

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

As per the instructions of the Government of India, the Department of Women and Child Development, Puducherry was formed on 16th August 1996 after bifurcation from the Social Welfare Department, Pondicherry with a view to focus more attention exclusively for the upliftment of Women and Children. The Department deals with the provision of Nutrition/Health support to the children, pregnant and lactating mothers through the ICDS Projects.

Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS): ICDS is a centrally sponsored scheme and the major objective of this scheme are (i) to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age group of 0-6 years, (ii) to lay the foundation for proper psychological, physical and social development of children, (iii) to reduce the incidence of mortality, malnutrition and school drop out and (iv) to bring about effective co-ordination in the works of various agencies involved in Child Welfare Programmes. There are 5 ICDS projects in the U.T of Puducherry viz., Villianur,(141 AWC) Karaikal (141 AWC) , Ariankuppam (122 AWC) ,Muthialpet(126 AWC) , and Sithankudi (158 AWC(Mahe 12) & Yanam (8)) comprising of 688 anganwadi centres. Nearly, 25,000 children (0-6 years) are being covered through ICDS services. Pre-school beneficiaries covered during 2009-10 are 3530.

Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP): SNP is meant for the children and expectant and nursing mothers under ICDS Scheme. The scheme makes provision for the cost of food and other materials for the children up to 6 years of age of ICDS projects and for pregnant and lactating mothers. They receive a package of services through the anaganwadi centres. A total number of 25781 children in the age group of 0-6 were benefitted under the programme during 2009-10

Apart from the above, the department also implements other schemes also. The beneficiaries are 2703 under Aravanaippu, 4429 under Kulavilaku, 211 under One girl child and 482 under two girl child during 2009-10

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INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
Table No. 1 LOCATION OF ICDS PROJECTS AND BENEFICIARIES

Sl. No	ICDS Project	Region	Number of Beneficiaries	
			2008-09	2009-10
1	2	3	4	5
1	I,III,IV,V	Puducherry	18887	19460
2	II	Karaikal	4863	4236
3	V	Mahe	660	624
4	V	Yanam	1795	1461
5	Total		26205	25781

Source : Department of Women and Child Development, Puducherry

Location of ICDS Project Head Quarters

I	Villianur (Kanuapet)	141 Centres
II.	Karaikal (Kamaraj Complex)	141 Centres
III.	Ariyankuppam (Swarna Nagar)	122 Centres
III.	Muthialpet (M.G.Road))	126 Centres
IV.	Mudaliarpeta (Sithankudi)	138 Centres
	Mahe	12 Centres
	Yanam	8 Centres

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BENEFICIARIES UNDER ICDS SCHEME –
2008-09

(In Nos.)

Sl. No	Region	Supplementary Nutrition		Pre-School Education	
		0-3 years	3-6 years	Boys	Girls
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Puducherry	16,580	2,307	1,257	1,332
2	Karaikal	3,929	934	465	469
3	Mahe	472	188	75	77
4	Yanam	1,384	411	113	110
5	UT Total	22,365	3,840	1,910	1,988

Source : Department of Women and Child Development, Puducherry

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BENEFICIARIES UNDER ICDS SCHEME
2009-10

(In Nos.)

Sl. No	Region	Supplementary Nutrition		Pre-School Education	
		0-3 years	3-6 years	Boys	Girls
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Puducherry	17,169	2,291	1,134	1,182
2	Karaikal	3,340	896	435	461
3	Mahe	472	152	78	83
4	Yanam	1,209	252	76	81
5	UT Total	22,190	3,591	1,723	1,807

Source : Department of Women and Child Development, Puducherry

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BENEFICIARIES BENEFITTED IN OTHER SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED BY WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT - 2008-09

(In Nos.)

Sl. No	Region	Aravanaippu	Kulavilakku	One girl child	Two Girl child
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Puducherry	850	1,791	145	460
2	Karaikal	85	206	-	-
3	Mahe	30	39	-	-
4	Yanam	26	89	-	-
5	UT Total	991	2,125	145	460

Source : Department of Women and Child Development, Puducherry

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BENEFICIARIES BENEFITTED IN OTHER SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED BY WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT 2009-10

(In Nos.)

Sl.No	Region	Aravanaippu	Kulavilakku	One girl child	Two Girl child
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Puducherry	2,049	3,520	154	369
2	Karaikal	502	629	48	75
3	Mahe	47	55	9	15
4	Yanam	105	225	-	23
5	UT Total	2,703	4,429	211	482

Source : Department of Women and Child Development, Puducherry