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Last but not least, we convey our thanks to the staff of GV.

ABOUT GRAMA VIKAS (GV)

GOAL

The Goal of GV is the development of poor, marginal landholding farmers, landless, daliths in the community. This goal remains as the prime goal of GV. Specifically GV takes special interest in the promotion of women and children in specified communities.

At the beginning GV's intervention for development process was on child care and nutrition. Over a period of time GV realized the need for giving equal emphasis towards women development as well as the conservation of natural resources in general and water in specific, to come within the focus of GV

PHILOSOPHY

It is a firm belief of GV that people should learn to collectively work, think, plan, and share the resources to avert the poverty that afflicts the poor in the society.

POLICIES

- ✓ *Work with the rural poor in the semi-arid area of the project area. Very specifically to promote women and dalith community*
- ✓ *GV helps children have the capacity to improve their lives & the opportunity to become young adults also promotes institutions for protecting rights of children.*
- ✓ *Networking with like-minded institutions. Collaborating with the Government in projects that are designed for the poor.*
- ✓ *To evolve replicable modules for development based on GV's experiences.*

OBJECTIVES

***Enable** the target group to improve their assets and to generate income that is sufficient in meeting their basic needs, with the emphasis on Food Security.*

***Revive** the natural environment for the benefit of small and marginal farmers.*

***Net working** with other NGOs on common issues.*

***GV works** in collaboration with the Government Line Departments.*

FOUNDER OF GV

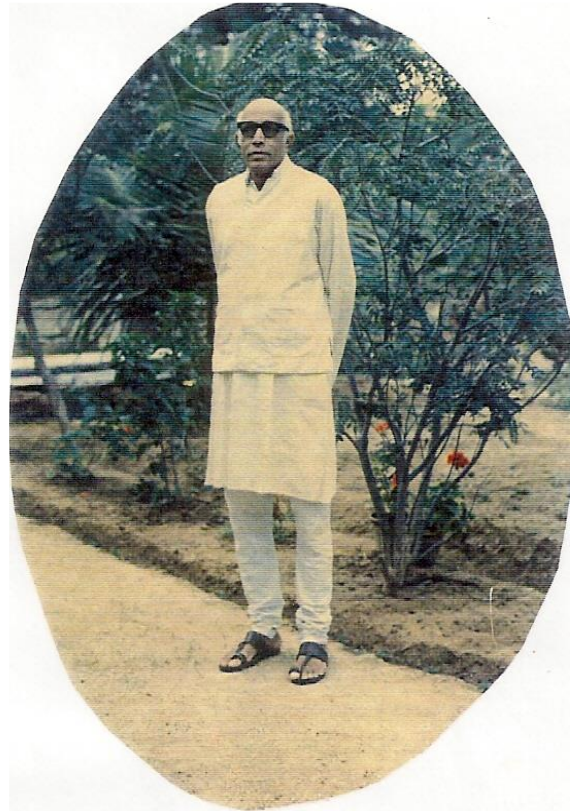
We are guilty of many errors & many faults, but our worst CRIME is abandoning the CHILDREN, neglecting the Fountain of life.

Many of the things we need can wait, the children cannot.

Right now is the time that her/his bones are being formed, her/his blood is being made & her/his senses are being developed. To her/him we cannot say. . .

“TOMORROW”

HER / HIS NAME IS “TODAY”



Late Dr.N.K.A. Iyer
Founder Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

GRAMA VIKAS (GV) was founded in September 1979 and registered as a NGO under KSR Act 1960. Late Dr. N.K.A. Iyer established GV with the help of his friends. Integrated Rural Development (IRD) is the approach of GV. After having worked and gained experience for almost two and half decades, GV had expanded its activities into Raichur in 2007 & completed 2016. GV its work had extended to Kadur taluk of Chickmaglore District in year 2005 and completed in 2011. Integrated Child Development, Women Empowerment and Natural Resources Management and Development were the major programmes of GV.

The primary stake holders of GV programmes were Dalits, BPL and highly marginalized communities. During the year child sponsorship programme supported by ChildFund International, USA is major project.

Late Dr. N.K. Iyer headed the organization till 1992. Later on, the organization has successfully continued its services with the support of all the General & Governing Body members, who are contributing their huge experience and concern for the objectives of the organization

Several donor agencies have supported Grama Vikas in its 35 years long journey. Presently in the year 2017-18, ChildFund India, the donor agency which has been extending its financial support and Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice and Global Funds for Human Rights, also donor agencies, which have provided financial support for the second year, have been the partners for the development projects of Grama Vikas.

The functioning of the organization for the year 2017-18 is quite different from the previous years. This is the last year of sponsorship of ChildFund, which has been supporting Grama Vikas since the year 1983. The final phase aims at strengthening of people's institutions at the project area.

Likewise, the programmes for transgender rights supported by the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice and Global Funds for Human Rights (FGHR) has also been undertaken in Urban place in Bengaluru district, in collaboration with another organization by name 'Ondede'.

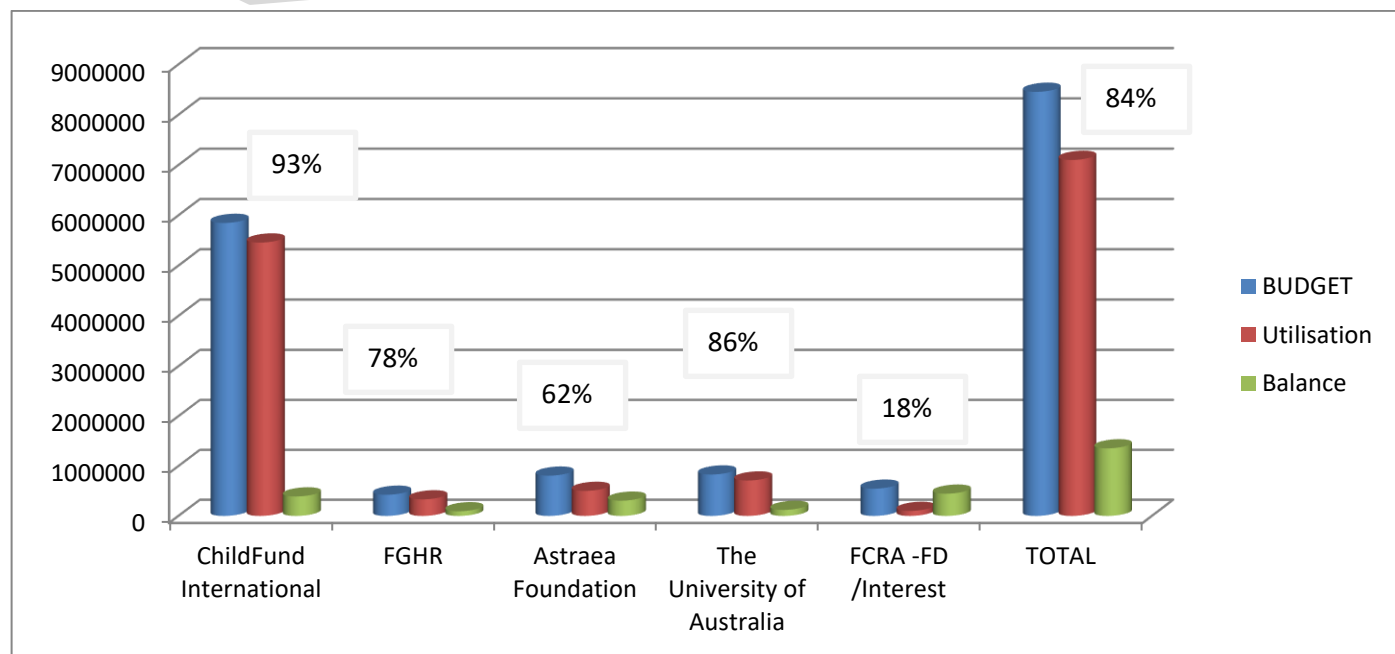
Project area during the reporting period 2017-18

Sl	AREA	Working from	No. of villages	Families	Population
1	Mulbagal Tq, Kolar Dt	1979	18	2004	10065
2	Bangarpet Tq, Kolar Dt	2003	12	1794	6824
	Total		30	3798	16889
3	Bengaluru urban	2016	Working with trans genders		

*Grama Vikas's FC Receipts and Payments for the period from
1st April - 2017 to 31st March - 2018*

<i>Donor/Funds details</i>	<i>F C Receipt 2017-18</i>	<i>Carry forwarded</i>	<i>Advance receipt</i>	<i>Bank interest</i>	<i>Total BUDGET (2+3+4+5)</i>	<i>Total Utilization</i>	<i>Total Balance</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>ChildFund International</i>	4902414	910137	400	34865	5847816	5457689	390127
<i>FGHR</i>	288760	65521	70000	0	424281	331525	92756
<i>Astraea Foundation</i>	476574	301726	20000	8352	806652	501675	304977
<i>The University of Australia</i>	829890	0	0	0	829890	709638	120252
<i>FCRA -FD /Interest</i>	0	500000	0	45530	545530	100000	445530
Total	6497638	1577384	90400	88747	84,54,169	71,00,527	13,53,642

GV-FCRA FUNDING DETAILS IN FY 2017-18



GV's BUDGET and PROGRAMS overview-2017-18

<i>Name of the Donor</i>	<i>Name of the Program</i>	<i>Program Locations</i>	<i>Main objectives of the programme</i>	<i>Project period</i>	<i>Total budget by the Donor (Rs.)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
ChildFund International, USA	<i>Child Sponsorship programme</i>	<i>Mulbagal Taluk and Bangarpet Taluk of Kolar district</i>	<i>Sponsorship program- Child development from 0-5 yr, 6-14 yr and 15-24 age groups. Enhancement of the health, education, protection, participation of child and youth and involvement of community participation etc.,</i>	<i>From 1st of April 2017 To 31st March 2018</i>	49,02,414	<i>The child sponsorship program was launched on 1st August 1983 and thus completed 34 years of work with ChildFund</i>
Astraea Foundation	<i>Transgender rights</i>	<i>Urban Bangalore</i>	<i>To facilitate dialogue, research, and action to pro-vide visibility and mainstream issues of dignity-voice-sexuality in relation to children, women, sexual minorities</i>	<i>From 1st of April 2017 To 31st March 2018</i>	4,76,574	<i>For ONDEDE project from May-2016 onwards</i>
FGHR	<i>Transgender rights</i>	<i>Urban Bangalore</i>	<i>As same as above</i>	<i>From 1st of April 2017 To 31st March 2018</i>	2,88,760	<i>For ONDEDE project from July-2016 onwards</i>

