

Support for Child Labour Rehabilitation Programme Don Bosco Child Labour Mission - Davangere

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Presented to



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Introduction

The project “Support of Child Labour Rehabilitation Programme” supported by Yojana had accomplished tremendous changes in the life of street and working children. There were so many factors that stood firm for our favour but at the same time there were so many factors that were against us in carrying out this important task of caring for those who have no one to turn to. During this reporting period following are the activities carried out for the development of the children rehabilitated.

Curative dimensions

1. Identification, Rescuing and Admission of Working Children:

With the help of Task Force Committees, Gram Panchayats, SDMC, members of child right clubs, and our past students, we could rehabilitate 86 working children to our center and among them 7 children are rehabilitated by the past Pupil of Don Bosco Davangere. We considered this action as the greatest achievement of our work done for ever that the past pupils became socially conscious and they are involving in our efforts of education. The details of children rehabilitated newly to the Bridge School are as follows:

Sl. No	Sectors in which they were working	Davangere Taluk		Harapanahalli Taluk		Total No. of children
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
1	Hotel	04	-	-	-	04
2	Coffee Estate	-	-	02	-	02
3	Domestic Work	04	12	01	03	20
4	Begging	-	01	-	-	01
5	Rag Picking	07	01	-	-	08
6	Coolie	05	04	04	05	18
7	Sheep Grazing	05	-	07	-	12
8	Cattle Grazing	05	-	02	-	07
9	Buffalo Grazing	02	-	03	01	06
10	Brick Industry	-	-	02	-	02
11	Quarry	03	-	-	-	03
12	Seeds Crossing	-	-	-	01	01
13	Poultry	01	01	-	-	02
	Total	36	19	21	10	86

Preventive Programme

- 1. Training on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act-2000:** The knowledge of J.J.Act is a must for those who deal with children and those who are involved in shaping policy for children. In order to promote the effective implementation of children’s right and Juvenile Justice Act, DBCLM organized training on J.J.Act for Taluk Level Officers of six taluks of Davangere and to all Hostel Wardens of Social

Welfare Department, Backward Communities and Minorities Department (BCM) of six taluks of Davangere Districts. The details of the training conducted are as follows.

Sl.	Date	Taluks	Participants / Groups	No. of Participants
1	27-07-2008	Harihar	Taluk Level Officers	32
2	29-07-2008	Honnali	Taluk Level Officers	25
3	30-07-2008	Honnali	Hostel Warden and NGO's	34
4	31-07-2008	Davangere	Taluk Level Officers	36
5	01-08-2008	Davangere	Hostel Wardens and NGO's	43
6	07-08-2008	Channagiri	Taluk Level Officers	27
7	08-08-2008	Channagiri	Taluk Level Officers	40
8	22-08-2008	Jagalur	Taluk Level Officers	26
9	23-08-2008	Jagalur	Hostel Wardens and NGO's	38
10	25-08-2008	Harapanahalli	Taluk Level Officers	30
11	26-08-2008	Harapanahalli	Hostel Wardens and NGO's	42
12	30-08-2008	Harihar	Hostel Wardens and NGO's	48
Total No. Of Participants				421

2. Training on J. J. Act to Police Officers: On 25th September 08 DBCLM had trained the police officers who are the key personnel in implementing the provisions of the J.J.Act. As per the J.J.Act 2000 in every police station there should be a child friendly police officer who will be in charge of the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), who will be dealing with children in need of care and protection and those who are in conflict with law. This training programme was to help the formation of SJPU (special Juvenile Police Unit) and prepare police personnel to deal with children as per the provisions of J.J.Act-2000. The programme was done in collaboration with the Women and Child Development Department (WCD). More than 80 police personnel and 10 officers from Women and Child Development Department were participated in this training

3. Animation of Youth Groups: A summer camp was conducted in the month of May 08 for the youth. In this camp we could experience the participation and voluntary involvement of youth in organizing and managing the camp. This was keenly noticed in few villages. This inspired DBCLM to buildup these groups by organizing Animation programmes and periodical meeting for them. Therefore we organized an animation programme for the different youth groups on 11th August 2008 of 'Jangam Tumbigere' of Harapanahalli Taluk. More 45 members of different youth groups came forward for the animation programme. The main resource person was the Coordinator of UNICEF Project at Davangere.

The animation programme for the youth tried to build up the following ideas in each participant.

- Youth as an agents of Social change
- Leadership
- Role of youth in promoting education of children and preventing School Dropouts
- Child Rights
- The problem of Child Labour

4. Formation of Task Force (Child Rights Protection and Child Labour Prevention Committees) Don Bosco Child Labour Mission

always believes in strengthening CBO's and the local community in the promotion and protection of children's rights. One of the means to achieve this aim is the Formation and Follow up of Child Rights Protection and Child Labour Prevention Committees [Task Force].



