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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 utilized 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 three projects in Karburgi and Yadgiri district, namely:

1. **Escape from Marriage to Childhood (EMC) and**
2. **Integrated Education Movement (IEM)**
3. **Early Child Care and Development (ECD)**

The details of each project are as follows:

I. Escape from Marriage to Childhood- EMC Project:

Supported by AEI-Luxemburg/TdH

'Escape from marriage to Childhood' has completed its 3 years (second phase project period) by 31st March 2016. This project began its work in 2010 by working in 4 Grama panchayats consisting of 20 villages. However, in the second phase, one more gram panchayat was added with 5 villages in Sedam Block of Kalburagi District in Karnataka with the support of AEI Luxemburg and facilitation and Guidance of TdH Germany. The project emphasizes on promoting and strengthening child rights in the region with special focus on prevention of child marriage through effective and proactive support from village committees, children, youth and women's groups and government departments. The major activities are as follows:

1. Work with Children:

1. CRC groups and orientation program and monthly meetings:

40 CRC groups are functioning in the operational area with a total membership of 895 of which 427 boys and 468 are girls. 221 CRC group meetings were conducted. They discussed issues like out school children, environmental protection, social evils like child marriage, child labour, trafficking

and poor school infrastructure, poor quality of midday meal, shortage of teachers in schools etc; and urged the respective authorities like SDMCs, Grama panchayat members, village leaders, BEO and CDPO to address these issues.

Issues taken up: Tree plantations, kitchen gardening, maintenance of school campus, children's rally, prevention of child marriage, home visits, drawing competitions, re enrollment of children, visit to anganwadi centres, monitoring classes in the absence of teachers, police and children interactive program, annual review of CRC activities were undertaken by the CRCs.

1.2. Strengthening CRC Federation:

Grama Panchayath-wise training was organized for re-constituting the CRC federations in September 2015. One day training-cum-meetings were held in 5 GP headquarters. 270 CRC leaders consisting of 139 boys and 131 girls took part in these programs.

In the beginning of the program, the participants were activated through various games and motivated to share child related issues in smaller groups. Later those issues were presented in larger groups so as everyone would know the children's burning issues.

1.3. Enrollment campaign and CRC Rallies:

4 rallies were conducted in the working area in which 1999 children along with teachers, SDMC, CPC, and CBO members took part. Children went through main roads and gullies in the villages, asking parents and village leaders to enroll all eligible children to school and continue their education. Slogans were raised against child labour and child marriage practices. Through these rallies, 129 children were enrolled to school and they are now regular to school.

Further in November 2015, two more rallies were conducted at Sedam and Mudhol to commemorate CRC days.

1.4. Children's special Gramasabha: 3 Grama Sabha meetings were conducted. In the three places, the Gramasabha for children were held meaningfully and most of the expenses were borne by the respective panchayats. The meetings were held in Ranjol, Kalkunda and Betgera B.

Most of the GP members and taluk level officials were present in Gramsabha. Children raised a number of issues like school infrastructure, shortage of teachers, poor functioning of ICDS centres, lack of drinking water facilities in SC, ST areas, lack of teaching in schools, anti social elements create problems in public places, lack of transport, practice of untouchability in villages etc. A few issues like drinking water, toilet, street light have been solved by the active participation of GP, Teachers, village leaders and youth of villages.

1.5. Life Skill Camp for high school girls

During the reporting period, 5 High school camps were conducted for 2 days each. 208 girls from 8th and 9th std participated. The participants were selected on basis the of their socio economic background that such girls needed this camp. Life skills, child abuse, gender, health and hygiene and life goal setting exercises were some of the important topics dealt with. Mrs. Bhagyalaxmi from Kalburgi was the Resource Person along with project Coordinator and community organizers to conduct the activity based sessions in these camps. The participants have gained knowledge and expressed their solidarity against child marriage, right to womanhood, continuation of their education and priority to become self reliant first and get married later.

During the last 2 years, 400+ girls participated in such camps. Out of them, around 155 girls from the batches of 2013-14 are continuing their higher education. 224 are now in 10th std. The remaining children are at home and some of them are involved in vocational training programs like tailoring, computers training etc.

1.6. Interface interaction between Children's Federation Members:

Three rounds of programs were held. In December 2015, 6 CRC children participated along with other EMC project children at SCM House, Bangalore. The children shared about their federation level activities and stressed upon to have an active state level CRC Forum to address state level issues of children. In continuation of discussions, the children identified a number of issues and problems and listed them to present them before the chairperson of KSCPCR. During the event, the children got an opportunity to visit various places like Visweshvarayya Museum, Cubbon park, Vidhana Soudha and Bangalore Palace.

Second program at the project level was an interaction of CRC children with Police personnel in Mudhol Police station which was held in February 2016. 33 children took part in the program. This program was called '**Tereda Mane**' (open House). It's about children openly have discussion with police personnel on the role of police in children's protection, functioning of police station.

1.7. CRC Federation Exposure

Three exposures were conducted during this year. The first exposure was to Yanagundi-Matha Manikeshwari pilgrim place. Second team went to Bhookailasa waterfalls site and a third group went to Kalburagi to visit historical places like Band Nawaz, Sharana Basaveshwara temple, Buddha Vihar and Science centre. 115 children were participated in the above exposure programs.

