



**LOYOLA COLLEGE**

Chennai 34

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

RURAL CAMP 2014

Shift-2

**Camp Name: “Vidaihal”**

**Theme: “Social Transformation”**

**Camp Directors**

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Prof. Vallary Patric

**CAMP REPORT**

## **Introduction:**

The Social Work Department of Loyola College make efforts to make the curriculum more skill based and practical. As part of curriculum the students of Social work are required to experience a rural experience. To serve this purpose the rural camp was designed from 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The chief organizer of the rural camp was Prof. Bala Muthu Murugan and Prof. Vallary Patric. The Vision of the camp is to find out the reality of social, economic, cultural, political, religious, traditional and health conditions of the community. The theme for the camp is “**Vidaihal**” which includes “Social Transformation”.

### **Objectives of the Camp:**

- To get exposure to Rural living.
- To understand rural lifestyle and reality.
- To experience group living.
- To help students to develop talents and skills such as rapport building, Decision making, Teamwork and Leadership.
- To become more responsible and committed towards social Realities.

### Pre-camp meetings:

It was held between 10<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> November. On these meetings the Camp Leaders were selected and also committees were fixed and Leader for each committee were selected.

### Camp Leaders:

- ❖ Mr Gladstone Paul Dass
- ❖ Ms Saranya Baskar

### Committees:

<b>Program committee</b>	<b>Manual Committee</b>	<b>Cultural Committee</b>	<b>Food Committee</b>
1.Deenan(L)	1.Jaya Prakash(L)	1.Hemalatha(L)	1.Elango(L)
2.Stephen	2.Satish	2.Prisca	2.Yamini
3.Bevina	3.Sneha	3.Abinaya	3.Jagan
4.Vijay	4.Vignesh	4.Aishwarya	4.Ophir
5.Vasanth	5.Selva		5.Philip
	6.Yogesh		6.Robin
	7.Rayan		

<b>Transport Committee</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>Health Committee</b>	<b>Documentation Committee</b>
1.Crystal(L)	1.Raunakh(L)	1.Johanna(L)	1.Aravind
2.Amala	2.Ramacandran	2.Shilpa	2.Arun
3.Aanandh	3.Triphena	3.Bertina	3.Diana
		4.Triphosa	4.Prabakaran

### **Pilot Visit:**

Pilot visit is essential for conducting the rural camp. One group goes to Sogandi and another group goes to Cuddalore. Though both the village communities had ample scope for a rural camp. It was decided that “Sogandi” was the best place in terms of distance.

### **Consecutive Meetings:**

- ⦿ Requirements and schedules were presented by various committees.
- ⦿ According to the suggestion of staffs and students schedules were restructured.
- ⦿ On 19.11.2014 final schedule was presented by all the committees.
- ⦿ All the requirements and final schedule was approved by the whole group.
- ⦿ The budget announced for the camp by the Finance committee was Rs.1,14,000. Therefore each student was expected to pay Rs.3000 per head.
- ⦿ Rev.Fr.Benjamin through CRDS helped us for the accommodation.

**The following are the highlights undertaken by the students in the ten day rural camp:**

### ❖ Awareness program on Reproductive health system:



With the help of RUWSEC Ngo we organised awareness program on reproductive health. Around 35 village women benefited from that. They had cleared their doubts about the problems they faced in their reproductive system.

### ❖ Base Line Survey:

With the questionnaire prepared, the students undertook BLS and also prepared resource mapping and social mapping. On valedictory function, the report of the Base Line survey was presented in a power point format.

### ❖ Planting 105 Saplings:

With the leadership and guidance from the manual work committee and participation of all students we planted 105 saplings around the village. We motivated the children and families in the village to take care of every single plant.



#### ❖ Cultural Programmes:

In the evening we organised cultural programme through which we created awareness about social evil like drug addiction, Gender equity, education etc. we performed street theatre, puppet show, traditional dances. The students were highly motivated to do better each day as we received a very good response from the village with more than 100 members being our audience.

#### ❖ Career Development for School Children:



We conducted career guidance, general motivation, health and hygiene classes for the students of standard 8<sup>th</sup>,9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the village Panchayat school. The objective is to give awareness on value of education, importance of cleanliness and provide information to encourage children on availability of higher education within the vicinity.

❖ **General Medical and Dental Camp:**



The Students organised free general health checkup and dental camp with the help of Rotary club of Chengalpattu and Asan Dental college. A total no. of 94 peoples benefited from the camp.

❖ **Awareness Program on Breast Cancer:**



An awareness program on Breast cancer and cervical cancer with the help of an NGO, Chennai turns pink was organised where in 25 women participated and clarified a number of queries with regard to cancer.

## **First Day on Camp (20.11.2014)**

The trainees and the staffs reached the campsite 'Sogandi' at 11:30am. Boys were accommodated in the SHG building and the girls in the presbytery within the village.

Norms for the camp was set,

- wakeup time-5.30am
- prayer-6.30am
- Cleaning and cooking teams-Roaster basis
- Time Management-whistle blowers as signal

Campers divided into groups and made an initial visit to the village community to establish rapport. In the evening the camp was inaugurated with cultural events. The chief guests were panchayat president Mr.Ezhlumalai, vice president Mr.Chitti Babu and Rev.Fr.Adaikalam. They welcomed the students and promised that they will give their full support. Trainees presented their observations before evaluation which was organised each day like history, local leaders, available resources and major problems in the village. The observations of the trainees helped us to prepare questions for Base Line Survey.

### **Committees report during evaluation:**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: The committee could prepare and make arrangements for departure at 10.00 am. The students could reach the destination at 1:30 pm. The bus travel was sponsored by the Star Cricket Club.

