

# KUDUMBAM



## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



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**Forward:**

*With the thanks giving heart to the nature and to the community people, it is my pleasure and privilege to present Kudumbam's 2022-2023 Annual Report in the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Body Meeting. Kudumbam's journey in the field of Sustainable Climate Smart Agriculture reaches a level where not only the farmers but also the students of local colleges and international students and the common people have internalized the need to follow the climate resilient practices to cope up with the climate change and to have food security.*

*Climate change is a global threat to the food and nutritional security of the world. As greenhouse-gas emissions in the atmosphere are increasing, the temperature is also rising due to the greenhouse effect. The average global temperature is increasing continuously and is predicted to rise by 2 °C until 2100, which would cause substantial economic losses at the global level. The concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>, which accounts for a major proportion of greenhouse gases, is increasing at an alarming rate, and has led to higher growth and plant productivity due to increased photosynthesis, but increased temperature offsets this effect as it leads to increased crop respiration rate and evapotranspiration, higher pest infestation, a shift in weed flora, and reduced crop duration. Climate change also affects the microbial population and their enzymatic activities in soil. This paper reviews the information collected through the literature regarding the issue of climate change, its possible causes, its projection in the near future, its impact on the agriculture sector as an influence on physiological and metabolic activities of plants, and its potential and reported implications for growth and plant productivity, pest infestation, and mitigation strategies and their economic impact.*

*Agriculture is the most vulnerable sector to climate change, owing to its huge size and sensitivity to weather parameters, thereby causing huge economic impacts. The changes in climatic events such as temperature and rainfall significantly affect the yield of crops. The effect of rising temperatures, precipitation variation, and CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization varies according to the crop, location, and magnitude of change in the parameters. The temperature increase is found to reduce the yield, while the precipitation increase is likely to offset or reduce the impact of increasing temperature.*

*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 which would ensure food security. Our efforts to address the issue of climate change*

*with the climate smart agriculture techniques among the farmers have proved to be a great mitigation strategy and the farmers could safeguard their livelihood status and food security.*

*We are ever grateful to our co founders (Late) Dr. Nammalvar, (Late) Mr. Periyamayagasamy and Dr. Gandhimathi and our then farm manager (Late) Mr. Rengaraj. They are in our hearts forever. We are ever thankful to the nature and God Almighty for providing a conducive environment to move towards this journey. And we are thankful to our funders/donors like Emmaus International, France, Future Earth & Swallows, Sweden, PAN AP, and NABARD & NABFINS for their continuous support in this journey.*

*With the grateful heart I present this annual report in this 41<sup>st</sup> general body meeting.*

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

## Introduction:

**Kudumbam** – “Family” is a democratic, secular and non-profit voluntary organization with the vision 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, involved in the rural development facilitating sustainable eco-friendly agriculture. It has been functioning since 1982 as a registered society under Tamil Nadu Society’s Act of 1975. It has its aims and objectives to promote ecological agriculture, to enable resource poor farmers, to shape themselves and a society on the firm pillars of justice and equality to empower people to have control over local natural resources and to evolve a network of NGOs and to promote LEISA (Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture).

Kudumbam has established a farm cum training centre called Kolunji Ecological Farm. In the present arena Kudumbam works to find out the alternatives and solutions for the emerging issues of climate change, ground water depletion, deforestation and depletion of biodiversity and food insecurity and poor health. Based on our vision and objectives our activities for the year 2022-2023 are strengthening JLG leadership, up-scaled production of traditional rice, millets, pulses, vegetables and Bio-input production with the full involvement of farmers, women groups, students of local and international, university departments and other research stations and professionals and staff. We are happy to narrate our activities in detail below.

### 1. Activities in Collaboration with Emmaus International

#### 1.1. Annual Solidarity Project



- **Deepening of 2 Fish Ponds:**

Kolunji Ecological Farm is spread over 15 hectares, to improve the water table, we have established 7 farm ponds over the last 32 years. We deepened 2 tanks with Emmaus support. Now the water remains for 8 months. We rear fish in these two tanks.

- **Purchase of Fish lings for 2 ponds**

2500-3000 fish lings were purchased and introduced into the farm ponds. Nearly 20 kgs of fish at the rate of Rs.200/kg has been harvested every month from the two farm ponds.

- **Purchase of 10 Cow Calves**

In this context with the support of Emmaus, we have purchased 4 cows with 6 calves. Our income from Milk has increased. We received nearly 25 liters per day and 750 liters/month.

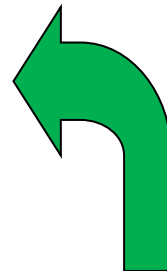
- **Vegetable Cultivation in 1 acre:**

In an effort to improve nutrition on the farm, and to increase production of traditional vegetable seeds, we have planted different vegetable shrubs, herbs and climbers. Apart from using it for cooking for the children, we sell the vegetables and spinach for nearly Rs.1100 – Rs.1200/-per week

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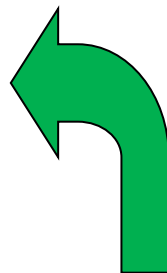
- **Purchase of Sheep:**

Improving water conservation and soil fertility is essential in improving quality of yield; open grazing of sheep, the droppings and urine help in improving micro organisms in the soil. We bought 30 sheep.



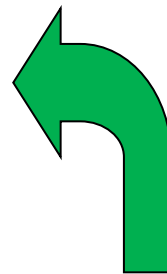
- **Purchase of 300 Chicken**

To improve farm income and control pest, we have purchased desi/local chickens, the eggs and meat have a good market.



- **Rain Gun**

To use water efficiently, and to ensure that vegetables, peanuts and herbs are properly irrigated, we have installed a rain gun which could irrigate an area of 15 ft radius.





