

CURRICULUM VITAE OF M. HILARIA SOUNDARI



1. **Present Position** : Assistant Professor
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2. **Educational qualification** : MSW, PhD

3. **Special training undergone** :

Year	Training	Name of the Organization	Place
1 st – 28 th Feb 2008	Orientation Course	Academic Staff College, University of Madras	Chennai
20 th – 25 th Aug, 2007	Skill training programme on the techniques of Participatory Learning and Action (PLA)	National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, (NIPCCD)	Bangalore
12 th – 23 rd Nov, 2007	E-content Development	Gandhigram Rural Institute	Gandhigram
28 th Jan – 6 th Feb, 2002	Computer Applications in Social Sciences (Especially Ethnograph and Statistical Package for	South Gujarat University	Surat

	Social Sciences (SPSS)		
Dec 2000	Certificate course in MS office	Gandhigram Rural Institute	Gandhigram

4. Teaching and research experience :

On Teaching :

- For MPhil - Research methodology – Development Sociology, Political Science and Micro level Planning
Computer applications in research - MPhil (R&D)
- For PG - Research methodology course-MBA(RPM & CM / SBM & RIM),
MA (Sociology)
Introduction to social work - MA (HRCM)
- For UG - Research methodology course - BA GSW, B.Com (B.Coop)
Fields and methods of social work – BA (GSW)
Voluntary Organization and Social Work Practice – BA (GSW)

On Research : Ph D – 4 (on going)
MPhil dissertation – 5 completed
UG group project – 1 completed

5. New courses / programmes evolved / organized

Assisted in evolving M.A. in Development Research and Environmental Sustainability and presented it before UGC, New Delhi

6. Laboratories / Department established :

7. Involvement in Institute development :

- NSS Programme Officer

Programme	Place	Period	Beneficiaries
Legal awareness	Mr. Philomin Raj , Lawyer, Madurai	9.8.2007	43 GSW students
Social responsibility of youth	Mr. Anbu, Social activist, Dindigul	23.8.2007	58 GSW students
Soft skills in social sector	Mr. Britto Selvaraj, SSH, Sempatti	13.9.2007	45 GSW students
NSS orientation programme	GRU, Gandhigram	10.9.2007	82 NSS volunteers of Dept. of

			Biology
Art of attending an interview	GRU, Gandhigram	20.9.2007	81 NSS volunteers of Dept. of Biology
Personality development	GRU, Gandhigram	21.9.2007	82 NSS volunteers of Dept. of Biology
Exposure visit	St. Joseph's hospice near Kodai Road	22.9.2007	105 NSS volunteers of Dept. of Biology and Gandhian Social Work
NSS day – Learning disabilities	GRU, Gandhigram	24.9.2007	82 NSS volunteers of Dept. of Biology
Time Management	GRU, Gandhigram	25.9.2007	80 NSS volunteers of Dept. of Biology
NSS week programme – Valedictory function	GRU, Gandhigram	26.9.2007	82 NSS volunteers of Dept. of Biology
Survey Techniques	Vellampatty, Vedachandur Block	4.3.2008	54 MBA Students and 21 GSW students

- Students counseling

Group Counseling to I B. Tech students (29 Jan – 7 Feb, 2007)

Individual counseling to students whenever they needed it

Timely help and assistance is given to the students especially female students in need

- Gurukula

Enable the students to be a better human being and citizens

- Tutorials

Extra classes offered to weak students

- Organizing extension programmes and observation visits

Activities	Place	Date	Beneficiaries
Project formulation and evaluation study – NGO visit	Vathalagundu	31.8.2007	15 RPM MBA students
Student empowerment and social involvement programmes – Motivation and orientation	GRU, Gandhigram	2.8.2007	34 GSW students
Leadership training	GRU, Gandhigram	16.8.2007	41 GSW students
Communication skills	GRU, Gandhigram	6.9.2007	36 GSW students
Women day celebration	Vathalagundu	8.3.2008	Rural Women and GRU students
Education day	Kariasalpatty	15.7.2009	16 MPhil Scholars