Child sponsorship project

Foreword:

Grama Vikas has been implementing an integrated child development programme with the support of ChildFund International, in Mulbagal taluk since 1983 and in Bangarpet taluk since 2004 in Kolar district. During the reporting, this programme is in 30 villages spreading into two taluks. In the year 2017-18, the 'ChildFund' donor has supported a two-major programs that are;

- 1. Child protection program*
- 2. Sponsorship management and*
- 3. Livelihood program*

Goal of the project

Human Resource Development to Enhance Dignity

Objectives

- To identify and strengthen the critical initiatives at the community level for sustainability after withdrawal.*
- To work towards strengthening community collectives for independent functioning.*
- To achieve critical indicators those are expected from enrolled children between 6-24 years for successful exit.*

Expected outcomes

- Committees meetings will be held regularly and problems relating to the village, grievances of the society will be identified and discussed on priorities*
- Project level people's institutions are formed and engaging with govt. institutions and active around local issues*

Outputs

- ✓ 50% of people's institutions will establish good rapport with the government line departments*
- ✓ People's institutions will reach up to 60% of their capacities*



Introduction of the program

Grama Vikas believes holistic and well-rounded education has the potential to enable children realize the true joy of childhood. Therefore, the primary focus of Grama Vikas in the year 2017-18 has been on helping children gain confidence by providing them good quality education, alongside developing a keen interest in them in arts and community-based activities. During the reporting period, Grama Vikas has conducted development programs for a total of 2,316 children/youth from 30 villages in Mulbagal and Bangarpet taluk in Kolar district. These programs were held in collaboration with parents, school management committees and officials from the education, health and Child protection departments, alongside the local government.

Activities and achievements

1. Children's clubs

Grama Vikas created 28 children's clubs in as many villages in the year 2017-18. These clubs consists of 20 children each. Therefore, a total of 560 children were participated by the constitution of such clubs. To ensure their efficacy, GV also conducted monthly review meeting for each of these clubs for a period of nine consecutive months, starting from April 2017.

IMPACT

About 553 children who attended the meetings are now aware of their rights as well as the helpline number '1098'. Through them, their parents too know about 1098. In 28 villages, 482 children have been regularly using toilets. This has been possible due to sustained campaigning by the facilitators at Grama Vikas. There had been illegal sale of alcohol in Keelaholali, which was creating problems for families and children alike. Children and youth club members campaigned against this through sloganeering and convinced the GP members to take action against them. In Kappalamadugu village, the Govt. Hig her Primary School had toilets facilities but they weren't properly maintained and hence fallen to disuse. The Children's Club discussed this and brought this to the attention of the SMC, who along with children had discussion with teachers and made it possible to reopen the toilets. In 28 Children Clubs, 164 children have started to segregate garbage at home. As part of the 'Legs for Lakes' program, 80 children participated in drawing competition where they were asked to portray water-bodies in their villages. There was substantial media presence through which the need to conserve lakes and ponds were brought to attention.



BACKDROP

The facilitators at Grama Vikas have been organizing monthly meetings with the members of the children's clubs to talk about child rights. During these meetings, the children are sensitized about various social maladies such as child labor, mental, physical and sexual abuse, child trafficking, open defecation and so on. They are then imparted lessons in leadership, life skills and are educated on how to address various social issues by working with the members of the SMC, the Department of Education and the Grama Panchayat. In addition, the facilitators also have monthly reviews with the parents of these children to track their progress. This has been instrumental in creating a tangible change in their quality of life.

2. Child and Youth Resource centers

During this period, GV also opened 10 child and youth resource centres in its project area. A total of 533 children and youths took part in various welfare activities undertaken by these centres. In addition, enterprising youngsters from these villages were identified to manage these centres. This inturn equipped them with managerial and leadership skills.

IMPACT

357 children and 176 youths regularly attend the 10 Child Resource Centres (CRC), where they have access to play materials, computers and books. 210 students from class 1 to 7 attend these CRCs, where they are provided with Kannada and English copywriting books. Following their continuous practice, their reading and writing skills have improved and all of them have been recognized with awards during their school annual day celebrations. 96 students regularly play badminton at these 10 CRCs. They also participated in the 2017 edition of the Pratibha Karanji event, which is hosted at the taluk level by the Department of Education every year. Of them, two players- Karthik and Arvind from Reddihalli centre-won the second prize. Among the beneficiaries at the centres, 104 youths have learnt 'Nudi' on computers; while another 176 children have learnt Notepad, MS Word, MS Office and MS Paint. 24 youths, after their PUC and degree, have taken up competitive exams such as FDA, SDA and police constable examination. They have regularly come to the centres and have made use of the various magazines for competitive exams that are subscribed at the centres. They are currently awaiting their results.



BACKDROP

Earlier, in the project areas of Grama Vikas, students who wished to learn computers had to travel to the towns of Kolar, Mulbagal or Bethamangala. Also, the schools and colleges in these villages lacked sports facilities. To address these issues, Grama Vikas, with the support of its donor Child Fund India, instituted Child and Youth Resource Centres in six villages of Mulbagal taluk and four villages of Bangarpete taluk. Each of these centres have been equipped with two computes and sporting equipment for both indoor and

outdoor games. They have also been furnished with books, magazines and other learning and teaching materials. To monitor the efficiency of these centres, enterprising youngsters from each of the villages have been provided training to man them. A field facilitator visits these centres once a week and a coordinator visits them once a month to ensure the smooth functioning of these centres.

Handing over of CRCs to government schools

Between January and February 2018, 10 CRCs have been handed over to the government schools in their respective villages. Before handing it over to the schools, the SMCs from these schools, alongside the



faculty, students and their parents have been provided awareness sessions on the CRCs and their future implications. These CRCs will be run by the teachers and members of the SMCs post their handover to schools. The Block Education Officer of Mulbagal and Bangarpete taluk was informed of the handover of these CRCs to the SMCs and schools in the form of a letter by Grama Vikas.

3. Distribution of education kit

To encourage students to continue their education, Grama Vikas has provided long note books, geometry boxes, exam pads, packs of pens and other stationary items to about 198 students in its project areas.



Grama Vikas had received funds to provide study materials to about 198 students from 28 villages falling in its project areas. However, an additional 90 students-45 students from classes 1 to 4 and another 45 from class 10-too were benefitted from this as the study materials were procured from wholesale stores. Consequentially, all the students benefitted by this program managed to clear their respective examinations.



4. Training on child rights and protection

Between July 2017 to March 2018, as part of Grama Vikas' initiatives in the area of children's rights and protection, 200 sponsored children were trained in four batches of 50 children each. In addition, 100 parents too were provided similar training in two batches of 50 parents each.



IMPACT

11-year-old Gajendra could not attend school after 5th standard because of his parents' marital discord. Grama Vikas counseled his parents during a home visit and have ensured that he is sent to school again. He is in the 6th standard now. Rubella vaccination was administered to school children and they were screened for iron-deficiency in the 28 villages. Prevented 5 girls from getting into an early wedlock. This was made possible because of the children's initiative, asha worker and GP member who reached out to ICDS and police through 1098. In the 28 villages Grama Vikas has made sure that there has been no case of early or child marriage.

Here is a list of the girls who were rescued from taking part in child marriage:

Village	Panchayat	Taluk	Name	Age
Reddihalli	Angondahalli	Mulbagal	Rakshita	17
Bandahalli	O.Mitturu	Mulbagal	Navaneeta	17
Channapura	Angondahalli	Mulbagal	Shobha	17
Picchaguntlahalli	O.Mitturu	Mulbagal	Soumya	17
Siddareddidinne	Hulkur	Bangarpet	Sneha	17

BACKDROP

Having realized that these girls were being married off at the age of 17, their friends, with the help of ASHA workers and GP members, contacted the child helpline number 1098. Subsequently, the ICDS and police officials arrived at the spot and stopped these marriages from taking place. Of the five girls, three of them got married after completing 18 years of age in April this year. Meanwhile, the marriages of the other two girls have been deferred by another two years as they haven't turned 18 yet.

It is essential to ensure that every child under the age 18 is given a safe and secure childhood. Grama Vikas has been doing this by organizing workshops for parents and children once in every two months. During these workshops, the attendees are informed about the problems encountered by children and the various means to counter them. These initiatives have helped achieve the above mentioned developments in the area of children's welfare.

5. SMC & BVS Federation meeting

For the development of schools and anganwadi centres in its project areas, Grama Vikas has formed a federation of 56 members—one member each from 28 School Monitoring Committees (SMC) and 28 Bala Vikas Samithis (BVS)-to spearhead the initiative. This process has been repeated three times over the past nine months.

Also to sensitize the members of SMC, BVS and the student community about the various developmental schemes and other benefits offered by the departments of education, health and the Gram Panchayat, Grama Vikas organised a meeting between the representatives of these groups in January 2018. This meeting also focused on educating the beneficiaries on how to obtain such benefits.



IMPACT

Across 28 government schools falling in the project area of Grama Vikas, the SMCs have voluntarily convened monthly meeting with the teachers to discuss the progress of their students and also developmental aspects such as optimum utilization of funds. In Karadaguru, Reddihalli, Channapura, Bandahalli, Cholanagunte, Madenahalli, Gangapura, Gandhipura, Kodihalli, Siddareddinne, Kotturu, Pillaguntlahalli, Vadrahalli, SMCs (along with alumni and donors) have been giving plates, tumblers, notebooks, pens, and prizes to students during annual day competitions.



