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M DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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As we report on the past year, like most of the world, we find our lives and work overshadowed by the spectre of COVID 19. It has caused fundamental shifts in what we do and the way we do it. After the emergency relief work, we are fine-tuning our road map in response to the impact of these shifts on the lives of the vulnerable people with whom we work. What is sure however, is that we along with our partners, will continue to do what it takes to 'leave no one behind'.

Looking back on 2019-20, it seems that environmental issues dominated the work in BREADS. Within the organisation, policy formulations for child safeguarding and the environment among other subjects, were taken up and completed. Externally, BREADS and its partners were involved in climate actions such as planting trees, environment clean-ups, promotion of sustainable agriculture, training children through school ECO clubs, promoting e-autos for women. We felt the unfortunate impact of climate change when parts of Kerala and Karnataka were again ravaged by floods in August 2019. BREADS and its partners swung into action with emergency flood relief and long-term rehabilitation.

I sincerely thank all our Don Bosco partners, the staff, participant beneficiaries, donors and board members for their consistent support and goodwill towards creating conducive, healthy environments where vulnerable children and communities can access their rights as citizens.



About Us

BREADS - Bangalore Rural Educational and Development Society is the planning and development organisation of the Salesian Province of Bangalore. We assist and promote the development activities of NGOs, particularly Don Bosco partners in Karnataka and Kerala. We are part of an international Don Bosco network of 133 countries across the globe. We draw our inspiration from Don Bosco, priest, and educator of the 19th century, who dedicated his life to young people, especially the marginalised. Children, young people, and women are the main beneficiaries of our initiatives as we believe that they are most vulnerable to abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Climate action is an important facet of our interventions with these vulnerable communities.

Vision

An inclusive community based on rights, equality, justice, and peace

Mission

To transform the poor and needy as resources and agents of change through educative presence and accompaniment

ROADMAP FOR HUMANITY: THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In this report, we present BREADS' initiatives as they align with the sustainable development goals (SDGs). This poster provides a ready reference to the various SDGs supported by BREADS.



BREADS' WORK AS THE PDO

Mandated by its role as the planning and development organisation (PDO) for Karnataka and Kerala to become a think-tank for the province's development work, BREADS actively supported the Provincial and his Council to identify and clarify areas that required definition.

In alignment with the common congregational development agenda of human rights-based nation building, with special focus on the young poor in danger; BREADS developed 11 variations of Child Safeguarding Policies (CSPs) to suit the various settings of Don Bosco presences in Karnataka and Kerala. The process of developing these policies included training and consultation with the local stakeholders and children, drafting according to State and Church legal requirements and final approval from legal experts and the Provincial Council for its publication and dissemination. BREADS also prepared a prototype Environmental Policy as a reference for other institutions in the province.

Additionally, it revamped its Human Resource Policy as part of the systemisation of its internal processes and policy.





EMPOWERING CHILDREN AT RISK

BREADS appreciates the importance of empowering children to cope with the ever-changing scenarios of life, even while it ensures that vulnerable children are adequately protected and supported. BREADS' work with them directly addresses a range of sustainable development goals to:

End hunger and improve nutrition | Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being | Ensure inclusive and quality education | Achieve gender equality | Reduce inequalities | Promote peaceful and inclusive societies | Strengthen partnerships to achieve the sustainable development goals

A | RESCUE AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN AT RISK



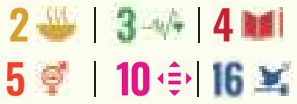
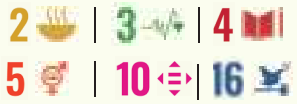

During the year 2019-20, we implemented 17 projects with an outreach of 6335 children and more than 58,000 adults.

Sl. No	Project	Project Area/ Location	Activities	Outreach and Impact
1	Integral development of child labourers 2 🍷 3 🌱 4 📖 10 🏠	Bidar	Rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers through residential care and remedial education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45 children completed one-year bridge school were readmitted in formal schools. Among these, 42 children were reunited with their families and 3 are in institutional care 48 children rescued from child labour and currently admitted in bridge school
2	Child labour rehabilitation at DB PYAR 2 🍷 3 🌱 4 📖 10 🏠	Kalaburagi	Child labour rehabilitation through residential bridge school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 children were rescued and admitted to the Don Bosco bridge school
3	Child labour rehabilitation 2 🍷 3 🌱 4 📖 10 🏠	Davangere	Rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers through bridge school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 children were rescued from child labour and admitted in a bridge course

