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# THE EAST WEST FOUNDATION OF INDIA

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### A CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Founded 1994

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**Health Care, Education, Child Rights and Relief, Community Development  
and Environmental initiatives in Rural India**

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## AN OVERVIEW OF THE EAST WEST FOUNDATION OF INDIA

The East West Foundation of India (TEWFI) is a charitable and educational Foundation committed to working towards the development and empowerment of the socially and economically marginalized communities in rural India. The Foundation achieves this through a range of initiatives in health care, education, children's rights and relief, community development programs, and environmental projects.

TEWFI was founded by Dr. Natteri V. Chandran in 1994 and has support from individuals and organizations across the globe, who donate funds, valuable skills, and resources.

### Mission

Working with disadvantaged communities in rural India to provide long-term, sustainable improvements to quality of life through a range of relief and development initiatives.

### Vision

Communities in rural India which are vibrant, healthy, and safe, and where each person has access to opportunities to reach their full potential.

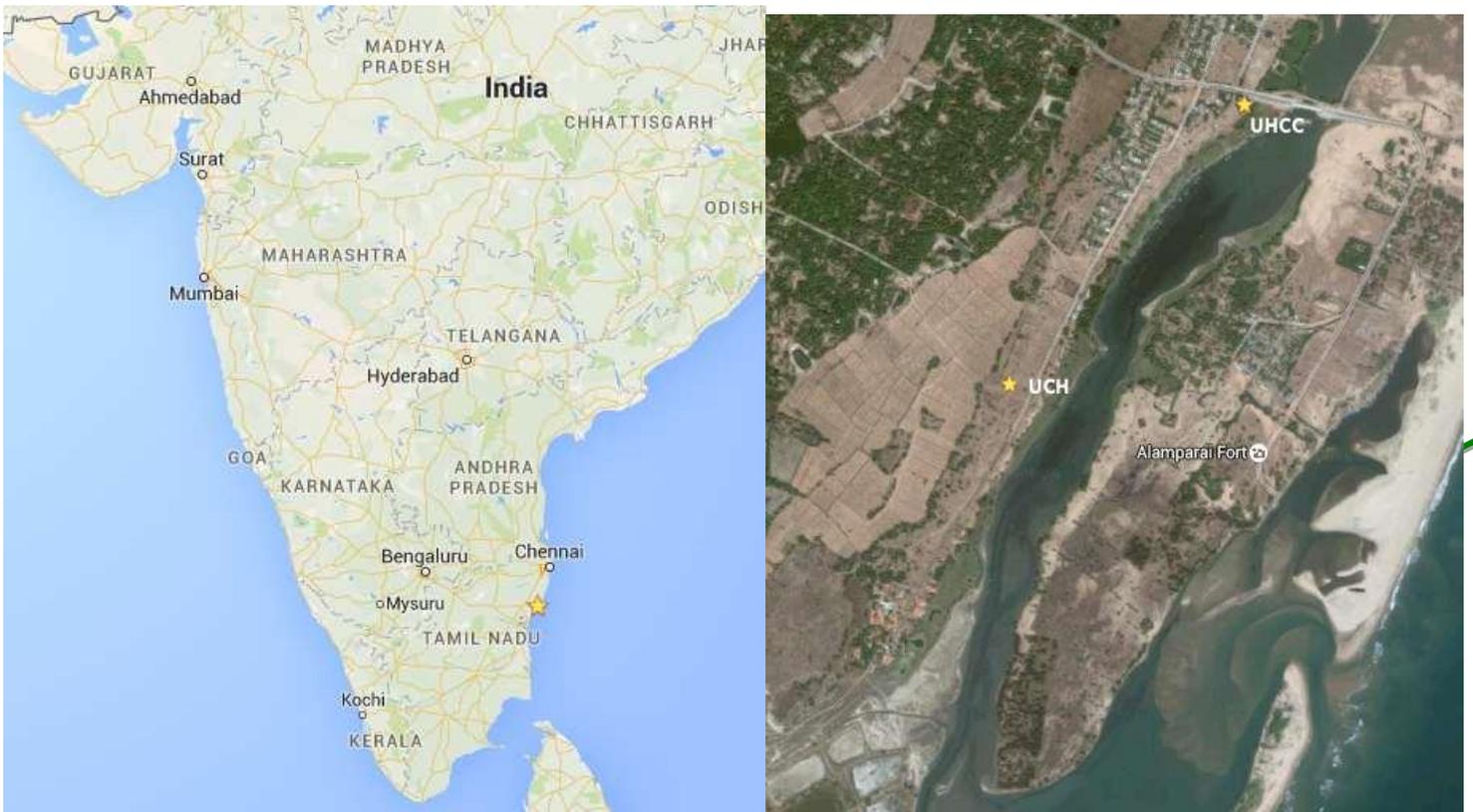
### How we do this

- Through our Healthcare initiatives by ensuring each community member has access to basic healthcare.
- Through our Community Education Programs by working with local schools and community groups to ensure each child has the opportunity to receive a quality education
- Through our Uluru Children's Home by providing shelter, care and holistic education to destitute children.

- Through our Community Development Programs by working with local groups to create active and empowered communities.
- Through our Environment Programs by working with communities to conserve and rehabilitate local habitats and educate people about sustainable fishing and farming practices.

