

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

Because of a further 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 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		Transfers 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

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

The following is my report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021.

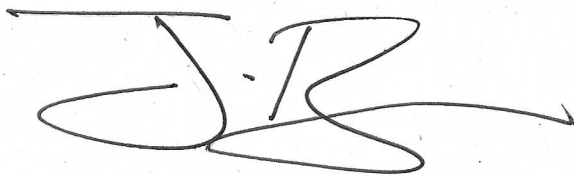
As the independent examiner I have undertaken the following tasks

- 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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15th August 2022