1.8. Child Rights Convention

Child Rights convention was held in two places in November 2015. First one was held at Mudhol wherein 95 children from project took part. At Sedam, the program was held at Nowkarara Bhavan

in which 225 children participated. Children discussed some of the issues in groups and decided to submit a memorandum to DC. Later they took out a procession. This program attracted the attention of the public. Officials too were surprised to see the way children spontaneously presenting their situation in Schools and villages.

1.9 State level Children's Forum

CRC state level forum 'Balayanakshatra' Federation meet was held in December 2015 in which 6 CRC members from the project area participated. Children's Representatives from 16 districts had come together for the program. Two days' long interaction, discussions on various issues were held by children and by the guidance of child rights experts and concerned project team.

On the first day, children were involved in mapping safe spaces in community. The children from 16 districts were divided in to 4 groups representing the four region of the state and asked them to draw a village map and mark the public and private places which are most dangerous to the children. The children continued the exercise and they understood finally that no place is safer for children in the present conditions. The map then was presented to the chairperson of KSCPCR and urged her to take appropriate steps to ensure safety of children. Children also put forth a demand for a space for children in KSCPCR office to meet and discuss children's issues in the future. For this, chairperson positively responded and agreed to provide a space for children in KSCPCR premises. Later the children put up a name board 'Balyanakshatra' State CRC Forum in the office of KSCPCR.

Similarly in March 2015, second round follow up meeting was held with the chairperson and other members of KSCPCR where CRC state forum urged for a support to continue the CRC forum activities in the State, as well as to promote and strengthen the CRC district forums in all districts of the state.

2. Work with Youth

2.1 Youth group formation and strengthening

There are 25 youth groups in the operational area with a total membership of 587. Majority members are college going students, and some of them have finished their graduation or technical courses, and the remaining are school dropouts. An effort is being made to conduct quarterly meetings. In the beginning of the year, the youth groups were oriented about youth role, their participation in community development, protection of rights of children and environment. 31 orientation meetings were held for youth in July 2015 in which 253 youth had participated.

100 youth group meetings were held during the reporting period in various villages in which 311 members had participated. Women members in majority attended these meetings. During the

monthly meetings, the youth were motivated to discuss on their health, hygiene, precautions, life skills, orientation on vocational trainings, job opportunities and higher education.

2.2 Youth Federation Training:

3 GP level federations training -cum- meetings were held in which 99 youth had participated. These meetings were held in Madana, Kolkunda and Jakanpalli Grama Panchayaths. During the training program, activities like re-organising the existing federation, motivating their leadership in village activities. Project level leadership training was organised at project office, Sedam in October 2015 in which 38 youth representatives participated. In January 2016, third round training was held at project level on vocational training and career guidance training. 36 youth had participated.

2.3. Youth Interface Program

2 youth from CDF project attended Prakruti Network program held at Basavakalyana. During these two days of training, youth interacted with other youths from different parts of Karnataka. They were oriented on environment issues, and youth participation in self and village development were discussed in detail. The second round training was held at Surashetty Koppa, Dharwad in September 2015 about the street theater training on child marriage issue. The third program was held in Dharwad where three youth participated from CDF project area.

2.4 Life skill camp for youth

9 life skill camps were conducted wherein 165 youth participated. The topics dealt with were health and hygiene, group leadership, soft skills, talents exhibition, career guidance. Each program was of one day each conducted at GP level and 3 programs were held in Sedam, Yanagundi and Gavisiddeshwara.

2.5 Vocational training:

Two batches have completed their trainings in tailoring. Some selected youth from community were sent for 3 months' residential vocational training held at Kaburagi and Dharwad. 17 women were sent to Kalburagi to undergo training in marketing, tailoring, spoken English and leadership training. 9 youth were sent to Dharwad to undergo training in carpentry, electrician, fitter and painting trade. These courses were provided free of cost along with follow up till their placements. Out of the trained youth, 7 have joined to work in various cities. Others are still at home and waiting for good opportunities in nearby towns. Another batch of 12 girls have finished their 6 months' tailoring in Betgera. Now they are able to stitch all types of apparels and their parents have decided to buy new sewing machines for them. 25 youth from the working villages joined computer short term courses.

During the last two years of tailoring trainings, 95 girls have bought sewing machines and 15 people have migrated to Bangalore and Hyderabad to work in garment factories.

2.6 Drawing Competitions for youth and High school children

In February 2016, **kavya kammata** a two days program held for college and high school students in Mudhol. The youth and children trained as how to write poems and stories, draw pictures on the suffering of the people in the society like child abuse, child marriage, exploitation, poverty, injustice etc. Expert poets from Sedam and Kalburagi Kannada Sahithya Parishad had come as resource persons to train these students.

3. Community Work

3.1 Orientation program for Parents of Adolescent Girls:

Parents' orientation program was held in 8 places. 558 parents participated. Apart from these parents, SDMC, ICDS workers, GP members, Asha workers, teachers were present. Girl child, parenting care, importance of education to girl children are some of the topics dealt with and stressed upon parents' role in protecting and educating children beyond SSLC. Apart from these orientation meetings, mothers' meetings were held in some of the ICDS centres. 97 such meetings were organized in which 1545 mothers attended.

3.2 Village Level Training for Child Protection Committees

26 groups were strengthened and followed up in the target villages. The total number of members of these 26 groups is 548. These 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.

These groups were reorganized in each village by including new elected GP members and others. Two rounds of meeting-cum-training programs and 51 training-cum-meetings were organized in 26 villages.

