



Nellai Town

Adaikala Matha Matriculation school
Class rooms and toilet block
Jubileeproject 2022



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3 class rooms and toilet block

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Summary

In 2022, the Thomas Building Projects Foundation will celebrate its 30th anniversary. In consultation with the Congregation Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph, we have decided to make an expansion of the Adaikala Matha Matriculation School in Nellai Town (of the 364 pupils, the parents are mostly day labourers, drivers, street vendors or farmers) an anniversary project.

The project plan comprises two phases, that we will be executed as one project:

1. Laying a foundation and building a toilet block for the girls.
2. Adding on this foundation 1 classroom on the ground floor and two on the first floor.

For the first phase, we have raised funds of €18,000 in 2021. Based on quotes by several contractors, we estimate the total cost at €69,400.

So for this project, we still need to raise more than €50,000 in funds. May we count on your support?

Introduction. Thomas Foundation for Building Projects

The Thomas Foundation for Building Projects has been working with the Congregation Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph in Chennai for 30 years. They manage more than 50 schools for over 50,000 children, mostly from poor families. With the help of donations from the Netherlands, we support the congregation by building, expanding or renovating mainly schools and children's homes/schools. During this period, we realised more than 160 projects (worth 4.4 million euros), of which about 35 were specifically aimed at sanitation.

The Charism of our Congregation is "Towards Integral Liberation in Solidarity with the Oppressed and the Downtrodden with Singular Emphasis on Women and Female Children". We are happy and privileged to recognise that our Charism synchronises with your noble goal of supporting the education of very poor children in India, which served as a foundation for our ministry from the very inception of our congregation.

The congregation is Catholic, but all their schools and institutions are open to all regardless of origin or religion.

We identify priorities together with the congregation's leadership. We then support the preparation of specifications and drawings as well as the selection of contractors. During construction, our project leaders monitor progress.

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For the annual report and policy plan: Accountability [Verantwoording \(thomasbouwprojecten.nl\)](http://thomasbouwprojecten.nl)



Nellai Town. Background information of the school

Nellai Town, also known as Tirunelveli, is a city of about 500,000 inhabitants in Tamil Nadu, southwestern India.

Adaikala Matha Matriculation School was established in 1990 with the help of the diocese.

It is a Catholic school with the objective of providing education to children of all classes and creeds living below the poverty line. The parents are mostly day labourers, drivers, street vendors or farmers.

Currently, the school has 364 pupils, 225 boys and 129 girls. Pupil numbers are growing. There is little school dropout and pupils generally complete school.

There are 24 teachers and 5 non-teaching staff.

Classes are taught in English. Tamil is a compulsory subject.

Classes are taught from 1 - 10th. That is till an age of about 16 years.

The school fee is 15-17 euros per month. Some students get a discount if parents cannot afford it.

There is a lot of extracurricular activities such as sports and computer classes.

For poor students who work, the school has started teaching in the evening.

The school's management reports the following to us:

- *We, the management, and teachers have good relationship. We have proper interactions with the parents through Parents-Teachers Meeting, Parents-Teachers Association, Parents-Seminar, Annual day, Sports Day, etc., We regularly arrange Class-Wise Parents and Class-Teacher Meet.*
- *Our students participate in the district level Science Exhibition, Tamil Association, and English Literary association.*
- *We conduct Students Rally, voicing out for various social problems.*
- *The school stands tall for its academic excellence, development of skills and character formation, based on the love of God. We treat everyone equally. we maintain good discipline. We respect the parents, and they feel happy to send their children to our school.*

The congregation in Chennai has equipped the school with computer labs and digi-boards to bring the school up to a good standard.

Nellai Town. Current situation.