**1.2. FAP Support for Construction of Rural Women Skill Development center**

We are thankful to Abbe Pierre Foundation, with whose support we are able to construct a hostel for Rural Women for getting training on skill development. In the newly constructed accommodation we have 2 rooms that would accommodate 6 women and a dormitory that could accommodate 12 women. In total 18 women could be accommodated in 1845 Sq.ft. The building was inaugurated on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2023, where the National delegate Emmaus India, the Emmaus Asia councilors, Emmaus Asia Secretary, a volunteer from Emmaus International for Asia and Kudumbam president, Kudumbam director and staff were participated.



**2. Activities in Collaboration with Future Earth – Promoting Food Security**



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Training farmers' capacity on Climate Resilient crops and techniques for pulses, Millets and Traditional Paddy varieties: **The training was organized in Panavayal and Kadiyappatti villages and a total of 50 farmers got trained in climate smart techniques. 18 of them have changed their cropping patterns to mitigate the drought**

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Organising State level conference for policy influence: This year State level biodiversity conference was organised at Kolunji Ecological Farm with the objective to debate on unsustainable policies of the State, recurring droughts, climate resilient techniques and strategies evolved by farmers to overcome these issues with sharing of seeds. This was organised on 25.09.2023 with the participation of more than 200 farmers mostly are women farmers.

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Workshop for consolidating five years outcome: In this workshop 30 lead farmers from 4 clusters came out with their outcome and shared their success stories/achievements. Major findings such as mixed cropping systems to ensure food security, cultivating climate resilient traditional paddy varieties, crop selection, seed production, digging of farm ponds to conserve water, fixing of drip irrigation to minimise the water, involved in exchange of seeds, revival of seed production, and establishing a nutritious kitchen garden are documented.

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Establishing seed bank in Millet and Pulses: **Both men and women farmers who are interested in seed production and seed multiplication and could establish seed bank of millet and pulses got trained. 30 farmers from Rakkathampatti and Kumarapatti participated in this training and millet seeds like Finger millet, Barnyard millet, Foxtail Millet and Kodo millets have been distributed to these farmers along with the Pulse varieties of Red gram.**

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Establishing seed bank in traditional paddy: Seeds of traditional drought tolerant rice varieties were distributed to the farmers who could multiply these varieties and they are already involved in the production process for years and the varieties include Karuppu (black) Kavuni, 60<sup>th</sup> Kuruvai, Mappillai Samba, Thooyamalli, Garudan Samba, Iluppai poo samba, Poongar, Kichadi Samba, Kuthiraivali, Kullakar, Karunguruvai and Seeraga Samba and also vegetable seeds.

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Training on FPO (Farmer Producer Organization): **15 farmers from each cluster (Puliyur, Killukkottai, Odugampatti and Andakulam) participated in this training. They have been trained on crops selection, quality seed selection, production, and water conservation and marketing techniques.**

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Trainers training for college students and school students: **We selected 10 students each from 5 panchayats to get trained on tree plantation, seed ball preparation, nutrition in food grains, vegetables and fruits and about the medicinal values of local herbs. On their lands, 1,250 seed balls and 240 seedlings were planted.**

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**Training on Kitchen Garden with distribution of seeds:** One-day training was given to women farmers from 5 panchayats. The training is to establish kitchen garden in their backyard especially to the vegetable producing farmers to multiply the traditional local varieties and to learn the nutritive values of all the local vegetables and herbs. We have distributed 15 varieties of quality traditional local seed varieties of vegetables, greens (spinach) and herbs.

**Training on Women Trainers:** The women Self Help Group and Joint Liability Group members were given training on book keeping, accounts and savings maintenance and also on leadership qualities and organic agriculture practices including input preparation with locally available resources. Women from Pallathupatti, Palandampatti and Pragathambalpuram participated.

**Training on Cattle Management and Fodder Cultivation and Cattle camp:** Training on cattle management and fodder cultivation was organized for the women farmers of Pacheripatti, Pulyur, and Veerapatti. Cattle rearing Farmers participated in the training. Eight farmers cultivated fodder crops; 44 farmers purchased cows and improved milk yield. Bio input preparation from cow dung has increased. Cattle camp has been conducted at Pulyur, Veerapatti and Pacheripatti villages. On that day, more than 150 cattle were checked out in each village. 150 cows got vaccinated and 55 cows got artificial insemination.

### 3. Future Earth Asia Network - Common Activities:

- 3.1.** Strengthening of grass root level democracy for the communities to have access and control over natural resources, production and market

Around 25 farmers who are members of PGS groups practicing organic farming techniques from villages around Kolunji farm in Kunnandarkoil Block of Pudukkottai district have been trained on bio-dynamic farming. All the farmers who participated in the training have gained the basic concepts, principles and set of Biodynamic farming practices. In specific, their new knowledge are in the BD 500, (Cow Horne Manure) BD 501 (Horn Silica), BD Compost, Cow Pat Pit, Liquid Manure, Tree Pasting, BD mixture application methods in the crop field and the scientific applying using BD calendar for agriculture activities.

#### 4. **Booster Project : Strengthening capacities of members of Kolunji Farmers Producer Company Limited promoted by Kudumbam**

##### 4.1 **Capacity Building for the FIG members at FIG level and FIG leaders at the Cluster level:**

Capacity building program has been done with 45 FIGs (Farmers Interest Groups) of Kudumbam FPO.

##### 4.2 **Organizing health camps for cattle at cluster level:**

In total, 5 cattle camps have been conducted from October to December in the 5 clusters namely Adakulam, Keeraur, Odugampatti, Puliyur and Killukkottai. Through, the health camps more than 150 members benefited and around 100 members did insurance for their animals.

##### 4.3 **Arranging interface between outlet owners and members of FIGs at the cluster level:**

The interface between outlet owners and the members of FIGs was organized in all five clusters. This is aimed at creating a mutual understanding and trust-building between producers and market players and through this the FIG members have established contacts with a few shop owners and started supplying the products directly without middleman interventions.

##### 4.4 **Orientation at cluster level on special state schemes available in FPO ecosystem**

The orientation at the cluster level was organized and the FIG members in the FPOs have updated the kind of state support for the FPO ecosystem from various departments of the State.