## Where we do this

TEWFI works with fishing and farming communities in the 24 villages of the Edaikazhinadu Panchayat with a population of 32,000 on the south east coast of India. We are located 100km south of Tamil Nadu capital, Chennai, and 45km north of Pondicherry.



## Trustees report 2015-16



The Board of Trustees acknowledge the support and excellent work of all TEWFI staff.

This period has been a challenging year for The East West Foundation of India.

Mr. S. Subramanian, Manager of the Foundation, decided to retire and move to Chennai to be with his family in late June. His decade of service was much appreciated by the staff and the Board, and our best wishes for his future were conveyed at a send-off function at Uluru. Our thanks to all the staff for handling this transition period so well.

Raising funds has continued to be particularly demanding during this year and it has been only thanks to our committed donors, supporters and volunteers that the Foundation has been able to negotiate these difficult times. Dr. Chitra Chandran's illness also sidelined one of TEWFI's best fundraisers. All of the Foundation's funds are still raised through the gracious donations made by its supporters.

The Foundation continues to be very conscious of the need to secure its continuing works with a corpus fund.

The Uluru Health Care Centre under Dr. Premnath has continued doing excellent work in the region. Its work in taking its Mobile Health Clinic into each of the 24 villages in the community had to be paused on account of the Foundation's Mahindra Bolero motor vehicle being stolen.

Our children at the Uluru Children's Home (UCH) continue to flourish under the guidance of Mrs. Geetha and thanks to her and the UCH teachers the educational standards of our children at UCH continue to grow. Education in the arts for the children continues along with their academic education.

The Foundation also continues to be actively involved in the education of the community.

The Uluru Nursery and Primary School is functioning well in its beautiful new premises. The primary school classrooms are about to be added.

The Vicki Standish e-Education Centre (VSeEC) has been very busy over this period providing computer literacy education and ICT education to the children and young people in the community. In the evenings UCH children use the facilities. VSeEC is actively taking computer education into the community and has been so well received that the Foundation is looking at ways to grow and extend its programmes.

TEWFI's exciting and innovative 'electronic Classroom on Wheels' (eCoW) funded by the Cognizant Foundation continues doing excellent work in the community. It has attracted a lot of interest and has now been joined by the new fully equipped and fitted out bus that Mr. Satish Ramakrishna and family from New York graciously donated. They are now referred to as eCoW1 and eCoW2!

VSeEC also acts as a Village Knowledge Centre and provides a resource for information which is necessary for the empowerment of the community.

The Foundation's many Community Development initiatives and activities have been making a noticeable impact and have been well received and well attended.

The Foundation's Solid Waste Management facility in the region in affiliation with Pitchandikulam Forests Bio-resource (Auroville) continues creating a healthier pleasanter Edaikazhinadu and preventing degradation of the local environment.

The Women's Centre continues to serve and make a positive and significant impact on the well-being of women and the girl child.

The Uluru Coastal Environment Education Centre has been educating the children of UCH and the community in coastal ecology, conservation and traditional medicine.

Another important addition this year has been the waste water management system for the Children's home.

The Volunteer Programme continues to grow and evolve. It is focusing nowadays on Health Care and Community Education.

The Foundation has made significant contributions the past year in all areas of its charter –Health Care; Education; Child Rights and Community Development and Environmental Sustainability and I would recommend you visit

[www.tewfi.org](http://www.tewfi.org) for a more comprehensive account.

On behalf of TEWFI I must again acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the consistent support of our donors, volunteers and staff of the Foundation, without which all that we have been able to accomplish would not have been possible.

The gracious pro bono involvement of all Trustees, Members of various committees and the many Volunteers for all the time, thought and effort so graciously given is also gratefully acknowledged.

Dr. Natteri V. Chandran  
Founder and Chair, Board of Trustees

## KEY EVENTS 2015-16

This year sadly saw the retirement of our Manager Mr. S. Subramanian. We are very grateful to Mr. Subramanian for his many years of service to the Foundation and we wish him all the very best as he joins his family in Chennai.



Farewell party for Manager Mr. Subramanian

In happier news, we had the following new additions to our team here in Uluru:

- Mrs. Muthamil joined us as a Tailoring teacher at the Uluru Women's Centre from June 2015.
- Mr. Siranjeevi was appointed House Father for the boys at UCH in Aug 2015.
- Ms. Mazhalaimozhi, and Mrs. Sasikala joined the staff at UNPS in Aug 2015.
- Mr. Santhosh Kumar was hired as a Garden Assistant in May 2015.

## HEALTH

### The Uluru Health Care Centre

For those in rural India, health care is often inaccessible or too expensive for many. TEWFI addressed this issue with the establishment of the Uluru Health Care Centre (UHCC) in 1998. The first service of its kind in the region, we run a comprehensive primary health care service which provides over 32,000 people with access to medical care of good quality and allows for them to be treated for diseases and conditions for which they would otherwise have had no other means of treatment.

With an average turnout of 80 patients a day, UHCC plays a critical role in meeting health concerns in a region where local primary health centres are lacking and inefficient. The clinic is well equipped and has a team of



dedicated medical staff. This year through a generous donation, we relaunched our ambulance service in case of emergencies we arrange transport through our hospital ambulance which would otherwise force the local population to travel long distances to Government Hospitals.