4	Rescue and rehabilitation of girl child labourers through bridge school 2 🧑🏫 3 🧑🏫 4 🏠 5 🧑🏫 10 🏠	Devadurga, Raichur	Rescue and rehabilitation of girl child labourers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48 girls were educated for one year in bridge school; all were successfully readmitted in formal schools 36 girls were rescued and are currently undergoing one-year bridge school education
5	Rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers 4 🏠 5 🧑🏫 10 🏠	Hospet, Ballari	Rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers through bridge school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 46 children completed one year of bridge school, among them 42 were readmitted in formal schools and 4 continue in bridge school 46 child labourers were rescued and are currently admitted in Don Bosco Bridge School
6	Street presence and street education 3 🧑🏫 4 🏠 10 🏠 17 🧑🏫	Kalaburagi	Street presence and street education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 320 children and 212 youth reached out to in Kalaburagi city; of whom, 316 were reunited with their families, 52 admitted in Don Bosco bridge school and others were rehabilitated through the Child Welfare Committee and institutional placements
7	Child labour rehabilitation 2 🧑🏫 3 🧑🏫 4 🏠 10 🏠	Tumkur	Rehabilitation of child labourers and school dropouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 rescued child labourers were provided with residential facilities and formal education

<p>8</p>	<p>Establishing child safety net for vulnerable children and street presence</p>	<p>BOSCO, Bangalore</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24x7 street presence in Bangalore city • Rescue and rehabilitation of children on the street • Networking and advocacy with government, civil society groups, public, NGOs, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4172 children were rescued from Bangalore city streets of whom, 1160 children were reunited with their families. 3012 children were referred to CWC for rehabilitation, of whom 2917 were placed in other institutions /government homes, and 95 children in Don Bosco Rehabilitation Centres • 43914 people were reached through 351 mass awareness programmes • Child Safety Network formed with community/NGO/government/ participation to support children at risk
	<p>2 🍷 3 🚶 4 🏠 10 🚦 16 🚶 17 🌐</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescue and rehabilitation • Networking • Awareness campaigns • Child protection committee formation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 894 children were rescued from 5 railway stations and one bus station of Bangalore city • 737 children were reunited with family, 126 children sent to CWC and 3 children were placed in rehabilitation centres • Network and advocacy actions with railway authorities, NGOs etc. to create child-friendly railway/bus stations • Two supplementary education centres (evening tuition classes) opened in the city slums benefitted 45 children to improve their education and prevent school dropouts • 14857 people were reached through mass awareness programmes
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10	<p>Foster care for children at risk</p> <p>2 🍲 3 🏠 4 📖 5 🎓 10 🏠 16 🏠 17 🏠</p>	BOSCO Bangalore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual and group foster placement Awareness and advocacy actions across Karnataka for the promotion and policy formulation on foster care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 children were placed in individual/group foster care. 84 potential foster parents and 17 eligible parents were identified after stringent screening processes. 11 eligible children were identified from different backgrounds for foster care Awareness and advocacy actions on the importance of foster care reached out to more than 9724 people
11	<p>Rehabilitation of children rescued from the streets</p> <p>2 🍲 3 🏠 4 📖 10 🏠</p>	BOSCO Bangalore	Rescue and rehabilitation of children on the streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescued 66 vulnerable boys from the streets of Bangalore and provided residential remedial/formal education
12	<p>Making healthcare accessible to children of the streets</p> <p>3 🏠 10 🏠 16 🏠</p>	BOSCO Bangalore	Healthcare and health education for children on/of the streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up infirmaries in BOSCO rehabilitation centres to provide healthcare for the vulnerable children rescued in Bangalore city, benefitting more than 1583 children Nutritious food given to more than 1600 children rescued from the streets Preventive healthcare provided for children on/of the streets Awareness and health education in the streets of Bangalore reached 5117 people

13	Intensive counselling and family reunification of the children rescued from the street and child labourers 	Bosco Bangalore	Counselling and family reunification of rescued child labourers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4172 children rescued from Bangalore city streets received professional counselling, among them 1160 were successfully reintegrated with their families and others are in institutional care/foster care
14	Eradication of child labour/school dropouts through community participation 	Mysore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remedial education Bridge school Awareness campaigns and programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitated 42 children through remedial education
15	Education of children rescued from the street and child labourers 	Ajjanahalli, Ramanagara	Rehabilitation, remedial and formal education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 children were provided with residential care and education support (remedial and formal education)
16	Rescue and rehabilitation of children rescued from the street 	Don Bosco Veedu, Thiruvananthapuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation Supplementary education Outreach and awareness campaigns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 347 children were rescued from Thiruvananthapuram city streets and rehabilitated 229 children were reunited with families 118 placed in childcare institutions
17	Construction of child labour centre for girl child labourers 	Kalaburagi	Construction of a child labour rehabilitation centre for rescued girl child labourers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed construction of the child labour centre

BRIDGING THE EDUCATION GAP IN BABLAD, KALABURAGI

BREADS has supported the Programme for the Young at Risk (DB PYaR) in Kalaburagi to address child rights issues since 2003 because of the district's poor socioeconomic and education status. High incidences of child labour, child marriage, school dropouts and children on the streets were disheartening realities in the district then. BREADS and PYaR interventions ranged from child labour rehabilitation, CREAM programmes, bridge school and skill training programmes to construction of rehabilitation centres and recently, a new English-medium school.

