

New projects, new partners

Letter n°50 – September 2024

A very active summer: in June, a new school year with the installation of computer classrooms; in July, the setting up of new cooperative ventures; and in August, a visit by the OFI team to partner NGOs in West Bengal.

New partners in Tamil Nadu

July 2024 marks the beginning of the cooperation between OFI and two local NGOs, Kalvi Kendra and Shalom Ooty.

With them, OFI is continuing its work with women's groups by setting up personal and entrepreneurial training courses to help women become self-sufficient through the creation of a stable income.



Training women groups in Kalvi Kendra

Kalvi Kendra has been active in social development in Tamil Nadu for over 40 years. OFI is working with this NGO on the “WomenRise” project.

New women's groups (SHG = Self Help Groups), eventually benefiting 1900 women, will be set up, or relaunched in some cases, with vocational training in micro-enterprise and monitoring of micro-credit repayments.

Shalom Ooty, who has been involved in teaching traditional embroidery to the Toda tribal community for over 20 years, will be accompanied by OFI in a project to train 100 women in traditional embroidery.



Traditional broderie performed by Toda women

Installation of 3 computer rooms in schools



Youth training in Gramium

After the creation of **3 fully-equipped computer rooms**, the start of the school year in June 2024 saw the introduction of teaching. A computer room in each school run by the NGOs SEVAI and HUT gives over 1,500 children access to IT tools. The NGO Gramium will train 200 young adults in a new computer room.

OFI financed the installations, and young civic service volunteers are taking part in the training courses.

Paras-Padma : A disability-oriented NGO



A physiotherapy session

Originally founded by Dominique Lapierre and an OFI partner since 2020, Paras Padma improves the living conditions of people with disabilities through education, medical care and access to public services. Paras-Padma manufactures orthopedic equipment adapted to each child.

OFI supports three physiotherapy centers.

The visit was an opportunity to observe the impressive results achieved by the physiotherapists' rehabilitation care, especially for children aged 0 to 6. Parents are also present, and can take part in follow-up care.

ICOD: an NGO dedicated to the underprivileged

Also supported by the Foundation Dominique Lapierre, the NGO ICOD now benefits from OFI's financial backing. ICOD provides care for adults in very precarious situations.

Training: a decisive and effective tool

Among OFI's training programs, teacher training plays a crucial role in supporting young people's schooling and professional projects.

Training is given to social workers working in the field for women's groups, to provide them with coaching and teaching methods concerning women's empowerment.

OFI sets up training courses for the managers of partner NGOs, focusing on professionalization, organizational structuring and compliance with legal frameworks. These courses enable our partners to better structure their actions, ensure legal compliance, and increase the impact of their projects.



Teachers training

THANK YOU TO ALL (individuals, foundations, institutional donors, OFI members) FOR MAKING THESE PROJECTS POSSIBLE through your membership and donations!

Each donation entitles you to a tax reduction of 66% of the amount paid.

A donation of 60 euros therefore only costs you 20 euros