#### **Mobile Health Care Clinic:** The Mobile Health Care Clinic

reaches out daily to the most vulnerable and remote sections of the population such as tribal communities, the elderly and other members of our communities who have difficulty traveling to and from our centre. Our Mobile Clinic is run



by experienced nurses who travel to all the 24 villages that we serve along with the necessary medical equipment and supplies. They see an average of 60 patients per visit. When the mobile clinic team enters a village, they make a public speaker

announcement regarding their location and consulting times for the day. The locations are typically community halls, schools, public temples and anganwadis which are easily accessible. Apart from treatment, the mobile team also conducts health education programs such as counselling pregnant woman on child rearing practices, teaching mothers about pre and post-natal care, reproductive tract infections, uterus problems, and self-medication. In 2015-16 we saw 6230 patients across the 24 village.

### **Obesity Program conducted by Mankind Pharma:**

On November 2015, an Obesity camp was conducted with Mankind Pharma.



As part of the program a Body Mass Index check-up was conducted on all patients and the social workers conducted a program on obesity related health issues including advice on dietary and lifestyle changes to help reduce obesity related health risks.

### **Women's day program:**

To celebrate and inform the community about International

Women's Day, our Social Workers' organized a Women's day program. The goal of the program was to raise awareness and educate the community about Women's rights and by doing so to empower women and teenage girls. The program was well attended with approximately 60 community members participating. The feedback from the program was very positive and we are already planning the next one!

### **Computerized Medical Records:**

We have begun moving to a computerized medical records system to facilitate better continuity of care.



### **Eye Camp:**

The 2015 eye clinic was conducted in February. The preparation for the annual eye clinic was extensive as was the notification process – our staff printed 150 posters and distributed 5000 notices to surrounding villages and schools.



As a result, we had an amazing turnout of 750 patients and all of these people were examined by the staff from the Aravind Hospital who worked for six hours without a break. Of the 750 patients examined, 21 were identified for cataract surgery, which was conducted at Aravind Eye Hospital in Pondicherry. The children from our Uluru

Children's Home were also checked for eye/vision problems. TEWFI staff all worked together on the preparation and logistics for this successful event.

### **New Vehicle For UHCC:**



Finally, we now have an ambulance thanks to the generosity of our supporters!

## **EDUCATION**



## Uluru Nursery and Primary School

From its inception, TEWFI has always believed strongly in the power of education to help the children in the communities we serve to realise their potential. As a natural 'next step' in our commitment to education, TEWFI started the Uluru Nursery and Primary School (UNPS) in 2012. Since then we have expanded and now teach all levels from Lower Kindergarten to Third Standard.

As noted above, this school was started due to our Founder's passion for education and an understanding that it is the key to overcoming major barriers of poverty. Additionally, it enhances the opportunities for the children living in rural India, thus enabling them to reach their full potential.

UNPS is an English Medium school and is committed to ensuring that children can build a solid foundation in the English language. By doing this we are equipping our children with an incredibly useful tool. Moreover, the school integrates and utilises our facilities in the Environment Education Centre and the Vicki Standish electronic Education Centre (VSeEC) which allows us to provide our UNPS children with a holistic education involving computer skills, interactive multimedia use, and an understanding of the environment and the world around them.

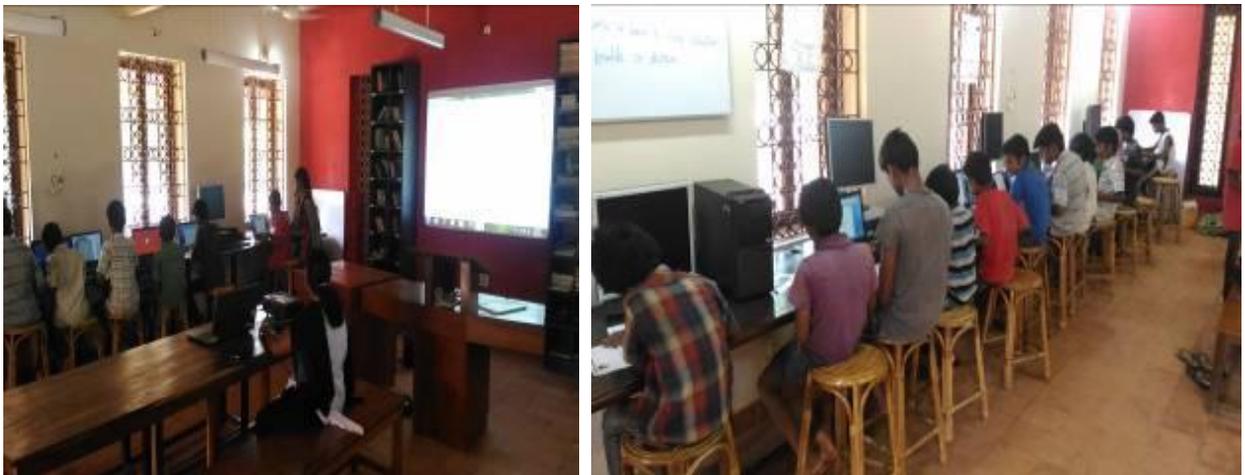
By providing our UNPS children with the highest possible standard of education, we are also endeavouring to raise the standard of education in the entire community as we are hopeful that other local schools will follow suit and enhance the quality of the education they provide to match ours.

The future of the UNPS children, as well as the school, is bright. We currently have a total of fifty students (18 boys and 32 girls). We aim to expand the school further to have a full primary school (up to Fifth Standard) by the year 2016-17.

