

# Volunteering in Indien – Cluny Social Service Centre

## Section One: Partner Organisation

### 1. Organisation Name:

"OUR LADY OF THE POOR CHARITABLE TRUST" ANBU ILLAM

### 2. Contact Details:

Name	Sr. Janet (Superior)
Address	Anbu Illam, Nattamangalam, Salem – 636010. INDIA
Mobile number	09524687302

### 3. Organisation Vision/Mission and goals or objectives:

**Vision:** "Liberate to Empower"

**Mission:** "Promotion and well being of individuals, families and society based on the values of justice, fellowship and freedom"

#### Objectives:

- ❖ Empowering the Powerless, including the excluded and giving the best to the least irrespective of caste and creed.
- ❖ To provide every disabled person with services aimed at preventing appearance of possible disabling conditions and to give all necessary treatment to develop the remaining abilities to the highest possible level.
- ❖ To address the issues and problems of Disabled, Orphans, Semi-orphans Child laborers, Children deserted by parents, HIV/AIDs parents children in our work areas through comprehensive awareness education and rehabilitation programs.
- ❖ To identify the potential parents and relatives and give awareness education to them on child care and child rights.
- ❖ To enhance the social responsibility of the parents and villagers especially the village committee
- ❖ To redeem and re-school the child laborers
- ❖ To give family counseling to the potential people
- ❖ To in still in the minds of the children Self Esteem and Confidence and give up all thoughts of self pity.
- ❖ To give greater importance on health education, awareness programs by way of family visits, group discussions, orientation training, camps and public meetings.
- ❖ To eradicate every disease by means of preventive and promotive rather than curative measures.
- ❖ To give value and life education, skills training, income generation activities and educate them to make use of available resources in order to raise their standard of living.

### 4. Background of the Organisation:

ANBU ILLAM means an ABODE OF LOVE.

Anbu Illam is a registered Trust under the patronage of Our Lady of the Poor. It was a DREAM & a VISION of Miss. Yvonne BASSEVILLE, a French lady who lived in India for 30 years committed to the cause of the poor, disadvantaged and marginalized section of the society especially the leprosy affected, the physically and mentally challenged. In 1985 she purchased about 5.5 acres of land in the outskirts of Salem, in a village called

Nattamangalam, 10 km from the District Head quarters. As she was fully involved in the social action ministry, she came to realize and recognize the urgent need of "including the excluded" and formed a Trust ( Our Lady of the poor charitable Trust ) to have a rehabilitation centre for them. As she was continuing this noble task, due to advancing age and failing health, Miss. Yvonne and other Trustees realized their inability to devote time and energy to continue the activities of the Trust and they decided to handover the Trust to someone who can continue. So they approached and requested the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny. After a thorough study and discernment, with the permission of the local Ordinary – the Bishop, in consultation with our Major Superiors, we, the Cluny sisters began to function with added vigour and creativity with renewed DREAMS and VISIONS from July 4<sup>th</sup> 1996 under the same Trust expanding the activities according to the signs of the times.

#### 5. Population being served by your Organisation:

20000 to 50000 people of different category ( men, women, youth & children)  
(Differently Aabled, orphans, semi-orphans, school going, child labourers, prisoners and their children, HIV/AIDs parents & children – positive, negative, Tuberculosis affected & infected. People below poverty line, slum dwellers, the most vulnerable, Aged, etc.

Why? It is the NEED OF THE HOUR.

#### 6. Summary of Projects in the organisation:

Realizing and recognizing the urgent need of "including the excluded", from its inception, the organization has been successfully carrying out various activities such as, The Formation of children, youth and women, Individual sponsorship program for orphans and semi orphans, Formation of village committees and Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Tuberculosis awareness programs, Micro Insurance scheme, Special school for Differently challenged, Day care centres, Vocational and Income generating skills training for youth and women, Prison ministry, Geriatric care centres and many other need based micro programs, Net working with other NGOs.

