

Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams!

Attention! It's June...

The month of June brought us to our toes. Wakening us to alert mode as a socially responsible organization; to pay closer attention to alarming social issues, and hence June 5 and June 12 were highlighted days in our calendar.

World Day against Child Labour (June 12) was one of the highlight of the month, reminding us that the situation of children suffering cannot be unattended. Though for years, governments, civil society organizations, NGOs and thousands of people have joined hands in uplifting the condition of children in society; statistics still show 152 million children labourers. How can this be resolved? It's a serious thought that needs to provoke each of our consciences. Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), the flagship project of BREADS, has rescued 189 children from the bonds of labour last year alone. Our efforts are continued and we stand firm on our objectives, until each child has access to a beautiful and meaningful childhood. We teach children to rise and speak for their rights, stir the government systems to act vigilantly for the betterment of children and ensure accountability.



Director's Note

World Day Against Child Labour- June 12, 2019 is special because it marks 100 years of the efforts of the International Labour Organization (ILO) to advance social justice and humane conditions of work.

Yet, the harsh truth is that at least 152 million children in the world are still child labourers; and we on the ground know that these numbers are hard to track and therefore, probably much more. The words of Albert Thomas, the first ILO Director, "The exploitation of childhood constitutes the evil, the most hideous, the most unbearable to the human heart..." resonate very strongly with every one of us. They goad us to continue to labour towards Sustainable Development Goal 8.7: *to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025, end child labour in all its forms.*

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BREADS Calendar

June 2019

- Project monitoring and evaluation visits to the districts of Davangere, Ballari, Chitradurga, Ramanagara and Mysuru were completed by the BREADS team
- Ms. Dipti, SLK Group of Companies, Pune, visited BREADS in the context of 'Village Adoption for Rural Development', on June 5, 2019
- State-level meeting of CREAM staff was organised on June 13-14, 2019 at DB Provincial House, Bangalore
- CREAM model promotion and training visit to Myanmar by Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, Executive Director, BREADS
- Observed International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on June 26, 2019
- Child First Foundation visited the DB Houses in Karnataka to facilitate the formulation of individual Child Protection Policies

July 2019

- Child Protection Policy facilitation visit by Child First Foundation to DB Houses in Kerala and Karnataka
- Project monitoring and evaluation visits to the CREAM districts in Karnataka
- AXA's CSR week including BREADS stalls on campus and outreach programmes at DB BEST Academy, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore
- Regional PDO Network Meet 2019 to be held on 26 and 27 July 2019 in Shillong





The table below describes the activities initiated in the ten districts of Karnataka in the context of World Day against Child Labour:

Sl. No	Districts	No. of Campaigns	Activities	Participants		Total
				Male	Female	
1	Ballari	13	Rally, door-to-door awareness, public gathering	260	175	435
2	Bangalore	15	Distribution of pamphlets, pasting of stickers, flash mob, door-to-door awareness campaign, human chain formed by children, stakeholders, adults	1700	3300	5000
3	Bidar	4	Rally	413	481	894
4	Chitradurga	4	Public gathering, rally, cultural events	1137	1289	2426
5	Davangere	1	Rally, convention, cultural programmes by children	138	162	300
6	Kalaburagi	4	Rally and public gathering	800	1200	2000
7	Raichur	2	Rally, awareness campaign across individual shops	481	421	902
8	Ramanagara	13	Rally, public awareness	708	773	1481
9	Yadgir	3	Released the module on Child Rights and songs on Child Rights (Belli Chukki) at the district level	622	414	1036
TOTAL		59		6259	8215	14474





World Environment Day June 5, 2019



BREADS jointly with DB Green Alliance, observed World Environment Day on June 5, 2019 propagating the theme, 'Don't suffocate our future'. Recent studies reveal that air pollution can affect not only the physical health of an individual, but can have adverse impact on many aspects of life, including mental health. In this context, the environment is no longer to be taken lightly, and organised action is the need now to sustain life on earth. The youth and children were engaged in spreading awareness on curbing sources of air pollution and in replicating models on controlling anthropogenic afflictions. The table below describes the activities initiated in the districts of Karnataka & Kerala in the context of World Environment Day:

Sl. No	Don Bosco Centres	No. of Campaigns	Activities	Participants		Total
				Male	Female	
1	Ballari	25	Clean drive at 25 government schools, planted saplings, advocacy with Panchayats for garbage bins in the villages	470	360	830
2	Bangalore	18	Planting saplings and awareness campaign	136	172	308
3	Bidar	5	Planted 100 saplings, Government school, Yadlapur was recognised as "parisara snehi" (Environmentally-friendly)	144	175	319
4	Chitradurga	7	Public gathering, distributed saplings to students, created awareness on the use of plastic	358	440	798
5	Davangere	1	Planted 50 tree saplings, clean drive at school campus and village premises, public gathering	41	37	78
6	Kalaburagi	11	Clean drive, awareness rallies	502	402	904
7	Mysuru	1	Planted 500 saplings	328	274	602
8	Raichur	2	School clean drive and planting of saplings	95	130	225
9	Ramanagara	25	Planted 450 saplings	815	899	1714
10	Yadgir	19	Planted 640 saplings	240	310	550
11	Kollam	1	Orientation class for Self-Help Group members	0	45	45
12	Angadikadavu	5	Rally, human chain, cleaning river, trenching for rain water harvesting, planting saplings	36	41	77
13	Trivandrum	1	Planting saplings, awareness class on air pollution and public meeting	40	45	85
14	Palluruthy	2	Planting saplings, flash mob, quiz & awareness programmes	72	69	141
TOTAL		121		3277	3399	6676

The power of words proven through Pathra Chaluvali..!

The CRC (Child Rights Club) children have already proved their voice could move the unshakable by real examples of advocacy actions such as toilets being built, appointment of new subject teachers, preventing/stopping child marriages, bringing back the school dropouts to school etc, where the efforts of even adults have failed. The CRC children are yet again ready for action at Chitradurga district by writing letters to the BEO, DCPU and various Government departments in concern to have their rights fulfilled. The CRC ... [more](#)



State Level CREAM II Meeting on 13 & 14 June, 2019

The CREAM staff from the ten project districts of Karnataka gathered for the State Level Meeting at Don Bosco Provincial House, Bangalore on 13 and 14 June 2019, to present district reports and discuss the way forward by planning and strategising. The inaugural ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Dr. Antony Sebastian, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Bangalore, the chief guest for the day. The other important dignitaries were Fr. M.K George, Rector, DB Provincial... [more](#)



School Enrolment Campaign at Yadgir

'Shaale Kade Nanna Nade' campaign has been kick-started in Yadgir district under the guidance of the CREAM staff to enroll dropouts to school in the new academic year. The campaign originally initiated by the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has been creating ripples in the rural districts of Karnataka where the enrollment rates to schools in the remote villages are really low, especially of the girl children. CREAM has been organising a school enrollment campaign every year to ensure the children... [more](#)



A step forward for Advocacy

The Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) staff in Davangere district organised a follow-up training for Child Rights Clubs (CRC) members at the Government Higher Primary School, Kadajji village, on 25th June, 2019. The training was conducted by Mr. Rajappa M, a CREAM social activist, accompanied by the social work students of Kuvempu University. The monthly meeting of the CRC members was also conducted. The children were educated exclusively on child rights, child protection mechanisms and the various... [more](#)

