

MALARCHI POONCHOLAI TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1092994

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2002-07-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF CHILDREN WHO ARE IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY ORPHANS IN THE TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT OF TAMIL NADU IN SOUTH INDIA THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A CHILDREN'S HOME, CARE SERVICES, FINANCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL SUPPORT.

Activities: The relief of children, either orphans or living with a widowed mother with severely limited resources, in the Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu in S India, through the provision of outreach services, care services, financial, educational and medical support. This support is given within their community in their homes. Provision of daily meals to abandoned elderly in the same area.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU, INDIA.
- India

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,823	£76,154	-	-
2023-12-31	£2,028	£73,460	-	-
2022-12-31	£41,789	£96,333	-	-
2021-12-31	£202,949	£44,306	-	-
2020-12-31	£20,071	£48,899	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROL MARIE EVANS MBE	Chair	
Dr PETER DREW		
Ellen May Downey		2020-12-31
GARETH JOHN EVANS MBE		
JANE CLARKE		

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Annual Report 2022

Aims, objectives and achievements.

The Trust aims to lift children, who are either orphans or in the care of a lone parent, in the Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu in South India, out of dire poverty through the provision of regular financial, educational and medical support and regular issues of hygiene parcels and clothing. One hundred and thirteen children of school and college age, benefit from this outreach programme. Thirteen of these are in further education including two following BSc Nursing, four following B Com, two BSc and one Diploma in Nursing.

Since the pandemic made evident the dire poverty and appalling deprivation of a group of elderly pariahs in two hamlets, the Trust also aims to make the situation of sixty-two elderly and neglected men and women more comfortable by the daily provision of cooked meals.

Two UK trustees and one donor visited the projects in September.

Finance

The already audited India accounts were received by email on time and were scrutinised. They were found to be reasonable and accurate and were accepted by the UK Trustees.

Children - Developments and activities.

Children and their parents met in May, at the beginning of the academic year, to receive the educational equipment needed for the year and to be given advice regarding educational matters where needed. They were given meals and snacks during the visit. Those youngsters who had completed year 10 or +2 years met with Prabakaran to discuss their futures

Children and parents met in groups in September to meet with two UK Trustees and a visiting donor. They received various awards and gifts, new blankets and clothing. The food, which was extremely well received, was prepared by a former Pooncholai resident, Esakkimuthu, who is developing a very promising career and business in catering.

Staff

Esakkimuthu resigned his post as a fieldworker with the Trust in order to start up a business in catering. Our two other fieldworkers have chosen to carry out his duties for the time being. All members of staff are very settled in their roles, which are being carried out extremely well. They are, two fieldworkers, a female clerical worker, responsible for keeping the daybook and for the accounts amongst other duties, a cook, responsible for daily meals for the recipient elderly people, a cook's assistant in this project and a general worker, who oversees the construction of toilets and delivers food to the elderly when necessary.

Toilets construction

Those of our families who are recipients of toilets have expressed their delight in the considerable improvement in their lives that this has brought.

We have received a number of applications for toilets in the two hamlets and have agreed a policy regarding this. A form has to be completed by applicants with proof that they have a very small income e.g. they are recipients of ration cards. Those with government jobs or who have more than a very small piece of land or own what is known as a "concrete house", in other words a substantial dwelling, will not have their applications considered.

Visits to projects

With risk from Covid very greatly diminished, UK trustees were able to freely visit all projects. Without exception, it was clear that the children included in the Outreach project are benefiting very substantially. Their ability to engage more fully in the educational process, due to a greatly improved diet, is marked and a large proportion of those reaching the end of statutory education choose to continue into the +2 years and thereafter proceed to higher or further education.

Newly constructed toilets for those families, who had hitherto not had access to a toilet, were visited, often without notice. Without exception, these toilets were very well kept and in a clean and orderly state. Many of the families expressed their gratitude for greatly improved lives as a result of having a toilet. The women and girls in particular benefit hugely from the privacy that they are now afforded.

There is a government initiative for the construction of toilets and we enquired of our families why they had not taken advantage of this. We were told by the

families that they have to initially find the money to build their own toilet and are reimbursed once construction has been completed and inspected. However, they report that the materials used are often substandard and the constructions are short lived. Additionally, since they have no spare money, they have to borrow, at a high interest rate, the necessary funds.

The group of elderly extremely poor pariahs living in two hamlets are appreciative of the two meals and snacks that they receive each day. Having met some of them at the beginning of this project, the UK trustees were impressed by how much healthier they are now and were pleased to hear that their capacity to buy the simple medications and hygiene items that they need is now far greater. During several visits to these hamlets the appalling state of some of the roofs of those elderly receiving support from the Trust became very evident. These rush roofs had holes patched with polythene bags and the discomfort caused by the many leaks during the monsoon must have been truly dreadful for old bodies and bones. After consultation with other trustees, it was decided to fund repairs where they were particularly needed.