3.3 Project level training for CPC representatives

One day training program for CPC representatives was organized at Madana community hall. 30 representatives attended the program. CDPO, supervisors, GP members, health dept. officials etc were present. Tracking the missing children and girls and preventive ways and means of trafficking were discussed in detail. In October, a second round training was organised for the CPC representatives at CDF office. Labour inspector Mr. Ravindra and Advocate Nagesh Mitti had come as resource persons for the training program. 23 CPC representatives were present for the training. In March 2016, one more training for CPC members was held at KEB Govt. School Sedam. 49 members participated. This training was organised especially for Women CPC members to discuss

women and children's issues in particular as how they can take forward the work even after closer of the present EMC project.

3.4 CPC members' exposure program

A team of 12 members of CPC committee representatives visited Koppal UNICEF child protection project along with other 5 EMC partner NGOs. This was two days' program held in January 2016. This exposure was a great help for them to broaden their knowledge and motivation to take similar efforts in the project area.

3.5 Training on CRC concept and book keeping for Members of SHGs

26 CRC cum SHG concept trainings were held in the target villages by reaching 435 representatives from 52 SHGs. During the training, the representatives were oriented on CRC concept, their role in protecting rights of children and voice against child marriage. Presently 52 Self Help groups were followed up and strengthened in the target villages. Members in the SHGs belong to SC, ST, OBC and minority groups and BPL groups. Their savings so far is Rs.2193254 and internal lending is Rs.1800299. Total repayment is Rs.567820 while the accrued interest is Rs.187620. The number of groups linked with Banks is 52. With regard to the bank loan of Rs. 567820 availed, the members have repaid Rs.526752 so far. Apart from this, the SHGs have prevented 19 marriages of children in their respective area. 6 members of SHGs have become Gram Panchayat members.

3.6 SHG Leadership Program:

SHG leadership program was held twice in the reporting period in which 50 SHG women leaders participated. The first one training was held in November 2015 at Mudhol and other one was held at Yanagundi in February 2016. In both the programs, the women leaders were encouraged to share their experiences as how they motivated the SHGs to function independently.

3.7 Support for Young women in Crisis

During the year 16 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 supported women in crisis in the past years are using their income for better food, education of children and savings. A few have constructed their small houses and used their income to procure basic home materials etc. These members also do take part actively in SHG, community meetings in which they explain and sensitize others on the ill effects of child marriage. Most of the beneficiaries are involved in goat rearing, petty shop, tailoring, cloth business, ironing, basket making, animal husbandry, vegetable, flower vending etc.

4. Workshops and network :

4.1 Mass Marriage committee workshop:

A workshop was organized in March 2016 at Lohati College auditorium for line departmental officials, MM committee members and child line officials. Later an interaction between the various departmental representatives was held to discuss on the problems they are facing while addressing the child marriage cases. MM marriage committee members were oriented on how they should follow the guidelines of Justice Dr. Shivarj Patil Committee and what all records they need to maintain in their offices. 70 representatives from all line departments and MM committees and local child line and NGO representatives were present.

4.2 District Level Rally against child marriage and trafficking

2 rallies were organized by a network group of NGOs at district headquarter in April and September 2015. The first one was against trafficking of children and girls, and child marriage. Second one was against unwarranted Hysterectomies' in Kalburagi District. In both the rallies, women, NGO representatives and volunteers participated. In the project area, children had a rally in Sedam and Mudhol area during November 2015 to commemorate CRC day. 260 children along with teachers, NGO staff and Anganawadi workers got involved in the procession.

4.3 Workshop for child marriage Prohibition Officers

6 workshops were organized in Aland, Chincholi, Kodla, Sedam, Gurumitkal and Jevargi. These workshops were organized for ICDS supervisors, Revenue officials, police, health department, child line, education department and civil society members to sensitize on child marriage and trafficking issues and strengthen the network to deal with the issues. 400 various officers and representatives were participated in the above workshops.

Resource persons oriented the members on human trafficking, child marriage abolition act 2006, and various child related laws. As a result, the network of officials, NGOs and other departments understanding on the issue has improved.

4.4 Publication of IEC Materials:

2000 stickers on child marriage were printed and distributed to all departments and community meetings across the districts. The sticker consists of information of punishment to the offenders as well as contact numbers of district level protection officers in case anybody comes across with child marriage incident. One more sticker on child marriage and colored handbills with pictures on child

marriage and child labour prevention messages was printed and circulated during the workshops, seminars and MM follow-up meetings.

4.5 Interaction with Mass Marriage Committees

During the year 221 Mass marriage committees, Community based organizations visited by Community workers, Coordinators, and local ICDS supervisors and workers in Afzalpur, Jevargi, Chincholi, shahapur, surpur, Yadgiri, Gurumitkal, Kalburagi and Aland Blocks and other Government departments like Women child Department, Social welfare, THO and Revenue officials. Justice Shivaraj Patil Committee recommendations and Government's Guidelines to Mass marriage committees were distributed along with stickers and handbills.

4.6 Child Marriages prevented and rehabilitation

22 individual proposed marriages were averted by the collective efforts of SHGs and Child protection committees. When the proposal of marriage discussed or heard, the women and CPC groups approached such parents and convinced them to drop such proposal. Due to awareness and constant awareness programs held in these villages, the number of child marriages has come down to 15%. The Department and people's committees have become proactive.

4.7. Project Review Meetings

Three project review meetings were held during this period. Each project partners shared their team report during the meeting and discussed and planned about district and state level programs.