Adequate Kannada-medium education itself is mostly unavailable to the rural poor of these areas, so an English-medium education seemed totally beyond reach. Breaking through this perceived barrier, Don Bosco Kalaburagi and BREADS, supported by Misesan Cara, Ireland and Don Bosco JuWe, Switzerland, constructed a new school building to enable quality education for 336 students from Preschool to Class 7. The school prioritises dropouts, child labourers and children from the slums.

Envisioned as a platform for social transformation and community empowerment, the school will spread Child Rights awareness through campaigns and events, aiming to free at least 20 villages in Kalaburagi district from child labour. Towards this mission, teachers from Don Bosco School Bablad and 16 other village schools underwent 10+ trainings on child rights, effective teaching methodologies and Don Bosco child safeguarding policies.

The new Don Bosco English-Medium School in Bablad breaks the class/geographical education barrier for the marginalised children of this region. It's a dream come true for rehabilitated child labourers and rescued children from the streets to study here.



A PHONE CALL TO TRANSFORMATION

Nausin Banu, one of five children of Aminoddin and Rehana Banu, is a native of Naribol village, Jewargi taluk, Kalaburagi. The family lives in abject poverty due to their insufficient income and irregular jobs. After attending the local Anganwadi (government early childcare centre), Nausin became irregular at school and eventually dropped out.

On 16 September 2014, the Anganwadi supervisor informed CHILDLINE that Nausin had dropped out of school because of her home situation. During their verification visit to Nausin's house, CHILDLINE and the Don Bosco staff found that she was left in charge of her 3 younger siblings, the house chores, and was often made to assist her parents on the farm. Responding to the counselling of the CHILDLINE staff about educating their children for their holistic development, Nausin's parents consented to her joining the Don Bosco Rehabilitation Centre at Bablad, Kalaburagi.

Nausin went through a one-year bridge course education and was then admitted to Don Bosco School, Bablad, where she completed grade 5. An enthusiastic student, she kept up her studies through various schools, finally completing her SSLC (10th grade) examination amidst the COVID 19 pandemic in 2020 with a score of 89.12%.

Nausin expresses her joy at the privilege of her education, which many children in similar situations have lost. The timely intervention of the Anganwadi supervisor, CHILDLINE and the bridge school education have contributed to her success. She is grateful to all who played a key role in her life and the Don Bosco institutions which helped her develop into a self-reliant girl. She remembers gratefully how the emotional support of the Don Bosco staff and teachers helped her adjust to the new environment, lifestyle and learning at the institution. Though Nausin faced a lot of criticism and discouragement, her parents believe in her potential more than ever, which has built the confidence to pursue her higher education in the Sciences. She desires to become an officer in the Indian Police Service (IPS) and has an intense passion for cricket. She feels that her dreams have wings and she can fly.

B | CHILD RIGHTS EDUCATION ACTION MOVEMENT (CREAM)-II



CREAM II was envisaged to take the agenda of ensuring children's rights in the selected 10 districts in Karnataka to the next level during 2016-2020. Building on the education and participation of local community child rights structures established during CREAM I, CREAM II aimed at strengthening the administrative and community structures at the district to support the work on the ground to bear fruit.

CREAM II Evaluation

As CREAM II came to an end, an external agency Catalyst Management Services (CMS) was selected to conduct a technical and financial evaluation of the CREAM II programme. Some of their findings were:

- 1** CREAM-II is highly relevant to the aspirations and challenges proposed in the SDGs 1, 3, 4 & 5; as well as to the fundamental children's rights of survival, development, protection, and participation enshrined in the UNCRC. It aligns well with children's laws and government provisions in India, such as the Integrated Child Protection Scheme, the Juvenile Justice Act 2015, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 etc. CREAM innovations such as tuition classes for school dropouts, Child Rights Clubs (CRCs), exercise of children's rights through the Makkala Grama Sabhas (community-based mechanisms of child protection), are extremely relevant in those pockets of Karnataka with poor socioeconomic and child rights indicators.
- 2** Significant challenges remain on the demand side of child protection work on the part of communities and children. CREAM-II has invested more on the demand side by strengthening preventive structures at the grassroots, which is crucial for ensuring protection and rights.



