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AREA OF FOCUS

1. SOCIAL EQUITY BUDGETING

‘Social Equity Budgeting’ is an excellent value-adding tool in the march towards a more socio-economically inclusive State - by linking policy and budgetary processes to the livelihood rights and concerns of the socially excluded. SW-TN’s efforts to make “Social Equity Budgeting” a reality in the State are:

- *Budget Advocacy as Social Audit*
- *SC/ST Budgeting*
- *Gender Budgeting and*
- *Budgeting for ESC Rights*



2. SOCIAL EQUITY WATCH

SW-TN worked with like-minded groups in evolving “Social Equity Audits” - a professional-cum-participatory tool, helping organizations and communities to move from socially exclusive practices towards greater social inclusion. This learning experience led SW-TN to join the ‘Social Equity Watch’ - a national Core Group, concerned about establishing Social Equity and socially inclusive development as central focuses in the public spheres in the country.



3. SOCIAL MONITORING

Social Watch - TN undertakes on going documentation of socio-economic reality, mainly of its target groups, and repackages them in terms of research studies and reports.



4. PEOPLE'S MANIFESTOS

The germinating ideas of a “People’s Manifesto” were sown during the 1995 Tamil Nadu Social Summit. Since then TNPFS and SW-TN have intervened at every election in the State by evolving People’s Manifestos.



ABOUT US

Social Watch -Tamil Nadu (SW-TN) is a State-level Public Policy Research cum Advocacy Centre in the South Indian State of Tamil Nadu. Social Equity is the central concern of SW-TN. The Centre undertakes various research and advocacy initiatives, by interfacing with policy makers, social researchers and Human Rights-cum-grassroots movements in the State and outside, in its efforts to ensure Social Equity by linking public policy with livelihood rights of the socially marginalized sections in the State, such as dalits, tribals, women and children.

HISTORY

The Tamil Nadu People’s Forum for Social Development (TNPFS) was born in 1995, following the ‘People’s Summit on Social Development in Tamil Nadu’, organized, in the context of the Global summit on Social Development, Copenhagen. During 1995-2003, the Forum, as a broad alliance, made significant contributions in the field of budget advocacy and monitoring of public policy in the State, by interfacing with grassroots movements, social researchers and policy makers. And following a Review and Strategic Planning, Social Watch - Tamil Nadu was born in 2004.

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