

GRAMA VIKAS

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Meeting of Small and Marginal farmers

Grama Vikas (GV) has been working with small and marginal farmers since the day one. All these years the work with small and marginal farmers was done not through an Institution of Small and Marginal farmers. Now, we have decided to do the work with small and marginal farmers through an association of theirs.

The above titled meeting was organized by Grama Vikas on 17th of February 2017 in which 230 farmers, both male and female farmers, from 12 villages who are members of **FARMERS CLUBS** in their villages participated.

The following participated in the meeting:

Mrs. Gowramma, Member, Grama Panchayat (Local Government)

Mr. Krishnappa, Member, Zilla Panchayat (Elected people's representatives – District level)

Mr. Muniyappa, Manager, Pragati Krishna Grameena Bank (PGKB), Avani

Mrs. Papamma, Raajyotsava award winner (Highest award given away by the State Government of Karnataka to individuals for their outstanding work in the state). Mrs.Papamma has her own NATIVE SEED BANK. She has been promoting local seeds (native seeds) for FOOD SECURITY. She has about 100 varieties of local seeds of vegetables, rice, finger millets, small millets etc.

Mrs. Papamma, Founder Secretary and present member of Grameena Mahila Okkuta (GMO)

Mr. Rajendra, President, COLLECTIVE ACTIONS NETWORK (CAN), Kolar

Mr. K. Manjunatha Rao, Journalist

Mr. Lakshminarayana, Member, Grama Panchayat, Ramasagara Panchayat

Mrs. Rathnamma, Member, Grama Panchayat, Balla Panchayat

Mr. P. Srinivas, SOIL TRUST, Chintamani was the resource person in the one day meeting of the farmers.

The farmers meet was presided over by Mrs. Gowramma, Memembr, Grama Panchayat. Mr. Krishnappa, Member, Zilla Panchayat, Kolar inaugurated the farmers meet by LIGHTING THE LAMP. All the invitees on the stage joined Mr. Krishnapp while he was lighting the lamp.



Mrs. Asha set the tone for the meeting before the inaugural speech delivered by Mr. Krishnappa.



GV has been implementing and facilitating since its inception lots of programme which were never even thought of by the Government. Also assure Mr. Rao that I will be with him in his efforts to reach last woman, man and child in my constituency, said Mr. Krishnappa.

Mr. P. Srinivas made a power point presentation which explained in details about the importance of SOILS in sustainable farming. We need to look into BIOLOGICAL aspects of SOILS besides physical and chemical characteristics. He quoted that Mr. Roosevelt, former President of USA said, whichever country cannot protect its SOILS, cannot SUSTAIN the country. Also quoted that a great saint in India Purandardas said, THOSE WHO IGNORE SOILS CAN NOT SURVIVE on the earth.



This is not the only meeting we conduct. We work with you the next three years in a sustained manner so that after three years you will be highly empowered farmers in terms of knowledge, information and technology, said Mr. M.V.N.Rao, Executive Director of Grama Vikas. Mr. Rao has requested Mr. Muniyappa, Bank Manager, PGKB, to support farmers that gathered here to establish FARMERS CLUBS under the joint venture of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and PKGB.



Later, Mr. Muniyappa, Manager, PGKB, Avani spoke extensively on organic farming and the importance of it in achieving SUSTAINABILITY of farmers. Also emphasized on the importance of organic farming in promoting positive effects of CLIMATE CHANGE. Also assured the farmers that he would give all this support to promote FARMERS CLUBS in the villages. He said that he would go to villages in the nights and conduct meetings of farmers clubs.



Mrs. M.G.Papamma, General Body member of GV sang a song on the importance of protecting soils.

Rajyotsava award winner Mrs. Papamma shared about how she has been doing organic farming on her 3 acre rainfed farm. I never bought vegetables from the market in the last one decade, I am growing vegetables on my land organically, said Mrs. Papamma.



Mrs. NC Bharati concluded the meet with a Vote of Thanks to every person that had attended the meet.



The team in the photo is responsible for organizing the one day farmers meet on 17th February 2017.

Grama Vikas-3709 - ChildFund project: **QUARTERLY REPORT-Q-2**

Period from 1st October-2016 to 31st December-2016

PREFACE

Grama Vikas (GV) has been implementing child sponsorship program since 1983 in affiliation ChildFund International. In the year 2003, ChildFund International approached Grama Vikas to take over the sponsorship programme run by another partner called SEVAGUM in Bangarpet Taluk. Thus, the GV-ChildFund International child sponsorship programme in 2 taluks, Mulbagal & Bangarpet, in Kolar District. But in 2013-14 both the projects merged into one.



ChildFund has gradually increased its sponsorship quota to Grama Vikas over the years, which is noticeable. The number of children beneficiaries was increased from 600 to 1000 in the year of 1992-1993 and 1000 to 1600 in year of 2002-2003. As ChildFund has been supporting Grama Vikas from many years, enrolment of new beneficiaries has been stopped since 2012-13 and decreasing the number of children every year since then. As a result the number of children under this project which was 1600 is reduced to 558 now.

“With gratitude we acknowledge our donors ChildFund International, USA, for its financial support and co-operation since 1983.”

ChildFund project details


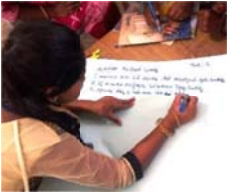
Date of affiliation	Year 1983					
Number of enrolled children As on 28.12.2016	TOTAL	Female	Male	LS-1	LS-2	LS-3
	558	347	211	0	347	211
Number of Panchayat and villages	13 Grama Panchayth , 38 Villages					
Staff structure	<pre> graph TD PM[Project Manager] --> Finance[Finance] PM --> M&E[M&E] PM --> PC[PC/LS wise-2] PM --> SRC[SRC &SRA] PC --> CM[Community Mobilizer-4] PC --> CA[Community Animator-4] </pre>					
Current year total budget	Rs. 51,56,340					

Budget utilization : Budget utilization: from 1st July-2016 of 31stDecember-2016


Sl. No.	A	B	C	D
		Life Stage	Annual Budget	Total Expenditure till date


1	Project - 1	0	0.00	-
2	Project-1/LS-2	1253630	503636.00	40.17
3	Project-2/LS - 3	1398081	591238.00	42.29
4	Project - SR	1231500	761793.00	61.86
5	Admin	1273129	621966.00	48.85
	Total	5156340	2478633.00	48.07

ACTIVITIES DETAILS DURING THE QUARTER**Project -1/LS-2**

Sl. No	Name of Activity	Activity details	out comes/result of the activity
1	Training Children's Club at village Level	<p>Grama Vikas has been organizing child friendly meetings in 32 villages under its function area, in order to instill sense of togetherness and unity among the children, make them understand their rights and identify their problems by themselves and find solutions too. Under this programme a group has been formed consisting of 20 children studying from 5th to 9th standards. About 3 meetings have been conducted in three months, in 32 villages with a total participation of 612 children (girls – 345; boys – 267).</p> <p>Important subjects discussed in the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the last meeting 2. Understanding child rights (right to live, right to protection, right to participation and right to development) 3. Problems of the children in the school and village were identified and discussions were held to find suitable solutions on preference basis 4. Some of the burning problems include drinking water, street lights, drainage, cleanliness, usage of toilets, etc. The solution 5. Efforts were made to enlighten the children about child grama sabhas and discussions were held with the panchayat members about the meeting and fix the date and provide information. 	 <p>As a result of this, an appeal by the children has been considered and the following facilities have been provided by the grama panchayat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed 23 street lights in Nagasandra, Karadaguru, Gandhipura and Bettageri. • Undertaken cleanliness of drainages in three villages (Karadaguru, Gandhipura, Kappalamadagu) • Drinking water problem has been solved in four villages (Madenahalli, Gennerahalli, Kondahalli 