FOOD COMMITTEE: The committee was able to arrange and serve lunch at 2.30. Tea was served at 5.30pm which was followed by dinner at 8.30pm arranged and served by all the committee members. The lunch was sponsored by the Star Cricket Club.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The finance committee had planned to use the budget for buying grocery, vegetables, vessels, stove.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE: The cultural committee had planned inauguration programme well and was well presented.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: As per the initial visit and its findings we planned our inauguration programme on the first day.

### **Second Day on Camp (21.11.2014)**

#### **Work for the day:**

- Manual work
- Base Line Survey
- Practice for Culturals-Resource person Dr.Kaleeswaran

**Process:**

Manual work team divided the whole group into five teams and delegated responsibility in different parts of the village for cleaning around the village area, Removal of unwanted bushes, shrubs and filling of pits in the village. Cleaning around the places near Balwadi, priest resident, school, library and playground.

After that, Resource person Dr.Kaleeswaran explained the details as to how to take House hold or Base Line Survey and also explained how to interact with the people in the community and how to identify the problems and plan according to their needs.

Then the students conducted extensive Base Line Survey in every street. The survey form consisted of 20 questions.

**Committees report during evaluation:**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The committee made sure that the schedule for the day was followed on time, starting from prayer to evaluation. They gave prior information about the next day's schedule.

**HEALTH COMMITTEE:** Medicine was provided to a classmate who was suffering from health problem.

**MANUAL WORK COMMITTEE:** Students was divided into five teams and delegated responsibility in different parts of the village like removal of unwanted shrubs and bushes.

## **Third Day of Camp (22.11.2014)**

### **Work for the day:**

- ⦿ Manual work
- ⦿ Awareness training on Reproductive Health program
- ⦿ Preparation for sports day
- ⦿ Base Line survey

### **Process:**

As usual manual work was organised in the morning, followed by an awareness program on Reproductive health system by RUWSEC for the women in the village. Total of 30 women benefited from that awareness program. This program was conducted to create awareness about the reproductive health of men and women on a rights based approach.

The students then continued the Base line survey in remaining houses. In the evening the trainees informed community about sports day, the trainees collected the names of the participants for the sports day. The participants for the sports day were children, youth and women.

### **Committees report during evaluation:**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The committee made sure that the schedule for the day was followed on time, starting from prayer to evaluation. Organised the awareness program on Reproductive health. Made the schedules for the next day sports events.

**MANUAL WORK COMMITTEE:** The committee arranged and prepared the ground for sports day events.

**CULTURAL COMMITTEE:** The committee could engage groups for rehearsal for various events like dance, puppet and street theatre to make sure that all students participated except the food preparation team.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The committee spend the allocated money for sports day and also use the budget for grocery, vegetables.

**HEALTH COMMITTEE:** Medicine was provided to some students affected by simple ailments.

### **Fourth day of Camp (23.11.2014)**

#### **Work for the day:**

- ❖ Conduct Sports day.
- ❖ Cultural and prize distribution for sports.

#### **Process:**

Immediately after prayer the place for the sport events was prepared.

#### **EVENTS**

Children- Balloon bursting , sack race, Biscuit eating, filling up the bottle

Youth boys- Cricket, volley ball.

Youth girls-Tug of war, kho-kho, lemon in the spoon.

Women-Bomb in the city, tug of war, cookery and rangoli.



We divided the children according to their age. After that games were conducted for children. Afternoon for the youth boys and in the evening for the women and youth girls. It was real fun and everyone enjoyed the day. Prizes were distributed by the chief guests Mr.Dhawoodh and Mr.Sabarish from Star Cricket Club. They gave away the prizes to the winners of the Sports events.

**Committees report during evaluation:**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The committee made sure that the schedule for the Sports day was followed on time and executed it. There was inconvenience faced during Cultural programme due to incidents caused by local men who were drunk. Later the committee gave prior information about the next day's schedule.

**HEALTH COMMITTEE:** Medicines were provided for the injured students, children and village people during sports events.

**MANUAL WORK COMMITTEE:** The committee helped some manual work in conducting various events.

**TRANSPORT COMMITTEE:** The committee arranged vehicles to purchase things for the sports event, grocery and vegetables.

### **Fifth day of camp (24.11.2014)**

#### **Work for the day:**

- ⊙ Planting saplings
- ⊙ Awareness Program on Life Skills on Reproductive health for the students.

#### **Process**

In the morning we planted 105 saplings in the village. We selected the places along with local people to plant a sapling. With the guidance of manual committee we the students planted 105 saplings all around the village. Some people asked the students to plant the saplings in their home. The students

asked the children and village people to water the saplings. The program committee arranged Reproductive health program for campers as they too needed awareness on the above topic. The awareness program helped the students to know about the reproductive health system of both men and women very clearly and it was really useful for the students. Evening both the trainees and the village people practised for cultural. The trainees mobilized village people for cultural program. The cultural programme began at 6.35pm. An awareness songs was sung by both the village people and the trainees. After that puppet show was performed. It was mainly based on women empowerment. Then the trainee Abinaya gave a speech on women empowerment.

### **Committees report during evaluation:**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The committee made sure that the schedule for the day was followed on time. Organised the life skill program for campers. They gave prior information about the next day's schedule.

**MANUAL WORK COMMITTEE:** Students were divided into groups and planted 105 saplings all around the village.

**HEALTH COMMITTEE:** Medicines were provided for students who suffered during manual work.

**CULTURAL COMMITTEE:** The committee could engage students for various events like song, dance puppet, street theatre etc.

