

# SIVAN ARUL ILLAM INC

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## ANNUAL REPORT

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# 2018

## OUR MISSION

Providing women with job opportunities to be financially independent.

Educating underprivileged children to reach their full potential.

Providing livelihood opportunities to the poorest to escape the poverty trap

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## OUR PROJECTS

Children's Homes

Factory & Bakery

Vocational Training

Children's Education Centres

Integrated Farm

School Feeding Programs

Paraplegic Support Programs

Revolving Funds

Livelihood Opportunities

# CHILDREN'S HOME – THIRUKETHEESWARAM SIVAN ARUL TRUST



Sivan Arul looks after 140 destitute children, who reside in two different homes (one boys and one girls) situated in Thiruketheeswaram in the Mannar district. These homes were established in 2005 and have been growing in both number and strength. At SAI we believe that a good education is fundamental in building a strong future generation with ethical values. A holistic education is provided at both homes. Children attend the nearby Gowri Ambal School (from Grade 1 to Grade 13). Extra tuition is provided for Mathematics, Science, and English, as well as Classical Dance and Music. Spiritual Education is also an integral part of our curriculum at Sivan Arul.



# CHILDREN'S HOME – THIRUKETHEESWARAM SIVAN ARUL TRUST



In 2017, more children were brought to us by the Probation Department, and thus we increased the number of boys and girls in our homes. Due to lack of space we had to convert the previously existing study hall into a dormitory. In 2018, with support from Australian donors, we built a new study hall and performing arts centre in the boy's home. This hall is now utilised for lessons, regular prayers and performing arts. Furthermore, we have provided vocational training for students that have graduated but did not gain entry into university. Four students gained entry into university in the arts faculty and are awaiting admission, making it a total nine students who have gained entrance into university as a result of our efforts. Five acres of land near the children home were also given to us by the Sri Lankan Divisional Secretary to develop for cultivation. The land is now used by the children in their free time, being used to cultivate their farming skills.



# SIVAN ARUL VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND PRODUCTION CENTRE



Our Vocational Training and Production Centre is comprised of our factory, our Girl's Hostel situated in Kilinochchi, and our Bakery in Puthukudiyirruppu. The main aim of SVTPC is to empower women who have been affected by the war and to provide employment opportunities to women-headed families. About 68 women with war-caused disabilities now work in the factory and bakery. We export spices, flour and rice to the UK, Australia, Switzerland and Canada. Altogether, we employ 94 workers. In 2018, the SVTPC received many awards for the best social enterprise business model in the region. One of our major achievements in 2018 was securing funding from the Macquarie Giving Foundation to build a new storage facility for the factory. This fund was generously raised by the cookbook project of Macquarie Bank.



# PUTHUKUDIYIRUPPU BAKERY



We recently bought another acre of land to expand the bakery as the existing building and facilities could not cope with the demand. Currently, there is a very high demand for dry baked goods, and we are exporting in bulk to the UK, Switzerland and Canada. In total we have 17 people working in our bakery, again providing jobs to injured and single women who would otherwise struggle to find work. Our major exports include ginger biscuits, peanut biscuits, and manioc chips.



# INTEGRATED DAIRY FARM



In 2018, five acres of land were given to the Sivan Arul Trust by the Sri Lankan Divisional Secretary to develop an integrated farm in Katsilaimadu in the Mullaitivu district. The farm was built with the help of funds from Macquarie Bank. Representatives from Macquarie Bank formally opened the farm in September 2018. The farm now has a total of 45 cows along with organic produce, and also produces biogas. Currently we produce approximately 100 litres of milk. Sivan Arul envisages starting a goat farm in 2019.



# SIVAN ARUL FOUNDATION IN AKKARAIPATHU



Sivan Arul is present in the town of Akkaraipathu, working with children and women in the area. We teach youth computer education programs, and have recently seen many people graduate from a graphic design program. This year a children's club was established in the town, with 80 children attending. The children are taught nursery rhymes, early mathematics programs, and lessons on building strong values, as well as being given an opportunity to play and make friends with the other children. It is also used as an opportunity to screen the children for malnutrition. Furthermore, sewing lessons are provided as vocational training to young girls.

Sivan Arul has also set up small businesses for single women in the area, who make food products that are then sold at our outlets at the Sivan Arul factory. This year, we were given two acres of land in a nearby village called Kannagipuram, and we are currently cultivating the land to grow short-term crops and start a poultry and goat farm.





# EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Sivan Arul has established a number of education centres. In Jaffna, our foundation works in partnership with the Centre for Children Education and Youth Empowering (CCYE), and we have two centres open in Kondavil and Thinnavelly. We have other education centres in Olumadu, Ottusuttan, Akkaraipathu and Haputale in the Bandawela District. In total, about 1250 children study in these centres. We work in collaboration with the Tamil Graduates association in Melbourne, who have successfully established a remote e-learning system.



# SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

Sivan Arul helps aid in combating the malnutrition of school children. A protein-rich nutritious flour mix of nine grains is made in our Kilinochchi factory, and is delivered to 15 schools in the area to aid with the current epidemic of malnutrition. Sival Arul thus helps feed school children that live below the poverty line. Since the commencement of this program there has been a steady increase in attendance to the school. In addition to being beneficial to the children, as this product is made in our factory, the project gives increased work and livelihood opportunities to many of our workers in the factory. Many individual donors in the UK, Australia and Temples in Australia and UK fund this project.



# LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE & REVOLVING FUNDS PROGRAM



Monthly, about 300,000 Sri Lankan Rupee is given to about 30 families, in which both the husband and wife are unable to work due to severe war injuries. Many single women are assessed and included in our Revolving Fund projects. To date, 800 women have been included in this program, being offered many livelihoods opportunities. Children from poor families are given extra tuition to assist with their studies, which is provided by qualified teachers.



# REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION OF THE TRIBAL PEOPLE AND CHILDREN



Paataalipuram and Neenankerni are two villages where original Sri Lankan tribal people reside. The citizens were initially displaced from these villages during the war and were then abruptly resettled again with nowhere to live. Another village near Akkaraipathu, called Alagambai, is in a similar state. Most of these people provide for their families either through roadside business (selling fruits) or by begging. Sivan Arul is trying to provide job opportunities in these areas by establishing an integrated goat and poultry farm. Education centres have also been set up in order to begin the process of educating the tribal children.



**SIVAN ARUL**

**FOUNDATION**

**AS OF FEBRUARY  
2019, WE HAVE  
REBRANDED  
SIVAN ARUL  
ILAM.**

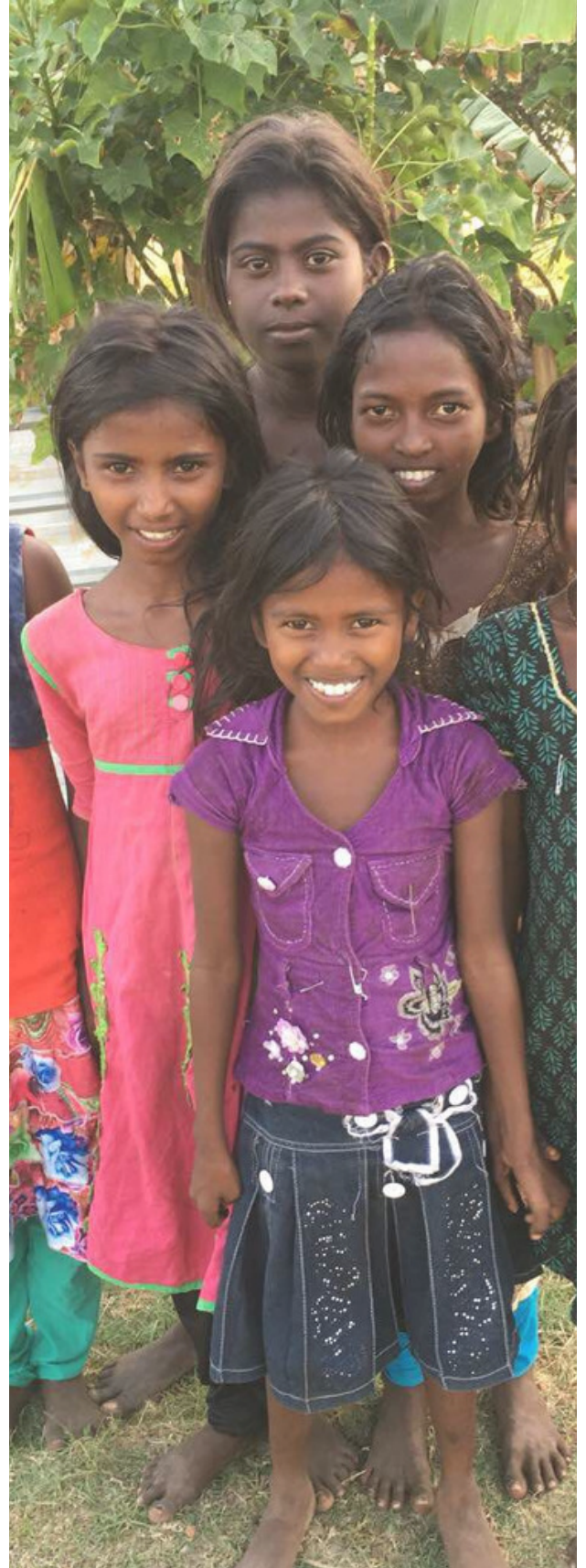
**WE WILL NOW BE  
FORMALLY  
KNOWN AS THE  
SIVAN ARUL  
FOUNDATION.**

**ALONG WITH THE  
NEW NAME, WE  
WILL ALSO BE  
IMPLEMENTING A  
NEW LOGO.**



# FUTURE PROJECTS 2019

1. Open a dairy farm in Palampitty and extend the dairy farm in Katsilaimadu to include a goat farm.
2. Expand to include more children in our education centres and increase the number of education centres.
3. Open a vegetarian restaurant in Mullipalam near the children's home, and thus employing around 15 - 20 people. This will in future generate funds to run the children's home. The construction will be completed in 2019.
4. Expand the factories, giving more job opportunities to war affected women.
5. Implement vocational training for children leaving the children's home.
6. Increase the number of Revolving Fund projects to increase livelihood opportunities for women-headed families.



We thank following organisations for partnering  
with Sivan arul in 2018

**Australia and NZ**

1. Australian Tamil Engineers Foundation
2. Gandhi Illam- New Zealand
3. Jaffna Uni Graduates association-Vic
4. Anbaalayam-Australia
5. North canberra Sai group
6. Ganamirtha Music academy, Canberra
7. Canberra Tamil association
8. Vanni Neyam- New Zealand
9. Maquarie Giving Foundation
10. Mark Hughes foundation

**United Kingdom and USA**

1. Devotees of Aadhi Parasakthi Valipaatu Mandram , Harrow,  
UK
2. Path To The Future, UK
3. Shri Kanaga Thurkkai Amman Temple, Ealing, UK
4. IMHO-USA and Anpuneri
5. Rubys Catering, UK
6. Importers GMBH, Switzerland
7. Ratnam Foundation, UK