

QUARTERLY REPORT OF OCT-DEC 2009

Education Key Project

SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Activity Plan for the Quarter:

1. Bal Panchayat meetings
2. VEC meetings
3. Gender Equality
4. Kitchen garden
5. RTTS (Reading for the smallest)
6. Health
7. Computer-aided Self-learning Centre for Girls
8. Purchase of Astronomy show

1. Bal Panchayat Meetings

A total of 232 meetings were held for 90 Panchayats in 94 villages. The discussions revolved around kitchen garden, gender equality, health check up, personal hygiene, etc. we tried to provide detailed information to children on above topics. All Bal Panchayats have started working on these in the following manner:

- Members of 20 Bal Panchayats monitored personal hygiene practices of students in their respective schools every week. This included cutting nails, combing hair properly and wearing clean clothes.
- In 12 schools Children's Day was celebrated due to initiative taken by Bal Panchayats.
- 15 Bal Panchayats worked in their schools to ensure that there is no cheating in exams and children regularly read books.

- In Ukkadgaon and Puyani villages, Bal Panchayts have started using vegetables grown in their kitchen gardens for mid-day meals in their schools.
- 40 Bal Panchayats were given information about health check up and how to maintain a good kitchen garden.
- In Mojamabad, Umra, khoras, lakadwadi, Pokharni, Sadgirwadi, Sipegaon villages, the Bal Panchayats have started helping weak students with their studies.
- In Banbhujwadi, Umarthadi, Sayla, Puyani, Bhogwa and Navha villages, the Bal Panchayats gave information about DC.

2. VEC Meetings

A total of 50 VEC meetings were held. Consequently, some concrete action was taken by them for school development:

- Natwarwadi village VEC has passed the proposal to construct classrooms
- In Ghoda village, tree plantation was undertaken in front of the school. The first computer-aided Learning Centre for Girls was also inaugurated.
- In Rokadewadi village, tree plantation was undertaken in front of the school.
- In Puyani and Arkhed villages, the VEC supervised examination to ensure that no cheating took place.
- In Umarthadi village, the VEC got benches built for students.
- In Mozamabad village, the VEC restarted the stalled construction work of school classroom.
- In kharabdhanora village, the VEC collected monetary contributions from villagers to beautify village school and install drinking water facility.
- In Dhanewadi village, class Vth was newly started.
- In Raorajur village the school's computers were repaired so that students could use them.
- In Someshwar and Arkhed villages, children's reading skill was tested through public reading programme.
- In Wadi Khurd village, on the occasion of Children's Day a wall paper called "Bal Jagat" was inaugurated.
- In Banwas village, the VEC white washed school building with the monetary contribution of Rs. 6000 collected from the villagers.

3. Gender Equality

In order that girls and boys are given equal treatment at homes and in schools and they learn to give each other equal respect, we initiated regular dialogue with the women's groups, parents, school and VEC. Hence, their attitude appears to be changing. We were able to hold discussions with 7804 people during this quarter and informed them about gender equal perspective. Consequently,

- In 20 schools girls and boys now sit together
- In Selu village, an essay competition was held on the subject
- In Dongargaon, Tandulwadi, Chorwad, Hakewadi, Sirpur, Umra, Bhalkudki, Ramapur and Umarthadi villages, boys have started helping their mothers in domestic chores like cutting vegetables, cleaning, bringing water, etc.
- To learn Judo and Korfbal, 7 girls and 8 boys were selected from 14 villages and sent to Jalihal for training on 25th December 2009. After returning, the trained boys and girls will undertake training of other schoolchildren in their villages as well as neighbouring villages. It is expected that girls and boys in schools will learn the game together so that there is better opportunity for them to interact, work and play together.

List of Girls and Boys

S. No	Name	Sex	Village	Age
1	Nivriti Bapurao Chamkure	M	Pendu Khurd	17
2	Nita Sarjerao Turnar	F	Chatori	14
3	Gorakhnath Santram Adke	M	Natwarwadi	15
4	Jana Marutrao Mule	F	Gulkhad	13
5	Ajun Suryakant Jadge	M	Pokharni	14
6	Rohini Namdev Chudavekar	F	Arkhed	14
7	Gopal Sopan Gavale	M	Kandalgao	17
8	Rohini Dhondiram Sable	F	Dhanewadi	15