### **Sixth day of camp (25.11.2014)**

#### **Work for the day:**

- ◎ Undertook Survey for resource mapping and social mapping
- ◎ Organised career guidance, General Motivation, Health and Hygiene classes to the nearby High school children.

**Process:**

In the morning students were divided into three groups. The task was set to first group it was to conduct classes for school children. So the group work on that, they selected the topic and prepared for it. In the afternoon the group went to school. They conducted the classes in three sessions. The objective is to give awareness on value of education, importance of cleanliness. On the camp site the second group consolidated the survey list and created a power point presentation on the data collected. The program committee planned to project this PowerPoint on valedictory function. The third group designed the social and resource mapping of Sogandi Village which was planned to project during valedictory function. As usual cultural was began in the evening with street theatre, Puppet show, traditional dances performed by students.

**Committees report during evaluation:**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The committee undertook base line survey, resource mapping and organised classes for school children. They gave prior information about the next day's schedule.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The committee used the budget to purchase grocery and vegetables.

FOOD COMMITTEE: The committee could manage the food on time and was told to prepare limited food as it wouldn't go waste.

### **Seventh day of camp (26.11.2014)**

#### **Work for the day**

- ⊙ Campaign on Medical camp
- ⊙ Community Lunch
- ⊙ Visit to Carmelite Garden convent and special school for the mentally Retarded

#### **Process**

In preparation for the medical camp for the next day the students planned to canvas about it through sound service and also through house to house visit at Sogandi and nearby villages. In the afternoon as planned we had a community lunch. We spent time with families in their homes and shared lunch with them. In the evening, we visited the Carmelite garden convent by walk which was 3km away from Sogandi. The special school in this village had very good ambience with facilities in place. We interacted with the mentally challenged students. In the evening few students again went to campaign with the sound service. The cultural event that evening was organised with just traditional dances because of power failure.

#### **Committees report during evaluation:**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Made the arrangements for campaign through sound service for medical camp. They gave prior information about the next day's schedule.

**CULTURAL COMMITTEE:** The committee trained the village people for cultural events.

**FOOD COMMITTEE:** The committee purchased grocery and vegetables.

**HEALTH COMMITTEE:** Medicines were provided for students who suffered from health students.

### **Eighth day of camp (27.11.2014)**

#### **Work for the day:**

- ◎ Organised a Dental and General Medical camp

#### **Process**

In the morning we arranged the places for medical camp. It was both General health checkup and dental camp. We separated the place by using a Shamiyana. Then Doctors and assistants came from Rotary club of Chengalpattu and Asan Dental College. We issued tokens system for patients and a total no. of 94 people benefited from the medical camp.

In the afternoon we went trekking to the nearby hill with the help of the forest ranger. Our manual work committee took in charge to lead the students in forest. We were not able to see animals because we were too many in number. Next

day we had a camp valedictory function therefore we were involved in practice. The cultural committee also planned to involve the village youth in cultural. So one group gave training to youth.

**Committees report during evaluation:**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The committee organised the general medical and dental check-up.

MANUAL WORK COMMITTEE: The committee got permission from the forest department to organise the short trekking.

FOOD COMMITTEE: The committee take in charge of food preparation because of the students went to trekking.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE: The committee engage the students for rehearsal in various events for valedictory function.

**Ninth day of camp (28.11.2104)**

**Work for the day:**

- ⦿ Organised Awareness program on breast cancer.
- ⦿ Manual work.
- ⦿ Trained the village people for cultural.
- ⦿ Valedictory Function.

**Process:**

In the morning we had a manual work in nearby government primary school and library. We cleaned the

bushes in the back side of the building. The program committee planned to organise awareness on breast and cervical cancer for village women. The resource person were from “Chennai turns pink” organisation.

The session started with 30 village women and also along with women students. In the awareness program they discussed about the types of cancer, effect of it on women and the preventions to be taken. At the end of the session the resource person clarified the questions asked by women. After that students involved in cultural practise.

In the evening valedictory function began at 7 p.m. The function was inaugurated by Prof.Vincent Vijay raj. The chief Guests were Ward Member Mr.Michael and Rev.Fr.Adaikalam. The student Mr.stephen presented the Base Line Survey report through power point. Then traditional dances were performed by both the community people and students. Then student performed street theatre and puppet show based on the issues in the village. After the guest speech prizes were distributed. Prizes were distributed for the community people who participated in events. The camp song was sung by all the student.

After the cultural the rural camp concluded with the camp fire which began at 11 pm and continued until 4 am. The students were engaged in dancing, singing and it was real fun.

**Committees report during evaluation:**

Each committee and students appreciated each other's for their better performance in valedictory function.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The committee made sure that the schedule for the day was followed on time, starting from prayer to evaluation.

**CULTURAL COMMITTEE:** Organised the valedictory function from cultural to honour the chief guests. Make sure the participation of all students.

**FOOD COMMITTEE:** Bought the food to be prepare for camp fire.

### **Final day of camp (29.11.2014)**

#### **Work for the day**

- Camp evaluation

#### **Process:**

After breakfast students went to the village to thank the people for their cooperation and support. Then the evaluation started committee wise. Each committee reported their activities on the whole camp. Then the students appreciating each other works in the camp site, it helps the students to know about their capacities. Then both the faculties expressed their observation on students. Then the faculties announced the camp was successful program and it was concluded. We were provided with good lunch by a ward member at his house. Then trainees packed up their things arranged their places as it was before. The trainees and faculties along with

Fr. Adaikalam took a group photo, we reached college by bus at 6.30pm.

