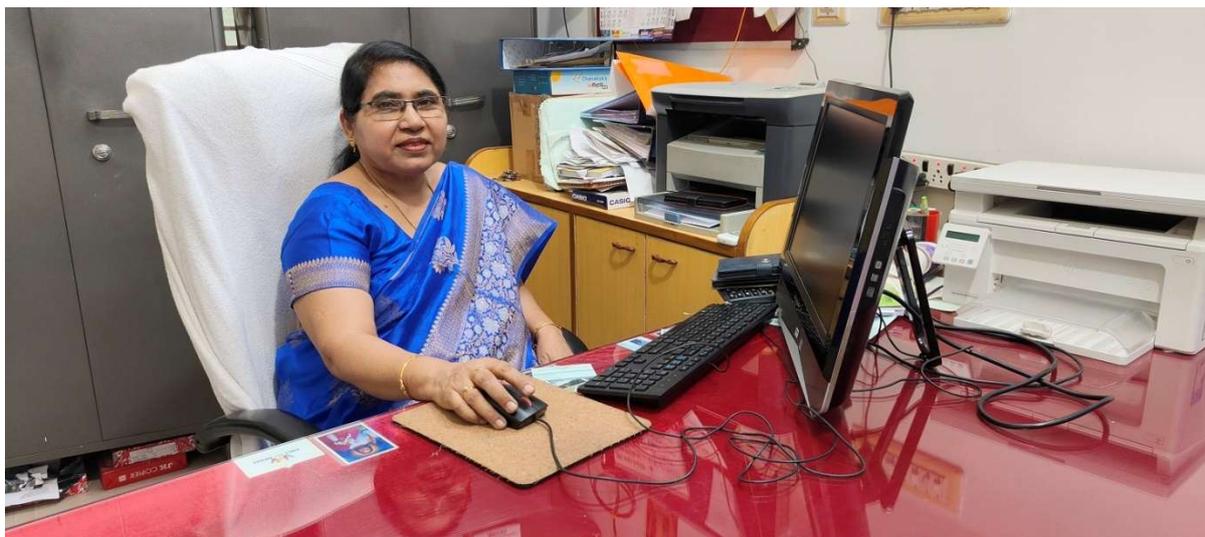


# ANNUAL REPORT-2023- 2024

*Womens  
Association for  
Transformation  
Liberation and  
Community  
Health(WATCH)*

## Message from the President,



Dear Supporters and Stakeholders,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication of our team, partners, and community members. The journey of WATCH in 2023-24 has been one of impactful growth and meaningful change. This annual report highlights the key achievements and initiatives that have shaped our work and the lives of countless individuals in our region

It is truly a pleasure to share our journey of finding hope through this Annual Report with you. We would like to thank you all for walking with us and helping in shaping a safe and secure place for children we serve. It is the one time in the year when we get to share with you the real impact your support has made, both in the lives of children and their communities in our target area, and towards building a healthy, efficient and effective WATCH. Based on many years of our practical experience, WATCH believes that sustainable development of disadvantaged communities can be achieved only if children's best interests are at the heart of everything we do and children themselves actively participate in the process.

We would like to thank our sponsors and donors who shared their resources with us and have been the answer to a child's prayer. We would also like to thank our staff, for their tireless efforts in finding answers together with the children, families and communities.

### **A. Introduction:**

WATCH (Women's Association for Liberation, Transformation and Community Health) is a registered NGO under the Indian Trusts Act working in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh, India. WATCH has been working for the upliftment of the women and children for the past 31 years in the rural blocks of Chittoor district. (WATCH) Women's Association for liberation, transformation and community health is a

registered charitable Organization involved in the noble cause of helping the suffering and the needy people of our state. Our aim is to cater to the overall empowerment and development of the poorest of the poor and other most marginalized society with a special focus on Dalit, Tribal women and children in crisis through education, organizing, community health, self-help groups, strengthening democratic processes, campaign against child prostitution, child labor, child marriage, child trafficking, etc and to ensure child rights, safe environment and child protection.

WATCH also renders disaster relief services during Natural Calamities, very recently WATCH rendered Michaung cyclone relief to the victim families of Vyasarpadi and Chemmanchery slums of Chennai, Tamilnadu.

### **Executive Summary:**

The main purpose of this project is to Improved Quality Education and skill development particularly among vulnerable and excluded children and young people from Dalit, Tribal and most backward communities. Special coaching to X class rural children to get through Government public exams, supply of Teaching Aids to High schools, Distribution of note books and stationaries to rural poor children to continue their education. Conducted Tailoring course for 20 Dalit & Tribal women for 6 months and through vocational course they are able to self-employed / employed and stand on their own feet by earning money to substitute their poor family income.