9	Sachin Ramrao Paul	M	Farkanda	15
10	Shivlila Namdev Dudhate	F	Raorajur	15
11	Satish Ramesh Kadam	M	Banwas	17
12	Sunita Baburao Kapse	F	Kharabdhanora	17
13	Gururaj Tukaram Dudhate	M	Arkhed	15
14	Jyoti Ganesh Nilewad	F	Vanbhuwadi	15
15	Vishnu Vitthal Pawar	M	Mozamabad	14

4. Kitchen Garden

In our discussions with the villagers we have tried to convince them that health is wealth. If our health is good then a base is created for our own development, the health and overall development of our family, and through us, of the entire village. For this reason it is important that each and every person in the village take care for their own health and work to ensure better health for one's family. In our villages farmers have always planted vegetables of different variety, but only during monsoons as at other times there is little water. Off late, however, even this practice was discontinued as farmers started planting hybrid input-intensive cash crops.

Kitchen garden is a novel and best practice concept. In a 5x5 foot plot, one can dump fertile soil from one's farmland. In this piece of land it is possible to grow beans, brinjal, tomato, spinach, varieties of gourd, and several other vegetables. One can start using vegetables from one's garden within a month of planting. They would supplement daily diet and provide vital micronutrients that improve overall health of the family.

5. Reading to the Smallest (RTTS)

In today's times there is a constant need to adapt the curriculum. Different streams of knowledge are emerging. New inventions, discoveries and technologies are evolving. In these times, it is important to help our children be curious and self-learning individuals. With this in mind, we initiated the RTTS activity.

We have selected mothers of children in the age-group of 2-3 years. They are trained to read out stories in creative ways that help to increase not only the language and communication skills but also enhance their curiosity. Picture stories are read using dramatic techniques and deliberate emphasis on certain values and personality attributes. Thus, children's mindset is given an intentional channel to develop accordingly.

6. Agreement Letter for Astronomy Show

Parents want that their children keep abreast with the latest knowledge and become smart. However, they have little means to do so. Opening of the Discovery Centre in Kerwadi has raised the hopes of parents and created multiple opportunities for children. Keeping this in mind we decided to purchase a show on astronomy that gives information about the entire solar system. We talked to several schools about the importance of showing children this show and obtained agreement letter from the school principals allowing the children to attend the show. Following is a list of schools that gave the agreement letter-

S. No.	'School's Name	No. of Students
1	Madhyamik Ashramshala, Ghaswadi	503
2	Acharya Vinoba Bhave Uchcha Madhyamik Shala, Banwas	220
3	Indira Gandhi Shal, Banwas	405
4	Zilla Parishad Prashala, Banwas	270
5	Mahatma Gandhi Vidyalaya, Palam	189
6	Zilla Parishad Prashala,, Mannathnagar, Gangakhed	240
7	Vyankatesh Uchcha Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Gangakhed	888

8	Baliraja Madhyamik Uchcha Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Mardasgaon	362
9	Baliraja Madhyamik Uchcha Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Kerwadi	555
10	Zilla Parishad High School, Mannathnagar, Gangakhed	340
11	Shri Saraswati Vidyalaya, Gangakhed	1250
12	Ahilyadevi Vidyalaya, Ranisawargaon	533
13	Zilla Parishad High School, Ranisawargaon	110
14	Savitribai Phule Ashramshala, Ranisawarsawargaon	315
15	Zilla Parishad High School, Pethshivni	443
16	Mamta Vidyalaya Palam	200
17	Zilla Parishad Prashala, Pendu Bu	181
18	Zilla Parishad Prashala, Pethpimpalgaon	180
19	Zilla Parishad Prashala, Palam	259
20	Trimbakeshwar Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Pendu khurd	237
21	Rajmata Jijabai Bhosale Vidyalaya, Palam	329

7. Health

This quarter we interacted with a total of 11,779 people to give them information on health issues.

- We talked about the importance of having green leafy vegetables in daily diet
- The possibility of growing green leafy vegetables at home was discussed.
- We asked people to insist that schools must have compulsory health check-ups for students.

- Personal hygiene among children like cutting nails, washing hands before eating, combing hair, cleaning clothes, etc were discussed.
- We informed people about health camps and requested them to undergo regular health check-ups when SEDt's doctor visits the village.

