

**PROJECT PROPOSAL
CONDUCT FREE MASS MARRIAGE
FOR POOR FISHING COMMUNITY
53 COUPLES**

**FISHERMEN WELFARE TRUST,
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T.Saveriarpuram. Tuticorin – 628002.
Tuticorin District, Tamil NADU.**

FISHERMEN WELFARE TRUST

T. Govt. Reg.No. 750/ 2007

T.Saveriapuram

Tuticorin – 628 002.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Submission of Proposal for conduct Free Marriage for
Poor Fishing community 53 Couples – Regarding.

We are sending project proposal for “Conduct Free marriage for poor Fishing Community 53 Couples” Project Proposal, necessary supportive documents Alongwith this letter for your kind perusal.

We shall be grateful to you, if you sanction the afore mentioned proposal to our Organization for the welfare of poor fishing community couples. Besides, we well do best to make the free mass marriage project success.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(M.JEYADAVID)

Founder Trustee/ Chairman

Encl:

Proposed Proposal.

Trust deed copy.

Last three year Audited Statement copy.

Last three years Annual Report copy

Programme photo copeies.

Programme Hand bills

Press clippings.

About the Organisation:

Fishermen welfare Trust (FWT) is a secular, non – profit – non – governmental Organization . Which is committed to serve for the betterment of fisher folk, Womenkind, disabled, old aged, rural poor and other unserved / under served Section of the society since 2001 in Tutcorin district, Tamil Nadu. FWT was Formally registered as charitable trust 16.08.2007. Its legal status under Indian Trust Act, Saction 20 of 1882.

FWT is implemented multifarious development schemas for the past six years in the fields of education, health, agriculture. eco – conservation, human rights, folk arts, women and child care. youth development and many more. So far, a considerable to target groups and general masses have been benefited through the above mentioned fields developmental activities.

Office Infrastructure:

FWT office and training centre are functioning in a spacious building with necessary furniture. fixtures, stationeries and other basic amenities. Further, FWT has a team of highly dedicated and nimble footed office / field staff. Details are as follows:

Project Co –ordinator	-	1
Women organizer	-	2
Fields staff	-	5
Typist cum clerk	-	1
Office Assistant	-	1

Fields Supportive Structures :

FWT has a good rapport with adopted area people. Hence all developmental works are executed without any barriers. To help the people help themselves and make every slum / village of project areas self reliant and self sufficient. For

Fishermen Self Help Group	-	33
Men self Help Group	-	27
Women self Help Group	-	29
Volunteer	-	36

All development programs / activities are implemented with the assistance of the Afore mentioned fields supportive structures.

Project summary:

Tuticorin district is one of the coastal districts in Tamil Nadu. Also, Tuticorin sea – port is one of the biggest sea- ports in India. The major vocation of coastal people is fishing. The other important livelihood activities of shore line is salt pan works and shrimp rearing.

Eventhough, FWT is involved in varied developmental works, which is given special attention to fishermen upliftment. Because, their livelihood and lives fully based on the deep sea. When compare with other vocations, fishing is dangerous and also uncertainty in nature. Besides, losing fishing equipment like boat, net and also lives by nature. Besides, losing fishing equipments like cyclone, giant waves etc. In addition, shark fish, whales and other sea animals attack fishing boats and fishers. For these reasons, fishermen lose their boats, nets and sometime their lives. Which are common things in the day to day life of fishermen.

The socio – economic status of slump / rural / coastal area people of Tuticorin district is low. Of these, fishers position is still worst, also lead life amidst of very many problems. Stillmore, during inclement weather and off-season poor fishermen faced employment and economic stringency. In which, hunger and poverty are perennial problems among the fishing community.

To minimize poverty and economic crisis, some of the poor fishermen get Loan from unauthorised money lenders with high rate of interests for their Livelihood, hostel expense purpose and other emergency needs, Due to irregular Inadequate income. The poor fishermen could not repay the loan in the Stipulated time frame. Thereby, these poor fishermen fall prey in debt trap and lose their boats, nets and other belongings..

Stillahead, these coastal areas poor peoples' traditional vocation is fishing, also they do not know other vocation and also not shown interest in other livelihood activities. For these reasons, many of the poor fishermen families in the coastal area of Tuticorin district is facing hardship to lead life.

