

**ESTABLISHING 20 SUN-SET SCHOOLS FOR THE EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT OF
THE RURAL CHILDREN OF KEERANUR AND MANAPPARAI VICARIATE IN
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DIOCESE, TAMIL NADU - INDIA**

1. Project Summary:

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Project Classification	Education
Project Location	
Country	India
State / Region	Tamil Nadu
Diocese	Tiruchirappalli
Area	20 Villages from Keeranur & Manapparai vicariates
Target People & Coverage	1000 Children aged 6 to 16 years
Key Intervention	Supplementary Education / Academic support Sports and Physical exercises Life skills and Value education
Project Period	Three Years (January to December, 2024 to 2026)
Grant requested	Euro 15,000 (INR. 1,320,000)
Bank Account (FC)	
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Executive Summary: Our initiative aims to establish 20 Evening Tuition Centers in remote rural areas to provide supplementary education to underprivileged children who are unable to get guidance and support for performing their home works, clarifying their doubts in important subjects like Mathematics and Science and English language. In addition, the children will have space for their physical activities, recreation and life skills education for their holistic development. Existing infrastructures in parishes / villages will be utilized for the purpose. TMSSS will extend part-financial support towards honorarium for the Volunteers / Teachers from the local area.

2. Information about the implementing Organization:

Tiruchirappalli Multipurpose Social Service Society (TMSSS) is a voluntary service organization founded in the year 1975 and registered under Societies Registration Act of 1860 and registered with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act of 1976. TMSSS is an official social development wing of Tiruchirappalli Catholic Diocese. It has its Administrative Body and Advisory Body to implement the projects effectively and efficiently. The President of TMSSS is Rev Dr. Savarimuthu Arokiaraj, the Bishop of Tiruchirappalli Diocese. He shows keen interest and commitment to education of the disadvantaged children from rural areas.

The Catholic Diocese of Tiruchirappalli has established many schools for the benefit of the rural and urban poor children. To its credit, it has promoted 000 educational institutions offering primary level to university level education. Following are the details:

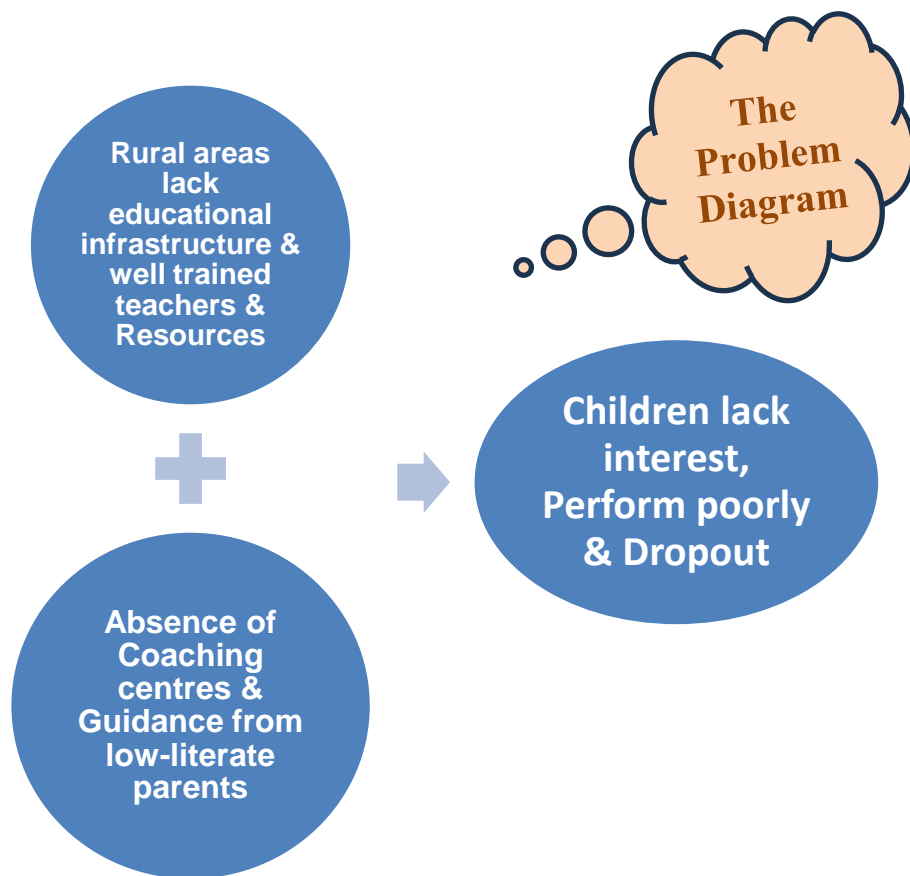
Professional Colleges	: 04	Degree Colleges	: 05
Parallel Colleges	: 0	Vocational / Technical Training Centres	: 24
Higher Secondary / Junior Colleges	: 31	High Schools	: 20
Upper Primary Schools	: 17	Lower Primary Schools	:60
Nurseries / Pre-Primary Schools	:02	Presses & Media Centres	: 03

However, the diocese and its social service unit, TMSSS focus on laying the foundation by strengthening primary level education. Since, the rural children are deprived of quality education, they often dropout after primary level or upper primary level due to poor performance in their academic subjects.

3. The Statement of the Problems:

Rural areas often lack quality educational infrastructure, including well-trained teachers and learning resources. The absence of evening tuition centers further exacerbates the educational disparities between rural and urban students. Without access to additional educational support, many rural students may struggle to understand their school lessons and homework. This can lead to poor academic performance and decreased confidence in their abilities.

