

BREADS

Bangalore Rural Educational
And Development Society



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From the director's desk ...

'Building future together' attains a deeper and significant meaning as BREADS completes fifteen years of service as an agent of transformation. The strong foundation laid in being a catalyst towards change enables us to move forward with a clear vision. BREADS is indebted to all its mentors for the remarkable growth it has attained in the past fifteen years.

I would like to make a special mention of the selfless service rendered by the board of trustees, in particular, the two directors, the committed involvement of the donor partners, collaborators, well wishers and the dedicated service rendered by the staff at BREADS.

We still have miles to go towards realising our mission. Together, let us strive to build a world without barriers and divisions. With deeper commitment and dedication, we shall unite ourselves to build a society based on love, peace, justice and joy.

Warm regards,

Fr Joseph Elavanal sdb
Executive Director - BREADS





About Us

BREADS (*Bangalore Rural Educational And Development Society*) is the social development office for the Salesian Province of Bangalore. We are part of an international network of Don Bosco organizations spread over 130 countries across the globe.

We draw inspiration from Don Bosco, Priest and Educationalist of the 19th century who dedicated his life for youth, especially the marginalized.

BREADS is a registered Charitable Trust working with the young, especially the marginalized and at risk.

We reach out through more than 40 centres in Karnataka and Kerala towards equipping young people for life.

Vision

We envisage a community of love, peace, justice and joy.

Mission

Transformation of the poor and the needy, as resources and agents of change through educative presence and accompaniment.





Young at Risk

A focus group of our development interventions are street children, child labourers, school dropouts, orphans, abandoned children, children & youth from dysfunctional families and disadvantaged communities. They are provided with a wide range of quality services for their multi dimensional growth. We reach out through a number of rehabilitation centres, shelter homes, bridge schools, skill training centres, de addiction programmes, home and institutional placements, counselling and personality development programmes in Karnataka and Kerala.

This year, 19890 children were reached out to, through various project interventions from 12 project locations.

Out of these, 1624 were child labourers rescued and rehabilitated through 6 project locations and 5757 were street children who were rehabilitated and mainstreamed into formal education.





Residential facilities were provided to 339 children such as child labourers, street children and poor children from rural areas at 6 project locations to facilitate access to education.

Support was provided to 3165 poor children from rural villages to improve their standard of education.

This year, 3648 street and working children were reinstated in their homes, 955 children were rehabilitated in various project locations and 147 youth were provided job placement on completion of their training.

Non formal educational programmes like bridge schools, supplementary education and skill training were availed by 5357 children.



Rewarded through recognition

BOSCO, Bangalore and Don Bosco Nivas, Trivandrum were selected as the nodal agencies for implementing the pilot project on Missing Child Search (MCS) in the states of Karnataka and Kerala respectively.

Don Bosco (DB) College Angadikadavu, Kerala is the nodal agency for Child Line Project of Government of India. DB PYAR Gulbarga, BOSCO Bangalore and Don Bosco Manacaud are the collaborative agencies for the same programme.

It is a matter of pride that the directors of four of our project locations have been appointed as members of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and Committee for Juvenile Justice in Karnataka and Kerala by the State Governments. One of the directors is also the Chairperson of the CWC in Karnataka.





Promotion of Education

Our education promotion programme aims at the integral growth of the child. While a number of our projects offer direct education through formal schools and colleges, vast majority offer non formal education programmes. These promote supplementary education, motivate the parents for their participation in the educational process and prevent school dropouts.

About 900 children across Karnataka and Kerala received help through Educational Sponsorship Programme to continue with formal education. They are given motivation and guidance for better academic performance and careers. Among these, 458 students are pursuing higher education. Out of these, 56 students have received scholarship support.

During this year, the bridge schools conducted at five project locations, readmitted 2439 school dropouts into formal schools and 5545 children underwent supplementary education programmes at eight project locations.





Through the project centres at Hospet and rural villages of Deodurga, 2381 child labourers were educated and mainstreamed. Non formal skills training was imparted to 452 child labourers and street children through 4 project locations.

