

# MADURAI SEED

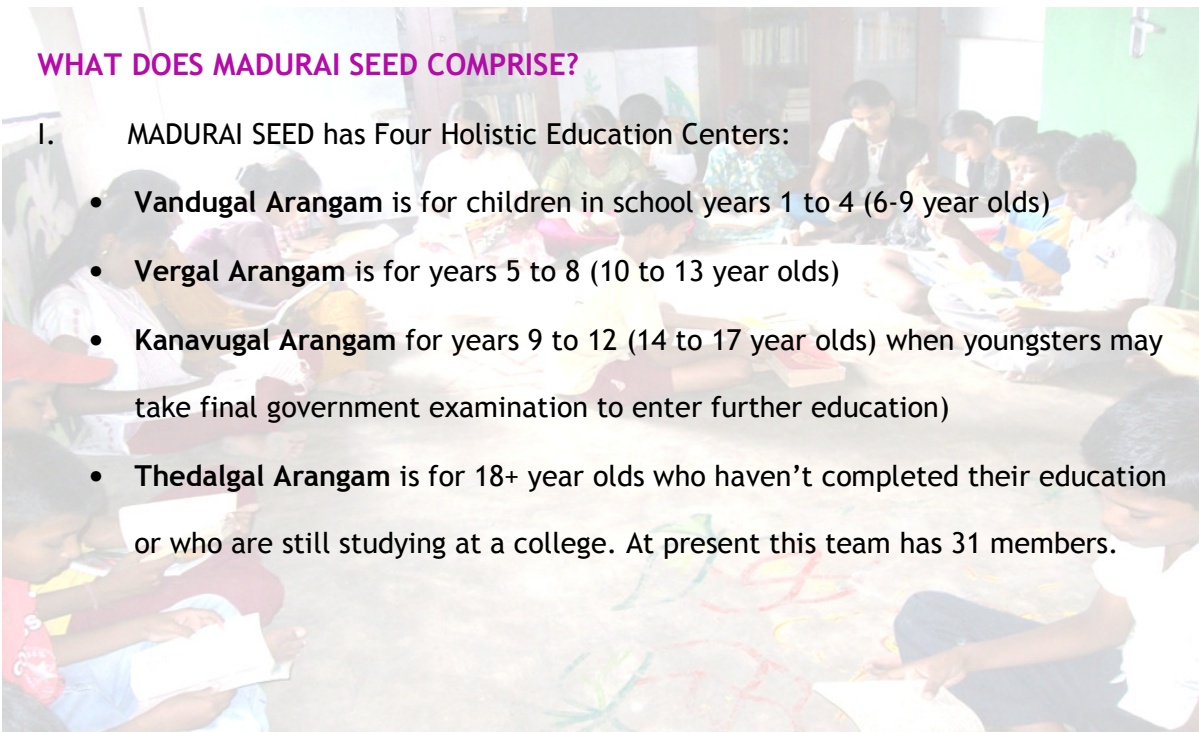
## A Program to Support and Empower Underprivileged Children and Young People

### WHAT IS MADURAI SEED?

MADURAI SEED was founded in 1999 as an NGO to help underprivileged children and young people from Karumbalai, a poor area of Madurai, Tamil Nadu. It places special emphasis on a holistic approach to developing the children's and young people's education in a variety of ways. Via drop-in centers, it offers local children and young people help with their schoolwork and also with the transition to their working lives. It does this through supported study groups and training, a library to help develop their reading ability, sports activities, excursions, camps, and a range of creative activities such as dance, music, art classes etc. in this way, MADURAI SEED gives very underprivileged children and young people the opportunity to make progress educationally, personally and socially, and to work towards a vocational goal.

### WHAT DOES MADURAI SEED COMPRISE?

- I. MADURAI SEED has Four Holistic Education Centers:
  - **Vandugal Arangam** is for children in school years 1 to 4 (6-9 year olds)
  - **Vergal Arangam** is for years 5 to 8 (10 to 13 year olds)
  - **Kanavugal Arangam** for years 9 to 12 (14 to 17 year olds) when youngsters may take final government examination to enter further education)
  - **Thedalgal Arangam** is for 18+ year olds who haven't completed their education or who are still studying at a college. At present this team has 31 members.



