



Recent Updates and Achievements

Madurai site Tamil Nadu, India



Chalice has partnered with the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod (Madurai provincialate) in rural, urban and remote tribal communities of Tamil Nadu since 1997. The Madurai site supports both children and seniors in four sub-sites. Families in the area face high rates of illiteracy (especially among women), unemployment and HIV/AIDS. In addition to sponsorship, the site runs tutoring programs, and children are encouraged to pursue extra-curricular activities including arts, sports, computer and cultural programs.



- Madurai supports 947 sponsored children.
- 866 children (91%) are enrolled in school, colleges, Technical Institutions and professional studies.
- All our sponsored children are adapting well to post-pandemic education changes.
- 23 children have received course certificates in tailoring, typing and computing.
- 31 children with disabilities have improved daily living skills through home-based care and support during the lockdown.
- Through the Covid India fund and Special fund support, children have a nutritional diet and maintained better health, especially during the Covid pandemic.



- 868 sponsored families received additional funds towards good nutrition through the gift catalogue.
- Madurai's sponsored families have learned to manage their economic crisis during the Covid pandemic and were able to meet their needs through the additional support received along with sponsorship funds.
- Sponsored families have received support to have a decent living environment through the gift catalogue.
- Most sponsored families have learnt the importance of savings that help them during financial and critical situations.
- 13 sponsored families have availed health care support through Chalice Critical Need support and improved their health.
- 15 sponsored families availed health care and 25 families received houses and latrines.



- 20 families have received new houses with latrines, with 5 more in progress.
- In lieu of regular Skills@Chalice programming, the site distributed numerous sewing machines and power tools to previously-trained young adults.