### **Vicki Standish electronic Education Centre:**

In January 2008 TEWFI opened the Vicki Standish electronic Education Centre (VSeEC) - the first computer centre for this rural region. Located adjacent to the UCH and UNPS, this centre is available to the residents from all the surrounding villages, in addition to our children. The main function of the centre is to cater to the ongoing, long-term educational needs of the wider community as well as the children at UCH by:

- Using information technology for educational purposes - firstly, by providing basic IT education, and secondly, by facilitating learning via the use of IT.
- Being a Village Knowledge Centre by being a repository and resource for vital information affecting the lives and livelihoods of community members.



VSeEC also offers free programs and classes to all members of the community in everything from basic computer education courses to Tally courses in accounting, desktop publishing and advanced computer education. Our children from UCH and UNPS also benefit from the centre through various programs. The total number of people that benefitted from these programs was 1043.

## eClassroom on Wheels (eCoW) Project

We started our VSeEC because we believe that education and access to information is key to change in impoverished communities. However, despite the profound positive impact the VSeEC has had there were many still in need and desirous of taking advantage of the opportunity provided yet unable to do so because of lack of transportation or scheduling issues. This provided the impetus and inspiration to take the classroom to the community and evolved into our conceptualizing and designing our innovative electronic Classroom on Wheels (eCoW) project - taking the fully equipped classroom to the students instead of the students coming to the classroom.

Our first eCoW bus generously donated by the Cognizant Foundation is a 24-seat bus that has been modified and fitted out as a networked classroom with LCD screen, whiteboard, projector and pull-down desks for laptops. The eCoW bus goes daily with two of our teachers to the communities we serve and their local schools.



Overall eCoW acts as a digital platform providing our community with the latest information and learning tools related to their health, education and livelihoods to which they previously had no access.

eCoW started in August 2010 and travels to remote government Primary schools to provide IT and Computer education, targeting 8 primary schools. This program is continuing in the Panchayat Primary schools at Kolathur, G.D Kuppam, Alamparai, Nainar kuppam, Vilambur, Nallur, Sempulipuram. The total number of beneficiaries of this program are 160 students of which 90 children are female and 70 are male.

Our first bus has now been joined by a second classroom on wheels generously donated by Mr. Satish Ramakrishna and family of New York.



The eCoW project has had a significant and positive impact in the communities we serve and has been very well received and remains in very high demand. Pictured above -a class being conducted in eCoW1.

Statistics of inbound project							
2015 to 2016							
Sl.No	Nature of programmes	Children		Youth	Women		Beneficiaries Total
		Boys	Girls		Girls	Adult Girls	
1	ICT Education	200	150	0	0	80	430
2	Basic Computer Education	300	200	30	16	67	613
3	Internet Usage	10	5	60	0	20	95
4	Village Knowledge Centre	0	0	160	0	35	195
5	Tally course	5	5	4	0	0	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>515</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>1347</b>

Statistics of Outbound project							
S.No	Nature of programmes	Children		Youth	Women / Adolescent Girls		Beneficiaries Total
		Boys	Girls		Women	Adult Girls	
1	Computer Wallah Projects in Schools	66	85	0	0	0	151
2	Computer Wallah Projects in Community	0	35	30	0	25	90
3	Digital Literacy	0	0	0	0	0	0

4	eClassroom on Wheels Project in Schools (Marakkanam Town Panchayat)	120	160	0	0	0	<b>280</b>
5	eClassroom on Wheels Project in Community (Marakkanam)	43	40	15	0	30	<b>128</b>
6	Summer School Programme	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
7	Summer Tech Programme (Marakkanam village)	40	35	25	0	35	<b>135</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>784</b>

During the 2015-2016 financial we extended our reach to 9 Middle schools and 1 primary school in Marakkanam Town panchayat. The total beneficiaries of this program were 280 students of which 120 were female and 160 were male.

In designing the classroom on wheels, we were particularly aware of the fact that we wanted the model to be readily replicable in underprivileged and underserved communities all over the world. The issues of access to information and learning impacts millions of people in communities like ours around the globe and we believe that the electronic Classroom on Wheels model can provide an invaluable resource for underprivileged communities everywhere.

In our case the eCoW platform enables us to take many of our community development and education initiatives to people in our communities who cannot travel to VSeEC for lack of transportation. It will assist in educating the community in areas spanning health, environment, personal development and various areas affecting their livelihoods.

### **Mobile Computer Wallah Project**

Prior to the evolution of our eCoW project we had first addressed the issue of difficulty of access by taking electronic education to villages through our “Computer Wallah” (CW) project. Since 2009, VSeEC has collaborated with the community and local schools to provide free of charge, highly accessible, mobile computer-assisted instruction programs using laptops running customized school curriculum content in multiple languages including Tamil, English and Hindi. Our VSeEC teachers travel to village schools in our Foundation van on a regular, planned basis and continue to do so. The program is continuing in the Panchayat Primary Schools at Kadapakkam, Vennagupattu, Vembanur, and