## II. Library:

- **Senthamizh Library** is a part of MADURAI SEED with books for children and young people ranging from fiction to philosophy and history both in Tamil and English. It aims to promote good reading habits and literacy. It is open to all the children and young people during holidays.

## WHAT ELSE DOES MADURAI SEED OFFER?

### I. Children and Young People Federations:

#### **MADURAI SEED Children Federation, MADURAI SEED Young People Federation**

These movements place an emphasis on personality development, career guidance, campaigns, improving leadership skills, time management, awareness of child rights, and constitutional rights. These are facilitated by MADURAI SEED.

### II. Journals:

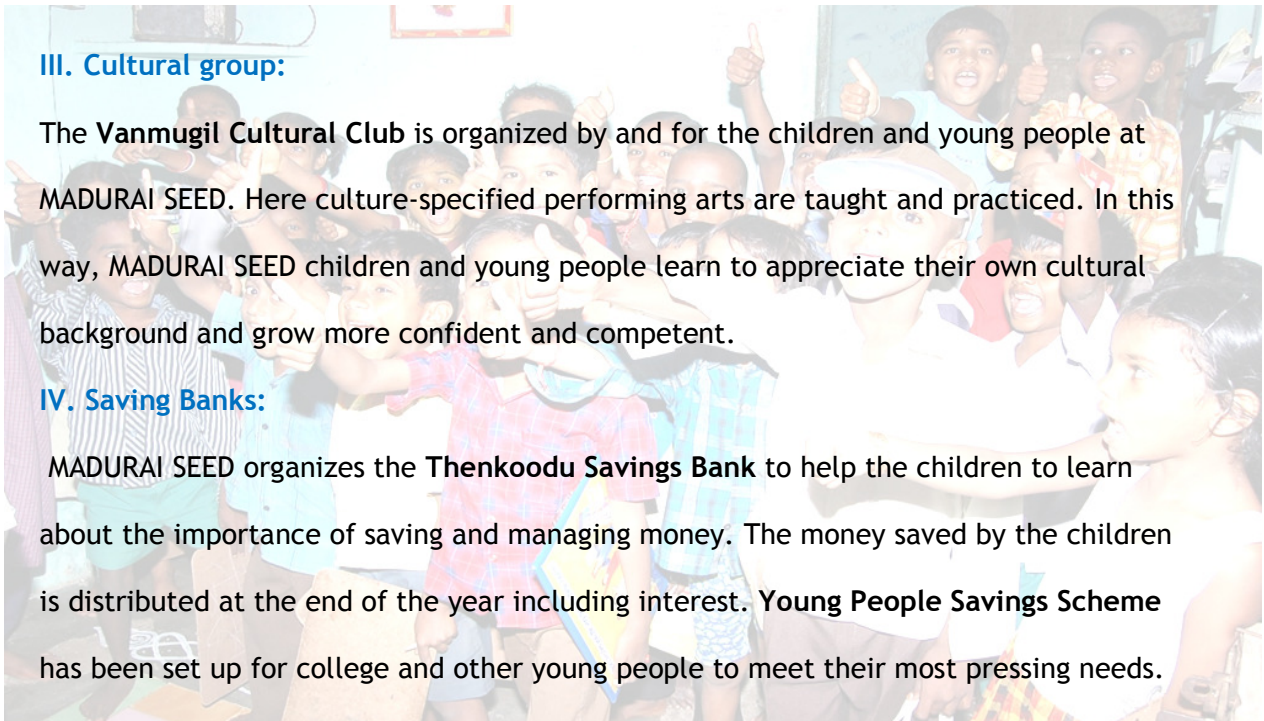
Two journals - one for children **Puduyugam** and one for young people **Pudiya Velichangal**- offer the children and young people an opportunity to express their views creatively. Both are published by MADURAI SEED at regular intervals.

### III. Cultural group:

The **Vanmugil Cultural Club** is organized by and for the children and young people at MADURAI SEED. Here culture-specified performing arts are taught and practiced. In this way, MADURAI SEED children and young people learn to appreciate their own cultural background and grow more confident and competent.

