

## ASSEFA 40

Sep.11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Madurai, Tamilnadu

We are glad to inform that ASSEFA completes its 40 years service to the rural poor in India by September 2008. The supporters, workers and Beneficiaries have decided to celebrate this event in a fitting manner. It is proposed to have this memorable celebration from September 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday to 17<sup>th</sup> September at Madurai, Tamil nadu. There will be thematic panel discussions, Seminars and experice sharing on the following themes / subjects:

### 11<sup>th</sup> September – **Community Marriage**

Marriage for 100 couples from different sects, castes and religions  
*in commemoration of 1000 Marriages during this period.*

### 12<sup>th</sup> September – **Save the Earth**

Sustainable use of land, water, forest and animal resources

**Topics** : *Green to Greener . Land and Water use . Livelihood activities-Clean Energy-*

*Vernacular Shelter*

### 13<sup>th</sup> September - **Holistic Education**

Comprehensive development of a Child

**Topics** : *Moral Values & Virtues . Bread Labour . Peace & Non-violence-  
Livelihood Skill .Love of Nature*

### 14<sup>th</sup> September - **Invisible Economical Growth**

Empowering women through micro-finance

**Topics** : *Mainstreaming women . Gender Equality . Social status.  
Public participation .Assertion of Rights*

### 15<sup>th</sup> September - **Community Organizations for Economical and Social Security**

Bringing people together for their sustainable development

**Topics** : *Grassroots Democracy . Governance . Participatory Development  
.Economic Security . Social Security for Vulnerable*

### 16<sup>th</sup> September - **Community Health**

Holistic Health Practices

**Topics** : *Prevention . Promotion . Mother& Child Health . Stress  
Management  
.Good Body & Sound Mind*

### 17<sup>th</sup> September - **Reunion of Friends and supporters**

*On the Memory Lane . My Vision . Reviving our bondage*

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### **Mass Rally and Valedictory Address**

In addition there will be thematic Exhibition, Video presentation, Cultural Programmes, etc. every evening. It is arranged in such a way that all the audience could participate in the deliberations. Arrangements are being made to accommodate delegate in a rural environment. Project visits and site seeing to historical/cultural heritage places will also be organized during these periods.

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