Projects at Ajjanahalli, Chitradurga and Davangere adopted 11 schools to improve the quality of education. The emphasis was on participation of parents and local community in providing good education to children, which in turn helped to prevent school drop outs and to strengthen the School Development Monitoring Committees (SDMC).



The schools that go to the children !

The parents working in the iron ore mines of Hospet take their children to their work field. Gradually, the children start working in the mines without any wages or for low wages. To convince the children and parents about education as well as to rescue and educate these children, camp/tent schools were started in four different parts of the mining area at Hospet. A total of 2284 children were enrolled in these schools. Camp school is the first stage of rehabilitating these children.





Vocational Education

There are 17 skill training centres in Karnataka and Kerala. Of these, 4 centres offer formal training while the others offer non-formal courses. About 22 skill training courses are being offered through these centres. This year, we reached out to 1400 students.

The vocational and functional training initiatives in the Province are now in collaboration with Don Bosco Tech India (DBTI) network. It is a network of 90 Don Bosco Institutions offering vocational skills training to the youth in India.

Capacity building programmes were offered for management and staff of the skill training centres. There are 33 people trained in Life Skills from 6 skill training centres. In Karnataka, 22 staff from 5 centres were trained in Classroom Management and 15 staff from 5 centres were trained in Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP).

Three centres of excellence have been upgraded in Vaduthala, Hassan and Hospet offering Language Lab, Welding and Electrical trades respectively.





About 11762 young people across 11 districts of Karnataka and 6 districts of Kerala were surveyed to understand the situation of the young people in these reach out areas as well to analyse their needs and aspirations.

About 1425 people were reached out through Social Awareness programmes organised at 9 skill training centres.



International Affiliation for Don Bosco Tech, Vaduthala

On January 27, 2009, Don Bosco Tech Vaduthala, Kochi got approval as the 'Indian Institute of Welding – Approved Training Body' (IIW-ATB). Don Bosco Vaduthala is the second institution to receive the IIW-ATB status in the country. By this certification the institution is authorized to conduct the 'International Welder Diploma' and the trainee on successful completion of the course will be certified as 'International Welder' which is currently approved in 40 industrial nations of the world.



Community Development

Empowering the poor through collective action on issues relating to education, livelihood, health and natural resource management have been the priority themes of our community development initiatives. We reached out to rural poor, slum dwellers, tribal and fishermen through various community development projects. Formation and strengthening of Self Help Groups, Community Health Promotion, Capacity Building Programmes, and Micro Credit Activities were effectively implemented during the year.

Through Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) at Kollam we actualized a community health promotion programme and reached out to 7 coastal villages of Kollam and provided medical assistance to 5000 persons from 2000 families. The project started one medical centre in the coastal village, conducted 12 medical camps and imparted awareness classes at varied interval.

The mobile health programme at Deodurga, reached out to 1000 poor families in the remote villages through regular medical check up and classes on hygiene, cleanliness and healthy living conditions.

At Ajjanahalli, the mobile clinic project reached out to 1000 poor families in the rural villages at Magadi taluk and 250 children from the residential care at the project location and nearby schools.





The projects at Hospet, Davangere, Chitradurga, Yadgir and Kollam formed 106 new Self Help Groups this year. At present, we reach out to more than 19000 women, marginal farmers and fisher folk through 1052 Self Help Groups. Besides, in Chitradurga and Hospet federations of these groups were formed for a collective action.

The projects at Davangere and Chitradurga formed 108 Child Rights Clubs/Children's clubs for Child Rights Promotion through children.

More than 40 leadership trainings and 522 general trainings were conducted for the group members and staff. The programmes trained 4534 people from these villages. Awareness classes on various subjects were imparted for 7950 people in the current year at various project locations.