At the Kodihalli Urdu School, a water sump costing Rs15,000 has been installed utilizing the profits made by the milk cooperative society of the village. Gennerahalli, Vadrahalli and Pillaguntlahalli government primary schools, Vadrahalli milk-cooperative society has given one steel almirah, two chairs and one table to each of the school.

During co-ordination meeting with education and health departments, it was known that school children can avail medical facilities up to Rs10,000 free of cost. Arvind and Shravani of Reddihalli, who had eye problems, were taken to the Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital in Bengaluru and got the necessary treatment.



In Angondahalli Grama Panchayat, the SMC members along with teachers, GP member and village elders held a meeting to identify local donors to provide study materials for their schools. For 4 schools have got Laptop, Almirah, 4Desk, 2 Chairs as each set from Rotary Club Bengaluru, School bags, Notebooks, Pens, Pencils are given for 255 of 7 Primary and Higher Primary School students form Gagana Sukanya Seva Trust, Kolar.

BACKDROP

In 2005, the government made it mandatory for all primary, higher primary and high schools to have School Management Committees (SMC). However, it wasn't properly functioning in many of the schools in the project area. Grama Vikas has worked towards strengthening these committees and created awareness among parents about its role and responsibilities. SMCs now meet every month even without the intervention of Grama Vikas.

In the current year, Grama Vikas organized federation meetings every quarter where two parents from each of the SMCs and two from BVCs attended. They discussed the roles and responsibilities of SMCs, proper utilization of school funds, solving issues faced by individual schools, facilities provided by different departments to the school.



CHALLENGES FACED IN THE CHILD PROTECTION SECTOR

From April 2017 to December 2017, our donor Child Fund had provided four field facilitators for the 30 villages in our project area. However, following the withdrawal of these facilitators in January 2018, organizing meetings, providing information to our beneficiaries and other logistical activities have emerged as a challenge.

Sponsorship management

ChildFund International raises donations from individual sponsors & institutions in different countries and utilize it for such programmes/ projects. Every sponsored child covered is under this program has to communicate to the sponsor with the donor agency by sending letters periodically. Likewise even the individual sponsors will communicate with their sponsored children through the donor agency.



Through the letters will enquire about the progress, development and wellbeing of their sponsored children and members of the families. Thus a lot of communication will exchange between the sponsored children and their sponsors. Apart from providing funds for various development programmes, some sponsors will also provide gifts to their sponsored children only in the form of money through Designated Fund Certificate which will be routed through ChildFund International.

Grama Vikas works in establishing a good relationship between the children and their sponsors and help the families of the sponsored children to get required help and support, by facilitating out meaningful programmes/projects. The children who are covered under such program include SC & STs, Backward communities and specially girl children.



Goal of the sector:

Delinquency rate reduced and sponsors retained

Objectives:

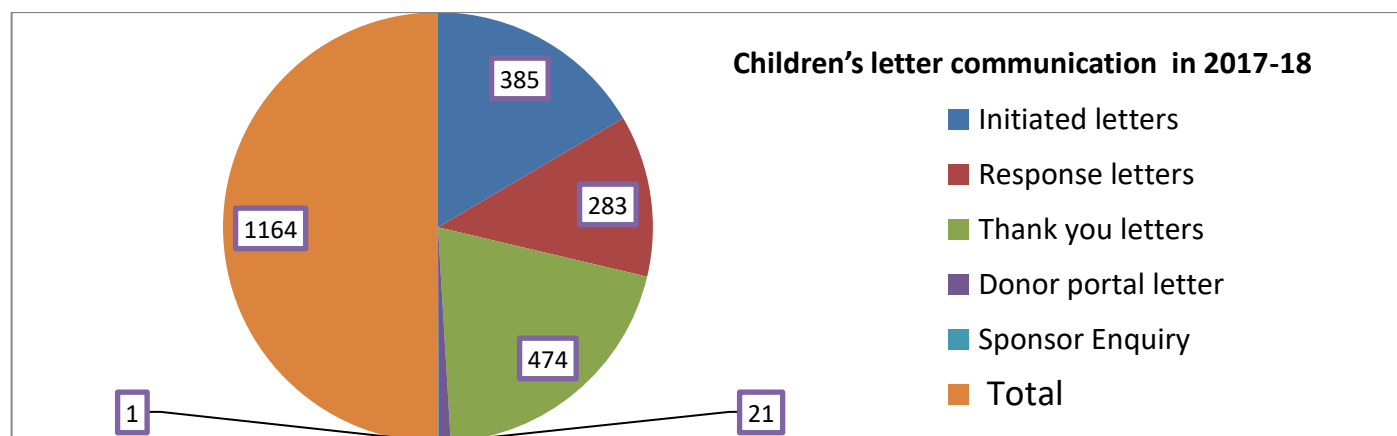
Establish good relationship between sponsors and children and retain the sponsors/donors and strive to continue getting sponsorship and chalk out more and more programs for overall development of the children

Expected outcome:

Timely and quality communications are sent to sponsors with involvement of child & Family.

Project & enrolled children

Details		April-2017	March 2018
Total number of villages covered		30	8
Total number of enrolled children		523	147
Sponsored children		99%	100%
Age group year 6 to 14	Total	291	82
	Female	183	50 (61 %)
	Male	108	32 (39 %)
Age group year 15 to 24	Total	232	65
	Female	152	46 (71 %)
	Male	80	19 (29 %)
No. of children got new sponsors in 2017-18		0	
No. of children departed from the enrollment		376	



Reason for Leaving (RFL) Report to cancellation of enrollment:

Apart from the above communications children details containing education status, health, employment, family improvement, project inputs and reason for leaving have been written and sent for 297 children to the National office. The below mentioned process have been made for prepare the RFLs.

Child Progress Report (CPR):

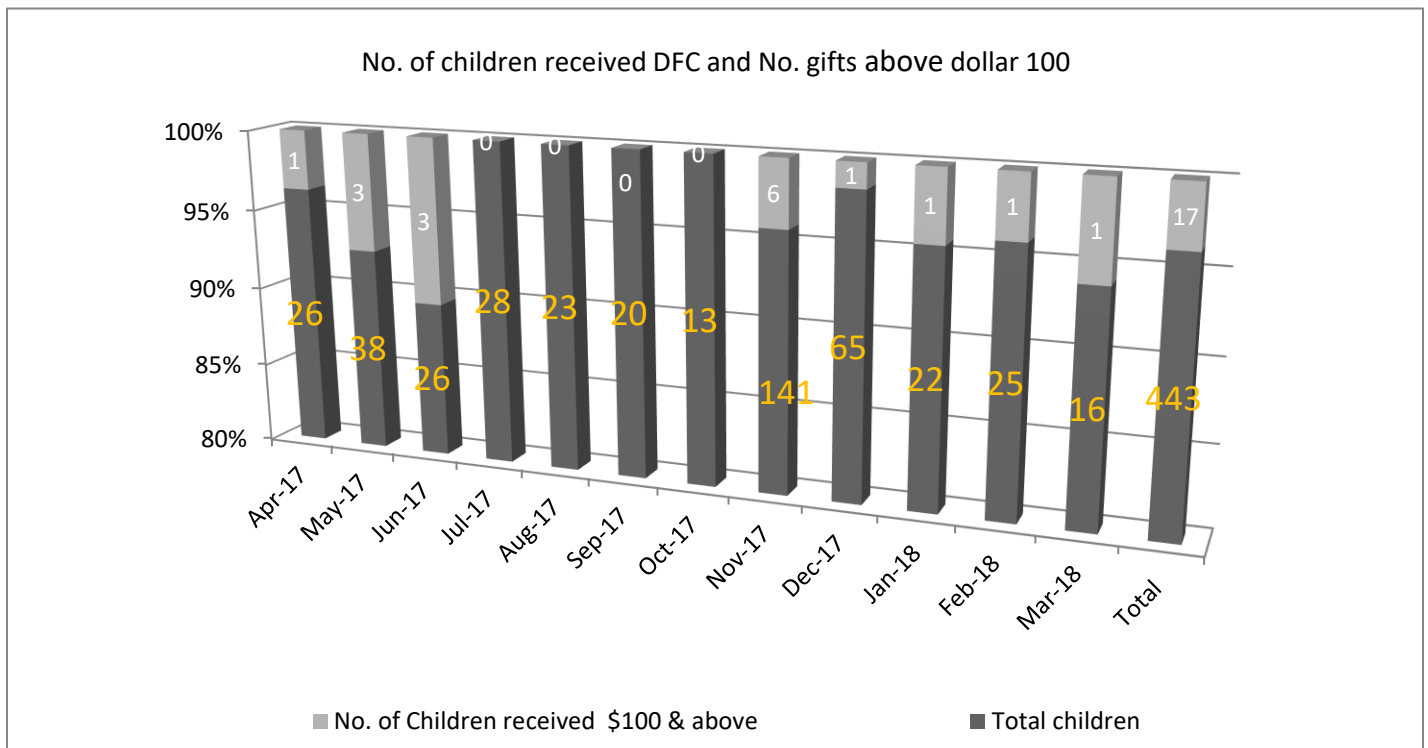
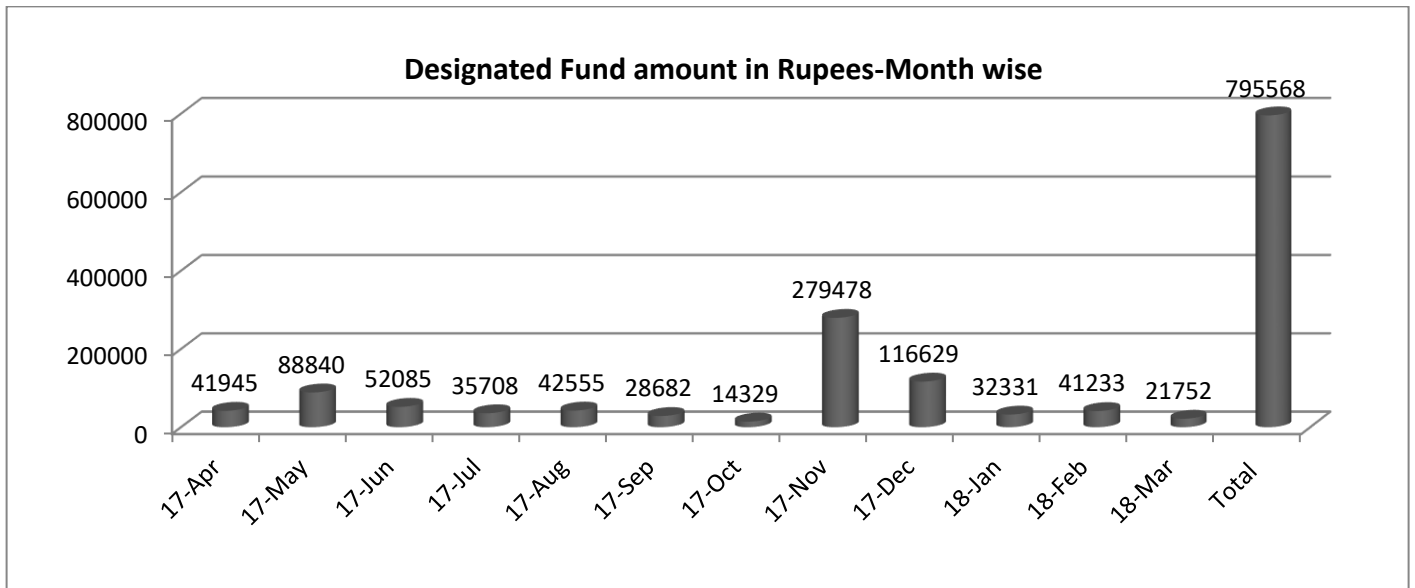
The progress report of the children was sent to ChildFund National office on 14/8/2017. The CPR covered the details of 477 children, including the benefits obtained. The details were written by staff including child and every child was taken their pictures, printed and enclosed along with the CPR. We have sent 477 progress reports as per master list for all the enrolled children in the given time.