- 3** The programme is highly effective as significant outcomes have been reported by children, parents, community, community institutions and service providers; related to knowledge, attitude, behaviour, and practice-level changes.
- 4** The outcomes envisaged for the project have been achieved to a large extent. From a rights perspective, these outcomes are largely around education followed by labour and safety of children. Knowledge and comprehension of rights, schemes and entitlements, roles or responsibilities have improved. There is a positive change in the actions being taken by children, CRCs, parents, adults, other community members and service providers to ensure that rights-related issues are raised at appropriate forums, rights are demanded, and action taken.
- 5** There is a significant change in the knowledge and practice of rights in the children who received training. The same is not reported in the non-intervention areas. Child Rights Clubs: (i) raise voice on rights and violation of rights; (ii) demand rights from schools, local self-governing bodies and government; (iii) take action on labour, trafficking, bringing back out-of-school children; and, (iv) participate in formal meetings of the local self-governing bodies, influence discussion, and contribute to decisions.
- 6** Changes in the agency of children have been strongly supported through institutionalisation of processes in the CRCs and Makkala Grama Sabhas. Don Bosco engagement with children, adults, and service providers ensures response whenever children raise their voice and demand action or accountability.
- 7** CREAM has engaged extensively with the Education Department but minimally with other system level players such as the DWCD, Police, and Judiciary. Don Bosco and its work is considered a threat as the work has highlighted the gaps in the public system.



CREAM II- Programme Interventions

(January 2019- March 2020)

PROGRAMMES	NUMBER	OUTREACH		TOTAL
		Boys	Girls	
Training for children	909	18761	20891	39652
Formation of new CRCs	280	8809	9345	18154
Leadership training for new CRC members	15	495	429	924
Leadership training for old CRC members	11	336	415	751
Strengthening of existing CRCs	1094	16919	17593	34512
Training for teachers	20	573	572	1145
Training for SHG members	92	267	3242	3509
Training for youth	53	1534	1676	3210
Training for PRI members	18	195	157	352
Training for government officials	16	259	347	606
Training for community leaders	54	1103	1245	2348
Formation/strengthening of Child Protection Committees	199	3618	3621	7239
CRC network formation & meetings	54	616	692	1308
CRC regional level meetings	1	30	30	60
CRC state level meetings	2	40	40	80
Supplementary education centres	100	2015	2302	4317
Supplementary education camps	82	1936	2275	4211
Advocacy and Campaigns	509	23910	22388	46298
Training for project-level staff (days)	57	65	95	160
Children's Grama Sabhas	252	31169	3049	34218
TOTAL	3818	112650	90404	203054

CREAM II- Programme Impact

(January 2019- March 2020)

ACTIVITY	IMPACT
Child marriages stopped/prevented	181
Child labour rescued/prevented Boys: 137 Girls: 70	207
School dropouts readmitted Boys: 408 Girls: 326	734
Child abuse stopped/prevented/reported	15

School Infrastructure Improvements through CRCs/Children' Advocacy












FACILITIES	NUMBER
Toilet facilities	8150
School grounds/playgrounds/transport	63
School compound walls	145
School buildings	79
Drinking water facilities	308
Mid-day meals	60
Addressing absence of teachers	16

Advocacy Actions by Children

ACTIONS	NUMBER
Campaigns against child rights violations	52
Campaigns to promote child rights	110
Meetings/dialogues with government departments	127
Press meets to advocate child rights and protest violations	10
School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) meetings	13
Mass awareness through rally/campaigns for child rights	223

C | EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

During the year, 15 projects including two infrastructure projects were implemented, benefitting 3949 children directly.

Sl. No	Project	Project Area/ Location	Activities	Outreach and Impact
1	Prevention of child labour and school dropouts through primary education    	Kalaburagi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remedial education Preschool and primary school education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided remedial education for 58 rescued child labourers Preschool and primary education for 336 poor children Conducted training for 48 teachers on child rights, effective teaching methodology, curriculum development, counselling, child psychology and child protection Conducted training for 320 children on child rights
3	Computer training in rural schools through mobile computer centre    	Ramanagara	Mobile computer training and literacy classes	1255 school going children (649 boys and 606 girls) enhanced their knowledge and skills in computers through the Mobile Computer Centre which imparted computer training in 13 schools and 13 villages
5	Education promotion in 10 villages   	Kalaburagi	Supplementary education in rural villages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-enrolled 62 child labourers/school dropouts to school through supplementary education Promoted education of 551 potential school dropouts and child labourers through 10 supplementary education centres in 10 villages