### **The focus of this project is:**

- Dalit & Tribal women empowerment
- Mother and child health program
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Ensure immunization to all 0-5 years children
- Children's Home for HIV / AIDS affected children.
- Awareness on HIV/AIDS prevention
- Taking up dalit women related issues
- Special coaching for rural children
- Job oriented vocational courses like computer education, tailoring and embroidery and Beautician
- Mobilization of various welfare and development programs form Government for dalit women
- Relief and Rehabilitation services to the victim families during natural calamities

## **WATCH INTERVENTIONS:**

### **1. Residential Home for HIV/AIDS affected and Exploited children:**

It is a home away from home for 37 children who either deplorably lost their parents due to the formidable disease HIV/AIDS or affected with adversity and various forms of exploitation. These socially ostracized, stigmatized and semi orphaned children were given all-round development with parental care in the home located with good ambience in Bangarupalyam. The children are given physical, emotional and educational developments. Along with their spiritual and social growth they are also provided with the benevolence of the sponsors who deserve our admiration and gratitude for the love shown to the children. We are also delighted to find cheers on the faces of the children for the recent development of construction of new infrastructure facility for their stay and study.

Most of the children staying in the home are semi orphan, exploited children and economically poor living in sordid poverty stricken families in backward villages belonging to scheduled castes, Tribal, Dalits, Commercial sex workers (CSW) and most backward grass-root communities.

The children of the home go to the government schools in Bangarupalyam. It gives joy to mention that previously many children of the home secured first place and won awards in their annual examination and also in sports and games, cultural and extra-curricular activities and other contests. They have proved that when opportunities are given they would remain second to none. Their discipline and development consolidates our good reputation and also instills strength and renewed vigour for us to do great improvements for their growth and development. Prabhavathi, our first child is doing her 2nd year B.Sc. Nursing which is a 4 years professional course. Another girl Bhavani is also doing Nursing course. Most of the children who stood first in their classes in annual examination received an award of proficiency from local leaders and Govt. Officials. Many children living in our home received a number of prizes in various subjects and sports in their schools. This filled our hearts with a sense of fulfillment and reinforced the values we are striving for.

### **Recreation:**

Children are given recreational facilities indoor and outdoor games in the home and the children who exhibit aptitude for games and sports at school are encouraged to blossom into athletics and sports persons. Some of the recreational facility in the home includes Chess, Caroms, Skipping, Tennikoit, Badminton and Football for all girls & boys. Besides they also play sports like Kabaddi and Cricket.

### **New Christmas dress to Home Children:**

New Christmas dress was given to all home children. Children expressed their joy,

happiness and extended their heartfelt thanks to all EBMI family Especially Pastor Christoph and Dr. Judson.

### **Descriptive report of the activities :**

Any highlights of the activities (Include photographs and success stories) or/ and any impact which has been created due to the interventions.

### **Some of our glimpse of our work with local support:**

#### **1. Community Mobilization:**

WATCH project team mobilized remote forest based communities, schools and young people to utilize the opportunities given by Volkart Foundation Indian trust, Mumbai who are supporting for improving the educational performance remote rural children through special coaching, get through public exams through special coaching in Difficult subjects like English, Math's and science, employable skills for rural youth and the importance of vocational course for rural youth for their self-employment and employment opportunities through job oriented vocational courses.

#### **2. Strengthening Women's Associations**

This year, WATCH focused on empowering women through the formation and strengthening of self-help groups (SHGs). 3 new self-help groups were formed and strengthened with 30 women members. We successfully these groups are instrumental in providing financial independence, enhancing social status, and fostering community solidarity among women.

#### **Key Achievements: Self Help Groups**

- Formation of 3 new SHGs with 30 women members from Dalit & Tribal communities.
- Mobilized Financial Assistance from Govt. for 3 self-help groups with 30 women for various income Generation Programs. 30 women received Rs. 3,00,000 as loan from Govt. Development of women and children in Rural areas (DWCRA) for families below poverty line with oppurtunities of self-employment and utilize their money for various income Generation programs like Goat Rearing, Milch Animal and Petty Shops. Their income increased from Rs.6000 to Rs. 14000.
- Increased financial literacy and empowerment for over 200 women.
- Enhanced community engagement and support networks established 3 new

SHGs specifically for Dalit and tribal women across three villages.

