

DON BOSCO CHILD LABOUR MISSION DAVANGERE
Child Labour Eradication Project supported by YOJANA

Yearly Report -2010

INTRODUCTION

As we are preparing the yearly Report, we are inspired by the words of Pratibha Patil, the President of India. She says **“We need to give women access to tools of empowerment such as education health and skill building. By spreading education amongst them not only is an individual educated, but rather the seeds of progress for next generation are planted”**.¹

In this scholastic year we have 170 children who are doing their higher education. And in September 2010, three of our past students completed their Diploma in Education course and will become teachers who will shape the destiny of many children.

This year, many parents themselves have freed their children from workplace and have admitted them to our Residential Bridge Course centre. We can reiterate and affirm that our intervention through various strategies in the community have a tangible and sustainable effect on society. DBCLM has been following a multipronged approach like formation of Child Rights Clubs, training and strengthening of the members of Child Rights Clubs, SHG's, Gram Panchayats members, SDMC and through Supplementary education programmes, etc.

In the following report, we are substantiating this experience in transforming the lives of children and creating a society where the different stakeholders are aware of their role and responsibilities in forming communities which are 'fit for children'.

1. “Provide Tools of Empowerment to girl children” President. The Hindu, Bangalore, August 14 2010, P.13

PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED DURING THE YEAR 2010

CURATIVE DIMENSIONS

Identification, Rescuing and Admission of Working Children

This year, DBCLM rescued 111 children from their work place and admitted in residential bridge course centre. The following table shows vividly the number and details of child labourers rescued and admitted to the Residential Bridge Course in 2010.

Sl. No	Sectors in which they were working	Boys	Girls	Total No. children
1	Hotel	8	1	9
2	Construction Work	3	1	4
3	Domestic work	9	8	17
4	Begging	1	6	7
5	Rag picking	4	1	5
6	Carpentry	2	-	2
7	Coffee Estate	1	1	2
8	Coolie	15	10	25
9	Sheep Grazing	13	3	16
10	Cattle Grazing	6	4	10
11	Buffalo Grazing	7	-	7
12	Vendors	3	1	4
13	Seeds	-	3	3
Total		72	39	111

Readmission in Schools during the year 2010

Around 96 children were readmitted in formal school during the year 2010. The details are given below

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
I	-	3	3
II	-	2	2
III	-	6	6
IV	5	1	6
V	11	1	12
VI	16	5	21
VII	20	7	27
VIII	6	6	12
IX	4	3	7
Total	62	34	96

From Home to School	8	2	10
From Don Bosco to School	16	9	25
From Don Bosco to	10	9	25

SSLC and PUC Results – 2010

The long term impact of our intervention of rescuing and educating child labourers is reflected in the performance of the students in the various public examinations conducted by the government. Among the rescued and rehabilitated child labourers, 47 students have written their Secondary School Leaving Certificate examination (SSLC) and 34 have successfully passed the examination. Majority of the successful students are doing their Pre-University Course and few are doing Industrial Training Course (ITI). And one is doing Para medical course. Another 16 students have passed their Pre-University examinations. One of the most noteworthy aspects of the result is that seven of them have got first class in the examination.

Higher Education -2010

It gives us a lot of satisfaction and fulfillment to affirm that 170 of our past students are doing their university studies. For the first time two of our past students (Girls) are doing Bachelor of Social Work Degree (BSW). The details are given below.

