

About DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation

DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation is the first subsidiary of DHAN Foundation, established in 2002 to upscale the Kalanjiam Community Banking Programme. The institution envisages stabilizing the livelihoods of poor and empowering the women by providing access and control of microfinance by poor women by promoting Kalanjiam Self Help Groups and their federations. The institution promotes linkages between the people institutions and public & private mainstream development institutions. Kalanjiam Foundation operates in 12 states of the country with an outreach of over seven lakhs poor women as members organised into 48,500 groups and 174 federations as on March 2017. <http://www.dhan.org/themes/kf.php>

Madurai Symposium 2017

The Madurai Symposium is a development platform where development stakeholders such as community institutions, the Government, non-government organizations (NGOs), financial institutions and academia converge at Madurai for a development carnival of conventions, conferences and workshops.

Seven biennial symposiums were organized in Madurai since 2003 focusing on several development themes. Each Symposium was attended by over 20,000 participants. The eighth edition of Madurai Symposium is scheduled on 20-24 September 2017.

Date of the Event

September 20 , 2017 (Wednesday) from 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM

For further information please contact
Convention Coordinators

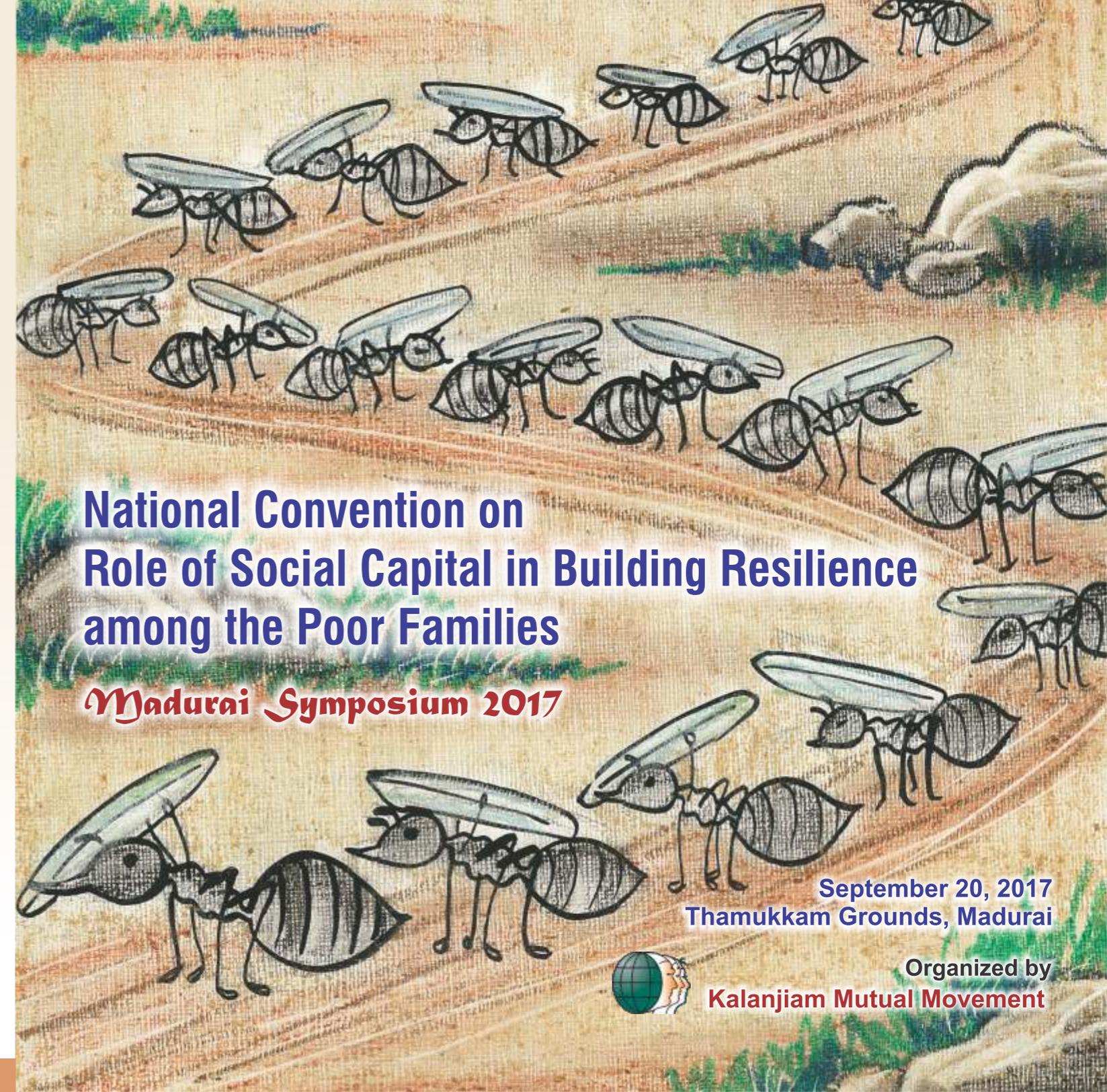
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National Convention on Role of Social Capital in Building Resilience among the Poor Families

