



"JE KUNT NIET IEDEREEN HELPEN MAAR IEDEREEN KAN WEL IEMAND HELPEN"

Waarom is het belangrijk om Stichting Ladder te steunen?

In het nieuwe Hoofdlijnen-akkoord van de partijen PVV, VVD, BBB en NSC gaat men uit van een bezuiniging op ontwikkelingssamenwerking voor volgend jaar (2025) van 350 miljoen euro. Dit loopt op tot 550 miljoen in 2026 en 2,4 miljard per jaar vanaf 2027. Door dit beleid wordt steun aan Particulier Initiatieven, zoals Stichting Ladder, steeds belangrijker. Extra motivatie voor ons als bestuur en ambassadeurs om ons in te zetten voor educatie aan kansarme jongeren.

Deze nieuwsbrief staat in het teken van (gesproken) ervaringen van studenten die meedoen aan het project "Educare" van onze partnerorganisatie Sigaram en het project "Basic Education-programma" van onze partner SISP (Sebastian Indian Social Projects) en het project "Educare" van onze partnerorganisatie Sigaram. Als eerste [een inleiding](#) van Paul van Gelder, directeur bij SiSP (Sebastian Indian Social Projects) die over het ontstaan van zijn organisatie vertelt en welke activiteiten zij uitvoeren: 2e kans project, sociaal tewerkstellingsproject voor 300 gezinnen die onder de armoedegrens leven, sociale tewerkstelling voor

alleenstaande moeders, thuisverpleging, skate en surfingclub (no school no surfing, no school no skating) en een Basis Educatie-programma gefinancierd door STICHTING Ladder.

Waarom een Basis Education-programma?

Sommige van de studenten die geslaagd zijn voor de 10de standaard examens en bij SISP komen, weten niet eens hoe ze in hun moedertaal "Malayalam" moeten lezen en schrijven. Deze kinderen missen basisonderwijs, niet alleen in hun moedertaal, maar ook in andere vakken zoals wiskunde, wetenschappen en algemene vakken. De leraren van SISP gaan regelmatig op bezoek in de buitenwijken van de kustdorpen om schoolverlaters op te sporen en heb aan te moedigen om het gratis tweedekansonderwijsprogramma te volgen.

De 2 bijgevoegde interviews zijn gehouden door Asha Ajayan, adjunct-directeur van SISP waarin enkele BEP-studenten vertellen hoe ze zich voelen nadat ze bij BEP bij SISP zijn gekomen.

Sabeer

Ik ben Sabeer en ik ben 19 jaar oud. Ik ben lid geworden van SISP nadat ik was gezakt voor het 10e standaardexamen. Met de hulp en coaching van onze docenten heb ik opnieuw het 10e

standaard examen geschreven en deze keer heb ik het goed gedaan. Op mijn vorige school voelde ik me niet op mijn gemak omdat de klasgenoten veel ruzie maakten en ik gedwongen was om er deel van uit te maken, ook al ben ik helemaal niet geïnteresseerd in vechtpartijen en ruzies. Ook scholden we mekaar voortdurend uit en gebruikten lelijke woorden, wat ik ook niet leuk vind. Het onderwijs was niet zo goed omdat ze de hoofdstukken in hoog tempo afmaken om het gedeelte af te ronden. Ik kreeg niet de kans om de twijfels te klaren. Ik werd kalm en rustig nadat ik bij SISP ben gekomen, dat komt door het vriendelijke karakter van studenten en docenten. Na mijn komst naar SISP heb ik Engels en Malayalam leren lezen en schrijven. En ik ben nu ook goed in het oplossen van wiskundige problemen. Zonder enige fout ben ik in staat om in mijn moedertaal Malayalam te schrijven. Hier geven leraren individuele aandacht aan ons en ze aarzelen niet om hetzelfde gedeelte opnieuw te onderwijzen als een van de studenten twijfelt. Enkele van de belangrijkste attracties bij SISP zijn de



recreatieve activiteiten waar ik het meest van hou, zoals gym, zwemlessen en schaatsen. Ik ben een volleybalspeler en leraren hier bij SISP motiveerden en ondersteunden me om deel te nemen aan wedstrijden. Ik ben de leraren en Paul sir bij SISP zo dankbaar.