			<p>and Doddakaari) students have written letters to the Grama Panchayat seeking intervention to solve the problems</p>
2	<p>Leadership training to Children's clubs members</p>	 <p>The child friendly meetings (Sneha kootas) aim at strengthening the children and discuss the problems of the children and enable them to coordinate with the grama panchayat and government departments concerned to provide suitable solutions to those problems by themselves. Hence, a training programme was held for 58 children to inculcate leadership qualities among them, in 28 villages. The important aspects of the training programme are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership qualities: Communication skills, courage, confidence, equality, self-awareness, decision making, multi-tasking, time management, solving problems, were taught to the children. • The children were also taught how to behave with friends, elders and communicate with the officers when they visit department offices. • They were also taught how to go forward if they want to become a good leader. They shouldn't wait for anybody or 	<p>Who are participated in leadership training, they are leading children groups at village level and also they are activity participated in school level activities</p>

		everybody.	
2	Children- Youth Resource Centre (CRC/ YRC Maintenance	<p>Children go to towns/cities and learn and gain knowledge. Facilities are provided in these center's to learn computers and all types of indoor and outdoor games and sports. Computers, reading books, sports materials have been provided; One Facilitator has been appointed for each centre to manage. About Children/Youth Resource Centers have been opened in 10 villages, children-420, youth-178 are utilizing the facilities available in these resource centres. 3 CRCs in Nagasanra village, Bommasandra village & Kappalamadugu village are merged with Govt. schools and maintained by the school only.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 124 children are learning basic computer in 10 centers, who are going to CRC centre regularly. • From 5th grade to 7th grade 84 children are reading general knowledge books, small story books and freedom fighters books • From 1st grade to 4th grade 38 children are busy with playing games and writing copy writings. • From 9th to 10th 28 children are reading magazines • 364 children are participated in outdoor and indoor games.
3	School Management Committee meetings	<p>SMC meetings should be held every month in every school as per government policy. But in many places these meetings are not at all meaningful. Hence, Grama Vikas is making efforts to bring together all the SDMC members and conduct meetings effectively, in 34 schools. Efforts are being made to ensure the students get all the facilities that they are eligible for. School Management Committee meetings were held twice in 17 schools and once in remaining 17 schools in the last three months, with participation of 230 women and 175 men.</p>	<p>The members have told to visit the school often and know the progress of the children</p>

		<p>Topics discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All the members should attend the meeting compulsorily 2. Roles and responsibilities of School Management Committee members 3. Explained about rights of children, especially right to live and protection 4. Using of toilets in schools, drinking water facility, places of risk for children in schools (like water tank, hanging electric wires, etc.) were explained and also tips were given how to solve such problems. 5. It was also made clear that Committee has the responsibility of collecting information about the grants which comes to the school and expenditure details and correct it. 	
4	<p>Training on documentation and committee management to SMC & BVCs Members</p>	<p>Documentation and committee management is essential in order to strengthen the School Monitoring and Bala Vikas Committees. Training was provided to the members of the SMC and BVC of 30 villages in two groups. <i>A total number of 56 members took part.</i></p> <p>The important learning's are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Managing school meeting proceedings, scholarships details, school grants, expenditure, admission of students, details of the food grains used for midday meals, etc. They were told that it is the responsibility of the committee to observe and properly manage. 	<p>UNDERSTAND WHAT ALL THE DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED/REQUIRED</p>


		<p>2. Conducting SMC and BVC meetings is not just a meeting of a few members. They were told that it will be responsibility of the president-secretary to ensure that all members will participate and engage actively.</p> <p>3. Each and every member should know his/her roles and responsibilities. Everybody should discuss and take a suitable decision regarding issues like children's education, health, progress, etc.</p> <p>The training was conducted by a resource person. Group discussions, question and answer session and lectures/talks were part of the training programme.</p>	
5	Training on Child Rights to SMC & BVCs members	<p>Important topics discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child rights, importantly right to live, protection, participation and development rights were explained • The SMC and BVS committee members were enlightened about immunization and health check-up in Anganwadis and schools. • Ensure all children get midday meals, bags, text books, etc., available from the government • Encourage the children to participate in all the programmes in school and village. Enable them to identify dangers and risks (like water tank, pits, absence of school compound leading children to play on streets and face danger) and how to overcome these problems. 	MEMBERS WERE SENSITISED ON THE ISSUES
	Children's Federation meeting	<p>Children's federation meeting was conducted on 17th December 2016 to discuss as to how to strengthen and sustain the children's clubs their villages.</p> <p><u>Agenda discussed:</u></p> <p>A. Introduction of the members(village, number of members in</p>	

		<p>their village children's club and name of the club)</p> <p>B. The need and importance of the children's club</p> <p>C. Problems in the villages and how to solve the problems</p> <p>D. How to identify and address the problems/issues? How to involve SMC, GP, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, POLICE, MEDIA and if none of the above solve the problem/s how to approach JUDICIARY?</p>	
	<p>SMC&BVCs Federation at Project level</p>	<p>For Integrated development and protection of the children these groups have started functioning. Organizing a federation of these will help for effective implementation of the activities in the organization of PEOPLE.</p> <p><u>Agenda discussed:</u></p> <p>a. Introduction of the members,</p> <p>b. Discussion on the monthly meetings conducted,</p> <p>c. Clarity was given on Roles and Responsibilities of the members</p> <p>d. Grants to schools from the government and the facilities available for the good of the children and quality of the facilities</p> <p>e. What needs to be done by the members to address RIGHT TO LIVE AND RIGHT TO PROTECTION?</p> <p>f. Identifying dangerous zones in the school premises and village</p>	

Project -2/LS-3

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1	Youth/Kishori Meeting at village level	<p>Youth groups have been form at the village-level with an objective of motivating them to identify the problems of the village, participate in ward and grama sabhas and find solutions to problems and engage themselves in development of villages. Separate meetings of both boys and girls have been held in 30 villages, with a total participation of 582 girls and 526 boys.</p> <p>Topics discussed in these meetings:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They were explained about the aims and objectives of forming youth groups (boys/girls groups). They were motivated to organize themselves and identify the problems of their villages, participate in ward and gram sabha meetings and try to find proper solutions to the problems and engage in village development activities. 2. As a result of this the youth have made attempts to identify the problems faced by their fellow villagers and listed out those problems and communicated with the respective gram panchayats recommending suitable solutions and also have visited the departments concerned. 3. Efforts have been made to create awareness among the youth about the significance of their role in ward and gram sabhas, which they have understood now. 	<p>Drinking Water problem was solved in 2 villages with the intervention of GPS.</p>



<p>2</p>	<p>Youth Federation.</p>	<p>Federation meeting was held with an objective of strengthening the youth groups at village-level and motivate the youth to engage in village development activities and promote the youth federation to grow as an independent organization. About 58 youth from 28 villages at the rate of two youth from each village participated in the meeting.</p>  <p>The youth were explained about the importance of youth federation, relevance of village-level group strengthening, through group discussions. The youth were motivated to prepare a list of problems in the village and find suitable solutions on preferential basis and try to address at least 2, 3 problems by next meeting.</p> <p>Outcome:- The youth have discussed about the problems in the meetings and have written letters to the gram panchayat seeking drinking water, construct toilets, computer training class, etc. Drinking water problem has been solved in five villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value implementation in their respective sector, while practicing leadership quality and values. 	<p>The youth who participated in this meeting have started organizing meetings at the village-level regularly.</p>
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- Through group discussions, video films, caste studies, etc.



3 Life skills training:


A one-day life skills training was provided to 116 youth. They youth were taught how to manage Youth Groups and Federation independently, build their capacity. The following 10 main important life skills were taught.




- Decision making
- Creative thinking
- Critical thinking
- Effective communication
- Controlling feelings
- Time management.
- Positive thinking
- Sympathy (to view in others perspective)
- Problem solving
- Self-awareness.

Outcome: Positive changes and discipline is noticed among the youth who participated in the training.

		The above was taught through group discussions and interactive games.	
4	R.C.H. (Reproductive Child Health) training	<p>A Reproductive Child Health training programme was held, for girls between 13 and 18 years of age in 21 villages, which come under the Grama Vikas work area. The important information provided include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anaemia • Pregnant-lactating mothers health • Child immunization • Sexual infections • TB and AIDS <p>Group discussions, exchange of information was held. The participating girls asked questions and clarified their doubts.</p>	
5	Youth meeting regarding child marriage, with gram panchayat	<p>In the meeting held at Hulkuru and Sundarapalya Grama Panchayats (GP) on October 2, 40 children and youth from every panchayat participated.</p> <p>In this meeting the important topic discussed included the problems of the villages. The participants demanded the GP to provide one sapling for every house to plant. They also demanded through letters, to make the GP as child marriage free. The activists explained the GP members about the ill-effects of</p> 	<p>For each house one plant was distributed to 560 households in Hulkuru Grama Panchayat villages (plants like jack fruit, sampige, etc.). A Committee at GP level was formed to prevent child marriages. (Committee comprising PDO, President, School headmaster, members, village leaders, etc.)</p>

		child marriage on children and legal issues behind it.	
6	Village Development Committees Federation Meeting	<p>The federation has been formed with an aim of making the village development counsils grow independently and manage all the village-level groups efficiently and engage in village development activities. 48 members from 29 village development committees took part in the meeting.</p> <p>The topics focused in the meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims and objectives of the federation • Conducting federation meeting regularly • Listing out village wise problems • Listing out the status/condition of groups in villages and measures to strengthen them. • Compulsory participation of ward and gram sabha meetings • Visit Grama panchayt office and department offices and collect information about various schemes and programmes. 	
7	Nutritious food to unhealthy people and destitute	<p>Nutritious grains/provisions were provided to 25 unhealthy and destitute people in 12 villages. They include HIV infected people, cancer patients, anemia patients, accident victims who are getting treatment, night blindness, poor people. Each person was given Rs. 750 worth provisions like toor dal, peanuts, other cereals, jiggery, pulses, soji, etc.</p> <p>HIV and TB patients are taking medicines. They require more nutrition. But they won't get anything from the government. Hence, these patients grow weak. Hence, the project is providing nutritious food items.</p>	
8	Youth Friendly Panchyath/Training on child	A training was conducted on 5 th December 2016 to GP members of Sundarapalya and N.G.Hulkur GPs on CHILD RIGHTS in which 32 members and office staff had participated. Mr. Vasudeva Sharma	

