



Annual Report 2019-2020

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 eight sub-sites, which include schools and residences, a hostel for children, and a home for the elderly. 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

Child



- 807 sponsored children are enrolled in school or technical college.
- 80 sponsored children have disabilities and unique needs.
- 31 children are currently enrolled in appropriate educational programs.
- 7.6% of the sponsored children have completed a post-secondary program. The site supported 30 youth this year with undergraduate studies.
- Prior to the pandemic, site staff held after-school support programs in 6 locations, supporting 180 children with homework help and other supplementary activities such as crafts, dance and creative writing.
- 587 sponsored teens were engaged in youth groups created to improve their social relationships and self-esteem.

Family

- Madurai site works with 926 guardians organized into 52 family circles.
- Staff oriented 131 guardians of newly-sponsored children into Chalice's family funding model and trained them in financial literacy.
- During the shutdown, staff communicated with guardians through mobile messaging and ensured they could still access their sponsorship funds.
- Site staff report that siblings of sponsored children are also benefiting through education and medical needs.
- The site staff observed that the families were in a strong position to manage the emergency of the pandemic and the loss of income it caused.
- Families did not experience food insecurity.
- 20% of families used sponsorship funds to access healthcare services.



Community

- 231 families, including non-sponsored community members, benefited from the Chalice gift catalogue. They received items to support income-generating activities, such as small shops, vendor carts and goats.
- The site staff also observed that the communities demonstrated a strong sense of solidarity, encouraging each other and offering prayers and support to families who lost loved ones.

