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Introduction:

CDF has completed its 14 years of service in the field of development with an active support of various donors, volunteers, well-wishers, friends and like-minded people. Though CDF initiated its work in Research, Training, advocacy and networking in the beginning with various NGOs, civil societies, government departments, donors across south India, project mode of work was taken up only from 2008 onwards.

Much of CDF's human and economic resources are being utilised for the protection of child rights initiatives and strengthening of primary schools in North East Karnataka, especially in Kalburgi District with the support of India Literacy Project USA/India and AEI Luxemburg with facilitation and guidance of TdH Germany. The project activities have spread around 15 Gram Panchayaths covering 77 villages of Sedam block and workshops and collaborative activities have been conducted in Kalburagi headquarters and other Blocks of the district.

During this year, CDF has implemented two projects in Kalburgi district, namely:

- 1. Escape from Marriage to Childhood (EMC) and**
- 2. Integrated Education Movement (IEM)**

The details of the project activities are as follows:

I. Escape from Marriage to Childhood- EMC Project:

I. Activities:(Work with Children)

1.1. Monthly meetings of children's Forum

40 CRCs were reorganized and strengthened through monthly meetings. These CRCs have conducted 269 meetings with 867 average attendance of the members. CRC groups, during their routine meetings, identified and discussed issues like dropout children, child marriage, child labour, migration, child protection concerns, environment issues etc. School enrollment, environment, prevention of child marriage, child labour practices, protection of children, etc were the main themes set as the meeting agenda. CRC meetings were conducted on an informal way every month with the presence of community worker.

28 children were brought back to school by CRC groups in various villages. 10 CRCs had planted saplings in their school compound and have been nurturing them. Two CRCs have kitchen garden in their school compound. All CRC members decided not to get married

before 18 years and willing to continue their education a minimum up to +2. School ground, drinking water, teachers' negative attitude, lack of teaching materials, lack of toilets, corporal punishment etc. were addressed by the CRCs and were able to solve them.

One-day each orientation program was conducted in 5 GP headquarters in which 10 CRC leaders from each of the 27 CRCs attended. 25 CRCs have become active and got involved in various activities like Shramadana, visiting ICDS centers, GP office, taking part in various competitions and programs in villages and schools after the Orientation program. Many CRC members playing informer's role on child marriage, child abuse incidents, school dropouts, school activities in villages.

1.2. Orientation and Training for Children's Federation:

Seven one day each programs was held during 2014-15. 2 programs were conducted at the District and Block level and others at Grama panchayat level.

In the block level program, CRC Representatives from each village and in the District level program, three NGO partners who are working for CRC participated with their CRC federation level representatives.

GP level CRC Federation representatives' meeting cum training was held in 5 GPs during January-February 2015 to discuss GP level specific problems of children, follow up of the Grama Sabha decisions. In Jakanpalli GP, Red Hand day was observed and oriented the children about the exploitation of children in arms and ammunitions, drugs, smuggling, war and terrorism activities, etc.

1.3 Exposure Visits for Children's Federation Members

10 children participated in an exposure program along with other 100 children of other EMC Project partners held at Belgaum in December 2014. Children were taken to observe the legislative assembly session. In another program, children visited site seeing places in Gavisiddeshawara hill area in Yadgir and Bhukailasa water resort in Andhra Pradesh. Children also took part in various competitions and the winners were given away with prizes.

In the third program, children were invited to Sedam for two days' Kavya Kammata program on Kannada literature. In the program, children were oriented and trained as how to write poems and stories by the expert Kannada poets and writers. 40 children participated in the program of which 10 were from EMC target area.

1.4 Interface between Children's Federation Members

The first program was organized for cluster partner children for two days at Prakurthi Dhama, GPSSS of Kalburgi in October 2014. CRC children from KIDS, BDSSS, REACH, Spandana and CDF along with their care takers were part of the program. Children were made to involve in various creative activities. Second Program was organized by KIDS Dharwad in which 10 children took part along with children of other project partners' areas. The children shared their federation CRC activities and had a number of CRC related activities and cultural programs.

The third program was organized in Kalaburgi in January 2015 for 6 children who were oriented and facilitated to participate in the Stat level CRC convention held at Bangalore on 11-12 January 2015.

1.5 State level convention of Children's Federation:

On 11-12, January 2015, CRC representatives from 18 districts were present at Bengaluru SCM House for two days' convention and formation of their state CRC federation. 80 CRC representatives had participated in the program. Chairperson of State Child Rights Commission Mr. Umesh Aradya, representatives from NGOs, funding agency and CACL-K network team members were present. Children discussed district-wise children's issues and submitted a memorandum to the Commissioner of KSCPCR.

After the program the CRC members also visited the State Child Rights Commission and interacted with the chairperson about the future course of action. Later, CRC children from Kalburgi district were taken for an outing in Bengaluru.