##### 4.5 **Organizing exposure visits to the incubation center for getting technical guidance on product development and marketing**

During the 1st week of December 2023, around 20 members of the FIGs representing all 5 clusters have been taken to an exposure visit to MABIF (Madurai AgriBusiness Incubation Forum) at Madurai. This incubation center is providing technical support for FPO members in value addition, packing, branding and also marketing. In the afternoon, the Kolunji FPCL members visited one Vaigai Millet Farmers Producer Company promoted by MABIF where there is a small group of 100 members installed a flour mill to grind millets and making it into flour and other millet based receipts and selling it to the customers.

##### 4.6 **Information material and Publication:**

Posters, Handbills and Booklets have been prepared and distributed among the FIG members of Kolunji FPCL, based on the exposure visits to deepen their understanding and provide motivation for the FPO members to internalize the concepts of FPO, and its benefits.

#### 5. **Future Earth Asia Network Activities**

##### 5.1. **Future Earth Asia Project Planning Workshop:**

The members of Future Earth Asia South region have gathered at Trichy for a 3-day project planning workshop from 11.10.22 to 13.10.22 with the aim of building on the organizational processes of Future Earth Asia network towards better goal setting for



the next five years program i.e., 2023-2027. The representatives of Srushtidnyan, Kudumbam, Keystone Foundation and CIRHEP participated in the workshop. This 3-day exercise has helped the members to know each other in a detailed manner on the strength of each other, the common areas where we can collaborate, and the exchange of knowledge and expertise, both at the individual level and also at the organizational level. During the workshop, the members had a brainstorming session on the areas of building partnerships in which certain key areas like marketing of organic products, establishing afforestation models, compiling climate-friendly nutritious immunity boosting food practices, capacity building needs in FPO and PGS, organizational development programs, youth internship programs within Future Earth Asia Network, strengthening Friend Groups in Sweden and planning physical RCG meeting with friend group members once in a year were derived. Small working groups have been formed to make a brief write-up on these to take forward the discussion and evolve concrete action plans.

### **5.2. Participation at UN Summit Stockholm +50: A healthy planet for the prosperity of all – Our Responsibility, Our Opportunity**

Mr. Suresh Kanna on behalf of Kudumbam participated in the People's Forum events organized by the Swedish Civil Society organization on 31<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 and also to participate in Stockholm +50 UN Summit, the official conference on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022, at Stockholm Mr. Suresh Kanna participated in a panel discussion on “Agriculture and Agroforestry as engines of change: Keys for sustainable development.” and presented Kudumbam’s work with farming communities in establishing agroforestry models. He also had a meeting with 2 Swedish Parliamentarians organized by Future Earth and there he shared how the development aid from SIDA and Forum Civ are used in evolving concrete examples in Asia.

### **5.3. Future Earth Asia Regional Assembly 2022**

Future Earth Asia organized its Annual Regional Assembly for the year 2022 was held at Mumbai by Srushtidayan, a member NGO of Future Earth Asia Network during 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. On behalf of Kudumbam, Mr. Suresh Kanna and Dr. Lalitha were participated. Many intense and fruitful discussions were held on the projects that were implemented in 2022, the expectations of Forum Civ on the standards of both narrative and financial reports and the review of interns programs at the network, the interaction with the representatives of Friend Groups.



Three resource persons handled inputs and interactive sessions for the members on the topics like Challenges of Civil Society Organizations in promoting organic agriculture, Climate Change and its impact on Women, understanding the CSR environment for funding, the strategies they are adapting in scrutinizing/screening NGOs projects, the kind of preparations that the NGOs needs

to be done were discussed in detail. The inputs sessions followed by interactive discussions and debate has brought clarity and understanding on the above topics for the network.

The visit to Pragnya Bodhini High School, Goregaon, the presentation of children and the interactions with them was extremely impressive in understanding the efforts of Srushtidnyan's climate ambassador program in bringing climate education and actions in schools. The Heritage tour of Mumbai has brought a clear idea and understanding to the participants on the historical events and transformation processes that happened from 16<sup>th</sup> century till date and the pride of Mumbai for its architectural excellence of buildings, art, culture, tradition, education, trade and commerce.

## 6. Youth Volunteers Programme

Kudumbam has been started receiving international interns' from 2003 to till date. They come from Sweden and France and do their internship from 3 -5 months period. During their internship they involved in Kudumbam programs and get more knowledge about development activities and learn to associate with the community, farmers, women and students. The internship contributes to increase understanding various cultures and people and also get experience of the organisations reality and the living conditions in the area.

Following are the interns' details for the period from April 2022 to March 2023

S. No	Name of the Intern	Country	Organisation /Donor	From	To	Activities Carried out
1	Ms. Elise Cherif	France	AIME	01.05.2022	01.09.2023	Fund raising, Website updating, Spoken English classes for Rural children
2	Ms. Yassin Bouhamed	France	AIME	31.08.2022	27.12.2022	Model bio gas small unit installation, Fund raising, spoken English Classes
3	Ms.Mathilde Leparoux	France	AIME	31.08.2022	27.12.2022	Model bio gas small unit installation, Fund raising, spoken English Classes
4	Mr. Markus Karl Lewin	Sweden	SWALLOWS	21.09.2022	24.12.2022	Website updating, Proposal formulation and photo documentation
5	Mr. Jad Abdulhak	Sweden	SWALLOWS	21.09.2023	19.01.2023	Proposal formulation and photo documentation
6	Ms. Nicole Bertilsson	Sweden	FUTURE EARTH	27.10.2022	14.03.2023	Contributing to project proposal writing ,photos and case studies documentation
7	Ms. Fannie Axelsson	Sweden	FUTURE EARTH	21.02.2023	16.06.2023	Contributing to project proposal writing and video documentation
8	Ms. Ebba Rosendahl	Sweden	FUTURE EARTH	21.02.2023	16.06.2023	Contributing to project proposal writing and video documentation
9	Ms. Linn Eriksson	Sweden	FUTURE EARTH	21.02.2023	19.06.2023	Contributing in booklet prepared with Kudumbam 'model farmers' and Kolunji Ecological farm

### **Emmaus International Volunteer Ms. Anais Leclercq visit:**

Volunteer Ms. Anais Leclercq from Emmaus International for International survey.