The lack of supplementary education options can contribute to higher dropout rates in rural areas. Students facing academic difficulties may choose to leave school prematurely, limiting their future prospects. Many remote rural schools lack resources, well-trained teachers, and quality educational materials. In overcrowded classrooms, it can be challenging for teachers to provide individualized attention to every student. Students often need assistance with homework, especially if they come from households where parents may not be educated enough to help.



4. Project Objectives:

1. **Academic Enhancement:** To improve the academic performance of rural poor children in core subjects like Math, Science, and English.
2. **Reduce Dropout Rates:** To decrease the dropout rates among rural children and encourage continued education.
3. **Skill Development:** To develop essential life skills and enhance overall knowledge and confidence.

5. Key Activities:

1. **Establishment of Tuition Centers:** Set up fully equipped, safe, and conducive tuition centers in 10 Villages of Keeranur Vicariate and 10 villages of Manapparai Vicariate in the civil district of Pudukkottai.
2. **Qualified Teachers:** Hire experienced teachers who can provide personalized support to students. Committed and service-oriented teachers will be identified and appointed for a small honorarium
3. **Customized Curriculum:** Develop a tailored curriculum focusing on core subjects and skill development. The unified syllabus of the government will be followed.
4. **Homework Assistance:** Assist students with homework and exam preparation.
5. **Training in Core subjects:** Students will be extended supplementary coaching in the core subjects of Mathematics, Science and English.

6. Expected Outcomes:

Improved Academic Performance: Enhanced academic skills in core subjects, leading to better grades. The additional support and guidance received at evening tuition centers can lead to improved academic performance. This, in turn, can boost students' confidence and motivation to succeed in school.

Homework Support: Students often need assistance with homework, especially if they come from households where parents may not be educated enough to help. Evening tuition centers can provide a structured environment for completing homework assignments and preparing for exams.

Reduced Dropout Rates: By providing additional support and a conducive learning environment, evening tuition centers can help reduce dropout rates in rural areas, ensuring that more children complete their education.

Community Development: These centers can serve as hubs for community development by involving parents, community leaders, and volunteers. They can become centers of educational and social empowerment, fostering a sense of collective responsibility for children's education.

Empowerment: Access to education empowers children to break the cycle of poverty and contribute to the socio-economic development of their communities. Evening tuition centers play a crucial role in this empowerment process.

Life skills and Values: Children are oriented and trained in life-coping skills and social values of love, unity, solidarity, gender equity and mutual support etc.

7. Implementation Plan:

The After School Programmes, also known as Sun-set Schools, will be implemented in 20 villages which do not have access to quality school, teachers and necessary infrastructure and environment for study. Following are the six villages identified for this project:

Sl. No	Name of Village	Name of Parish	Name of Vicariate
1	Kayampatti	Kayampatti	Keeranur
2	Puliyur	Kayampatti	Keeranur
3	Keeranur	Keeranur	Keeranur
4	Ettukkalpatti	Ettukkalpatti	Keeranur
5	Malampatti	Malampatti	Keeranur
6	Sathampatti	Sathampatti	Keeranur
7	Vayalogam	Vayalogam	Keeranur
8	Viralimalai	Viralimalai	Keeranur
9	Avoor	Avoor	Keeranur
10	Neerpalani	Avoor	Keeranur
11	Periyanakkaraipatti	Periyanakkaraipatti	Manapparai
12	Kulathuranpatti	Kulathuranpatti	Manapparai
13	Aniyappur	Kulathuranpatti	Manapparai
14	N.Poolanpatti	N.Poolanpatti	Manapparai
15	Avarampatti	Avarampatti	Manapparai
16	Aanaiyur	Avarampatti	Manapparai

17	Malayadipatti	Malayadipatti	Manapparai
18	Theerampatti	Malayadipatti	Manapparai
19	Periyakulathupatti	Periyakulathupatti	Manapparai
20	Manjampatti	Manapparai	Manapparai

- Potential Teachers with necessary qualification and experience have been identified and interviewed for appointment.
- The Evening Tuition Centres will be held from 6 pm to 8 pm on the week days and working days.
- Every day, physical exercises including Yoga, will be held for 15 minutes.

8. Budget Plan:

SI	Line Items / Activities Planned	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost in INR
1	Furnishing the Tuition Centre with Teaching equipment, consumables, etc	Centres	20	2000	40,000
2	Honorarium to Tutor / Teachers @ INR. 2000 per month x 10 months	Centres	20	20000	4,00,000
3	Water, Electricity and Maintenance	Centres	20	10000	2,00,000
	Total			INR	6,40,000
				EURO	7,442
	Deduct				
	Local Contribution			INR	2,10,012
				EURO	2442
	Grant Requested			INR	4,30,000
				EURO	5,000
	EURO 5000 per year X 3 YEARS			EURO	15,000

9. Our Appeal: In conclusion, the After School Programmes are essential in remote rural villages because they fill critical gaps in the education system, provide targeted support, and empower students to overcome educational challenges, ultimately leading to improved life opportunities and community development. Access to education empowers children to break the cycle of poverty and contribute to the socio-economic development of their communities. Evening tuition centers play a crucial role in this empowerment process. Therefore, we would very much appreciate and request your generosity in sanctioning the project for the benefit of the orphan and disadvantaged children who are slow learners.