6	<p>Education promotion in villages</p> <p>4 🏠 5 🎓 10 🔄</p>	Davangere	Supplementary education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education of 714 poor and vulnerable children (338 boys and 376 girls), especially school dropouts and child labourers in 15 villages through a supplementary education programme • Residential care and formal education for 40 children rescued from child labour situations
7	<p>Holistic development of vulnerable children living in quarries through education and child rights promotion</p> <p>1 🏠 2 🍲 3 🔄</p> <p>4 🏠 5 🎓 10 🔄</p>	Bangalore (Lovedale Foundation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplementary education • Child rights promotion • Nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition classes for 426 poor children from 17 stone quarry villages in Bangalore district • Remedial education provided for 96 school dropouts who were mainstreamed into formal schools • Nutritious food served for 434 children from quarry villages • Child rights education imparted for the children living in the 17 quarry villages
8	<p>Prevention of school dropouts and education promotion for children on/of the streets and slums</p> <p>4 🏠 5 🎓 10 🔄</p>	Mysuru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community bridge school • Open school for high school dropouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided education for 82 high school dropouts to support completion of class X and Class XII examinations
9	<p>Education scholarship for professional courses (Dr Hauber education scholarships)</p> <p>4 🏠 5 🎓 10 🔄</p>	Kerala and Karnataka	Education scholarship	Supported 27 students to pursue their higher education in professional courses (worth INR 24.53 lakhs)

10	Education support for girls (Global Giving online platform) 4 📖 5 🎓 10 🏠	North Karnataka	Education sponsorship	Education support given to 114 girls from north Karnataka
11	Education support for poor children (DAAV Belgium) 4 📖 5 🎓 10 🏠	Hospet and Chullikara	Education sponsorship	Education sponsorship given to 19 poor children
12	Education sponsorship (Don Masciullo) 4 📖 5 🎓 10 🏠	Bangalore	Education sponsorship	Education support for 40 poor children
13	Education sponsorship (Associazione Padre Renzo Zola) 4 📖 5 🎓 10 🏠	Kollam and Kalaburagi	Education sponsorship	Education support for 25 poor children
14	Scholarship for education and technical training studies (Missioni Don Bosco, Italy) 4 📖 5 🎓 10 🏠	Bidar and Devadurga	Education scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education support for 20 ITI students from Bidar • 15 school children from Devadurga (Raichur district)
15	Individual sponsorship 4 📖 5 🎓 10 🏠	Karnataka	Education sponsorship	Education support for 45 poor children



A LEG-UP CAN MAKE A LIFE

Divya, as the eldest daughter with two younger brothers was brought up as a responsible, vibrant, and cheerful girl. She lost her father at a very young age and her mother was the sole support of the family. Hailing from a middle-class family, Divya always aspired to become a success in her studies and career as she deeply desired to support her younger siblings and mother to have a decent standard of living. Divya was an active member of BOSCO Youth Services in Bangalore. In 2018, Divya's mother could not put together the required fees for Divya to continue her BCA in Web Sciences. They sought help from various sources, including educational loans from financial institutions. The various compliances were hard to fulfill and Divya shared her struggles with the Salesian priest heading BOSCO Youth Services, who suggested that she approach BREADS for support.

Doubtful of receiving such a large sum from an NGO, Divya and her mother nevertheless approached BREADS. Divya was thrilled to be accepted for the Dr. Hauber scholarship (an interest-free student loan) and successfully graduated from college in 2019 because of it. Divya's first job at Radical Edge Learning Consultants as an Operations Executive enables her to support her mother run the household. Divya is especially grateful that she can earn a decent income during the difficult period of the COVID pandemic. She has even begun to repay her scholarship amount so that this spring of support can refresh other lives in need. All thanks to the Dr. Hauber scholarship and BREADS.



EMPOWERING THE YOUNG AT RISK



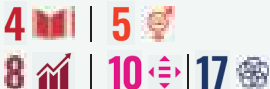

Among the many technical and life skills trainings that BREADS and its partners support for young people, the SELCO Solar Training in Chitradurga is an example of the direction in which we are headed—skilling youth to earn livelihoods in environmentally-sustainable industries.

In a joint venture with SELCO Solar Light Pvt. Ltd, an advanced, modern solar laboratory was set up in Chitradurga by 2018 to train youth in the maintenance of various solar appliances. Beginning July 2018, 85 students have been trained in three batches. Of the 85 trainees, 70 have been found employment while 15 trainees are self-employed. SELCO absorbed 6 trainees into its own workforce.

By connecting both rural youth in need and an industry that is highly relevant to our present and future in terms of sustainable living and clean energy, BREADS and its partners are especially addressing the goal of decent work and economic growth while actively supporting alternative, earth-friendly energy in urban and rural geographies.