4.8 During the year, 3 trainings were conducted to the field staff. Street theater training at Dharwad, Safe spaces in the community training at Bangalore and RTE training cum workshop at Bangalore. Apart from these training the team had a exposure in Bangalore and Koppel.

II. Integrated Education Movement (IEM)

Supported by India Literacy Project

IEM project has implemented at Sedam Block, Kalaburgi district: working on pre Primary Education in the entire Block, School education initiative in primary and secondary schools in 18 GPs like Kodla, Udigi, Handriki, Dugunur, Adaki, Madhkal, Mudhol, Kurukunta, Neelahalli, Telkur, Ranjol, Betgera B, Jakanapalli, Kolkunda, Madana, Kukkunda, Lingampalli, Riban palli & Sedam urban area which cover 293 Anganwadi Centers and 130 schools in 78 villages. The following activities were taken up during this year.

- 1. Net work and collaborative activities:** 4 network meetings and a press meet were conducted with the support of likeminded NGOs and concerned departments with regard to malnourished children in the district, poor functioning of MNC (a treatment centre for malnourished children in the district Hospital). As a result, the issue got highlighted in Zilla panchayat meeting for appropriate action.

During the process, misuse of children's supplementary food was detected and as a result, powdered supplementary food is being supplied to the centres in the entire district with effect from August 2015. Similar food pattern has also been introduced in Yadgir district from January 2016.

Periodic meetings are being attended by the project field team with Supervisors and CDPO at Sedam along with ICDS workers with regard to preschool education, malnourished children and ICDS functioning. This process helps in strengthening the preschool education development.

CDF team also keeps in touch with Child line, CWC, Labour department, Child Protection Unit, with regard to children's rescue, rehabilitation and continuation of education. 35 applications have been submitted to CWC for scholarship to those children who are in distress. Further with the support of Jana Arogya - Health network, CDF conducted a series of meetings and a protest rally against unwarranted Hysterectomies run by some private clinics in Kalburagi District were conducted. A case was registered and Women's Commission has set up an enquiry committee to study on the issue.

Three days' training on preschool education was conducted for selected ILP partner NGOs from Telangana and Tamilnadu in October 2015. It was residential training which comprised of input session, practical session and field exposure and demo activities. The purpose of the training was to introduce and strengthen the preschool education in their respective project field.

2.1 Enrollment and Retention in ICDS Program and preschool Education: Total children identified in the age group of 0-3 years are 12799 and Total children covered under ICDS program are 10301. 2498 children are not covered under the program while Total children identified in the age group of 3-6 years are 10518. Total children covered under ICDS program are 8320 whereas total children in Private kindergarten schools are 837.

Purchase and Distribution: During 2015-16, 60 centers were provided with various play and learning materials, metal rack, preschool learning materials, stationary, etc to make use of them in preschool activities in the Centers. These materials were distributed to the workers after first and second phase trainings. During the recent visit of the present CDPO, he appreciated the efforts of the workers in these centres.

2.2 Conduct Preschool Training for the 60 ICDS Workers: During the year, 61 workers from the extended area were identified with the help of Supervisors and the community workers by studying the field reality of these centers. These trainings were conducted in August 2015 and January 2016 as how to make use of local and readymade play materials as well as how to use the preschool session materials. These trainings were conducted in collaboration with WCD and CDF team. As a result of these trainings, the workers have become quite active and enthusiastic. Overall, 24% attendance has increased in these centers.

Follow up of previous 125 Learning Centers: 125 ICDS workers who had undergone training during the past three years were periodically monitored by our field team. These centers were monitored through some basic criteria like workers' punctuality, opening time, distribution of supplementary food in two different intervals, preschool activity in the centers, use of available learning and play materials during the preschool sessions, cleanliness and hygienic practices in the centres, number of children attending the centre etc. A total of 188 children who fall under the category of 6+ years were covered through school readiness activity test to find out the learning level of children.

The overall situation of the ICDS centers in these areas has shown improvement in the initial period of the year. However, due to change of CDPO, in June 2015, morale of the workers had come down due to poor attention of the CDPO in this regard. However there is a slight change and hope that the new CDPO has assumed charge of the block who has assured us the fullest support and motivation for the work.

2.3 Bala Vikasa Samithi Trainings at the circle Level: 12 trainings were organized wherein 561 members participated. Role of the committee, functions, activities in the centers, challenges and proper plan for monitoring the centers were dealt with in the training. The members were motivated to address the issues like proper basic facilities in the centre, and importance of

preschool education. Another 7 exposure cum trainings were held in the project extension area for the BVS committee members.

101 BVS committees regularly meet and discuss the functioning of ICDS centres and play supportive role to the centres. BVS committees have provided learning materials in 38 centres like slate, stationary etc. The committees have looked after some basic infrastructures like water supply, building, door and windows repair, compound wall, open space for children in 74 centres. Nearly 89% of the members are regular to the meetings. 75% of the BVS members have understood the importance of preschool education and some of them have been observing the preschool education progress in their centers. In 45% of the centers, supplementary food was distributed to the mothers in the presence of BVS members. In few centers, the members supervise the immunization and take part in nutrition awareness programs in the villages. Another 40% members observe the preschool education progress by periodic visits to the centers and meeting the parents in the villages.

