

SUPPORT A CHILD'S EDUCATION

₹1000 a month x 12 months

The Vidyodaya Nursery and Primary School for tribal children has at present 50 tribal students. This fund ensures that the child's education, including books, games, trips and medical expenses are taken care of.



SUPPORT A TEACHER

₹7500 a month

This is the average salary of a Teacher in Vidyodaya School. These teachers teach not only in the School but also in the Villages over the week-ends and so, on an average reach out to over 150 children. Most of them are from the tribal community too.





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WARM CLOTHES FOR HOSTEL CHILDREN

₹1000 x 50 children

Vidyodaya runs a hostel with the support of the SSA for drop-out children in the age range of 6 to 14 years. Most expenses are paid for by the govt but in the Nilgiris it is cold and wet most of the year and the children need warm clothes including blankets.

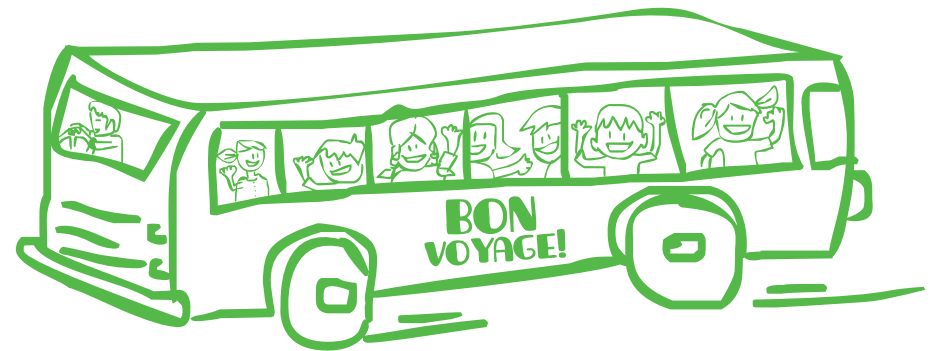


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SUPPORT A 3-DAY EXCURSION

₹750 per child

Most tribal children have never traveled outside Gudalur. Excursions are essential learning opportunities. Children from the school and from the villages can be taken to nearby as well as far off places. Every tribal child who has seen the sea at Kozhikode is amazed!





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SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Target ₹10 lakhs

As more and more children finish schooling, we need to provide them with financial support for higher education. The govt usually supports their tuition fees but in most colleges that is the smallest amount in the fee structure. Besides, they need clothes, travel and hostel fees.



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SUPPORT A VILLAGE TEACHER

₹5000 per month x 10 teachers

Village teachers are tribal youth trained by VBVT to teach up to the Primary level. Most of them are full time teachers at either the Drop-out centre in Vidyodaya or in a Govt School as Volunteer teachers. Most govt schools are understaffed and we provide teachers where there are tribal children studying. Some of them are also running after-school Study centres and working in the villages to ensure that children go to school.





7 STORY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

₹500 per child

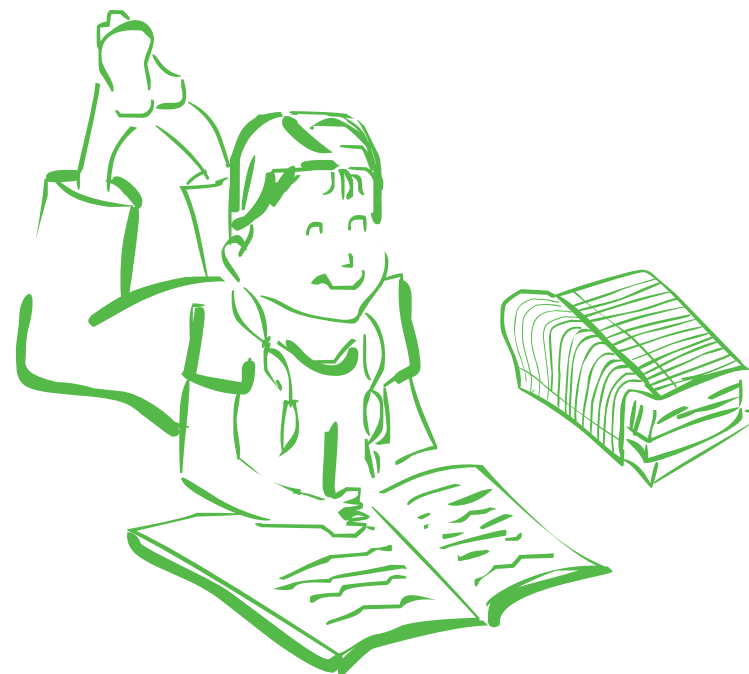
While we do have 8 libraries functioning in the 8 village centres besides the School, not all children can access them. Besides, there is practically no reading material in their homes. You will agree that every child will love to have a book that belongs to her. Providing books that is theirs for keeps will be a good way to promote reading and exposure. We can find occasions to give such gifts to all children.