S1	Educational course	Boys	Girls	Total
1	1st Year PUC	16	13	29
2	1st Year ITI	04	-	04
3	1st Year B.A	21	16	37
4	1st Year B.B.M	01	01	02
5	1st Year B.Com	01	02	03
6	1st Year B.S.W	-	02	02
7	1st Year Diploma in Nursing(GNM)	-	02	02
8	1st Year Para Medical Course	01	-	1
9	2nd Year PUC	31	24	55
10	2nd Year ITI	10	-	10
11	2nd Year B.A	03	02	05
12	2nd Year B.B.M	01	02	03
13	2nd Year B.Com	-	02	02
14	2nd Year B.S.W	01	-	01
15	2nd Year Poly Tech	03	-	03
16	2nd Year D.Ed	03	01	04
17	3rd Year Diploma in Nursing GNM)	01	-	01
18	Those who Completed ITI and working in different places in 2009-10	03	-	03
19	Those who Completed Nursery Teacher Training and working In different places in 2010	-	03	03
Total No. of children		100	70	170

Summer camps

Orientation programme and spoken English classes were conducted for the past pupils. The programme was conducted in two batches for different groups. This was part of our follow up programmes of the children who are already mainstreamed. These kinds of programmes will enhance the potentials of the children and help them to reach their goal in life. This was a residential camp and the details are given below.

Sl. No	Date	Target Groups	No. of participants
1	4 th to 17 th April 2010	1 st PUC and 2 nd PUC (Boys)	12
2	18 th to 30 th April 2010	1 st PUC and 2 nd PUC (Girls)	29
3	2 nd to 14 th May 2010	IX standard and X standard Students (Boys)	35
4	16 th to 29 th May 2010	IX standard and X standard Students (girls)	36
Total			112

PREVENTIVE PROGRAMMES

Supplementary Education Programme [SEP]

In many villages, after the school hours the children have no opportunity and facility to study and do their homework. When they reach home they are forced to work or assist parents. Sometimes the atmosphere at home is not conducive to do their studies. These children gradually became school dropouts and child labourers. So in 20 villages, DBCLM has started the Supplementary Education Programme with an aim to improve the quality of education of poor children who are studying in Government Schools. The supplementary education programme enables the children to overcome the problems and facilitate their studies. Another benefit is that the children who are slow learners are given individual attention and support by the community organizers in the supplementary education centres. Around 886 poor children were benefitted from this programme during the year 2010.

The programme helps the children to improve their studies. Besides the tuition programmes, we also organized games for the children every day and competitions during various occasions.

Child Rights Clubs

During the year 2010, the project organized “Live in Experience” programme for the members of Child Rights Clubs and also for the teachers who facilitated the clubs. The objectives of this programme are:

- To experience the joy of living together and enjoy the rights of all the members of Child Rights clubs
- To improve the functioning of the clubs by developing the capacity of children.
- Train members of the club to organize meetings of child rights clubs and plan and implement activities regularly.
- Train and animate ‘child friendly teachers’ for the effective functioning of child rights clubs.

Four such programmes were conducted during the year. Altogether 96 children and 9 teachers participated in these programmes.

The staff of the project visited the Government Schools in which Child Right Clubs are formed and organized ‘Follow up meeting and Training’ for the members of Child Rights Clubs. The Children need follow up activities and training then only the clubs can function well. This year the follow up programmes were conducted in 9 schools and more than 142 children and 24 teachers were took part in these programmes.

One of the major decisions made by children of the Child Rights Clubs is to plan and evolve strategies to bring back the dropouts to school. As an activity to achieve this objective, the members of Child Rights Clubs organized a school enrolment campaign by organizing rally throughout the villages. In the next step, the members of CRCs identified the children who are irregular and who have not come to school even after one month of the opening of the school. They met these children and their parents and try to bring them back to school. They succeeded to bring 70 children back to school from 7 villages.

The members of Child Rights Clubs have become agents of change in schools. The following interventions by children will clearly illustrate that children too can influence and do the role of advocacy in improving the facilities of their schools and studies.

- The Child Rights Club members of Sriganahalli School sent petitions to the DDPI requesting to build new classrooms for the school.
- The Child Rights Club members of Ramghatta School sent letter to DDPI and BEO asking them to appoint two teachers to the school as there were not enough teachers in the school.
- The Child Rights Club members of Pothalakatte found that 20 girl children did not get uniform from the government and they decided to demand from the Government and Education department by sending a letter asking them to do the needful.
- The members of Child Rights Clubs of Chikkamegalgere demanded The Education Department to make proper playground in their school.
- Children of the newly formed Child Rights Clubs demanded teachers to give two days training to them.