Mothers: Mothers' meetings were conducted in which 3066 mothers (cumulative) participated. In 92 Anganwadi centers, mothers send their children with uniforms. Participation of Mothers in the meetings has increased up to 75 to 80% in 149 centers. 80% of the mothers now enquire about government benefits under ICDS scheme. Above 90% attendance is observed in 89 centres. Mothers drop their children to the Anganwadies in 134 centers. Awareness among the parents has improved (75%) in feeding the breast milk to their infants. 52% of the mothers bring their children to the centers. 65% mothers are taking part in ICDS centre-related programs. Hygiene and health consciousness has emerged among 79% of mothers, 53 parents in the community are against Child marriage practice. 40% mothers come and observe preschool activities in the centers.

3.1 School enrolment and retention: Total Identified children in the age group of 6-14 years are 22576. Total enrolled children in Government schools are 17682 whereas total enrolled children in Private schools are 2814. Total number of children remaining out of school is 1480. Total children migrated with family are 600.

During the year, 16 Grama Panchayaths and part of Sedam urban area schools were followed up and monitored. Total 130 schools, both HPS and LPS, are being monitored in terms of enrollment, retention and progress of children.

1992 children got enrolled to first standard during the academic year, of which 1612 joined the Government schools. Further, 304 children who are irregular to schools are closely monitored and followed up by teachers, SDMC and community workers. 14 enrollment campaigns were conducted in the villages, and thereby 445 children were enrolled to school.

16 Dropout children were brought back to the mainstream and 222 children who were irregular to

school were closely monitored. Their attendance in school has been monitored and their homes visited frequently.

In 14 schools, Nalikali children (1 to 3rd std.) were evaluated about their progress in school through written test. Out of the 688 children, we found that 86 in A+ grade, 175 children in A grade, 130 in B+ grade, 116 in B grade, 48 in C+ grade and 133 children in C grade.

28 schools had celebrated Independence Day, Teachers' Day, Children's day, Republic day and Swami Vivekananda day, with the participation of local people. Note Books, bags and cloth were distributed to 58 Budaga Jangama community children and they have been closely followed up. 150 Note books and pens were provided to needy children in the Government LPS School at Koliwada in Malkhed Panchyats.

18 parents' meetings were organized in schools in which 533 parents participated. As a result of the meetings, around 85% of the parents bring their children for admission by themselves. 45% of parents frequently discuss with the teachers on their children's learning progress. Large number of parents takes part in national and school academic activities. In 15% of the schools, parents' meeting takes place regularly. 61% parents now extend support to children by giving them note books and other stationary items timely.

Community workers keep visiting the schools, meeting SDMC and parents from time to time to ensure children's enrollment and retention. Overall the situation has got improved. However, the learning and progress of the children has got hampered in the area due to lack of teachers and poor commitment from the Department.

Progress: 115 schools are open in time and functioning properly. 323 out of the total 462 teachers are punctual to the schools. 82 schools are serving proper midday meal to the children (proper means -using vegetables, hygienic way of serving food). In 88 schools, teachers conduct home visits and follow up of drop out students. In 108 schools, the no. of irregular children has come down. In regular touch with teachers and get updated on children's progress.

3.2 CRC Activities –strengthening and conducting Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) meetings: The existing Child rights Clubs were monitored by Community Organizers. 56 CRC groups were being followed up and strengthened during the period. There are 1120 members in the groups with boys and girls of 560 each.

189 meetings were conducted during this year. During the meetings, children were encouraged to discuss on violation of child rights in schools and communities, organizing and managing reading room activities, observing children, teachers and national day celebrations, etc. Out of the total CRCs, 42 committees have become active in schools.

3.3 Reading Room facility for children in HPS schools: The purpose of the reading room facility in school is to provide an opportunity for children to read more number of books in order to improve their reading and writing ability as majority children are not able to reach a minimum level of learning in Government schools. During the last 3 years, this activity has supported about 2000 children every year to overall improvement in their reading ability. Apart from reading the books, the children were being encouraged to write essays, stories, small poems and riddles which were displayed in the notice board of the reading room.

3.4 Education Mela: 5 Education melas were organized in Kurukunta, Udagi, Dugnur, Kodla and Malkhed Panchayats. The above Melas succeeded in attracting parents, children as well as village leaders. SDMC members actively got involved in the Meals. It is an eye-opener for the Education Department and school teachers. As a result of these Melas, competitive spirit and interest among children in such events have increased up to 82%. Children show lot of interest in science exhibitions.

3.5 SDMC Training: 10 Panchayat level trainings were organized in which 405 members had participated. Role of SDMC, observation of learning progress of the children, school infrastructure, school action plan, enrollment, retention, syllabus completion, irregular children, child rights and other school related issues were discussed with the members through input sessions, PPT presentation, brain storming and group discussions. Further, an exposure for 21 SDMC members from various villages was organized. They visited and understood the work by SDMC and School teachers in promoting a model school and learning environment in Itkal Panchyat cluster. As a result of the trainings, these members are now able to understand overall effective functioning of the Committee in schools.

3.6 Multi Dimensional Learning Centre: CDF had proposed to set up a centre at Mudhol to reach out children studying in Government HPS and high schools with a special focus on SSLC children to improve their performance in the Final exams. The program began in January 2016. A facilitator was appointed and placed in MPS school at Mudhol to conduct classes for 8th, 9th and 10th std children. Educational CDs developed by SVYM were used in coaching the children in Maths, Science and Socials Studies. **Career guidance** for SSLC students was held in 6 places and 243 students attended the session.