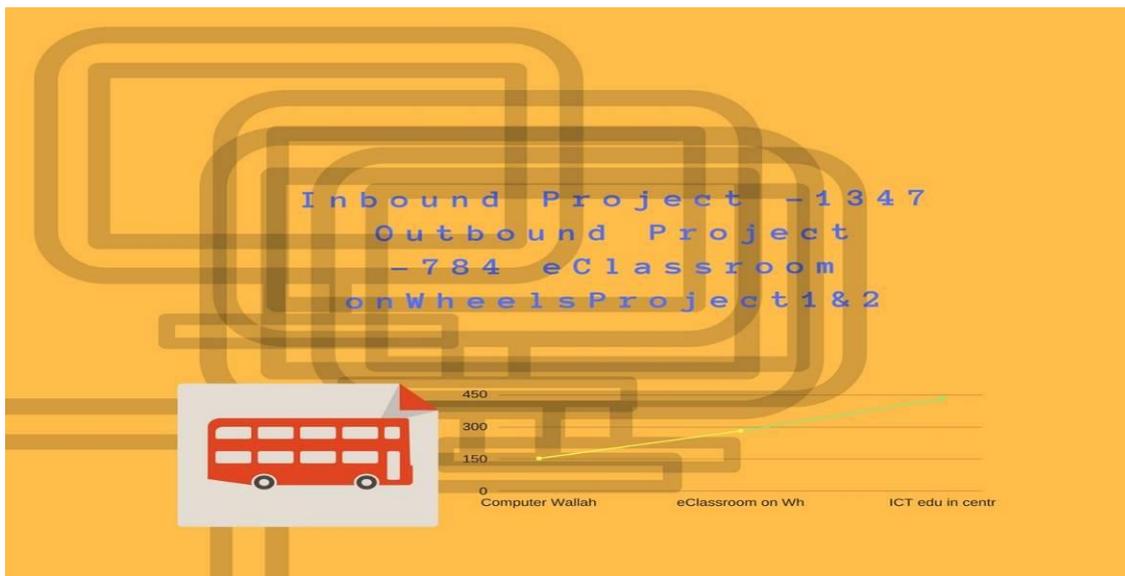
Kottaikadu. The total number of beneficiaries this year in this Programme was 166.

### Village Knowledge Centre:

One of the main purposes of VSeEC is to serve as a free resource for our community members to access information relevant to their lives and livelihoods and to enhance the same.

Through a partnership with another Indian Foundation VSeEC has received information on local language CDs relating to farming, fishing, health and other practices that can enhance livelihoods of villagers. This is known as the Village Knowledge Centre (VKC) database. VSeEC also offers free access and assistance to community members in other areas such as job search and applications, searching and accessing online results of school and university examinations, accessing various news and current event information, magazines, text books and educational material.

More than 290 community members have benefited from access to these free services and we continue to work to increase this number.



## CHILD RIGHTS

### Uluru Children Home

Our Foundation established and runs the Uluru Children's Home (UCH) for orphaned, semi-orphaned, destitute and abandoned children. At UCH at present 45 children are given shelter, food and clothing – all in a safe, loving and caring environment. UCH has become an integral part of the community by providing employment to local village women, who lovingly staff the home

as house mothers, carers, cooks and cleaners. The children are given a permanent home and a whole new direction for the rest of their lives. But more importantly, they have access to health care and education, which are crucial in giving them life prospects they would otherwise be denied.



Our children come to UCH with very dysfunctional and traumatic backgrounds. They are nurtured with love and care in an environment which strives to help them realize their full potential despite this.



In India the number of abandoned children especially females, is high and continuously on the rise despite the government and NGO's doing their best to curtail this. TEWFI had been very concerned about this and the high rate of female infanticide for

some time and these factors motivated the Foundation to start UCH initially however we now take care of both boys and girls in need.

After the TSUNAMI in 2004, there were many destitute male children in the surrounding villages. We then started admitting these male children also. Now the Children's Home is taking care of both boys and girl

## Arts and Sports

The UCH strives to ensure that the lives of the children residing here is as peaceful and fulfilling as possible. The children learn Bharatanatyam, Carnatic Music and Karate. Seventeen Children are learning Music and Dance. We are



very proud to say that ten of our children have obtained a Black Belt in Karate. The children also enjoy volley ball, tennis, chess and carom.

## UCH Education

The UCH children have a well-rounded and broad education but also perform very well at school and we received many positive comments from their Headmasters and Teachers.

The children have tuition in the evening at UCH which assists them in reviewing and building upon the information taught at school.

We are very proud of our nine children who are currently studying at university.

We have provision and capacity for more children and we are actively seeking to bring more children in need into our care.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

We have been involved in numerous community development projects in the region since 1995.

### Community Health

#### Obesity Awareness Camp

The Obesity camp in the Edaikazhinadu Town Panchayat conducted by the East West Foundation of India was the very first of its kind ever conducted in the area. A large population of the Edaikazhinadu Town Panchayat was found by Dr. Premnath of our Uluru Health Care Centre to be obese. So, he gave a wonderful suggestion to conduct an Obesity Awareness Programme and an appropriate treatment to control and arrest the unhealthy epidemic.

“Mankind Pharma” a manufacturing Chemical Laboratory came forward to offer help to conduct an Obesity camp in collaboration with The East West Foundation and our Dr. Premnath discussed the logistics with the Manager of “Mankind Pharma” Mr. Satish Kumar and decided to conduct the Camp at Uluru Health Care Centre on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2016.

#### Purpose of the Programme:

- ❖ Create awareness of the dangers due to obesity such as heart disease and diabetes.
- ❖ Check if the weight of a person is in proportion to his height or in excess of it and if it is in excess how much.
- ❖ Obtain medical advice to reduce the excess weight and where necessary taking medication to be supplied free of cost by our clinic.
- ❖ Get counselling from our Social workers with respect to diet and lifestyle changes to reducing excess body weight and lead a healthy life.

