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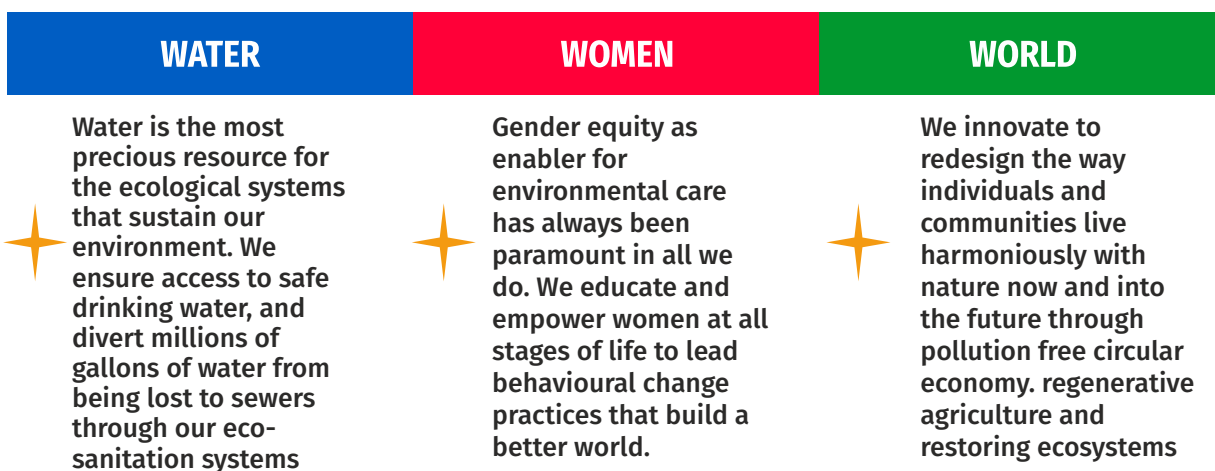
1. ABOUT US

Sanitation First, a UK based not-for-profit, registered in India as Wherever the Need India Services (WTNIS) has been working in the areas of sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene since 2007, reaching out to over 600,000 beneficiaries and their families. Sanitation First works in three themes – Water, Women and World with the cross-cutting themes of gender equity, circular economy and sustainability.