1.6 Children's Grama Sabha conducted

During 2014-15, 5 children's Special Grama Sabha were organized for children with the support of Grama Panchayaths. The GP representatives listened to the children's voices, assured them to take appropriate actions with regard to drinking water, toilet, midday meal serving, out of school children, bad roads and lack of transport facilities. Children also had complaint about lack of teachers, migration and child marriage issues.

1.7 Convention of children's Forum

UNCRC-25 celebration has marked with convention of children's forum and a series of programs were held at Sedam and Mudhol cluster area on 20th and 21st of November. Around 700 children participated. Procession and public function were held wherein Department officials from Revenue, education, women and child development, Health and Police were present. Further, children conducted group discussion and submitted a memorandum to the DC's representative at the district during District level program held at Kalburgi on 25th of November 2014.

1.8 Life Skill Camp for girl students in School

5 camps of 2 days each were held at 5 high schools in the target area. A total of 164 girls from 8th -10th std and 57 elders participated. These girls were selected from the communities like SC, ST, OBC and minority groups. Life skills, leadership and protection aspects were the main topics dealt with in the 2-day program. All girls have decided to continue their education up to 10th std. 123 girls have decided that they would not marry before attaining the age of 18 years. 109 girls have decided to go for higher Education. 2 girls had opposed their proposal of marriage and have been continuing their education.

2. Work with Youth

2.1 Youth group formation and strengthening

25 youth groups were strengthened and followed up in the target villages. 588 members are in these groups (220 male members and 368 female members). Each group accommodates 25 members in the age group of 16 - 25 years. Life skill, leadership, ill effects of drugs and substance, value based life, goal setting, role of youth in community development and protection of children and their developments etc. were the topics dealt with. So far, 87 meetings were conducted wherein an average 380 members participated.

During this year, 25 youths had undergone computer training, 29 young school dropouts girls have taken up training in tailoring. A few youth groups got involved in school enrollment and retention, other than guiding other members about the ill effects of child marriage, motivating the youth to continue their education, etc.

22 one-day orientation programs were held for 25 Sanghas. The orientation programs have greatly impacted on the youth as they have realized that their potential and critical role in bringing the change in the society. They began to raise children and youth issues at village level programs, in GP meetings and other platforms.

2.2 Formation and Strengthening of Youth Federation

6 federation level trainings were held for youth in order to understand develop their leadership to further strengthening their Youth Federation. Programs were held for two rounds at project level and 4 times at panchayat level to train them in leadership, role and functions of the federation, interaction between the members of the various sanghas, both men and women, understand their needs and respect each other.

2.3 Cluster Level Youth Exchange and Exposure

Two programs were held at the Cluster level, one at Dharwad and other one at Belgaum in which 8 youth and a staff had participated. In the second program, youth were placed in community homes for socialization, understanding their culture, life practices and living conditions.

2.4. Life skill camp for Youth

8 youth have participated in 3 youth camps that were organized by other EMC partners. 49 youth have taken part in the 4th camp that was hosted by CDF at Yadgir. These camps were facilitated by Prakruthi network, Karnataka.

Prakurthi network meeting and camp was held at Kalgatagi, Mysore, Kudalasangam and Yadgir for two days each.

2.5. Vocational Training for Youth

Two types of training for youth were held under vocational training. Computer training was for college going youth and tailoring for school dropout girls in villages. 25 youth, both men and women, underwent three months' course on MS office. On the other, 31 girls have been attending the 6 months' tailoring course in Betegera B and TB Halli villages in Sedam since February 2015.

Both courses will be completed in May /June 2015 and youth acquire proper skills and increased confidence to find jobs and progress in their careers. Last year 37 youth were trained, out of which 15 are pursuing with their higher computer course.

2.6. Sensitization camp for youth

One day program was held in the college and all students, both boys and girls, along with the faculty team attended the program. College students took part in essay writing, drawing and elocution and the winners were given away with prizes.

In the second round of the program, during the celebration of UNCRC 25, CRC children from across target villages were given opportunity to participate in drawing, quiz and elocution on CRC aspects. Best three children in each category were honored with prizes.

3 Community Work:

3.1 Orientation program for Parents of Adolescent Girls

9 Orientation programs were held for parents of adolescent girls wherein 572 parents (174 men and 398 women) participated including 38 members like teachers, ICDS workers, TP and GP members, youth and local leaders. They were trained in parenting care, protection for girls, educating children and nutritional aspects of young children and mothers. 80% of the parents decided not to marry their daughters before them attaining the age of 18 years and motivate their daughters to go to school on a regular basis.

Apart from the above orientation program, 137 parents' meetings were held in ICDS centers where in 2757 parents attended.