	<p>rights.</p>	<p>of CHILD RIGHTS TRUST WAS THE RESOURCES PERSON. He was also retired t member of Karnataka State Commission for Protecting Child Rights.</p> <p>Themes dealt during the training were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Child Rights: Right to live, Right to protection, Right to participate and Right to Development. 2) Relationship between Children and GP 3) Collecting information and how to analyse children's status in the GP area? 4) What action/s has to be adopted for child protection? 	
<p>9</p>	<p>Alumni Federation</p>	<p>A meeting was held on 11th December 2016 to orient ex-sponsored children on the CONCEPT of SPONSORSHIP. The participants introduced themselves and shared about their occupation. Discussed the impact/s of the sponsorship on ex-sponsored children.</p> <p>Deliberated on as to how to take the concept forward in future 3 of the alumni members shared about how they were involving themselves in SPONSORSHIP CONCEPT.</p>	<p>One of the Alumni members Mr. Avinash has formed WHATSAPP group and he is administering it.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Tailoring training</p>	<p>7 female youth (6 sponsored and one sibling) in the programme villages are under tailoring training since December-16.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Computer training</p>	<p>17 formal education completed youth of both male and female are under training since December-16.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Training on Management of Federation</p>	<p>Two day training was organized for the benefit key members of different people's institutions such as Bala Vikasa Samithis, SMCs and VDCs and to build capacities of the participants to strengthen</p>	

Coordination of Federation, Mobilizing resources for sustainability of the

their institutions.

Smt. Shilpa, resource person of STATE INSTITUTE FOR RURAL



DEVELOPMENT (SIRD) Mysore and also Grama Panchayat member.

The theme was: 1) HOW TO SUSTAIN THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTIONS?

2) How to manage and maintain documents in people's institutions?

3) How to raise resources and use them for effective functioning of the group? The resource person engaged the following methodology: Group Discussion, one to one discussion and Lecture.

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Sl. No	Name of Activity	Activity details	out comes/result of the activity
1	S Sponsor Day Celebration	<p>On the programme the project staffs were given speech about sponsorship concept, it means explained as sharing to each other.</p> <p>The project manager has explained about sponsor's situation, DFC's gift's etc. Sponsored children should be special to other children regarding education, health and participation in the activities. Project is doing many activities for the children you have to utilize the benefits. Enrolled children are developed with compare to other children. After this youth are sitting round shape and expressed about their sponsors individually. Renuka/909 who is studying in final year nursing, she gained knowledge about sponsorship concept and she expressed I want to help a child. With this we conclude the program. Few days after the program Renuka bought cloths and gifted to a child who has no parents in her village.</p>	



- 2 Education Kit for children Educational kits have been given to 55 enrolled /sponsored students studying in 10th standard and 34 students studying P.U.C. Question papers of the last 5 years have been printed as books and have been provided to the students, with an objective of helping the students to prepare well and score more marks in exams and also to prove their efficiency to the sponsors. In the month of November 2016, we have provided 55 exam guru book /Guide for 10th grade students & 34 CPC book for 2nd year PUC students from the project. Field facilitators have conducted home visits and prepared list for that. The books are bought from 9 different books stores from Mulbagal and KGF, as there were not books stocks in one store.



- 3 Emergency Health Support to Sponsor /Enrolled children Help has been given for 7 children in 7 villages which come under the Grama Vikas work area limits, for their health problems like , typhoid, fall injuries, limb surgery, etc.

4	Sponsored children parents committee meeting	<p>To make the children take part in the programmes actively, in order to make the quality letters reach the sponsors within specified time, efforts were made to make the parents understand and cooperate with their children. Three meetings were held for parents of 35 sponsored children in 30 villages.</p> <p>The important topics discussed in the meeting are educational status of their children, migrated children, out of school children, child marriage, unhealthy children, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parents were enlightened about sending letters to the sponsoring agency within the specified time by their wards • Proper utilization of designated fund given to the children • Participation of children in sneha koota, youth meetings, and parents' participation in meetings. 	As a result letters are being sent by children now in time. Their participation has increased
5	Review meetings/ trainings of activists:	<p>Total 13 members including Manager – 1, accounts officer – 1, M&E coordinator – 1, sponsor relation coordinator – 1, life stage coordinator – 2, community organizer – 4, community motivator-4 are working under this project.</p> <p>staff meetings are held every month and the following subjects are discussed regularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of programmes as planned and analyzation of outcome. • Discussions were held about strengthening of groups and topics to be discussed in the meetings. • Quality of letters written by children was discussed • Coordination between group, gram panchayat and departments was made clear. • Discussion was held about making efforts to reach the government benefits to the eligible people. 	

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- 6 Participation in ChildFund organized training programme
- A three-day training programme was held at the ChildFund India National office in that Project manager, accounts officer, sponsor relation coordinator, MIS coordinator participated from Grama Vikas. During the training programme the trainees were explained about how to make the children to write good letters, which children should be dropped while omitting sponsored children from the programme, documentation procedure, etc. Programme implementation and noticing financial condition, recording in MIS, primary and secondary documentation, how to maintain records by having a single format, etc. were also taught
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6. Child Verification System (CVS)

We have received instructions from ChildFund to conduct physical examination of the enrolled children and the same has been done as per the format provided to us by ChildFund. Accordingly 590 children in 38 villages were examined in the month of December 2016. The details have been uploaded on CVS website before the date of 20th December-2016. Along with knowing the physical presence and health of the children, educational status, programme inputs and their participation are also made under this program.

7. Refresher training to project staff on quality sponsorship management

The project has conducted refresher training to project staff on quality sponsorship management in the month of October 3 2016. 15 project staffs have participated in this training. The Chief Functionary and Project Manager have shared the knowledge on as mentioned below.

- Quality letter writing,
- Time bound of the letters,
- CVS-10,
- Sponsor Enquiry (SE),
- Donor Portal Letter (DPL)
- Reason For Leaving
- Sponsor Relation activities
- Family visits & DFC utilisation
- DFC etc.



It was explained that the following components should contain in the quality letter. They are:

- Contents should be in the letter,
- Tips for letter writing
- And program impact in the letter.

9. Letter communication between children and sponsors:

In order to establish good relationship between children and the sponsors the children are encouraged to write letters on regular basis. The letters written by children are as follows: 32 Thank you letters, 58 Response letters, 254 Initiated letters, total 350 letters were written by the children and their parents and sent to the sponsors. The sponsors have also responded to these letters and the children are happy. 11 children have received donor portal letters through e-mail and all these children have written letters to the sponsors through e-mail. To remove 42 children from the programme (Married, job placement, migrated, and those who completed education

and presently searching for an employment). The details of such children were collected and prepared RFLs reasons for living and forwarded it to the national office.

Sponsors enquiry about the children: The sponsors have asked details about two children by name Sirisha Suresh Babu/865, Gagan/16 and Anitha Venkataramappa/295, regarding their education, future plan, financial status of the family, etc. Relevant information was collected and forwarded to the sponsors. The children and families have expressed their happiness for the same. Out of these two children one child by name Gagan/16 will soon get a bicycle.

10. DFC – Sponsors gift

Out of the total number of children covered under ChildFund programme, 331 children have received a total sum of Rs. 692671.32 D.F.C., which has been deposited to the bank accounts of respective children, to buy required things for family and child. These have helped the child to pursue their education as well as the family.

11th January, 2016

EDUCATED AND CONFIDENT CHILDREN

1) CHILD RESOURCE CENTRE

Stakeholders Covered: - Enrolled: Male – 56, Female – 85, Siblings: Male – 55, Female – 34, Community: Male - 116, Female – 111.