### **ACTIVITIES OF MANUAL WORK IN WHOLE CAMP:**

- ⦿ Cleaning around the village area.
- ⦿ Removal of unwanted bushes, shrubs and filling of pits in the village.
- ⦿ Cleaning around the places near Balwadi, priest resident, school, library and playground.
- ⦿ Major task achieved in manual work was plantation of 105 saplings in and around the village.

### **ACTIVITIES OF CULTURAL COMMITTEE:**

- ⦿ Each day in the evening cultural program were staged by the campers from 6-7pm.
- ⦿ There was a good number of audience which included men, women and children.
- ⦿ The cultural program included awareness songs, street theatre, folk dance, puppet show which the people enjoyed.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

### **Camp Expenditure:-**

COMMITTEE	EXPENSE
Transport committee	Rs.2,736+sponsor
Health committee	Rs.740
Manual Work committee	Rs.800
Documentation committee	Rs.500
Programme & Cultural committee	Rs.23,881
Food Committee	Rs.43,543+sponsor
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs.72,200</b>

Before camp Finance committee collect Rs.3000 per head. It comes total of Rs.1, 14,000. After camp the committee returns Rs.1100 per head, total of Rs.41, 800.

## **LEARNINGS DURING EVALUATION:**

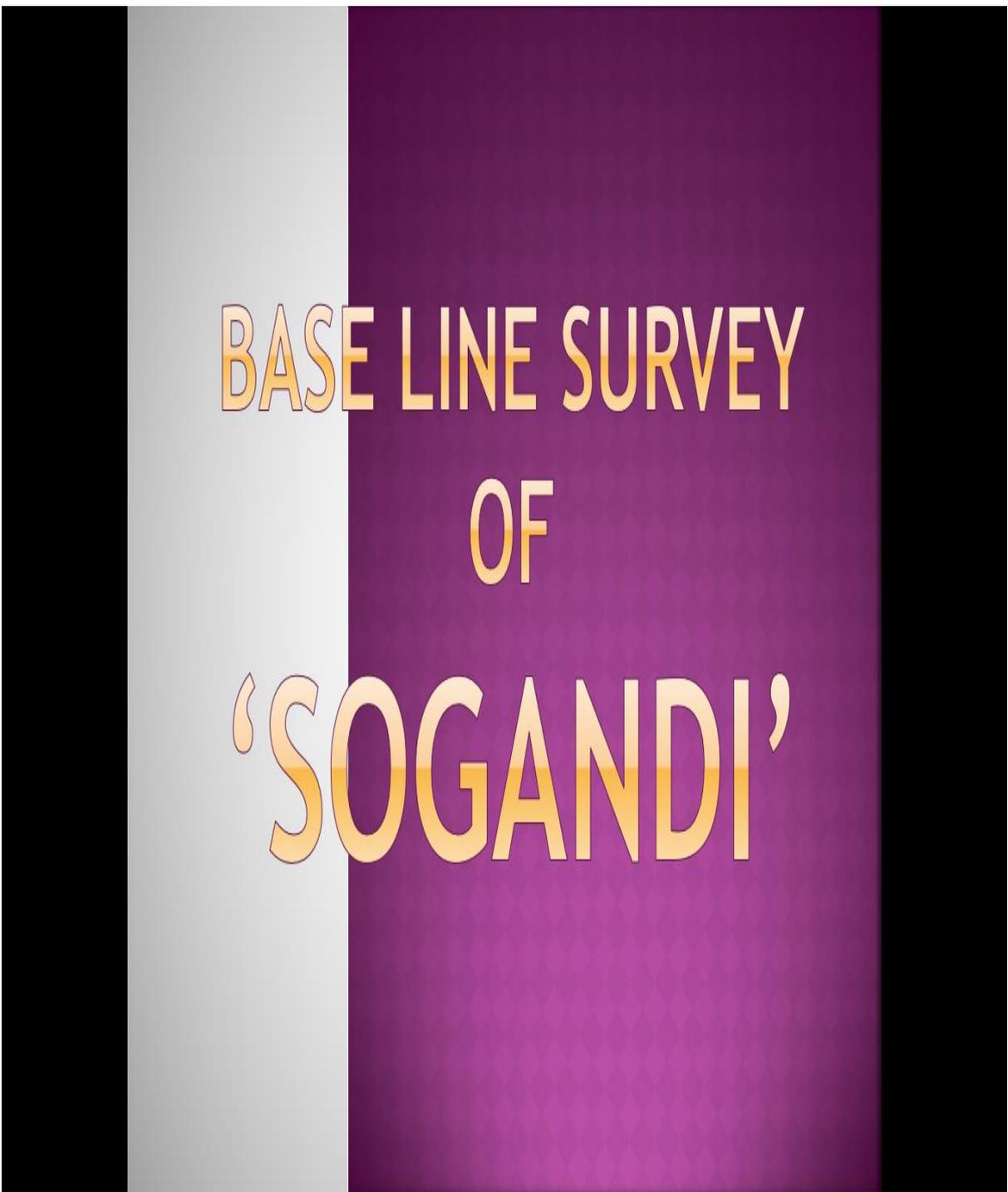
- ◎ The students shared their experience, appreciations as well as grievances each day.
- ◎ The students learnt to appreciate each other and accept suggestions and were open to new learning for better performance.

The process was a SWOT analysis wherein we were able to identify strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats.