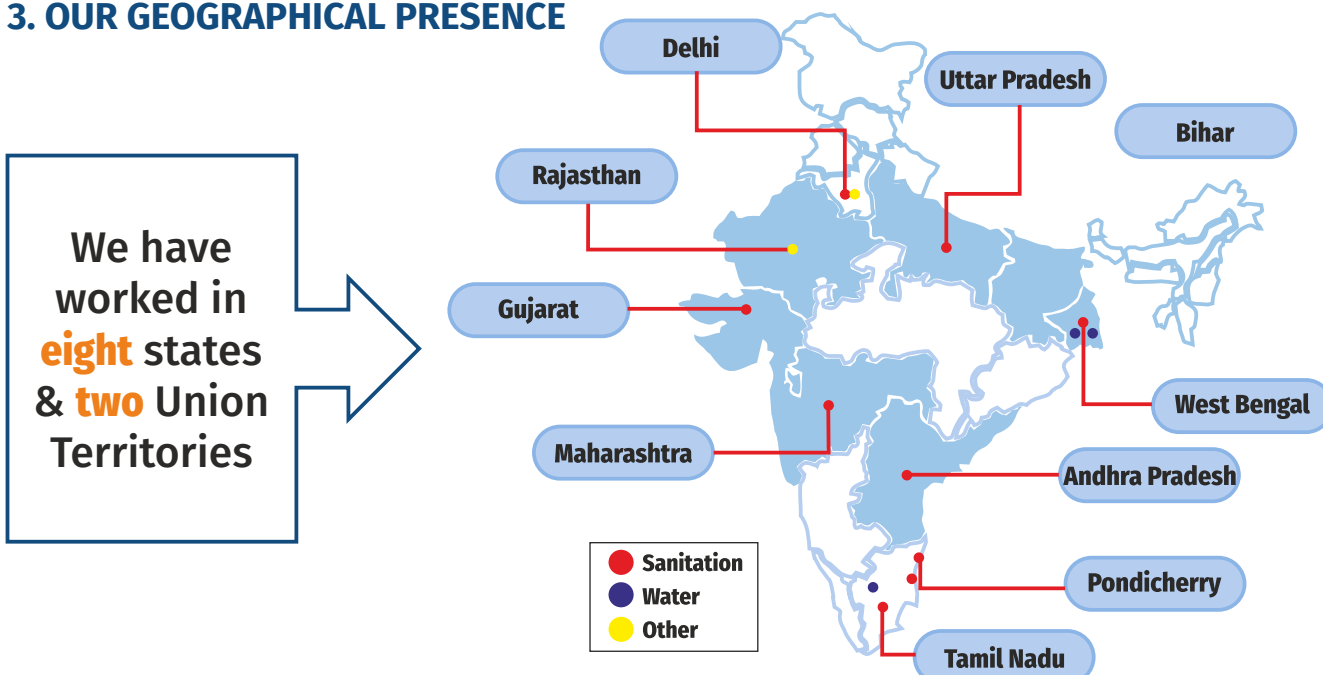
2. VISION & PURPOSE

OUR VISION IS A THRIVING PLANET POWERED BY GENDER EQUITY

OUR PURPOSE IS TO BE A CATALYST OF CHANGE THAT ELEVATES WOMEN TO HELP BUILD A BETTER WORLD



3. OUR GEOGRAPHICAL PRESENCE



4. KEY AREAS OF IMPACT

- ◆ Over 5000 family ecosan toilets, conserving over 1.12 million litres of water from being flushed down toilets and converting human waste into 5.4 tonnes of pathogen free compost per year.
- ◆ Over 200 school sanitation complexes, built as per WHO-UNICEF standards with adequate and inclusive access to clean toilets, hand wash units and change rooms attached to incinerators to practice safe menstrual hygiene.
- ◆ Award-winning Asia's first container-based sanitation infrastructure in Puducherry & Cuddalore
- ◆ Award-winning Happy Periods Curriculum on adolescence, puberty and menstruation that has been rolled out to over 2000 teachers, 50,000 students and 6000 women in the community. This year, over 100,000 beneficiaries to be trained
- ◆ India's first project on Endometriosis and other menstrual disorders among 8000 vulnerable women
- ◆ Research project on reuse of humanure as agricultural inputs with the prestigious Cornell University USA & Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

5. OUR ALIGNMENT TO SDGs



6. THE YEAR THAT WAS

6.1 Family Toilets

6.1.1. Family Ecosan

During the year 2022-23, the below ten individuals in Cuddalore district were supported with ecosan toilets in their households through various donors from the UK.

S.No	Beneficiary	Donor
1	Arularasi Tirunavukarasu	Audrey & Tom Killick
2	Rajeshwari Manikandan	Connie Shaw & Jim Wright
3	Sathiya Karthikeyan	Dorfred Charitable Trust
4	Lakshmi Paneer	Mr & Mrs Olver
5	Kolanchi	RG Hills Charitable Trust
6	Kalaiarasi Shakthisilambarasan	Sohum Foundation
7	Mahalakshmi Ajanthan	Souter Charitable Trust
8	Banumathi Kuppusami	Staff of Savills IM
9	Kanaga Jayakumar	The Pat New Man Memorial Trust
10	Nithya Saravanan	The Rainford Trust

6.1.2 Toilets for Disabled women and girls, Project Udhayam

Our Chief Executive, Ms Padmapriya T S received the completion report and letter of appreciation from J Meghanath Reddy IAS, District Collector, Virudhunagar for supporting the District Administration of Virudhunagar in building 25 out of the 100 inclusive toilets for women and girls with disability under the Project Udhayam.



6.2 Wash in Schools Projects

6.2.1 Toilet Infrastructure

With support from The Cycle, UK two new sanitation facilities at different locations were constructed by WTNIS

1. Sanitation blocks for boys and girls along with toilets for teachers at the Government Primary School, Pappanchavady, these facilities were handed over to the school in the presence of Mr M Nadanasabapathy, Deputy Director of Education (Women) and Mr C Kumar, Deputy Inspector of Schools apart from teachers and students.



2. Along with sanitation blocks for boys and girls, safe drinking water facility was enabled for children by provisioning a 200-litre sustainable Terrafil water filter at the Panchayat Union Primary School, Karapakkam.