## Section Two: Volunteer Program

#### 7. Person in Charge of Volunteer Program in the Project:

Name	Sr. Janet (Superior)
Address	Anbu Illam, Nattamangalam, Salem – 636010. INDIA.
Mobile number	09524687302 Landline: 0427/2271154

#### 8. Other Team Members involved in Volunteer Program:

Name	Srs. Boniface, Theresina, Leatitia, Matilda, Jeyaseeli, Mercy Angela, Leema Rose
Mobile number	09488541031,

#### 9. Potential working fields for volunteers:

1. Volunteer could work in the school for differently Aabled – teaching action songs, draw & paint, play with them & feed them during meals
2. Creche for the age group of 3 to 5. (teaching action songs & rhymes, draw & paint, play with them & mind them during meals)
3. English tuition for the Parliament children in the evenings, teaching grammer, rhymes, action songs, etc.
4. House visiting with the help of Sisters or Animators.
5. Visiting and helping Sponsorship children and creating good rapport helping them

- draw & paint cards, teaching them write letters, etc, etc.
6. Visiting other – branch centres with the help of Anbu Illam Sisters.
  7. Helping in the skills & vocational centre – Envelop making, bag making. Inventing new skills.
  8. Helping in different work of Anbu Illam – white washing, painting, cleaning, etc.
  9. They may meet the patients & work in our Health Centre

Working Hours: 9 Am to 12.30 Pm & 2 PM to 4 PM

Saturday & Sunday ----- visiting different places touring) on their own (guidance will be given).

#### 10. Two Contact persons for volunteers in the project: 24h available

First contact person's name:	<i>Sr. Janet</i>
Address:	<i>Anbu Illam, Nattamangalam, Salem – 636010. INDIA</i>
Mobile number:	<i>09524687302</i>

Second contact person's name:	<i>Sr. Ephrem</i>
Address:	<i>Cluny Social Service Centre, Anbu Illam, Nattamangalam, Salem – 636010. INDIA</i>
Mobile number:	<i>09488541031</i>

#### 11. Number of volunteers:

How many volunteers could come at the same time?	2 to 6 members
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## Section Three: Details about living circumstances

#### 12. Description of host family /apartment/accommodation:

Classification of the accommodation: Host family, at project/ apartment/ hostel,.....	Anbu Illam ( Convent)
Address	Anbu Illam, Nattamagalam, Salem – 636010. INDIA
How far away from the project	In the same campus
How to reach the project from there? Walk, by car,...?	Walk & Town Bus
Electricity?	Yes
Water out of pipes?	Yes, but hard water (salty water), good water for drinking.
Warm water?	Cold water because it is a warm climate
Own bathroom or shared bathroom with others?	Shared bathroom between volunteers
Bathroom indoor or outdoor?	Indoor
Bed sheets/blankets/pillows provided?	We provide all bed linen
Need of mosquito net?	We provide
Kitchen available?	Yes

#### 13. One Contact person for volunteers at the accommodation: 24h available

Name:	<i>Sr. Ephrem</i>
Address:	<i>Cluny Social Service Centre, Anbu Illam, Nattamangalam,</i>

	Salem. 636010. INDIA.
Mobile number:	09488541031

#### 14. Provision/Meals:

Where can the volunteers eat?	In the Sisters refectory
Can they get food 3x a day?	Yes, 3 times + tea & tiffin
Who prepares the food for the volunteers?	Our workers - cooks
Description of some local food:	Rice, curry, meat, fish, vegetables, etc. ( Indian preparation )

#### 15. Infrastructure around the project and the accommodation:

Markets/shops around?	Markets & shops are around, easily reachable by auto and town bus.
If yes how far away from the project and accommodation?	2 to 10 kilo metres
Where is the next cash machine?	2 to 10 kilo metres, throughout the city
Is Visa/Master card and other common cards excepted?	yes
What can volunteers do in their free time? What kind of activities and places are there for volunteers?	Their personal work – bath, washing clothes, shopping, internet, etc