The Child Right Club members of four Government schools organized School Enrolment Campaign with the support and collaboration of SDMC and teachers of the school. This programme was facilitated by the staff of Don Bosco. Around 1009 children participated in this school enrollment campaign.

Summer Sports for Government School Children

DBCLM organized a sports and games event for Government school students during summer holidays by involving the members of child rights clubs. The games included kabadi, throw ball and cricket. The purpose of this programme was to:

- Develop the innate talents of children and to ensure their physical development and mental health.
- Bring about unity and harmony among children from different schools.

- Create interest, enthusiasm and to develop the organizing skills of children.
- Make learning and schooling attractive.
- Facilitate children's participation in co-curricular activities.

Three such camps were conducted during the year. Around 396 children participated in this summer sports programme.

Capacity Building programmes

The project organized various training programmes for different groups and people with an objective of getting the support and participation for child labour eradication and hundred percentage school enrollments. The following groups and people were trained under the project during the year 2010

1. Self Help Groups- Seven trainings for 399 members of SHGs- mainly for women.
2. Grama Panchayath members- Two trainings for 78 PRI members from six Grama Panchayaths.
3. Training to SDMC members, CBO leaders and Teachers- - Fifteen trainings for 231 SDMC members, 28 teachers and 472 leaders of various CBOs.
4. Parents - Four parents meetings were conducted this year.

School Adoption

As a strategy to prevent school dropouts and to improve the quality of education in Government schools, DBCLM has adopted 4 schools in Davangere Taluk. The social worker appointed by Don Bosco conducted regular monitoring of the functioning of the adopted school. The worker made regular contact with parents, children and teachers and motivates them to send the children in schools. Besides the teaching in schools, the worker regularly organized co-curricular activities and games to make the studies attractive and child friendly.

Anti - Child Labour Day

Don Bosco Child Labour Mission in collaboration with Government Departments and NGOs organized Campaign against child labour on June 12th as part of World Anti-Child Labour Day Celebrations. Around 1000 school children and two hundred rescued child labourers took out a rally shouting slogans against

child labour and inviting children to go to school and regain their childhood. The rally passed through the main streets of Davangere, where there are high numbers of child labourers. The participation of children, teachers, Social activists, and Government Officials and Community leaders made the rally a great event and has significant impact among the society on child labour issues.

Children's Gram Sabha

In order to create a model and replicate in other places, DBCLM organized a Children's Gram Sabha at Asagodu Gram Panchayat of Jagalur taluk of Davangere District.

The president and all the members of Gram Panchayat (GP), The Development officer of GP, the Director of Don Bosco, Resource persons, Headmasters, Teachers of 6 schools of the Panchayat and more than 100 children from different schools have participated in this novel venture. The children raised issues such as safe drinking water, playground, toilets for girls, regularity of teachers in classes and better teachings, etc and asked the Gram Panchayat to address these issues at the earliest. The gram Panchayat president and the Panchayat development officer assured the children that they will take immediate steps to solve these problems. It was good opportunity for children, G.P members, Teachers, and social workers to come together and listen the voices of children and addresses the issue concerning to children.

Child Rights Campaign against the children working in Seed crossing industries

On November 10, 2010 the project organized a Children's walk against employing children in "Seeds Crossing" industry in one of the central places of Harapanahalli Taluk-namely Kanchikere. More than hundred children, Don Bosco Child Labour Mission staff, Gram Panchayat members, School Development Monitoring Committee members, youth and teachers joined in this walk campaign, shouting slogans against child labour through the main streets of Kanchikere. The rally stopped 4 rickshaws which carried children to Seeds Crossing Industries and collected the names of employers and number of e rickshaws, etc for further legal actions.

The rally ended with a "Human Chain Formation" in a central place of Kanchikere by the participants. The president of Gram Panchayat Mr. Venkatesh and School Development Monitoring Committee

President addressed the public and warned all the parents and employers who send their children for work in Seeds crossing.

