KURINJI NETWORK EVALUATION

1. Introduction:

1.1 We undertook this evaluation process in order to review the activities of the Kurunchi Network, which has carried out systematic work in Salem and Namakkal districts during the last 3 years, namely, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

1.2 We tried to access the achievement of the Kurunchi Network, qualitatively and quantitatively.

1.3 The aim of Kurunchi Network is stated as sharing information, overview a, resource, and extending solidarity among network members, for peoples causes, through joint action programmers.

1.4 The term member NGOS of the Network have brought in their speak skills and different users of concern, like Debt and tribal & Issues, child Rights, gender equality, prevention of female infanticide and facified.

1.5 Study survey and Documentation, followed by massive campaigns followed by advocacy and lobbying have been going on during the 3year project period.

1.6 Porters, handbills and brooklets highlighting research finding, bean intents to the multiple actions by the network, to reach their soul.

1.7 Our evaluation indicates that all then efforts have just touched the tip of an iceberg bug, and much more needs to be done.

1. Social Empowerment

a) Strengthening sangams & Dealing women issues

- Membership increased in each sangam
- Women resolved their family problems with groups
- Government fund flow to the villages for the worth of Rs.1,12,900
- 85% of members were prevented from infanticide
- Village and Panchayat level committee generated on prevention of female infanticide and foeticide

b) Cultural program on protection of girl children

- Members were motivated to educate girl children
- 80% of members made aware of Government schemes for girl children
- 22 members availed the schemes to the extent of Rs.1,12,400.
- Harassment of women in villages reduced

c) Celebrating International Women’s Day
• Awareness on property rights, reproductive rights, decision making rights generated
• Disputes of atrocities resolved by negotiations

d) Pada yatra on ‘Prevention of violence on women’

• 52% of women stopped loans from money lenders
• Government action against money lenders
• Money lenders were reduced in target area.
• Violence by money lenders reduced by 80%

e) Demonstration and protest against unregistered scan centres

• Vigil on scan centers by women & District Medical Officer
• Government action to register scan centers
• Awareness to made sex selection abortion is illegal

2. Economic empowerment

a) Small savings and credit Assistance

• Women groups meet twice, make regular savings
• Unnecessary expenditure curbed by 30%
• Money lenders got reduced by 50%
• Bank managers take part in group meetings

b) Credit Assistance Program

• Total loan repayment
• Loan by revolving capital
• Girl children’s education & health achieved
• Women influence over men in family matters
3. **Political Empowerment**

   a) **Participation of Group Members in Gram Sabha**

   - Women empowered to question Gram Sabha
   - Attending grievances by Panchayat presidents/ward members
   - Groups avail community hall for meetings
   - Basic amenities achieved

   b) **Self management of elected women presidents/ ward members**

   - Women function independently
   - Women move out freely without men
   - Panchayat gives importance for women problems

4. **Protection of Girl Children**

   a) **Door to Door Counselling to eligible couple**

   - 29 cases of atrocities identified & addressed
   - Good rapport between staff and target group
   - Women Groups get respect in the community
   - Change of attitude among men on gender equity

   b) **Documenting birth & death of children**

   - Change of attitude in providing care to girl children
   - Female infanticide prevented
   - Some women prefer Government cradle scheme

   c) **Promoting kitchen Gardening**

   - Anemic complaints reduced
   - Women produce Rs.200 worth vegetables per month

5. **Training**

   a) **Staff training**


- Reporting habit regularized
- PME process become proper & effective
- Communication skills enhanced
- Achieving target with ease

b) Group leaders training

- Police gives due respect to women groups
- Groups avail Government schemes
- 100% girl children of leaders get education

c) Cultural training

- Inhibition, shyness of staff dispelled
- Team spirit developed
- Skill in various arts developed

6. Joint Action Programme

a) Seminar on Rights of Girl Children & prevention of female infanticide & foeticide

- Government formulated schemes for girl children
- Working children enumerated
- Progress achieved in caring girl children

b) Rally cum Human Chain

- Panchayat level committee to prevent female infanticide
  /foeticide formed
- Lobbying with local MLA & petition submitted

c) Block level conference

- 3 family issues solved
- 3 women benefited Government welfare schemes
- Sangam strengthened at block level