#### Publicity about the Obesity Camp:

- ❖ Our Social workers approach youth group leaders and Village Panchayat leaders and through them spread news about our Obesity Awareness program.
- ❖ Spread the news about the Obesity Awareness Program through the nurses at our clinic to all patients visiting the clinic.
- ❖ By putting up a Banner at our clinic for the Obesity Awareness Program.

## **Implementation of the Program:**

The camp started at 9.30 AM and two members of the staff from “Mankind Pharma” were present and they brought a Body Mass Index machine with them. The machine was used for checking the excess weight.

Based on the report furnished by “Mankind Pharma” Dr. Premnath prescribed appropriate medicines to the patients free of cost.

A follow up counselling was done with the help of our Social workers.

69 people were benefited through this Programme.



## **Free Eye Camps**

TEWFI has, over the past 4 years, collaborated with Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry to deliver a bi-annual eye camp. Projects like this have a profound impact on the local community as it gives them the opportunity to get their eyes checked and any subsequent procedures arranged easily and without cost to them.

## **Alcohol, Smoking and Drug Awareness**

The rural communities in which TEWFI operates have a relatively high incidence of substance abuse, particularly alcohol. Our programs are tailored to help people understand the devastating impact of alcohol and other substance abuse. The programs also offer support to people who are addicted and need assistance in addressing these issues.

## **Other Programs and Awareness Campaigns**

### **Diabetes**

Diabetes is the disease affecting the largest number of people in this country. It was therefore thought absolutely necessary by TEWFI to raise awareness among the people in the 24 villages we serve. Ignorance and illiteracy among

the population is largely responsible for sufferers not getting adequate relief. So, a Diabetes Awareness Program is being conducted in 16 Villages.



### **Purpose of the Programme:**

- To promote understanding of the cause of the disease
- Making people alert to the symptoms of the disease
- Keeping the public informed how to control the disease
- Raising the awareness of the consequences of not controlling the disease
- Creating awareness among patients about the impact of dietary and lifestyle changes including regular exercise

### **Implementation of the Programme:**

This Programme is conducted in a way everyone can easily understand by means of demonstrations through pictures, power point and video clips

- ❖ First what exactly is “Diabetes”,
- ❖ how is Diabetes caused,
- ❖ Which age group is most vulnerable
- ❖ The hereditary nature of the disease
- ❖ What are the overt and other symptoms
- ❖ Importance of regular exercise to keep the disease under control
- ❖ Preventive precautions.
- ❖ The importance of diet - food to be consumed and to be avoided

The importance of counselling for people affected by the disease by Social Workers with special knowledge of Diabetes was also emphasized.

## Outcome of the Program:

A total of 460 people benefited from this important program.

## Community Development

### Evening English Classes

TEWFI's volunteers from overseas, along with our social workers run evening English Classes in the local communities in the surrounding villages. They use their own initiative on how to inspire and teach the class. An assessment format has been prepared and the progress of the students regularly assessed. Those who attend this class have been segregated into different groups according to their level. The children at primary, intermediate and advanced level develop their skills in comprehending and speaking in English.



### Career Guidance Programs

In this program students are educated about the different types of courses, the nature and the value of the courses, the Universities through which they can pursue the course, the qualifications required for enrolment, etc. Students are motivated through this program to

research different options and pursue their interests and career goals. Topics such as goal setting, planning to achieve these goals and managing time efficiently were also covered in this program. It also helps keep students

informed about the opportunities and paths they may pursue in the future.



The career guidance provided by TEWFI stood the students in good stead to secure employment. Also, it helped them to choose the best and well-paying jobs. Furthermore, career guidance helped our students to choose

positions which would give them the most job satisfaction, depending on their interests and goals.

## Other programmes and Awareness Campaigns

- ❖ Breast feeding awareness
- ❖ Life skill education
- ❖ Snakebite awareness
- ❖ Summer camp

## Important Days Celebration s

- ❖ International Women's day
- ❖ Children's day

## Summer camp program

During the summer vacation community children can spend their time with us on very constructive activities. This annual camp was held on 2nd May 2015 and conducted for 13 communities in 7 days. The venues for the program were chosen in such a way that the children from at least 2 or 3 communities could participate in a camp. The activities included a map test competition, drawing activities etc.

## Women's Tailoring and Handicraft Centre



It is said “Learn a handicraft and earn your bread”. A majority of women living in Edaikazhinadu Town Panchayat for lack of proper education stay home idle without any job and consequently without any income. Bearing this in mind and to solve this problem TEWFI started our Women's Centre and its Tailoring Course to provide an opportunity for the above unemployed poor women to earn a livelihood in Alamparai

Kuppam. With the help of the tailoring course, women from our fishing and farming communities are benefitting in great measure.

## Purpose of the Programme:

- ❖ By this training Programme the women of the above communities are able to earn a livelihood for themselves
- ❖ Enables the women to make clothes for themselves and their families using the skills they learn
- ❖ Promoting self-confidence by learning a handicraft.
- ❖ Continuous improvement of their skills increases self-esteem.
- ❖ Providing the women with self-respect and a good standard of living.
- ❖ Promoting independence and independent thinking.

### **Implementation of the Program:**

The trainees are divided into two sessions everyday with 15 trainees at each session. The Centre is open five days a week. The duration of the Course is six months.