Besides, some of the fishermen addict to liquor, gambling and lost their hard earned monies and other valuables. For these poor fishermen families have no savings habit. Due to poverty, economic stringency, unemployment, under employment and afore said reasons, these poor fishermen families could not give proper care to their children's better future.

Hence these poor fishermen families' sons, daughters are less educated/ Uneducated. For this reason, these poor families youth involve in their traditional Fishing vocatoion, also salt pan work, shrimp farm works etc. Similarly girls/ young women are involved salt pan works, prawn culture unit works and other daily paid works. Of these, many of the poor fishermen families' youths and girls have attained age for marriage. Due to poverty and economic singency, these poor families faching hardship to spend money for dowry, jewellery and hose hold articles and other marriage related expenditure. At the sometime, if fail to arrange marriage in time, there will be a possibility, these poor nubile youths/ girls fall in the hands of bad elements, Which will creat unnecessary problems to the family and also to the society.

Meanwhile, FWT has identified 100 plus poor fishing community eligible Pairsh (age group 18 to 29) in the coastal slums/ villages of Tuticorin. Of these 53 pairs families have approached FWT administration to provide help for their sons / daughters marriage.

For the afore told reasons and save the nubile youths/ girls from the social evils and lend helping hands to poor fishermen families FWT proposes to conduct free marriage for 53 poor fishing community couples at T.Saveriarpuram marriage hall. All 53 pairs are belonging to Christian religion (Roman Catholic denomination : Fernandas). Hence, their mass marriage will be conducted at T.Saveriarpuram church, Reverend father will conduct marriage with Christian rites.

After the marriage 53 couples will be invited to nearby marriage hall. There will be a grand reception will be arranged 53 married couples will be Chaired in the decorated stage. These, 53 couples' families members (bride families members and bride groom families members) and other relatives and friends will be participated. Chief guest will preside over the reception. The chief guest and special guests (like government officials, sponsors, funder's team NGO slum/ village leaders, fishing community leaders etc.) will attend and bless the all 53 married couples. After that, chief guest will distribute house hold articles, bedding materials etc to every couple. At the end of the marriage reception feast (non - vegetarian meals) feast will be provided to all participants. In these ways,

mass marriage will be conducted. Though this free mass marriage 53 poor fishing community couples will get new lease of life. Which will help to run their families happily and peacefully. These 53 couples families burden will be eliminated. On the whole, 53 poor fishermen couples will get happy marriage life through this project.

Back ground and Justification:

Tuticorin district is one of the coastal district in Tamil Nadu. Majority of the coastal areas people are engaged in fishing salt pan works, prawn culture unit works. Tamirapharni and Vaippar river pass across this district and make fertile only limited areas.

The average annual rainfall of Tuticorin district is 973 mm. A small number of farmers are involved wet land cultivation with the following irrigation facilities; river, tank, pond, open well, tube well etc. Wet land crops are as follows; paddy, banana, vegetables etc. Tuticorin district is a scanty rain area, Hence majority of the farmers are involved in dry land cultivation. The dry land crops are the following ; ground nut gingili, cotton, pigeon pea, maize, sunflower etc.

The total population of Tuticorin district is 1 7,19,673 (according to 2001 Census). Of these majority of coastal / urban slums / rural people are poor. Stillahead, 33% of the afore said poor lived in below poverty line. Important Occupations of coastal areas and other slums / villages are the following ; fishing, fish processing cattle rearing / grazing, farm works, construction works chemical/ fertilizer industries works, thermal power station work sea port works (loading, unloading goods), three wheeler driving, shell craft works, palm craft works, fish / salted fish / salted fish vegetables / fruits vending, brick kiln works, petty trades and other daily paid works and earn meager amount as income. Hence majority of these less fortunates are stuggling hard to run the home, especially fisherfolk.

Tuticorin sea- port is one of the largest ports in India. Which os al ways busy in exporting and importing activities, Stillahead, Thermal power station, metal production industries, chemical / gertilizer industries, fish processing and export units are situated in this district.

In addition, it is famous for salt production, There are hung number of salt pan units are function and produced large amount of salt and export to other

district and other states of India. Also number of shrimp rearing units are functioning along the shore line areas. During the rainy season and rough weather period fishermen, salt pan workers and prawn culture units workers faced untold miseries.