Child verification system:

Child verification of 396 children has been done in the month of December 2017. The important information of this verification system include whether the child still in the community? Whether it is healthy? Whether she/he is participating in the activities? These details were collected from 30 villages with the help of a common format and same was uploaded on the website. The consolidated report was prepared and submitted with in the time line to the ChildFund National office.

Designated Fund Certificate (DFC)- gift money from sponsors to their enrolled children

Apart from the programs, around 443 sponsored children have received a total sum of Rs. 795568/- as a special gift in the form of money for the year 2017-18. DFC has been received in the form of birthday gift, special reward, needs of the child and family members, Christmas gift, etc. The money was deposited in the bank account of the respective children. Thus these children have been helped to purchase necessary things. A few children have received more financial assistance, which has helped their families economically.

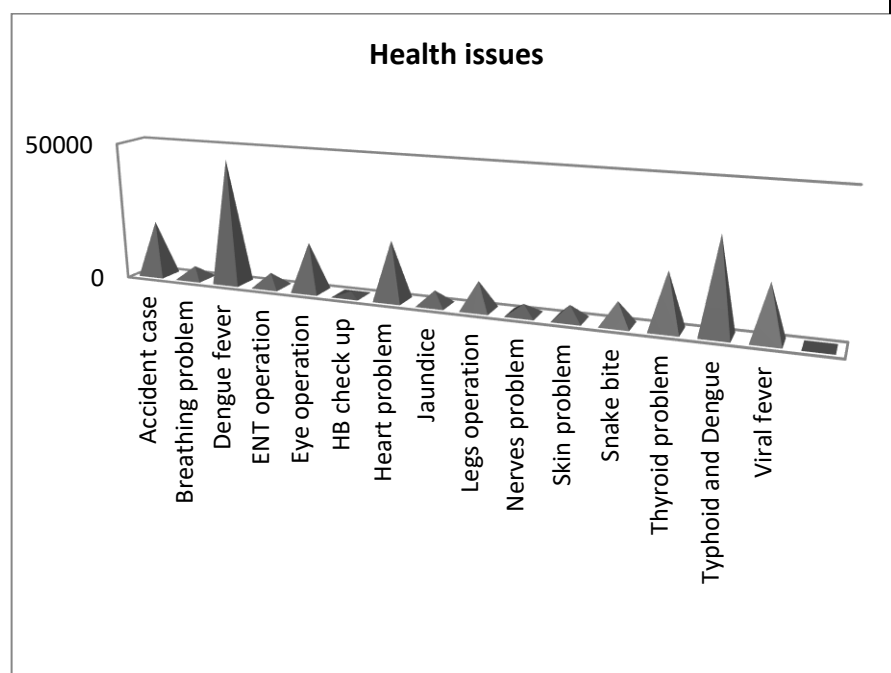


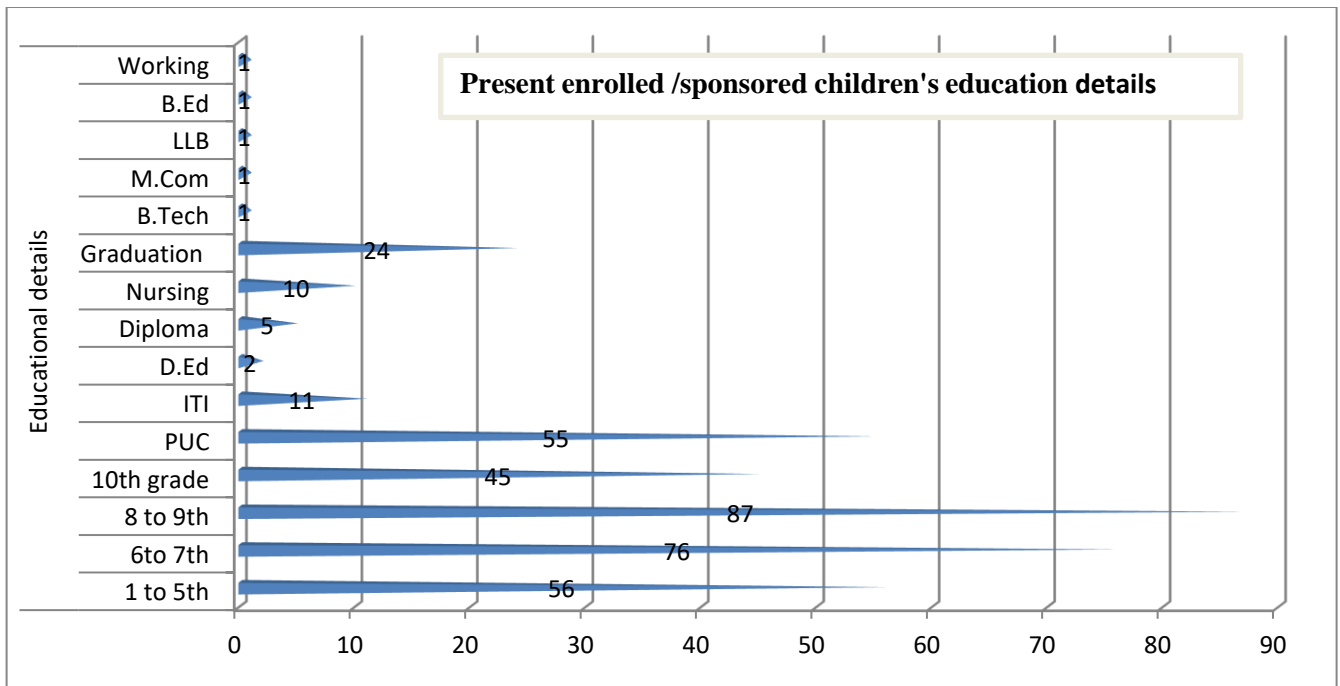
Note: No. of DFC - 472, No. of children got DFC – 443 and 17 children have received gift money above \$100

Emergency health assistance to enrolled children:

Financial assistance has been provided 39 enrolled children and their siblings including both boys and girls, who were in need of emergency medical treatment. This has been very timely helpful for them. The treatment bills were obtained and the amount was transferred to the bank accounts of their parents. 39 children (Female: 25 Male: 14) were suffering from different diseases, which are Dengue, Heart problem, Thyroid problem, accident case and snake bite etc.

Health issues	Amount	No. children
Accident case	20000	1
Breathing problem	4493	1
Dengue fever	45400	11
ENT operation	5000	1
Eye operation	17640	3
HB check up	1430	1
Heart problem	21250	2
Jaundice	5000	1
Legs operation	10000	1
Nerves problem	3600	1
Skin problem	5000	1
Snake bite	8050	2
Thyroid problem	20000	3
Typhoid & Dengue	33400	6
Viral fever	19500	4
Total	219763	39





Skilled and Involved Youth program

India is known as the youngest country in the world today as about 65% of its population is under the age of 40 years. This segment of the Indian society needs to be organized and strengthened as they hold a tremendous potential to create sustainable change across the country. The need of the hour is to channelize their collective might to address impertinent issues in rural India, which can have a positive impact on the urban parts of the country as well. For instance, if youngsters from rural India can be provided employment opportunities in their own villages, it would significantly reduce their migration to cities. This could lead to the empowerment of the villages while substantially reducing the population explosion in the cities.

1. Youth clubs

In order to realize this vision of encouraging youngsters to engage in the development of rural India, GV has been working with 56 youth groups across 30 villages in Kolar. There are separate groups for male and female members, and each of these groups have anywhere between 12 to 20 members. The subjects discussed at the village level youth group meetings are as follows: 1) Group management, 2) Life skill development, 3) Information collection and sharing, 4) Problems of youth and 5) Problems of their villages. To achieve the above, two youngsters were identified and provided quarterly training in: 1) Legal awareness, 2) Ill effects of plastics, 3) Participation in Grama sabhas and ward sabhas, 4) Vocational trainings, 5) Providing information about employment opportunities, 6) Government projects.



