

R. Karuppusamy

Education:

- BA in Economics
- MA in Sociology
- LLB (law) - Not completed

Experience:

1. Non-formal Education Center Teacher (1994-1997):

- Worked as a teacher at a Government Non-Formal Education Center.
- Handled children at village centers, teaching subjects like Maths, English, and Tamil.
- Conducted monthly parent meetings.

2. Non-profit Organization Volunteer (1995):

- Volunteered at Gramya Trust, Sathyamangalam.
- Coordinated volunteers for organizational camps from different villages.

3. Extension Officer (1997-1999) - MYRADA, Talavadi:

- Coordinated a women's federation and facilitated bank linkages for women's self-help groups (SHGs).
- Implemented community development programs.

4. Training Coordinator (2000) - CSED Organization:

- Conducted child rights training for school children and teachers.
- Coordinated training needs for staff and conducted data collection on child labor.

5. Program Coordinator (2001-2002) - Vizhuthugal Organization:

- Planned and monitored projects.
- Coordinated trainings.

6. Project Director (2003-2011) - READ:

- Worked with Dalit (Arunthathiyar) children's education and their rights.
- Established evening study centers for Arunthathiyar children in rural villages.
- Established children's parliaments in 71 villages.
- Produced documentary films and published newsletters and awareness songs.

7. Arunthathiyar Human Rights Forum (AHRF) - Convener (2004-2011):

- Conducted research studies and publications on Arunthathiyar children.
- Worked on issues such as manual scavenging, school discrimination, and bonded labor.
- Organized cultural events and published election manifestos.

Trainings:

- Received training in various areas including Dalit human rights monitoring, human rights education, torture campaigns, and child rights advocacy.

International Training:

- Received training in mental health care in Sri Lanka and participated in the World Social Forum in Kenya.

Skills:

- Proficient in singing awareness songs related to children, women, Dalits, and Arunthathiyer communities.
- Skilled in street theater performances.
- Experienced trainer on legal acts related to child, women, and Dalit rights.