### **CONCLUSION:**

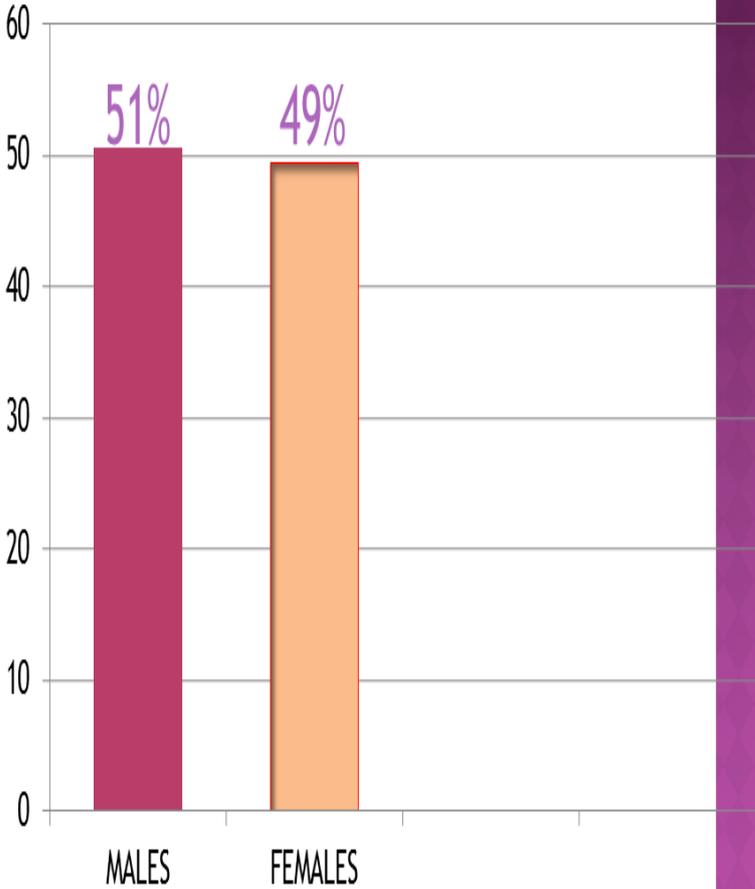
Most of the objectives laid down for the camp were achieved in the allotted time. The trainees learnt various skills and most importantly learnt to work as a team. They could interact well with the community and could adjust well to the rural environment: - the food, weather, surroundings without complaining. Thus, the entire camp was successful in helping the students to apply social work skills and principles to the rural community.