8 NOTE-BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

₹1000 per child

Note books are generally supplied by the govt for the lower classes although sometimes not enough. But children in the higher classes really feel the pinch. Books, especially as they seem to require these long note books these days, are really costly.





SUPPORT A CAMP

₹25,000 per camp x 25 children

During summer holidays we conduct 3-day camps for children mainly to motivate them in studies and also to talk about their culture and values. They also get to go for nature walks and revive their knowledge of the forest, plants, animals and so on. The cost includes their travel, boarding and lodging.



SUPPORT OF UMBRELLAS

₹200 x 500 children

Gudalur has almost 6 months of rain and most of the children have to travel long distances on foot to get to school. Most children stop going to school or are irregular simply because they don't have an umbrella.





SUPPORT FOR GAMES MATERIALS

₹10,000 per group

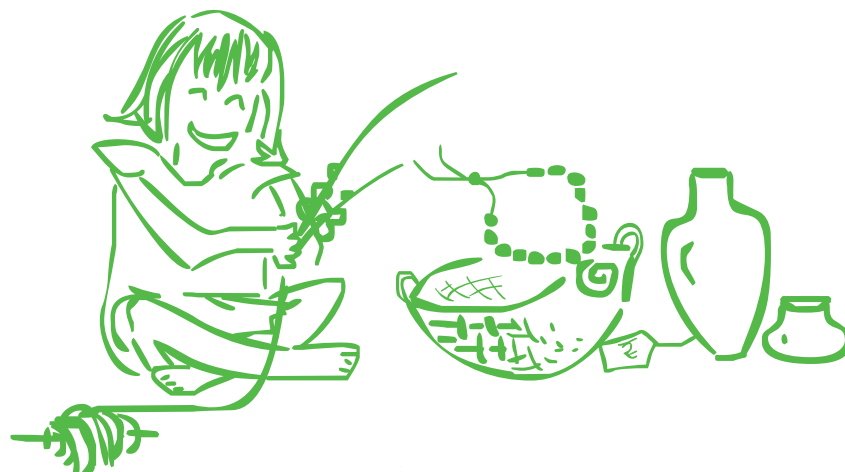
Getting the youth and children to play has become a challenge. We are trying to get them to form clubs or groups and play organised games, like Kabadi, football, volleyball, Frisbee and so on. We are encouraging both boys and girls to take up such games.



HANDICRAFT MATERIALS FOR A CHILD

₹300 per child

Tribal children are extremely skillful with their hands and this skill needs to be nurtured. At Vidyodaya School and in the villages we are encouraging children to create various products where their skill and imagination can be exercised. It also becomes a means of earning a small income.





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A NUTRITIOUS FEAST FOR 40 HOSTEL CHILDREN

₹2000

The Vidyodaya Hostel supports 40 drop-out children in the age range of 6 to 14 years, both boys and girls. This is a govt assisted programme but there are days, like on festivals, birthdays and so on when we would like to give them a special meal which is also nutritious. A chance to share your joys too!



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PUZZLES FOR CHILDREN

₹5000 a set

A good way of introducing children to learning activities is to begin with puzzles, especially jigsaws. We want to give a set 5-10 jigsaws to each village centre. Each set will contain from 5 pieces to 100 pieces. However, we prefer to make them out of hard-board rather than the cardboard ones that are available in shops as the hard board ones last for ever. So it is a little costlier.