On 30-09-2008 Sringrihalli Gram Panchayat of Harapanahalli Taluk witnessed inauguration of the Task Force. This was yet another achievement as a result of the hard work of our staff and dedicated team of DBCLM.

5. Children's issues and Role of Task Force: during this reporting period DBCLM initiated an awareness programme to the people in different duties and responsibilities by our social work coordinator. Following were the important concepts they were oriented:

1. The role of the CBO's in the elimination of child labour system.
2. The protection of the rights of children.
3. Development of schools.
4. The importance of free, compulsory and qualitative education.
5. The aims and purposes of Task Force

The details of the members who participated:

Sl.	Participants / Groups	Total No.of Participants
1	Headmasters of 6 villages	06
2	SDMC members and the President	07
3	Anganwadi workers	03
4	Panchayat members	06
5	The village accountant	01

6	The members of Continuing Education Centers	02
7	The members of Women organization and the Youth Organizations.	06
8	The members of Non-Government Organizations (NGO's)	04
Total		35



During this orientation programme Mr. Manjunath explained the aims and the motto of the Task Force and then the committee was formed. Nearly 28 members took membership in the committee. The head of the gram Panchayath was selected as the head and the coordinator of the organization. The head of the organization should follow the maintenance of the records and all

other formalities which were explained to the by Mr. Manjunath the coordinator of the project. It was decided that the entire report of the committee should be submitted to Deputy Commissioner and to the head of the Zilla Panchayath.

Challenges faced

- **Difficulty in organizing community based programmes:** The people of Davangere mainly depend on agriculture for their daily sustenance and this is the season when hectic agricultural activities taken place due to the abundance of rain. Due to the fact that all the farmers would be engrossed in agricultural activities we could not organize a community based programmes. Hence the formulation of Task force in two places could not be done due to the lack of co-operation of the people.
- **Change of Government and the mass transfer of Government officials:** As a part of the changed policies of the new Government in Karnataka many of the Government officials were transferred all of a sudden. Hence we had to spend our time in establishing a rapport with them in order to co-operate for the coming activities. The government officials were also rather unfriendly due to the new government policies.
- **Difficulty in getting the children back to the Hostels:** Davangere is a place where lot of festivities and celebrations take place. Hence all the children insist on going home for any celebrations that occurs once in every month. But after the festivity it is very difficult to get them back to the hostels and to begin anew.

Difficulty in placing the children in various Hostels: There are very many hostels that are willing to look after the children but very few of them really

care for the welfare of the children. Many of the children after adapting so well in DBCLM would find it very difficult to adjust themselves with the new set up.

Impacts

- Our past students rescued and motivated 7 child labourers from the working conditions. DBCLM consider this as the greatest achievement that we ever gained because it is very important to note that those children are became socially committed to eradicate this evil “child labour” from the society. During this reporting period we could rehabilitate 86 children for the Bridge School Education.
- The training on J. J. Act 2000 to the dignitaries and the main authorities made a great impact in their service for the children. Social Welfare Department Officials etc were totally ignorant of J.J.Act and its implications. Therefore the training programme created an awareness among them and also the learned practical guidelines to deal with problems like missing children, adoption, abandoned children etc. as a result of this awareness among the officers following actions were taken place during this reporting period:
 - For example on the day of giving training to Taluk level officers at Channagiri, the CDPO got the message from the police department about an abandoned boy. They did not know where to admit the boy. Immediately at the time of training he was assisted to admit the boy in government Children’s Home.
 - We came to know that illegal adoptions were going on in Government Primary Health Center through the doctor. As member of Child Welfare Committee the Director of DBCLM warned the government Doctor against this practice and guided him on the legal provision of adoption.
- During this reporting period we could form one more Task Force in Sringrihalli Gram Panchayat of Harapanahalli Taluk.
- As an outcome of task force formation and orientation programme The members of the Task Force understood their role in making the panchayat a Child Labour Free village, they understood the value of quality education and their role in achieving it and the active participation of teachers gave us the hope that they would work with a renewed spirit in the school and their attitude to children will be a positive one.

Financial statement

Sl No	Particulars	Amount
1	Staff Salary	84700.00
2	Cooks Salary	27300.00
3	Food expense	223603.00
4	Stationery expenses	3500.92
5	Building Maintenance, Water & Electricity	48682.50
6	Teaching Materials	39638.00
7	Education expense	66368.16
8	Uniforms /toiletries etc for children	3366.00
9	Medical expense	6447.73
10	Travel and transportation	5949.00
11	Miscellaneous	7519.00
	Total	517074.31
	Money received from Yojana during the period	61163.50

Conclusion

We are happy to state that our effort of giving a new life to many deprived children is bearing fruits as seen in the performance of children in various exams and the number of children we were able to educate. We are grateful to all our various donors.



