga Samba and also vegetable seeds participated and got seeds.



They started establishing seed bank of traditional rice varieties in their villages. A total of 199 seed producers are there at Kudumbam at present.

#### **2.5. Training on Climate Resilient crops**

Two days Training was organised in Nathamadipatti, Ulagankathanpatti and Malaiyadipatti villages in the month of August. Both men and women farmers participated and learned about the different kinds of climate resilient crops, cropping techniques and benefits. Around 75 farmers participated in the training.

#### **2.6. Training on FPO (Farmers Producer Organization)**

Farmers Producer Organization was established to promote collective action for production and marketing of farm products. There are 180 farmers as members in this Farmers' Producer Organization from 4 clusters. A one day training was organized on September in Andakulam cluster, October in Killukottai and Odugampatti clusters, and in November at Puliur Cluster. In each cluster 30 farmers participated and trained on crops, seed production, water conservation and marketing techniques.



### **2.7. Training on Eco club for students**

Eco club training was organized at village level. Totally 27 students from five villages actively involved in Eco club activities. These students are from Valiyampatti, Visalur, Udaiyalipatti, Odugamatti and Pallathupatti villages. In the four trainings our staff trained them on planting of tree seedlings, seed ball preparation, compost making and backyard kitchen garden. The children showed interest and prepared 3000 seed balls and planted in common lands and on tank bunds. Nearly 150 saplings have been planted around the farm ponds and on their gardens. Twelve children have established backyard kitchen garden at their homes

### **2.8. Training on Kitchen Gardening**

One-day training was given to 50 women each from 10 panchayats. The training was given in the month of July 2021. Totally 480 women participated in this training. The training was focused to establish organic kitchen garden at their backyards so that they could consume nutritious organic vegetables.

### **2.9. Organizing of environment & safe food awareness training to school and college students**

Environment conservations and safe food awareness training was organised for University students at Kolunji farm from 8-10th October. Mr. Ramadass was the resource person. A total of 38 college students participated in this 3 day training

### **2.10. Facilitating diabetic and eye camps in association with speciality hospitals on diabetes and eye care**

As the pandemic relapses as Delta variant the government announced complete and partial lock downs then and there and there was restrictions to gather more than 50 to 100 people in a place. Therefore instead of health camp we distributed health kit to each and every one of the houses to boost the immunity of the rural community. Therefore village level Health Awareness visits was organised at Odugampatti, Killukottai and Keeranur during August and September. Volunteers distributed herbal immunity booster called "kabasurakudineer" prepared at Kolunji farm to the people in these villages.

### **2.11. Training to Women Trainers**

Women from Vathanakottai, Rakkathampatti and Kundrandarkovil participated in this Women Trainers' Training on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> September and on 5<sup>th</sup> November at Kolunji farm. Women leaders from Joint Liability Group and Self Help Groups attended this training. Five women from each of the above 3 villages participated in this training. We train them on Organic farming practices and input preparation methods. Women trainers' in turn train the members in their group. The group borrowed loan and invest on cattle to get income from diary and bio input.

### **2.12. Training on Cattle Management and fodder cultivation**

One day training on cattle management and fodder cultivation was organised for the farmers of the three villages' viz. Illuppaikudipatti, Thennathiranpatti and Kurugathampatti. Five farmers from each village were selected for this training. A total of 43 farmers participated in this training which has been conducted in 3 sessions in March, June and September. The trainer Mr.Chelladuari educated the participants about Diseases that affects the cattle and its traditional remedies to manage the animal from dieases. He also explained to prepare vermicompost and panchakaviya and fodder cultivation.

### **2.13. Cattle Camp**

Cattle camp was organised in Illupaikudipatti, Lekkanapatti and in Valamangalam villages. The camp was organised in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December. The farmers brought cattle such as Cows, Calves, Bulls and Goats. In each village around 100 cattle got benefited in this camp. They got vaccinated and received medicines.

## **3. FUTURE EARTH ASIA NETWORK - COMMON ACTIVITIES:**

It is the common activity project of the south region of Future Earth Asia Network in which Kudumbam is one of the implementing organizations of this project in 10 villages of Kunnandarkoil Block of Pudukkottai Districtin Tamil Nadu. The project was conceived through a consultation process involving all the heads of the member organizations and the key staffs that are associated with Future Earth supported projects.