Emmaus International has recruited volunteers with a mission to carry out International survey in different Emmaus groups across the globe. Thus Ms. Anais Leclercq has visited Asia region, and she had discussed with Farmers, University students, Board members of Kudumbam and the staff at Kudumbam with the objective of our past and present activities related to advocacy and campaign works and discussed about Emmaus Global report. She stayed at Kudumbam from 9th February to 17th February 2023.

## **7. Activities in collaboration with NABARD**

FPO – Farmers’ Producer Company on Animal Husbandry

### **Strengthening capacities of members of Kolunji FPCL promoted by Kudumbam**

During 2020, NABARD has sanctioned a project support to Kudumbam to promote Farmer’s Producer Company with the focus on Animal Husbandry. It is to provide training to Board of Directors of Kolunji Farmers Producer Organization, exposure visits and developing a business plan etc., while implementing the project, to fill up gaps Future Earth, Sweden co-funded for a period of 4 months from September to December 2022. The activities included

### **Capacity Building for the FIG members at FIG level and FIG leaders at the Cluster level**

With the objective of increasing the membership base and internalizing the concept of FPO (Farmer Producer Company) among FIG (Farmers Interest Group) members at FIG level and FIG leaders at the cluster level. In total 45 FIGs have been covered in the capacity building programs.

### **Organizing health camps for cattle at cluster level:**

In total, 5 cattle camps have been conducted from October to December in 5 different clusters viz. Adakulam, Keeraur, Odugampatti, Puliur and Killukkottai. These clusters are the key clusters where the membership base for the FPOs is more. The health camp was to create awareness on livestock/veterinary services and also to create awareness of the importance of insurance for animals. More than 150 members were benefited and around 100 members did insurance for their animals.

### **Arranging interface between outlet owners and members of FIGs at the cluster level**

The interface between outlet owners and the members of FIGs was organized in all five clusters. This is aimed at creating a mutual understanding and trust-building between producers and market players. This has helped both in terms of understanding the demands from the consumer side and the availability of produces from the farmer side. Now, the FIG members have established contacts with a few shop owners and started supplying the products directly without middlemen interventions.

## Orientation at cluster level on special state schemes available in FPO ecosystem

The orientation at the cluster level was organized in October and November 2023 covered 10 clusters. Through this orientation, the FIG members in the FPOs have updated the kind of State support for the FPO ecosystem from various departments of the State. Around 150 FPO members have established linkages with officials and approached them and got credit support for milch animals, registered crop insurance, and cattle insurance and enrolled their names in the Kisan credit cards etc.,

## Organizing exposure visits to the incubation center for getting technical guidance on product development and marketing.

During the 1st week of December 2023, 20 members of the FIGs representing all 5 clusters have visited MABIF (Madurai AgriBusiness Incubation Forum) at Madurai. This incubation center is providing technical support for FPO members in value addition, packing, branding and also marketing. The participants were also taken to oil extraction units, milk processing units and also fodder mixture preparation unit. The Kolunji FPCL members visited one Vaigai Millet Farmers Producer Company promoted by MABIF where there is a small group of 100 members installed a flour mill to grind millets and making it into flour and other millet based recipes and selling it to the customers

### 8. NABFINS – Micro Credit activities:

Kudumbam has been involved in Micro credit activities from 2017. Though our involvement in sustainable agriculture practices are continued among farmers, the farmers faced financial difficulties in grounding the techniques of sustainable agriculture. Most of the farmers do not have good healthy cattle. Nationalized banks do not provide short term loans to small farmers and landless. This compelled them to approach them money lender where the rate of interest is very high. At this juncture with the support of NABFINs we were able to provide loans. We also organize trainings to enhance their skills on savings and credit cattle rearing, input preparation and integrated farming. The loan details have been given below for the districts we work on:

#### At Pudukkottai

**PUDUKOTTAI - 2022-2023 LOAN DETAILS**

S.NO	CLUSTER	TOTAL PANCHAYAT	TOTAL VILLAGES	GROUPS			TOTAL BORROWERS	TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT
				TOTAL SHG	TOTAL JLGS	TOTAL GROUPS		
1	MATHUR	7	13	0	26	26	118	5,760,000
2	KEERANUR	18	33	0	67	67	327	16,820,000
3	KILLUKOTTAI	12	33	0	127	127	574	29,995,000
4	ODUGAMPATTI	12	36	1	124	125	578	32,525,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>1597</b>	<b>85,100,000</b>



### KEERANUR CLUSTER- PUDUKOTTAI - 2022-2023

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL
1	KADAPILLAYARPATTI	KADAPILLAYARPATTI	2	8	440,000	440,000
2	KULATHUR	KULATHUR	2	10	480,000	1,520,000
		ILAYAVAYAL	3	13	840,000	
		KOVIL KADU	1	5	200,000	
3	LEKKANAPATTI	LEKKANAPATTI	8	35	1,680,000	2,460,000
		AVARANKUDIPATTI	2	10	540,000	
		AYAKUDIVAYAL	1	4	240,000	
4	MANGATHEYVANPATTI	MANGATHEYVANPATTI	2	10	400,000	840,000
		KOTRAPATTI	2	8	440,000	
5	MELA PUTHUVAYAL	PERADIKALAM	1	3	120,000	740,000
		THERKU THUVARAVAYAL	2	11	620,000	
6	NANJOR	MARUTHUR	2	12	940,000	1,540,000
		NANJOR	3	13	600,000	
7	NARTHAMALAI	KOTHAMANGALAPATTI	3	13	780,000	780,000
8	ODUKKUR	KOTTAPALAM	1	4	240,000	1,420,000
		ELANTHAVADI	4	21	1,180,000	
9	PALANDAMPATTI	PALANDAMPATTI	3	16	840,000	840,000
10	PALLATHUPATTI	PRAGATHAMBALPURAM	1	6	400,000	1,280,000
		PARAPATTI	1	5	280,000	
		PALLATHUPATTI	2	11	600,000	
11	RAPOOSAL	KALINGAMPATTI	1	4	160,000	160,000
12	SENAYAKUDI	SENAYAKUDI	1	5	240,000	240,000
13	SIRUMANGALAPATTI	SIRUMANGALAPATTI	2	8	460,000	460,000
14	THAYANIPATTI	ATHANKUDIPATTI	2	14	680,000	2,140,000
		IZHUPAKUDIPATTI	3	14	780,000	
		PERUNGUDIPATT	2	11	440,000	
		PATHIPATTI	1	4	240,000	
15	UPPLIKUDI	UPPLIKUDI	1	4	160,000	160,000
16	VALAMANGALAM	VALAMANGALAM	1	6	240,000	400,000
		VADUGAPATTI	1	4	160,000	
17	VEMMANI	MALLAMPATTI	1	6	240,000	240,000
18	VATHANAKURCHI	THIRUMALAIRAYAL	2	10	400,000	1,160,000
		VATHANAKURCHI	4	19	760,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>16,820,000</b>	<b>16,820,000</b>

