



# SEB'S PROJECTS

## PROJECT UPDATE

### EDUCATION

Sebs schools witnessed the start of Balwadis in each of our schools which was a dream for a long time. It provided an opportunity for children below the age of 4 to attend a Pre School and also benefit from the nutritional supplements provided by the Integrated Child Development Scheme. It also enabled us to serve another group i.e the young mothers in the community. We hope the transition into regular school will be facilitated at the end of the academic year.

All the Sebs schools are functioning well to full capacity with children from far off villages also attending Sebs Schools.



### SEB'S SCHOOL STUDENTS MAINSTREAMED TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are happy to report that 54 students on completion of their primary education were admitted to middle school. The students although staying away from home has adjusted well to the boarding schools and the reports, we have received from the schools were good and they appreciated the quality of education we have been providing in our schools.

## NUTRITION AND HEALTH PROGRAM

The Noon Meals Program is an ongoing program aimed to enhance the nutritional status and overall well-being of students in Seb's tribal schools.

This report is a short evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of the program



- The high attendance rate of 95 percent is a clear indication of the positive influence.
- It's also heartening that the children in Seb's working villages are experiencing better health compared to children in other villages, with fewer children reporting sick with fever and cough.
- The fact that parents are happy to see their children active, energetic, and showing interest to learn at home after school hours.
- The planning and procuring of vegetables every Monday from Vellore and distributing to all schools in Jawadhi hills seemed to be a tedious job but has assured that all schools have enough fresh vegetables for a week for cooking. Also, the introduction of vegetables into the meals seems to be a particularly successful initiative, as parents are surprised and pleased to see their children eating vegetables which they don't seem to eat at home. This not only contributes to the children's overall health but also helps instill good eating habits.
- With well-fed and healthy children, the education program is running smoothly, and the children are more focused and engaged in their learning.





The sense of community oneness and sharing that has emerged from the education and noon meals program in Sebs is truly heartening. The fact that parents are not only acknowledging the positive impact but also actively participating by sponsoring chicken meals for all children on their own children's birthdays is a clear indication to the success of the program.

This act of sponsoring meals on birthdays not only adds a special touch to the celebrations but also creates a culture of generosity and caring within the community.

## PARENTS CONTRIBUTION TO NUTRITION PROGRAM



## MILLETS SNACKS ADDING VALUE TO NUTRITION



Snacks made of millets were supplied by women's self-help group in some of our schools which emphasized the importance of the nutritious value of millets and making it a part of their diet once again at school and in the community

## **HEALTH**

Seb's Projects organized an eye camp, a cholera awareness program, and a general medical camp in collaboration with CMC CHAD and the District Health Department. It is commendable that Seb's health workers were proactive in addressing health issues in the community and took the necessary actions. Eighteen elderly people were diagnosed with cataract and advised surgery. Follow-up and support were given to the patients. Their involvement showed a commitment to community health and well-being.





## CLEAN AND SAFE DRINKING WATER



It's very positive to hear that the installation of water purifiers in our villages has had a positive impact on the health of the community. Access to clean and safe drinking water is crucial to preventing waterborne diseases such as cholera. The fact that the recent outbreak of cholera in Jawadhi Hills did not affect children in Seb's schools or community members is a clear indication of the effectiveness of access to safe and clean drinking water.

The proactive approach of our health workers and teachers in conducting community awareness campaigns on the prevention of cholera is commendable. Education and awareness play a significant role in preventing the spread of diseases, and it seems that our community is taking important steps in this regard.

Continued efforts in health education, regular monitoring of water quality, and maintenance of water purification systems helped to maintain better health for the people, which is essential in sustaining the positive impact.





## PARTNERS VISITS

The annual day celebration in two of our villages (Seb's school Chinnaettipattu and Seb's school Pattikollai) was a vibrant and diverse event, combining cultural performances, educational exhibitions, and community engagement. The visit of our partners from Sebastian Hunter Trust and Corporater added a special touch to the occasion, acknowledging their support and contributions.