Description: 457 children (227 Male and 230 Female) are taking advantage of Child Resource centers, established in 13 villages of Grama Vikas functional area. Child Resource Centre is functioning from 08.00 am to 10.00 am in the morning and 4.30pm to 6.30pm in the evening.



Activities of Child Resource Centre's are as follows:

- ❖ Imparting Awareness on personal hygiene.
- ❖ Reading daily newspaper, weekly magazines.
- ❖ Learning about basic computers
- ❖ Usage of sports materials
- ❖ Kannada and English copy writing.
- ❖ Arranging quiz competitions once in a week

Other related issues will also be discussed in the centers.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: 180 children are attending the Child Resource Centre and learning basic computers. Children have made a habit of reading newspaper daily. Children are attending Child resource centre with footwear. Computer and general knowledge is improved in children with the help of Child Resource Center.

2) Remedial activity for slow learners through READING SKILL IMPROVEMENT:

Stakeholders Covered: Enrolled: Male-42, Female – 45 Siblings: Male-29, Female – 38 Community: Male- 82 Female – 71 Totals: 307

Description: 307 children are attending and taking advantages of Reading Improvement programme classes, established in 6 villages of Grama Vikas functional area.

Learning's at Reading Improvement Programme Classes:

- ❖ Kannada and English copy writing practice and teaching.
- ❖ Recognising Kannada language words and writing.
- ❖ Text book teaching
- ❖ Multiplication tables' memorization.
- ❖ Practicing addition and subtraction problems
- ❖ Awareness about personal hygiene
- ❖ Conducting cultural activities.
- ❖ Awareness about child rights and child protection



Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Around 142 Children of 4 to 9th grade have learnt table from 2 to 20. Handwriting of children is improved. Children are attending RIP classes with hygiene.

3) Meeting with SMC members on child protection:

Participants Covered: Male – 11, Female – 39, Total – 50

Description: On 14/12/2015 Meeting with SMC members is organised at Jayamangala village CRC and YRC centre to train them about child protection. 50 members from including 11 male and 39 female members have participated in the meeting. Awareness was given through debate, through pamphlets issue and through lectures. Resource person Mr. Satish from Child Right Trust (Bangalore) had participated in the meeting.

Main points of discussion of the programme:

- ❖ About health of the children
- ❖ About child protection and child Rights
- ❖ About good and bad touches
- ❖ About mental harassment and physical torture.
- ❖ About sanitation of the villages
- ❖ About closing of waste water ponds in villages

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Community members of Cholangunte village and SMC members have given an application to Grama Panchayat to close the open waste water pond in their village.

4) Training Children's Club members at Village Level:

Stakeholders Covered: Children - 210 Male-102 Female - 108

Description: Children club meeting was held from 01/12/2015 to 25/12/2015 at 07 villages of Grama Vikas functional area. 210 children have participated in the programme and availed the benefit of the programme.



Methodology of the programme was debates and lectures.

Points discussed at meeting:

- ❖ Discussed about personal hygiene
- ❖ Discussed about child protection and child rights
- ❖ Discussed about the advantages of Reading Improvement programmes.
- ❖ Discussed about the uses of Child Resource Centre
- ❖ About Cultural programmes

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: 210 children have gained knowledge about personal hygiene and children rights and protection. About 210 children are taking advantages of Reading Improvement Programme. Children are now wearing footwear and walking.

5) Training on Maintenance of SMC: Stakeholders covered: Male -48, Female - 39, Total- 87 **Description: Training** on Maintenance of SMC is organised from 01/12/2015 to 25/12/2015 at 6 villages of Grama Vikas functional area. 87 members have participated in the training and availed the benefits.

Training was conducted by School Head Masters and SMC Presidents

Points discussed:

- ❖ Discussed about the roles and responsibilities of School Management Committee (SMC)
- ❖ About keeping suggestion box at school level
- ❖ About the advantages of Child Protection Centre and Youth Resource Centre.
- ❖ Discussed about sending children to Reading Improvement Programme.
- ❖ Discussed about the wall writing of roles and responsibilities of SMC

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Youths, SMC and community members expressed that the wall writing about Roles and responsibilities was very useful to know about the roles and responsibilities of SMC members.

6) Organise monthly meeting with child protection committee in project villages to sensitise them in child protection issues and design community action plan:



Stakeholders Covered: Male – 7 Female – 40 Total – 47.

Description: Monthly meeting with child protection committee was organised on 16/12/2015 by inviting members of central child protection committee. Meeting has had started at 10.30 and 47 members of 30 villages have participated in the meeting. LS1 and LS2 Coordinators were present in meeting. Meeting was carried out in the form of debate and information sharing method.

Main points discussed at the meeting were as under:

- ❖ Review of Village level child protection committee.
- ❖ Information sharing about Children health camp
- ❖ Information about RTE training
- ❖ Opinion of CPC members about CRC/YRC centres and Rip Classes
- ❖ Discussion about Child protection committee

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Child protection committees were established in 20 villages of Grama Vikas functional area. Discussions are going on about establishing Child protection committee at panchayat level.

7) Organise monthly meeting with child protection committee in project villages to sensitise them in child protection issues and design community action plan.

Stakeholders Covered: Male – 78, Female – 68 Totals – 146

Description: Child protection Committee meeting was held in 7 villages of Grama



Panchayat functional area from 01/12/2015 to 25/12/2015. 146 members have participated in the programme and have availed the benefits of the programme.

Points discussed in the meeting are as follows:

- ❖ Discussed about the roles and responsibilities of child protection committee members.
- ❖ About the operation of Child resource centre and Youth resource centre.
- ❖ About Reading Improvement Programme
- ❖ Awareness is given about good and bad touch to the children
- ❖ Awareness about impact of child marriage and child labour is given.
- ❖ Knowledge is given to the parents about personal hygiene of themselves and their children.



Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Members and children who have participated in the meeting have gained the knowledge about the child protection committee, roles and responsibilities of members of Child protection Committee. They are now aware of personal hygiene and community hygiene.

8) RTE Training to staff:



Participants Covered: Youths, SMC members and Staffs - 47

Description: Training is given to youths, staffs and SMC (School Management Committee) members on Right to Education (RTE) are conducted on 29/12/2015 at Honnashettahalli Grama Vikas office Campus. 47 members have participated in the meeting and have gained the knowledge about RTE (Right To Education). Mr. Venkatesh, Programme Manager of CIVIC organisation had come as Resource person and has given the awareness about RTE.

Main points discussed at RTE training are as under:

- ❖ About Free and guarantee education to children
- ❖ About Right to Education 2009
- ❖ About 25% reservations at Private schools under RTE.
- ❖ About Child Rights
- ❖ About Rules and regulation of RTE
- ❖ About Child labour practices

Points were discussed through debates, Power Point Presentation and lectures.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Youths and SMC members of 25 villages have taken the advantage of the RTE training.

9) Health Camp and medicines



Stakeholders Covered: Enrolled: Male – 50, Female – 74, Non Enrolled: Male – 10, Female – 11

25 years and above: 15

Description: Health camp was conducted on 28/12/2015, with the coordination of health department and Grama Vikas, at CRC/YRC centre of Government Primary School S R Dinne, Bangarpet Taluk. 145 members from 15 villages have participated in camp and undergone medical check-up. Medical examination is done by Dr. Yamini of Public health Centre, Guttahalli with the assistance of 2 nurses.

Objectives of the Health Camp:

- ❖ Awareness about personal hygiene
- ❖ General health check up
- ❖ Fever and ENT check-ups.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: 10 children with fever were identified and the medicines were provided to them. 2 children with the tonsils problems were identified and sent them for the treatment to R L Jalappa medical college under Rashtriya Bala Swasthya Bheema Yojana.

SKILLED AND INVOLVED YOUTH

1) Youth Resource Centre:

Stakeholders Covered: Sponsored: Male – 48Female – 35 Siblings Male - 31Female- 34 Community Male- 63Female – 106

Description: Youth resource center is established and functioning at 13 villages of Grama Vikas functional area. Timing of the center is 8 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 7pm. 317 youths (175 male and 142 Female) are attending the center and updating their knowledge through reading magazines, newspapers. Youths are also learning about basics of computers. Outdoor and Indoor games are played in youth resource center. Youth Resource Centre has helped youths to increase self-confidence by participating in cultural programmes and indoor and outdoor games. Centre has also helped the youths in preparation of project works.



Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Youths are attending the center in time and taking the advantages of the programme. Few youths are attending the center only during Sundays due to time shortage. Youths have got the awareness on available jobs by reading job related newspapers and have applied for the jobs. As there is a problem in electricity in villages it is difficult for the youths to spend more time in computer learning.