<b>TOTAL PANCHAYATs</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>TOTAL VILLAGES</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>TOTAL JLGS</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>TOTAL BORROWRES</b>	<b>327</b>
<b>TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT</b>	<b>16,820,000</b>

### KILLUKOTTAI CLUSTER- PUDUKOTTAI -2022-2023

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGES	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL
1	ASOOR	ASOOR	10	37	1,480,000	1,720,000
		POIKAIKUDI	1	6	240,000	
2	CHETTY PATTI	VEENAMUTHUPATTI	4	18	760,000	760,000
3	KANNANKUDI	VELLAIPILLAIYARPATTI	5	22	1,220,000	3,255,000
		URATHIPATTI	5	21	1,180,000	
		KANNANKUDI	3	15	855,000	
4	KILLUKOTTAI	KILLUKOTTAI	6	28	1,560,000	1,560,000
5	KILLUKUVAIPATTI	ULAGANKATHAN PATTI	3	14	830,000	2,370,000
		KILLUKUVAIPATTI	2	10	600,000	
		KUMARAPATTI	1	4	160,000	
		KALAIKUDIPATTI	3	14	780,000	
6	NATHAMADIPATTI	NATHAMADIPATTI	18	83	4,540,000	4,540,000
7	PULIYUR	VEERAPATTI	2	9	620,000	2,290,000
		PULLIYUR	6	26	1,100,000	
		PACHERIPATTI	1	6	320,000	
		PONNANKUDIPATTI	1	4	250,000	
8	RAKATHANPATTI	RAKATHANPATTI	6	26	1,320,000	1,320,000
9	SENGALUR	MELAPATTI	1	4	160,000	2,120,000
		PILAKOLLAIPATTI	1	4	220,000	
		SENGALUR	8	35	1,740,000	
10	T. KEELAIYUR	AAYIPATTI	1	6	360,000	3,580,000
		MALAIYADIPATTI	7	32	1,700,000	
		KULAVAIPATTI	1	5	280,000	
		NATCHIYARPATTI	3	12	740,000	

		T.KEELAIYUR	2	10	500,000	
11	THENNATHIRANPATTI	SAPPANIPATTI	4	20	1,280,000	4,330,000
		THENNATHIRANPATTI	8	37	1,730,000	
		MARUNGIPATTI	1	4	240,000	
		KURUGATHAMPATTI	4	19	880,000	
		NEDUTHAMPATTI	1	5	200,000	
12	VISALUR	AYYAPATTI	2	9	480,000	2,150,000
		SIVAGAMIPURAM	2	10	600,000	
		VISALUR	4	19	1,070,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>127</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>29,995,000</b>	<b>29,995,000</b>

<b>TOTAL PANCHAYATs</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>TOTAL VILLAGES</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>TOTAL JLGS</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>TOTAL BORROWRES</b>	<b>574</b>
<b>TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT</b>	<b>29,995,000</b>

### ODUGAMPATTI CLUSTER- PUDUKOTTAI -2022-2023

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF SHGS	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	VILLAGE TOTAL	PANCHAYAT TOTAL
1	ANDAKULAM	ANDAKULAM		4	21	1120000	4,960,000
		KADIYAPATTI		9	38	1860000	
		KALIGARAYANPATTI		1	4	240000	
		KURINCHAMPATTI		3	13	660000	
		PANAVAYAL		1	4	160000	
		PARAVAYAL		2	12	600000	
		PONGALAPATTI		1	6	320000	
2	KILLANUR	KILLANUR		13	61	3560000	4,550,000
		KANGAMPATTI		2	10	750000	
		SONDAMPATTI		1	4	240000	
3	KOPPAMPATTI	KOPPAMPATTI		8	35	2200000	2,200,000
4	MANGALATHUPATTI	MANGALATHUPATTI		1	4	160000	160,000
5	MINNATHUR	NALLAPUDAIYANPATTI		2	9	440000	1,260,000
		PAPUDAIYANPATTI		3	13	820000	
6	PERMBUR	PERMBUR		1	5	200000	200,000

7	ODUGAMPATTI	ODUGAMPATTI		3	14	915000	2,215,000
		METTUPATTI		1	4	200000	
		NADUPATTI		2	9	360000	
		O.PALLATHUPATTI		3	13	740000	
8	THEMMAVUR	THEMMAVUR		4	20	1120000	3,500,000
		PALAIYUR		4	16	720000	
		PALAPATTI		4	16	820000	
		POOCHIKKUDIVAYAL	1		11	620000	
		VADUTHAVADI		1	4	220000	
9	UDAIYALIPATTI	UDAIYALIPATTI		3	14	900000	2,820,000
		ALWARNPATTI		2	10	570000	
		ANNA NAGAR		5	23	1350000	
10	VALIYAMPATTI	VALIYAMPATTI		3	13	750000	2,270,000
		KONGUTHIRAIYAN PATTI		4	17	1040000	
		NAVAPATTI		1	4	280000	
		AYUDAIYARKOVILPATTI		1	5	200000	
11	VATHANAKOTTAI	VATHANAKOTTAI		13	60	3470000	5,010,000
		MILLATHUPATTI		3	14	760000	
		KOOKUR		3	13	780000	
12	VEERAKUDI	THIRUPUR		1	4	280000	3,380,000
		PALAIYAVEERAKUDI		5	25	1320000	
		KOVIL VEERAKUDI		6	30	1780000	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>32,525,000</b>	<b>32,525,000</b>