3.2 Village Level Training for Child Protection Committees

26 groups were formed and strengthened in the target villages having the total number of members as 526 (257 men and 269 women). The members have been elected from various local committees like BVS, SDMC, Health committees, people's representatives from Grama panchayat and local Government staff like school teachers, Anganwadi workers, ANMs and other active members from youth, SHGs and farmers.

42 orientation trainings along with meetings were held wherein School teachers, ICDS workers, Asha Workers, ANMs, Supervisors and CRP officials also took part in the training and meetings.

2 child marriage cases were prevented by CPC with the help of other people and project staff. 7 child labourers were re-enrolled to school while 70 children were enrolled in various villages with the support of teachers and local committees.

3.3 Cluster Level Training and Exposure for Child Protection Committees

CPC members from 26 groups had elected their 12 representatives for the project level CPC last year. Out of the 12 members, 7 of them were elected as Office bearers of the Federation like President, vice president, Secretary, joint secretary, Treasurer and 2 members.

3 rounds of CPC project level meetings were organized in which 60 CPC leaders and field team workers participated. The Federation office bearers visited several villages and met CPC and GP members and motivated them to take child issues at the village level.

Another two programs were organized for CPC federation members for interacting with Government officials at Sedam, and sharing and interaction with CPC members of other EMC project partners at Kanneri Ashram, Kolhapur.

CPC Exposure Program

Two days' Exposure was organized to Kanneri Ashram in February along with the CPC members of other EMC partners. CPC members also interacted with other CPCs of different districts and shared their views, work and situation of children.

3.4 Training on Self Help Group management for Members of SHG Federation

26 training programs on SHG management and CRC concept were held for 52 SHGs. 806 members attended these trainings. During the day long training, they were oriented about the importance of book keeping, methods and encouraged them to complete their book entries, child rights.

Self help groups were formed with members

SHG members belong to SC, ST, OBC and minority groups and other BPL women in these groups. 55 groups were formed in which 52 are functioning with a total number of 899 members. All SHGs consist of women members only.

3.5 Leadership Training for SHG Federation Leaders

4 leadership trainings at GP level, 3 programs at project level were conducted to promote and strengthen the SHG leaders, both in leading the SHGs and taking up IGP activities. As a result of these above trainings, the leaders have become enthusiastic.

3.6 Exposure Visit for SHG Federation Leaders

Two days' exposure was organized to visit a craft Centre in Sandoor, SHG interaction in READS organization, Bellary and Historical places of Hampi. 32 members visited these places in March 2015. The group visited a few SHGs that were promoted by READS and then they visited the CRAFT centre in Sandoor run by Gorphade Foundation. Later the SHG leaders interacted with the other SHG groups promoted by READS, KIDS and REACH organizations.

3.7 Support for Young women in Crisis

The women selected for the support are either young widows, or single women with no proper support from family, or handicapped or those having young children without support from their family. The purpose of the support is to take IGP activity in their villages in order to increase their overall earning to maintain their life with dignity or support their young children to get proper education. 17 women have been supported to take up IGP activities.

3.8 District Level Rally against child marriage

A rally was organized in Kalburgi on 25th November 2014 in commemoration of UNCRC 25 with support of Likeminded organizations of Kalburgi and CACL-K network. The rally was flagged off by Mr. Umesh Aradhya, Chairperson of KSCPCR. Street theatre team performed a show at super market area and the procession moved to Patel chowk and from there to DC Office for submission of Memorandum. Several NGOs, volunteers, youth and child rights activist children from Don Bosco were part of the procession.

Enrollment and Jatha Program

Children along with teachers, SDMC, CPC and youth members got involved and conducted the Jatha in 4 places in July 2014. As a result, 184 children got enrolled to school in these villages. Out of them, 181 have retained in schools.

3.9 Workshop for Child Marriage Prohibition Officers.

5 workshops were organized during the reporting period for various stake holders. The stake holders are SJPU police personnel of the District, Mass marriage committee members, Temple committee members, priest, ICDS workers and Supervisors, Line department Officials, Child line staff, NGO heads, PDOs and Village accountants, BRC and CRCs etc. The program held in district as well as blocks like Sedam, Chittapur, Kalburagi rural and Urban Blocks. 400 participants took part in the workshops.

3.10 Publication of IEC Materials:

Handbills on UNCRC-25 years celebration were published and disseminated. The handbills were circulated to all committees, volunteers, NGOs, government offices, youth, children, associations and public. during workshops, trainings, rallies, and interaction meetings.

2. 11. Workshop for Mass Marriage Committees

Mass marriage committee workshop was organized at Aland with the support of Women and child Development Department (DWCD) on 25th February 2015. Aland Block MLA, Mr. Patil had inaugurated the workshop. Tashildhar, Registrar, CDPO, BEO, Officials from DWCD, Child Protection Unit and Child line were present in the workshop along with Mass marriage committee members, Women federation leaders and all Supervisors of the Block.

