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Empowering Communities through Compassion and Action



PACHE TRUST, Madurai, Tamilnadu, India

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INTRODUCTION

PACHE Trust was established in 1987 as a result of meaningful discussions and reflections among socially committed and experienced individuals. These deliberations focused on addressing the critical needs of marginalized communities and translating ideas into action.

The organization primarily works to empower the poor and oppressed—especially rural women, children, landless agricultural laborers, and small and marginal farmers—by helping them identify practical solutions to the challenges affecting their quality of life.

PACHE Trust's development initiatives aim to build an egalitarian society rooted in peace, love, and justice. The organization envisions a society where all individuals, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, enjoy equal rights, opportunities, and responsibilities without discrimination based on caste, creed, religion, or gender. This is achieved through education, organization, motivation, and active community participation.



SALIENT FEATURES OF PACHE TRUST

- Registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA).
- Eligible for Income Tax exemption under Section 80G.
- Governed by a diverse team of committed professionals from fields such as Education, Healthcare, Social Work, Law, and NGOs, including representatives from Target Communities.
- Regular meetings for knowledge sharing and experiential learning.

- Strong emphasis on participatory planning and community involvement at all stages—planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Robust internal and external evaluation systems.
- Recipient of multiple awards for contributions to HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (including Recognition from USAID, State AIDS Control Society, and District Administration).
- Well-established reputation among Government Departments, Healthcare Institutions, Banks, and Educational Institutions.
- Promotion of Independent Legal Trusts for HIV-Positive individuals and Transgender Communities.
- Commitment to transparency and accountability.



CORE PRINCIPLES AND PHILOSOPHY

PACHE Trust follows a community-centered approach:

- 🔧 Work with the poorest and most marginalized
- 🤝 Reach out with compassion and understanding
- 🌍 Live and learn alongside communities
- 🏗️ Build on existing strengths and resources
- 🌱 Partner with communities for sustainable growth
- 📚 Empower through training and capacity building
- 🌟 Promote collective progress toward emancipation and empowerment

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

District	Blocks / Corporations
Madurai	Madurai Corporation, Chellampatti, Vadipatti, Melur, Kottampatti, Thirupparankundram, Tirumangalam and Usilampatti Blocks
Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli Corporation, Mannur, Pappakudi and Palayamkottai Blocks

BENEFICIARIES

PACHE Trust serves diverse vulnerable groups:

- **Women:** Socio-economically disadvantaged, rural poor, survivors of violence, sex workers, and those affected by HIV/AIDS and TB
- **Children:** School-going, dropouts, working and street children, HIV-affected, and survivors of female infanticide
- **People Living with HIV/AIDS:**
Women, men, youth, Transgender and children
- **Agricultural Workers:** Landless laborers, small and marginal farmers
- **Youth & Adolescents:** Unemployed, vulnerable to substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and other health risks
- **Community Leaders:** Volunteers and representatives from grassroots organizations and local bodies



KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

- Eradication of female infanticide
- Poverty reduction and livelihood promotion
- HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and rehabilitation
- Sexual and reproductive health rights
- Women's empowerment and social justice
- Sustainable agricultural practices

MAJOR PROGRAM AREAS

1. Prevention of female infanticide
2. HIV/AIDS and STI prevention among high-risk groups
3. Care and support for affected individuals and families
4. Youth and adolescent health education
5. Sponsorship programs for vulnerable children
6. Women's empowerment initiatives
7. Community-based care programs
8. Organic farming and sustainable agriculture
9. Sexual and reproductive health education
10. Nutrition awareness programs
11. Rapid HIV testing initiatives



HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Targeted Intervention – Tirunelveli

In collaboration with the Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society, PACHE Trust implemented targeted interventions for high-risk groups such as MSM and FSWs.



Key Achievements:

- Reached 775 MSMs, 179 Transgenders and 545 FSWs
- Established a Drop-In Centre (DIC) with referral and recreational services
- Covered 27 hotspots with 12 peer educators
- Addressed 24 crisis cases
- Facilitated access to social protection schemes (ID cards, pensions, insurance, bank accounts, etc.)