### IV. Saving Banks:

MADURAI SEED organizes the **Thenkoodu Savings Bank** to help the children to learn about the importance of saving and managing money. The money saved by the children is distributed at the end of the year including interest. **Young People Savings Scheme** has been set up for college and other young people to meet their most pressing needs.



## V. Club Activities:

MADURAI SEED also organizes a science club, literature club, social science club, sports club, and medical club. MADURAI SEED volunteers conduct field trips, tours, camps and other activities to broaden children and young people's horizons and to help them to develop social awareness and respect for themselves & others.

## VI. Scholarships

MADURAI SEED also meet educational expenses such as fees, uniforms, books, etc to more than 40 children who would otherwise not be able study in school. MADURAI SEED also pay fees for computer training, vocational and other non-school studies.

### Benefits:

MADURAI SEED offer daily evening tuition in free of charge through Holistic Education Centers - taught by college volunteers and other working volunteers. These are open to all interested children and young people regardless of their religious or social, economic background.

Last year 2010-2011, 423 children and 31 young people contacted & made use of MADURAI SEED. Currently, 25 young people are at college. 5 are doing post graduate courses; 5 are doing engineering studies, 15 under graduate students. The children and young people are all very happy to have MADURAI SEED. Not only have their marks and their exam success improved dramatically, but they also are now demonstrating their other talents: The children and young people are growing in self-confidence and self-belief. For the girls especially MADURAI SEED is very significant. Indeed A girl who attends school to the age of 18, she has a far greater chance of finding a career and being able to earn her own living, and of therefore breaking out of the closed circle of poverty.

## Young People's Achievements in the last years

Particulars	Young People doing Education outer	Finished	Govt. Job holders
PhD	2	0	
M. Phil		2	
Post Graduation	8	10	
Under Graduation	15	64	
Bachelor of Law	1	2	
Bachelor of Education		5	
Diploma Holders		16	
Government Jobs			1
Police			8

### Who initiated MADURAI SEED, and who forms its staff?

MADURAI SEED was officially registered under the Indian Trust Registration act, Register Number 61/2007 in Karumbalai in February 2007. Karthik Bharathi, who grew up in Karumbalai himself, had previously worked for a similar NGO and has extensive first-hand experience of the local needs and problems. He is supported by Mansur and Mariammal. They in turn rely on a team of twenty eight college students who have volunteered to work with the various groups of children for two hours every evening and to conduct special activities during holidays.

At present, MADURAI SEED has one dedicated classroom, in addition to the library (used exclusively for quiet study). All other classes are regularly held on the roof-tops of neighborhood private dwellings, which show the great willingness in the neighborhood to support the whole project. The volunteers do not just teach but also provide role models with good study habits - day in, day out, week in, week out - an indication of the charisma, commitment and idealism of these people.

## Join Us

We, the MADURAI SEED children, young people, volunteers, and parents are cordially inviting you to visit our holistic education centers. We are sure that you will appreciate seeing the joy and personal pride that MADURAI SEED helps to bring out in these children and young people and we would like to encourage you to provide us your support to help MADURAI SEED lived up to its name: **Support and Encourage Education for the Disadvantaged.**

**Thanks for your support and kind**

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# Profile

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Legal Status of the organization	<b>REGISTERED UNDER INDIAN TRUST ACT</b>	
	Reg. No:61/07	Date:01/02/2007
	<b>REGISTERED UNDER FCRA</b>	
	Reg. No: 075940581	Date: 09/02/2012
Tax Exemption 80 G NO:	C.No.464/451/CIT-I/2007-08	
PAN Number	AAGTS4650N	
Name of Office Bearers	<b>Managing Trustee &amp; President</b>	A.S.KARTHIKBHARATHI
	<b>Financial Trustee cum Secretary</b>	M.MANSURALI
	<b>Trustee</b>	V.MARIAMMAL
FCRA Bank Account Number	<b>A/c No: 67097881158</b>	
IFS Code	<b>SBTR0000008</b>	
Swift Code	<b>SBTRINBB008</b>	
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