#### 16. Currency:

Name of Country currency:	INDIA - Rupees
Current exchange rate to Euro:	Depends on the day

#### 17. Safety:

Is it safe around the project and accommodation?	yes
How far away is the closest hospital or clinic?	2 to 10 kilo metres
Is it safe for volunteers to travel or go out alone on weekends or at night?	safe to travel but not at night
Is it a Malaria area?	yes
Rabies area?	yes
Yellow fever area?	yes
Other illnesses spread in this area?	Ordinary cough & cold, Diarrhoea, Dengu fever, Ordinary viral fever, sometimes Typhoid, Malaria, Jaundice, etc.

#### 18. Vaccination:

Depending on the above sickness you may enquire in your country and have the Vaccination.
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#### 19. Climate:

What's the weather like throughout the year?	<i>Hottest – March to July</i> <i>Warm – August to September</i> <i>Cool – October to February</i>
Are there any dangerous animals and plants?	No

## 20. Time difference:

What's the time difference between Austria and the project country?	5 Hours and 30 Minutes. 12 Noon in India is 7.30 AM in Austria
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## 21. Visa:

Does an Austrian or German volunteer need a visa?	Yes
If yes how do they get one? At the airport in the foreign country? In the local country of the volunteer?	Local country of the volunteer

## 22. Travel to Project Country:

What's the best way to travel to your project country? (Plane, Bus, Train, Car?)	Austria to India ---- plane Within the country (India) – Bus, train, car
Which airports, train stations or bus stations are closest to your project?	Air port – Bangalore. We will direct the volunteer from the Air port from Bangalore to Salem by Train.
Will you be able to pick up the volunteer at the airport, bus or train station?	Yes

## 23. Who will pick up the volunteer from the airport, bus or train station?

Name:	One or two of the sisters of Anbu Illam or the volunteers themselves with proper direction
Address:	Sr. Ephrem, Anbu Illam, Nattamangalam, Salem. 636010. INDIA
Mobile number:	09488541031, 09626153228

## 24. Network:

Is there mobile connection at the project location?	Yes
Is there an internet connection at the project location?	Yes
Can they buy a local Sim card for their mobile phone?	Yes

## 25. Travel check list:

Do they need to bring any special items?	<i>Personal things ( no warm clothes needed) May bring pens, creyons, color papers, any other materials they are interested in teaching children.</i>
Is there a certain dress code? Are there things that are not appropriate to wear?	<i>Modesty in dressing according to the culture of the country – place.</i>

# Section Four: Costs and Expectations

## 26. Volunteer fees:

Food: Airport transfer: Accommodation: Project support fees:	350€ per month
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## 27. Qualifications and Conditions:

Do the volunteers need special qualifications?	No special qualification needed – should know English
Is there an age limit?	18 to 35 ( not over 50) To adjust the situation of the place & people
Do they have to send you their CV (Resume)?	Yes
Do you have special questions regarding the volunteer?	Not necessary
Do you wish E-mail contact with the volunteers before their arrival?	Yes
Do you have a problem if a volunteer has a different religion or if he/she is an atheist?	No
Do you have special expectations regarding the volunteer? Are there any extra curricular activities, he/she should take part in? (e.g. prayer times, community days, evening programs,...?)	No, they are free

## 28. Minimum and Maximum duration of stay?

Is there a minimum or a maximum duration of stay for a volunteer?	No
Is there a certain time of the year, when you cannot host volunteers? (For example: holiday season, winter?)	in May – there are holidays – but if they wish to come, we will try to find a different work for them

# Section Five: Possible Challenges

## 29. Possible Challenges and Risks:

<p>Volunteer should take full responsibility for himself/herself</p> <p>Try to be on time in the project area (Anbu Illam)</p> <p>Not advisable to go out at night</p> <p>Don't get so much used to the people of the place</p> <p>No lending or borrowing money or things to any one ( no charity in a form of cash &amp; kind)</p> <p>Prior &amp; proper information given to the person in charge</p>
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