- ❖ First trainees are taught embroidery work using needle by hand.
- ❖ Second is designing the dress by paper cutting
- ❖ Cloth cutting is the next step
- ❖ The final tailoring of the clothes is taught
- ❖ 25 varieties (designs) of clothes, 15 varieties of Embroidering work and several varieties of handicrafts and fancy items are taught to be made.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

### **Uluru Coastal Environment Education Centre**

The Uluru Coastal Environment Education centre (UCEEC) was started to protect and promote one of our most precious resources. We seek to increase environmental awareness throughout the Edaikazhinadu Panchayat and parts



of Marakkanam Panchayat, particularly with respect to the very special needs of the marine eco system prevalent in the region. Our UCEEC provides children from UCH, UNPS and the wider community with a holistic understanding of the environment, green thinking, waste management, TDEF (Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest) information and the importance of the ecology of the region.



Our Coastal Environment Education Centre which we opened in conjunction with Pitchandikulam Forest (Auroville) is the first of its kind in India. This eco education centre is a rich resource of indigenous trees, plants, medicinal plants and the fishing information for the fishermen. A large number of specimens have been preserved there and information surrounding them is given to students and visitors. This centre provides a knowledge and awareness about natural disasters such as Tsunami, global warming and also knowledge about medicinal plants with the direction of use and importance of trees and rain.

## Environmental Management & Rejuvenation

TEWFI has been very focused highlighting the importance of caring for, rejuvenating and sustaining the environment in our region. We conduct regular cleaning activities and tree plantation. This year around 200 plants were planted, and 800 plants nurtured. The Pitchandikulam Forest (Auroville) team have sent three gardeners to take care of the tree plants planted by them. They took them back to Auroville and we appointed two gardeners to look after the plants planted by them.

### ENVIRONMENT CLASSES FOR UCH CHILDREN

The UCH children come to our centre every Saturday to learn about our environment. They also get involved in some environmental activities like plantation, watering, weeding and nurturing plants.

This year our UCH children were involved in tree plantation along the road side, around UNPS and elsewhere in the TEWFI campus.

### Vegetable and Tree Planting Activities

We have a vegetable garden which produces fresh, organic vegetables for our UCH children's meals. Our gardeners level the land, composting, sow seeds, watering, weeding and harvesting along with our children. While doing the vegetable garden activities they learn how to grow vegetables, so they can continue to do so for themselves in the future. We teach them organic vegetation, they come to know that the organic vegetation is good for health. They grow cluster beans, ladies finger, radishes, green chillies, bitter gourd, snake gourd, tomato, brinjal, bottle gourd, pumpkin, broad beans and many kinds of spinach.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CLASSES FOR UNPS CHILDREN

The UNPS children are very young and show keen interest in eco activities. They have been brought to our centre and have taken environment classes depending on their age level. We also involved them in planting and nurturing plants.



We also teach them how to harvest vegetables, pictured above.

### Cow project

In 2012 we launched our Cow project with the generous donation of ten cows, along with a quality cowshed for housing and milking them, from supporters around the globe. The goal of the Cow project was to help UCH become more sustainable. Our cows produce a fair amount of nutritious, high quality, fresh milk for our children and the milk produced that has significantly reduced the need to purchase milk at the home.

The cows have given birth to calves.



### BIO GAS

The cow dung collected from all the cows and calves helps produce bio gas. We have installed a 2-cubic meter bio gas system which produces gas which can run 4 hours a day. The process is also Eco-friendly and yielding renewable energy, not to speak of saving lot of money previously spent on the purchase of gas.



## VERMI CULTURE

We have more than enough cow dung, dried leaves and biodegradable wastes so we started a vermiculture project in our campus. In a three-month period, we can produce 600 kgs. of vermi compost. The vermi compost is more powerful than the normal compost and is accordingly very useful for the cultivation and plantation.



## RAIN WATER HARVESTING

The rain water level throughout the country is alarmingly low. The government of India, having taken this issue seriously, has been insisting that all States to do their utmost to store rain water in every building.

Our foundation has taken the issue very seriously and through our rainwater harvesting facility we have the capacity to collect 70,000 liters of water to store and utilize for our entire cooking and drinking purposes.

## FUTURE PLANS

- Building a Corpus Fund to ensure TEWFI's future
- Building up Day Sponsorship to cover 365 days a year
- To be included in Corporate's Social Responsibility lists
- Starting Uluru Primary School buildings
- To expand of Uluru Health Care Centre
- To install solar system for UN&PS, VSeEC and P&A buildings.
- Increase focus on sustainability and sustainable development in all areas
- Improving facilities and equipment at the Uluru Health Care Centre
- Expand reach of eCoW 1 and eCoW 2 Project buses ICT education for all levels and ages.
- Producing and conserving energy using biogas and solar power
- Establishing a drip irrigation system
- Rain Water Harvesting system for P&A and VSeEC buildings
- Increase evening Tuition classes in the villages



## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Income Statement for the year ended 31 March 2016

Revenue	2014-15 (Rs.)	2015-16 (Rs.)
Donations and fundraising within India	16,13,240	12,62,091
Funds transferred from The East West Overseas Aid Foundation and The East West Foundation of USA	95,42,227	1,35,89,405
Interest	3,45,991	253103
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,15,01,458</b>	<b>15,281,968</b>

