

# **ORGANIZATION PROFILE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre is a registered non-governmental organization established in the year 1986 to provide Comprehensive Health Care and Community Based Rehabilitation programmes for the uplift of rural disabled, children of leprosy patients, rural poor and underprivileged. We feel happy and honored for serving thousands of disabled in bringing them to the main stream. We are very proud that the services of our centre have become a milestone in rehabilitation of disabled in this district.

## **VISION**

The holistic and ultimate aim of our organization is to provide opportunities for the empowerment and overall development of the disabled and make them as self reliant and responsible citizens.

## **MISSION**

To rehabilitate rural disabled for their betterment.

To provide special education to Physically handicapped and Mentally challenged.

To provide comprehensive medical care to the disabled and rural public.

To provide Orthopaedic appliances for disabled and leprosy patients.

To impart vocational training programmes for rural disabled, children of Leprosy patients, Rural poor and underprivileged.

## **OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.**

<b>S/ No</b>	<b>NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	<b>OCCUPATION&amp; ADDRESS</b>	<b>POST HELD</b>
1	Dr. E. Vomstein,	Physician, 19, Nakkirar Street, Subramania Nagar, SALEM – 636 004.	Chairperson
2	Mr. T. Jayaraj Devadass	Regional Secretary, GLRA, 4, Gajapathy Street, Shenoy Nagar, CHENNAI – 600 030.	Vice Chairman
3	Mr. D. Dhandapani	Administrative officer, St. Joseph hospital, Omalur, SALEM – 636 455.	Treasurer
4	Mrs. M. Juliet	Head of the Department, Rajaji Institute of Technology, Peria Seeragapadi, SALEM – 636 009.	Secretary

5	Mr. Ravichandran	Finance Advisor, GLRA, 4, Gajapathy Street, Shenoy Nagar, CHENNAI – 600 030.	Member
6	Mr. A. Lawrence	Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre, Near R.C. Church, Tharamangalam (Po), SALEM – 636 502.	Member
7	Mr. Murugan	Physician, St. Joseph Hospital, R.C.Chettipatty, OMALUR – 636 455.	Member
8	Dr. C. Umakanthan	Physician, Devaki Clinic, Tharamangalam, SALEM – 636 502.	Member
9	Mr. Wilfred	Social Worker, No-7, Gowripuram, KuruvamPatty, SALEM – 636 009	Member
10	Mr. Antonyraj	Social Worker, J.C. QRS No: 6, Salem Camp, METTUR DAM – 636 456.	Member

### **PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES**

Following are the different programmes and services carried out by Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre through its various departments for their uplift.

#### **I. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME .**

1. St. Judes Handicapped children school - Government Recognized integrated special school for disabled.
2. SMART – Special Education and Rehabilitation Centre for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.
3. Annai illam - Residential hostel for handicapped to continue their education.
4. Inclusive Education for disabled under Sarva Siksha Abiyan in 11 blocks of Salem District.
5. Evening school under non formal education for working children and children of Narikuravas – nomadic tribes.
6. Educational sponsorship programmes to take care of their educational needs of persons with disabilities.

#### **II. HEALTH CARE PROGRAMMES.**

1. Rural Health Care Centre – General outpatient clinic.
2. Well-equipped physiotherapy unit for disabled children and general public and separate ward for post operative care and physiotherapy management
3. Orthopaedic workshop to manufacture appliances for disabled persons and Leprosy patients.
4. Reproductive and child health programme under The Ministry of Health and Family welfare in collaboration with Tamilnadu Voluntary Health Association, Chennai.

### III. VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

1. St. Judes Industrial Training Institute ( I.T.I ) for rural disabled, children of leprosy patient and rural underprivileged – recognized by the Govt. of Tamilnadu.
2. Self-employment training programmes for disabled and underprivileged on
  - a. Handicraft works from waste silk cocoons.
  - b. Radio and Television mechanism.
  - c. Tailoring training Toy making.
3. Conducting short term vocational courses on behalf of TADHCO – unit of Govt. of Tamilnadu for schedule caste.

### IV. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION and AWARENESS PROGRAMMES.

1. Nodal agency and local level committee member for Salem district under National Trust, New Delhi - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
2. Formation of Handicapped person's welfare associations and Parents associations in collaboration with PARIVAR – Parents mobilization action group India.
3. School visit to motivate the teachers and request them to pay additional care for disabled children.
4. Field work programme by CBR workers for offering counselling and guidance to the disabled and their family members.
5. Home based training and preparatory work for inclusive education.
6. Team visit for problematic cases.
7. Disability awareness and advocacy programmes.

### V. TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

1. Care Givers Training programme sponsored by National Trust, New Delhi - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

2. Organizing training programmes for WBA – ICDS supervisors on early detection and Early intervention of childhood disabilities in four districts.