Generally, fishing vocation risky one at anytime fishermen should ready to face natural calamities both in deep sea and shore line. Thus venture in to the sea is a challengeable task, because sometime, fishers may lose their livelihood materials like boats, nets and also their lives. Besides, sometimes, who will return to sea – shore without catching fish.

For the afore said reasons, FWT gives importance of fishermen enhancement when compare with other sects of people, executed number of development schemes/ programmes for the poor fishermen / women / youth and children. So far, a big number of fishing community poor have been benefited.

To minimise economic problem and responsibility of fishermen families and also help to unite young couples through mass marriage, FWT has decided to conduct free mass marriage for 53 poor fisher couples with guidance and financial assistance of funder, Through this free mass marriage 53 bride parents and 53 bride groom parents entire responsibilities will be eliminated. Besides 53 young couples will be married without any worry and problem. FWT will be taken marriage related all responsibilities will be conducted mass marriage successfully.

Objectives:

- To generate confidence among the poor fishermen.
- To help the poor fisher couples units through free mass marriage .
- To minimise the burden and avoid expenses of the poor brides families and bride – grooms families.
- To fulfill aspiration of poor fishing families.
- To save the nubile youth / young women from the anti-socials exploitation.
- To nurture helping tendency among the general population.
- To help the young couples lead dignitary life in the society.

Strategy and Approach :

- Select 53 deserved fishing community pairs through selection committee
- Select personnel.
- Select evaluators.
- Select cooks / helpers /servers
- Occupy spacious marriage hall.
- Invite chief gusts / special guests
- Invite chief guests / special guests.
- Obtain permission from church administration to conducts mass marriage
- Purchase certified jewels for 53 brides.
- Purchase house hold articles, dresses, bedding materials to present 53 pairs
- Purchase food materials / groceries / vegetables for feast.
- Place order for garlands, knitted flowers.
- Arrange rental mike set / light , daise.
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- Hire chairs for sit participants.
- Place order for coconut, banana , betal leaf, sweets for gift packet distribution.
- Arrange vans carry couples
- Arrange music troupe (sendai melam troupe) for mass marriage procession.
- Conduct mass marriage as per schedule.

Activity :

- Sticking wall posters in the people meeting points.
- Install bill boards / hoardings / banners in the common places.
- Conduct special meetings for brides/ bride – grooms parents regarding mass Marriage and get suggestions and opinion.
- Conduct meeting for fields staff / volunteers regarding mass marriage.
Self help groups regarding free mass marriage and help to identify poor couples in the coastal slums / villages.

Social Mobilization:

- Advertise through press and cable Tv
- Identify fisher pairs through wellwishers..

Expected Results :-

53 Poor fishers couples will be got married and lead happy family life

53 bride parents' and 53 bride groom parents' long pending desires will be fulfilled (their sons/ daughter marriage) without expense and risk.

Newly married couples' socio – economic status will be increased.

(53 + 53) nubile youth / youth women will be saved from bad elements exploitation.

26 Poor fishermen families will be saved from money lenders extortion.

Monitoring :-

FWT Chairman and Project Co-ordinator will have the joint responsibility to select personal, cooks / helpers, evaluators, obtain permission from church administration to conduct mass marriage, occupy marriage hall, purchase food materials, purchase house hold articles, dresses, bedding materials, hire milk set / light, daise, place order for garlands / knitted flowers, hire stage decoration materials / chairs, purchase quality jewels, hire cooking vessels, hire vans, invite chief guests / special guests, conduct mass marriage as per schedule, send preliminary report, monthly progress report, evaluation report, fund utilization certificate, project completion report to funder within the time frame as per norms.

In these ways, from the beginning to end of the mass marriage project, both FWT Chairman and Project Co-ordinator will be monitored for free mass marriage project success.

Evaluation :-

FWT administration constitute two evaluation team to evaluate the free mass marriage for poor fishing community couples project. This evaluation team will consist one funder's representative, one sponsor's representative, one people's representative, two external subject experts. This evaluation team evaluate the mass marriage project before and after marriage.

Firstly, the evaluation team will pay visit marriage hall inspect facilities, stage decoration, viewers seating arrangements. Then, which will verify jewels, house hold articles, dresses, bedding materials quality. After that, pay visit kitchen and check the morning break fast and lunch quality. Then, this team pay visit and interview with church authority regarding mass marriage and collect relevant information.

Reports :-

One preliminary report will be produced by the Project Co-Ordinator before starting the free mass marriage project.