Impact of school program: Children's enrollment and retention has improved due to many factors including CDF field team's constant touch with community and teachers. Earlier, teachers' contact with the parents and local larders was limited and by the presence of CDF team in the field, the gap between them is reducing and the bond is getting strengthened.

However the issue of progress of the children remains a big challenge. One major factor is poor monitoring by the department, lack of teachers and influence of local politicians. However, during the second half period, the field team began interacting with likeminded teachers, CRPs and BRC

members in the target area. So far, 3 rounds of meetings were held to discuss as how to run the Education Melas and Setting up a MDL centre at Mudhol for high schools and MPS School children. Both initiatives have attracted the department officials, teachers and children and their parents.

4.1 Staff Development Activities: 4 trainings and an exposure were organized in this year. Besides the training, every month input was given as how to address educational and community related issues in the field, reporting, and documentation, etc. Sharing by the staff about other projects helped the team to improve their overall ability in field work.

Inter project development sharing and Review of child protection implementation: In January 2016, all project team members were invited to Yakambri (temple place) for one day session on inter project development sharing and review of child protection implementation.

Challenges in School Sector: Lack of teachers in schools, Lack of monitoring by the dept, Government orders not reaching school on time, SDMCs yet to be formed in several schools, Lack of transport in extended area. Village leaders in some villages not taking any lead role. Department's non cooperation.

ICDS Challenges: Lack of monitoring by the department; Less no. of supervisors (out of 12, only 6 in place); Lack of timely distribution of food and fuel to the centre; Pressure on workers, other than ICDS work, In some places, no space for preschool activities; Some take politicians' back up and resistance to change and Lack of infrastructure.

III. Early Child Care and Development (ECD)

Supported by Kalike Trust, Yadgiri

Introduction:

CDF had completed its earlier project titled *Bala Abhhivruddi Yojana* (BAY) in 2013 covering 30 centres spread in 23 villages of Yadgiri Block with the direct financial support from NRTT and guidance by Kalike Trust, Yadgiri.

After a gap of two years, CDF initiated the present project work activities in Yadgir block in October 2015. This is a joint venture initiative of Kalike and CDF. CDF has initiated the project after several rounds of discussion with Kalike team leaders and mutual agreement to the ECD PIP plan. The document was signed in October 2015.

With the collaboration and guidance of Kalike, the program is covering 50 ICDS centres spread across 50 villages belonging to Gurumitkal ICDS project area. It consists of 9 clusters, covering 1402 children in the age group of 3 to 6 years. The project activities include Capacity building and follow up of 50 each ICDS workers and Helpers. Strengthening the preschool education, Orientation and follow up of mothers, learning, collection and distribution of play and teaching materials, dissemination of information on various aspects like child care and development, parenting care, community participation and strengthening the local monitoring systems are some of the important activities under the project.

This project implementation was initiated after a series of consultation and approval with the Deputy Director, WCD, Yadgiri. The 50 centers identified and selected for the project purposes in accordance with Kalike and CDF team heads and the concerned supervisors and CDPOs based on pre-laid criteria.

Project Back ground

Yadgir district, ranked 29th in state Human Development Index is characterized by high mortality, child malnutrition, early marriage, high parity, low literacy and high school drop-out rate. Therefore intervention in pre-school education is a felt need.

Yadgir block has 164 villages and there are 487 anganwadi centers under 16 supervisory circles. The above anganwadis were divided and brought under two projects viz: Yadgir and Gurmitkal Projects. Gurmitkal project is having 117 villages with 259 Anganwadis covering 10 circles. The total number of children in Gurmitkal project area in the age group of 0-3 years and 3-6 years is 9360 and 9950 respectively. The current project planned for 5 years aims to strengthen all AWCs in the block.

Activities conducted

Six Project staffs have been recruited and three of the posts are still vacant. All the selected staffs were trained in baseline data collection techniques. They also attended various workshops on Kalike overall objectives, ECD project objectives and activities, pre play, local materials collection, indoor and outdoor activities along with basic field work skills, Preschool education observation format etc.

Baseline study & report writing:

- Anganwadi observation data was collected from 50 centres by observing each centre for full day. The investigators had recorded the overall sessions that were taken in a particular day along with their observation notes in a prescribed format
- School Readiness Test was conducted by the investigators after series of training on various readiness test activities and field testing. Later these investigators identified and tested 72 children from 20 centres who are 6+ children either enrolled in schools or still in the centre.
- Workers' and Helpers' interviews were conducted by investigators for 10 each through a specific format.

Orientation/training of supervisors

In Gurmitkal project area, supervisors had their meeting with CDF field team in December 2015. 13 circle level meetings were attended by the concerned project coordinators.

Selection of AWCs

During this period, orientation cum meeting was held in December 2015 in two places viz: Yadgir and Gurmitkal for Supervisors from Yadgiri and Gurumitkal, in the presence of Deputy Director (DD) of WCD, Yadgir. Kalike team leaders had presented the overall plan of Kalike and ECD project. 50 Anganwadis were selected from 9 circles in Gurumitkal project area. These villages were selected on the basis of Kalike's project intervention plan. Further, such centers were approved and finalized by the concerned circle supervisors.

Materials Distribution:

Materials like stationery, play, learning and teaching items were purchased from various resource centres like Little Genius, Noida, Sutradhar, Bangalore, and some local shops at Yadgir. These materials were distributed to 34 workers after their first round of training. These materials were also supplied to other 16 centres later on.