2.12 Interaction with Mass Marriage Committees

Mass Marriage Committees, Community Based Organizations like political, youth, welfare associations, Temple management Committees, Govt. Line department offices and likeminded NGOs visited and followed up at Sedam, Chittapur, Yadgir, Shahapur, Chincholi, Aland, Kalburgi rural and urban Blocks of Kalburagi and Yadgir districts. Further, the girl children rescued from the child marriage cases were placed in Govt Home for Girl Children, at Kalburagi. Stickers on consequences of child marriage with contact numbers of concerned departments and organizations were printed and distributed.

2.13 Child Marriage: Rescue and rehabilitation

4 girls were rescued from child marriage and they were placed in Govt Home for Girls, Kalburgi. One orphan girl child who had been missing was later found in our target village. She was rescued and placed in Govt Home for Girls. 72 proposed child marriage cases from various villages were stopped through visits and persuading the parents by CRC, CPC, Youth and SHGs. Community workers had identified a few cases.

Among those prevented cases, 60% are continuing their education and a few of them have appeared for the open education. The practice of child marriage has come down from 50% to 25% in the recent years in the working area.

2.14 Staff Capacity Building

4 programs were held in order to improve the capacity of the staff, apart from monthly and special meeting within the organization. This year, two rounds of training on Result Based Management (RBM) helped the staff understand the basics of development and documentation. Further, they tried to apply the skills they learnt in their periodic reporting.

II. Integrated Education Movement (IEM)

IEM project is implemented at Sedam Block, Kalaburgi district working on Primary Education in 10 GPs and Urban areas at Kodla, Udigi, Handriki, Dugunur, Adaki, Madhkal, Mudhol, Kurukunta, Neelahalli, Telkur & Sedam which cover 125 Anganwadi Centers and 78 schools in 52 villages.

Preschool Education:

During this year, 125 ICDS centres were monitored and followed up through enrollment, retention, pre-school education, delivery of services to the beneficiaries, etc in 10 GPs and urban areas of Sedam. Project activities like purchase and distribution of pre-educational materials, pre-school education training and follow up of selected ICDS workers, observation of pre-school sessions and guidance, Nutritional workshop for workers, training and follow up of Balavikasa Samithis under the Early child care and Education were held.

Enrollment and Retention in Early child care and Education:

Total children identified in the age group of 0-3 years	5567
Total children covered under ICDS program	4340
Non covered children	1227
Total children identified in the age group of 3-6 years	4994
Total children covered under ICDS program	3782
Total children in Private kindergarten schools	635
Non covered children	577

Purchase and Distribution of ICDS play and learning materials to 50 Centers

- Learning and supportive materials were provided to 51 ICDS centers after 2 rounds of training. 39 Centres have collected local materials and stored for play and learning purpose. 31 such centres are making use of these materials in effective manner.

Conduct Pre-school Training for the 50 ICDS Workers.

- 48 workers and 5 field workers were trained in two batches for two times for duration of seven days each. The First round of training was imparted on collection of local and readymade play materials. CDPO and supervisors also partially attended the training and motivated the workers to adopt the learning in the centre.

Monitor and Follow up previous 75 model Centres

- Last year, we had conducted training for 75 ICDS centres in the working area which were monitored randomly during this year. 75 workers were trained in 3 batches for 3 days each in Language and Maths during this year.
- Department has provided with place and basic arrangements for these trainings. 59 centres have collected the materials and made use of them in the pre-school sessions. 09 centres have initiated celebrating children's birthdays and conducting various cultural activities for children during certain occasions. CDF has provided play and learning materials to these centres last year.
- 55 centres provide supplementary food to the children as per the guidelines of the department. Others are closely monitored. 43 centres have maintained cleanliness in the centres. 180 children aged 6 years+ were brought under school readiness test activity and their performance was evaluated. Lack of Supervisors in CDPO office, poor monitoring and indifference of some workers towards change have resulted in some centers lagging behind.

TOT Trainers to take up future training requirements of the block

- 11 members of ICDS workers, 6 project staffs were trained for 2 days on nutrition and monitoring the malnourished children in the centers. Annual get-together program was held for TOT workers and Para Teachers in March 2015 in which 15 members participated. The TOT team along with CDF team had conducted training of 4 batches of ICDS workers on Pre-school education and 6 cluster level trainings on nutrition for

the workers. Besides these trainings, they have been visiting local ICDS centres and motivating the workers on conducting pre-school education. 7 ICDS workers who attended the TOT have been performing well as lead workers. Other centers are being monitored for improvement.