2. Interface meeting

60 youngsters were identified from 56 groups to participate in a meeting in which officers from line departments such as Education, Health and Grama Panchayat also participated. The representatives from the line departments explained the development projects available with them and the documentation that are required to submitted to garner their support.

3. Life-skills training

140 youth of both sexes in 7 villages were identified and imparted life-skills training. This consisted of the following: Empathy, Critical thinking, Creative thinking, Decision making, Problem solving, Inter personal relationship, Communication skills, Management emotions, Management of stress, Self-awareness

These training programs were conducted by a team of facilitators from GV who were trained by experts from NIMHANS, Bangalore.



4. WORLD SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

On 20th February 2018, WORLD SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY was conducted at Grama Vikas by the Kolar District Legal Services Authority (DLSA). This programme was jointly sponsored by District Legal Services Authority, Kolar district Advocates



Association, Collective Action Network(CAN), Grama Panchayat, Devarayasamudra and Grama Vikas. 132 persons from 30 villages had participated in the one day event.

The Senior Judge Shri. Gururaj G Shirol who is the Member Secretary of DLSA inaugurated over the programme. In his inaugural speech he advised the parents to spend time with their children at home every day, at least 30 minutes.

“Please visit the GPs and find out who is the members of GP Social Justice Standing committees and send the lists to the GV office. GV and you involve conducting a meeting of the SOCIAL JUSTICE standing committee members,” said M.V.N.Rao, Executive Director of Grama Vikas.

“We visited the GPs and collected lists of the Standing Committee members of the Social Justice committees and the same was sent to Grama Vikas office. We do not visit GP offices. We came to know for the first time that there are SOCIAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEES in the GPs,” said the youth that visited the GPs.

5. Training on waste management

Waste management is no longer only an urban problem. The rampant use of plastics and its detrimental effects on the environment (both human and animals) has forced Grama Vikas to invite Sankalpa Trust from Kolar to conduct a training session with their staff. It is of the opinion that once the staff is properly aware of waste management it can only then impart proper advice to the villages that they work in. Segregation of waste (dry and wet waste), reducing the use of polythene covers, generating compost, the need to be more ecologically conscious through simple measures such as using cloth bags.



After the session, the staff has been proactively campaigning for better segregation methods not only in households but also in schools.

IMPACT

Above these activities, the following impacts could be seen,

a. Waste management at household and community level

During the youth club and youth federation meetings, the growing need to manage waste has been discussed along with relevant solutions. Consequentially, youngsters from 10 villages are now involved

in segregation of plastic waste and setting aside for safe disposal. The solutions for this are currently being explored. Youth federation has also taken up the task of clearing plastic debris at Avani Hill, which was littered during the annual fair in March. They have created a WhatsApp group to coordinate the process.

b. Rise in youth participation in Grama Sabha and Ward Sabha

The percentage of youth participating in Grama Sabha and Ward Sabha has substantially increased over the past one year. It is observed that it is up to 80% in some villages. This has happened because of sustained engagement with youth, while stressing the need for their participation in village building activities.



c. Addressing civic issues

Issues relating to streetlights, drinking water, toilets, sanitation were addressed by youth groups in five villages. The youth group has approached Grama Panchayat (GP) or GP member in some cases to seek solutions and has yielded results. For example, in Kondahalli, drinking water has now been sorted out by repairing bore wells and extending pipelines to schools.



d. Rajiv Gandhi Chaitanya Scheme

A total of 94 youths have been benefitted from the Rajiv Gandhi Chaitanya Scheme, which is aimed at creating self-employment among them. This includes training in dairy science, beauty parlour, small businesses and tailoring. This has largely come about by the involvement of Grama Vikas in encouraging the youth to apply for these schemes and via interface meetings with the government departments.

e. Educational support

Grama Vikas learnt 25% of the Grama Panchayat's yearly budget is allocated towards computer training and to support of higher education among SC/ST youth. Nearly 80 youngsters have been benefitted in 8 Grama panchayats as part of this initiative.



f. Vocational training

8 girl students (with a minimum qualification of SSLC) are currently receiving training in computers, English language and office management over a period of two months. This is an initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development, and conducted by Excellus Learning Solutions in Bengaluru. They will be placed in various jobs at the end of the training. Grama Vikas has been instrumental in encouraging the students to apply for the program.

g. Employment support

17 youths from six villages under Grama Vikas have been employed by various private companies following a training camp conducted by Youth Empowerment and Sports Department. This was again facilitated by Grama Vikas.



Backdrop

The all the above impacts were 2nd appended because; Grama Vikas has created youth groups in the villages and built capacities of the youth to sustain their groups. Regular meetings of the groups were held, in which GV staff also participated. Orientation on Grama Panchayats (GPs) and Panchayat Raj Institutions was done. Information on vocational trainings and seeking support for education, career guidance were discussed alongside the importance of participating in Grama Sabha and Ward Sabha. Interface meetings with GPs were also organised.



LEARNINGS:

We learnt that a people's organization needs an outsider's intervention to act as a "balancing factor". Since the youth empowerment project is donor driven, it is not meeting the objective of the program. The youth empowerment project addresses only college going students, but not youngsters from villages who are involved in farming.

6. Higher education support

31 enrolled youths got scholarship benefit from Grama Vikas under the higher education support program. Of them, 21 were female and the rest male. They were provided a financial assistant of Rs 3,000 each. Here is a quick look at the list of these students.



Education	Total students	Female	Male	Remarks
PUC 1st year	06	04	02	No. SC/ST students =17 Minorities students =02 BCM students =06
PUC 2nd year	15	10	05	
Bachelor of Arts	04	04	0	
Bachelor of Commerce	01	01	0	
Bachelor of Science B. Sc	01	01	0	
B. Ed	01	01	0	
GNM	02	0	02	
B. Tech	01	0	01	

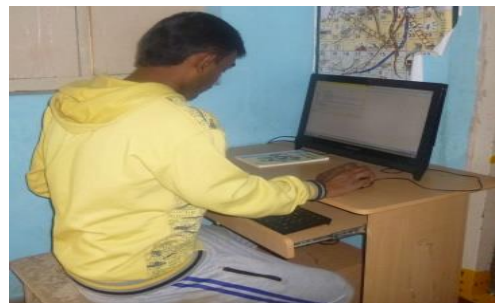
7. Computer education

Since computer knowledge is a pre-requisite to any employment today, 20 enrolled youth who are studying graduation courses got the opportunities to undergo a diploma course in computer learning and office management. GV is investing Per Rs.5,000 per youth and the families are spending about Rs.1500/- towards transportation and other incidental expenses. Priority was given to female youth who in final year degree course. Listed the names of the youth and held a discussion because it was a 6 month computer diploma conducted by training institutes in Mulbagal and Kolar which involves 2 hours' time



to spare to learn. This helped the youth to learnt time management.

When discussed about the training in diploma course in computers 20 have expressed interest. We also conducted an orientation to all the 20 youth in the office for a day. The trainees are empowered with a skill which naturally gave them some amount of confidence and secured feeling.



Education	Total No. of Students	Female	Male	Remarks
2nd PUC	6	4	2	SC/ST students =15
Degree 1st Year (BA, B.Com)	3	1	2	Minorities students =01
Degree Year (BA, B.sc, B.Com)	6	6	0	Economically poor students =4
Degree 3rd Year (BA, B.sc, B.Com)	5	3	2	

8. Supplying of educational kits

45 sponsored children, comprising 30 girls and 15 boys, most of whom are orphans and hail from socially and economically backward families were provided clothes, school bags, notebooks. Rs 2,000 was transferred to each child's account from Grama Vikas Child Fund account to buy these items. This helped them to attend school and college regularly and do well in their studies. This activity has also increased the self-confidence of the stakeholders.



9. Nutritional support

17 enrolled adults and children suffering from HIV and other ailments were supplied a kilogram each of three varieties of pulses and jaggery with a total worth of Rs500. This nutritional support has helped the patients cope with the heavy medication. Of the 17 beneficiaries, 12 are female and the rest male.



Programs based on demands

Grama Vikas has implemented the following programs through the separate fund raising and utilisation of its local funds of GV.

1. Bharat Yatra campaign

The rising incidence of sexual abuse and exploitation in children has prompted this campaign lead by Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi. With the idea that 'Safe Childhood, Safe India', the pan-India road-trip was aimed at reaching out to various parts of the country and educates children and care-takers on the need to prevent such incidents and to ensure a safe childhood.



Grama Vikas had taken the lead in not only designing this leg of the campaign but also coordinating and implementing it in Kolar district along with partner organisations and other NGOs. At the taluk level, with the support of Govt. and private schools, it had enabled a larger number of children to participate in this important event.

Grama Vikas believes that such evil should be tackled in a sustained and systematic manner and has sought the cooperation of other organisations through its CAN network, and not restrict it to just an event. It has also planned to have an event later this year to review the issues and the steps taken, and invite Mr. Kailash Satyarthi to participate as well.

Nobel laureate Mr. Kailash Satyarthi had entered Grama Vikas project area Mulbagal taluk at Andhra – Karnataka border on September 15, 2017, at 9.15 am. Grama Vikas lead the Bharat Yatra-Kolar campaign in the taluk and district head quarter.

Both taluk and district headquarters echoed with slogans by youth on SAFE CHILD SAFE INDIA. Walk by youth along with Mr. Satyarthi and a motor bike rally were the main attraction of the program. 100s of youth from 24 villages had undertaken a one kilometer march in the taluk and district headquarters and another 60 participated in the motor bike rally in the taluk headquarters.



LEGS FOR LAKES

Lakes are our life. If these lakes are protected, there will be accessibility and sustainability for drinking water round the year. Groundwater tables will increase and many a health problem such as Fluorosis can be tackled. Health expenditures of the populations will be lessened. With this understanding, a group of software engineers formed a group called MERA TERA RUN (MTR).