### **3.1. Baseline Survey**

Baseline survey was conducted with an objective of identifying the various types of pesticides used by farmers in various types of cropsits various types, understand its toxicity effect, confirm whether the banned pesticides are still in use etc., Kudumbam staff members and the college students did this baseline survey through personal interview with farmers and people who follow chemical farming and pesticide spray. A format was developed and to find out the pesticides and the information has been collected from 10 farmers in each village and a total of 50 farmers have responded to the questions.

### **3.2. Conducting Survey on pesticide handling and precautionary measures on ground by involving the youth volunteers in Villages**

We conducted another survey with 5 school children and 10 farmers (5 men and 5 women) to find out the precautionary measures that are followed while handling/spraying pesticides. For this we identified rural youth and oriented them on the objectives and questions to ask in the target villages. 2 volunteers in each village were involved in the survey in the month of October to November 2021 in the following 10 villages. (1) Odugampatti, (2) Vaaliyampatti, (3) Kongathiraiyanpatti, (4) Kovilveerakudi, (5) Thiruppur, (6) Andakulam, (7) Puliyur (8) Udayalipatti, (9) Rakkathanpatti (10) Visalur. Totally, 150 people responded to this survey.

The information got was analysed to check the ill effect of the chemicals used in each branded fertilizers and pesticides.

### **3.3. Cycle rally involving rural youth volunteers and signature campaign**

Cycle rally was organized in 5 villages. with the objective of sharing the information on the pesticides that they have gathered in the survey and getting signatures from the general public on the demands of banning deadly pesticides, intervention of the State to monitor the sale of banned pesticides in the pesticide shops and declare 2-3 kms in the vicinity of schools as pesticide free buffer zones. The information gathered from the survey converted into a script for a drama and a cultural team of students conveyed the message with general public through cultural programs The rally was organized in the month of December 2021 in (1) Puliur, (2) Nanjur, (3) Anna Nagar, (4) Kovilveerakudi& (5)Saveriyapattinam

### **3.4. Consolidation of information gathered on pesticides from the survey and converted into information and educational materials**

The outcome of the survey reveals that the farmers are still using the following highly hazardous pesticides in crops like paddy, vegetables, corn and groundnuts. They are: Chlorpyrifos, Monocrotophos, Malathion, DDT, Atrazine, Dichlorvos, Cypermethrin & Deltamethrin. Weedicide use is almost in par with pesticides use. Pesticide shops are the main advisers for farmers followed by co-farmers and agriculture officers. No safety masks are used while spraying pesticides. Few farmers also engage their children in buying pesticides and application in the field. Spraying of pesticides and weedicides are also happening in the farmers' field adjacent to schools.

### **3.5. Submission of demands with authorities and follow up**

It is obvious that Pesticide policies are strongly influenced by the agro-chemical industry. The industry propagates the misconception, and almost a public fear, that pesticides are necessary to increase food production to feed the world, particularly the poor in the developing world. Based on the information collected from the survey, recommendations and demands consolidated, got the signatures of people and submitted to district authorities and head of line departments including agriculture, horticulture, and education department.

## **4. FUTURE EARTH ASIA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2021**

The Regional Assembly of Future Earth Asia was organized partly digitally during December 2021 and again on February 2022 in a hybrid mode with partly physical and partly online due to the flood at Chennai and also the Covid restriction. The Regional Assembly was organized at TEDE Trust, Chennai from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

On behalf of Kudumbam, Mr. K. Suresh Kanna and Mrs. J. Pangayavalli have participated. In the RA, the members review the activities implemented in 2021 through common activity and friend group supported projects, communication and information policy for the network,

capacity building of the network for 2022, the inclusion of new members, review on the internship program status and election for the Regional Coordination Group.

Along with RA, a workshop on the Theory of Change, and a presentation of FE Asia external evaluation findings by the external evaluators, namely Dr. Tamilzholi and Dr. Rengalakshimi. Besides, capacity building on Biodynamic Agriculture and Field visits was organized.

The Regional Assembly was formally concluded with a brief evaluation of the members. In general, the members found that the RA was very effective and productive in terms of the review of activities, the discussion points and decisions, resource persons, and the logistic arrangements.

## **5. YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**

### **Interns from France:**

Two interns Aimie and Valentin from Emmaus International, France have visited Kudumbam and did their internship from January 2022 to July 2022. This was the first time after two years we got international interns after COVID 19 pandemic. It was really interesting that we got interns through Emmaus International, France too. At the same time we got one intern from AIME, Elise in the beginning of May and stayed till September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022.