Nutrition Training at cluster Level:

- 6 cluster level trainings were organized in various panchayat headquarters in which 278 ICDS workers along with some Anganwadi Helpers participated. As a result of these trainings, ICDS workers and Helpers are able to understand in depth the importance of follow-up work with malnourished children in the centre as well as educating/guiding their mothers to take care of such affected children.
- 12 centres have celebrated the nutrition program day with the presence of CDF staff. 41 centres have observed the nutrition awareness day in their centres in which 854 mothers and local people participated. CDPO and the concerned Supervisors were present during the training programs.

Bala Vikasa Samithi Trainings at the cluster level:

- 06 cluster level and two block level trainings were organized in which 311 BVS members attended the cluster training and 84 members attended the Block level Federation Training. Concerned Supervisors, CDPO and CDF project staff were the resource persons. Role of BVS members, functions and details of ICDS program and pre-school aspects were dealt with in the training program.
- In 35 ICDS centers, BVS members have worked towards strengthening the basic infrastructure. In 51 centers, BVS members motivate the community people to send their children to ICDS Centers. In 87 centers, the BVS members support the ICDS workers in organizing programs in the angawadis and in 40 centres, BVS members have approached the government officials to provide water, building, toilet facilities to the centers. In 60 centers, mothers themselves bring children to Anganawadis.

Impact

Functioning of ICDS centres and Early childhood care:

Before the intervention of the project, a lot of irregularities were found in the functioning of ICDS centres like manipulating data on children, poor delivery of benefits to the needy people, lack of coordination between community and the workers. However, CDF with the support of ILP intervention has brought some positive impact in the field in terms of community is sensitized to take part in mothers' meetings and observe the children's activities in the centres, send their children voluntarily to the centres. Majority centres have fallen in line in terms of distribution of food to the beneficiaries and providing proper supplementary food to the children. The rate of attendance in the centres has increased and their reach out to the malnourished children has strengthened. Workers have now been tracking the child health register, maintaining health hygiene practice in the centre. Helpers do take care of children in the absence of Anganwadi Worker.

Pre-school Education

In the operational area, Pre-school Education session takes place after a series of trainings, exposure programs and supply of learning and play materials to the centres. Most of the centres have been set up with local materials and other activity corners in order to attract children to the centre and get them actively involved and make use of the play and learning materials.

Further, children who were regular to pre-school education have shown better progress in their school performance. 'They do better class room activities than other children in the class,' say the school teachers. Parents too express their happiness about their children. Community also has a positive attitude towards the Worker and the Anganwadi centre.

Workers try to come up by exhibiting their talents in developing materials and displaying them. The review has helped in monitoring the progress of the children. Helpers too have improved in their services in the centers like getting involved themselves in PSE and maintaining hygiene aspect.

On the other, change of CDPO at Sedam since January 2015 has further slowed down the process of monitoring and follow- up of the ICDS centres by the department. However, CDF is hoping to improve this over a period of time. Coordinator has approached and briefed the entire work with departments and the CDPO has promised her fullest cooperation.

TOT Team

TOT members are quite confident and competitive in the pre-school subject. They are the resource persons among the ICDS workers and they share their experiences and motivate other workers during the cluster and block level trainings.

BVS

After the training, involvement of BVS members in monitoring ICDS services has increased. BVS members are able to discuss overall situation of ICDS in the Block through BVS Federation meeting.

2. Strengthening primary education in Government schools

During the reporting period, 78 schools and 12 high schools were covered in 10 GPs and urban area of Sedam. Enrollment, retention and progress of the children were monitored in the schools. High schools were covered only for CRC activities.

The major activities under strengthening the primary education are: Follow up of school children, support for in Nali-Kali education in 12 schools, child rights activities, reading room activities, SDMC training and follow up and parents' meeting.

School children's data and follow up

Total no. of children identified (6-14 years)	14603
Total no. of children enrolled in Government schools	9637
Total no. of children enrolled in Private schools and outside villages	3601
Total no. of children remained out of school	1008
Total no of children migrated with family	357

- During 2014-15, 946 children aged 5 years+ from ICDS were enrolled to 1st std. in government schools and are regular to school. Total 13238 children have continued their school during the reporting period of which 9637 in Government Schools and 3601 in Private/aided schools. The overall level of attendance in 78 schools observed by the community worker with the help of CRC groups is 76% against the government data of 95%.
- Nali-Kali level of attendance (from 1st to 3rd std.) in the above schools observed by CDF is 78% whereas Govt data shows 95%. School syllabus completion was tracked in the class 4th to 8th std. in the target schools. As per the data, only average 66% of the

portion has completed. (4th std.: 67%, 5th std.: 65%, 6th std.: 64%, 7th std: 63% and 8th std: 71%)

Strengthening 12 schools on Nalikali Education:

- 10 Para Teachers have been placed in 11 schools for improving the Teaching and learning of children. The teachers have reached 832 Nali-Kali children in 10 schools and 110 children of 5th to 7th Std along with other trained teachers in the schools.
- Out of the 874 children, 770 of them appeared for school performance test conducted by CDF team in February 2015, resulting in grades like A+= 13%, A=37%, in B += 27%, in B= 14% and C= 8%.
- Para teachers and community workers followed 149 irregular children by way of home visit and follow up, which has resulted in 64 children attending the school regularly. These Para teachers were made responsible to assist the school teachers to conduct classes, supervise and guide the children to make use of toilet facility, set in place the proper system in serving mid-day meals, maintain better school environment, follow up irregular children, assist the teachers in developing teaching materials etc.

Drinking water, use of toilets, making use of reading room, improvement in attendance of teachers and children, proper preparation and serving the midday meal, improving the basic infrastructure in schools and introduction of a few steps towards quality education have been undertaken in schools.

CRC Activities –Formation, strengthening and conducting Child Rights Clubs’ (CRCs) meetings:

- 56 groups have been formed in HPS and high schools with 1120 members (560 boys and 560 girls). Children’s Grama Sabha was organized in 4 GPs in which 247 children and teachers along with GP members and local officials participated.
- UNCRC-25 programs viz public function, candle light procession, rally, various competitions like quiz, drawing, elocution on CRC and group discussion on children’s rights situation in their villages were held. 509 CRC representatives from 38 schools participated in the program. A Memorandum was submitted to DC Office, Gulbarga on 25th of November 2014. Further this program was also held in 28 villages.

- 20 CRCs managing the reading room in schools with the support of teachers and Community Organizers.

Reading Room facility for children in HP schools in order to improve their reading and expression abilities:

- 26 reading rooms are functional in schools and 2467 children were benefited by this activity. Altogether 4500 books were made available in these reading rooms. Out of which 1260 books were purchased during 2015-16. 70% have shown the reading improvement.

SDMC Training and follow up

56 schools are having functional SDMCs on the basis of RTE with 1064 members (male 504 and 560 female). Around 60 to 65 % of the SDMC members attend the meetings.

In 22 schools, SDMCs are still remaining problematic due to local politics, misuse of school funds, and lack of understanding between the GP, school and community. 8 one-day cluster level SDMC Trainings were conducted and 319 members participated.

22 SDMCs are active without CDF intervention and remaining 34 are under the guidance of CDF field team. 21 SDMCs have finalized SDP and submitted to the Department. 18 SDMCs keep a track of the children's progress in schools. 16 SDMCs have planted saplings in their school compounds, improved the basic infrastructures like toilets, water supply, CC Road construction, school grounds etc. 17 SDMCs have conducted home visits and brought back 65 children to school, of which 38 are regular to school. 12 SDMCs have written application to concerned department to improve the school infrastructure. In many schools, the understanding between teachers and SDMC members has significantly improved.

Parents' Meeting

- 85 parents' meetings were held in Model schools and other school. Parenting care, Child rights, tracking children's progress, participation in school activities, etc were discussed. 85 % of the parents attending the Parents-teachers' meeting in selected 12 schools. 80% of parents discuss children's progress with the teachers. In 25 schools, parents take part in various school related programs in villages like National days, school days, Samudayadatta shale, enrollment campaign, sports days etc. As a result of

good rapport, the teachers have put their maximum efforts in teaching work and tracked the progress of the children in the selected schools.

School Impact

- Though Enrollment and retention in schools is showing positive sign in the beginning of the academic period, the percentage goes down in October- November period, then increases during February and March for the final exams. This is due to harvest, migration and festival seasons of the region. Involvement of parents and SDMC has improved in 60% schools. Reading ability among children is steadily improving through Reading Room activities.
- CRC groups tackle child related issues in schools. Children increasingly take part in various cultural and academic competitions in schools. During this period, UNCRC 25 gave an opportunity to the children to sensitize the community, teachers and villages leaders by way of conducting candle light procession in night, rally, debate, discussion etc.
- Due to the regular meetings of parents, children's attendance in school is getting improved. Parents do take part in school programs regularly. Several parents try to understand the progress of children through these meetings. Parents take the responsibility to send their children to school on regular basis.
- Due to the SDMC trainings, the members come forward to donate basic materials to schools. SDMC members had reported some problems like lack of sufficient rooms, teachers, toilet, and water facility to the GP and block officials for immediate appropriate action. After the training, the members have understood the importance of SDMC meetings and followed up the pending school infrastructure work. Members have actively got involved in school enrollment, retention and progress of the children. This training has also facilitated to enroll members from across the block, united to address the school issues.