Reunion

It was decided to send out an invitation for all former Pooncholai children to attend a reunion. A large number managed to attend the event in a rented hall in Reddiarpatti, close to our headquarters. Many of them had travelled a long distance and only those who were incapacitated or had important commitments did not attend. It was a highly successful event and for the visiting UK trustees it was extremely rewarding to hear about the successes of each individual. Without exception, they had done well in terms of their careers and none of them had been engaged in menial work. The majority of them were married and many had one or two children. Their memories of their lives in Pooncholai were positive and joyful and their happy reunions, with those that they consider to be their brothers and sisters, were a pleasure to see.

In the tradition of Tamil Nadu, several attendees gave spontaneous speeches all of which spoke from the heart and were touching. We were particularly moved when a brother and sister, both brought up in Pooncholai, gave speeches of gratitude and presented a substantial (in terms of their salaries) donation to the Trust. Both would have become agricultural coolies without the education and care that they received in Pooncholai. The sister has become a paediatric nurse and her brother a chef. Following this presentation others also made smaller but very welcome donations.

Funding

Because of a past very generous legacy, the Trust is in the very fortunate position of being able to extend its work without any difficulties, whilst retaining sufficient funding for unforeseen eventualities during the next year and beyond.

Carol Evans Chairperson

Consolidated accounts (Account 1 and account 2)

Section A Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment f	Total funds	Last year
Donations and legacies	41,660	-	-	41,660	200,000
Interest on deposit accounts	129	-	-	129	2,949
Subtotal	41,789	-	-	41,789	202,949

A2 Asset and investment sales

None	-	-	-	-	-
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A3 Payments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment f	Total	Last year
Transfers to India	80,547	0	0	80,547	43,104
Postage	149	0	0	149	210
Fieldwork India	10,994	0	0	10,994	
Flights	4,305	0	0	4,305	
Bank charges	120	0	0	120	105
Others	219			219	887
Subtotal	96,333	-	-	96,333	44,306

A4 Asset and investment purchases

None	-	-	-	-	-
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Summary

Total payments	96,333	-	-	96,333	44,306
Net of receipts/(payments)	41,789	-	-	41,789	202,949
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	328,194	-	-	328,194	
Cash funds this year end	273,650	-	-	273,650	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment f	Total
B1 Cash funds	273,650	-	-	273,650
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	-	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own	-	-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	-	-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature

Print name

Date of approval

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Malarchi Pooncholai Trust, registration number 1092994

The following is my report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022.

As the independent examiner I have undertaken the following tasks

- Examination of the accounts, as detailed under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act
- Followed the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- Noted any particular matters that may have come to my attention

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. The review did not cover the procedures necessary to provide a full audit of the accounts and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been met.

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.



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14th September 2023

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Annual Report 2021

Aims, objectives and achievements.

The Trust aims to lift children, who are either orphans or in the care of a lone parent, in the Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu in South India, out of dire poverty through the provision of regular financial, care, educational and medical support.

One hundred and thirteen children of school and college age, received monthly financial support, a monthly hygiene parcel, clothing and educational equipment. They receive medical support when needed. The support, which was heavily increased both in financial and practical terms such as food and items of hygiene due to the pandemic, continued throughout the year with a decision being made to permanently increase the financial support.

Attendance at school and college resumed gradually throughout the year.

Representatives of the UK trustees were unable to visit due to travelling restrictions resulting from the pandemic and various lockdowns.

The already audited India accounts were received by email on time and scrutinised. They were found to be reasonable and accurate and were accepted by the UK Trustees

Children - Developments and activities.

Children returned to education with the years ten and twelve youngsters able to sit their final exams.

The children, along with their lone parents, were able to meet in groups for food and discussions and also, as usual, received clothing, blankets and gifts. Unusually, this was without the presence of any UK trustees. There was a further meeting at the beginning of the school year when the children received their educational equipment for the academic year.

Staff

There was an increase in staff. An additional fieldworker, Esakkimuthu, who was brought up, from the age of three, in our Children's Home, Pooncholai, joined the staff as a fieldworker. With the increase in the numbers of children being supported he was a welcome addition. Another part-time clerk, Muthukumari, was engaged. She has IT skills and is being trained to keep the daybook and the accounts, making the regular engagement of an accountant superfluous to requirements. One of her tasks will be to prepare the accounts ready for the auditor. A cook/carer has also been engaged to prepare food for a group of elderly people who are entirely without family support.

Both of our well-established Indian colleagues, who are fieldworkers, continue to do a first-class job continuing to maintain contact with our families and the children's schools and colleges, delivering the monthly money, food and hygiene parcels.

Mr Prabakaran, continues to support every area of the Trust's work. The parents of our children greatly trust and respect him and his advice, which is honest, sound and expert. It is he who completes and returns what are sometimes highly complex forms to the State and Central Governments. Regular approval (FCRA certificate) from Central Government for NGOs to receive funding from abroad has to be sought and given. Clearly, without the funding from the Malarchi Pooncholai Trust UK, the work in India would not be possible. Additionally, further obligatory regulations, around banking and scrutiny of procedures and accounting, are not infrequently imposed and they can be complex and demand a high knowledge of written English. Without Mr Prabakaran's support and excellent written English, it is very unlikely that we would be able to negotiate and surmount these difficulties and we are deeply indebted to him for his, very willingly given, hard work on behalf of the Trust, the value of which, I stress, cannot be overestimated.