D | SKILL TRAINING PROJECTS FOR YOUTH

Sl. No	Project	Project Area/ Location	Activities	Outreach and Impact
1	DB Best Academy 	Lingarajapuram, Bangalore	Non-formal short-term skill training in BPO, Hospitality and Retail Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trained 223 marginalised youth (139 young men and 84 women) from 5 states of India 185 (117 men and 68 women) young trainees were successfully placed in jobs. This accounts for an 83% successful placement rate
2	Skill training for young women 	Kalaburagi	Skill training in tailoring and computer operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 adolescent girls and young women were trained as industrial sewing machine operators (ISMO) and in Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) 38 women started self-employment units and 9 secured jobs in different places Another 50 women are under training
3.	Skills for Life (HSBC Skills Training) 	Bidar, Davangere and Hospet	Short-term skill training in ITES for marginalised youth integrated with job placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up skill training centres in Bidar, Davangere and Hospet Trained 285 young candidates (men 144, women 141) Found employment for 166 young trainees (men 95, women 71)
4.	Skill training for vulnerable young women 	Bosco Bangalore	Short-term skill training for vulnerable young women rescued from the streets of Bangalore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 young women are under training - 25 in tailoring and 25 in a beautician course



E | YOUTH SKILL TRAINING PROJECTS WITH DB TECH 2019-2020

In promoting skills for sustainable economic growth, BREADS allies with multiple partners to mobilise and share knowledge, expertise, technology, and financial resources to prepare youth to be absorbed in the current labour force.



Projects	Trained	Under training	Placed	Under placement
Karnataka				
Accenture	681		439	242
Quest Alliance	171		125	46
Selco	20		2	18
Kerala				
Accenture	142	91	85	57
PMKVY	59		0	59
Quest Alliance	329		205	124
Total	1402	91	856	546

Yamuna, a cheerful and enthusiastic girl, joined DB BEST, ambitious of a good future and longing for a decent job. She lives in Bangalore with her parents and younger siblings. After the interest inventory, she chose to pursue her domain training in retail management. During the 3-month course, she exhibited her skills in both extracurricular activities and her academics. Realising her potential, the trainers encouraged her to resume higher education by correspondence as she had discontinued after class 12 due to familial and financial issues. The life skill trainings helped Yamuna gain confidence about her abilities. Through the mentoring of the trainers, she overcame her fear of public presentations and rejection. Successfully completing her course, she became a Customer Loan Executive in Lend Buddy with a salary of 8000 through the placement service at DB Best.

At her farewell ceremony, she shared, "The lesson I learnt from my experience here is that we have to overcome our fears and not let them control us, because we don't realise our capabilities when fear rules us." She is all set to climb to greater heights, having moved to a better job at the Regional Transport Office while continuing her studies.

WINNING THE OBSTACLE RACE OF LIFE



























EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES AT RISK




BREADS's community programmes are geared towards sustainable development. A fitting example is the promotion of electric autos owned by lady drivers in Kollam, Kerala: zero hunger, good health and well-being, gender equity, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, and climate action; all chugging along in one little e-auto.

BREADS' PROGRAMMES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sl. No	Project	Project Area/ Location	Activities	Outreach and Impact
1	<p>Women's empowerment through training programmes against exploitation of women in Karnataka and Kerala</p> <p>5  10  16  17 </p>	Chitradurga, Hospet (Ballari), Kollam, Thiruvananthapuram	<p>Training, mass awareness and capacity building for women, staff, government officials, media persons, youth and students through training, seminars, awareness classes, posters, leaflets,</p> <p>Networks/collaboration/ liaisons with NGOs and individuals/social activists, formation of legal aid cells</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reached out to 61 villages in four districts in Karnataka and Kerala Trained 916 women, 316 men, 199 government (male 25, female 174) officials/ stakeholders and 561 youth (girls 389 and boys 172) on gender equality and gender violence, women rights, etc. Conscientised 6093 people (women, youth, men, children, etc.) on gender themes Formed and strengthened the NGO network involving 37 NGOs/civil society groups and 196 social activists/individuals and community leaders Formed Legal Aid cells in Chitradurga and Hospet districts and provided legal assistance to 42 women (victims of domestic/sexual violence)
2	<p>Community empowerment for child labour elimination in 10 villages</p> <p>4  5  10  16  17 </p>	Kalaburagi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for women, children, youth, and government officials Promotion and strengthening of Child Rights Clubs and Child Protection units NGO networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reached 10 villages in Kalaburagi district Training and awareness classes for 1100+ women, youth, children, and government officials Formed and strengthened 16 Child Rights Clubs and 8 child protection units Prevented 41 child marriages and organised 12 child labour rescue operations in the district

