

SPANDANA

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017 -18

SPANDANA, a Voluntary organization established in the year 1995 and registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 in Belgaum with the purpose of working with the marginalized communities to ameliorate the conditions of their lives has successfully completed 20 years of its existence in the field of development and striving to bring changes in the lives of its target communities in its operational area especially in Belgaum and Hukkeri talukas of Belgaum districts. With the vision of a free, secular and non-violent and gender equitable society, the organisation primarily operates to empower women and children from the marginalized communities to have access and control on their own lives, mainstream them in the society in order to enable them to enjoy equity in social economical, political and cultural rights.

THE DONORS:

The major Donors and supporters of the organisation to implement the projects during the year are (a) DCPG GOK –UNICEF (b) Bhuvana Prema Trust, Bangalore (c) State Khazana. The Organisation extends heartfelt thanks to for the great support rendered by these agencies and attributes the success of the projects to them.

The main programmes and activities organized and implemented under the projects of the organization are as follows;

Empowerment of adolescents Rights and Protection from trafficking and child Marriage in Belgaum and Hukkeri Taluks of Belgaum district:

Objectives of the Project

- Adolescent girl's participation enhanced their capacity to protect their rights.
- To build the capacity of stakeholders like CMPOs, Parents, local bodies/committees, are strengthened and their participating in the protection of adolescent rights.
- Convergence of Government departments, to effectively enforce mechanism to end exploitative life of adolescent practices strengthened.
- Strengthened campaign and strong network at district levels to Protect Rights of the adolescents to lead a non-exploitative life.
-

Methodology of Implementing the Project or strategies:

The project have three strategies namely 1) empowering of adolescents thru their participation from trafficking, Child Marriage and other related issues 2) capacity building of stakeholders on the consequences of Protect Rights of the adolescents and 3) strengthening convergence of department for the enforcement system against.

The Project Activities were mainly focused on Formation and Strengthening Adolescent groups, Strengthening of Child Protection Committees & Anty Trafficking Committee Committee at Grama Panchayat, Effectively conduct Children Grama Sabha, Convergence with department for protection of adolescent girls Rights.

Workshop for Police department on Child Rights:

Two



days workshop was organized in association with Unicef and departments on 25th & 26th July 2017 for department officials and Police department officials. 25th programme was inaugurated Mr. Kiran Kini, Member Secretary, DLSA, DD women & child dept. Mr. Raghavendra Bhat . EO taluka Panchayat and Tahashildar Mr. Girish were Participated. 26th July programme was inaugurated by Mr. Ravi Gadade Additional SP, Mr. Anand Lobo, Member KSCPCR, DD, WCD were Participated. 240 officials were participated and benefited from the training. Mr. Raghavendra Bhat and Mr. Harish were facilitated sessions on topics of child protection and law and role of the officers.



Workshop for Media Personnel on Child Rights



Division level workshop was organized Upholding Child Rights, Media and Child Protection in association with UNICEF, Women & Child Development department, Information & Publicity department on 21/04/2017. Deputy Commissioner Mr. N. Jayaram, Deputy Commissioner of Police Mrs. Radhika .P, Mrs. Usha and Mr. Anand Lobo from Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and department official were inaugurated the Programme. Mr. Vasudev Sharma and Mr. Raghavendra Bhat from UNICEF were facilitated the sessions on Child Rights , related laws and Role of media in upholding child Rights. More than 150 members were participated from media and other sectors.

Adolescent Girls Group Formation & Strengthening:

The organization initiated adolescent groups with the support of Anganwadi teachers in all working 14 Grama Panchayat of two talukas i.e. 60 adolescent groups were formed with a minimum membership of 1800 with consist of 30 adolescents in each group. These Adolescent group met monthly once in the anganwadi premises or in the community centers. The organizations conducted a series of orientation training and meetings with all the groups at different levels.



They have also trained in child rights, health and hygiene, Life Skill trainings, reproductive health care to adolescent girls, adolescent age change and development and the children's role etc. A total of 60 Adolescent Girls Group Formed in 14 Grama Panchayat. Total 1800 adolescent girls were members were in the groups. 10 trainings were conducted for them and 550 girls were benefited. Major topics focused in trainings on need of the group formation, adolescent age and challenges, promotion of child rights, how to tackle child rights violations.

Children Grama Sabha:



Out of 14 gram Panchayat children gram sabha was held in 10 Panchayat which 886 students were participated in the children gram sabha. We have facilitated children children to identify the problems at school and community level on Child Rights. The main Demand was raised by the children are High school, proper

toilet facility, drinking water and girl child protection, road & playground, schools drinking water and Mid Day meal quality improvement issues were raised from children. Follow up of previous year's Grama sabha being done by the members of the children forums.

Child Protection Committees & Anty Trafficking Committee Strengthening:

All the stakeholders from Child Protection Committees & Anty Trafficking Committee like school teachers, Anganwadi workers, GP and SDMC members, SHG members, ATCT,s members, CBO's and community leaders were trained on the issues of protection of child rights, adolescent rights and prevention of child marriage, child trafficking and child labor. 760 members were trained from 14 Grama Panchayats. In every GP, a committee was formed consisting of children, parents, community leaders, local elected representatives, members of CBO's, Anganwadi workers, school teachers, local government officials. The committee



Workshop for Police and other dept. People at Mandya Dist.

A workshop was organized to Police and department officials on 4th & 5th December, 2017 at Zilla Panchayat Hall, Mandya associated with KSCPCR, Police and women & Child development department and UNICEF on Women & Children Rights Protection, related laws, and role of the officers.

Mr. B



Sharath CEO, Zilla Panchayat, Mrs. G. Radhika , SP , Mr. Divakar, DD, Mr. Nichal DCPO, and other officials were inaugurated the Programme. Mr. Raghavendra Bhat from UNICEF and Mr. Somshekar from dept. of Police were facilitated the sessions on Child, Child Rights, JJ act, PocsO Act, Child Marriage & Child labour Prevention Act, Prevention of Human Trafficking of women & Children, DV Act and Prevention from Sexual Harassment of women. Services and facilities from

various departments for survivors families also explained. More than 150 members from Police and various departments and NGO representatives were actively participated in two days workshop.

Toilet Construction Programme:

20 toilets were constructed in Beeranahole village of Islampur of Hukkeri Taluka in Association with Bhuvana Prema Trust, Bangalore. Supported to 20 families for construction of the toilets who were in the financial crises. The Inaugural and awareness programme was organized with collaboration of Islampur Grama Panchayat on 18/08/2017 at Beeranahole village. Mr. Shubhakar Rao from Bhuvana Prema Trust Bangalore, Taluka Panchayat and Grama Panchayat members and officials were participated. The importance of the toilet construction and health and hygienic points were discussed. More than 100 members participated.



Women Empowerment:

Under women empowerment more than 200 SHG,s were facilitated for Savings and credit Programmes and getting Govt. facilities under Right Food and Right to work. Established linkages to get sanctioned loan from NABARD & other nationalized banks of Rs. 2 Crores

during the period. Federation initiate Mahalakshmi Agama Women Cooperative Society and registration process has been started.

Place : Belgaum

Date : 31st March, 2018