## **6. ACTIVITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH NABARD**

### **6.1. FPO – FARMERS’ PRODUCER COMPANY ON ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**

With the financial and handholding support of NABARD, Kudumbam has been implementing this project since the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021. In this project, Kudumbam plays the role as POPI (Producer Organization Promoting Institutions) through which around 250 farmers have been identified from 5 clusters of Kunnandarkoil Block of Pudukottai District. The duration of the project is for 3 years starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

### **Meeting with officials at the line departments:**

Along with our consultant, the CEO met Mr. Periyaiyah, Agriculture Deputy Director and discussed the possibilities of availing subsidies of state schemes under various areas like rainwater harvesting, Animal Husbandry Integrated Fund (AHIF)- For Goat rearing – each of the 250 members will get 2 goats under the scheme. We can also link this activity for the construction of slaughter house, cold storage etc., They also met Ms. Anjali, AAO (Agriculture Production) and Mr. Radhakrishnan, AAO (Agriculture Marketing) and established linkages with them for follow up discussion in exploring schemes.

We approached Union Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank during the month of November 2021 and submitted a concept note for availing dairy loan for the FPC members. Subsequently, Union Bank of India responded to us with a physical visit of its officials from Kumbakonam Branch and Keeranur Branch to Kolunji FPCL office at Odugampatti on 13.1.2021. They met the Board of Directors, interacted with them and explained the kind of credit support offered by their bank to FPCs. To start with, they have suggested initiating discussions with Kolunji FPCL members in one or two cluster and coming with a proposal

As the FPO project with NABARD has a focus on Animal Husbandry, the POPI made an attempt to explore the possibilities of promoting inland fish rearing activities for the Kolunji FPCL members. In this regard, Mr. Suresh Kanna representing the POPI along with one of the Director of Kolunji FPCL had a meeting with Mr. Chinnakuppan, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pudukkottai on 01.12.21 at the Office of the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pudukkottai. The meeting was very useful in gathering the kind of support offered by Fisheries Department and schemes available for inland fish rearing, eligibility criteria for individual and group, whom to approach, the documents to be submitted, the kind of training support from the fisheries department. This information has been shared with the BoDs.

### **6. NABFINS – Micro Credit activities**

From 2017 we associated with NABFINS as a Business correspondent. Through NABFINS, more than 8000 borrowers from 420 villages availed loan of Rs. 34,00,00,000 (34 crores) both Nagapattinam District and Pudukkottai District.

In this period of 2021-'22 there are 390 groups (373 JLGs and 17 SHGs) with 1852 borrowers. All the borrowers are women and they have mainly invested the loan for the following purpose. 55% of the borrowers invest on purchase of milch animals, purchase of goats and purchase of poultries. 25 % of the borrowers invested on repair of house, invest on their petty shops and so no. 20% of the borrowers used for agricultural activities.

6.1. In Pudukkottai district.

**PUDUKOTTAI - 2021-2022 LOAN DETAILS**

S.NO	CLUSTER	TOTAL PANCHAYAT	TOTAL VILLAGES	GROUPS			TOTAL BORROWERS	TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT
				TOTAL SHG	TOTAL JLGS	TOTAL GROUPS		
1	MATHUR	3	9	0	20	20	97	4,510,000
2	KEERANUR	13	27	2	73	75	350	17,843,000
3	KILLUKOTTAI	12	34	4	133	137	622	34,173,000
4	ODUGAMPATTI	12	36	11	147	158	783	40,882,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>1852</b>	<b>97,408,000</b>

**KEERANUR CLUSTER- PUDUKOTTAI - 2021-2022**

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF SHGS	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL
1	AMMACHATHIRAM	KOTHAMANGALAPATTI		7	32	1,700,000	2,320,000
		MANIYADIPATTI		3	13	620,000	
2	KADAPILLAYARPATTI	KADAPILLAYAR PATTI		1	5	200,000	200,000
3	KULATHUR	KULATHUR		3	15	830,000	2,000,000
		ILAYAVAYAL	2		17	1,170,000	
4	KEERANUR	KEERANUR		4	19	820,000	820,000
5	LEKKANAPATTI	LEKKANAPATTI		1	4	160,000	360,000
		PASIPATTI		1	5	200,000	
6	NANJOR	KOTRAPATTI		4	18	920,000	3,390,000
		MOOSAKUDI		1	5	300,000	
		NANJOR		8	38	1,820,000	
		KEELA SAVERIYAR PATINAM		1	5	350,000	
7	PALLATHUPATTI	PRAGATHAMBALPURAM		5	23	1,275,000	2,643,000
		PARAPATTI		2	8	440,000	
		ANTHONIYARPURAM		1	5	280,000	
		PALLATHUPATTI		3	14	648,000	
8	PALANDAMPATTI	PALANDAMPATTI		2	8	360,000	360,000
9	SENAYAKUDI	SENAYAKUDI		1	4	160,000	160,000
10	THAYANIPATTI	SIRUMANGALA PATTI		2	8	340,000	2,800,000
		IZHUPAKUDIPATTI		6	31	1,620,000	
		PERUNGUDIPATT		3	13	680,000	