EA foundation, UK who supported with the construction of Birthing unit in Padur PHC, had also supported in building toilet facilities for both boys and girls of Government Higher Secondary School, Poonjeri (Mahabalipuram). The facilities have adequate urinals, toilets for boys and girls and a separate change room with incinerator for girls.



WTNIS had built the first of its kind two tier toilet block, provide safe drinking water and handwash facilities to the children of the Government Higher Secondary School, Vadalur Pudhunagar this year through funding support from Savills IM UK. This block was inaugurated and handed over to the school by Our Chief Executive Ms Padmapriya in the presence of and Kurinjipadi Block Education Committee Chairman and DMK Panchayat Union Secretary, Er. V. Sivakumar & Vadalur Chairman Mr. S. Sivakumar.

6.2.2 Happy Periods



WTNIS had partnered with Manali Petrochemicals Limited, Tamil Nadu Petroproducts, & Greenstar Fertilizers Limited with the support of AMF to train 2000 sanitation workers on hygiene and health seeking behaviour in all 14 blocks of Tiruvallur, train 150,000 children across four blocks in adolescent health and well-being as well as to provide Happy Periods Train the trainer programme to their PHCC staff in both Chennai & Tuticorin and handhold them for a year so that they deliver the Happy Periods training to communities they cater.

The inaugural event for this programme was hosted in the Tiruvallur collectorate. Collector Tiruvallur, Dr Alby John Varghese IAS presided over the event and launched the #Ennakuvendam – Say no to drugs posters and distributed sustainable hygiene kits to sanitation workers. The then Project Director, DRDA, Mr V Jayakumar, and Chief Education Officer, Mr Raman were also present for the launch. The event was well -attended by the Whole Time Directors of Manali Petrochemicals, Tamilnadu Petroproducts, SPIC and Sicagen as also the COO and staff of AM Foundation, the CSR arm of the AMIH group.



6.2.3 WASH Needs Assessment

WTNIS worked with the District Administration of Virudhunagar in conducting WASH infrastructure needs assessment in Govt schools in three blocks - Narikudi, Thiruchuli and Kariyapatti. The report was presented to the Hon. Industries Minister Thangam Thenarasu and the District Collector, Thiru. J Meghanath Reddy.



6.3 Restoration of Waterbody

Mr. Ravishankar Thiyagarajan, son of the legendary writer, Shri. Ashokamitran has been supporting in restoring water bodies. This year he supported the cleanup and restoration of Kalliamman Koil Kulam in Sithalapakkam. The waterbody was inaugurated by the Hon. Health Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Ma Subramanian, in the presence of Dr Thamizhachi Thangapandian, South Chennai Member of Parliament, Chengalpattu Collector, Thiru. Rahul Nadh A R I.A.S, Sholinganallur MLA Thiru. Aravind Ramesh & Sithalapakkam President Mr Ravi.



6.4 Waste to Wealth

WTNIS has signed an MoU with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to execute a project between Cornell University USA, TNAU and WTNIS to study the use of human compost, urine and biochar in the growth of flowering plants and vegetables and also measure the level of carbon sequestration as of yesterday. This first of its kind project will run for two years.



6.5 Integrated Child Development Scheme

6.5.1 Creation of Smart ++ Anganwadis in Tiruvallur

WTNIS had renovated Tiruvallur district's first ever Smart++ Anganwadi at Veppampattu which was inaugurated by Dr Alby John Varghese, IAS, District Collector Tiruvallur in the presence of Additional Collector & PD DRDA, Thiru. Rishab IAS. The child-friendly facilities include classroom with Smart TV and CCTV, dedicated and hygienic kitchen and storeroom, separate toilets for children and teachers, play area, kitchen garden, rainwater harvesting, grey water recycling and secure access, apart from safe water filter, play equipment, books, and other equipment. Through funding support from Aptus Value Housing Finance Limited, two more ICDS centres – Pandur & Kannakarani will be upgraded to SMART ++ centres.