In order to protect common property resources such as Lakes, a 42-day campaign was lunched by Grama



Vikas jointly with COLLECTIVE ACTIONS NETWORK (CAN) and MTR (Mera Tera Run), Bangalore. On November 4, 2017, a human chain was organised and in this event about 100 members inclusive of enrolled youth from GV villages too had participated. On November 15, the enrolled youth participated in a motor bike rally. The campaign ended with a half marathon through GV program villages and we are very pleased the enrolled youth too had participated with the half marathon runners from Bangalore.



Media Coverage

Through a former student of Grama Vikas Doordarshana had come to know about the work of the organisation. Doordarshan then decided to do a documentary involving interviews with director of Grama Vikas, and also few beneficiary students who were pursuing higher education. This was telecast on DD Chandana during October 2017, during news hour.

Post card campaign to save tanks,

In July 2017, the govt. of Karnataka had floated an idea of denotifying 1500 lakes in and around Bangalore that have fallen out of use.

Grama Vikas had taken note of this and is aware that such an order might also affect the water-bodies of Kolar and hence precautionary actions is needed. To begin with, 3458 children from 13 schools and 5 colleges spread across 2 taluks were encouraged to send postcards to the TV9 office who has taken up a campaign against the order. This was done with the intention of lending support to the campaign and to eventually put pressure on the govt. to take back this order. Finally, in October 2017, it was repealed.



Since there are no perennial rivers in Kolar and the entire district depends on rains for its social, economic, political and cultural development, the youth from the district had taken up the issue seriously, aggressively and intensively. The pressure applied on the government by film stars, progressive politicians, farmer leaders, alongside the post card campaign; lead the government to withdraw its order to de-notify the tanks.

CAN-Kolar (Collective Actions Network) meetings

This began as a Grama Vikas initiative in 2011-12. Over last five years, it has been actively involved in bringing together other NGOs at district level and advises them on operational issues (for eg: renewal of registration). The objective of the meetings have also been to make the NGOs work in an integrated manner so that issues facing the district (particularly to do with water, bio-diversity and agriculture) are tackled in a more effective, structured and emphatic way.

Between April 2017-March 2018, there have been 18 meetings in total. Some of the key outcomes of these meetings as follow:

- *5 new organisations have enrolled under the CAN network*
- *Formation of farmers' collective – (Raitha Koota) this has been made with the intention of tackling issues with cultivation, water and pricing of commodities.*
- *Issues surrounding denotification discussed – among them the need to protect catchment areas and desilting of lakes*
- *'Legs of Lakes' program: around 5000 students from different schools and colleges formed a human-chain around Kolaramma Kere to bring awareness about its conservation. Painting contest among children, bicycle rally, marathon and walkathons were also held.*
- *All the 10 NGOs have submitted a copy of their audit report.*

- A new website has been created that has information of the all the participant NGOs. The need to have a website for the organisations were discussed.
- All the NGOs have taken membership of Federation of Voluntary Organisations for Rural Development in Karnataka.
- Besides CAN network, Grama Vikas has also networked with similar organisations in the districts of Mysore, Shivamogga and Raichur and lent advisory support.

Staff training in mushroom cultivation

Mrs. Sudhamani (Board Member) conducted a training session in mushroom cultivation for the staff members on January 27th, 2018. The intention is to eventually pass on the skill to villagers as an additional source of income. With locally available materials, small space and seeds from Lalbagh was all that was needed to grow mushrooms in a hygienic manner. Staff members however are yet to try it successfully.

Visit of students from Western University of Australia (WUA)

22 students and 2 professors from the School of Population and Global Health of the Western University of Australia visited Grama Vikas as part of a ten-day field placement. The intention was to study growth and health parameters in children and the involvement of state agencies in its improvement. They were divided into four groups and their program included the following:



- Visits to the Grama Panchayat, Primary Health Centres, Anganwadis and villages.
- Lectures were organized every day by experts in relevant fields. This included Dr. Prasad, HoD of Pediatrics spoke about low weight among children). Dr. Ranganath of Dept. of Community Medicine and Dr. Madhavi Reddy, expert on nutrition spoke about their respective fields pertaining to children. Smt. Soumya from the Women and Child Welfare Department and Dr. Raghunandan (retired secretary of RDPR) spoke about the role of Grama Panchayat in community health.
- The team also visited RL Jalappa Medical College and Research Centre to understand the facilities and the role of private institutions on community health.
- At the end of the assignment, the team out together a presentation of their experience as well as suggestions.

Proposal for DFAT's Water for Women Fund

This grant, called for by the Australian govt. 's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade pertaining to the WASH sector was put together with the help of Vishwanath sir, Dr.Vivek M and all the staff of Grama Vikas. We pooled in all the resources and set aside a week in October 2017, to write out the proposal. Follow up?

Case story of Gayathri

Name of the Person: Ms. Gayathri

Gender: Female

DOB: 10.6.1995

Address:

Reddihalli Village
Angondahalli Post
Mulbagal Taluk
Kolar District



Ennoblement details

Former enrolled child (Case Number-590)

Ms. Gayathri is from a small village called Reddihalli which falls under Angondahalli Grama Panchayat in Avani hobli of Mulbagal taluk in Kolar district. She comes from a Scheduled Caste community (SC) and 2nd child in the family. She has completed graduation course in B.A. Now, she is in 2nd year of L.L.B course. Ms. Gayathri was a very active participant in the children's club programmes of GV-ChildFund India programme. Now she is an active participant of Students Federation of India (SFI). She is an active member of State office bearer committee of SFI.

I am happy to share with you all that she was very active in mobilizing the government sponsored projects/benefits and schemes for the good of youth and the members of the community in Reddihalli village.



Ms. Gayathri delivering key note address in SFI State meet in Bangalore

Brief about Ms. Gayathri's achievement

She assisted 12 students from her village to seek bus pass facility that could not get the bus pass because the deadline to seek bus pass was over. Then, she went to the bus depo manager, explained the conditions in which poor students are studying in the colleges, convinced him. The depo manager relaxed the time and finally 12 students received bus passes from the KSRTC Depo.

1. Ms. Gayathri found lot of mismanagement in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Programme in her village, Reddihalli, which she brought to the notice of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kolar and it was set right. She got jobs card for almost all the 80 families in the village. This helped 41 people to get 2690 human days of employment which generated Rs.5,78,350/-.



Ms. Gayathri addressing a press meet in Kolar to demand bus passes to every student in Karnataka



2. She approached LABOUR DEPARTMENT and got smart cards for 63 persons in the village which covers insurance to the card holders up to Rs. 5/- lakhs each, which means she mobilized Rs. 3 crores and 15 lakhs insurance coverage.
3. She also mobilized smart card facility from labour department for the welfare of 18 persons who are drivers, masons and electricians which will cover upto Rs.5/- lakhs insurance coverage which means Rs.90/- lakhs insurance coverage is available for 18 persons to avail in times of accident occurred.
4. Besides the insurance coverage for individuals, it will also raise scholarships for the children of the persons whose life is covered against insurance.
5. One of the families belong to SC community in Reddihalli village received Rs.50, 000/- towards the marriage of the eldest son of the family. This is because the family is covered under smart card scheme from Labour Department which was facilitated by Ms. Gayathri.

Ms.Gayathri leading a HUMAN CHAIN protest to demand bus passes to every student



Grama Vikas (GV) has been implementing/facilitating development interventions with an integrated approach since 1979-1980. GV has kicked off integrated child development programme where lion's share of funding was allocated to tackle malnutrition among children in 19 villages in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district in Karnataka. In 2004, GV has expanded its development programmes into Bangarpet taluk as well. Later, health and education activities were also introduced. Cultural activities were engaged to improve personal hygiene of children as well. To support the integrated child development of children, women empowerment programmes started. Also natural resources development and management programmes started from the day one of GV. In August 1983, GV started working with ChildFund India. Both in Mulbagal and Bangarpet taluks we started working with 1600 sponsored children and families.



INTRODUCTION OF THE CENTRAL CHARACTER:

Ms. Chantini is a 22 years young woman is from a minority community (Muslim) who lives in Kottur village in Hulkur Grama Panchayat who is enrolled youth in the ChildFund India programme. She was enrolled for the sponsorship in the year of 1999 and the family condition was very poor. She is the eldest in the family. She has three siblings. Her father was selling tender coconuts and earning livelihood for the family. He had met with an accident and now he cannot ride a bicycle and now working in a Hotel for daily wages. Her mother does flower garlanding work and generate some revenue for the family. Ms. Chantini's sister was sent to beautification course and learnt how to do mehandi work which was usually done for brides during weddings. She does mehandi work and earns extra income for the family. Notwithstanding the financial position of the family, everyone all the siblings of Ms. Chantini are in formal education. Ms. Chantini has participated in all the forums like children's clubs and youth federation meetings where she got tremendous amount of exposure to many ideas. Also these opportunities helped her to "expressive" and "assertive".

Now, Ms. Chantini has completed 1st year of B.Ed. and now continuing in 2nd year course.

UNIQUENESS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STORY

Ms. Chantini wanted to become a reformer for young girls and women in her community. She always questions about the traditions and customs which are curtailing freedom for young woman to take decisions. Basically, Ms. Chantini is a person who questions the system. She strongly feels that she should work for the good of women in Muslim community. She feels that the traditions and customs are subjecting lots of problems for young girls and women in her community.

CONCLUSION FOCUSSING ON THE WAY FORWARD

Persons like Ms. Chantini needs to be given capacity building in the following areas: Human rights, Constitutional rights and support to study Law course. She can become a champion for the women folk in her community. She can become a very good leader as well. Positive leaders in this community is the need of the hour.

BACK GROUND:

Mr. Chandrasekhar is from a village namely Gannerahalli in Bethamangala hobli in Bangarpet taluk of Kolar district. He comes from Vokkaliga community. He comes from a family that is a traditionally farming community. He is the only child of the family. His parents rear a cow for living. Family owns just one acre of dry land. He has completed Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History, Economics and Sociology. He comes from a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family. He is 21 years old student. He is an enrolled child.



INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Chandrasekhar was a children’s club, youth club and too. “Leadership training was my life “, says Mr. He participated in trainings leadership, gender equity, and human life, multi-cultural studies, waste management etc.

He also participated in several campaigns like, “higher education every students right”. He went to a number of colleges in the Kolar and Tumkur districts and motivated a few thousand students to write post cards to the state government.

He had participated in another campaign titled WHAT NEXT? He and his likeminded friends formed into a group and visited a number of colleges and did a career building programme via cultural media. This campaign he did in two districts and covered 9 colleges in Kolar and Tumkur districts.



member of youth federation turning point in Chandrasekhar. such as environment



UNIQUENESS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STORY

Mr. Chandrasekhar has tremendous amount of zeal, initiative and leadership qualities. Mr. Chandrasekhar is a very positive student and open minded to learn as many things as possible so that he feels these learning’s give him lots of confidence to move forward always. He had participated in several camps and among them are - one in Koppal, two in Bangalore, one in Chickmagalur and one on Mangalore. The themes on which the camps were conducted as follows:



Camp on evils of Devadasi system, National camp in which students from all over India participated, Youth festival, Communal harmony, JANA NUDI. Participated in 2 protests organized by Students federation of India and Karnataka Vidyarthi Sangha in Bangalore and New Delhi against the killing of Ms. Gowri Lakesh. Motivated school students in the villages 5 Grama Panchayats to plant 1000 saplings.

CONCLUSION FOCUSING ON THE WAY FORWARD

He wants to study post-graduation course in Master in Social Work and expressed his great desire to organize youth in the district. "What next campaign" targeted at 35,000 students. Ministry of Education, Bangalore issued a circular to all the Government colleges to appoint "career councillors" to take up counselling for the benefit of students for their career building which will be in effective from for the next academic year.

Case story on Roja

BACKGROUND

Roja M is a 22-year-old sponsored youth from Siddareddyinne village in Bangarpet taluk of Kolar district. She belongs to Bovi castes, who are traditionally daily-wage workers. She lost her mother at a young age and was left in the care of her father. Right now she is pursuing M.Com at the Bangalore University.



INTRODUCTION

Since the age of 8 years, Roja has taken active part in the summer camps organized by Grama Vikas, particularly in child club meetings. She has continued to show leadership skills and is now taking part in youth club meetings, life-skills training, RCH (reproductive and child health) campaigns and leadership training. After her 10th, she sought career counselling provided by Grama Vikas which helped her decide her future academic path.

UNIQUENESS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STORY

After her II PUC her family decided to marry her off, since that is the norm in her community where girls are married off young. Added to it, was the fact that she has been brought up by a single parent. However, she confessed that she preferred to study further. So Grama Vikas staff intervened, counselled her family and requested them to respect her wishes and send her to college. Roja also promised to concentrate on her studies and keep up her good record at academics. Family eventually agreed and she pursued her B.Com at the SDC College, Mulbagal. Grama Vikas has also support her financially by paying part of her fees. Also, the organization has helped her with additional training in computers during this period.



CONCLUSION, FOCUSING ON THE WAY FORWARD

Roja has kept up her promise and has been studying well. She has also become a model to her siblings (younger brother and sister), who are also continuing their education in her path. Due to her active involvement in youth clubs, she has been aware of the different schemes at Grama Panchayat level and has reached out to them for financial help. She has also received a laptop from the government. She now desires to study Chartered Accountancy after her M.Com.

GV- ONDEDE PROJECT-Trans genders Empowerment

INTRODUCTION

Ondede project was funded by Astraea Foundation and The Funds for Global Human Rights (FGHR) from July 2016. The concept arose from a focus group discussion on the need for convergence across three actions in the country- children's rights, women's privileges and sexual minorities' privileges; and crystallized into reality in 2015.

Ondede means convergence in our local language, Kannada. By recognizing and acknowledging these existing engagements, Ondede endeavors to link these different but inter-related groups to various media platforms to foster productive community discourses, to conduct research and to instigate action on Dignity-Voice-Sexuality.

We envision a society that provides access in a non-discriminatory and gender-just way. We have also been working towards establishing linkages between different social actions, to increase evidence based public education in plan and practice and provide a stage for people and activities to come together.

The last two years, Ondede has been in the forefront of public education on issues impacting sexual minorities such as Section 377 of Indian Penal Code, 36A Police Act, Karnataka State Transgender Policy, Transgender Persons Bill, 2016 and the rising violence that is continuously being unleashed on the sexual minorities and transgender communities.

JULY 2017-SEPTEMBER 2017

1. "Socio-Medical Status of Transgender Persons in India"

In the Supreme Court of India's historic decision to give 'third gender' status to the transgenders, the court also ruled that governments cannot deprive a person his/her legal right to acquire preferred gender through sex change operation. In this regard, Ondede coordinated a Sex Reassignment Surgery Policy meeting with Bangalore Medical College, National Institute for Mental Health and Neuroscience (NIMHANS), Victoria Hospital, the MS Ramaiah Hospital, and the Department of Plastic Surgery at Victoria Hospital. They discussed the process of sex reassignment surgery, to develop a sound policy that would function across the state.

In this regard, Ondede organized a national level meeting jointly with NIMHANS and Swatantra on 12th September 2017, where the experts from the medical fraternity, legal fraternity, community activists and the community members came together to discuss and share their experiences to help formulate a guideline for the State.

Representatives from the States of Manipur, West Bengal, Delhi, Mumbai, Telangana, Karnataka, Pondicherry and Kerala and doctors from different departments from Victoria Hospital, M.S. Ramaiah Hospital and BMC participated in this meeting.

OBJECTIVE-

The main objective of the meeting was to bring focus of the State and private institutions on the lack of access to sex re-assignment surgery for transgender persons in order to ensure the implementation of guidelines or policies in the context of NALSA Judgment and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

OUTCOME-

The national meeting on Sex Re-assignment Surgery brought together experts from the medical fraternity and legal fraternity and with their expert opinion, resolutions were passed and it was decided for the formation of a committee to draft the policy for the State for sex reassignment surgery. A report called "Socio-Medical Status of Transgender Persons in India" documents in detail the expert opinion from the medical and legal sectors as well as the voices of the community members.



2. “Regional Transgender Meeting”

OBJECTIVE-

The Transgender Persons (Protection Rights) Bill 2016 is tabled at the Lok Sabha by the Government of India. This Transgender Bill is not based on the principles self-identification and undermines the spirit of the NALSA Judgment.

Due to this, serious discussions and talks are being held nationwide where many from the transgender community are opposing the Bill. Hence, Ondede held a regional meeting on 13th September 2017 at the Student Christian Movement of India House, Bangalore. In this meeting, community members from across the country participated. We had community members from the State of Manipur, Delhi, West Bengal, Telangana and community members from 10 districts of Karnataka. In this meeting, the main discussion was beyond the NALSA Judgment and the Transgender Protection Rights Bill (2016).

OUTCOME-

Ondede was able to mobilize and reach out to a number of districts in Karnataka. With the speculation of the Transgender Bill, it was important to hear the community members and understand their point of view. The major plus point of this meeting was we were able to get community members from small villages. Some of the community members came out and represented their districts for the time. This also helped in spreading awareness regarding the current situation and the rights available to them.



“Are we only limited to these policies and bills? Will all our rights be granted only because we have a policy? Will the society accept us because there is a judgment recognizing us?”

These were some of the points of discussion. This helped the Organization to understand the community at large and come to a consensus.

OCTOBER 2017- DECEMBER 2017

3. OBJECTIVE-

Ondede team prepared for public education, mobilizing the community and planning for the sex re-assignment surgery committee meeting along with Swatantra.

In the month of October, Ondede and Swatantra had 3 coordination and planning meetings at Ondede office.

The main agenda of the meetings was to discuss the Karnataka State Transgender Policy, 2017, Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016, to mobilize the community, the plan the activities for the months of November and December.

In the second week of October, the staff of Ondede and Swatantra visited Women and Child Department, Bangalore to follow-up on Karnataka State Transgender Policy and on October 26th 2017, the Policy was accepted by the Karnataka State Cabinet. The staff of Ondede and Swatantra again visited the Women and Child Department to receive the Policy and attend the meetings to understand the important points under the policy.

4. *“A discussion to critique and to understand the way forward of the Karnataka State Policy for Transgender, 2017”*

OBJECTIVE-

On October 26th, 2017 the Karnataka State Government Cabinet approved the State Policy for Transgender, 2017 with an aim of bringing the transgender community into mainstream and safeguarding them from exploitation and discrimination. The Policy has been drafted with compliance with the 2014 Supreme Court National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) judgment.

As an organization, we wanted to understand the Policy better. Hence Ondede and Swatantra organized a discussion to critique and to understand the way forward of the Karnataka State Policy for Transgender, 2017 which was held on 6th November 2017 in Student Christian Movement of India (SCMI House), Bangalore from 10.00am to 1.30pm where Ms. Madhubhushan, women’s rights activist and Advocate Ms. Deeptha Rao of Alternative Law Forum facilitated the discussion on the Policy.

This discussion was organised by Ondede and Swatantra supported by Karnataka Transgender Samiti.

The main purpose of this discussion was to:

- *To bring in people of diverse gender and sexual identities under one platform to know what they would be gaining from the policy.*
- *To analyse the policy with experts to critique and understand the same.*
- *To facilitate community members to the policy that will help them utilize the same.*

In the end, the decision taken by the members was:

- *To speak to the community about the Policy and understand what the community needs.*
- *Spread awareness and understand the Policy.*
- *To make a report based on the demands of the community and place it before the government.*
- *To translate the Policy into Kannada to help reach out to the community at large.*

OUTCOME-

Ondede was pleased with the outcome of the meeting. Two major outcomes were that one of the senior transgender community member’s took the initiative to sensitize the transgender community members about the Policy. The other outcome was that community organizations took up the initiative to mobilize the transgender community within the districts of Karnataka to spread the awareness of the Policy.