		MELAKARUPPADIPATTI		1	4	160,000	
11	UPPLIKUDI	UPPLIKUDI		1	4	160,000	160,000
12	VALAMANGALAM	VALAMANGALAM		8	35	1,790,000	2,470,000
		VELLALAPATTI		3	13	680,000	
13	VEMMANI	MALLAMPATTI		1	4	160,000	160,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>17,843,000</b>	<b>17,843,000</b>

TOTAL PANCHAYATs	13
TOTAL VILLAGES	27
TOTAL SHGS	2
TOTAL JLGS	73
TOTAL BORROWRES	350
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT	<b>17,843,000</b>

**KILLUKOTTAI CLUSTER- PUDUKOTTAI -2021-2022**

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGES	NO OF SHGS	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL
1	CHETTY PATTI	VEENAMUTHUPATTI		4	20	1,000,000	1,825,000
		KOLUPATTI		3	14	825,000	
2	KANNANKUDI	VELLAIPILLAIYARPATTI		3	11	660,000	1,740,000
		KANNANKUDI		7	21	1,080,000	
3	KILLUKOTTAI	REGUNATHAPURAM		1	6	360,000	4310000
		KILLUKOTTAI		15	70	3,950,000	
4	KILLUKUVAIPATTI	ULAGANKATHAN PATTI		2	8	380,000	3,175,000
		KILLUKUVAIPATTI		3	14	560,000	
		KUMARAPATTI		3	15	820,000	
		KALAIKUDIPATTI		7	31	1,415,000	
5	NODIYUR	NATHAMADIPATTI		1	4	240,000	240,000
6	PULIYUR	VEERAPATTI		8	39		

						2,420,000	4,870,000
		KALARIPATTI	1		8	390,000	
		PULLIYUR	1	2	19	1,080,000	
		NALLATHANKAL PATTI	2		16	980,000	
7	RAKKATHAMMAPATTI	R.OTHAPATTI		1	4	160,000	2,190,000
		RAKATHANPATTI		7	26	2,030,000	
8	SENGALUR	MELAPATTI		4	17	680,000	2,150,000
		PILAKOLLAIPATTI		1	6	360,000	
		SENGALUR		6	26	1,110,000	
9	T. KEELAIYUR	MALAIYADIPATTI		6	26	1,280,000	6,663,000
		KULAVAIPATTI		5	20	1,143,000	
		KOTTUKARAN PATTI		7	30	1,700,000	
		OTHAPATTI		2	10	580,000	
		NATCHIYARPATTI		5	20	1,000,000	
		KUDIGATTUVAYAL		1	5	260,000	
		KALIYAPATTI		2	12	700,000	
10	THENNATHIRANPATTI	SAPPANIPATTI		7	32	1,970,000	4,740,000
		THENNATHIRAN PATTI		5	22	1,210,000	
		MARUNGIPATTI		4	18	1,040,000	
		KURUGATHAMPATTI		2	9	360,000	
		NEDUTHAMPATTI		1	4	160,000	
11	UDAIYALIPATTI	CHINNAURANI PATTI		3	14	760,000.0	760,000.0
11	VISALUR	VISALUR		5	24	1,430,000	1,910,000
		SIVAGAMIPURAM		2	9	480,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>34,573,000</b>	<b>34,573,000</b>

TOTAL PANCHAYATs	12
TOTAL VILLAGES	35
TOTAL SHGS	4
TOTAL JLGS	135
TOTAL BORROWRES	630
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT	<b>34,573,000</b>