6.5.2 Creation of Soap Banks

WTNIS along with the District Collector, Virudhunagar pioneered in providing Soap Banks to all 1507 Anganwadis in all 11 blocks of the district in phased manner. The first phase of distribution was inaugurated by the Honorable Ministers KKSSR Ramachandran and Thangam Thenarasu in the presence of Members of parliament, and legislative assembly. Subsequently a register was released by Mr. Meghanath Reddy IAS, District Collector along with Ms Rajam Project Officer, ICDS, Mr David Crowweller, Co-founder of The Cycle, UK and Ms Padmapriya T S, Chief Executive WTNIS.



6.6 UNOPS - Jal Jeevan Mission

WTNIS will be implementing the JJM UNOPS project in 20 gram panchayats of Virudhunagar and Ramnad districts. As the first step, the UNOPS JJM team conducting village led mapping of WASH facilities to identify the number, nature and status of water sources and the villagers were also trained in conducting water quality testing using TWAD Board's field testing kits.



7. EVENTS

7.1 Menstrual Hygiene Day

WTNIS celebrated Menstrual Hygiene Day 2022 at the Tiruvallur Collectorate with more than 280 sanitation workers of Tiruvallur Block and carried out an awareness raising programme on their health seeking behavior particularly menstrual health. PD DRDA, Mr. V Jayakumar was invited as the Chief guest and he distributed sustainable hygiene kits to the participants. 500 litres of liquid soap was also donated to the district administration to promote hand hygiene among the sanitation workers.



7.2 International Women's Day



International Women's Day was celebrated with the tribal community and rescued bonded labourers at Adikathur village in Tiruvallur district. The event was presided over by Additional Collector (Development) Tiruvallur, Mr CA Rishab IAS along with Village President Ms Priyamani, who is herself a rescued bonded labourer. The team

conducted training on menstrual disorders and health seeking behaviour. An adolescent group named "Neeye Oli" was created and trained on adolescent health, well-being and drug awareness. Sports kits and educational materials were distributed to the children as part of the event.

7.3 International Day of Girl Child

Husainy High School in Ramapuram is one of WTNIS's project schools where comprehensive WASH services have been provided. International Day of the Girl Child was celebrated at this school with members of the Inner Wheel Club of Chennai United. The Chairman of Inner Wheel District 323 Ms. Arasi Ponmozhi and President of the Inner Wheel Club of Chennai United, Ms Sowmya Natarajan presided over the event. Around 100 girls of classes 6-10 were present while adolescence, puberty and menstruation were discussed and they received sustainable hygiene kits.



7.4 World Menopause Day

Awareness raising about menopausal symptoms and the need for both the individual and the family to understand and facilitate a conducive environment during this time was part of the training for sanitation workers at Poonamallee block. Mr M Jayakumar, Panchayat Chairman, Mr Ramkumar, BDO, Mr Vinoth Kumar, District Innovation Officer received Enakku Vendaam posters for the block and doctors from Apollo and the PHCCs of MPL attended the event where 65 sanitation workers received health screening and sustainable hygiene kits.



7.5 International Day of Clean air for Blue Skies



WTNIS facilitated the celebration of Clean Air for Blue Skies event conducted by the office of South Chennai MP Dr Thamizhachi Thangapandian and Tamilnadu Green Climate Company at one of its project schools - GHSS Ashok Nagar on 7th September. Apart from awareness

raising on air pollution issues, the children received recycled notebooks and seed pens in a "Meendum Manjapai" through the MP's office.

7.6 World Rivers Day

WTNIS partnered with the District Administration of Tirunelveli and Nellore Neervalam in curating a three-day World Rivers Day event from 23 - 25 September 2022. As a curtain raiser, WTNIS had trained over 200 volunteers on ensuring WASH needs in venues and child protection framework in an event conducted by the Collectorate during which a student passport to record participation and document experiences was released by the Tirunelveli Collector, Mr Vishnu Venugopal IAS. A coffee table book was developed and released on the third day.



7.7 World Toilet Day

World Toilet Day was commemorated through the inauguration of a new sanitation block for boys and girls built with the support of The Cycle UK and EA Foundation at the



GHSS, Mamallapuram. Mr Dhandapani, ex-MLA and PTA Chairman and Ms Valarmathi, Panchayat Chairman inaugurated the blocks.