One monthly progress report will be produced by the Project Co-ordinator.

One project evaluation report will be submitted by the evaluation team at the end of the project period.

One fund utilization certificate will be produced by the authorised Chartered Accountant.

One project completion report will be submitted by the FWT Chairman at the end of the project period.

Selection Committee :-

FWT Chairman will form one selection committee to select 53 deserved couples from fishing community in the coastal areas of Tuticorin. This selection committee will consist one Retired BDO, One Rev. Parish Priest, two people's representative, one college lecturer and village committee Leaders 15 Person. This ten member, selection committee will sit in the allotted time at FWT office premises. The FWT will produce 100 plus poor fishing community couples. The committee will interview each and every couple and also verify community certificate, income certificate, Identity Card (I.D), Education testimonials etc.

In these ways , 25 deserved will be selected. Also , the selection committee will submit selection list to FWT administration. The FWT will conduct mass marriage on the basis of selection committee 's selection list.

After the marriage, the next day onwards the team will pay 53 newly married couples house visit and interview with each and every couple and collect necessary information. Also, pay visit bride parents and bridge groom parents house to know the economic status and also get opinion and suggestions on mass marriage and collect necessary information.

Then, this evaluation team will pay visit to FWT office and interview with FWT Chairman, Project Co-ordinator, Programme Organiser and Helper and collect necessary information. After that, which will verify documents, records, files, bills, vouchers etc.

Finally, this evaluation team will consolidate the collected data and submit a detailed evaluation report to FWT administration. The FWT will duty send this evaluation report to funder within the stipulated span.

Sustainability :-

In order to continue the mass marriage project for the sake of uncovered coastal slums / village poor fisher pairs, FWT will approach the same funder to sanction again for another one free mass marriage project. Besides, it will try to seek financial assistance from similar funding agencies.

Due to successful implementation of present free mass marriage project, the funders will come forward to sanction the new project without an hesitation. For these reasons, the free mass marriage project will continue, even after funder's assistance come to an end.

Follow – Up :-

After mass marriage function is over, FWT Chairman and Project Co-ordinator will pay married couples' periodical house visit to know the couples married life and their livelyhood and economic status. Also, provide necessary to improve young couples' life status.

Through this approach, the poor young couples will get moral support and necessary guidance. Which will help to enhance their socio-economic status and lead dignitary life in the society like others.

Personnel Requiremens :-

Programme Organiser	-	1
Helper	-	1

WORK PLAN

S.No	Name Of Activity	I st Month	II nd Month	III rd Month
1	Filed Publicity	X	X	X
2	Identification and Selection of couples	X		
3	Selection of personnel	X		
4	Selection of evaluators		X	
5	Selection Of Cooks / helpers			X
6	Selection Of Marriage hall	X		
7	Obtain Permission From Church Administration to Conduct Mass Marriage	X		
8	Purchase Jewels		X	
9	Purchase house hold articles (Like Vessels, Suit – case , Steel Cot / cup board , etc		X	X
10	Purchase dress materials / bedding materials		X	X
11	Purchase gift packet materials			X
12	Hire 5 vans to carry couples / chief guests / special guests			X
13	Hire milk set / Light / daise /samiana			X
14	Hire vessels for feast			X
15	Arrange musical troupe for marriage procession			X
16	Invite chief guests / special guests		X	X
17	Send Preliminary / report	X		
18	Monitoring	X	X	X
19	Purchase food materials / groceries / Vegetables			X
20	Purchase garlands / knitted flowers, shawls			X
21	Conduct mass marriage as per schedule			X
22	Submission of monthly progress report		X	
23	Submission of evaluation report			X
24	Submission of fund utilization certificate			X
25	Submission of project completion report			X