3	<p>Primary healthcare and health education through mobile clinics</p> <p>3  5 </p> <p>10  16 </p>	Devadurga (Raichur)	Mobile clinic, health education, strengthening government health service delivery system through advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile clinics reached 20 villages • Reached out to 13873 people through the primary health care mobile clinics • Referred 295 patients for advanced treatment • Conducted health awareness programmes reaching 2958 people
4	<p>Community empowerment for child labour and school dropout eradication</p> <p>4  5  10 </p> <p>16  17 </p>	Davangere	Formation and training for child protection committees (CPCs, SHGs, Child Rights Clubs and awareness campaigns)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imparted training to 769 women and 240 SDMC and PRI members on child rights • Formed 7 Child Protection Committees (CPCs) in 7 villages and trained 166 CPC members • Formed 17 Child Rights Clubs and imparted training to 1307 children • Public awareness was created among 3000+ persons on Child Rights and the repercussions of Child Rights violations on society
5	<p>Livelihood promotion for the rural poor (goat rearing)</p> <p>5  8  10 </p>	Chitradurga	Livelihood project for 100 women	Supported 100 women to buy goats to generate a regular income
6	<p>Empowerment of women, youth, and children</p>	Thiruvananthapuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship and skill training for women and youth • Supplementary education for children • Livelihood projects for women and slum dwellers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised motivation camps for 123 youth • Trained 36 women in leadership skills • Trained 30 women in screen printing skills • Organised motivation camps for 98 men • Training in mushroom cultivation for 27 women and initiated group mushroom cultivation by the women

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated 26 women into paper and cloth bag-making microenterprises • Initiated 25 women into a microenterprise in laundry services • KEEN Naturals, a network of 10 food processing units started by women • Conducted evening tuition classes for 135 children from the slums • 40 women started microenterprises in garment making and fashion designing – KEEN designs • Trained 217 school students in making LED bulbs, motivating them to start an LED bulb production unit • Provided family support services for 380 slum dwellers • Initiated a new venture- Chenda (traditional drum) music group for school dropouts
7	Empowerment of women and youth of the fishing community through education, health, and livelihood promotion	FCDP Kollam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainings and awareness classes • Microfinance • Skill trainings • Livelihood development programmes • Development campaigns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microcredit worth Rs. 25,00,000 distributed to 68 fisherfolk • Trained 60 fisherfolk women in tailoring • Computer skill training given to 75 young women • Skill training for 45 women in home-based nursing and palliative care • Trained 90 women in e-auto driving • Trained 90 women in fish processing • Conducted 5 leadership trainings skilling 400 women SHG leaders

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted awareness classes for the fisher folk community on women's rights, livelihood programmes, leadership skills, etc. Organised EDP training for 360 women entrepreneurs Organised market exhibitions for the products of women entrepreneurs Organised health camps and health education in 20 coastal villages reaching 651 fisher folk
				
8	Village adoption project	Ajjanahalli, Ramanagara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Health promotion Environment protection Livelihood promotion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted Ajjanahalli village for the development of children, women, and farmers Created water and sanitation facilities in the government school Started tuition classes for the poor children and potential school dropouts
				
9	YES Centre	Hospet, Ballari	Non-formal skill training in tailoring and fashion design coupled with EDP, leadership and CBDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trained 61 women in fashion designing of whom, 30 women were supported to start self-employment units and 18 were placed in jobs. Another 60 women are under training Organised EDP training for the trained women to motivate and facilitate self-employment/micro enterprises Organised trainings for all the women on women's rights, gender equality and women empowerment Training organised for 90 women on community-based disaster risk preparedness
				



RESPONDING TO THE ENVIRONMENT AT RISK

BREADS was selected to represent India at the Salesian International Conference on Clean, Green, Renewable Sources of Energy in Rome on 26-27 November 2019 and present the status of the use of green energy in the Don Bosco presences in India. In keeping with the shared vision of the Church *to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development*, and the Salesian congregation's mission of *accompanying the young towards a sustainable future*, BREADS renewed its commitment to climate action and green lifestyles through conscious choices and programmes, especially with children. This commitment shines through its own environmental policy and the range of its responses to environmental concerns through its interventions.

F | ECO CLUBS AND KITCHEN GARDENS

BREADS initiated a new children's movement in November 2019, Educate to Cultivate Organically (ECO)—nurturing a new generation of farmers. Launched in 10 districts of Karnataka- Bangalore, Ballari, Bidar, Chitradurga, Davangere, Kalaburagi, Mysuru, Raichur, Ramanagara and Yadgir, it involves the formation of ECO clubs in 5 selected schools per district, which become platforms for training, awareness, and campaigns for environmental protection, sustainable agriculture and organic farming. Each ECO club was to enrol 50 students with the aptitude, attitude, and the readiness to participate in such activities. With the approval of the Block Education Officer, vegetable gardens were created in each of the



selected schools to train the children in organic farming as well as to supplement their mid-day meals. Children were provided basic training in organic farming, waste management and bio-manure preparation, vermicomposting, seed processing, local vegetable varieties, water conservation, and plastic waste management. BREADS prepared a handbook for the formation, functioning and strengthening of these ECO Clubs which already number 113 against the planned 50 clubs. The ECO Club movement appears to be taking root and sprouting well!