7.8 Global Handwashing Day



WTNIS along with the District Administration of Tiruvallur organized a district level handwashing contest on the occasion of Global Handwashing Day in October. The winners - CMS, Ramanathapuram, PUPS, Dhanipoondi & PUMS, Vengathur Kandigai received their awards from the District Collector Dr Alby John Varghese IAS this afternoon. He also inaugurated the posting of "Enakku Vendam" posters at the collectorate.

These posters are being handed over to the line departments of the district for drug abuse awareness.

8. COLLABORATIONS

- ◆ The MSW department of Loyola College, Chennai conducted Child Fest 2022 and had invited WTNIS to carry out adolescent well-being training for the children from their outreach projects. Our Chief Executive Ms Padmapriya and Manager Projects Ms Nisha Kesavan spoke to the very enthusiastic bunch of over 175 children and the MSW students.
- ◆ Chief Executive Ms Padmapriya with the team from Asan Cup explored potentials to introduce further sustainable menstrual options to women in our communities as well with @Ninti.io - a French platform for women to connect with for information, guidance, counselling and medical services related to sexual and reproductive health. YouTube link - <https://youtu.be/01UBwLV43RU>
- ◆ WTNIS was invited to be part of "Coffee with Collector" an amazing programme initiated by the District Collector, of Virudhunagar Thiru. J Meghanath Reddy IAS, giving

achievers from Government schools of each block an opportunity to interact with the Collector and share their dreams and aspirations.

- ◆ Ms Padmapriya spoke about looking at sanitation through the Gender Lens with Aravind Ganapathi of IHEID(The Graduate Institute, Geneva)
- ◆ WTNIS had collaborated with Earthworks during the COVID lockdown. They continued to follow our work even afterwards and have written a post about WTNIS in their blog. Article Link - <https://www.earthworksinnovative.com/post/sanitation-first-india>
- ◆ WTNIS partnered with Real Relief in the global #KickOffTheDialogue2022 campaign as part of the World Menstrual Month which aims to open up conversations about menstruation, reduce inequalities and empower all menstruators to enjoy safe and happy period! <https://www.facebook.com/KickOffTheDialogue>
- ◆ Whitman Barrett, PhD student from Cornell University USA visited India to study on the Cornell -TNAU-SF research project on the use of Ecosan compost, urine and biochar in agriculture.
- ◆ WTNIS was happy to be part of Collector@School, a social awareness initiative at schools started by the Collector Tiruvallur this morning at GHSS, Arcot Kuppam. The event was launched by Dr Alby John Varghese IAS and WTNIS master trainers Nisha Kesavan & Velliangiri Nanjundamoorthi trained the children on sanitation and hygiene.
- ◆ WTNIS provides Technical assistance to Office of the South Chennai MP Dr Thamizhachi Thangapandian. Ms Padmapriya was a part of the Local Innovation Network created to address the hazards of air pollution in her constituency.
- ◆ The November World Toilet Day edition of WASH post from the WASH Innovation Hub of the Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad features innovations in sanitation. Pleased that WTNIS's non-sewered sanitation models have been featured.
- ◆ WTNIS's chief executive recorded for the Panacea Campaign on Sanitation, Health and Hygiene as part of Saarang, the annual student cultural fest at IIT & the largest student gathering in Asia, in association with NTPEL, a joint initiative of IIT Madras & IISc. You Tube link : <https://youtu.be/ZT2XKbnwFhg>
- ◆ WTNIS played a small role in bringing together the South Chennai MP, Dr Thamizhachi Thangapandian's office and MINDERA/ Kaaylabs together, for supporting the livelihood needs of the fisherwomen in Palavakkam Kuppam.
- ◆ WTNIS donor in the UK, Energy Aspects Foundation wrote this lovely blog post on their recent visit to projects they funded in India through Sanitation First UK & WTNIS Blog link: <https://ea-foundation.org.uk/experiencing-the-impact.../>
- ◆ Sundara Manickam, State Coordinator JJM UNOPS project participated in the Round table organised by UNICEF for Jal Jeevan Mission India sector partners in Tamil Nadu, and shared the work done by the UNOPS team for capacity building in Virudhunagar and Ramnad districts.

9. AWARDS

Chief Executive Ms Padmapriya was recognized among the Women Leaders of Tamil Nadu, in December 2022.



10. OUR PARTNERS





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