2) Leadership Training: Stakeholders Covered: Youths - 113

Description: Leadership training was planned in 41 villages of Grama Vikas functional area and in 4 villages namely Kodihalli, Kondahalli, SR Dinne and Vodrahalli. 113 youths have participated in the training and have taken the advantages of the training. Mr. K C Nagaraj, Advocate was the resource person and the following points were discussed through debates and lectures:



- Discussed about the good leadership qualities. Also taught them how to present themselves without any fear,
- How to be confident,
- About body language,
- Why and How a good leader and should have self-confidence, patience and courage.



Immediate Outcomes/ results of the

activity: Youths have learnt to speak boldly and started taking initiatives to face and overcome the consequences.

3) Educational kit for needy Youth:

Participants Covered: Youths - 95, Male – 35, Female - 65

Description: Programme to provide Educational kit for needy youths who were in 10th grade and 2nd PUC was organised. Students of 10th grade were given Exam Guru Book, pens geometry boxes and a card board. Students of 2nd PUC were given CPC book, which helps them to face the exams with prior preparations. 95 youths including 35 male and 62 female were taken the advantages of the programme.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Books provided will be helpful for the youths to face the exams boldly and to score good marks.

4) Driving Training: Stakeholders Coavered: Male – 1

Description: 1 youth, who has completed his studies, engaged in different type of works and who are interested in driving, have been identified and enrolled for driving training. Training is being given at Mulbagal and Bangarpet Driving training classes.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity:20 youths (8 in the month of September and 5 in the month of October 6 in the month of November and 1 in the month of December) have got Learning License and learning about driving rules and regulations.

5) Nutritious support to PEOPLE LIVE WITH HIV on the basis of Doctor's prescription:

Stakeholders Covered: Male – 12, Female – 08

Description: Grama Vikas has been supplying every month NUTRITION to 13 persons suffering with HIV and to 7 people who are suffering with anemia.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: All the 20 persons are looking very healthy and doctors too have expressed improvement in their disease resistance.

6) Tailoring Training Stakeholders Covered: Female – 5

Description: 5 youths have completed 3 months tailoring training and got engaged in different type of works.

Names of the students who are attending the training are as under:

- 1) Sangeetha – Ananthapura
- 2) Mamatha - Betgeri
- 3) Manjula – Gandhipura
- 4) Savitha - Kapplamadagu
- 5) Yashodha - Kappalamadagu



Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: 3 youths have learnt tailoring completely and going to garments. Other two have completed the tailoring and engaged in tailoring work.

7) Computer training: Stakeholders Covered: Youths - 6

Description: 6 youths are identified and provided Computer training. Youths are learning different type of courses like DTP and Tally.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: 28 Youths were attending the classes and learning different types of programmes.

8) Spoken English training: Stakeholders Covered: Youths – 14

Description: 14 Youths were enrolled for 3 months Spoken english training classes at Bethmangala and learning basic English.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Youths are learning English language by attending the spoken english classes regularly.

9) Beautician Training: Stakeholders Covered: Female – 1



Description: Selected a female youth for three months beautician training and enrolled her for the training. Youth is actively participating in the training and learning the basics of beautician course. Beauty kit is also provided to the youth.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: 3 Youths have been enrolled for Beautician training.

CROSS CUTTING PROGRAMMES

1) Sponsor Day:

Stakeholders Covered: Male - 69 Female – 97 Grama panchayat members- 6, Parents – 15

Description: Sponsor Day programme was organised on 31/12/2015 at Grama Vikas Campus. 168 enrolled children, Grama Panchayat members and parents have participated in the programme. In the morning session, sports competitions were conducted for youths and encouraged them to actively participate in the competitions. Competitions like Rangoli, breaking pot, musical chairs were arranged. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the competitions. In the afternoon session, stage programmes were arranged. Programme was started with the prayer song followed by programme objective speech. Youths were told about the sharing concept and to implement the same in their lives. Awareness was given about the places where the sponsors are from and which part of the country. Few



sponsored youths expressed about their sponsors and the assistance they have received from them. Cultural programmes were performed followed by the prize distribution programme. Programme was ended with a cake cutting and distributing.

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: One of the youth has implemented the sharing concept in her and is helping other needy people.

2) Health Support Stakeholders Covered: Enrolled Female – 1

Description: A child with the health problem was identified and support was provided to Swathi case no. 901. Home visit of the child was done and identified the health problem as DENGUE fever. Swathi, the child, was 9 years old and was in 3rd class in the Government school.

The family is from BELOW POVERTY LINE (BPL).

The family spent about Rs.30,000/- including of medical expenses, travel and other incidental expenses for the parents of Swathi. Grama Vikas could support the family financially upto Rs.5,000/-

Immediate Outcomes/ results of the activity: Child was given health support and now she is doing well.

The end story was the family raised loan from local money lenders at the rate of 60% to 120% which will have bearing on their future economic development.

NOVEMBER 2015

EDUCATED AND CONFIDENT CHILDREN

SOLAR LAMPS DISTRIBUTION:

525 children from class 1 to 10th were given away solar lamps which will help them in their scholastic performance. Right now, power cuts are regular phenomena.



Unscheduled power cuts hitting very badly scholastic performance of the children in the villages.





An amount of Rs.10,49,475/- was invested to buy the SOLAR LAMPS.

AWARENESS ON CHILD PROTECTION:

An awareness programme was conducted on child protection to SMC members in which 112 members had participated. It was discussed thoroughly to identify danger zones in the villages such as Kerosene storing in soft drinks bottles, huge water filled ditches next to village and loosely hanging power lines etc. to rectify as part of child protection. Also how to protect children from dog bites. Motivated parents to write to Grama Panchayat and Power department etc.

CHILD ABUSE:

Discussed with child protection committee members to address the issue. In each child protection committee 2 members were identified as point persons for their respective villages who are informers to Grama Vikas.

FACE TO FACE MEETING:

A meeting was organised in which Grama Panchayat members, SMC members, Parents and Cluster Resource Person and Block Resource Person attended and discussed the following:

Facilities available from Education department for the benefit of children

Resources available for school infrastructure department

Grants available from Grama Panchayats to school development

CHILD RESOURCE CENTRES (CRCs)

This programme was targeted at 780 children who are 6 to 14 years age group. 12 CRCs were promoted in same number of villages. In the month of October 603 children benefited from the above programme. The following activities will be covered in this activity.

- Magazines which will help youth to face examinations and interviews available in the centre
- Indoor and outdoor sports equipment
- Computer
- General knowledge books
- Story books
- Books that will give information about freedom fighters

READING AND WRITING SKILL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME(RIP)

This programme was targeted to 380 children and in the month of October 262 benefited from it. To improve their hand writing COPY WRITING books were supplied and the children are practicing writing. We have appointed facilitators for each village who have had completed D.Ed course. These centers run between 5 to 7 p.m. in the villages. Those children attend the center will be helped to complete their homework etc.

GRAMA PANCHAYAT ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Grama Vikas (GV) has scaled up Grama Panchayat Organisational Development (GPOD) in 4 taluks of Kolar district. 8 NGOs are involved in this exercise by involving 8 newly elected Grama Panchayats.

GV has mobilized Rs.25/- lakhs from Avantika Foundation (AF) for 2015-16 which will be released to the network member's semiannually to facilitate GPOD process in their respective GPs.

GV realized that the need of the hour was to involve more number of NGOs to take this concept forward instead of GV taking it to all over the district. A lot of NGOs are committed to empowerment of Grama Panchayats in Karnataka besides GV. One of the believes of GV is to strengthen Networking concept so that the reach will be very high. With this understanding, GV involved the CAN (Collective Actions Network) members in taking forward GPOD process. Details are given below:

Sl.No	Name of the NGO	Name of the Grama Panchayat	Name of the taluk
1.	Rural and Urban Development Society	Kammasandra	Bangarpet
2.	AVORD	Pulugurakote	Srinivasapura

3.	Buddha Rural Development Society(BRDS)	Honnenahalli	Kolar
4.	AntharaganagaVidyaSamste	Kondarajanahalli	Kolar
5.	GrameenaAbhivruddiSamste	Notave	Malur
6.	Social Integrated Rural and Educational Development Societies(SIRAEDS)	Hodali	Srinivasapura
7.	Matha Educational Society	Somayajulapalli	Srinivasapura
8.	AnnapoorneswariSeva Kendra	Benganur	Bangarpet

NGOs were trained on Karnataka Panchyat Raj Act (KPR Act) and GPOD concept.

