



SUSTAINABLE LIFE TRUST

3/645, KALIAPPA CHETTY STREET, PIDAMANERI, DHARMAPURI – 636703, TAMILNADU

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

Dear friends,

Greetings from Sustainable Life Trust.

With the start of year 2011-2012 Sustainable Life Trust entered its 13th Year of age. Sustainable Life Trust is doing well and we are poised to do even better in the next year! My optimistic view is a direct result of our excellent achievements as reflected in this Annual Report.

This report provides an overview of the activities of the Trust for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012.

Our Belief:

The genesis of Sustainable Life Trust was to help those who are the most vulnerable (poor, scheduled tribes and women, children) and are in direct need of help. After initial extensive debates, the founding members of Sustainable Life Trust organized themselves in the movement towards the above cause and consequently articulated the aims and objectives they had in mind.

From the very inception of Sustainable Life Trust, it has been our constant endeavour to follow complete commitment and transparency towards our objectives. We believe the organization, or for that matter any individual, whose fundamentals are based on virtues of honesty, ownership towards the society we live in and regard to human dignity, are bound to grow in the right direction and the last 13 years have been a testimony to this philosophy.

Governance:

Sustainable Life Trust is basically a secular, non-political, non-religious, non-profit Trust.

Sustainable Life Trust was registered in Dharmapuri under the Indian Trust Act on 16th July, 1997, by a group of social development workers who shared a common dream and had come together to work on a people-centric model of development in areas like health, education, gender, livelihood, community development and social welfare.

The Board's role is to provide leadership, direction, and stewardship of the organization's assets and interests in relation to the public funds it administers and to promote public interest in skills development within the health and social development (welfare) sectors.

Board members

The Board consists of 5 members. The Board meets once in a half year, or as and when required to enable it to assert its governance responsibility and as the employer of all Sustainable Life Trust staff.

Documentation-Ethno-veterinary practices:

Since 2004 Sustainable Life Trust involved in documentation of traditional health practices and ethno-veterinary practices for further studies and prepare community health knowledge registers. In 2008-09 with the support of Department of Science and Technology (Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India) and with the coordination of FRLHT, Bangalore and Tamilnadu University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (Ethno-veterinary Research Center, Tanjavur), we are working in the field of documentation of traditional health practices for both animal and human beings. During the reporting year, we mobilized local contributions for enumerating folk healers and knowledge holders and documenting ethno-veterinary practices among the scheduled tribe community in Sitheri hills of Dharmapuri district of Tamilnadu.

Training on Organic farming:

Sustainable Life Trust has enough experience working with Small and Marginal farmers. During the reporting year, SLT conducted the following training programmes for the Self Help Groups, farmers' association, young farmers association etc.

(a) Techniques related with dry land farming. (b) Training on Waste Land Development (c) Training on Water Harvest (d) Training on Cistern System (e) Training on Drip Irrigation and sprinkler Method (f) Training on Animal Husbandry (g) Defensive Mechanism on epidemic Disease breakout (h) Preservation of Seeds, Using indigenous Method (i) Promotional of Herbal Gardens & Kitchen gardens (j) Rural Marketing on Agricultural Product (k) Vermicompost and Vermiculture and method of its applications (l) Training on Nitrogen Fixing Trees and (m) Training on value addition of NTFP.



Conservation of minor millets & cereals:

Like previous year, Sustainable Life Trust continued its efforts to conserve minor millets and cereals in our project area with the support of interested farmers. Last year we provided revolving loans to 10 farmers who are involving in organic farming practices and cultivate traditional variety of minor millets and cereals. Now the fund goes around 1.8 lakhs. And the amount revolved within the farmers and new farmers are identified and provided necessary capacity building training and revolving loan to conserve millets and cereals. We expecting more farmers will come and join their hands to our endeavor in future.

Environment:

Sustainable Life Trust organized different programs for the sustainable development of environment. During this year, it has planted around 6000 saplings in the Dharmapuri, Harur and Nallampalli Blocks by organizing tree plantation camps. It has celebrated World Forestry Day, World Environment Day and International Biological Diversity Day etc to focus the Environment.

NEAC 2011-2012

During the reporting year, with the support of the CPR Foundation, Chennai, Sustainable Life Trust organized National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC – 2011-2012) in Dharmapuri Block for folk healers and women SHG leaders and representatives. As an awareness component, SLT organized a seminar and produce E-newsletter for NGOs and also organized as an action component, demonstration on usage of medicinal plants and published a small booklet titled “Know our Medicinal Plants” and also provide skill training on home herbal garden establishment and maintaining for them under the theme of Bio-diversity conservation on 17TH & 18TH MARCH 2012.

Totally 62 folk healers from various parts of Dharmapuri district and 87 women participated in the campaign.

Training to folk healers & knowledge holders:

2 days capacity building training organized for folk healers and knowledge holders at its office on 15 & 16th September 2012. Sustainable Life Trust invited resource persons from Tamilnadu Parampariya Siddha Vaidya Maha Sangam and Siddha Medical Practitioners from Salem and Dharmapuri. Totally 20 folk healers and 12 knowledge holders in and around Dharmapuri participated in the training programme and benefitted. Concept of quality maintenance during medicine preparation and sustainable harvesting practices for medicinal plants collection in wild.

Strategic Planning Meeting:

Sustainable Life Trust organized 2 planning meetings in Salem and Yercaud for grass roots NGOs working with the indigenous communities in the Eastern Ghats areas in Tamilnadu and it is expected to draw upon strategic decisions collectively to explore issues of natural resource management, climate change adaptation by the tribal communities and relevant actions like participatory governance of NRM at the grassroots. Totally 20 NGOs participated in the strategic planning meeting and explored some of the issues and develop the strategy to overcome the issues

through coordinate with local Panchayat Raj Institutions and with the support of CBOs, CSOs and government officials and research institutions.



Alliance of grass roots NGOs for Strategic Planning Meeting

IDENTITY:

Sustainable Life Trust is registered as not for profit under Indian Trust Act.

(Registration No 25/1997 dated July 16, 1997). Copy of the Trust Deed is available on request.

Sustainable Life Trust is registered under section 6(1) (a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (FCRA Registration no: **075870099 dated 08-06-2009**)

Sustainable Life Trust PAN no is **AAHTS 0294B**

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Our sincere thanks to:

- ❖ Trustees of Sustainable Life Trust
- ❖ The CPR Foundation, Chennai
- ❖ Ministry of Environment & Forest (Govt. of India)
- ❖ UNDP-India
- ❖ Network partners and groups
- ❖ Community leaders and members
- ❖ Staff of Sustainable Life Trust
- ❖ Volunteers
- ❖ Our Bankers
- ❖ Our Chartered Accountant Shri C.K. Padmanabhan B.Sc.,F.C.A.,
- ❖ Friends and supporters

Future plan:

Future programmes are based on the felt needs of the people. In spite of hard work, they find very difficult to make both ends meet. Sustainable Life Trust has to equip this people movement to address mainly the problems of natural resources management, women and child development, provide vocational training skills to rural youth and women. We believe in people and in their power. Therefore, we believe that they will overcome together they will overcome all hurdles to sustainable development.

Conclusion:

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank each and every one including our funding partners, members, community leaders, staffs, friends who have contributed to our effort directly or indirectly and with this I conclude. Looking forward for your support and solidarity in the future too.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours
S.PRADAPAN
Director
Sustainable Life Trust