**ODUGAMPATTI CLUSTER- PUDUKOTTAI -2020-2021**

S.N O	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF SHGS	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	VILLAGE TOTAL	PANCHAYAT TOTAL
1	ANDAKULAM	ALANGAPATTI		2	8	320,000	3,060,000
		ANDAKULAM		5	22	1,040,000	
		KADIYAPATTI		1	4	160,000	
		KALIGARAYANPATTI		3	12	620,000	
		THEMANDAPATTI		3	14	560,000	
		PONGALAPATTI		1	6	360,000	
2	KILLANUR	KILLANUR		14	68	3,160,000	3,960,000
		KANGAMPATTI		1	4	240,000	
		SONDAMPATTI		2	10	560,000	
3	KOPPAMPATTI	KOPPAMPATTI		6	27	1,580,000	1,580,000
4	MANGALATHUPATTI	MANGALATHUPATTI		4	16	760,000	760,000
5	MINNATHUR	PAPUDAIYANPATTI		6	29	1,220,000	1,220,000
6	ODUGAMPATTI	ODUGAMPATTI		11	49	2,620,000	2,620,000
7	THEMMAVUR	THEMMAVUR		11	49	2,320,000	4,140,000
		KARIYAMPATTI		1	5	200,000	
		VADUTHAVADI		1	5	300,000	
		VIDANIVAYAL		2	10	520,000	
		PALAIYUR		1	6	240,000	
		POOCHIKKUDIVAYAL	1	1	14	560,000	
8	UDAIYALIPATTI	UDAIYALIPATTI		9	39	2,070,000	3,410,000
		ALVARNPATTI		6	25	1,340,000	
9	UPPLIKUDI	T.KUMARPATTI		2	9	480,000	480,000
10	VALIYAMPATTI	VALIYAMPATTI	2	5	43	2,577,000	8,177,000
		KONGUTHIRAIYAN PATTI	3	7	62	3,700,000	

		THANDUKARAIMEDU		1	5	350,000	
		NAVAPATTI	1	1	15	970,000	
		AYUDAIYARKOVILPATTI		2	9	580,000	
11	VATHANAKOTTAI	VATHANAKOTTAI		6	28	1,410,000	6,155,000
		KUNDRANDARKOVIL	1	6	34	1,550,000	
		MILLATHUPATTI		3	15	600,000	
		NALLAPUDAIYANPATTI		3	12	540,000	
		PALAPATTI		2	12	480,000	
		KOOKUR		6	28	1,575,000	
12	VEERAKUDI	THIRUPUR	1	2	27	1,760,000	5,320,000
		PALAIYAVEERAKUDI		1	6	240,000	
		KOVIL VEERAKUDI	2	9	56	3,320,000	
	TOTAL		11	147	783	40,882,000	40,882,000

TOTAL PANCHAYATS	12
TOTAL VILLAGES	36
TOTAL SHGS	11
TOTAL JLGS	147
TOTAL BORROWRES	783
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT	40,882,000

MATHUR CLUSTER- PUDUKOTTAI- 2021-2022

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF SHGS	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL
1	AVOOR	PUTHUPATTI		1	6	240,000	540,000
		SAMIURANIPATTI		1	5	300,000	
2	KALAMAVUR	KALAMAVUR		2	9	360,000	2,530,000
		NALLUR KEELAPATTI		3	14	710,000	
		VADUPATTI		1	4	160,000	
		THONDAIMAN NALLUR		7	32	1,300,000	
3	SINGATHAKURICHI	PIDAMPATTI		2	10		

						460,000	1,440,000
		VAGARAMPATTI		2	12	720,000	
		SINGATHAKURICHI		1	5	260,000	
	TOTAL			20	97	4,510,000	4,510,000

TOTAL PANCHAYATs	3
TOTAL VILLAGES	9
TOTAL SHGS	0
TOTAL JLGS	20
TOTAL BORROWRES	97
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT	4,510,000

### In Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai districts:

In this period of 2021-'22 there are 123 Joint Liability Groups with 546 borrowers. All the borrowers are women and they have mainly invested the loan for the following purpose. 55% of the borrowers invest on purchase of milch animals, purchase of goats, fishing related activities, dry fish production and purchase of nets. 25 % of the borrowers invested on repair of house, repairing of boats, invest on their petty shops and so no. 20% of the borrowers used for agricultural activities.