Peer educators played a vital role in awareness building, crisis management, and correcting misconceptions, leading to a reduction in STI/HIV incidence.

FSW Intervention Program – Madurai

- Reached over 1462 female sex workers
- Referral and linkage for STI treatment and counseling
- Trained 11 peer educators
- Established a Drop-In Centre (DIC) with referral and recreational services
- Hot spots 45
- Condom promotion
- Enabled access to government welfare schemes



- Strengthened community-based organizations

This program significantly contributed to improving health awareness, safety, and rights among FSWs.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

This long-running initiative focuses on: inculcating, promoting and strengthening positive values, attitudes & behaviors and thereby help towards achieving the integral personality development of children.

- Educational support and scholarships
- Nutritional assistance
- Hygiene promotion



- Life skills and HIV awareness education
- Family counseling and community engagement

Total Beneficiaries: 96 children

The program emphasizes that girls are valuable assets to society when given proper opportunities.

PACHE TRUST firmly believes that offering only sympathy or verbal support is not enough to truly improve the lives of children. Instead, its efforts are focused on providing meaningful developmental support by nurturing positive attitudes, values, skills, and capabilities in children and their families. This approach aims to help them become self-reliant and confident in the future.

The organization does not encourage children affected by HIV/AIDS or those impacted by female infanticide practices to grow up with a sense of dependency. Rather, it emphasizes empowering them to understand their social responsibilities and recognize that they, too, can make valuable contributions to their families and to the nation as a whole.

COMMUNITY BASED CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM (HIV/AIDS)

Children are often regarded as blessings from God. Yet, children living with HIV/AIDS, as well as those from HIV/AIDS-affected families, face immense hardships in



many areas of life — social, educational, cultural, emotional, psychological, and legal — from a very young age, through no fault of their own. Due to the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS, they are frequently denied access to education, play, and recreational opportunities.

Recognizing these critical challenges, PACHE TRUST stepped forward to support children and women

living with HIV/AIDS in Melur and the surrounding regions. For many years, these individuals had experienced neglect, isolation, discrimination, stigma, victimization, injustice, and exploitation.

To address the needs and aspirations of HIV/AIDS-infected and affected children and women — particularly the educational and vocational training needs of children, which are essential for their future self-reliance — PACHE TRUST developed a comprehensive special program package and submitted it to the agency for financial support. Understanding the importance and urgency of this initiative, the donor agency generously extended its support to the developmental efforts of PACHE TRUST.

We are now pleased to present the annual report achieved through the project, along with its impact and the positive ripple effects created through the active participation of the beneficiaries and the local community.

This initiative addresses the challenges faced by HIV-affected families.

Objectives:

- Ensure continued education for children
- Provide skill development for women
- Promote employment and self-reliance
- Offer legal support and social protection
- Reduce stigma and encourage community acceptance

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Domestic violence and sexual exploitation are serious social issues addressed through our community-based interventions and awareness activities. Domestic violence includes physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, and economic abuse occurring within families and intimate relationships. Many women and children suffer silently due to fear, social stigma, financial dependency, and lack of proper support systems. Through counseling, awareness meetings, and community education, we support victims and encourage them to seek protection and justice.

Sexual exploitation is another major concern affecting vulnerable women and children, especially those from poor and marginalized communities. Poverty, gender discrimination, lack of education, unemployment, and weak social protection increase the risk of exploitation and trafficking. Victims often face emotional trauma, health problems, social exclusion, and denial of basic rights.

To address these issues, we conduct awareness programs, counseling sessions, women empowerment activities, and community campaigns promoting gender equality and child protection. We also collaborate with local stakeholders, community leaders, and support networks to create a safer environment for women and children. Our initiatives aim to reduce violence and exploitation, strengthen family and community support systems, and promote dignity, safety, and equal rights for all individuals in society.



TB PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM

Key Activities	Achievements
Awareness campaigns and household visits	843 people participated in awareness programs
Sputum collection and testing	264 sputum samples collected
TB cases linked to treatment	6 cases identified and linked to treatment
Referral and linkage to government treatment services	
Community mobilization and advocacy	

STAFF AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- 17 full-time staff members
- 22 peer educators and 64 volunteers

Regular training, review meetings, and participatory evaluations ensure continuous skill enhancement and improved program delivery.