Joshy

Ik ben Joshy en ik ben 24 jaar oud. Zoals de meeste meisjes ben ik jong moeten trouwen met een visser en we hebben twee kinderen. Ik ben geslaagd voor het 10e graads examen, maar ik ben niet bedreven in het lezen en schrijven van mijn moedertaal Malayalam en ook andere vakken. Helaas is mijn man een agressieve alcoholist, dus ik moet nadenken over mijn eigen toekomst en die van mijn kinderen. Ik had gehoord dat jonge vrouwen zoals ik een tweede kans kunnen krijgen in SISP om 12e graads examens te studeren en te schrijven.

Ik heb echter eerst nog basis opleiding nodig. Nadat ik bij SISP was gekomen, werd ik beter in het schrijven van Malayalam zonder al te veel fouten te maken. En mijn lees- en schrijfvaardigheid in het Engels wordt ook veel beter. Nu heb ik het vertrouwen om mijn kinderen 's avonds bijles te geven vanwege de academische kennis die ik momenteel van SISP krijg. Ik ben oprecht blij om deel uit te maken van SISP omdat de meesten van ons uit gebroken gezinnen komen en voor de meesten van ons SISP ons tweede thuis is.

De opbrengst van verschillende activiteiten in 2023

Potvolbloemen	€ 180,00
Slingerland Bevrijdingsdag Key	€ 165,00
Gemeente Sint-Oedenrode 15 sleutelhangers	€ 112,50
Vicini Fair, Kerstkransen	€ 2.867,46

Totaal € 3.324.96

Hieronder enkele foto's van de activiteiten



TIP: Wellicht voor u, die Stichting Ladder een warm hart toedraagt een idee om bij uw werkgever voor te stellen om Stichting Ladder als goed doel te kiezen.

Interview with Sigaram Students



Sujlin Jeba Malar J

I am at present pursuing my professional studies on Development Administration at Gandigram Rural Research Institute, Dindugul, Tamil Nadu. I am a girl child of a single mother and I could reach this level because of the guidance and training received from Sigaram Academy of Excellence. I have been a beneficiary of both Educare and Women Education and Empowerment programs. Sigaram has been imparting value-based career education, academic knowledge and kindled my leadership skills. I am sure that Sigaram will be journeying with me until I reach my goals. Specially I thank Sigaram for making difference in my life and lives of girls like me in our area.



Thenmozhi Sarabin

I am Thenmozhi pursuing my Masters cum Research studies at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research one of the premier science educational institutes in India. I would like to pursue my research in the field of Vaccinology to play a great leadership role in the public health. I have been motivated, guided, nurtured, coached and trained by Sigaram Academy of Excellence. Sigaram has been providing best academic support to prepare for my Entrance Examination with great personal care. Sigaram has been also guiding me to shape and mold my attitudes, values and life skills. I specially thank Sigaram for making a difference in my life and career. I am very much grateful to Stichting Ladder for their selfless support.



Benycia Suresh

I am Benycia Suresh and at present I am pursuing my higher studies – B.Tech Aerospace Engineering at Indian Institute Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram. This institute is under Indian Space Research Organization providing high quality education on space sciences, space technology and space applications. I could reach this institute because of the training and coaching given by Sigaram Academy of Excellence. Sigaram has been focusing on building a strong foundation of knowledge and concepts in students for their success and providing an excellent platform for the preparation of competitive and entrance examinations. There are only few women in this field and as a girl I am proud that I can take up a leadership in this field. I thank Stichting Ladder also for the support they have been doing.



John Jacklin Malar

I am from a vulnerable family and Sigaram has been helping me to come out of this vulnerability helping me to build confidence and building hope in me. I am preparing myself to face the National Eligibility and Entrance Test – Medicine and dreaming to serve in the field of Health and Medicine. I had joined Sigaram when I was studying 9 th std and Sigaram has been my second family. Sigaram has been nurturing, laying strong academic foundation and enhancing my skills and knowledge. I have been trained through Educare program and I must thank Stichting Ladder for their support for the education and empowerment of women.



Dharshini K S

I am Dharshini from an

economically backward family and I am studying medicine at a Medical College in Tamil Nadu. I could reach this Hight because of the very well-focused classes, well planned training programs, coaching and guidance by Sigaram Academy of Excellence. I was very fearful and shy and Sigaram had helped me to overcome my fears and it made my journey a glorious part of my life. Managing team and Faculty at Sigaram are highly qualified, experienced and dedicated too. I must specially thank Sigaram for making difference in the lives of girls like me. I am grateful to Stichting Ladder for their special option to help girls like me.