Madurai Symposium 2017

September 20, 2017
Thamukkam Grounds, Madurai



Organized by
Kalanjiam Mutual Movement

Background

As part of Madurai Symposium 2017, DHAN Kalanjiam Mutual Movement and Kalanjiam Foundation proudly proposing to organize the National convention on **“Role of Social Capital in building Resilience among the poor families”** to consolidate, conceptualize and communicate the importance of social capital in building resilient societies

Social capital is significant because it enhances people's capacity by organising them for development. Social capital in the form of primary groups are performing in four key development tasks effectively such as, plan and evaluate to make decisions; mobilise resources and manage them; communicate with each other and coordinate their activities; and resolve conflicts.

DHAN's intervention in promoting Social Capital

The People's Organisations promoted by DHAN Foundation organise the poorest of the poor women through the Kalanjiam and farmers dependent on Tank-fed Agriculture through the Vayalagams. They come into existence to address the issue of poverty through savings & credit and rehabilitation of small-scale water bodies called tanks. A stable, secure and equitable organisational system is a precursor for achieving the purpose - poverty reduction, which requires effective social intermediation at the household, the village and the national levels.

The concept of promoting People's Organisations around development issues is a unique contribution of DHAN Foundation, which are transforming into people's movements and are fast-growing. It has proved its success in terms of effective management, reaching the poorest segment, ensuring the reach of benefits and building democracy at the grassroots. It has become an effective demand system on mainstream institutions, especially financial institutions.

DHAN believes that the social capital generated by organising the unorganised poor and marginalised communities into People Organisations provides basis for building resilience. The social capital built with the local communities takes different forms and adds distinct values with changing focuses according to contexts and needs.

DHAN insists sustainability in social, financial, and technological aspects from the very beginning of building Peoples' Organisations. The primary groups start meeting their costs of operation from day-one, which builds their confidence and capacity to manage both financial and human resources on their own. By making decisions, monitoring their own progress, and solving conflicts, people acquire a sense of solidarity, as well as competence to govern their institutions.

Objectives of the convention

1. Identifying good practices methods and processes of building resilience
2. Building resilience perspective and thinking while promoting and building people institutions.
3. Evolve tools and methods building resilience on financial, development and institutional effectiveness.

Participants

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About DHAN Kalanjiam Mutual Movement

DHAN Kalanjiam Mutual Movement is a network of Kalanjiam Federations promoted in 1998 and has reached a membership of about seven lakhs. The Movement aims at inculcation of values among Kalanjiam members, abolition of usury, leadership development of Kalanjiam members, self-growth and self-sustainability, eradicating alcoholism and protecting women from domestic violence. Governance building and emphasizing self regulation practices form part of its agenda. <http://www.enablingpovertyreduction.in>