In GPOD process the following key steps need to be engaged while working on this concept. They are as follows:

- **Environment building**

Under this step the following were done: street play, wall writing, discussions, with different subjects in the villages such as SMCs, Village nutrition, health and sanitation committee and BalvikasaSamithis etc.

- **Baseline survey**

On the following a survey will be done to understand the present situation in all the villages (wards) in the GP

- i. Drinking water,
- ii. Street lights,
- iii. Sanitation,
- iv. Housing,
- v. Nutrition,
- vi. Health,
- vii. Education,
- viii. Greening,
- ix. Agriculture,
- x. Animal husbandry,
- xi. Revenue generation,
- xii. MGNREGA
- xiii. Public Distribution system.

- **Rating tool**

Under this step GP working style will be studied and marks are given to rate the Panchayat to understand on 1 to 10 scale

- **Vision and Mission statement**

Focus group discussions will be conducted with different age group, occupational groups in each village (ward) to develop a vision and mission statement for their villages.

- **Restructure**

Under this step, a number of members will be identified to work like ministers in the Government. This will make the members to be accountable for the GP and the citizens in all the villages of the GP, For example: One member will be selected the GP in its general meeting to entrust him or her with Education in the GP villages. He or she will have to visit all the schools in the GP, conduct SMC meetings and also supervise Mid-day meal quality.

- Process mapping

Under this step, a road map will be developed for each activity

- Annual and 5 year action plan

Each head will be entrusted to full fill implementation of a particular activity. For example: NUTIRION. The head for this look into Nutritional aspects of the communities in his or her GP and draw a plan to address the subject.

HEALTHY AND SECURED INFATNS

POSITIVE DIVANCE HEARTH TRAINING PROGRAMME:

The above titled programme was conducted in 16 villages in which 442 women including 28 pregnant women, 96 care givers 96 and 388 mothers have participated. The training was for 2 hours every day for 12 days.

Topics covered in the training programme were as follows:

- Importance of nutrition and how to cook low cost nutrition
- Personal hygiene
- Care for pregnant and post natal mothers
- Significance of breast feeding
- How to manage diarrhea
- How to prevent malaria, chickengunya, dengue and TB
- Immunization to control 9 dreaded diseases attack children
- About growth monitoring chart

AWARENESS IMPARTING:

The above was conducted in 3 villages on the programmes and facilities available in Government for the good of pregnant and post natal mothers in the villages.

A 20 member group of the following was organized. The group had visited 211 houses visited to talk to the family members on the facilities and programmes available for their benefit while distributing handouts.

- Asha worker
- Anganwadi teacher
- Youth of both the sexes
- Grama Panchayat members

NETWORKING

CAN has had organized a programme on 8th December 2015 in collaboration with Janata High School, Kembodi, Kolar taluk and district INTERNATIONAL SOIL DAY in which about 500 children from classes 8th to 10th had participated. A week earlier to this programme an essay writing competition was conducted on SOILS.

SKILLED AND INVOLVED YOUTHLIFE SKILL TRAINING:

Under the above budget line 96 youth had participated in 2 batches.

Training was imparted to youth on 10 life skills which are as follows:

- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Interrelation ship
- Effective communication
- Empathy
- Self-awareness
- Coping with stress
- Coping with emotion

Total funds utilized for the above was:

RCH TRAINING for ADOLESCENT GIRLS

83 girls participated in the above training which was conducted in 2 batches. Emphasis was laid on personal hygiene, child and mother health and effects of child marriages.

Retired health officer was the resource person for the above training.

YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRES (YRCs): This programme was targeted at 652 youth. 12 YRCs were promoted in same number of villages. In the month of October 485 youth benefited from the above programme. The following activities will be covered in this activity.

- Magazines which will help youth to face examinations and interviews available in the centre
- Indoor and outdoor sports equipment
- Computer

- General knowledge books
- Story books
- Books that will give information about freedom fighters

Vocational trainings:

35 youth are undergoing vocational trainings such as computers, driving skills, beautician and tailoring (stitching dresses).

FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

20 patients suffering with HIV receive every month nutrition food equivalent to Rs.550/-.

YOUTH PROFILE:

1000 youth profile was developed which will be used to identify job avenues. This process helped youth to understand them better. Hoping it will help the youth to address their weaknesses.

SCHLORSHIPS for educational support:

26 male and 34 female students were given scholarships for their educational support for the following educational courses which totaled to Rs.1,50,000/-.

Grama Vikas has received 180 applications for seeking support. After a long and detailed process 60 were selected for the benefit. Written examination was conducted to release scholarship.

1st year PUC	12
2nd Year PUC	10
Graduation (B.A/B.Com/B.Sc)	27
Engineering (B.E & Diploma)	04
Industrial Training	01
Teaching course (B.Ed.)	01
Post-Graduationcourse(M.A)	02
General Nursing Course	03

There is a lot of demand from students for the above support. Since our resources were meager we had to do several rounds tests to give support to 60 against 180.

SPONSOR GARDEN:

In Nagasandra village Grama Vikas has been operating Child Sponsorship programme since 1992. Recently, the Grama Panchayat member of this village Mr. Amar Narayanaswamy has identified one and half hectare of community land to develop a community forest. He approached Grama Vikas for support and it was just a coincidence that ChildFund International has also approved budget for such an activity. He has raised some funds from the Grama Panchayat to clear the bushes

and ploughed the land. Sponsorship programme children were motivated to plant a sapling each. Mr. Amar Narayanaswamy has provided fencing support to the community land where a forest was raised. 950 saplings were planted of the following variety:

Jamoon tree (***Eugenia jambolana* or *Syzygiumcumini***)

Fodder neam (***Azadirachta indica***)

SPONSOR RELATIONS PROGRESS

697 child progress reports (CPRs) were prepared to send the sponsors through ChildFund International office in Bangalore. Colourful drawing was drawn by the children on the CPRs. Also a latest photo of each child was affixed on each of the CPRs. Some of the likings of the children were mentioned on the CPRs. The benefits accrued by the family and the child were documented on the CPR.

51 children from 5 villages were dropped from the rolls of the programme in the month of October 2015 because the family's economic situation has considerably improved with the intervention of the organisation and with the support extended by individual sponsors. As on today, the enrolled children in the programme are 697.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT:

GV has launched career building project for 200 girls and boys that are studying 8th and 9th class children. 172 are girls out of 200 children that participating in the process. 99% of children come from SC community. These children will be in the process for 3 years and 2 years respectively. In the maiden meeting, children have expressed to become Doctors, Engineers, Teachers, Police constables, Soldiers in the army, IAS and IPS officers. One girl child called Renuka wanted to become a PILOT.

After the annual examinations which will be conducted in the month of March 2014, every week children assemble in GV meeting hall to listen to IAS, IPS, eminent Doctors, Engineers, Teachers, Police constables and a Pilot. This will motivate the children.



Mr. T.Raghuandan IAS (Retd), Principal Secretary, Government of Karnataka, had daylong meeting/discussions with those children who want to become IAS officers.

GRAMA PANCHAYAT ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Had a meeting with active GP members of Devarayasamudra Grama Panchayat and motivated them to conduct a meeting with all the social justice committees in 30 Grama Panchayats in Mulbagal taluk. Mr. Somasekhar, Vice President of the GP was entrusted with the responsibility of collecting information about the members of the social justice committees in 30 GPs and he was collecting information.



GV Conducted a meeting with social justice standing committee of Kappalamadagu Grama Panchayat and imparted awareness about the ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES of the committee to the members who after the training visited anganwadis in their GP villages. The visit yielded very positive results.

NETWORKING:

CAN members met and decided to bring in a NEWSLETTER to circulate among all the government departments at taluk and district level. Also would like to share with other NGOs in the district.



April, 2014

1. SUMMER CAMP for CHILDREN:

A summer camp for 100 girl children of 13 and 14 years age was started yesterday and it will run for 30 days. These 100 girl children come from Grama Vikas (GV) ChildFund India project area villages. Total expenditure for the camp was estimated at Rs.6,12,000 and Rs.4,12,000/- available from ChildFund India budget. The short fall is Rs.2,00,000/-. GV team has appealed to about 100 farmers to contribute either in cash or kind to meet the deficit.