### **LOCATION**

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre is situated at Tharamangalam, in Omalur taluk, Salem Dt. Tharamangalam is a Block consisting of 18 Panchayats. The estimated population of Tharamangalam according to 2000 census was 3,50,000. The District Headquarters is 25 km away from Tharamangalam. The town is situated between Omalur in the East, Metter in the West, Salem in the South and the Dharmapuri in the North.

### **ABOUT THE ORGANISATION**

Ecomwel Orthopaedic Centre is a registered society under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act under section 10 of the Act 27 of 1975 ( Registration no - 175/ 1986). We are one of the GLRA project implementing various programmes for the welfare of disabled, mentally challenged, children of leprosy patients, working children, rural poor and underprivileged.

One of our main and unique programme is an Integrated special school for disabled, it is recognised by the Government of Tamilnadu under Directorate of Rehabilitation for handicapped. We conduct regular classes up to 8<sup>th</sup> std as per the norms of the Educational Board. Trained and dedicated teaching staff are involved in our educational programmes.

We have one Special Education and Rehabilitation Centre for the welfare of children with Mental Retardation, Cerebral palsy, Autism and Multiple disabilities. It is sponsored by National Trust, New Delhi. 38 children are being benefited from this programme. We have good hostel facilities for these children.

Annai Illam - Residential hostel attached with our school gives an opportunity to the disabled children to continue their education. Disabled children living in the villages are finding it very difficult to attend the school due to their mobilization problems. Hence our residential hostel helps them to continue their studies.

An Integrated Industrial Training Institute (I.T.I) for disabled, children of leprosy patients, rural poor and underprivileged is functioning at Tharamangalam which is recognized by the Government of Tamilnadu under Directorate of Employment and Training. We are offering the following courses namely.

- a. Certificate Course in Computer Applications & Software,
- b. Certificate Course in Desktop Publishing,
- c. Certificate Course in Printing Technology,
- d. Certificate Course in Hotel Management.

Government has granted only recognition and we are not receiving any funds for the maintenance and salary of the staff.

We have Non-formal education centre for working children and for the children of Narikuravas. We are conducting evening classes to impart basic education to these children. This educational programme aims at making them to read and write and provide an opportunity for Creative thinking, Students interaction, Educational tours, Health care, Library, Saving schemes etc and ultimately integrate these children in the regular school.

We are also providing vocational training on Radio & T.V mechanism, tailoring, toy making and Handicraft work from waste silk cocoon to the rural disabled. The ultimate aim of this project is to provide self employment opportunity for disabled persons.

We are running one Charitable Rural Health Care Centre to help the rural public. It is a comprehensive health care programme, under this programme regular out patient clinic is conducted and an average of 40 patients are attending every day. Facilities like clinical investigations, pharmacy, physiotherapy, dressing etc are provided. We also conduct regular village medical camp on general health.

We have well-equipped physiotherapy unit to cater to the needs of the disabled. It helps a lot for our disabled children studying in school to have regular physiotherapy. We have two physiotherapist working for these children. General cases are also attending our unit for various ailments. We have one orthopaedic workshop to manufacture all types of appliances for disabled and leprosy patients.

We are serving as Nodal agency and Local level committee member for National trust, New Delhi - Under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in implementing their programmes and services. We are also conducting Care Givers Training Programme which is sponsored by National trust.

Recently we have been appointed as Nodal Agency for Government of Tamilnadu for four districts to implement training for WBA-ICDS supervisors on early intervention and early detection of childhood disabilities. We are also collaborating with TADHCO - unit of Government of Tamilnadu to conduct short term vocational courses for schedule caste students and we are implementing Inclusive Education programme for Disabled under Sarva Siksha Abiyan at 11 blocks in Salem Dt.

## **LEGAL STATUS**

- “ Registered Society under Tamilnadu Societies Rgistration Act under section 10 of the Act 27 of 1975 ( Reg. No : 175 / 1986 )
- “ Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA No : 076000042 )
- “ Registered under Income Tax Act 1961 under section 80 G for deduction of income tax ( C. No. 9755 (42) / SLM / 2000 –2001 )

## **AWARDS**

We also take this opportunity to bring to your kind information that our centre has been selected for National Award for its out standing services for children with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, Autism and multiple disabilities by National Trust, under The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Governement of India for the year 2003. Our institution has received State Award for its outstanding services for disabled from The Government of Tamilnadu for the year 1993 and 2000. Dr. E. Vomstein, our founder has received The Woman of the year Award for 1996 from the International Women’s Association.

our institute has been recognized as Teachers Training Institute for Special Educators by Rehabilitation council of India under The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi. The course is called as DSE – MR ( Diploma in special education – mental retardation ). The duration of the course is two years and those who complete the course will be employed as special educators in both Government and Non – Governmental organizations. We feel it is an important milestone in our efforts in reaching out to the persons with disability.

