MARIALAYA
Marialaya is a ray of hope for the runaways, street and slum girl children in the northern parts of Chennai metropolitan city in Tamilnadu, India. We offer a range of services for rehabilitating street and slum children. We are a non-governmental and non-profitable organization promoted by the Salesian Sisters. We work in 20 major locations of north Chennai covering 30 centers for 1588 street & slum children and young girls from the age group of 5 to 20 since 1990. Self Help Group (SHG) scheme is functioning from 2001 for the marginalized women in order to build up confidence and to promote effective leadership. Women are encouraged to be self-sufficient and to face all the challenges of life with self-esteem. At present 7500 women have been organized into 500 self help groups registered under Marialaya and are functioning effectively.

OUR VISION
“Towards forming a well-versed society of children, youth and women active in social life, in the economic sectors, in the community’s political administration; thereby leading to a strong cultural ethos of the society they live in, besides ensuring their rights”.

OUR MISSION
The mission of Marialaya is to focus on the integral growth of the marginalized children, youth and women by building resilience among them in upholding their rights, through which they live life in its fullness.

TARGET GROUPS
Marialaya works with a range of groups such as street children, rag pickers, petty hawkers, child beggars, orphans, runaways, youth and women in difficult circumstances. Marialaya has felt the need to equip them socially and culturally and enable them to come into the national mainstream. Marialaya works for the prevention, rehabilitation and empowerment of the street dwellers, especially the young girl children, women and young boys for the past two and half decades.

OUR APPROACH
Reason, Love of God & Kindness.

PREVENTION → PROMOTION → REHABILITATION → EMPOWERMENT

OUR SECTORS & OUR SERVICES

Children
- Children Home
- Open Shelter for Street Children
- Street Contact Centres
- National Child Labour Programme
- Children’s Parliament
- Children Movement for Climate Justice
- Counselling & Referral Services
- Non Formal Education Centres

Youth

Women