Raksshana A

I am a girl child from a vulnerable family and now I am studying 9 th Std. I am a student of Sigaram Educare Program and I have been studying at Sigaram from my 6 th std. I am dreaming to become a Medical Researcher and to take up a leadership role in the field of Public Health. It has been a pleasant and empowering experience for me studying at Sigaram Academy of Excellence. Sigaram has been teaching me with conceptual clarity and making me understand and to solve the problems in the subjects. Field study programs, Group

discussions and workshops are organized to help us to enhance our knowledge and skills. The atmosphere of teaching and learning is very positive and we enjoy learning here. I must thank Sigaram and Stichting ladder for helping us to march towards a great future.



Linu Xavier S

I have just completed my 8 th Std. I have been studying at sigaram since my 6 th std. Its Sigaram which has helped me to fix my career and I want to become a defense officer. I am proud to say that I have cleared NMMS scholarship exam and All India sainik Schools Entrance Exam. It's because of the coaching, training and guidance I have been receiving from Sigaram. Really, we enjoy learning here because Sigaram is a family for us always motivating and building confidence. I am very grateful to Fr. Sebastian, the director for his friendly and meticulous guidance. I thank Stichting Ladder for the support and guidance.



SIGARAM EDUCARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN: 2023-2024 INTERIM REPORT

I would like to start this short report expressing our deepest gratitude to Stichting Ladder – Team and Benefactors for your contribution and great support to Sigaram to reach the unreached poor children and make difference in the lives of these children. It's with your selfless support and services we could help the vulnerable children to continue their learning and get empowered. We are hopeful that these children will be able to journey towards a great and happy future enhancing and developing their knowledge, skills, attitudes and values through Sigaram Educare program.

Sigaram Educare and Empowerment Program is an education program for poor, socially backward and underprivileged children in Kanniyakumari District of southern India supported by Stichting Ladder, Holland. This program has been aiming at strong academic as well as intellectual foundation and to ensure inclusive and quality education, general awareness and skill development to the poor and vulnerable and preferably girl's students. These children are also trained to be conscious of democracy, secularism, gender sensitivity, cross-cultural awareness, social justice, research aptitude and scientific temperament, communal harmony, human Rights and eco-friendly life.

We have been implementing Sigaram Educare program 2023-24 also systematically and professionally with great care and concern for the beneficiaries and their great future. 105 deserving children (among them 80 are girls) were selected for this well planned Educare program and it has been playing a great role in transforming their lives preparing them for a great future. All classes

and programs were conducted on offline at sigaram centres from July 2023.

105 (students of standard 6 th to 10 th) really deserving students were selected for this Sigaram Educare and Empowerment Program. Among them 80 are girls. All the students are from backward, most backward and scheduled caste communities and poor families. There were orphan girls also. These students would not have come for these educative programs if they did not get the support of Stichting Ladder.

Totally 98 days of classes, 10 special Classes and skill development Training programs were conducted so far. Mathematics, Science, Geography, Environment, Economics, Civics, Humanities, General Studies, Reasoning, Aptitude and English Language classes have been conducted as per the syllabus prepared. 2 field study programs were organised dividing students in to small groups. 2 Art Trainings were also conducted. World Space week, National Children's Day, Teachers Day, Human Rights Day, World Water Day, World Bicycles Day, National Book Week, International Day of Education, World Food Day, International Mother Earth day, World Book and Copyright Day were celebrated. These students were provided with class notes, study materials, books and magazines. These students were also making use of Sigaram Library.

Educare students were guided to write 2 mini research projects and 4 book reviews. They were also guided to participate in various merit examinations and competitions at state and national level. Sigaram students participated national Children

Science Congress and submitted their research projects.

We had some joint programs with Government School, Perunchilambu and Tamil Nadu Science Forum. We have organized science clubs in the village and Educare students actively participated. They also had done study on environment and submitted weekly projects. There were lots of discussion and study sessions to protect environment, gender sensitivity, cross-cultural awareness and to keep up scientific temperament.

There were 4 faculty meetings cum training conducted to equip and enhance the skills of the faculty. We had two parents meeting at Sigaram and training on Critical Role of parents in this digital era and personal chats with parents to guide them and to get the feedback about the Educare program. Sigaram Team has been also meeting every fortnight and evaluating the program and updating the development of the students.

Sigaram team is also very proud to share that the Educare program has been enriching the students with knowledge, enhanced skills and contributed for the holistic development of the students.

We gratefully thank and appreciate Stichting Ladder for the great support for the Sigaram Educare and Empowerment program for the vulnerable children. This is because of your support we have been reaching the unreached children. We also thank all the benefactors of Stichting Ladder for their passion and commitment for the education of poor students in India.

Sebastian, Director