<b>TOTAL PANCHAYATs</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>TOTAL VILLAGES</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>TOTAL SHGS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL JLGS</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>TOTAL BORROWRES</b>	<b>578</b>
<b>TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT</b>	<b>32,525,000</b>

## MATHUR CLUSTER- PUDUKOTTAI- 2022-2023

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL
1	AVOOR	AVOOR	1	6	320,000	1,600,000
		PIDAMPATTI	1	4	160,000	
		SAMIURANIPATTI	2	10	520,000	
		SENGALAKUDI	3	12	600,000	
2	KALAMAVUR	KALAMAVUR	5	21	900,000	1,340,000
		SEETHAPATTI	1	5	200,000	
		KONANKONPATTI	1	4	240,000	
3	MANDAIYUR	MANDAIYUR	2	8	460,000	460,000
4	MATHUR	MATHUR	2	9	460,000	460,000
5	NALLUR	NALLUR KEELAPATTI	2	9	520,000	1,260,000
		THODAMAN NALLUR	3	16	740,000	
6	OLAIYUR	MULLIPATTI	2	8	320,000	320,000
7	SINGATHAKURICHI	SINGATHAKURICHI	1	6	320,000	320,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>5,760,000</b>	<b>5,760,000</b>

<b>TOTAL PANCHAYATs</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>TOTAL VILLAGES</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>TOTAL JLGS</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>TOTAL BORROWRES</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT</b>	<b>5,760,000</b>

At Nagappattinam

**NAGAPATTINAM - 2022-2023 LOAN DETAILS**

S.NO	CLUSTER	TOTAL PANCHAYAT	TOTAL VILLAGES	TOTAL JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT
1	THARANGAMBADI	24	32	38	174	27,575,000
2	SIRKALI	18	24	57	266	14,835,000
3	VELANKANNI	20	22	35	163	12,590,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>55,000,000</b>

**THARANGAMBADI CLUSTER- NAGAPATINAM 2022-2023**

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL (AMOUNT)
1	THARANGAMBADI	PORAYAR	8	34	2185000	2185000
		SONVANTHOTAM	2	11	725000	725000
2		THARANGAMBADI	11	52	3130000	3130000
	THILLAIYADI	THILLAIYADI	1	4	200000	200000
		SANTHANGUDI	1	4	270000	270000
		THAZHAMPETTAI	1	4	220000	220000
3	THIRUMEIGNANAM	THIRUMEIGNANAM	4	16	855000	855000
4	MANIKAPANGU	MANIKAPANGU	3	15	720000	720000
		PUTHUPETTAI	3	13	660000	660000
		PERUMALPETTAI	2	10	580000	580000
		ANAIAKKOVIL	1	4	200000	200000
		KUTTIYANYUR	4	21	1310000	1310000
5	THIRUCADAIYUR	SINGANODAI	2	9	675000	675000
6	ERUKKATTANCHERRY	OZHUGAIMANGALAM	1	5	360000	360000
7	POOTHANUR	POOTHANUR	1	4	220000	220000
8	THIRUKKALACHERRY	THIRUKKALACHERRY	1	4	220000	220000
9	AYYAPPADI	AYYAPPADI	1	6	320000	320000
10	AKKUR	ANNAPPANPETTAI	2	10	635000	635000
		KALAKATTALAI	1	4	200000	200000
11	KILAIYUR	KILAIYUR	1	4	300000	300000
12	KALIYAPPANALLUR	ANANTHAMANGALAM	3	14	960000	960000
		N.N.SAVADI	2	9	600000	600000

		THIRUCADAIYUR	8	33	1790000	1790000
		RAJIVPURAM	1	5	325000	325000
		SATHANGUDI	1	4	235,000	235,000
13	MUDIKANDANALLUR	MUDIKANDANALLUR	1	4	220,000	220,000
14	NEDUVASAL	NEDUVASAL	3	10	580,000	580,000
15	MAMAKUDI	MAMAKUDI	1	5	270,000	270,000
16	MADAPURAM	MADAPURAM	6	27	1,400,000	1,400,000
17	POOMPUKAR	POOMPUKAR	5	22	1,200,000	1,200,000
18	KALAMANALLUR	CHINNAKUDI	4	19	1,050,000	1,050,000
19	MARUTHAMPALLAM	KUMARAKUDI	6	32	1,980,000	1,980,000
		CHITHAMBARAPAKKAM	2	8	440,000	440,000
20	RADHANALLUR	RADHANALLUR	1	4	180,000	180,000
21	THALANCHANKADU	THALANCHANKADU	1	4	200,000	200,000
22	VANAGIRI	VANAGIRI	3	16	990,000	990,000
23	NEITHAVASAL	NEITHAVASAL	2	8	380,000	380,000
24	KARUVELI	KARUVELI	2	11	790,000	790,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>27,575,000</b>	

<b>TOTAL PANCHAYATs</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL VILLAGES</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>TOTAL JLGS</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>TOTAL BORROWRES</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT</b>	<b>27,575,000</b>

**SIRKALI CLUSTER- NAGAPATTINAM - 2022-2023**

S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGE	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL (AMOUNT)
1	KEELAIYUR	POOMPUKAR	5	22	1,200,000	1,200,000
		NEITHAVASAL	2	8	380,000	380,000
2	KALAMANALLUR	CHINNAKUDI	4	19	1,050,000	1,050,000