During the camp the 100 girl children will be provided opportunities to learn the following:

1. Life skills and leadership,
2. Personal Hygiene and health awareness,
3. Folk arts such as stick dance(locally known as KOLATA) and folk songs,
4. Drawing
5. Spoken English

The budget estimates break up:

1. Food	Rs. 5,00,000
2. Materials	Rs. 15,000
3. Fees for Resource Persons	Rs. 45,000
4. Rent for the hall which house 100 children	Rs. 37,000
5. Others(unexpected expenditures on ill health etc Contingencies etc	Rs. 15,000

07.00 a.m.	100 ml MILK & BOILED EGG
08.30 a.m to 09.00 a.m.	BREAKFAST
09.00 a.m to 11.00 a.m.	CLASS
11.00 a.m to 11.30 a.m.	SNACK
11.30 a.m. to 01.30 p.m.	CLASS
01.30 p.m. to 02.30 p.m.	LUNCH
02.30 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.	CLASS
04.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	SNACKS & SEASONAL FRUITS
05.00 p.m. to 07.00 p.m.	SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
08.00 p.m. to 08.30 p.m.	DINNER

After this camp, a NETWORK of these 100 girls will be facilitated to strengthen their own organization to address the issues of the children.

Organisation will meet them every month for one day to discuss as to how to take it forward.

2. Ex-Sponsored CHILDREN MEETING

A meeting of Alumni of ex-sponsored children of ChildFund India programme was met and discussed as to how to strengthen the Alumini and the role it can play by involving all the ex-sponsored children. A small committee of 18 members was constituted of both the sexes. This committee will meet on May 16th at Grama Vikas and discuss modus operandi to identify all the ex-sponsored children in the villages

and share with them about the Alumini of ex-sponsored children and its future plans. In the meeting the committee members felt that there are about 2000 ex-sponsored children in living in the villages and they all are earning members. The members strongly felt that they can raise Rs.500/- from each ex-sponsored child and thus can raise about Rs.10,00,000/- with which, they felt that they can adopt/sponsor development activities in a small village where 30 to 40 families dwelling.

3. GPOD

A meeting with Avantika Foundation (which is supported by Arghyam) was held in Bangalore in which both Grama Vikas (GV) and Foundation for Ecological Society (FES) participated to discuss the following;

1. Training to animators
2. Role of Knowledge partners

GV and FES are the knowledge partners to strengthen Grama Panchayat Organizational Development (GPOD) in the areas of Nutrition and Commons and their development respectively.

June 2014

Grama Vikas (GV) has been working with Arghyam, Bangalore since 2010 in one Grama Panchayat(GP) called O.Mittur GP to strengthen the Gram Panchayat as an institution of self governance, as constituted under Article 243-B, for the rural areas under Grama Panchayat Organisational Development(GPOD).

Arghyam has been working with 2 NGOs in Kolar and Chickballapur districts in Karnataka. GV has been facilitating GPOD in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district.

GV strongly believes to create any IMPACT on the mindset of Government the project has to be scaled up.

In the light of the above, a proposal was submitted to the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India (GOI), through the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of Karnataka. On 10th June 2014, Dr. Jayalakshmi, member of the CENTRAL EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE(CEC) in Ministry of Panchayat Raj, GOI, New Delhi visited O.Mittur GP to discuss with the GP members and the staff to understand the experiences of GP members in GPOD.

GPOD SCALING UP

GV GPOD project staff visited two new GPs to motivate to participate in GPOD process and shared their experiences while working with O.Mittur GP. Motivated two members and staff of 2 GPs in Bangarpet and Mulbagal taluks and informed both the GP members to submit Expression of Interest(EOI) if the GPs are willing to participate in the process.

ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT IN O.MITTUR GP

On 16th June 2014, Mrs. Vasanthakumari was elected as new President for GP.A Grama Sabha was conducted soon after the election of Mrs. Vasanthakumari. GV Executive Director had too attended the Grama Sabha and assured her all the support from GV to strengthen her hands. About 100 citizens had participated in the Grama Sabha and placed before her their demands. Executive Director of GV two demands to get support for RAITHKOOTAS(farmers clubs) from NABARD AND LOCAL REGIONAL RURAL BANK and SC & ST Development corporation.

KNOWLEDGE PARTNER (KP)

On 20th June 2014, a NGO called SCOPE in Dharwad who is acting as Knowledge Partner(KP) in the area of Water & Sanitation visited O.Mittur GP's villages and collected lot of information about Water & Sanitation status to assist Mrs. Vasanthakumari, President of GP in draw a plan to address issues in the area of Water & Sanitation.

Mrs. Savithri of Grama Vikas acting as a KP in the area of Nutrition for both O.Mittur and Dibburahali GPs. Mrs. Savithri has about 15 years of working experience in the area of Healthy & Secure Infants. She had visited Dibburahalli GP in Chickballapur district who are also working with Arghyam like O.Mittur GP. Mrs. Savithri had visited twice Dibburahalli GP in the last fortnight to help it to draw a plan to strengthen the Anganwadis in the Dibburahalli GP villages with the involvement of the GP.

GP MEMBERS ACT LIKE CABINET MINISTERS FOR GP

In O.Mittur GP, 5 members were identified as Heads of different subjects such as Food Security, Production, Social Justice and Amenities I & II and entrusted them to address the subjects. These 5 members are very active and articulate. These 5 heads act like Cabinet Ministers in the Government. They deal with 20 portfolios. Mrs. Vasanthamma is Head of Amenities - I.

SKILLED AND INVOLVED YOUTH

Village level youth club meetings were conducted in 30 villages by Mrs. Bharati, Sector Co-ordinator and her colleagues in which about 550 youth of both sexes had participated. The topics discussed were:

- Village development
- Local Governance
- Leadership training
- Higher education
- Development projects initiated by the Government

4 Cluster level youth clubs meetings were conducted by Mrs. Bharati and her colleagues in which 318 youth of both sexes had participated. The following subjects were discussed. ANMs had also participated. Mr. Ramesh from Nehru Yuvaka Kendra (NYK) had also participated as a resource person and explained the characteristics of an ideal Leader.

- Health awareness on personal hygiene
- Decision making
- Information about the programmes available in NYK

HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT

Rs.6,000/- financial support was given to 14 girl children to continue their education. Details as follows:

- 2 girls were supported to go to PG Course (M.Sc.)
Ms. Chaitra of Reddihalli, Ms. Anjali of Nagasandra village in Mulbagal taluk, Kolar district, Karnataka
- 2 for graduation course (B.Sc)
Ms. Pavithra of Doddaganahalli, Ms. Yashoda of C.Gollahalli of Mulbagal taluk in Kolar district, Karnataka
- 3 for Nursing course
Ms. Tulasi and Ms. Vidya of Channapura, Ms. Gangotri of Cholanagunte of Mulbagal taluk in Kolar district, Karnataka
- 1 for B.E (Mechanical)
Ms. Pratima of Channapura in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district, Karnataka
- 2 for Commerce(B.Com)
Ms. Revati of Honnsetthalli in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district and Ms. Divya of Kappalamadugu in Mulbagal Taluk of Kolar district, Karnataka
- 1 for arts (B.A)
Ms. Chaitra of Reddihalli in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district, Karnataka
- 1 for BCA
Ms. Vani of Reddihalli in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district, Karnataka
- 1 for Para Medical
Ms. Pavithra of Chiyandahalli in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district, Karnataka
- 1 for BBM
Ms. Ashwini of Putteri village in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district, Karnataka

PROJECT LEVEL YOUTH MEET:

A meeting of the youth in the project area was conducted on 25th June 2014 in Kottur village in O.Mittur Grama Panchayat. About 100 youth had participated in the meet. Vivekananda Youth Club, Kottur village organized the programme with the support of Grama Vikas.

Youth were told the importance of YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

Kottur youth shared with all the youth about their experiences and how their unity brought lots of changes in their village.

“After 20 years citizens in the village celebrated GANESHA festival,” shared Murali of Vivekanda Youth Club, Kottur. Also said, because of our good work in the village, people got motivated and celebrated the festival.

Information was given to youth about a 3 months welding course offered by an Institute of Sri.BKSIyengar in Bellur, Kolar district.

Youth were given education about the CONSTITUTION OF INDIA and HUMAN RIGHTS.

MEETINGS OF PEOPLE’S INSTITUTIONS

Village Development Council (VDC) meetings were conducted by Mrs. Bharati and her colleagues in 50 villages in which about 1000 citizens participated. Discussed about the budget estimates to be submitted to ChildFund India, Bangalore for 2014-2015. Total budget estimate was Rs.97,69,353/-.

CLUSTER LEVEL VILALGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

In a cluster meeting members from individual village level VDC participate and discuss and find solutions to common issues/problems in that particular cluster.

EDUCATED AND CONFIDENT CHILD

Children between 6 to 14 years of age are addressed in this programme.

In 15 schools in both Bangarpet and Mulbagal taluks Parents-Teachers Associations (PTA) meetings were conducted in which 900 parents and teachers had participated very actively.

