

**Vazhndhu Kaatuvom -  
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Poverty Reduction Project**

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## Abbreviations

BPL	Below Poverty Line
CBF	Capacity Building Fund
CBO	Community Based Organization
CDD	Community Driven Development
COM	Community Operational Manual
DPG	Disabled Persons Group
DPMU	District Project Management Unit
DPVS	District Vazhdhu Kaatuvom Society
EAG	Economic Activity Groups
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GoTN	Government of Tamil Nadu
HDI	Human Development Index
ICB	International Competitive Bidding
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
MFI	Micro Finance Institutions
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NABARD	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NCB	National Competitive Bidding
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
PCNA	Participatory Communication Needs Assessment
PFT	Project Facilitation Teams
PLF	Panchayat Level Federation
PRI	Panchayati Raj Institutions
SAC	Social Audit Committee
SC/ST	Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe
SHG	Self Help Groups
SLDCRA	State Level Development Communication Resource Agency
SPP	Sub-project Proposal
SSA	Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
THADCO	Tamil Nadu Adiravida Housing Development Corporation
TNEPRP	Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project
TNPVS	Tamil Nadu Vazhdhu Kaatuvom Society
ToR	Terms of Reference
VP	Village Panchayat
VPRC	Village Poverty Reduction Committees

## **PREFACE**

The Project preparation started in 2004. The Project Team considered in detail the various alternatives suggested in the design of the Project by the World Bank Missions visiting the Project. The lessons learnt from other Poverty Reduction Projects within the State and outside were also considered. The Project Implementation Plan was finalized in consultation with the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Project Implementation Plan was revised after the negotiations in May 2005. The Project design has been tested in the pilot Panchayats.

This revised version of the Project Implementation Plan incorporates lessons learnt from the pilot Panchayats. There were some delays in Project implementation due to the elections to the State Assembly and Panchayats in May 2006 and Oct.2006 respectively. The revised version also incorporates the changes due to this delay especially in the implementation schedules.

One significant change is in the name of the Project. The earlier name of the Project, as finalised in 2005 was **“Pudhu Vazhvu”**. Subsequently in 2006 the Project name got changed to **“Vazhndhu Kattuvom”**. Since some of the documents like Project Agreement and Government Orders were finalised in 2005, the name “Pudhu Vazhvu” would have been used in those documents.

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