# **ABOUT SOGANDI**

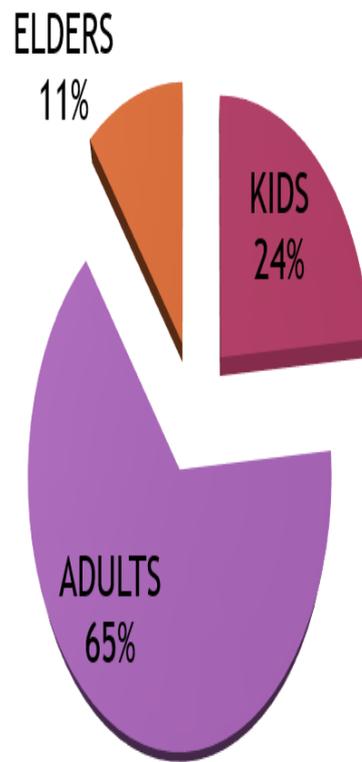


BASE LINE SURVEY  
OF  
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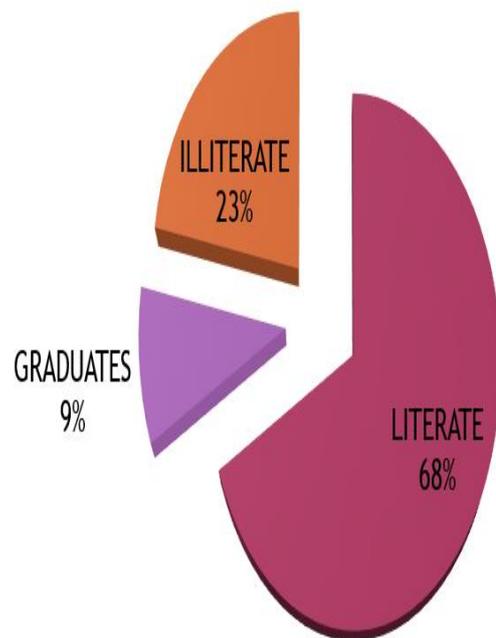
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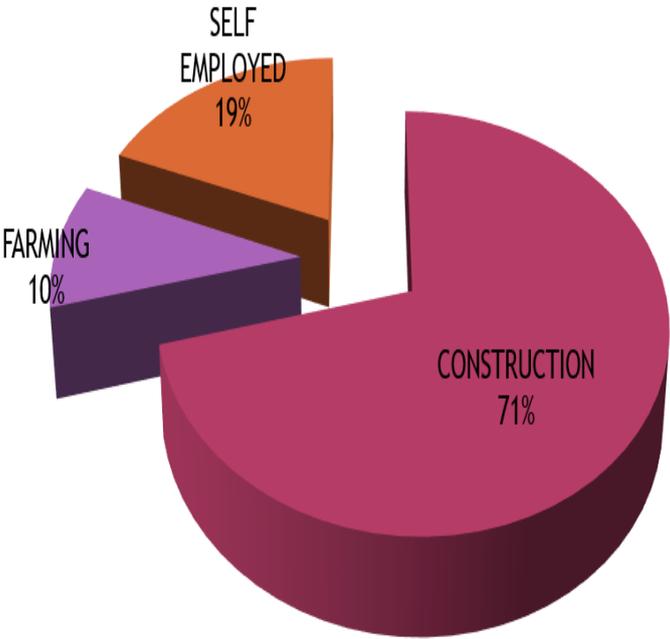
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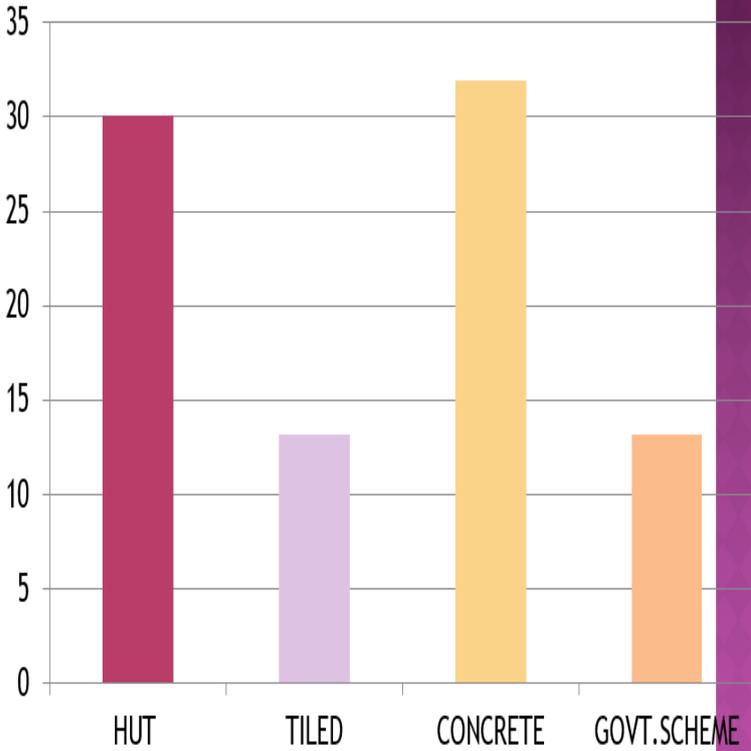
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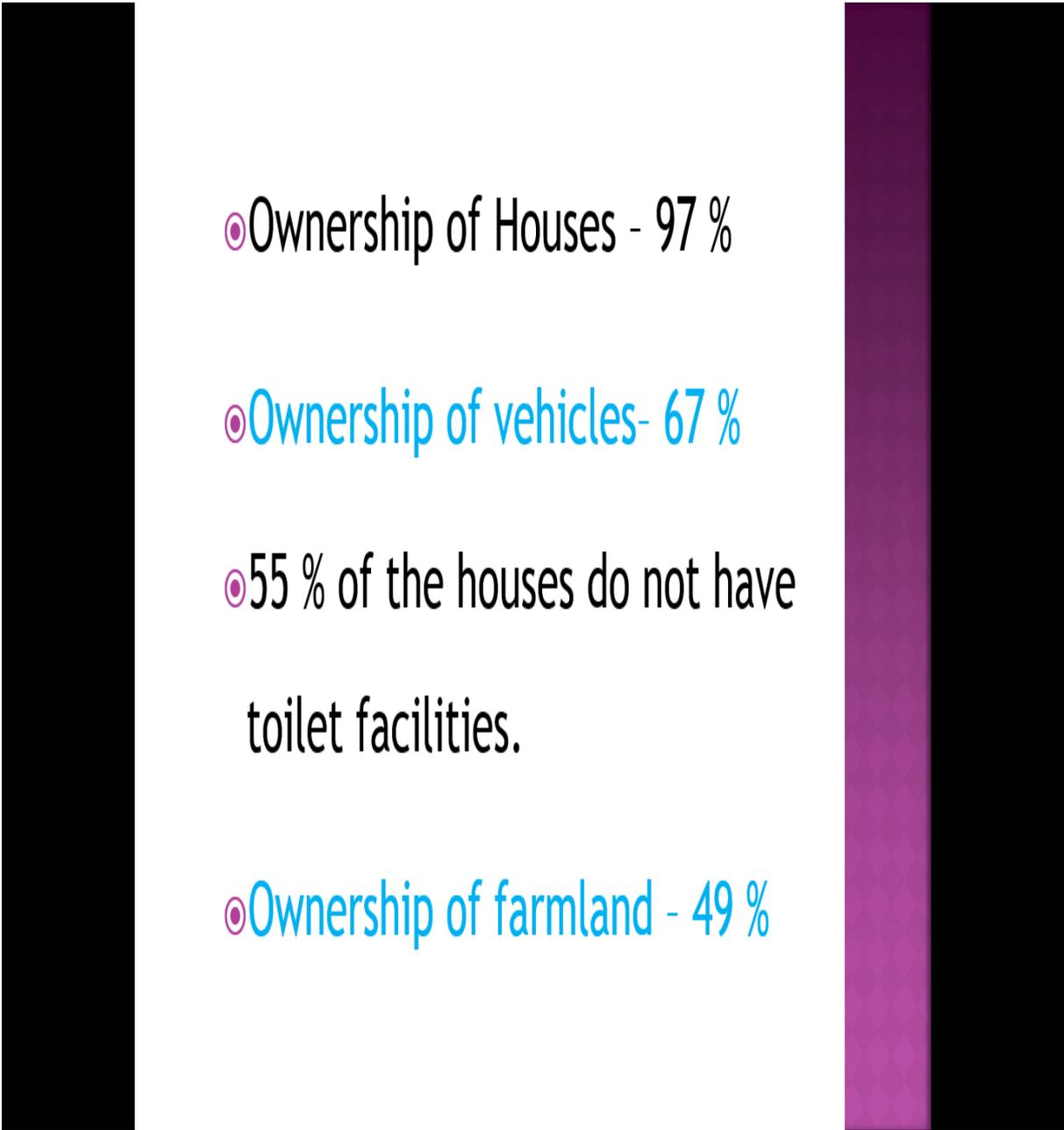