#### LESS

Expenditure	2014-15 (Rs.)	2015-16 (Rs.)
Project Expenses	93,18,270	113,16,633
Bank fees and insurance	5,234	6170
Communication (telephone, internet, postage, printing, advertisement and website)	1,39,309	1,00,670
Electricity	52,000	34795
Maintenance (including public conveyance, tax, and repairs)	1,79,889	6,99,559
Professional & Audit Fees	44,944	46000
Staffing (salary, staff welfare)	9,56,007	7,69,401
Depreciation ( <i>not a direct expense</i> )	15,45,681	22,88,150
Sundry Expenses	1,20,356	20590
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,23,61,690</b>	<b>15281968</b>
<b>Deficit (Revenue less expenses)</b>	<b>(8,60,231)</b>	<b>(177369)</b>

### Balance Sheet as on 31 March 2016

Current assets	2014-15 (Rs.)	2015-16 (Rs.)
Fixed assets	3,13,20,988	3,09,03,115
Advances and deposits	13,63,571	21,44,399
Sundry Debtors	--	--
Cash (in bank accounts and in hand)	34,84,638	65,98,172
Excess of expenses over income (opening balance plus current period)	56,38,775	58,16,145
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,18,07,973</b>	<b>4,54,61,831</b>

Liabilities	2014-15 (Rs.)	2015-16 (Rs.)
Capital	19,74,010	19,74,010
Funds for Buildings/Assets	3,92,71,196	4,27,69,579
Sundry Creditors	3,16,888	2,97,303
Outstanding Expenses	2,45,878	4,20,939
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,18,07,973</b>	<b>4,54,61,831</b>

## Auditor's Reports

### THE EAST WEST FOUNDATION OF INDIA

No 21, Leith Castle Street, Santhome, Chennai - 600 020

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

To Project Expenses	11,316,633	By Donation	13,589,405
To Salaries	769,401	By Income from Hospital	1,262,091
To Conveyance	21,832	By Interest Income	253,103
To Telephone Expenses	65,291	By Excess of Expenditure over	
To Printing & Stationary	33,469	Income	177,369
To Postage & Courier	1,910		
To Repairs & Maintenance	672,289		
To Electricity Charges	34,795		
To Rates & Taxes	5,438		
To Sundry Expenses	20,590		
To Interest & Bank Charges	6,170		
To Audit Fees	46,000		
To Depreciation	2,288,150		
	<b>15,281,968</b>		<b>15,281,968</b>

Place : Chennai

Date : 30.09.2016

For THE EAST WEST FOUNDATION OF INDIA

*S. Jayan*  
Trustee / AO

Vide Our Report of Even Date,  
Parameswaran & Associates  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm regn. No 013255S

*V. Parameswaran*  
(V Parameswaran)  
Partner  
Memb. No. 24939

**THE EAST WEST FOUNDATION OF INDIA**

No 21, Leith Castle Street, Santhome, Chennai - 600 020

**BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2016**

Capital Account	1,974,010	Fixed Asset	30,903,115
Corpus Funds	42,769,579	Deposits	2,144,399
Sundry Creditors	297,303	Cash & Bank Balance	6,598,172
Outstanding Expenses	420,939	Excess of Expenditure over Income	5,816,145
	<b>45,461,831</b>		<b>45,461,831</b>

Place : Chennai  
Date : 30.09.2016

Vide Our Report of Even Date,  
Parameswaran & Associates  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm regn. No 013255S

For THE EAST WEST FOUNDATION OF INDIA

*Salyan Arda*  
Trustee / AO

*V. Parameswaran*  
(V Parameswaran)  
Partner  
Memb. No. 24939

NOTE: Corpus Funds should read "Funds for Buildings/Assets"

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EWB Chennai Chapter, Chennai

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Indian Bank

Indian Overseas Bank

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Karma Company, Chennai

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Linux Users Group at Chennai

Lions Club, Pondicherry

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Ministry of Women and Child Development

Ministry of Social Defence

Madhuram Narayanan Centre for Exceptional Children

Madras Medical Mission, Chennai

Nadukuppam Environment Education Centre

National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Deemed University, Bangalore

NASSCOM Foundation

NICE Foundation

Pitchandikulam Forest Bio-Resource Centre, Auroville

PATHWAY

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State Resource Centre, Chennai

Sankaranethralaya Eye Hospital, Chennai

Sachu Sarathy Foundation, Chennai.  
Schizophrenia Care and Research Foundation of India  
TN Forces  
The Alpha Foundation  
Tulir Foundation  
M/S Usha fire service  
Voluntary Health Services Hospital, Chennai  
Assistant Elementary Education Officer, Chithamoor  
Block Development Officer, Kanchipuram  
Child Welfare Committee, Chengelpattu.  
District Child Protection Unit, Kancheepuram.

**Schools:**

Panchayat Union Middle School, Alamparai Kuppam,  
Primary School, Kadapakkam,  
Primary School, Kolathur  
Primary School, Chinna Kottaikattu,  
Panchayat Union Middle School, Sembulipuram,  
Panchayat Union Primary School, Periya Kottaikattu,  
Panchayat Union Primary Schools, Vembaloor,  
Government High School, Vennangupatu  
Panchayat Union Middle School, Gangadevan Kuppam  
Panchayat Union Primary School, Kolathur  
Panchayat Union Primary School, Nallur  
Panchayat Union Middle School, Paniayur.



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