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Bangalore Rural Educational
And Development Society

Annual Report
2007-2008

A Note ...

'Building Future Together' becomes a possibility only through human solidarity in a divided world. As the annual report of BREADS is being presented, I do acknowledge the experience of human solidarity in this divided world of ours.

The economic growth in India has now taken a pace faster than ever before. But that has also created the divide far greater. While making interventions at curative and preventive levels, our projects have also tried to be transforming interventions.

Encouraged by the success indicators and motivated more by the experiences and process of learning, we go ahead in our effort towards 'building future together'.

I would like to acknowledge and appreciate the participation and partnership we have experienced in the year 2007 - 08. Let me take this occassion to thank all our donor partners, friends and well wishers for their meaningful involvement. I am indebted to the board of trustees for their responsible governance. I place on record the committed service rendered by all the staff at BREADS.

I am sure that with continued partnership for change, we can achieve much for more.

In appreciation,

Fr. George Mathew sdb

Executive Director - BREADS

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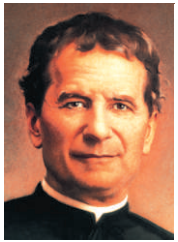

About Us

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 Educator 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 a networked strategy through more than 45 centers all over Karnataka and Kerala towards equipping young people for life and livelihood.

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

Our social interventions find expression by reaching out to the Young people at Risk, Promoting Education to the Masses, Community Development Initiatives, Vocational and Skill Training Projects leading to career and employment options.

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Young at Risk

The Young at Risk is a priority target group for us. They include street children, working children, school dropouts, orphans, the neglected or abandoned, children and youth from dysfunctional families and disadvantaged communities.

Our services to this group comprises of open shelters, special schools, rehabilitation homes, vocational training, literacy and education, home placement, counselling, de-addiction programmes, job placement, room placement and personality development programmes.

During the year, our projects have reached out to more than 11500 children rescued from the streets or working situations. They include:

- Children from the streets in such places as Gulbarga, Bangalore, Mysore and Trivandrum
- Child labourers rescued from agricultural and allied works at Gulbarga, Yadgir and Davangere.
- Child labourers r rescued from the open mines in Hospet
- Working Children rescued from industries at Bangalore, Mysore, Davangere and Gulbarga

Those who required short or long term rehabilitation, numbering about 1487, were housed in various project locations. They went through such processes as bridge school, counseling services, character formation etc., through 7 of our project locations. From these centres, we have been able to mainstream or home place 2610 children. Most of them have taken to regular education through existing public or private schools.

Along with the basic care and protection, other services and facilities were offered to the children. Last year saw the completion of the shelter home at Tumkur for child labourers and setting up of facilities for recreation, games, musical instruments, computers etc for the same target group at Ajjanahalli to enable them to enjoy their 'right to childhood'.

The efforts at advocacy and lobbying have resulted in the happy situation of four Salesians from our different projects being appointed as members or chairperson of district child welfare committees. Juvenile Police Unit is yet another achievement through which all young offenders are helped through our friendly and helpful accompaniment of such children and youth.

Child Rights Clubs, Davangere

Child Rights Clubs (CRC) is an initiation of Don Bosco Child Labour Mission (DBCLM) Davangere, towards equipping children to stand up for their own rights. Last year, about 8 Child Rights Clubs were formed with 120 children, 24 teachers and 24 School Development Monitoring Committee (SDMC) members.

One of the Child Rights Clubs in Sattur, identified 7 Child Labourers in the village, rescued them and assisted them back to school. Another Child Rights Club identified 8 school drop outs and facilitated their mainstreaming.

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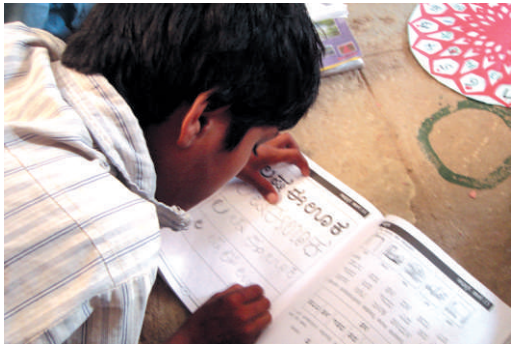
Promotion of Education

We seek to build a better future through Promotion of education. In our formal and functional educational activities, in all our projects, we focus on creating access to education and improving the quality of learning. While the projects offer direct education through number of schools and colleges, a much bigger number of children in rural and remote areas are assisted through various strategic interventions.

