

THE COMPLETION REPORT OF THE BUILDING ON ECO PARK SAVE NOVEMBER 2007



1. INTRODUCTION

Tirupur is the center of South India's garment industry. Over the last two decades, Tirupur has exploded from a small town into a major industrial hub, and is now home to over 4000 factories employing over 300,000 workers.

SAVE works closely with migrant worker families in Tirupur who have fled famine and poverty in search of employment, and who are the most likely to send their children into factory labor. This target population includes various ethnic minorities and members of the lowest and poorest castes from rural villages throughout Tamil Nadu and other states. SAVE works primarily with child laborers from this population, children vulnerable to being forced into labor, the mothers of these children, and runaway children from other areas arriving to Tirupur for work.

Poverty and the lack of educational opportunities for children are the two most severe problems in Tirupur and the underlying causes of child labor. For families desperate for income, it is difficult to understand the benefits of a long-term investment in children's future through education.

Child laborers fall far behind their peers in schooling and public schooling is unequipped to aid them if they return. Also, the Tirupur community suffers from disintegration and lack of unity caused by the constant influx and departure of migrant workers. SAVE addresses these issues through its child labor rescue and prevention efforts, remedial schooling programs, community-building efforts and income-generating activities.

The working community is extremely vulnerable to fluctuations in the labor market. Since the average cost of living is higher than wages earned, families often send their children to work instead of school to supplement their meager incomes. Accordingly, illiteracy is high for all age groups.



Vision

Promoting eco friendly environment and conservation of environment and natural resources through a replica model that can provide a learning space for the rescued child laborers and street children and for the communities, as well to motivate them to emulate and promote an eco friendly environment in the environmentally degrading town Tirupur and its vicinity.

Objectives:

- To promote a better schooling facilities and support system
- To learn nature and value for the protection of environment and ecology
- To support 120 poor and run away children to lead the quality of life
- To provide shelter to the rescued and Child Labourers in the Eco Park for children
- To protect the rights of Children and rehabilitate them in a better environment.



2. THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING

The construction of building in Eco Park was completed by 20th November as against the agreement plan in August due to non availability of regular men power. Painting of walls are done during this week of reporting.

The total building is sprawling over 6677 Sq.foot as against original plan of 4500 Sq.foot.

There are 6 rooms with size of 644.25 Sq.foot each room and a total 6 rooms have the total area of 3865.50 Sq.foot, Two toilet blocks of 728.50 Sq.foot, staircase 242 Sq.foot, veranda 1756.70Sq.foot and washing area 84.50 Sq.foot.



3. CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING PART II

The construction of building part II was completed with the great help of Net 4 Kids contribution as followed with construction of building part I.

The second part of building has three rooms of 644.25 Sq.foot each and total area of 1932.75 Sq.foot, Toilet block and wash room 364.25 + 42.25 = 407 Sq.foot, staircase of 242 Sq.foot and Varanda of 878.35 Sq.foot. The building part II has the total space of 3459.60 Sq.foot and the construction was completed in November.



4. FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN

There are about 70 Children occupy the building presently and expected to reach 100 in the coming year i.e. 2008-09 and 120 children in the consecutive years.

Each room can accommodate 25-30 children to sleep and keep the sleeping beds. Among 6 rooms built in encircle 4 rooms are allocated as dormitory: 2 rooms for girls and 2 rooms for boys.

Out of 6 rooms one room is divided into two with partition for the purpose of recreation activity and computer education and another one room is spared for vocational training.

Veranda is used to play and allow them to move around freely. Children do sit on the Veranda for evening studies.

Toilet blocks are built within the main building as more spacious to include 4 toilets 2 urinals and 5 bath rooms from each end of the building both for boys and girls and they have separate specialties as mentioned above in numbers.

5. BUDGET ALLOCATION:

The cost of building was estimated in Rs. 1,894,596 in Euro 32,750/- and received into our account in Rs. 1,809,765 on 08-05-2007 as the conversion rate had gone down to Rs. 55.26 as against Rs. 58.00

In the context of short fall, there was another revision in the total sum of Rs. 2,110,000/- with the contractor due to revision in the cost of the materials as 30% revision on the cement and iron. Please see the statement of expenditure

6. CONCLUSION:

The Eco Park Children are happy to get more space for their comfortable living and stay together to have a good schooling near the park. They are expected to produce a good result in their education and sports, other developmental activities.

They are still need of Dinning hall and locker rooms which will be gradually taken care as we mobilize the support in the near future.



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