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NEWS FROM OUR PROJECTS IN INDIA NOVEMBER 2023



THREADS OF HOPE

In the region of Tamil Nadu, specifically in Nagercoil, together with the local Mother Theresa Social Service Organisation, we provide support and vocational training to hundreds of children and women in socio-economic and family difficulties.

Our volunteer and contact person for the projects in India, Sara Costa, has been back on a mission for the usual monitoring of the projects.

This year's visit to the activities in Tamil Nadu was also significant for observing the progress and results obtained thanks to the **precious contribution of FOMAS**, which last December donated €4,000 in support of “Threads of Hope”, the project we’ve been developing in the region.

Sara met directly with the project beneficiaries and volunteers, people without whom we could not offer our support to the most fragile population in the Nagercoil area and the village of Vadiveeswaram.

Below is a detailed account with photographic evidence of the activities financed with the help of FOMAS, and a summary of the needs for the coming year.



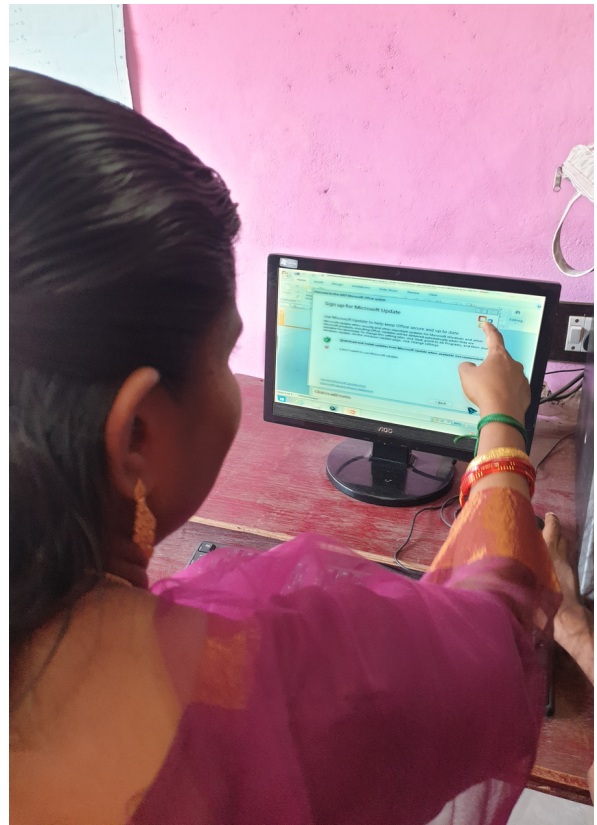
EVENING SCHOOL: EDUCATION FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN IN NEED

Tamil Nadu is one of the poorest regions in India and an area where **poverty is accompanied by strong discrimination against women.**

Families do not invest in girls' education because, first of all, they do not have sufficient means to ensure quality education beyond primary school and, where the family is large, fathers prefer to educate their sons.

Ensuring and promoting education and vocational training for girls and women means giving them a second chance at fulfilment, acquiring specific technical skills that enable them to find work and in many cases support their families.

The main objective is to promote the active participation of women in the community by giving them work as a means of empowerment, encouraging cooperation as a form of social enterprise.



Here are some of our students in the IT room

With the precious contribution of FOMAS, we have borne the expenses for the computer and tailoring course for over 100 women from Nagercoil and neighbouring villages; all the participants come from very disadvantaged family backgrounds or, worse, are widows estranged from their families of origin who have to cope with the needs of their children.

During her trip, our volunteer Sara was able to attend the girls' graduation ceremony, handing out diplomas certifying the skills acquired and giving the participants the opportunity to offer themselves for jobs as clerks in the case of the computer course, or as seamstresses in the case of the tailoring course.





We are striving to ensure the organisation of the courses for next year as well, in the hope of receiving valuable help that will be dedicated to the purchase of tools for both the computer course and the tailoring course, as well as the renovation of the course spaces, which are currently unsuitable for accommodating a large number of participants.

In particular:

- 3 fixed computers for the computer science students
- 1 printer
- 1 laptop
- 3 sewing machines for the tailoring students
- 2 fans for the classrooms
- Work on covering the currently unfinished PVC floor
- Supplementary food support for course participants and their children

The needs indicated amount to a contribution of around 5,400\$ FOMAS' precious contribution, as was the case this year, will be entirely used to support the costs of the courses for the women and to provide a little support for their children.

Thank you FOMAS for standing on our side, together with the children and the women of India!

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