Training of Anganwadi Workers: One round of training was held in January 2016 for 34 workers in 2 batches. One batch was in Yadgir and other one in Gurumitkal. The remaining 16 workers belonged to Honnegera, Konkall and Ajilapur will be trained in April 2016 as there were no PCOs in place.

AWC monitoring

The PCOs have been reaching all 5 to 6 centres in their respective circles motivated the Workers and Helpers in strengthening the centres. So far, 20 centres have been set up completely and in 29 centres the local materials were collected and stored by the Workers and Helpers with the guidance of PCOs.

Follow up of malnourished children

Project Coordinators followed up 126 out of 194 malnourished children based on a list provided by the WCD. The Project Coordinators had conducted home visits in their working area and collected the facts and situation of children and the list has been sent to Kalike office for further action. Further, 79 children were followed up by the PCOs during the second quarter of the period. Such children's health status was enquired through home visits and discussion with the Workers and local PHC doctor.

Home visits: Project Coordinators carried out home visits and met those parents whose children are irregular to centre and motivated the parents to send their children to the centre on regular basis. During the reporting period, 219 children have been visited by the PCOs across the 6 circles. This move helped the PCOs and parents in developing contact and improved understanding about the ICDS centre and its functions. As a result, around 25% increase in attendance was observed.

Meeting with mothers

Mothers' meeting was conducted by the respective coordinator with the help of AWs and Helpers to address the parents on personal hygiene, parenting care, pre-school education aspects of the children. During the reporting period, 19 mothers' meetings were conducted.

Monthly meeting with supervisors / joint visits to AWC

5 joint visits were carried out by PCOs with Concerned supervisors in Kotegera and Gajarkote circle. In other circle, it was not materialized due to poor cooperation from the concerned supervisors. During the visits in the both circles, they discussed on the children's progress, ICDS centre set up, usage of materials, overall functioning of the centers.

Good practices of this project

- Periodic updating and consultation with Kalike officers on the progress of the project
- Frequent meetings with field staff to understand the progress and difficulties in the field
- Team work and collective decision making
- Periodic monitoring visits to the field and to take necessary steps to improve the program

CONCLUSION

CDF could successfully completed the 6 year long EMC project by March of this year which can be considered as major step ahead. The issue of child marriage in Gulbarga was brought into focus of intervention, both from the government and community level. A number of children were rescued and prevented from the exploitative situation of marriage during the project period. The constant support of AEI/Tdh for the project was great help and helped us reach the needy communities. The project was implemented in North Karnataka in collaboration with Spandana, Belgauam, REACHS, Mulabagilu, BDSSS, Kalghatagi and KIDS, Dharwad. All these organizations have contributed to the best outcome of the project and we are thankful to all of their directors and staffs.

The support of ILP-USA has been a great encouragement for CDF and its timely guidance is of great help. The ECD project supported by Kalike has been rolled out in the second half of this year and we hope the results would be effective in the days ahead.

The support and cooperation of various departments, NGOs, CBOs, other networks and media in the district have really encouraged us and it is expected to continue so. The inputs and timely guidance of Board of Directors of CDF and officials of AEI/TdH Germany, ILP-USA and Kalike have played a major role in stepping ahead with a difference in North Karnataka region.

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

Annexure-1**LIST OF GOVERNING BODY AND GENERAL BODY MEMBERS FOR THE PERIOD 2015-16**

General Body Members		
Sl. No	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Raghavendra	President
2.	Mrs. Saroja	Vice President
3.	Mr. Arun Serrao	Secretary
4.	Mrs. Anuradha	Joint Secretary
5.	Mr. Sandeep	Treasurer
6.	Dr. Mahendra R	Member
7.	Ms. Mira Menezes	Member
8.	Mr. Gaikwad	Member
9.	Mr. Janardhan	Member
10.	Mr. Anand	Member
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6.	Dr. Mahendra R	Member
7.	Mr. Gaikwad	Member

Annexure-2

STAFF LIST FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2016



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION - Bangalore

SL. NO	NAME & DESIGNATION	PROJECT, PLACE	PROJECT	PLACE
1.	Aruna Serrao	Director	CDF	Bangalore
2.	Gurappa	Field Coordinator	IEM	Sedam
3.	Chandrappa,	Project Coordinator/ Community organiser	EMC/IEM	Sedam

4.	Damayanthi	Admin cum Accountant	IEM/ECD	Bangalore
5.	Shamsoorsab	Community Organiser	IEM	Sedam
6.	Devendrappa	Community Organiser/ Coordinator	IEM /EMC	Sedam
7.	Premila	Community Organiser	IEM	Sedam
8.	Tippanna	Community Organiser	IEM	Sedam
9.	Mallikarjuna	Community Organiser	IEM	Sedam
10.	Chandrakanth	Community Organiser	IEM	Sedam
11.	Ravi.S.H	Training Organiser	IEM	Sedam
12.	Kavitha	Program Coordinator	ECD	Sedam
13.	Nagaveni	Program Coordinator	ECD	Sedam
14.	Madhuri	Program Coordinator	ECD	Sedam
15.	Veeresh	Program Coordinator	ECD	Sedam
16.	Nusratbi	Program Coordinator	ECD	Sedam
17.	Neelambika	Program Coordinator	ECD	Sedam