District	ECO Clubs formed	Club members	School veg. gardens	Trainings	Participants of trainings
Bangalore	5	254	0	10	264
Ballari	25	1250	21	75	500
Bidar	5	250	5	10	300
Chitradurga	21	1039	17	42	1050
Davangere	7	350	6	14	300
Kalaburagi	5	250	0	1	50
Mysuru	6	300	6	17	210
Ramanagara	15	750	6	15	400
Raichur	5	253	5	5	305
Yadgir	19	1000	8	8	380
Total	113	5696	74	197	3759





MANAGING DISASTERS

BREADS coordinates disaster relief and rehabilitation activities with a focus on vulnerable people. To equip itself better for this role, the BREADS team underwent disaster risk management and disaster preparedness trainings in September 2019 to get clarity on action plans, coordination, networking, dialogues, and data collection.



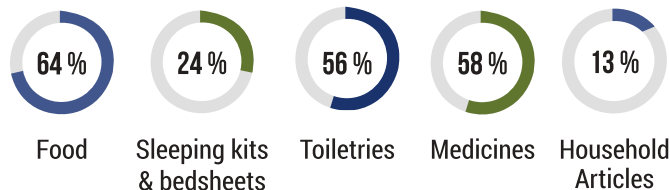
G | FLOODS IN KARNATAKA AND KERALA

The 2019 floods that hit Kerala and Karnataka affected almost 8.5 lakh people in terms of loss of lives, property, and livelihood. In Kerala, the northern districts were tremendously affected while in Karnataka, the worst-hit districts were the North, Coastal and Malnad districts.

EMERGENCY RELIEF ACTIVITIES

BREADS supported its partners to respond to flood-affected people immediately with relief measures—organising camps, food, groceries, cleaning materials, clothes, drinking water, blankets, household items, batteries, candles, stoves.

This graphic indicates the type of support accessed by 6742 people in 20 relief camps across 18 villages.



REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

BREADS' partners collaborated with the district administration in rehabilitation services. Reconstruction support from BREADS included: repairs for 15 partially damaged houses, 2 major house repairs, 25 house constructions, renovation of damaged Don Bosco institutions.

H | COVID 19 PANDEMIC

The virus was detected in India at the end of January 2020 and the first of many lockdowns was announced on 25 March. It threw the nation into chaos and millions of poor, especially migrants were severely affected by the loss of income, jobs, and options to travel to more secure locations from the cities. BREADS and its partners learned to navigate the difficulties in accessing resources and in moving across locations to reach people in need. Ensuring that people did not starve was primary consideration and so, distribution of food materials was the most important task and preventing the spread of infection was the second. BREADS moved into more long-term rehabilitation activities with the lifting of the lockdowns.

At the time of publication of this report, BREADS' outreach was as follows.

COVID 19 Emergency Response by BREADS					
As of 1 October, 2020					
SN	Activity	Kerala	Karnataka	Migrants (Kerala)	Total
1	Don Bosco houses engaged in COVID 19 relief	20	20	0	40
2	Face masks produced from all Don Bosco centres	54300	195370	0	249670
3	Beneficiaries of school fee subsidies/education material	74	374	311	759
4	Beneficiaries of smart phones/televisions for online learning	63	43	57	163
5	DB institutions equipped with audio-visual rooms	10	7	0	17
6	Beneficiaries of online learning in DB institutions	9300	4630	0	13930
7	Food kits distributed	3246	17007	2430	22683
8	Ready-to-eat food distributed	10238	256142	0	266380
9	Beneficiaries of food kits	16368	72396	10242	99006
10	Beneficiaries of cooked food	940	50016	59400	110356
11	Total beneficiaries of cooked food/food kits	17308	122412	69642	209362



INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

BREADS' internship programmes are a means to connect as many diverse streams of education with the domain of social work. This period of engagement with developmental causes is vital for young people as they develop their personal holistic sense of the world and learn skills in various domains.

During April 2019-March 2020, 22 students from 4 different educational streams (Social work, Management Studies, Commerce, and Law) from 10 colleges interned at BREADS for various periods of time. Numerous other batches of students visited BREADS and its partners for exposure to social issues and their remedies.

Long-term overseas volunteers continue to dedicate many months of their lives to experiencing and learning about local situations while sharing their time, talents, and skills with the communities there.

APRIL 2019 - MARCH 2020	
Country	Volunteers
Malta	4
Austria	2
Ireland	1
3	7





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