The direct sponsorship reaching out to more than 1060, children help them to remain in education and aspire greater things in life. The sponsorship is individually monitored and followed up to ensure quality delivery of services and required response from the sponsored. This programme covers 27 project partners across the states of Karnataka and Kerala.

Those young people who have successfully completed their basic education have been assisted through scholarship programmes. A total of 987 young people have been directly assisted towards higher education. Of this 869 hail from tsunami affected coastal regions in Kerala.



The boarding homes in rural areas provide access to education for the children. We offer residential facility for children from rural and remote areas as well as specific affected communities so that they can have access to education. In the last year, we have supported about 500 children in such facilities.

The supplementary education programme through evening or morning tuition is organized through most of our partner organizations. The number of those who have benefitted through this programme through BREADS are 6395. Along with educational support, opportunities were provided for talent enhancement, group learning and doing, leadership and personal growth etc. The programme has not only ensured higher levels of retention but improved quality of learning and growth among the children and youth.

***Chinnara Angala,* Yadgir**

Chinnara Angala is a one month residential summer camp organized to help readmit school dropouts. Don Bosco, Yadgir conducted this in 15 villages and readmitted 600 children back to regular school last academic year.

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Vocational Education

Through Vocational Training, the young people are equipped with skills for life and livelihood. The beneficiaries of our formal and non formal training include street children, working children, school dropouts and youth from rural, tribal and disadvantaged sections of the society.

These young men and women are trained in carpentry, welding, mechanics, electrical, electronics, computer, tailoring, automobile, printing, book making & binding, crafts, aluminium fabrication and similar trades.

We have reached out to more than 1000 young people through direct vocational and skill training programmes in our own Don Bosco Institutions. Many more have benefitted through the short term skill training initiatives in various locations. An additional number of about 500 students have been supported through a well designed 'Life Skills for Employability' programme at Kolar Gold Fields.

In our effort to consolidate and improve the quality of training we have also upgraded the training facilities in project locations, conducted staff training and also set up a resource centre for vocational and skill training at BREADS.

We have facilitated the networking of all the skill training institutes of the province. BREADS plays the role of a province resource centre for skill training institutions offering training, facilitation of processes and coordination of placement services.

The Year Ends… Life Begins…

Practically all the trainees in our centres are employed within a short period of time. And quite many are already accepted for employment even before they complete the period of training.

All our trainees for the just completed batch in carpentry at Don Bosco Kottiyam were walking into their first job the day after their

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Community Development

The Community development activities reach out towards empowering the rural, tribal and urban communities. The awareness building, income generation activities, group formation, social movements and leadership training, lead these communities to building a better future.

Towards building of community based organizations, we have initiated and promoted Self Help Groups in our project locations such as Davangere, Hospet, Deodurga, Yadgir and Thope. We are reaching out to more than 14780 women through 946 Self Help Groups in these areas.

To ensure security and safety, we have supported 133 families in the coastal region of Kollam with new houses, and 95 families were supported with repair of their dilapidated houses. This was a sure relief for these families affected by the Tsunami. About 60 deserving families in Kolar Gold Fields were supported to repair their houses.

Reaching out to the slum dwellers in various locations, found us supporting Literacy programmes and awareness campaigns. This has resulted in better living conditions and a more informed and involved living. Nearly 1000 people from the slums of Trivandrum have been part of a health programme. Medical camps, awareness programmes and health insurance have been looked into through these programmes.

At Thope, the Fishermen Community Development Programme was supported to reach out to about 423 people through direct medical benefits. The project also conducted medical camps to sensitize people on the preventive and curative aspects of health care. About 15,000 people have benefited through the medical reach out.

At Deodurga, about 3054 people have been provided with health services through the mobile clinic that goes into the remote villages. The programme has not only offered medical relief but also awareness and health education for the rural masses.

The Solar Lighting installed in 40 ramshackle huts of Deodurga has provided them with environment friendly energy source.

About 14 community centres have been constructed in the villages in and around Yadgir. This has enabled them to come together for various programmes and also allows supplementary education, vocational training and formation of community based organizations.