3	MARUTHAMPALLAM	KUMARAKUDI	6	32	1,980,000	1,980,000
		CHITHAMBARAPAKKAM	2	8	440,000	440,000
4	RADHANALLUR	RADHANALLUR	1	4	180,000	180,000
5	THALANCHANKADU	THALANCHANKADU	1	4	200,000	200,000
6	VANAGIRI	VANAGIRI	3	16	990,000	990,000
7	MAMAKUDI	KARUVELI	2	11	790,000	790,000
8	THIRUVENGADU	CHINNA PERUNTHOTTAM	4	20	1,105,000	1,105,000
9	MELAYUR	MELAYUR	3	12	670,000	670,000
10	PUDUTHURAI	PUDUTHURAI	2	9	480,000	480,000
11	MANGAIMADAM	MANGAIMADAM	1	4	220,000	220,000
12	MANIGRAMAM	MANIGRAMAM	1	5	270,000	270,000
		SAMBAKATTALAI	3	14	780,000	780,000
13	THIRUNAGIRI	THIRUNAGIRI	3	12	660,000	660,000
14	THIRUVALI	THIRUVALI	2	9	460,000	460,000
15	KODAKKARAMOOLAI	KODAKKARAMOOLAI	2	9	510,000	510,000
16	SIRKALI	RAILLADY	1	6	320,000	320,000
17	KOOTHYAMPETTAI	KOOTHYAMPETTAI	3	16	860,000	860,000
		MATHIRAVELLUR	1	4	180,000	180,000
18	POONGUDI	POONGUDI	2	8	380,000	380,000
		VAZHUTHALAIKUDI	2	10	560,000	560,000
		VINAYAGAKUDI	1	4	170,000	170,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>14,835,000</b>	

<b>TOTAL PANCHAYATs</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>TOTAL VILLAGES</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL JLGS</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>TOTAL BORROWRES</b>	<b>266</b>
<b>TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT</b>	<b>14,835,000</b>

<b>VELANKANNI CLUSTER- NAGAI-2022-2023</b>						
S.NO	PANCHAYAT	VILLAGES	NO OF JLGS	TOTAL BORROWERS	LOAN	PANCHAYAT TOTAL(AMOUNT)
1	CHINNATHUMBOOR	CHINNATHUMBOOR	1	4	220,000	220,000
2	KURICHI	MELAKURICHI	1	6	340,000	340,000
		NARASINGAMANGALAM	1	4	200,000	200,000
3	KILVELUR	KILVELUR	1	5	280,000	280,000
4	NIRTHANAMANGALAM	NIRTHANAMANGALAM	3	13	700,000	700,000
		PERIYATHUMBUR	3	15	880,000	880,000
5	THIRUPOONDI	THIRUPOONDI	2	8	360,000	360,000



6	NORTH POIGAINALLUR	NORTH POIGAINALLUR	3	11	580,000	580,000
7	KARUINAGAR	KARUINAGAR	1	4	200,000	200,000
8	AKKARAIPETTAI	KALLAAR	3	16	840,000	840,000
9	PAPPAKOIL	PAPPAKOIL	3	14	740,000	740,000
10	ESANUR	MEELA ESANUR	5	24	1,340,000	1,340,000
11	THIRUKUVALAI	THIRUKUVALAI	5	20	1,020,000	1,020,000
12	VAZHAKARAI	VAZHAKARAI	2	9	460,000	460,000
13	PUDUCHERRY	PUDUCHERRY	3	15	900,000	900,000
14	ALLANGUDI	ALLANGUDI	2	8	460,000	460,000
15	KILVELUR	KILVELUR	3	15	800,000	800,000
16	NEELABADI	NEELABADI	1	4	220,000	220,000
17	RAMARMADAM	RAMARMADAM	2	8	460,000	460,000
18	SIKKAL	SIKKAL	1	5	270,000	270,000
19	THEVUR	THEVUR	3	15	820,000	820,000
20	VIKKANNAPURAM	VIKKANNAPURAM	2	10	500,000	500,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>12,590,000</b>	

<b>TOTAL PANCHAYATS</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL VILLAGES</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>TOTAL JLGS</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>TOTAL BORROWRES</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT</b>	<b>12,590,000</b>

#### 9. Translation of LEISA India Magazine

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 15th 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 2022 and the other in December 2022 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) Jeevamirth - the real liquid gold, (2) Adding value to Mahuva in pandemic times, (3) Value addition for better returns, (4) Nutri-Gardens - A rich source of nutrition for farm women, (5) Integrated Farming System, (6) Secondary Agriculture - Empowering tribals of Central India, (7) Organic Dragon Fruit production, (8) Integrated farming in small holders farms for livelihood and nutritional security, (9) Traversing through the traditional agro-pastoral systems in India, (10) Cactus - An emerging fodder alternative. Apart from Translation,

Kudumbam also represented in the Annual Review and planning meeting of LEISA India consortium Core Group Meeting through online.

## 10. Vidivelli and Community Parenting Children Programme

As the Vidivelli Children Home is still under unrepaired condition due to lack of sufficient funds after Covid 19 lock down, the children have been shifted to the nearby school hostel. But we make them visit Kolunji on the weekends to learn sustainable agriculture related efforts. We are involving in community parenting children program as the community children of our target villages will be given training on drawing and paintings, making greetings cards, spoken English classes and games. Therefore on every weekend from September we organized trainings for the Vidivelli children and the community parenting children. We celebrated Diwali function and Pongal festival for these children and distributed new dresses and sweets for 40 children.

## 11. Kolunji Ecological Farm Activities

We involved in traditional paddy cultivation, millets, Groundnut, Pulses and Vegetables cultivation in the farm.

Regarding bio-input production vermin compost has been prepared and used for crops and nurseries and few tons of vermin compost has been sold to farmers. We also produced Panchakavya and Azola and sell regularly to farmers nearby.

We also rear cattle which include Cows, Bulls, and goats. We have poultry with desi chicken and we use cattle manure for farming and composting. We used to sell chicken, eggs and milk regularly.