8. Research guidance :

List of MPhil Scholars

S. No.	Name	Year	Topic
1	Jino Mathew	2006	Perspectives and Problems of Primary Care takers of Schizophrenic Patients in Idukki District
2	Prejesh.V	2007	Gram Panchayat as a Development Institution: A Study among Muthuva Tribals in Marayoor
3	Vimala V. George	2008	A Study on Anxiety and Stress Coping Skills among Adolescents Girls
4	G. Joseph Romald	2008	Community Development of Kovalam Village: A Post – Tsunami Perspective
5	Jenita	2009	Health issues of Elderly Persons in Rural Area: (With reference to the Setikulam Panchayat in Madurai District

List of PhD Scholars :

S. No.	Name	Year of registration	Topic
1	P.Lineesh	2008	Health Practices and Problems of Women from Fishing Communities in Kozhikode District, Kerala
2	G. Joseph Romald	2008	Technological Changes for Livelihood Promotion of Artisanal Fishing Community in Kanyakumari District
3	S. Menaka	2009	Achieving MDGs : Role of Marginalized Women and Panchayat Raj Institutions
4	J.Arokiaraj Varaprasadam	2009	Community Natural Resource Management and Marginalized Women in Theni District

9. Research projects undertaken :

As a Principal Investigator

Project title	Duration	Funding agency	Amount
Achieving MDGs: Role of Marginalized Women and Micro credit	2 years	UGC, New Delhi	Rs.4, 48, 700/ -

10. List of publications and presentations :

- i. Hilaria Soundari. M & Sudhir M.A. *Alternative Approaches for Empowering Dalit Women* – paper presented in the UGC National Seminar “*Gender discrimination in Indian Families*” held at Fatima College, Madurai, Aug. 3-4, 2000.
- ii. Hilaria Soundari. M & Sudhir M.A. *Self-Help Groups for Sustainable Rural Development* –paper published in the book, “Emerging Institutions for Decentralized Rural Development” Vol. II Edited by S.P. Jain, NIRD, Hyderabad in Nov. 2001 (ISBN 81-85542-65-1)
- iii. Hilaria Soundari. M & Sudhir M.A. *Alternative Approaches for Empowering Dalit Women* – Review Projector, Vol.4, No.1, Jan-Mar, 2001. (ISSN 0970-1702)
- iv. Hilaria Soundari. M *Environment Education for Self-Help Groups* – paper presented in National Workshop on Environmental Issues sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi and held at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed University on 27-28, April, 2001
- v. Hilaria Soundari. M *.Did We Succeed in Empowering Women?* Integral Liberation, Bangalore Vol.5, Dec. 2001.
- vi. Hilaria Soundari. M & Sudhir M.A. *Participatory Research for Rural Development* – Loyola Journal of Social Sciences, Trivandrum Vol XVII No.1 Jan- June, 2003 (ISSN 0971-4960)
- vii. Hilaria Soundari. M & Sudhir M.A. *Gender Disparity: Tamil Nadu Experience* – Social Welfare, New Delhi, March 2003. (ISSN 0037-8038)
- viii. Hilaria Soundari. M *The Awakening of the Arunthathiyars*, Integral Liberation, Bangalore Vol.7, No.4 Dec. 2003
- ix. Hilaria Soundari. M *Social Dimension of Higher Education* – Paper published in the book, “Issues in Higher Education” Edited by M. Thavamani, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, 2006.

- x. Hilaria Soundari.M *Systematic Synergy: A New Method of Social Work for Progressive Civilization* – the International Social Work Practice Research Symposium, University of New York at Albany, USA on June 1-2, 2005
- xi. Hilaria Soundari.M *Rural Women workers in globalization process* – Paper presented in a UGC sponsored state level seminar ‘Impact of Globalization and Retaining Strategies for Labour and Employment’, at GRI on Feb, 2006
- xii. Hilaria Soundari.M *Determination decides destiny: A case study on Empowerment* – In the International Conference on ‘Reinventing strategies for Women Empowerment’ at Kodaikanal on Mar 8– 9 , 2006
- xiii. Hilaria Soundari.M and M.A.Sudhir, *Participatory Research for Sustainable Development*, University News, New Delhi, Vol.44 No.44 Oct 30 – Nov 05, 2006 (ISSN – 0566-2257)
- xiv. Hilaria Soundari.M, *Self – Help Groups in small and medium enterprises*, - paper presented in the National Seminar on Small And Medium Enterprise under Globalisation: Opportunities and Challenges, Dept. of RIM, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, 16-17 Oct 2006
- xv. Hilaria Soundari.M *Dalit Women: Dimensions of Empowerment*, - presented in the International Seminar on Human Rights of Dalit Women at the Hague, The Netherlands, 20 – 24 Nov 2006
- xvi. Hilaria Soundari.M *‘ICT related research on serving farmers and saving farming’*, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Dec 2006 (Seminar Abstract)
- xvii. Hilaria Soundari.M, *‘Role of NGOs in promoting knowledge at the grass root level’* – paper presented in the UGC sponsored state level seminar on “Process and Perspectives of knowledge management in India” organised by Holy Cross College, Trichy, 1-2 Feb 2007
- xviii. Hilaria Soundari.M, *‘Gender sensitive health care in India’*- paper presented in regional seminar in “Schemes for women – coverage and its impact on target groups” organised by Dept. of Home Science, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, 21-22 Feb 2007