Impact Assessment

One of the most noteworthy and outstanding achievements of DBCLM is the number of students who are doing Higher Education. More than 170 children are pursuing their higher studies. The performance of students in SSLC and PUC examinations, who were child labourers, is impressive. The changes among the children are acknowledged by the Government authorities, the media and the general public. DBCLM is able to create a model of intervention for child labour rehabilitation. We have been experiencing the multiple effects of education on children and society.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, has chosen Don Bosco, Davangere as the collaborative partner for running CHILDLINE programme. More than 20 NGOs of Davangere District had applied for it. And DBCLM was found suitable by the selection committee of Child Line. This is a noteworthy recognition of DBCLM by the Government of India. And we have started the CHILDLINE programme in Davangere District.

This year 111 child labourers were rescued and rehabilitated under the project. All the children are now studying in the bridge course programme. Another 96 children were mainstreamed into formal schools and are continuing their studies.

The Supplementary Education Programme has been a big help to prevent school dropouts. Around 886 children were benefitted from this programme by improving their studies and academic performance. It is appreciated by the Educational authorities like Block Educational Officer, Gram Panchayat Members, School Development and Monitoring Committee Members [SDMC], Teachers and parents.

One of the highlights of the project is the programmes of preventive measures with active participation of the community. The capacity building programmes of various stakeholders, the Child Right Clubs, strengthening of CBOs, Campaigns, SDMCs, etc ensured high level participation and creative contribution of children and community for the mission of child labour free society.

As the Director of DBCLM is the Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee of Davangere District, we were able to influence the policy of government of Karnataka in providing better care and support to children who are in need of care and protection. We were able to recommend to the Government of Karnataka to provide educational support to 45 children who are affected by H.I.V /AIDS

Financial Statement (From January 2010 to November 2010)

Sl NO	Particulars	Amount In INR
1	Staff Salary Teachers	60200.00
2	Cooks Salary	30410.00
3	Food and Nutrition	56259.38
4	Building maintenance, water& electricity	12773.30
5	Education expenses	22542.00
6	Medical expenses	19690.85
7	Staff Training	18125.95
	Total Expenses	220001.48
Receipts		
	Opening Balance 2009	166695.00
	Funds received from Yojana - 2010	364362.00
	Total Receipts	531057.00
	Closing Balance	311055.52

Conclusion

Due to lack of financial support from Government of Karnataka, more than 10 NGOs of Davangere District have stopped their intervention on behalf of child labourers. But thanks to the continuous partnership and support of Yojana, DBCLM is able to continue the intervention on behalf of child labourers. To create a society where all the children would enjoy their basic right especially right to education is a challenging task for DBCLM.

CRISP Report of Don Bosco Davengare Project -2010

Programmes	Achievements
No of villages/urban slums covered under the project	18
No of child labours rescued and rehabilitated	111
Bridge School	94 child labours are studying in bridge school
No of children mainstreamed in school	96
Number of rescued child labours studying in higher education	170
Supplementary Education programmes	In 20 villages and reaches to 886 children
Child Right Clubs – follow up	9 schools and meet 142 children and 24 teachers
Live in Experience programmes in CRCs	4 programmes – 96 children and 9 teachers participated
Number children bring back to school by CRCs	70
Number of issues raised by CRCs and solved	6
Summer camps for children	4 camps and 112 children participated
Training to SHGs	7 trainings and 395 women
Training to Grama Panchayath members	2 trainings and 78 participants
Summer sports camps	3 camps and 356 children participated
Training to CBOs, SDMC, teachers, etc	15 trainings for more than 731 leaders, teachers, etc
Parents meetings	4
Anti Child Labour Campaign	One – 1000 school children and 200 rescued child labourers participated
Children's Grama Sabha	One and 100 children participated along with community leaders
Child Right Campaign against the child labour in seed crossing industries	one