



Annual Report 2019-2020

Tamil site Tamil Nadu state, India



Chalice has partnered with the Kumbakonam Multipurpose Social Service Society (KMSSS) since 1999. The site supports children and families in more than 300 villages throughout the state. Rural families rely on agriculture, which is challenging due to a dry climate and an unpredictable monsoon season. Families struggle with marginalization, lack of sanitation, and poor health. The Tamil site focuses on ensuring children receive quality education, medical care, and the opportunity to develop life skills. The site works with parents to create income-generating activities and the Skills@Chalice program provides free training in skills such as tailoring, computers, and electrical work.

Child



- Tamil site supports 1859 sponsored children.
- Site staff ensured all sponsored children were able to access their online classes during school closures.
- 100% of sponsored children passed their grades and will go to the next academic level.
- Cumulatively, parents spent 6,260,553 Indian rupees (INR) of their sponsorship funds on their children's education.

Family

- Tamil site works with 1726 parents or guardians of sponsored children, organized into 103 family circles.
- 11 family circles are conducting an internal lending program, in which parents of sponsored children can borrow small sums from the group for a purchase that will benefit their family and repay the loan at an agreed-upon rate.
- Although the COVID-19 pandemic caused disruptions and many challenges in the lives of the families, Chalice sponsorship and our disaster relief funds supported families to buy enough food. Some were even able to assist their neighbours.
- The 103 family circles have saved a cumulative INR 2,993,365.



Community

- The site staff could see the efforts of the families of sponsored children as they rallied to promote health and safety protocols during the pandemic.
- The staff could also see that the increased sanitation and hygiene infrastructure they installed through Chalice support was limiting the spread of disease.