Other Activities:

Advocacy/ interface with government or network activities:

Cluster and Block level meetings and follow up

13 Cluster level and 12 block level angawadi workers' meetings were attended by the concerned local community organizers and training organizer. 280 workers at the cluster level and 735 workers at the block level were present in these meetings.

Rescued 9 children of which 7 were placed in govt boys' home at Gulbarga through CWC. These children were trafficked from West Bengal.

UNCRC-25 celebration was held at district headquarters of Kalburagi with the support of 10 NGOs and CACL-K network. After a procession and street theater on child rights, children's memorandum was submitted to Deputy Commissioner. Stakeholders' workshops were held in Aland, Kalburgi, Chittapur and Sedam on protection of children from child marriage and trafficking and strengthened the coordination activities in the district.

2 Kavya Kammata programs for children were organized by CDF with the help of Balavikasa Academy Dharwad and Child protection unit of Kalburgi (writing poems, stories and presentation by children) at Sedam and Aland block in which 87 children participated. Took part in KSPCR meetings with regard to celebration of UNCRC 25 years' event and NGO consultation meeting to discuss as how to take forward the UNCRC 25 advocacy work in the State.

State level children's CRC Apex body was formed in January 2015 by the CRC representatives from 16 districts. The apex body's governing body was formed and they along with other children had interaction with the chairperson of KSPCR.

Staff development activities

Two-day training on HIV affected children and counseling skills at Sedam, training on School Readiness Test at Yadgir, Two days' training on Result based management, Two days' training on Nutrition aspects, importance and fundamentals of Nutrition, Two days' workshop on Understanding youth, Skills and techniques to work with youth groups, One day orientation cum stock taking session on Child protection Policy were held for the staff development.

CPP committee and the sexual harassment prevention committee of the organization were revamped, new members were inducted and their role and responsibilities were explained in detail. A two days' exposure program was conducted for the staff in February 2015 to Kanneri Ashram, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

Challenges:

School Sector: Irregular attendance of children is a bigger challenge before the agency. Political interference and lack of sufficient number of teachers are the bottlenecks for progress. Feudalism, corruption, frequent Transfer of taluk level officers, Non-cooperation of Education Dept, Migration of families with children and Lack of follow up by the Dept are the other challenges.

ICDS Sector: Lack of place and infrastructure for 20% ICDS centers, Migrant families, Lack of punctuality among workers in some centers and Poor participation of Helpers are the challenges.

Training: Sowing and harvesting seasons pose challenge for our trainings and programs. Interior villages and lack of transport facilities sometimes affect the training timings and effective participation of the trainees. Lack of training hall and other basic facilities sometimes affect the quality of the training. Participants expect readymade solutions from the organization for Community problems. Multi lingual communities are the other challenge.

CONCLUSION

The activities taken up in Kalburgi district have been not only making an impact among the communities and other stakeholders, but providing a great opportunity for learning as well. The change in the local social structures like Anganwadi centres, schools and community based organizations is very much evident as a result of CDF intervention.

We acknowledge and appreciate the concern and constant support of AEI/Tdh and ILP to CDF in reaching the children and communities in the North Karnataka region. Our Heartfelt thanks to all in Tdh- Germany, ILP –USA and India volunteers, Trustees for their constant support and timely guidance.

The support and cooperation of departments, NGOs, CBOs, other networks and media in the district have been very encouraging for CDF. The timely guidance of CDF Board members and officials of AEI/TdH Germany and ILP-USA has played a major role in making a difference in the project areas.

**Board of Directors and Staff,
CDF, Bangalore**

PHOTO COLLAGE



EMC Project Support - SHG Women Exposure, Bellary



SHG- Leadership Training -Sedam



CDF- Kavya Kammta Program -Aland



Women exposure visit- Sandoor



CRC children exposure/outing program



Handicraft training centre- Sandoor



District CRC members get together program-Sedam



CRC state forum consultation workshop, Bangalore



UNCRC-Candle Light Procession by CRC children in Sedam



UNCRC Jata program- Sedam



School visit by Mr. Rangarajan



Nutrition training-Local food preparation



Nutrition demonstration class for ICDS workers



Team building- youth members in a competition



UNCRC 25, foster drawing competition



**UNCRC 25
celebration in Sedam**

**Child Rights Club
members in a group
activity - leadership
training program**



**Rally against child marriage
Safe child hood campaign
inauguration in Kalburagi**



**Preschool education
class -demonstration
training for Anganwadi
Workers**



Red Hand Campaign- Child Right Club members, Sedam



Co-ordination committee- Training



ICDS workers 'training on preschool

CDF TEAM- (2014-15)