The involvement of students in cultural performances and the education exhibition reflected a commitment to showcasing local talent and promoting knowledge sharing within the community. Additionally, the participation of community women in rangoli competitions not only added a creative and artistic element but also encouraged community involvement.

The special highlight of the millet exhibition, where tribal women prepared dishes with millets, is particularly noteworthy. Celebrating the "International Year of Millets" declared by the UN for 2023 demonstrates a commitment to promoting sustainable and nutritious food choices.

Overall, it sounds like the annual day celebration, showcased the community's cultural richness but also highlighted important issues such as education, women's empowerment, and sustainable food practices. Such initiatives contribute to fostering a sense of community, promoting awareness, and building a more inclusive and sustainable future for the villages.

### CHINNAETTIPATTU SEB'S SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY VISIT BY OUR PARTNER ANNA AND LAURA HUNTER,UK



Anna and Laura visiting Chinaettipatu school



Mrs. Laura judging Rangoli competition



Millet exhibition





## PATTIKOLLA SEB'S SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY VISIT BY OUR PARTNER CORPORATER



Mr. Geir Berge visiting our Education exhibition

Mrs. Kari Thu inaugurating the Clean Drinking water Project



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

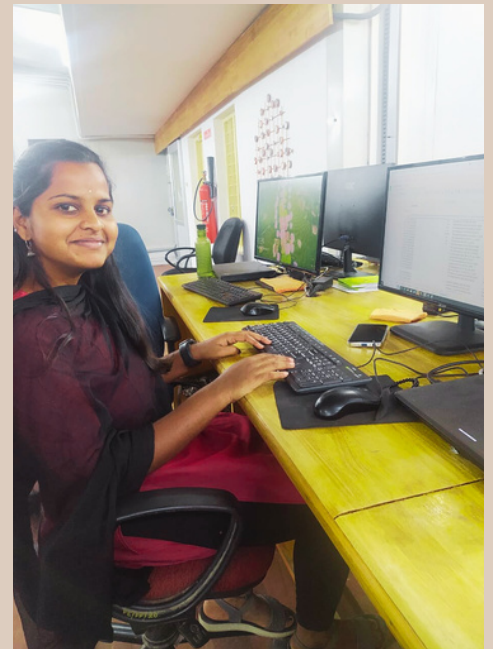
All our Seb's scholarship students embarked on a new academic year at various stages of their courses. Two scholarship meetings were conducted along with the donors, since it is beneficial to establish a feedback mechanism to understand how the scholarship program has influenced their lives and academic journeys. It was a great opportunity to track their progress and celebrate their achievements.

It is encouraging to hear that more young people have applied for scholarships this year. Sebs Projects, with the support of donors, is successfully supporting 26 students for higher education for the academic year 2023–24. Expanding the scholarship program demonstrates a commitment to making higher education accessible to more deserving individuals.

### MEERA

Meera's journey is truly inspiring and showcases the transformative impact of education and support in overcoming challenges. Growing up in a remote tribal village with no access to primary education, Meera's path took a positive turn when Seb's Projects initiated the first Primary school in her tribal village.

With the help of Seb's Projects, Meera was able to start her basic education, progress to middle school, and complete high school. Despite facing the inherent challenges of being a tribal girl and adjusting to a new social environment, her determination shone through. Her educational journey continued as she successfully completed her Bachelor's Degree in Commerce at the university level.



Taking a step further, Meera pursued job opportunities to practice her profession; landing a position in an IT company -Fact Data Entry in Vellore is a remarkable achievement. Her success can inspire more individuals from similar backgrounds to pursue careers in technology or other fields traditionally considered outside their reach. This scenario highlights the importance of providing equal opportunities for individuals from various backgrounds and communities. It not only breaks stereotypes but also demonstrates that talent and capability are not confined to any specific demographic. Thanks to Fact Data Entry for giving her the job and confidence to work.