BUDGET

S.NO	Particulars	Rs
A	<u>One Couple Marriage Expenditure:</u>	
1	Cost of one sovereign (Thali Chain) @ Rs.40,000/- for 3. Sovereign 9Rs.40,000 x 3.	1,20,000
2	Cost of Marriage gift articles (Like S.S. Vessels, suit – case,make up materials, steel cupboard / cot mixy grainder etc.	6,0000
3	Cost of one brige groom , dress materials with stitching charges (Like shirt – 1,pant – 1 , banian, inner wear, towel etc.	6,000
4	Cost of one bride dress materials (like sari – 1, blouse – 1, inner garments + towel)	7,000
5	Cost of one bedding materials for one couple (like bed sheet, blanket, mat, pillows etc.)	5,000
6	Cost two garlands, knitted flower, loose flowers Total one couple marriage expenditure For 53 couples marriage total cost	4,000 2,2000
	Rs.202000 x 53= 1,070,6000	1,070,6000
B	<u>Mass Marriage53 pairs Expenditure:</u>	
7	One day rent (24 hours)for marriage hall with all basic amenities (like light	35,000
8	Wage for 15 cook 15 helper,25 server.	60,000
9	One day cooking vessels hiring charges.	20,000
10	Hiring charge for one chair @ Rs.5 – per day , for 2,500 chairs (Rs.5 x 2,500)	12500
11	Stage decoration charges, daise / table hiring charges + banana tress, palm leaf art materials.	30000
12	Hospitality (for chief guest / special guests)	12,500
13	Church fees for 53 couple marriage (Rs.2,000 x 53)	30,000
14	Hiring charge for one van (Batta + petrol cost) @ Rs.5, /- per day , for 5 van charges (Rs.5,000 x 53)	10,600
15	Mike set / light / serial set hiring charges for one day (24 hours0	26,500
16	Fees for one music troupe (sendai melam troupe)	25,000
17	Cost of one gift material packet @ Rs. 50 x 53 (including coconut – 1 banana – 1 , one set belal leaf, sweet – 1) for 2500 packets (Rs.30 x 2,500)	60,000
	Total	3,22,100

BUDGET

S.NO	Particulars	Rs.
18	Cost of meals per person @ Rs.150/- (including breakfast , non – vegetarian lunch , sweet, and 2 time tea) for 2,500 persons (Rs.150 x 5300)	7,95000/-
C	<u>Administrative Expenditure :</u>	
19	Honorarium for one programme organizer @ Rs.5,000/- per month, for 3 month (Rs.5000 x 3)	15,000.00
20	Honorarium for one helper @ rs.3000/- per month, for 3 month (Rs.3000 x 3)	9,000.00
21	Publicity expenses (like cable TV, press, bill boards, hoardings, banners. Etc.)	20,000.00
22	Honorarium for 4 evaluators, each @ Rs.2,500/- (Rs. 2,500 x 4)	10,000.00
23	Printing and stationeries	25,000.00
24	Postage and Telephone expenses @ Rs.1500/- per month , for 3 month (Rs 1500 x 3)	4,500.00
25	Traveling expenses.	20,000.00
26	Auditing and Accounting charges	15,000.00
27	Miscellaneous	15,000.00
	A.53 couple marriage total expenditure B.Mass marriage total expenditure C.Administrative total expenditure	9,28,500
	Grand Total 10% FWT + Sponsors + People's Contribution (-) Requested amount from funder 10,000.00	
	One Crore Nineteen Laks and Fifty six Thousand and six Hundred only	1,19,56,600/-

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NON – GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION

SELF ASSESSMENT REPORT

Name of the Organisation : **Fishermen Welfare Trust**

Postal Address : **10/200, Main Road,
T.Saveriarpuram,
Tuticorin Dist. – 628 002.
Tamil Nadu.**

Cell Number : **93605-01684**

E-mail Address : **Fishermen Welfare trust @ yahoo.com**

Website : **Fishermen Welfare trust.org.in**

Legal Status : **Fishermen Welfare Trust is Registered
Under Indian Trust Act,
Section 20 of 1882.**

Registration Number : **750 / 2007**

Date of Registration : **16.08.2007**

Name of the Bank and Address : **Indian Overseas Bank,
S/B Account No : 121801000004784
IFSC No: IOBA0001218
Mappillaiyoorani Branch,
Tuticorin – 628 002.**

Bank Account Number : **M.JEYA DAVID
Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank Ltd
S/B A/C No: 001160050309088
IFSC NO : TMBL0000001
Thoothukudi**

IT Exemption Details : **Fishermen Welfare Trust is exempted
Under 80 G of Income Tax Act, 1961.**

PAN : **AAATF 2441E / TN (1)**

Area of Operation : **Tuticorin District**

Project Duration : **Three month**

Budget : **Rs.1,19,56,600/-**

**Legal Holder of the Project and
Authorised Signatory** : **M.Jeyadaavid, M.A., Founder Trustee / Chairman**