- xix. Hilaria Soundari.M, *Future directions of Micro Finance* – paper is published in the book, “Micro Finance and Poverty Eradication; Indian and Global Experience” Edited by Danile Lazer and P.Palanichamy, New Century Publication, New Delhi, 2008 (ISBN 81-7708-167-1)
- xx. Hilaria Soundari.M, *Right to be born: A study on Femicide*, e-paper in http://www.eadi.org/fileadmin/Documents/Events/General_Conference/2008/paper_Soundari_2.pdf
- xxi. Hilaria Soundari.M and G. Joseph Romald, ‘*Disaster and Dynamics of Development: A Case Study*’, presented in the National Seminar on Development Statistics: The Dimensions and Dilemmas, at Gandhigram Rural University on 25-26, March 2009 (Seminar proceedings)

Books

- i. Hilaria Soundari.M *Dalit Women: Dimensions of Empowerment*, Vaigarai Pathipagam, Dindigul, 2006 (ISBN 81-89882-00-7)
- ii. Hilaria Soundari.M, and Mukunthan (Eds) *Emerging Dimensions in Self- Help Groups*, Dominant Publishers, New Delhi, 2008 (ISBN 81-7888-518-2)
- iii. Hilaria Soundari.M *Short term course on Research Methods and Statistical Applications*, Dept. of Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Nov, 2005 (Research Monograph – 7)

Book review

- Hilaria Soundari.M, book reviewed for N. Shanmugaratnam, James Currey Ltd. 2008. *Between War and Peace in Sudan and Sri Lanka*. Hollywood, CA: African Academic Press. 194 pp., in *Journal of South Asian Development* 4:1 (2009): 125-126, SAGE Publications , New Delhi DOI: 10.1177/097317410900400108

11. Short term courses / symposium / conferences attended

- National Seminar “*Gender discrimination in Indian Families*” held at Fatima College, Madurai, on Aug. 3-4, 2000.

- National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) foundation day seminar on '*Emerging Institutions for Decentralized Rural Development*' held at Hyderabad, on Jan. 7-8, 2001
- National Workshop on '*Environmental Issues*' sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi and held at GRI on 27-28, April, 2001
- National seminar on '*Status, Trends and Supervision of Research in Rural Development*' at GRI, Gandhigram, on 12 April, 2002
- XXVIII Indian Social Science Congress with the focal theme on '*The Crisis of Modern Civilization*' at GRI, Gandhigram, January 16 – 20, 2005
- National Seminar on '*Issues in Higher Education*' at Bharathidasan University, Trichy on 23rd, Mar 2005
- International Social Work Practice Research Symposium, University of New York at Albany, USA on June 1-2, 2005
- State level seminar '*Impact of Globalization and Retaining Strategies for Labour and Employment*', at GRI on 15 Feb, 2006
- International Conference on '*Reinventing strategies for Women Empowerment*' at Kodaikanal on Mar 8– 9 , 2006
- National Seminar on '*Small And Medium Enterprise under Globalisation: Opportunities and Challenges*', Dept. of RIM, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, 16-17 Oct 2006
- International Conference on '*Human Rights of Dalit Women*', at the Hague, The Netherlands, 20 – 24 Nov 2006
- State level seminar on "Process and Perspectives of knowledge management in India" organized by Holy Cross College, Trichy, 1-2 Feb 2007
- National Conference on '*Sustainable and Participative Initiative for Rural Infrastructure Technologies - SPIRIT – 2007*' organised by Max Muller, Tangent group and STADD at Indo- German chamber of commerce, New Delhi on 24 - 25 May, 2007
- International conference on '*Micro Finance: A tool for eradication of poverty*' organized by University of Pondicherry at Pondicherry from 22nd-25th Jan 2008
- International Conference on 12th EADI General Conference '*Global Governance for Sustainable Development*' at Geneva, Switzerland, from 24 -28, June 2008
- National Seminar on '*Development Statistics: The Dimensions and Dilemmas*', at Gandhigram Rural University on 25-26, March 2009
- World Congress on '*Giving Children a Voice: The Transforming role of the Family in a global society*', January 3 – 7, 2009, New Delhi