#### NAGAPATTINAM - 2021-2022 LOAN DETAILS

S.NO	CLUSTER	TOTAL PANCHAYAT	TOTAL VILLAGES	TOTAL JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT
1	THARANGAMBADI	20	32	59	268	12,200,000
2	SIRKALI	13	18	28	119	5,460,000
3	VELANKANNI	17	21	36	159	7,400,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>25,060,000</b>

#### THARANGAMBADI CLUSTER- NAGAPATINAM 2021-2022

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL (AMOUNT)
1	AKKUR	ANNAPPANPETTAI	1	4	180,000	180,000
2	EDUTHUKATTI	SATHANUR	1	4	160,000	160,000

3	ERUKKATTANCHERY	OZHUGAIMANGALAM	2	10	490,000	680,000
		ERUKKATTANCHERY	1	4	190,000	
4	KALAMANALLUR	KALAMANALLUR	3	14	680,000	680,000
5	KALIYAPPANALLUR	ANANTHAMANGALAM	1	6	240,000	240,000
6	KILAIYUR	KILAIYUR	1	6	320,000	320,000
7	MADAPURAM	MADAPURAM	2	11	470,000	870,000
		PERIYASAVADI	1	4	160,000	
		UMAIYALPURAM	1	6	240,000	
8	MANIKAPANGU	PUTHUPETTAI	1	4	190,000	350,000
		THAZHAMPETTAI	1	4	160,000	
9	MEYMATHUR	MEYMATHUR	1	5	200,000	200,000
10	MUDIKANDANALLUR	MUDIKANDANALLUR	1	5	200,000	200,000
11	MUKKARUMBUR	MUKKARUMBUR	1	5	200,000	200,000
12	NARASINGANATHAM	NARASINGANATHAM	1	4	180,000	180,000
13	NEDUVASAL	NEDUVASAL	2	10	430,000	430,000
14	SANKARANPANTHAL	PERUNGUDI	2	8	380,000	380,000
15	T.MANALMEDU	THUDARIPETTAI	1	4	160,000	160,000
16	THARANGAMBADI	ERUKKATTANCHERY	1	5	230,000	4,140,000
		KUTTIYANDIYUR	3	13	640,000	
		THARANGAMBADI	9	39	1,790,000	
		PORAYAR	4	17	790,000	
		CHINTHATHIRIPETTAI	1	4	180,000	
		SONAVAN THOTTAM	1	6	310,000	
		SATHANGUDI	1	4	200,000	
17	THILLAIYADI	KATTUCHERY	1	4	180,000	180,000
18	THIRUKADAIYUR	KALAKATTALAI	1	5	220,000	1,610,000
		THIRUKADAIYUR	5	23	1,190,000	
		SINGANODAI	1	4	200,000	
19	THIRUVIDAIKAZHAI	THIRUVIDAIKAZHAI	1	5	200,000	200,000
20	THIRUVILAIYATTAM	THIRUVILAIYATTAM	5	21	840,000	840,000
	TOTAL		59	268	12,200,000	12,200,000

TOTAL PANCHAYATs	20
TOTAL VILLAGES	32
TOTAL JLGS	59
TOTAL BORROWRES	268
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT	12,200,000

**SIRKALI CLUSTER- NAGAPATTINAM - 2021-2022**

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL (AMOUNT)
1	KALAMANALLUR	CHINNAKUDI	5	22	1,030,000	1,030,000
2	THIRUVENGADU	CHINNA PERUNTHOTTAM	1	3	150,000	150,000
3	KEELAIYUR	BOOMPUKAR	2	10	460,000	800,000
		PAZHAIYA AGARAM	1	4	160,000	
		NEITHAVASAL	1	4	180,000	
4	SIRKALI	SEMMANGUDY	1	4	160,000	320,000
		SIRKALI	1	4	160,000	
5	THIRUMULLAIVASAL	VAZHUTHALAIKUDI	1	6	240,000	240,000
6	MARUTHAMPALLAM	KUMARAKUDI	3	12	590,000	980,000
		MARUTHAPALLAM	2	8	390,000	
7	PALAYAPALAYAM	PALAYAPALAYAM	1	4	160,000	160,000
8	KOOTHYAMPETTAI	KOOTHYAMPETTAI	1	4	160,000	160,000
9	MAMAKUDI	MAMAKUDI	1	5	240,000	440,000
		KIDANGAL	1	4	200,000	
10	RADHANALLUR	RADHANALLUR	2	8	340,000	340,000
11	MELAYUR	MELAYUR	1	4	160,000	160,000
12	AKKUR	AKKUR	1	4	200,000	200,000
13	PUDUTHURAI	PUDUTHURAI	2	9	480,000	480,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>5,460,000</b>	<b>5,460,000</b>

TOTAL PANCHAYATS	13
TOTAL VILLAGES	18
TOTAL JLGS	28
TOTAL BORROWERS	119
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT	<b>5,460,000</b>