Front view of the school



Current toilet block, boys



Current toilet block, girls



Class room



Computerlab



Sciencelab

Nellai Town. The plan

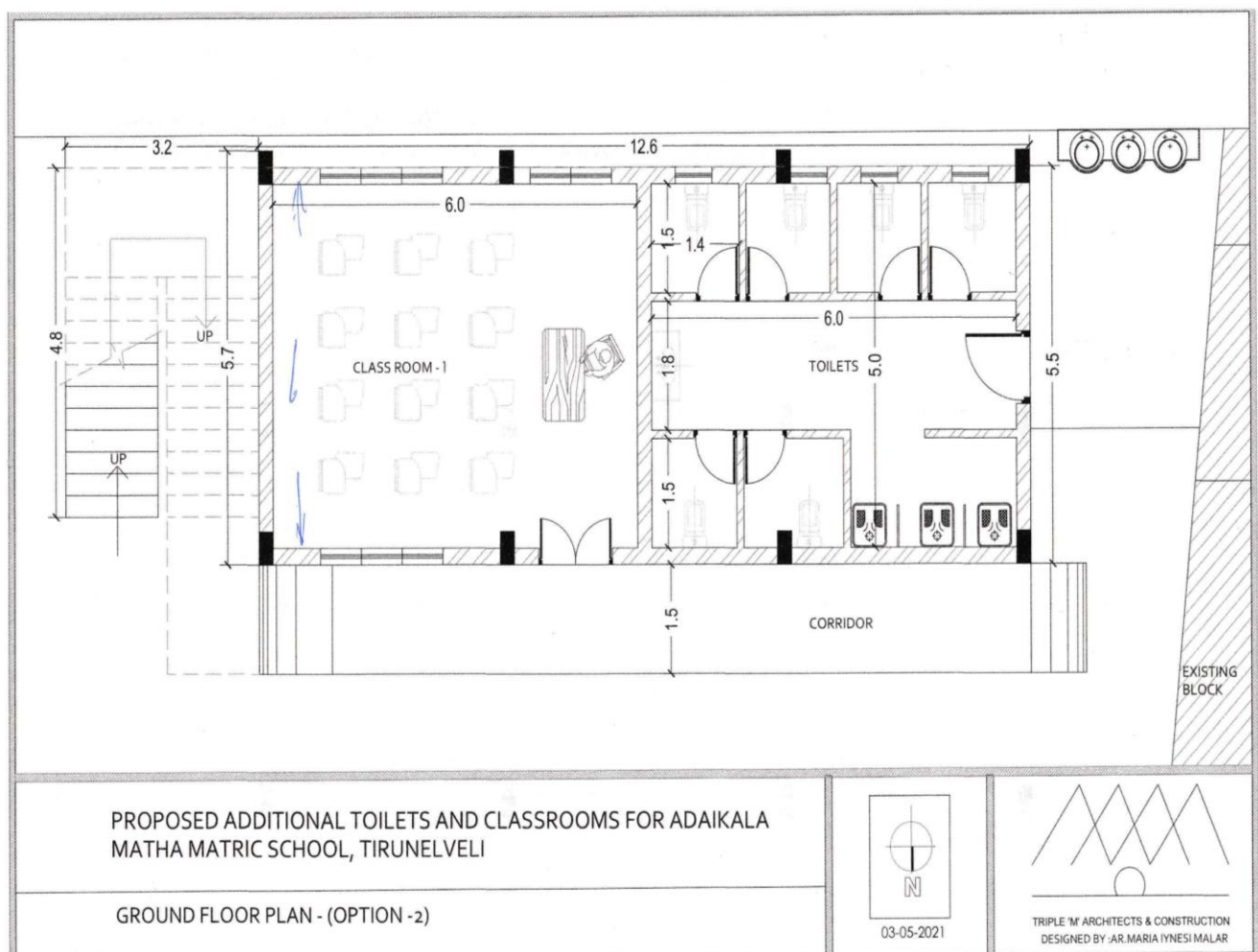
The school is growing and would like to expand by three classrooms. However, an extension to the toilets is a higher priority. To this end, we raised funds in 2021 to realise them.

