Organ Donation & Role of Society
Disease patterns are changing all over the world and chronic non-communicable diseases account for higher morbidity and mortality than communicable diseases. Organ transplantation has become an accepted medical treatment for end-stage organ failure. In most cases, this is proven effective, provided a suitable organ donor is available and the patient is fit enough to undergo the procedure. Organ donation is a very noble deed, indeed! We donate organs in order to give other people a better chance at life. Often, besides inadequate finance, any organ transplant programme in India faces many problems—ignorance, lack of appropriate organ donors and proper medical facilities. Ignorance exists even among the educated regarding the seriousness of diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, which can lead to kidney failure for instance. Unfortunately, the need for organ transplants continues to exceed the organ supply in India. It is imperative to explore the awareness and attitude towards organ donation to understand this gap.

Objectives of the project:

- To determine the public “awareness of organ donation” and “willingness to pledge organ for donation” in southern India.

- To explore factors that facilitate/ inhibit organ donation at the back drop of challenges and issues around ethics, personal beliefs/ ideologies, law and organs.

- To cover major districts of Tamil Nadu with approximately 100 respondents from each district selected through random sampling.
Expected Outcome:

Gain insights to impact policy makers, higher education curriculum developers, law makers, health care professionals and other stakeholders alike on various aspects of organ donation including types of donors, voluntary donation; optin-optout, organs for donation, organ shortage etc

Provide education about organ failure, its prevention, possible solutions and organ donation. This would be through simple lectures and open conferences at public gatherings, schools & colleges, through the print and audio visual media. Partnerships with media, journals, trusted and renowned personalities to effectively spread the message of organ donation leading to an Informed and aware public

Target population/ Beneficiary:

Efforts in this direction need to be enhanced and expedited as medical technology improves, and more donors become available, thousands of people each year will live longer and better lives.
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Budget
Year 1 55
Year 2 125
Year 3 55
Total 235