Annexure-3

PHOTO COLLAGE



ECD staff in a planning meeting



SHG leadership program



Children in Science museum, Bangalore



CRC Convention Group Discussion



CPC Members Exposure program



CRC members during Interstate program at Bangalore



CRC members with KCSPCR Chairman



CRC members quiz competition



Education Mela at Kurkunta



Drawing Camp for Students



Children with Educational Materials



Education Mela



Mela at Kodla



Safe Childhood Activities



Action song with children at Alipur Tanda



Staff Group work during training



Monthly PSE Action plan by ICDS workers



Preschool activity at Basantpur



Preschool children program during Education Mela at Dugunur

Mela Inaugurated by Mr. Mudubi Gunderao



SDMC training cum exposure at Kanagadda, Sedam



Enrollment campaign at Dugunoor village at Sedam



Annexure-4
AUDIT REPORT FOR 2015-16
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 st MARCH 2016

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
<u>To Opening Balance:</u>			<u>By Escape from Marriage to Childhood - EMC -AEI- Luxembourg:-</u>		
Cash in Hand	4,179.00		Personnel	828,914.00	
Cash at Bank	288,423.74	292,602.74	Procurement of Services	688,763.00	
			Administrative Cost	333,200.00	
			Variable Costs	9,385.00	
			Procurement of Furniture and Fixtures	6,229.00	1,866,491.00
<u>To Foreign Contribution Received for :</u>			<u>By ILP-USA- Integrated Education Movement:-</u>		
a)Training Of Trainers for NGO partner's Staff- (ILP, Bangalore)	27,248.00				
b) Escape from Marriage to Childhood - EMC (Phase II) AEI-Luxembourg	1,850,000.00		Field staff and capacity building	1,208,967.00	
c) Integrated Education Movement- IEM- ILP-USA	2,556,265.00	4,433,513.00	School Activities	271,061.00	
			Block Level Work.(Direct Intervention)	288,990.00	
			Administrative Cost	515,367.00	
			Setting up Multi demension learning center for high school children	20,829.00	

<u>To Local Contribution Received for</u>					
Early Childhood Development- ECD- Kalike, Bangalore	<u>1,800,000.00</u>	1,800,000.00	Advocacy , Networking	25,202.00	2,330,416.00
<u>To Bank Interest:</u>	<u>63,656.00</u>	63,656.00	<u>BY Training Of Trainers for NGO partner's Staff:- (ILP-Bangalore)</u>		
-	-		Food & accommodation of Participants	13,630.00	
-	-		Travel Expenses of Participants	8,090.00	
-	-		Resource Persons fee & Travel	3,038.00	
<u>To CDF Bangalore:</u>	-		Training Materials	2,140.00	
	-	-	Printing & Stationery	350.00	27,248.00
To Local contribution	35,708.00		<u>By Fixed Assets</u>	<u>154,320.00</u>	154,320.00
To Initial Deposit Refund	1,000.00		<u>By Community Development Foundation Bangalore:</u>		
To Annual Subscription Fees	5,000.00		Administration & Office Maintenance:	<u>70,224.00</u>	70,224.00
To Miscellaneous Income	710.00	42,418.00	<u>Kalike, Bangalore-ECD- Early Childhood Development:-</u>		
-			By Programme Personal Cost	501,661.00	
			By Programme Cost	485,342.00	
			By Administrative Expenses	186,812.00	
			By Initial Deposit Refund	1,000.00	

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			By Contribution To CDF Activities (Interest on initial Deposit)	55.00	1,174,870.00
			<u>By Closing Balance:</u>		
			Cash in Hand	6,964.00	
			Cash at Bank:		
			Canara Bank- 44348	609,348.00	
			Canara Bank - 0765	195,376.04	
			UCO Bank - 12866	43,808.70	
			Canara Bank- 22164	1,108.00	856,604.74
			<u>By Fixed Deposits</u>	<u>152,016.00</u>	152,016.00
TOTAL		6,632,189.74	TOTAL		6,632,189.74

PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE
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FIRM REG NO: 002650 S

Place: Bangalore
Date: 02/08/2016

B.ISSAC
PARTNER
MEMBERSHIP NO. 027621

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

PARTICULARS	SCH	AMOUNT (₹)
I. INCOME		
Contribution received		35,708.00
Bank Interest		7,419.00
Other Income	6	6,710.00
Transfer From Specified Grant:		
a) Early Childhood Development- ECD- Kalike		1,174,870.00
b) Escape from Marriage to Childhood - EMC (Phase II)		1,866,491.00
AEI-Tdh		2,330,416.00
c) Integrated Education Movement- IEM- ILP-USA		27,248.00
d) Training Of Trainers for NGO partner's Staff		
TOTAL (A)		5,448,862.00
II. EXPENDITURE		
a) Early Childhood Development- ECD- Kalike		1,174,870.00
b) Escape from Marriage to Childhood - EMC (Phase II) AEI-Tdh		1,866,491.00

c) Integrated Education Movement- IEM- ILP-USA	2,330,416.00		
d) Training Of Trainers for NGO partner's Staff	27,248.00		
e) Community Development Foundation	70,224.00		5,469,249.00
Depreciation		3	66,121.51
TOTAL (B)			5,535,370.51
Excess of Expenditure over Income (B-A)			86,508.51

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PARTNER
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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2016

PARTICULARS	SCH.	AMOUNT
I. LIABILITIES		
1. Capital Fund	1	491,962.86
2. Specified Grant	2	809,540.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,301,502.90
II. ASSETS		
1. Fixed Assets	3	287,882.16
2. Current Assets	4	861,604.74
3. Fixed deposits		152,016.00
TOTAL ASSETS		1,301,502.90

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