12. Short term courses / seminar / conferences organized

- A two day seminar on '*Action Research*' at GRI for students of Women Study centre on Nov 17 – 18, 2005
- Short-term course on *Research Methods and Statistical Applications*, Dept. of Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Oct, 2006
- Two day National Seminar on '*ICT related research on serving farmers and saving farming*', on 20 – 21, Dec 2006 at GRU
- One day programme on '*SPSS applications and Participatory Learning & Action (PLA)*' on 19th October 2007 for 15 VVV college students and staff members
- Short term course on '*Research Methods and Statistical Applications*' from 5.11.2008 – 8.11.2008 for the scholars from Women Study Centre, Dindigul and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Madurai

13. Membership in scientific bodies / association

14. Resource person (inaugural address / guest lecture / chairman)

- In the Overseas Training Programme at National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Taramani, Chennai gave a lecture on '*Rural Women Empowerment*' on 19th February 2008
- In the United States Educational Foundation in India (USEFI), Chennai delivered a speech on '*Increasing awareness, availability and accessibility of services for the differently-abled*' at Stella Maris College, Chennai on 28th February, 2008
- In the National Seminar on '*Millennium Development Goals and Rural Development: Role of Education*' held at Arul Ananthar College, Karumathur, from 13 -14, March 2008 addressed on the title of '*Role of NGOs in MDGs*'
- In Ruby celebration of Caritas India addressed on '*Community Organization: Its relevance and Future Direction*' on 25-26, September, 2008 at Bangalore

15. Reviewer of journals

- Journal of Research and Extension, GRI
- For the publication of book, '*Micro Finance and Poverty Eradication*' Department of Commerce, University of Pondicherry published by New Century Publication, New Delhi

16. Recognition (Local, national, international)

17. Committee member

- Board of studies member in the Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science
- Board of studies member in the Department of Applied Research
- Expert committee member in Immaculate College of Education, Puducherry
- Selection committee member for the selection of Project Fellow – in UGC – MRP on Women, Law and the public Domain (21.07.2006)
- Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) committee member for UGC- SRF for Ms. Deepa (22.9.2009)

18. Fellowship received : passed NET with JRF. Received Junior Research Fellowship (1999 – 2001) and Senior Research Fellowship (2001 -2003) from University Grants Commission, New Delhi

19. Foreign countries visited : United States of America - 2005
Netherlands - 2006
Switzerland - 2007

20. Administrative experience

21. Others

Experience of evaluating projects:

- Had been part of the four member evaluation team in 2002 to evaluate the programmes of PEAK (People's Education and Action in Kodaikanal), which is a Jesuit venture to liberate the marginalized of Kodai hills since 1988. It is an integral wing of the Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, Kodaikanal.
- Did an evaluation study in 2004 for CMSSS (Coimbatore Multipurpose Social Service Society) for project, 'Development of women and children through motivation and organisation in Palakkad Zone'.

In the empowerment process

In the process of empowering rural women DEEPAM is working with 326 SHGs in 108 villages of Vathalagundu block. On 24th June 2004 Vidial SHG (Self –Help Group) of Lakshmipuram village was awarded with best Self- Help Group in Dindigul District.

Completed Action Research Projects

- After School Programme for Dalit Children in 56 villages at Dindigul District funded by Miriam Dean Fund, UK
- Empowerment of Rural Dalit Women in 77 villages of Vathalagundu Block funded by CMC, The Netherlands
- Reduction of Social stigma and Discrimination among Persons Living with HIV/AIDS funded by TNVHA and EJAF, UK