**VELANKANNI CLUSTER- NAGAI-2021-2022**

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGES	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL (AMOUNT)
1	AKKARAIPETTAI	KALLAAR	2	10	510,000	510,000
2	AVARANI	ABARANADARIPUDUCHERY	2	7	280,000	280,000

3	CHINNATHUMBOOR	CHINNATHUMBOOR	2	8	320,000	480,000
		GRAMATHUMADU	1	4	160,000	
4	ESANUR	MEELA ESANUR	3	14	690,000	690,000
5	KARUNGUNI	KARUNGUNI	1	4	160,000	160,000
6	KILVELUR	KILVELUR	1	4	160,000	160,000
7	KOOHUR	KURUKKATHI	1	4	160,000	320,000
		KOOHUR	1	4	160,000	
8	KURICHI	MELAKURICHI	1	5	200,000	900,000
		NARASINGAMANGALAM	3	13	700,000	
9	NORTH POIGAINALLUR	NORTH POIGAINALLUR	2	8	320,000	320,000
10	PAPPAKOIL	PAPPAKOIL	5	23	1,220,000	1,220,000
11	RAMARMADAM	RAMARMADAM	2	8	320,000	320,000
12	SOUTH POIKAINALLUR	SOUTH POIKAINALLUR	1	5	200,000	200,000
13	THEVUR	THEVUR	1	4	160,000	160,000
14	THIRUKUVALAI	THIRUKUVALAI	3	14	780,000	780,000
15	THIRUPOONDI	P R PURAM	1	4	160,000	160,000
		THIRUPOONDI	1	6	340,000	340,000
16	TOWN PANCHAYAT	KADAMBADI	1	6	240,000	240,000
17	VENMANI	VENMANI	1	4	160,000	160,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>7,400,000</b>	<b>7,400,000</b>

TOTAL PANCHAYATs	17
TOTAL VILLAGES	21
TOTAL JLGS	36
TOTAL BORROWRES	159
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT	<b>7,400,000</b>

## **8. KUDUMBAM'S CONTRIBUTION IN STRENGTHENING LEISA INDIA CONSORTIUM:**

Kudumbam has been a key member of LEISA India consortium and responsible for translation of LEISA India Tamil editions from the back issues of LEISA India English editions. This is the 14th year in a row that Kudumbam is taking the responsibility of spreading grass root level innovations in sustainable farming to Tamil reading farmers beyond Tamil Nadu. The articles were selected mainly from the LEISA India English editions published between year 2020& 2021. On behalf of Kudumbam, Mr. Suresh Kanna did the translation of 2 issues one in June 2021 and the other in December 2021 and for each issue 1500 copies have been printed.



The followings are the articles translated for the 2 issues printed and published during the reporting period. (1).App that helps farmers to get better yield, (2)Going digital, (3) Kudumba kai Tottas, (4) Our Garden Our Life, (5) Producing vegetables locally Sustainable Production and Collective Marketing, (6) Building digital technologies at farmer's door steps, (7) Digital Platform, (8) Resilient farmers of Thar, (9), Self help is the best help, (10) Urban farming initiatives.

A joint article of Mr. Suresh Kanna with Mr. I. Victor titled “ Entrepreneurship to promote organic farming ” was published in the month of Marhc 2021edition of LEISA India English edition. Apart from Translation, Kudumbam also represented in the Annual Review and planning meeting of LEISA India consortium Core Group Meeting through online.

## 9. VIDIVELLI CHILDREN HOME

It was the time of Covid 19 the State and Central Government has implemented lock down. As the schools closed the children everywhere had to stay at their homes.

The warden coordinated the children in getting new admission and gave coaching regarding the next year syllabus. As the children have to stay at home the parents find it difficult to feed them with 3 meals. Therefore they hardly run their life with two or one meal a day. We conducted coaching classes with social distancing and with mask for the students appearing public exams. We provided cow pea, and food. Also to improve their immunity we provided kabasurakudineer everyday. Meantime the warden has resigned her post and new warden Ms. Revathy (former warden during 2003-2008) joined.

During the lock down the formalities for renewing the registration for Vidivelli has been delayed and due to non-maintenance in the lock down period, the government authorities for the home instructed us to renovate the building before getting approval. As there was no income from the farm during lock down the renovation has been delayed and so the children have to stay in the Odugampatti school hostel. Therefore we have to renovate the building and have to renew the registration for the children to come back to the Vidivelli Home. Whereas the children will participate in all the events at Kolunji and they have been provided with Deepavali dresses and sweets.