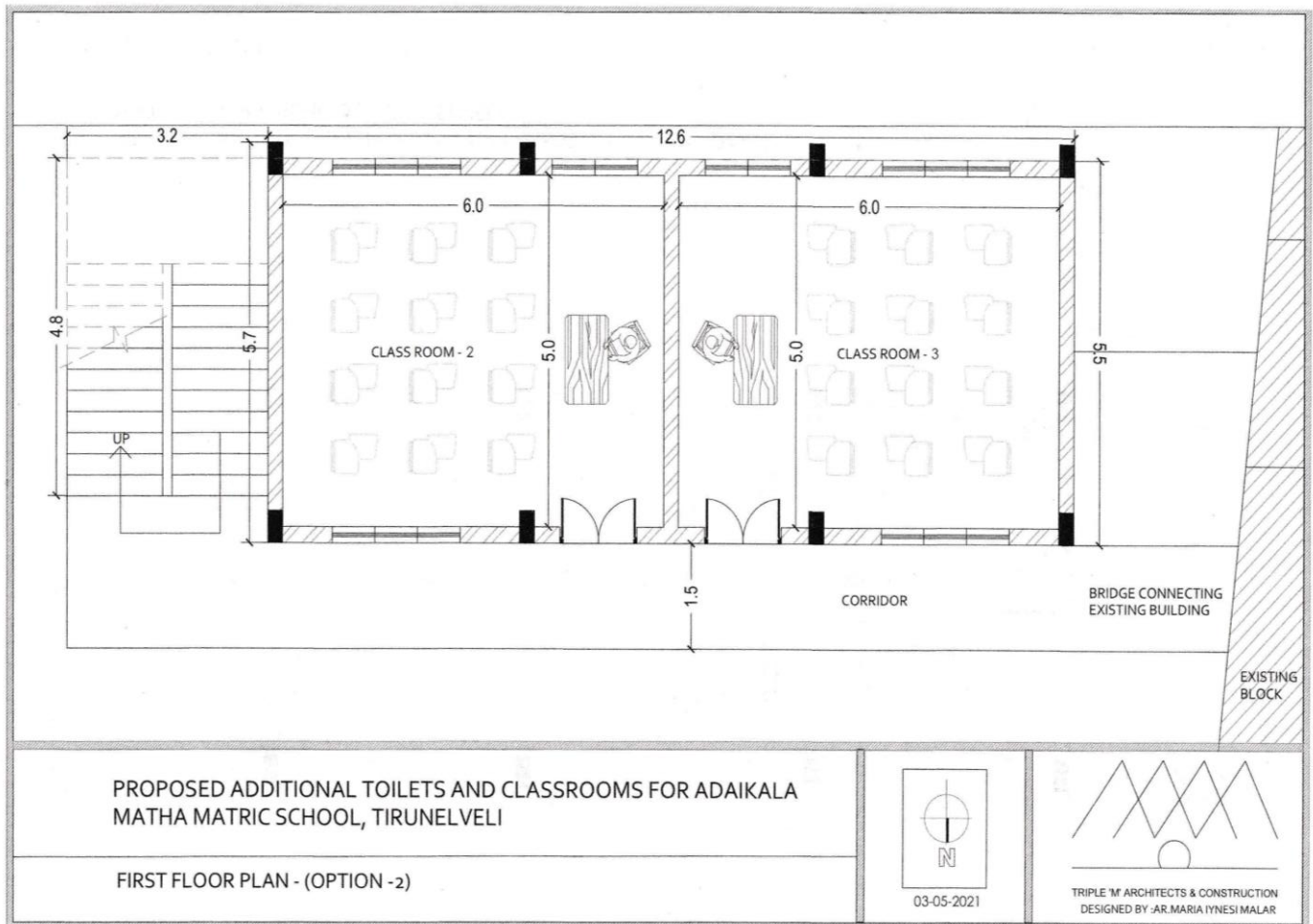
After consulting with the congregation, we decided to expand the sanitation project to include the three classrooms and present it to our sponsors as an anniversary project for our 30th anniversary.

Although the school is on land owned by the diocese, the buildings are owned by the congregation. Permission has been granted to start building the extension. The exclusive right to use the land has been contracted until 2044, with an option to extend thereafter. This provides sufficient security to proceed with implementation.

The plan is to put a new building there containing 6 toilets for the girls, 1 classroom on the ground floor and 2 classrooms upstairs. The boys will use the existing facilities, making more toilets available for both boys and girls.

The construction will be strong enough to accommodate two more classrooms on the first floor in the future.





Nellai Town. Cost and phasing.

Tenders have been sought from several contractors. Soman Stephen from Coimbatore has been selected, based on cost, flexibility during the process and earlier experience with them.

At the current rate, the project budget will be €69,400. We have already earmarked €18,000 in 2021, leaving us with more than €50,000 to spend.

The original project plan comprised two phases.

1. Laying a foundation and building a toilet block for the girls.
2. Adding on this foundation 1 classroom on the ground floor and two on the first floor.

The project will be executed with the two phases combined into one..



Nellai Town. Project budget.

Adaikala Matha Matriculation School , Nellai Town/Tirunveli			
Toilet block girls + 3 classrooms			
Contractor		INR	2.179.000
5% off		INR	-108.950
Subtotal contractor		INR	2.070.050
18% GST		INR	372.609
Total contractor		INR	2.442.659
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Installations		INR	335.000
Painting		INR	365.000
Armament		INR	646.000
Steel		INR	750.000
Cement		INR	550.000
Bricks		INR	325.000
Total Building		INR	5.413.659
7 toilet cabins ©		INR	234.348
Demolition		INR	25.000
Engineering		INR	35.000
Unforeseen/other		INR	150.000
Total project budget		INR	5.858.007
Euro rate (dec-22)	84,41	EUR	69.399

The budget has separated lines for the cost of the contractor and taxes (GST).

Materials to be purchased have been identified in separate lines.

The line for “unforeseen” is meant to be able to cope with cost changes, for instance for toilet cabins.