1. Relationship between teachers and parents
2. How both the stakeholders develop and improve the school
3. Bring back drop out children to schools
4. Imparting awareness on the facilities provided by the government for the good of the children
5. Effects of early child marriage was imparted by a specialist
6. Child labour

District rural children’s federation meeting was conducted in which 74 children had participated and the following subjects were deliberated upon.

1. Sexual exploitation of girl children
2. A specialist from another NGO called VIMOCHANA had spoken the children on effects of early child marriage
3. Life skills

In 40 village's children's club meeting conducted by the animators

In which about 1500 children had participated

Subjects discussed were about personal hygiene

Awareness on sponsors

Child rights

About school drop outs

Sexual exploitation of girl children

SDMC meetings were held at 22 schools. 286 parents had participated in the meetings

Roles and responsibilities of the parents were explained

Quality of mid-day meal

Learning level of children

School drop outs

Health support was given to 5 children to the tune of Rs.24,000/- , All the children have had recovered from ill health and attending schools regularly

SKILLED AND INVOLVED YOUTH

Youth between 15 to 24 years of age are addressed.

HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT

126 sponsored siblings of sponsored children were given financial assistance for higher education. Among them 64 were girl children were given assistance. This activity has contributed to the empowerment of girl children. An amount of Rs.2,70,000 was disbursed for the education of the children.

Sl.No	Name of the course	No. of students
01	1 st year Pre University Course	25
02	2 nd year Pre University Course	20
03	Industrial Training	12
04	Diploma in engineering	06
05	MSW	02
06	M.Com	01
07	B.E	03
08	B.Ed	01
09	B.B.M	03

10	MBA	02
11	M.A	01
12	BVA	01
13	General Nursing	01
14	B.Com	18
15	B.A	30

Training was imparted to 296 children who were studying 8th to 10th class on the ill effects of early child marriage in 3 high schools in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district.

In 21 Villages, meetings were in 42 youth club in which 672 youth had participated.

Discussed the following subjects:

1. Selection of deserving students for financial support for higher education
2. Employable skills development

Project level youth federation meeting was conducted on 21st of September 2014 in which 46 youth had participated. The following topics were discussed:

1. Village issues

How to strengthen village level youth clubs

GRAMA PANCHAYAT ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Citizens Forums: meetings were conducted in 8 villages. During the meetings it was learnt that both in Bandahalli and Chitteri drinking water problem was acute. In Bandahalli, a rich farmer sunk an irrigation borewell in the land owned by Grama Panchayat. He was told to supply water to the village. Failing which the GP had warned that the irrigation bore-well would be confiscated.

In Chitteri village as the groundwater table had depleted further down the drinking water bore-well could not supply water to the entire village community. Hence, two more water pipes of each 20 feet were fixed to the existing pipes so that water is drawn and supplied to the community. After all these efforts by the Grama Panchayat, once in 2 days water is being supplied to the village community.

In Mittur Citizens forum had submitted an application on behalf of two families who did not get the benefit for over 6 years.

At the instance of ShriS.Vishwanath, a 20 student team from Washington, USA had visited the Kodandarama High School in Mittur to fund the school with a \$2000 to construct a roof top water harvesting project. The 20 member student team had interactions with village women leaders.

Grama Vikas had constructed ROOF TOP WATER HARVESTING structures in 2 villages earlier.

HEALTHY AND SECURED INFANTS

Review meetings of mothers committees:

The above mentioned activity was conducted in 26 villages in which 1075 had participated. The following topics were covered in the meetings:

- Parenting
- About how to reduce Infant and Mother Mortality rate
- Welfare projects from Government for the good of ante natal and post natal mothers
- Nutritional supply to mothers who are highly anemic

15 mothers got support from the government.

10 girl children got BHAGYA LAKSHMI BOND

220 children were supplied Vitamin A syrup by ANM

Review meetings with Anganwadi workers:

62 Anganwadi teachers had attended the meeting. In this meeting a very important subject was discussed. It was to mobilize 3 mothers from each village to form the taluk level BALAVIKAS SAMITHIS FEDERATION.

Health check up for children:

GV was conducted in 26 villages for the benefit of about 250 children that attend Anganwadis. 3 children were identified who were in 3rd grade and referred them to the Hospital for treatment.

Baby Show:

The above mentioned activity was conducted in 17 villages in which 115 children and mothers participated. Awareness was imparted to the mothers on GROWTH MONITORING CHART. Also awareness was imparted about why children born with less weight than normal weight.

Review meeting with ASHA workers:

15 Asha workers covering 13 villages attended the meeting. Awareness was imparted to the Asha workers on the following:

- How to handle anemic status in pregnant women,
- What needs to be done to control/arrest anemia in pregnant women,
- Low cost nutrition for pregnant women
- Motivated Asha workers to participate monthly mothers review meetings
- Evaluation on the benefits drawn by women with the involvement of Asha workers
- Efforts taken by Asha workers to control Infant and Mother mortality rate

Process of documents to seek BHAGYALAKSHMI BONDS for 30 girl children

SKILLED AND INVOLVED YOUTH

The above captioned sector in ChildFund India aided project involves 15 to 25 age group citizens in 46 villages in the project area.

Cluster level meetings were conducted in 3 clusters in which 176 youth from 46 villages had actively participated. The following themes were deliberated:

- Early child marriages
- Preparation for board examinations
- Imparted awareness on the roles and responsibilities of the standing committees in GPs
- Identified youth to take part in learning visit to Canara Bank sponsored **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** and **SELF EMPLOYMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE** to get an exposure about different skill trainings

Learning visit:

Two batches of 79 youth were sent to Nehru Yuvak Kendra (NYK) and RUDSET, Honnenahalli in Kolar taluk for an exposure.

Also were sent to Ramamani Trust in Kolar to learn about the skills which are available for youth for employment/self-employment. Authorities of Ramamani Trust had invited youth that were trained by them and employed in different industries to interact with the youth that we sent for an exposure to it.

The impact of the above was 8 youth had applied and waiting for the call from the RUDSET and RAMAMANI TRUST.

CAREER GUIDANCE

114 students in 36 villages were given one day orientation on courses that they want to opt in Pre University Course (PUC). The resource person called

Mr. Praveen Kumar who has lots of experience in guiding students that pass 10 class and Ist year PUC to select subjects that they want to study in future.

3200 children in 34 high schools were given work books in English, Mathematics and Science before the students appear for 10 class examinations.

The impact of the above is as follows:

Sl.No	Percentage result in SSLC examinations	In number of Schools
01	100	07
02	95 to 99	14
03	90 to 95	04
04	85 to 90	01
05	Below 85	08

Out of 56 enrolled children 53 children passed in 10th class examination. 28 out of 53 children have scored above 80%, 14 children have secured between 50 to 60% and below 50% was scored by 09 students.

ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT training for youth

A four - day training was organized for 40 members and it was imparted by I CREATE INDIA (www.icreateindia.org). The content of the training was as follows:

- Market survey
- How and why a LOGO
- Financial management
- How to maintain accounts
- How to identify breakeven point
- How to prepare a business proposal

IMAPCT: 8 youth have prepared proposals to submit to I CREATE INDIA, Bangalore.

CAREER GUIDANCE

The rationale behind conducting this programme:

Children in rural areas who are from BELOW POVERTY LINE in our project area do not have any idea as to what subjects they choose to study after 10th class. The programme guide these children to select the subject of their interest to study in

10+2 irrespective of many situations work against them OR not favorable to them. Grama Vikas gives them the moral support and mobilize resources for whatever the subject they want to study. SPECIALLY GIRL CHILDREN IN RURAL AREAS IN THE PROJECT AREA VILLAGES. For example: a girl child called RENUKA that comes from a SC family in a village called C.GOLLAHLLI which is located in a remote expressed that she wanted to become a PILOT.

The above titled programme was conducted from 15th April to 22nd April 2015 in which 56 girl children had participated who is in 7th class to 9th class (grade). 17 parents too had participated in this programme. Each day a resource person attended to motivate children to choose what they want to study when once they admit into college for higher education. The resource persons were: DOCTOR, ADVOCATE, TEACHER and a DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT.

We are inviting a PILOT to talk to children to motivate them. He is coming to GV in his uniform very soon.

Age appropriate programme:

The above captioned programme was targeted at 1500 children that are in 3 to 14 years age group in 40 villages. The following activities were conducted:

- Children were given printed books in which they will have to colour animals, birds, fruits and the vegetables,
- Constructing small words,
- SUDOKO,
- Identifying the pathway
- Identifying the differences in two picture drawings