We got fruits from Sappota, Seetha, Guava and Banana and we sold that among staff. Tamarind trees yielded many kilos of tamarind and we sold among staff and farmers.

In kolunji Farm we produce herbal plants and these herbs have been processed in the fuel drier and packed and marketed. Herbs like Hibiscus, Curry leaf, Usilai, Avaram poo (Tanner's Cassia), Moringa, Mudakathan (Baloon vine spinach) and Neem leaf has been dried and powered using the fuel dryer for marketing. Also vegetables like Tomato, Brinjal, Gooseberry and Solanum taurum have been fuel



dried and packed for marketing.

We have produced seedlings and seed balls for planting in common lands and schools and also for sales. We do fish rearing in the farm ponds at Kolunji.

This year we have jointly initiated nurseries at Kolunji Farm with Cauvery Calling project, Isha, Coimbatore for producing 100000 seedlings. The major seedlings are teak, Mahogany and kodukkapuli. It is an

agreement with Isha that when the seedlings reach a height of 1.5 ft they will buy it back for Rs.5/seedling. We have at present planted 50000 teak seedlings, 10000 kodukkapuli seedlings, 20000 mahogany seedlings. During May 2023 we have sold 20500 seedlings. The major source of income we get from the farm is Timber, livestock, firewood, seedlings and vermicompost.

## 12. Kolunji Farm Trainings

Sl. no	Date	Place	Meeting	Participants	Male	Fe-male	Total
1	29.06.2022	Kovil Veerakudi - Village meeting	Sustainable Ecology - Removing prosopis and planting native variety trees in Lake bunds	Village farmers and University Students BARD - VC , Environment department Staff, students and TNPL staff, Kudumbam staff participated.	70	30	100
2	18.07.2022	Konguthiraiyan patty	Village meeting	Isha - Cauvery Calling Project - Farmers Awareness regarding Planting Agro forestry trees in farmers' farm.	4	16	20
3	04.08.2022	Kolunji Farm	Meeting with Isha Nursery for Nursery Raising Project	Isha Team Visited for Nursery raising Plot/ Water Quality	2	3	5
4	08.03.2023	Kolunji Farm	International Women's Day	Women Groups (JLG)	20	60	80
				<b>Total</b>			<b>205</b>

### Training program: 2022 - 2023

Sl. No	Mon th	Dates	Topics / Content- Participants	Days	Male	Female	Partici pants
1	Apr	10 <sup>th</sup>	Kolunji Farm Visit -- Don Bosco , Farmers Ariya lure	1	6	19	25
2	Apr	24 <sup>th</sup>	Bio- Inputs Preparation training and Kolunji Farm Exposure Visits -TMSS Farmers, Trichy	1	10	24	34
3	Apr	30 <sup>th</sup>	Bio- Inputs Preparation training and Kolunji Farm Exposure Visits -Sastra University staffs, Thanjavur	1	14	5	19
4	Aug	17 <sup>th</sup>	Kolunji Farm visit and Bio inputs preparation training - Holy cross college , Economics Students, Trichy	1	20	25	45
5	Sep	25 <sup>th</sup>	Bio village conference farmers meeting - Kunnandarkoil Block , Pudukkottai	1	30	50	80
6	Oct	15 <sup>th</sup>	Organic inputs preparation training - Bharathidasan University Students - Environment Department students. Trichy.	1	12	10	22
7	Oct	15 <sup>th</sup>	International Rural Women's Day and World Food - Meeting with farmers Vidi Velli Children "Deepavali vizha"	1	30	70	100
8	Oct	17 <sup>th</sup>	Organic inputs preparation training - RVS Agriculture College Students, Killukottai, Thanjavur	1	34	75	109
9	Oct	26 <sup>th</sup>	Organic inputs preparation training -- Uthayam NGO - Water shed Association farmers. Thuraiyur	1	36	4	40
10	2023 Jan	4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Integrated Farming System Training-Sri math Andavan College, Msw Students, Trichy	3	6	2	8
11	Feb	4 <sup>th</sup>	Kolunji Ecological Farm Visit and Bio Inputs Demonstration, -Neru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Farmers, Youths, Trichy	1	12	14	26
12	Feb	5 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup>	Integrated Farming System training and Farmers Farm Visit. -Sri Lanka participants ( 3 from Sri Lanka + 2 from Chennai, TN,	7	5	0	5

Sl. No	Month	Dates	Topics / Content- Participants	Days	Male	Female	Participants
			India)				
13	Feb	17 <sup>th</sup>	Hostel for Rural Women Skill development centre inauguration. - At Kolunji Ecological Farm, Keeranur	1	20	45	65
14	Feb	20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bio Inputs preparation training - for Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College Agri students, Perambalur	2	5	8	13
			<b>Total Participants</b>	23	240	351	591

### 13. 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.



1. Governing Body meeting

Their constant encouragement, suggestions 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 Trichy office and always participate in the Pongal and Diwali celebrations of children and motivate them in their study. Mrs. Alexandria the president extended her help in a struggle the Tharangambadi staff faced recently.

### 14. Proposed Activities for 2023 & 2024

The Emmaus International's solidarity project will be continuing as usual in this year too. Similarly the project from Future Earth, Sweden on Climate change and food security for the previous phase of the years from 2017 to 2022 got over in the year 2022. The next phase started from 2023 January with the support for the next five years from 2023 to 2027. The Nabfins micro credit activity of Nagappatinam will be coming to an end and Pudukkottai will be renewed for the next phase. Kolunji FPO activities will be continued for the coming years. The present Government of Sweden has set new norms as the fund allocation for the volunteers' internship program is very high, has decided to stop the program. Hence for the coming years we expect no interns' from Sweden and so that internship program from Future Earth and Swallows would have come to an end. Emmaus has decided to approve Ethical Finance project to support the women micro credit beneficiaries through loan. Proposals on Nutritional garden for school children, Biodiversity conservation, Income generation programs for farmers and women have been sent and waiting for the response.