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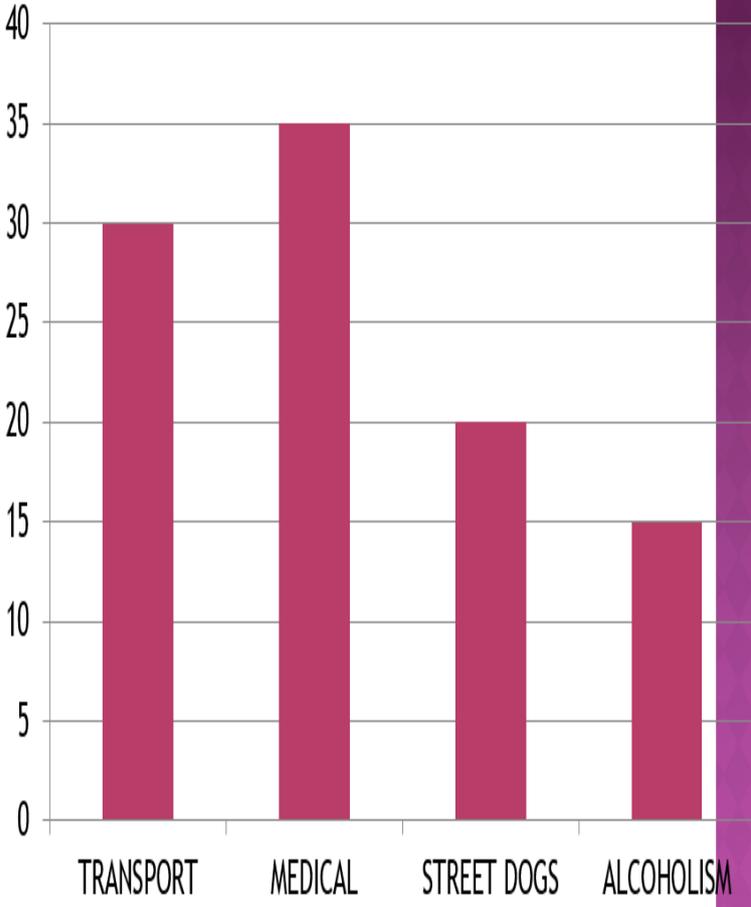


# TYPES OF HOUSES

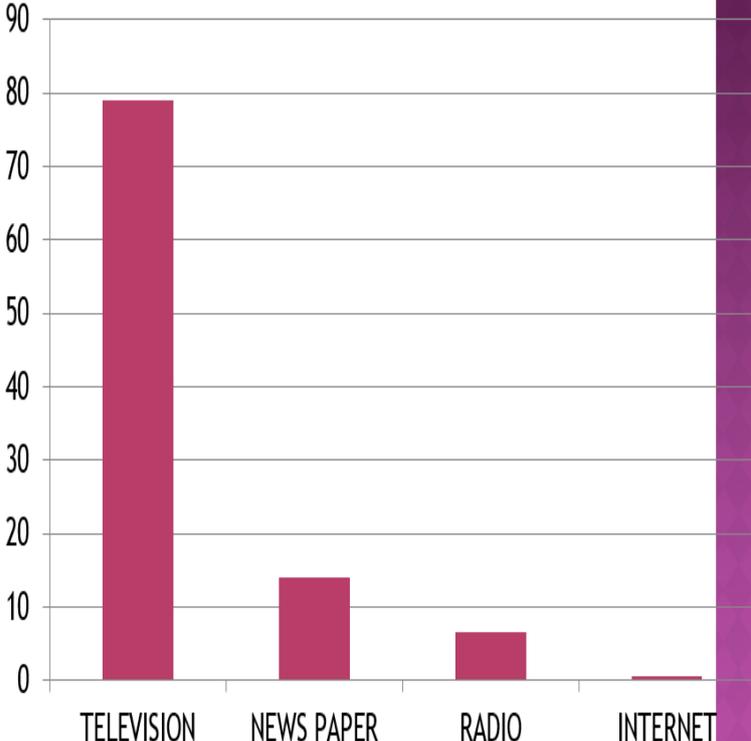


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- ◉ Ownership of Houses - 97 %
  - ◉ Ownership of vehicles- 67 %
  - ◉ 55 % of the houses do not have toilet facilities.
  - ◉ Ownership of farmland - 49 %