SL. NO	NAME	Gender	DESIGNATION	PLACE
1	Aruna Serrao	M	Director	Bangalore/Sedam
2	Richard Martis	M	Accountant	Bangalore
3	Damayanathi	F	Admin cum Accounts	Bangalore
4	Bhimrao	M	Project Coordinator	Sedam
2 5	Gurappa	M	Field Coordinator	Sedam
6	Vijayalakshmi	F	Training Organiser	Sedam
7	Shashikala D	F	Community Organiser	Sedam
8	Rajeshwari	F	Community Organiser	Sedam
9	Shamsoorsab	M	Community Organiser	Sedam
10	Devendrappa	M	Community Organiser	Sedam
11	Pramila	F	Community Organiser	Sedam
12	Tippanna	M	Community Organiser	Sedam
13	Chandrappa	M	Community Organiser	Sedam
14	Mallikarjuna	M	Community Organiser	Sedam
15	Shailaja	F	Office Assistant cum Data Operator	Sedam
16	Laxmi	F	Community Organizer	Sedam
17	Bannamma	F	Community Organiser	Sedam

CDF BOARD MEMBERS- (2013-15)

Sl. No	Name	Post held in the Association
1.	Mr. Raghavendra Bhat. K	President
2.	Mrs. Saroja	Vice President
3.	Mr. Aruna Serrao	Secretary
4.	Mrs. Anuradha	Joint Secretary
5.	Mr. Sandeep	Treasurer
6.	Dr. Mahendra R	Member
7.	Mr. Venkob Rao Gaikwad	Member
8	Mr. Janardhan	Member
9	Mrs. Mira Menezes	Member
10	Mr. Anand	Member

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

29/2, Tuasi Ramadas Mutt Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore - 560 005, karnataka

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 st MARCH 2015

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
To <u>Opening Balance:</u>			<u>By TDH - Escape from Marriage to Childhood</u>		
Cash in Hand	5,462.00		Personnel	789,016.00	
Cash at Bank	402,815.16		Programme Expense	1,012,064.00	
[Canara Bank - 0407101040765]		408,277.16	Administrative Cost	<u>38,905.00</u>	1,839,985.00
<u>To Foreign Contribution Received for</u>			<u>By Integrated Education Movement:-</u>	-	
Escape from Marriage to Childhood	1,821,631.00		Field Personnel	1,248,368.00	
Integrated Education Movement	2,189,782.00	4,011,413.00	Programme Expense	519,692.00	
			Equipments	15,408.00	
<u>To Local contribution</u>			Administrative Cost	<u>481,188.00</u>	2,264,656.00
Contribution towards CDF activities	44,060.00		-	-	-
Contribution Received	1,065.00		<u>Other than Project (Bank Interest)</u>	-	-
Contribution towards Kavya Kammata	30,000.00	75,125.00	Administrative Expenses	26,621.42	
			Computer	15,700.00	42,321.42
To Bank Interest		43,132.00		-	

To Income tax refund	-	1,370.00	By CDF Bangalore	-	
To Miscellaneous Income		207.00	Administration & Office Maintenance:	74,959.00	
To Annual Subscription Fees		5,000.00	Kavya Kammata Expenses	30,000.00	104,959.00
				-	
			By Closing Balance:	-	
			Cash in Hand	4,179.00	
			Cash at Bank	-	
			Canara Bank - 0765	69,363.04	
			UCO Bank - 12866	216,961.70	
			Canara Bank- 44348	1,034.00	
			Canara Bank- 22164	1,065.00	292,602.74
TOTAL		4,544,524.16	TOTAL		4,544,524.16

PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE
FOR PHILLIPOS & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FIRM REG NO: 002650 S

Place: Bangalore
 Date: 08/06/2015

B.ISSAC
PARTNER
MEMBERSHIP NO. 027621

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015

PARTICULARS	SCH	AMOUNT (₹)
I. INCOME		
Contribution received	5	75,125.00
Bank Interest	-	8,730.00
Other Income	6	6,577.00
Transfer from Balance Sheet	2	
a) Escape from Marriage to Childhood		1,839,985.00
b) Integrated Education Movement		2,249,248.00
TOTAL (A)		4,179,665.00
II. EXPENDITURE		
Administrative Expenses	7	101,580.42
Kavya Kammata Expenses		30,000.00
Project Expenses	8	4,089,233.00
Depreciation	3	37,925.13
TOTAL (B)		4,258,738.55
Excess of Expenditure Over Income (B-A)		79,073.55

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For PHILLIPOS & Co.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

FIRM REG NO. 002650 S

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PARTNER

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BANGALORE

6/8/2015

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2015

PARTICULARS	SCH.	AMOUNT
I. LIABILITIES		
1. Capital Fund	1	424,151.37
2. Specified Grant	2	73,135.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES		497,286.41
II. ASSETS		
1. Fixed Assets	3	199,683.67
2. Current Assets	4	297,602.74
TOTAL ASSETS		497,286.41

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