### 3. Environmental Initiatives (Local Contribution)

In our commitment to environmental sustainability, we undertook a significant tree-planting campaign. A total of 300 trees were planted across five villages, contributing to improved air quality, soil conservation, and overall environmental health. Tree Plantation was done in public places like schools, Panchayat Buildings, both the sides of trees etc.,

#### Key Achievements:

- 300 trees planted in 3 villages

Increased green cover and community awareness about environmental conservation

### 4. Special Coaching for 10<sup>th</sup> standard Children (Local Contribution)

As 10<sup>th</sup> Standard is a public exam, the project provided special attention to the children in class 10 and supported them to prepare well for the public exam. Total 98 children, 53 boys and 45 girls are benefitted and special coaching was given to children till 28 Feb 2024. The coaching teachers guided children till the end of February. Out of 98 Children, 93 children got through in the Govt. Public Exam. Special coaching help them a lot to get through public exam with good marks.



### 5. Assistance for Differently Abled Individuals (Local Contribution):

In a significant outreach effort, we distributed 30 wheelchairs to differently-abled and mentally challenged individuals, including children, adults, and women. The distribution ceremony, graced by a Member of Parliament, highlighted the importance of accessibility and inclusivity. Govt. officials, teachers, police, leaders, women participated in the distribution ceremony and appreciated the services of WATCH.

#### Key Achievements:

- 30 wheelchairs distributed
- Enhanced mobility and independence for recipients

Increased public awareness on the needs of differently-abled individuals.



### 6. Capacity Building for Women Leaders

We conducted various capacity-building trainings for Dalit and tribal women leaders. These trainings were designed to enhance leadership skills,

encourage active participation in community development, and foster a supportive network among women leaders.

**Key Achievements:**

- Empowerment of 60 women leaders through targeted training
- Strengthened leadership and advocacy skills

**7. Mobilization of Government Welfare Programs**

WATCH played a pivotal role in mobilizing various government welfare and development programs. Our efforts facilitated the distribution of old age and widow pensions, house site pattas, government houses, street lights, and improved drainage systems in several communities.

**Key Achievements:**

- Successful implementation of welfare programs impacting hundreds of families
- Enhanced living conditions through infrastructure improvements

**8. Relief for Michaung Cyclone Affected Families :**

On December 4th, the Michaung cyclone reached its peak intensity as it approached the coast of Tamil Nadu, bringing with it heavy rain and strong winds that battered coastal areas, specifically in Chennai.

People living in the slum areas were severely affected by the Michaung Cyclone, which resulted in damage to houses, loss of food and bedding materials, school materials, and a decrease in family income. Poor people continuously experience vulnerability and find difficulties in managing their survival in post-cyclone situations.

WATCH was surveyed to identify the families who are still vulnerable and do not have enough money to meet their food expenses and repair their damaged houses. Children and pregnant women experience psychosocial issues, and they need to recover from stress and trauma. The team selected 500 families who are most vulnerable and lack basic needs.

In the aftermath of the disaster, there was likely urgent need for humanitarian assistance, including rescue operations, medical aid, shelter provision, and access to clean water and food supplies. Rebuilding and recovery efforts would have been crucial to help affected communities recover from the destruction and regain their livelihoods. Additionally, measures to enhance resilience against future cyclones and

disasters might have been considered to mitigate similar impacts in the future.

WATCH prioritized the issues and distributed the following to 500 flood affected families.

- Dry ration (rice, dhal, oil & sugar)
- Education kits for children (Notebooks)
- Hygiene Kits (soaps, sanitary napkins)
- Household materials – (Mats and colour dress)

Overall, the project activities were designed to address immediate needs such as food, hygiene, Clothes, Stationery and Household things while also promoting the well-being and resilience of the affected communities in Vyasarpadi and Chemmancherry slums following the devastation caused by Cyclone Michaung.

In response to the Michaung cyclone, we provided essential relief to flood-affected families in Vyasarpadi and Chemmancherry slums of Chennai. The relief efforts included the distribution of basic necessities and support for rebuilding lives.

Key Achievements:

- Relief provided to numerous families affected by the cyclone
- Immediate assistance and support for disaster recovery



**Conclusion :**

WATCH board members, staff, children and community people extend heartfelt thanks to the funding agencies who are supporting WATCH intervention to make difference in the lives of most deprived children and their communities. It is possible because of funding agencies cooperation and magnanimous support.

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