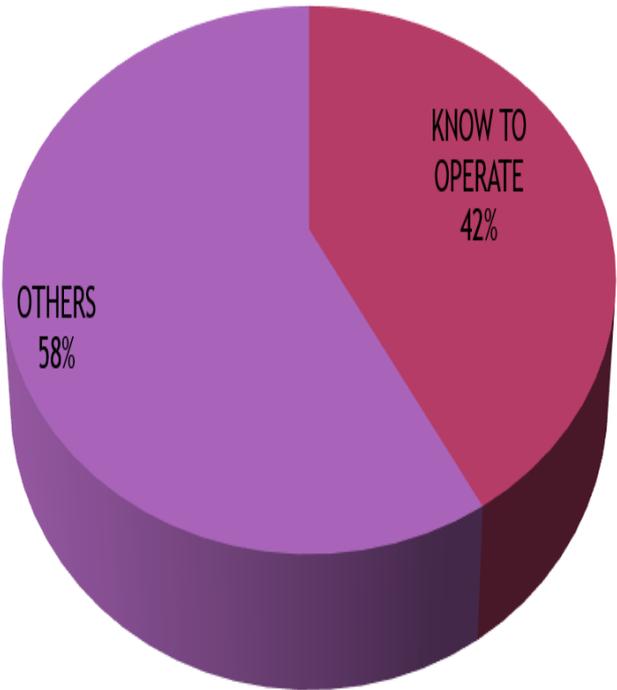
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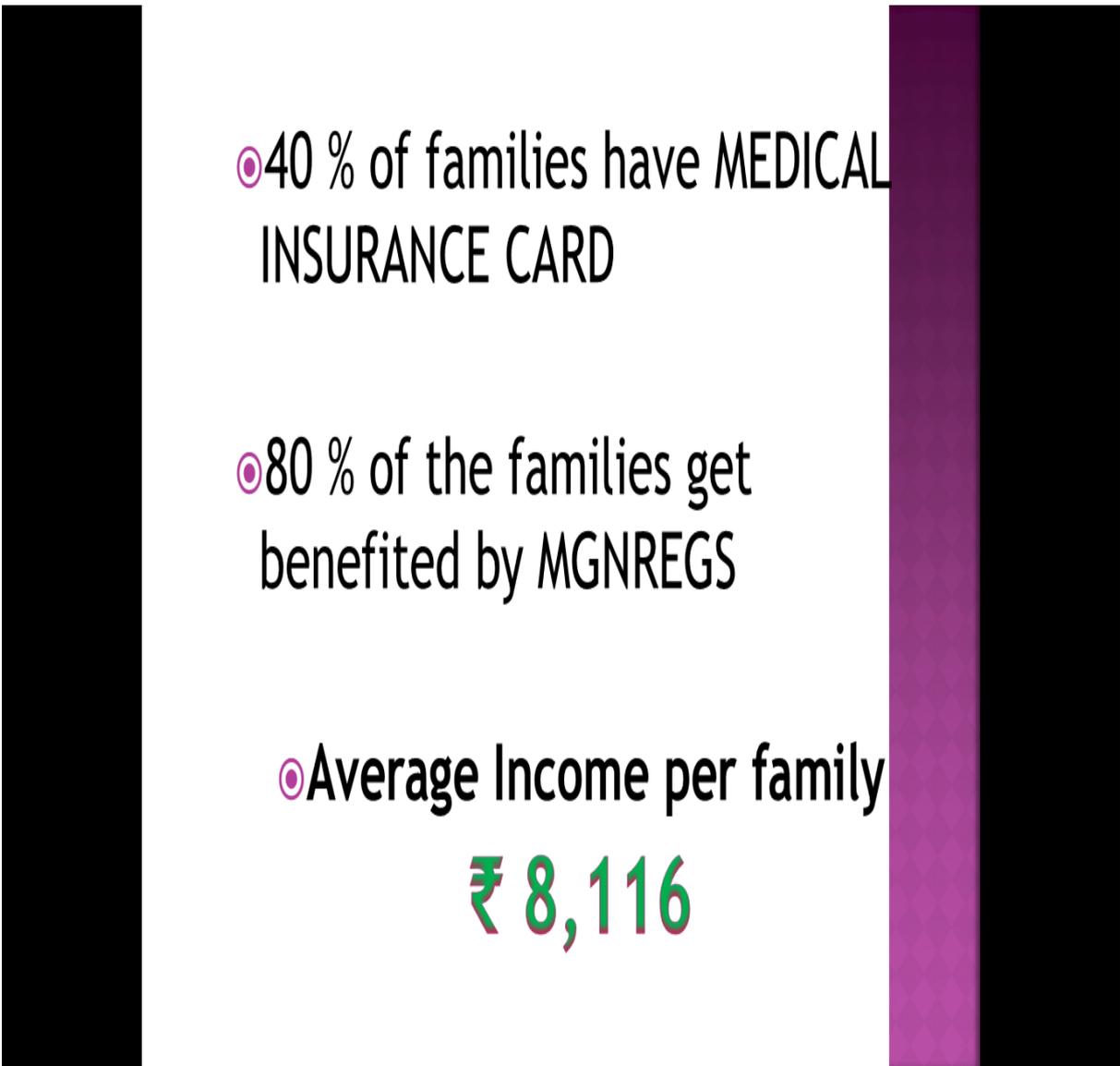


# ACCESS TO DAILY NEWS



# GRADUATES WITH COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE





- ◉ 40 % of families have MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD

- ◉ 80 % of the families get benefited by MGNREGS

- ◉ Average Income per family

₹ 8,116

## AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Wells	23	Church Wells-4 Panchayat Well-1 Individual Wells-18
Water Tank	1	
water taps	45	Common taps- 20 Own taps-25
Hand Pumps	7	Working Condition-2
Other water sources	6	3 Ponds & 3 Lakes
Neighbourhood Villages	6	Alagusamuthiram Veerakuppam Nenmeli Adavilakkam Neneri

<b>Near by Colleges</b>	<b>Asan Dental College-3km</b>
No. Of Self Help Groups	6
Bank	Indian Overseas Bank - Chengalpattu
Ration shop	Sogandi -1/2km
EB Office	Nenmeli-3km
Hospitals	Chengalpattu -6km Thirukalukundram-5km
No. Of Petrol Bunks	Nenmeli Chengalpattu Thirukalukundram

No. of Street Lights	21	Working Condition- 15
No. of Electrical Post	6 Posts & 1 transformer	
No. of Schools	3	Sogandi Government High School-1km Sogandi Govt Primary school ICDS Center-Balwadi Little Jacky Matriculation School-1 1/2km
No. of Primary Health Centre	1	Person In-charge - Ms. Shanthi
No. of Grocery Shops	2	

# THANK YOU

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