Street Plays for Mass Communication

The Street Plays put up by Don Bosco Yadgir and Don Bosco Manacaud emerged as a powerful tool to convey messages on the "importance of education", "preventing school drop outs" and "child issues". DB Yadgir conducted plays at 26 different villages. The street plays influenced large gatherings of people from the villages. Similar street plays were put up by Don Bosco, Manacaud in the street corner, cities and small towns and helped the public to realize the importance of various issues related to children.



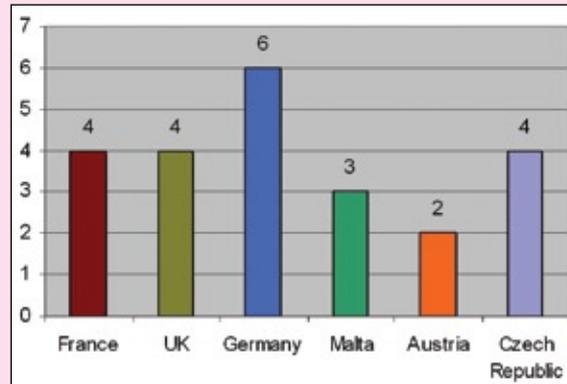


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Volunteer Placements

Volunteer Placements gives people an opportunity for young to work in our settings, to gain an experience and contribute with their skills and services. It helps the children to get exposure to different cultures and broadens their outlook.

This year, we have placed 23 volunteers from 6 countries in 7 project locations.





Job Placement Cell



BREADS coordinates the job placement activities through the placement cell for the young people who were trained in various skills from our different skill training centres. Finding out available jobs, establishing rapport with potential employers, conducting finishing schools to enhance the employability of the youngsters are the main activities of the job placement cell.

The Job Fair organized at KGF was one of the new initiatives undertaken by the job placement cell this year. About 1000 youth participated in the fair.



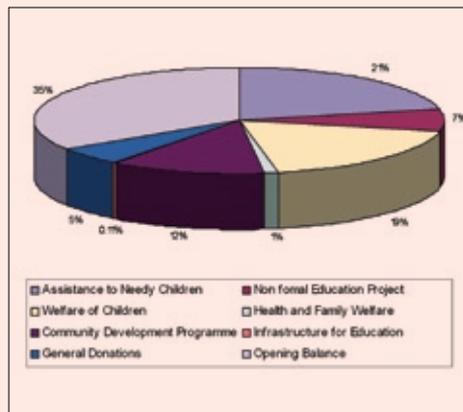
Don Bosco Plus

The concept is to ensure that every young person in our skill training centres is offered an additional package of Basic Computers, Spoken English and Life Skills along with the trade or hard skill that they get trained for. We have reached out to 120 young people through four locations.

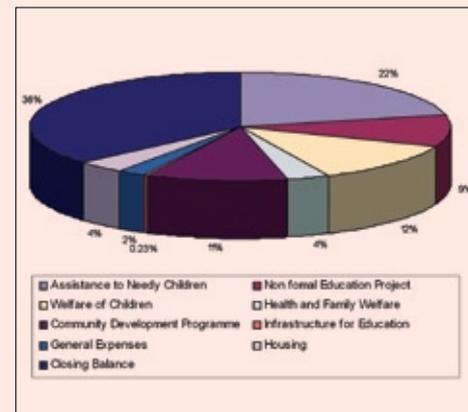


RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2008 - 2009

RECEIPTS



PAYMENTS



RECEIPT

Assistance to Needy Children	13425708.00
Non formal Education Project	4349768.00
Welfare of Children	11751125.00
Health and Family Welfare	674301.00
Community Development Programme	7694837.00
Infrastructure for Education	71365.00
General Donations	3344817.38
Opening Balance	21471244.88
Total	62783166.26

PAYMENT

Assistance to Needy Children	13595783.28
Non formal Education Project	5855720.00
Welfare of Children	7517706.40
Health and Family Welfare	2218121.59
Community Development Programme	6783170.25
Infrastructure for Education	143267.00
General Expenses	1302263.00
Housing	2267112.00
Closing Balance	23100022.74
Total	62783166.26

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