**Community Guide to Environmental Health**

**WHY DID ADAIYAALAM CHOOSE TO TRANSLATE THIS BOOK?**

**Globalization has led to depletion of natural resources and widespread destruction of the environment . Preservation of natural resources and safeguarding the environment , for the future generations, is the need of the hour for the Tamil speaking population. Villagers, farmers and tribal people are not aware that their actions are directly proportional to environmental changes. The only available medium of instruction in rural schools in Tamilnadu state is in Tamil.  There is poor availability materials on environmental issues in Tamil by professionals. The government is not doing much in terms of awareness and prevention even though drought and water scarcity has become a regular phenomena.         This book addresses  all problems, in our environment, faced in everyday life with reliable solutions.  It is comprehensive and lucid.”**

**HOW WILL THE BOOKS BE DISTRIBUTED?**

**The books will be disseminated at or below cost price  to Self Help and farmer Groups for they will bring about changes at the grass root level and thereby work for a  cleaner and safer environment.Through the 8600 rural and urban libraries.To  students studying agriculture. Through the Network of NGO'S who are working for a cleaner environment, book fairs , weekly shanties at villages and village fairs.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Agriculture is a major source of income for a majority of the population in Tamilnadu. But since the last three or four years vast tracts of land are lying fallow for want of rains. We do not have perennial rivers almost all are seasonal. Rampant deforestation and concrete jungles have depleted ground water and in other places the levels have dropped drastically. Mosquito and fly borne diseases are very common. Last year thousands of cattle died due to foot and mouth disease. About eighty percentage of coconut groves have dried up due to poor rains. Water sources are becoming contaminated. Air pollution is at its worst levels.**

**WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES  ON PEOPLE USING THE BOOK?**

**We hope to have a cleaner, greener and safer environment. We  will convince farmers and  others , through the content in this book, that safe farming is possible without degrading the environment. It will provoke people to complain against polluting factories. Water will be saved and used judiciously. Ideas and methods given in this book will be implemented thereby helping us to recover and salvage our environment from further destruction.**