



Intact Nursery & Primary School

The Intact Nursery and Primary School in Vellimalai villages in Kalrayan Hills offers consistent schooling for children aged between 3.5 and 10. The goal of this initiative is for tribal children in Kalrayan Hills to be able to reach the same education levels as the children in the cities and have equal opportunities for further education and employment.



The Intact Nursery & Primary School was inaugurated in June 2004 in the village Vellimalai in Kalrayan Hills in response to the requests from parents in the local community. The school is open to all tribal children and sponsorship is arranged for economically disadvantaged girls. The aim is to provide high quality education in English.

The Children

There are 190 children attending the school who travel from several remote villages in Kalrayan Hills. With the support of Intact Schweiz there is a good school building, clean water, working toilets and a recreational area.

A child's story

Gopika 7 years old and her older sister in 4th standard live with their single mother in a rented house in Vellimalai. Their mother works at a nearby poultry farm and they receive some support from their grandmother who is also below the poverty line. The girls miss a lot of school due to their mother travelling to do extra seasonal work in other states.



School Bus

Due to the distances in the mountains and lack of regular transportation, a school bus makes 3 trips in different directions to bring pick up and drop off the school children in their villages. Without the school bus most of the children would be deprived of good schooling.

Curriculum

The school offers lower and upper kindergarten and 5

grades, I to V standard, at the school. The Government of Tamilnadu English medium curriculum is followed. and life-oriented subjects are taught in addition to that.

English medium is a challenge for a tribal child where education in a foreign language requires supplementary support from family and other facilitators. The majority of the parents in Kalrayan Hills have never attended school which poses a great challenge for teachers.

A good library is maintained offering books, games, toys to all children and staff.

Food for all

School lunch has been served since January 2014 to meet a great need. The school children have to get up early to make it to school in time and more than often came with an empty stomach and only the rice cooked the previous night for lunch. The 'Food for all' initiative, possible with a donation makes it possible to serve a healthy, balanced lunch to all children and staff.

About Intact

Intact, a non-profit, charity organisation, was established in 1992 by Thomas Ebenezer who, by helping those in need of food, shelter and a sense of security, is living his dream.

Intact works to empower marginalised individuals in society, with focus on people with physical and intellectual disabilities, mountain tribes and poor women, by creating opportunities for independent living.

We want to achieve a society where everyone, regardless of caste, ethnicity, gender, religion, colour and ability is accepted and give equal opportunity to develop to their full potential – without discrimination.