The Impact of the Pandemic.

Some extremely poor elderly people who live alone and without assistance in Reddiarpatti, the village of our headquarters, were included as recipients of the monthly food and hygiene packages during lockdowns. This support was greatly valued and made such a difference to recipients that it was decided to continue it although changing the focus to four extremely deprived pariah hamlets. Cooked daily food is given, served in the area of preparation or, in the case of serious mobility issues, delivered to the dwellings of the recipients. A cook/carer has been

engaged specifically for this work. Thirteen elderly people are currently benefiting.

Toilets construction

None of the homes of our children contained either inside or outside toilets and, apart from those who live in the slums, where they have shared toilet facilities, they have had no alternative but to use surrounding scrub areas instead. It was decided, wherever possible, to install toilets in or to the side of our children's dwellings. Additionally, where there were serious mobility problems, it was decided to extend this project to some of the elderly people supported by the Trust. To date, forty-six toilets have been completed.

Visits to homes

Visits to the homes of our children by UK Trustees were not, due to the pandemic, possible this year.

Funding

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Carol Evans Chairperson

Consolidated accounts (Account 1 and account 2)				
Section A Receipts and Payments				
A1 Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment fu	Total funds
Donations and legacies	200,000	-	-	200,000
Interest on deposit accounts	2,949	-	-	2,949
Subtotal	202,949	-	-	202,949
A2 Asset and investment sales				
None	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment fu	Total
Transfers to India	43,104	0	0	43,104
Postage	210	0	0	210
Package to India	151	0	0	151
Claim	736	0	0	736
Bank charges	105	0	0	105
Subtotal	44,306	-	-	44,306
A4 Asset and investment purchases				
None	-	-	-	-
Summary				
Total payments	44,306	-	-	44,306
Net of receipts/(payments)	202,949	-	-	202,949
A5 Transfers between funds				
A6 Cash funds last year end	169,561	-	-	169,561
Cash funds this year end	328,204	-	-	328,204
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment fu	Total
B1 Cash funds	328,204	-	-	328,204
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	-	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	-	-	-	-

Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6
	Malarchi Pooncholai Trust				
	Registration number 109 2994				
	UK accounts 01/01/2021-31/12/2021				
Account 1					
	Opening balance at 01/01/2021			6,517	
	Receipts		Notes	Payments	Notes
January	320			410	Transfer to India
February	250			10	postage
				245	Claim
March	20,000	From Acc 2		6,085	Transfer to India
	270			15	Bank charge
April	310			151	Parcel to India
May	410			186	Claim
				210	Transfer to India
June	200,000	Bequest		919	Transfer to India * See Note 1 below
	310			919	Transfer to India * See Note 1 below
				460	Transfer to India * See Note 1 below
				200,000	Transfer to account 2
				101	Transfer to India
				15	Bank charge
July	300			1,323	Transfer to India
				3,976	Transfer to India
				15	Bank charge
				2	Postage
				88	Postage
August	250			5,960	Transfer to India
				15	Bank charge
				3	Postage
				310	Transfer to India
September	230			6,130	Transfer to India
				15	Bank charge
October	6,000	From Acc 2		5,965	Transfer to India
	85			15	Bank charge
November	10,000	From Acc 2		10,339	Transfer to India
	75			15	Bank charge
				2	Postage
December	115			58	Postage
				305	Claim
				3	postage
				46	postage
	245,443			244,306	
Balance 31/12/21	1,136				

Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5
Account 2				
Opening balance	163,044			
	Receipts	Notes	Payments	Notes
January	2			
February	1			
March	1		20,000	To account 1
April	1			
May	1			
June	1			
	200,000	From account 1		
July	2			
August	3			
September	3			
October	3		6,000	To account 1
November	3			
December	3		10,000	To account 1
	200,024		36,000	
Opening balance	163,044			
	363,068			
Balance 31/12/21	327,068			

Note 1

Pandemic lockdowns in India were maintained extremely strictly. The general population was not allowed to travel and those caught doing so were harshly punished. Employment completely stopped for our children's lone mothers and they, and some elderly people cared for by the Trust, quickly ran out of the basic necessities of life. Children were in serious danger of becoming malnourished and sick. The bank from which the staff normally collect funds, some distance away from our headquarters, was closed for business. The only way to get accessible funds to the Trust in India was to send £500 in rupees to each of five employees' personal accounts held in local banks, from the personal account of the chairman of the UK Trust since the UK bank account is structured to transfer money only to the India Trust account and also to the chairman of the UK Trust for administration purposes. Funds sent by the chairman was paid back immediately as shown in the account. The decision to take this emergency action was taken unanimously by the UK Trustees.

Carol Evans Chairperson

Ellen Downey Treasurer

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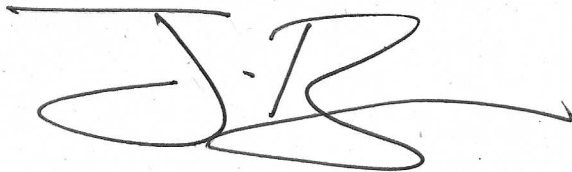
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