## SATHYA

Sathya's story is truly inspiring and reflects the determination of individuals facing challenges in pursuit of education and a better life. Despite coming from an underprivileged background in a tribal village, she harbored a dream of becoming a nurse, a dream that required not only academic dedication but also significant financial and social hurdles to overcome.

Being the eldest daughter in her family, Sathya felt the weight of responsibility on her shoulders. The high fees and the necessity to move away from her familiar tribal surroundings to the bustling capital city have seemed to be obstacles. However, Sathya's determination and courage propelled her forward.



Enrolling in the MA Chidambaram School of Nursing, where courses are conducted in English, added another layer of challenge. Adapting to a new culture requires not only academic prowess but also the ability to navigate the complexities of city life. Sathya's successful completion of the four-year nursing course with good credits is a testament to her hard work and perseverance.

After her education, she secured a job at Sundaram Finance Hospital as a staff nurse, which further showcases Sathya's adaptability and success. This achievement not only fulfilled her personal aspirations but also broke the cycle of limitations that her underprivileged background might have imposed on her.

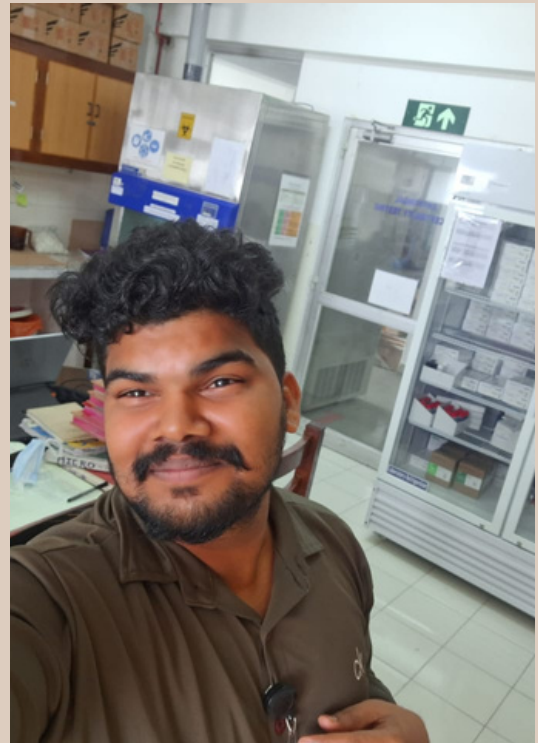
The support from Sebs Projects and, most importantly, from her parents played a crucial role in Sathya's triumph. Sathya's story is not just about overcoming obstacles to achieve a personal dream; it's also about breaking the chains of generational poverty and proving that with determination, education, and support, individuals can transcend their circumstances to build a better future.



## KARNAN

It is inspiring to hear about Karnan's journey and how Seb's Projects played a crucial role in supporting his family and his education. It's encouraging to hear about Karnan's determination and resilience despite facing challenging circumstances in the slums of Vellore. Seb's Projects played a role in creating a business opportunity for Karnan's mother in a positive aspect, providing financial support to the family.

Karnan's determination and intelligence shines through as he pursued a Master's Degree in Microbiology and excelled in his studies. The fact that he held the position of Department secretary and completed his thesis with financial support from Seb's Projects is a testament to his hard work and dedication.



Now, securing a job as a Research Assistant at Christian Medical College, Vellore is a significant achievement for Karnan. It's heartening to see how Seb's Projects have been instrumental in helping him reach this point in his career. Karnan's ambition to become the best scientist further demonstrates his commitment to making a positive impact in the field of science.

This story emphasizes the transformative power of support and opportunities and is an example of how investing in education, and providing resources can open doors to a brighter future for individuals and their communities.

## TAILORING SKILL TRAINING

20 young women from Palamarathukollai and the surrounding villages in the Jawadhi were trained in tailoring and presented with sewing machines and certificates at a grand event attended by Mr. Peter Jacob and his colleagues from Bharat FIH.