Following Health Camps were conducted-

Date	Nme of the village	No. of Patients
1/10/2009	Pethpimpalgaon	35
2/10/2009	Banwas	55
3/10/2009	Farkanda	29
7/10/2009	Digras	33
8/10/2009	Khoras	18
10/10/2009	Borgaon khurd	16
12/10/2009	Tandulwadi	65
14/10/2009	Dhanewadi	39
24/10/2009	Parwa	16
26/10/2009	Mozamabad	29
27/10/2009	Vanbhujwadi	32
28/10/2009	Ladakwadi	7
29/10/2009	Dongargaon	13
30/10/2009	Gopa	14
31/10/2009	Banwas	17
7/12/09	Pendu	27

8/12/09	Kharabdhanora	25
9/12/09	Konerwadi	35
10/12/09	Girdharwadi	11
11/12/09	Pokharnidevi	17
12/12/09	Sawangi Bhujbal	8
14/12/09	Sirsam	19
16/12/09	Sheikhrapur	5
17/12/09	Khurlewadi	26
18/12/09	Navhalgaon	21
19/12/09	Phala	13
22/12/09	Tandulwadi	16
23/12/09	Dhanewadi	19
24/12/09	Khoras	6
25/12/09	Adgaon	3
26/12/09	Khadi	12
28/12/09	Puyani	22
29/12/09	Chorwad	21
19/12/09	Farkanda	13

8. Computer Aided Learning Centre in Ghoda Village

Ghoda village is 7 kms from Palam, the block headquarter. In this village the local school is only up to std. 5. For higher education girls of the village have to walk to another village, Arkhed, at a distance of 1.5 km. But the school at Arkhed is only upto std. 7. So if girls have to study further, they have to walk to Palam. The way to Palam is not good. So no vehicles ply between Palam and Ghoda. Also, during monsoons its

difficult to even walk on the route. On top of these problems few parents allow their daughters to go this far. The centre was initiated in Ghoda village in this quarter in order to enable out-of-school girls to continue their education through self-learning method using computers and educational CDs. So most girls at Ghoda cannot study beyond std 7. We surveyed the village and found that 17 girls who had studied up to std. 7 wanted to study up to at least std 12. We decided to support their dreams by starting the computer-aided learning centre. There are 7 computers in this centre with educational CDs of curriculum up to std 12. The room for the centre was given by Upsarpanch of the village, Mr. Rajesh Deshmukh. The centre was inaugurated by State minister Ms. Fauzia Khan and District Collector, Mr. Mohan Thombre.

List of girls using computer-aided self-learning centre at Ghoda-

S. No.	Name of Girls	Class in which dropped out
1	Kalpana Anandrao Shinde	6
2	Shilpa Marotrao Kadam	7
3	Priyanka Manohar Mekane	7
4	Suchita Manohar mekane	7
5	Surekha anandrao Shinde	6
6	Pallavi Indrajeet Kadam	6
7-	Saroja Ramesh Kadam	7
8	Anuradha Baijnath kadam	7
9-	Gangasagar Sampatrao Kadam	7
10	Shital Sonerao Kadam	7
11	Nita Sonerao Kadam	5
12	Rajeshree Ashokrao Kadam	7
13	Rohini Vithalrao Kadam	6
14	Bhagyashree Balasaheb kadam	10
15-	Shital Bhaskar Kadam	10

16-	Shubhangi Surash Kadam	10
17-	Gyatri Ashok Kadam	7

Activity Data:

S. No	Name	Bal Panchayat Meetings				VEC Meetings				Kitchen Gardens	Health	Gender	RTTS
		No.	Boys	Girls	Total	No.	Men	Women	Total				
1-	Lakshman	28	234	199	433	12	58	11	69	28	1366	371	Arkhed- 10 women
2-	Prahlad	21	125	86	211	8	37	20	57	40	1498	1288	Banwas- 10 women
3-	Jairam	32	223	213	436	15	97	64	161	74	2312	665	Sirsam- 10 women
4-	Shivaji	12	126	55	181	7	70	14	84	17	572	742	
5-	Babu	22	160	123	283	13	50	40	90	42	1020	957	Tandulwadi- 20 w
6-	Madhukar	24	157	144	301	19	120	80	200	43	447	351	Banbhuwadi- 5 w
7-	Ramesh	27	331	213	544	19	106	55	161	68	1764	775	Dhanora- 10 women
8-	Madhav	17	103	91	194	9	42	22	64	35	750	845	Mahadevwadi- 10 w
9-	Unmesh	25	154	125	279	9	63	25	85	18	1285	870	Rawrajur- 10 women
10-	Nana	11	80	68	148	9	58	38	95	25	390	440	Umarthadi- 5 women
11-	Manmath	13	75	60	135	9	42	26	68	38	375	500	Sippegaon- 7 women