

Project Completion Report

Project Title : Empowerment of Rural Dalit Women through Entrepreneurship Development and Human Rights Education

1. Project Overview

The project aims to empower rural Dalit women by improving their economic independence, awareness of rights, and participation in local governance. The programme combines entrepreneurship development with human rights and legal awareness.

The project is being implemented in 5 taluks of Tiruvannamalai District, covering 12 union villages, and targets 705 Dalit women belonging to 235 Self Help Groups (SHGs).

2. Project Period Covered

July to December (Project commenced in July 2025)

3. Activities and Achievements (July 2025 – June 2026)

During the reporting period, the following activities were successfully carried out:

Entrepreneurship Development Training :

- Block-level trainings conducted for 200 women
- Focus on micro-enterprises, income generation, and basic business skills,

Right to Information (RTI) Act Training :

- Training provided to 150 women.
- Women were educated on accessing government information and services

Domestic Violence Awareness :

- Awareness programmes conducted for 300 women
- Topics included causes, consequences, and legal remedies
- Family Counseling Centres were formed to support affected women

Legal Awareness on Women's Rights

- Regional seminars organized for 250 women
- Covered women's legal rights, property rights, reproductive rights, and laws affecting women

Panchayat Raj System Awareness

- Training provided to 100 Dalit ward members and Panchayat Presidents
- Focus on roles, responsibilities, and local governance mechanisms

Women's Federation Formation

- Meetings and discussions initiated among SHG women
- Union-level leaders' meetings conducted
- A draft charter for the Women's Federation was prepared

4. Progress Indicators

- Skills of 200 SHG members improved through entrepreneurship training
- Capacity of 100 ward members and Panchayat leaders strengthened
- Increased awareness among women on human rights and domestic violence
- Improved participation of SHG women in trainings and community activities

5. Challenges and Way Forward

Key Challenges Identified:

- Limited access to markets for women-led enterprises
- Need for continuous skill development
- Social and cultural barriers affecting women's participation

Way Forward:

- Strengthen linkages with banks, government departments, and NGOs
- Provide regular follow-up training and capacity-building programmes
- Address social and cultural barriers through community-level awareness

6. Conclusion

The project has made good progress in empowering rural Dalit women through skill development and rights-based education. With continued support and systematic follow-up, the project is expected to achieve its objectives and create a sustainable and positive impact on the lives of the target women.

Yours sincerely in Christ



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Sub : With Sincere Thanks – Submission of Half-Year Progress Report

Dear Mrs.Mary McDonough,

Warm greetings from Tiruvannamalai.

I am happy to write to you to express our sincere gratitude for the generous support and encouragement extended by Innovotec Ulc towards the project “Empowerment of Rural Dalit Women through Entrepreneurship Development and Human Rights Education.”

Please find enclosed the Half-Year Progress Report of the above project for your kind reference. The report highlights the activities carried out and the progress made during the reporting period in empowering rural Dalit women through livelihood training, human rights education, and leadership development.

With your support, we have been able to reach socially and economically marginalized women, strengthen their confidence, enhance their skills, and create greater awareness of their rights and responsibilities. For many of these women, this intervention has brought not only knowledge and skills, but also hope, dignity, and a renewed sense of self-worth.

We assure you that the funds entrusted to us have been utilized carefully, responsibly, and in full compliance with approved objectives and FCRA norms. Your trust and solidarity inspire us to continue our mission of serving the most vulnerable with commitment and transparency.

On behalf of TVMSSS and the women beneficiaries, I convey our heartfelt thanks to you and the team at Innovotec Ulc. We deeply value your continued support and goodwill.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Fr. S. Francis
Director of TVMSSS