The Policy was also translated in Kannada for the convenience of the transgender community members.

5. “Solidarity meeting for Late Ms. Gauri Lankesh”

OBJECTIVE-

On September 5th, Ms. Gauri Lankesh, an Indian journalist turned activist was shot dead outside her residence. She was known for being a critic on right-wing extremism, opposing caste based discrimination and one of the first journalists to raise her voice and support the sexual minorities and transgender persons in Karnataka.

Ondede took the initiative to organize a meeting in solidarity for the injustice against Ms. Gauri Lankesh on November 6th 2017 at Student Christian Movement of India (SCMI House). Ms. Kavita Lankesh (sister), Mr. B.T. Venkatesh, community members, activists and civil society organizations took part in the solidarity meeting.

OUTCOME-

The outcome of the meeting was that Ondede was invited to take part in rallies and protests which were held in solidarity for Ms. Gauri Lankesh.



6. “Hamam Visits”

OBJECTIVE-

In the first week of December, the staff of Ondede and Swatantra visited hamams in Hebbal, Veerenapalya, Nagawara, Kothanur, Boodigere, Binmangala, Peenya, Anchepalya, Makali, Kengeri (Nice Road), Kengeri (Bus Depot) and Arashinakunte.

They reached out to grass root working class transgender community and discussed about the Karnataka State Transgender Policy, Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2016 and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) applications for skill development and self-employment trainings.



OUTCOME-

The transgender community was very happy with the approach of Ondede and Swatantra. The transgender communities were keen on availing jobs in the mainstream, and many wanted to finish their studies. Many of the community also applied for skill training and self-employment training. The staff of Ondede and Swatantra also cleared the doubts the community had regarding the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2016 and Karnataka State Transgender Policy.



7. “Release of the Socio-Medical Status of Transgender Persons in India”

On December 22nd 2017, the Report on Socio-Medical Status of Transgender Persons in India was released by the doctors of National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS), Victoria Hospital and M.S. Ramaiah Hospital at Victoria Hospital, Bangalore.

We had reporters from The Hindu, Times of India and Bangalore Mirror; community members, community organizations and civil society organizations were also part of the release.

OUTCOME-

The medical experts from different departments like the Department of Plastic Surgery, Department of Psychiatry and Department of Endocrinology from NIMHANS, Victoria Hospital and M.S.Ramaiah Hospital came together and constituted a committee to look into the guidelines and protocols on sex re-assignment surgery.



This report is an attempt by Ondede to understand the process of SRS by forming a committee in the State of Karnataka and approach the Ministry of Health for the development and implementation of guidelines and policies on SRS in accordance with the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) judgment and the State Policy for Transgender, 2017.

8. “Domestic and Sexual Violence- Claiming Voice, Rights and Dignity”- Case Studies

OBJECTIVE-

The need of the hour, we believe, is to understand and ensure a just, equitable and a more inclusive society, for these groups have to face and deal with unsympathetic families, patriarchal and prejudiced society, disgruntled spouses or lovers who turn hostile or become extortionists. Violence faced by these communities is often invisible or under reported in mainstream media. Further, an insensitive criminal justice system and the colonial provision of Section 377 of the India Penal Code make reporting even more difficult.

In this context, Ondede took a small initiative to understand sexual violence, domestic violence, sexuality rights and transgender rights from the perspectives and experiences of these communities by documenting the stories of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, Jogappas, gender non-conforming, intersex and transgender persons from Bangalore, Shimoga and Bijapur districts of Karnataka. Perspectives on these four themes were also gathered from different stakeholders like the police departments, lawyers, social activists, government departments, NGOs etc while reviewing recent judgements and policy initiatives on the rights and realities of sexual minorities including transgender persons.

NARRATION-

As an organization working with grass root communities, these case studies we believed would help us in understanding and voicing the struggles of individuals from the sexual minority and the transgender community. We attempted to place these case studies in the context of the current legal framework while highlighting the stark realities of harassment, abuse and violence that have become a part of their day-to-day existence which need to be integrated into the wider discourse on sexual and domestic violence as also on human rights and dignity. Their case studies we believe can also be used as part of the growing body of knowledge on these marginalized and invisibilized communities that could inform on-going activism and public education, even while developing a more informed and sensitive analytical framework for understanding the lives and realities of sexual minorities and transgender communities.

OUTCOME-

Ondede was able to put together 15 case studies of the community members and also the perspectives of the stakeholders like the WDC, police departments, lawyers, civil society organizations and activists.

On April 21st 2018, a report called “Domestic and Sexual Violence- Claiming Voice, Rights and Dignity” was released at SCMI House where community members from 5 districts of Karnataka participated and along with 70 members as participants for the event. Ms. Vrinda Grover who is a senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of India was invited as the Chief Guest for the event. Overall, the event was a great success.

9. “Manifesto”

OBJECTIVE-

In the first week of March, Ondede team met all the political parties like BJP, Congress, JDS and leaders to give out the manifesto along with the community demands.

OUTCOME-

Ondede mobilized the communities from Bijapur and Shimoga districts of Karnataka and communities from different identities like female to male transgender, male to female transgender, jogappa and kothis came forward to meet the political parties and leaders.

The team received a very positive response from the political leaders and parties and promised to look into the matters and needs of the community in the coming term.

10. “Protect Constitution” and to Educate on Importance of Election and Voting for Karnataka State, Karnataka Transgender Policy, 2017”

OBJECTIVE-

Ondede and Swatantra organized an awareness programme for the members of the transgender community on April 21st 2018. Voting is a fundamental right of every citizen of India and most of the transgender community in Bangalore does not have voters ID. 30 members from across the State of Karnataka and Bangalore participated for the awareness program. Ms. Akhila from Janarogya Andolana Chaluvali and Ms. Gauri from Mahila Munnade facilitated the awareness program.

OUTCOME-

The transgender community shared about the problems and difficulties in obtaining the voters ID and the main reason was not have permanent address proof. As Ondede has been working on this issue for some time now, and a lot of sensitization has been done, this issue has been placed before the Election Commission and the Commission is making arrangements to make sure the community members are issued the Voters ID by at least the parliamentary elections.

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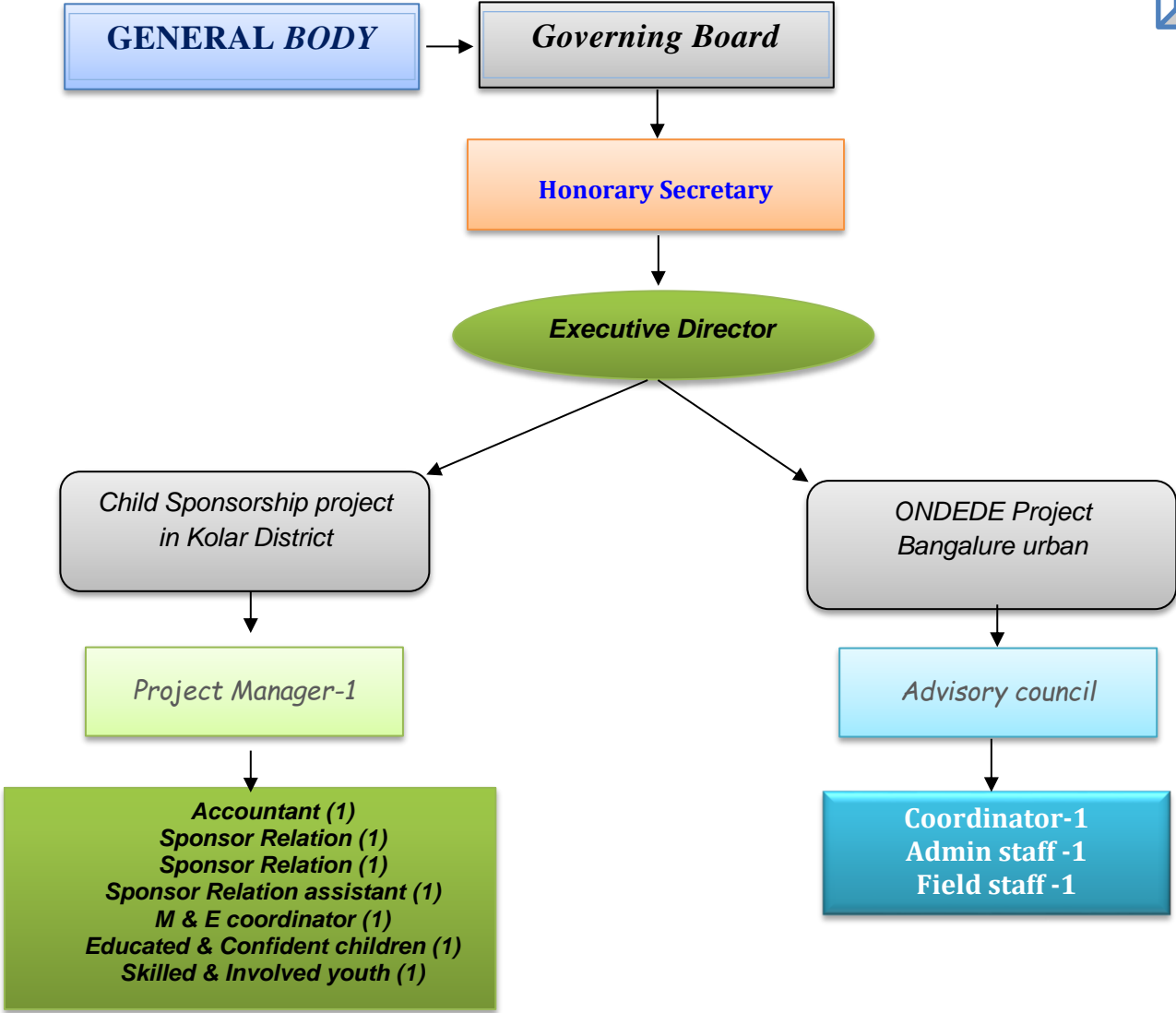
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