## 10. KOLUNJI ECOLOGICAL FARM ACTIVITIES

The economic activities of Kolunji farm has been slowly picked up after the pandemic. There are **nursery units** and the seedlings of tree species and other vegetable and herbs have been maintained. The seedlings sold for this period is for the amount of Rs. 1,34,900/- and seeds we sold for Rs.3,140/- **Millet and traditional paddy** have been cultivated in the farm which have been sold for an amount of Rs.23,400 andRs.45,000/- respectively. **Vegetables and greens (spinach)** have been sold for a price of Rs.5,900/-. **Fruits** like Mango, Banana, Chickoo (Sappotta), Custard Apple and Goose Berry have been harvested and sold for Rs.4,300/-. **Herbal powder** has been prepared by the fuel dryer and has been sold for an amount of Rs.31,690/- **Bio-input** preparation has been done in the farm, in that vermi compost has been sold for Rs.1,27,200/- Panchakavya

for Rs.500/- and Azola for Rs.8,400/- **Ground nut** has been sold for Rs.25,000/- (80kgs has been harvested) and **Tamarind** sold for Rs.3,150/-. The trees have been cut and the **timber** has been sold for a good amount of Rs.2,49,500/- Similarly from **fire wood** we got Rs.2,04,500/- Out of **seed balls** we got an amount of Rs.85,000/- From **livestock** we earned an income of Rs.49,000/- and from Milk we got an income of Rs.28,000/-. From poultry we got Rs.32,500/- and from scrap we have got Rs.3000/-. Therefore a total nearly Rs.10,64,000/- from the farm has been received. A part amount has been utilized for the maintenance of the farm and purchase of chicken, calves and seedlings have been spent.

### **Fish Cultivation:**

As the monsoon was good this year the farm ponds were full of water; we started fish cultivation with fishes like Rouge, Katla, Jilebi and 80kgs of fishes have been sold after 2 months. Nearly 40 kgs have been sold this season for Rs.150/kg.

## **11. KOLUNJI FARM TRAININGS:**

### **Organic Farming – Bio Inputs preparation Training:**

<b>Programme</b>	<b>RAWE Program</b>		<b>Orientation Training</b>		<b>Organic Farming &amp; Bio input preparation</b>	
	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
Mother Theresa Agriculture College	19.4.2021 <sup>h</sup> to 23.4.2021	11				
	24. 4.2021 to 28. 4.2021	12				
RVS Agriculture College			25.10.2021	120		
SASTRA University					1.12.2021	118
HANS ROVER College					17.12.2021	87
Pushkaram Agriculture College	28.3.2022	13				
Environmental Science & Management Dept., Bharathidasan University, Trichy					25.6.2022 & 19.7.2022	Sustainable Ecology. Removal of prosopis Julifera

## **12. CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNING BODY TO KUDUMBAM**

The president and secretary of Kudumbam regularly review the financial needs and then approve the same for implementing programmes at the field and at administrative office at Trichy. Their participation in process review activities, staff performance discussion on grass root level issues, is very contributive in improving

the quality of our activities. Their association with local schools has contributed in an increase in awareness among school teachers and students.

Their constant suggestions, encouragement and participation especially Mrs. Alexandria, President and Mrs. Loretta Gomes, Secretary in mobilizing support from JOSA is a great help for the children and other beneficiaries. They regularly visit Kolunji and Vidivelli Children' Home and participate in the Pongal and Diwali celebrations of children and motivate them in their study.

### **13. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2022 & 2023**

The activities of the year 2021-2022 will be continued in the year 2022-2023 also. In the micro credit activities the target of loan amount would be increased to support the borrowers in strengthening the sustainable agriculture activities and to improve their livelihood support through income generation programmes. Apart from the farm development and infrastructure development we have planned to establish a small bio-gas plant at Kolunji farm. Online trainings and online marketing will be strengthened. We proposed to establish Solar Power plant to minimize the electricity consumption bill. Our social intervention among the women groups and collective intervention will support their livelihood and to solve their own problems. As the five year project of Food Security supported by Future Earth came to an end in 2022, the next five year project plan has to be evolved. New interns from Future Earth and other organizations in Sweden and France are expected this year too. The proposal on Farmers' Producer Company has got sanctioned by NABARD on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to the total budget of Rs. 8,90,000/- for a period of 3 years from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 with the focus on Animal Husbandry including Diary, Goat rearing, Poultry, Fisheries and Apiculture involving 250 members. We hope we will mobilize CSR funds this year with the motive to promote bio-diversity conservation.