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Major Events in January

- 1- Draw: "Donate and Win"
- Monitoring Visits completed in 12 Projects
- 19 - IGCC Football Match
- 30 Completion of Internship of MSW Students
- 31- Feast of Don Bosco

Upcoming events in February

- 3- Internship—MBA Students from NMIMS, Mumbai
- 5- TOT: DB Tech Kerala
- 6-Inauguration of the new Girl Children Centre: BOSCO Bangalore
- 7- The First Lady of the Federal Republic of Germany visits BOSCO Bangalore
- 16- 22 Ms Andréa from Don Bosco Mondo visits BREADS projects

From the Directors Desk

170000 children are out of school in Karnataka

As many as 1,70,525 children in the State between the age of seven and fourteen are out of school, reveals the survey carried out by *Sarva Shiksha Abhiya* (SSA) (the Hindu, 5 Feb 2014). SSA is Government of India's flagship programme for achievement of Universalization of Elementary Education. The state government's claim that there are only a little over 50,000 out of school children (OOSC) in Karnataka has been demolished, ironically by its own survey. The new survey that was carried out following a high court order shows this number which is clearly over thrice the earlier figure computed last year. The four northern districts account for 33% of the total children not attending the school. Gulbarga, with 15,468 children figures second in the list. Raichur has 12,128, Yadgir 11,197 and Bellary 10,747 OOSC each (the Times of India, 5 Feb 2014).

BREADS has concentrated its efforts in the northern districts of Karnataka to work with the children who are out of school through its partners. The CREAM (Child Rights Education and Action Movement) project has now completed one year and the children are now savouring the different flavours of the project. Through CREAM Project and Child Rights Clubs, the children themselves have brought back their friends who were out of school. In this issue of SLICE, we will focus on the CREAM Flavours (the impact of the project).

Best Wishes,

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News



Don Bosco Hospet receives Radhakrishna Shishana Award

Don Bosco Hospet was awarded the prestigious RADHAKRISHNA SHISHANA AWARD by the International Institute of Social and Economic Reforms, Bangalore. Rev. Fr. Lawrence R, Director, Don Bosco Hospet received the award from former Union Minister of India, Shri Babugowda Patil at Ravindra Kala Kshetra on 13th January 2014. This award came in recognition of the decades long Social Service in imparting education to the poor Youth and Children. [More...](#)



Donate and Win Lucky Draw Winners

BREADS Bangalore organized the lucky draw for its resource mobilization venture - 'Donate and Win' on 1st January 2014 at Don Bosco Provincial House, Bangalore. The Chief Guest Ms Mary Varkey, Manager, South Indian Bank picked the lucky coupons from the box. The other guests present were Fr George Mathew, Provincial Economist and Fr Koottungal Varghese, Administrator, Bangalore Provincial House. [More...](#)



Social Awareness Programme for students and parents at Samanwaya - DB Palakkad

Samanwaya - Don Bosco Palakkad, was privileged to have about 80 participants for an animation programme of Social Awareness on 7th December 2013. The participants included students of the DB Tech courses and their parents. The whole day's sessions were divided into two parts, concentrating on the students in the morning and parents post lunch. [More...](#)



A child's information leads to stopping a child marriage in Davangere

Ms Spoorthi, Vice President of Karnataka State Network of Child Rights Clubs, alerted the CREAM team in Davangere as soon as she came to know that a friend of her's in class X was going to be married off. On deliberating with the project's Director - Fr Puthenpurayil Kuriakose sdb, Mr Manjappa (Coordinator for CREAM in Davangere) and Mr Kotresh (Coordinator for Child Line in Davangere) put in place a rescue team including personnel from the Gandhinagara Police Station and the media. [More](#)

CREAM FLAVORS *from awareness to action*

Through CREAM Project, the children themselves have brought tremendous changes to regain their rights. The children are now savouring the different flavours of the project. Some of the CREAM Flavours (the impact of the project) are recounted here.

Through Child Right Clubs

- 29 out of school children, 12 child labourers and 3 siblings of a CRC member admitted to school
- 59 dropouts are readmitted into schools by the CRC members
- 3550 calls from children on 1098; 28 cases registered by children on childline.
- CRC children have gathered information on 4 child marriages, of which 2 were stopped and 2 child labourers; interventions under planning. 1 engagement was stopped with information from children on 1098. 2 more child marriages stopped by CRC members
- Children had informed about child labour in rag picking, garages, etc – a list of 33 children was prepared and sent to CWC, but only 6 could be rescued during the raid in December 2013.
- 3 drop outs admitted by CRC children are being followed up by the children themselves.
- A HM (from Bellary) gave a list of 20 school drop outs, lamenting his inability to bring them back to schools and requested CREAM team to help. CRC members took up this issue and the said 20 children are back in school.



Task Forces

- 212 children rescued by task force members in railway station and bus stand, 12 admitted to a shelter home.
- Funds meant for the families with malnourished children released to 10 families.
- 3 drop outs readmitted by SHG women; 4 more abandoned children rescued and admitted to vocational training programmes.

Rescue of vulnerable children

- 1 HIV positive girl child, 2 begging girls and 2 girls sleeping on the street rescued and rehabilitated. 4 street children and 2 devadasi children rescued.
- 2 missing/trafficked children repatriated with families.
- 23 children rescued by peer group members, of which 6 were admitted to vocational courses.
- 1 girl child guided for scholarships.
- 50 child labourers rescued in a raid in Yadgiri.
- 2 child labourers rescued by tuition teachers. Six boys below the age of 14, who were selling newspapers at the Bus Stand Area were rescued and rehabilitated in collaboration with the Labor Department and other allied systems.
- 5 rescue operations in Bangalore, rescuing 102 child labourers.
- Two year old abandoned female baby, a one day old baby boy and a one day old female baby were rescued. A three year old baby girl was rescued from street circus.
- A 11 years old girl was rescued from sexual assault. The offender was put behind bars and legal procedures were ensued.
- 3 students (boys) who ran from school out of fear of corporal punishment rescued and sent to school.
- 26 orphan children from the community identified and produced to Child Welfare Committee.
- 12 orphan children guided for scholarships; 4 more sent to short stay homes.
- 82 abandoned girls rescued; 13 boys rescued and sent to hostels; 6 more girls rescued from railway stations.
- 3 children living under the care of elderly grand parents facilitated to receive social assistance from DCPU.
- 6 rag pickers rescued, 2 of them in mainstream schools now. The other given elementary education through evening tuition centres.
- 1 girl from West Bengal rescued at the bus stand and sent back home.

General

- A devadasi woman, influenced by the training and community outreach programmes decided not to send her 2 daughters for temple prostitution.
- 45 child marriages and 2 mass marriages prevented. In one of the villages, the local government has given exclusive slot to discuss the issue on a regular basis. Received information on 1 child marriage from children.
- A 10 year old girl's child marriage was executed and the girl restrained from attending school. On intervention of social activist, the child is now allowed to go to school.
- In the incidence of child marriage of a 12 year old girl, the social activist was attacked by community members. Repeated home visits and interactions have convinced the parents to send the girl to school for one hour everyday.
- 11 children from BPL families in Gulbarga reenrolled in schools