Health Promotion, Deodurga and Thope

More than 3054 patients have benefited through the mobile clinic at Deodurga. The programme has reached medical facilities to the very remote villages around Deodurga.

About 15000 people have been reached out to last year, through a Medical Centre in Mundackal at Kollam through the initiative of Fishermen Community Development Programme.

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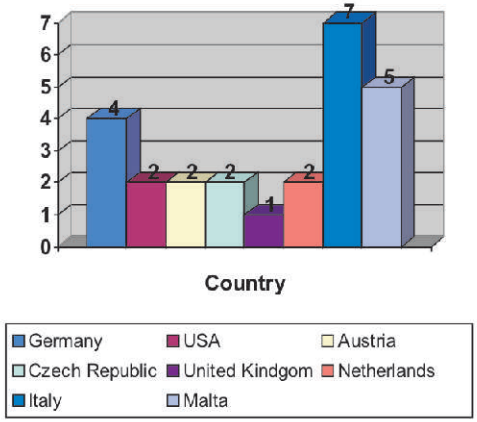
Volunteer Placements

We promote and facilitate volunteer placements in our project locations.

During the last year, we received 34 applications from about 8 countries such as Germany, United States of America, Austria, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Holland, France and Malta. We have been able to place 25 of the volunteers who applied across 7 different project locations in Karnataka and .Kerala



Job Placement Cell - Yuvadarshini

To facilitate the access of our trained youth to the employment market, we have begun job placement services under the name 'Yuvadarshini'. This service provides the forward linkages to the job market and also looks backward at the required skills for the youth in our training centres.

What they said …

"I've spent one year in Deodurga through BREADS. It has been the most challenging and interesting year in my life. Thank you very much for all the support, the helping hands. Thank you for offering me this chance as a volunteer. I hope to come back again."

Julia Wagner, Austria

"Volunteering should become training for life skills. The richness in the experience is multiplied by the intensive encounters with a diverse culture and setting. I've enjoyed, learned and cherished this placement and time. Thank you for making it possible and reliable. Continue offering this opportunity wholeheartedly."

Ninfa Montano, United States of America

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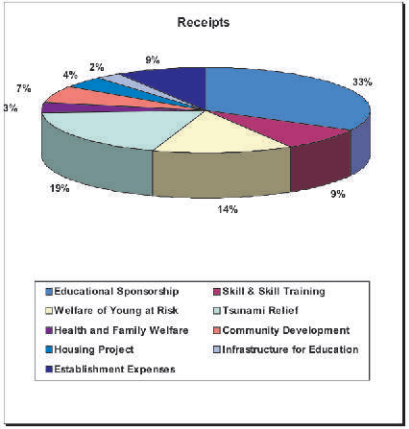
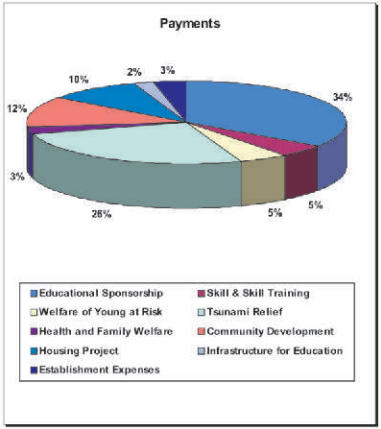
Receipts and Payments for the year 2007-2008





Receipts		Payments	
Assistance to Needy Children	13,579,845.00	Assistance to Needy Children	15,022,944.95
Vocational Education and Training	3,592,874.00	Vocational Education and Training	2,043,087.60
Young At Risk	5,718,114.00	Young At Risk	12,112,956.60
Tsunami Relief	7,898,916.00	Tsunami Relief	11,364,696.79
Health and Family Welfare	1,444,597.00	Health and Family Welfare	1,130,294.51
Community Development Programme	2,837,007.00	Community Development Programme	5,155,017.00
Housing Projects	1,668,639.00	Housing Projects	4,114,267.00
Infrastructure for Education	1,028,451.00	Infrastructure for Education	888,526.00
General Donations	3,734,959.00	General Donations	1,420,912.61
Opening Balance	33,220,545.54	Closing Balance	21,471,244.88
Total	74,723,947.54		74,723,947.94

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