EMPOWERMENT OF HRG FEDERATIONS AND POSITIVE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR SECURING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS PROJECT

This report presents a comprehensive overview of the project’s developmental activities, focusing on key issues related to HIV/AIDS prevention and control. It highlights the active involvement of federations formed and managed by High-Risk Groups (HRGs), including transgenders, and men who have sex with men in Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu, India. The report outlines the positive outcomes of the initiative, along with the challenges, struggles, and setbacks faced by federation members—particularly active and emerging leaders. It also describes future plans and long-term strategies aligned with the organization’s vision and mission.



Feedback in the form of comments, ideas, and suggestions is highly encouraged and appreciated, as both PACHE TRUST and the Mercury Phoenix Trust share common values, principles, and goals.

Key Components of the Project:

- Formation and strengthening of federations for HIV-positive individuals and HRG members
- Conducting intensive, issue-based trainings, meetings, and seminars for federation members, leaders, and positive support groups
- Organizing health and nutritional camps
- Establishing linkages with healthcare services, banks, social welfare and social defense departments, police, legal systems, and other government agencies
- Facilitating community-based events and outreach programs

IMPACT AND RESULTS

- Increased confidence and hope among HIV-affected individuals
- Reduction in stigma and social isolation
- Improved access to education, healthcare, and livelihoods
- Enhanced community participation and leadership
- Strengthened awareness of rights and legal protections



Beneficiaries are increasingly asserting their rights and contributing actively to their families and communities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Festivals such as Pongal, Diwali, Christmas, and New Year were celebrated with active participation from children and families.

National and awareness days—including Independence Day, Republic Day, Children’s Day, and World AIDS Day—were also observed to promote unity, awareness, and cultural engagement.

WOMEN AND CHILD RIGHTS INITIATIVES

Training and awareness programs focused on:

- Protection from violence and abuse
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Access to healthcare and insurance
- Legal rights and social justice

Participants were encouraged to assert their rights and seek legal support when necessary.

CELEBRATION OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS

As an integral part of its development initiatives, PACHE TRUST adopts a holistic approach to the growth of children and women. In this process, children—especially girls—and women are actively involved in organizing meetings and special programs on important occasions such as International Women’s Day, International Day of the Girl Child, Human Rights Day, World AIDS Day, Food Safety and Security Day, and festivals like Diwali, Christmas, New Year, and Pongal.

These events provide valuable opportunities for participants to gain essential knowledge, develop skills and talents, and strengthen their abilities. They also offer a platform to showcase their potential to the wider community, raising awareness about the challenges faced by underprivileged women and children. At the same time, these occasions highlight the importance of providing proper care, support, and services for those in distress. Through such programs, PACHE TRUST has earned a positive reputation among the public.

PROMOTION OF VOLUNTARISM

Encouraging a spirit of volunteerism is another important aspect of PACHE TRUST's initiatives. The organization actively promotes this value among its target groups, as well as among socially conscious women, youth, and children. The positive response and success of these efforts have been a strong source of motivation for the organization.

ACADEMIC AND TRAINING INITIATIVES

PACHE Trust provides field training opportunities for students from institutions like Madurai institute of social sciences, American college, Mannar College, Agricultural college, affiliated with Madurai Kamaraj University, including BSW & MSW students.

These programs help students gain practical experience and develop professional skills in social work.

GOVERNANCE

- Two board meetings conducted during the year
- Regular review and approval of programs and financial reports
- Commitment to transparency and compliance with legal standards

CONCLUSION

The year 2025–2026 has been a period of significant progress and learning for PACHE Trust. The organization continues to strengthen its relationship with communities and expand its impact through dedicated efforts and innovative programs.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all stakeholders—including funding agencies, staff, volunteers, peer educators, beneficiaries, partner organizations, and government departments—for their invaluable support.



With continued collaboration and commitment, PACHE Trust remains confident in achieving its vision of building a healthy, equitable, and empowered society.