



Don Bosco

Director's Note

This year, the World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL) and the World Day for Safety and Health at Work (Safe Day) shine a spotlight on the global need to improve the safety and health of young workers and end child labour (ILO).

This joint campaign aims to accelerate action to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 8.8 of safe and secure working environments for all workers by 2030 and SDG target 8.7 of ending all forms of child labour by 2025. Achieving these goals for the benefit of the next generation of the global workforce requires a concerted and integrated approach to eliminating child labour and promoting a culture of prevention on occupational safety health (ILO).

BREADS Bangalore rescues and rehabilitates more than thousand child labourers every year through its Don Bosco partners. In this issue of SLICE we have a look at the results of these interventions

With best wishes,

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News



Residential camp for the children

On 19th of January 2018 a meeting was held with Dr. Shalini Rajneesh I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education, Karnataka to discuss about BREADS modules on Human Rights Education, Child Rights Education and a handbook on Child Rights Clubs. Fr. Joy Nedumparambil SDB, Executive Director, BREADS advocated to include the modules as part of the school syllabus... [more](#)



Me and my vote are not for sale

The Social Service Guild in collaboration with BREADS Bangalore organized an animation programme for the women from Priyankanagar and K.R. Puram on 21st December 2017 at Don Bosco Community Center. As part of the animation programme a health camp was organized by the medical team from Shanthi Nilaya Clinic and medicines were distributed after the medical consultation. Thereafter... [more](#)



Workshop on child rights

On 24.01.2018 Chithra Don Bosco, Chitradurga organised District Level NGO meeting under the CREAM project (Child Rights Education and Action Movement). The organizations working for the protection of children and child rights came forward to discuss on the eradication of child labour and child marriage. Several issues related with child rights violations were discussed during the one day... [more](#)

Events

May 2018

- "Me and my vote are not for sale" campaign under CREAM project3
- Conducted the leadership training for the leaders of child rights clubs
- Summer camps for the tuition children
- BREADS trained the youth directors of National Youth Commission under CCBI on interventions among the young at risk

June 2018

- Review meeting cum training for the project directors and staff of CREAM project
- Facilitators training for the SHG project staff
- Training for the staff of Adult Literacy Project
- World day against child labour
- World environment day celebrations
- Certification of 5th batch and Inauguration of 6th batch for the skill training at DB BEST Academy
- Monitoring and evaluation of CREAM project



World Day Against Child Labour - June 12, 2018

Generation Safe and Healthy



One in every 11 children in India is working. Adolescents between the age of 15 and 17 years have been found in engaging in one or more type of hazardous work. It may involve working in the mining industry or in a firecracker manufacturing unit. It constitutes a whopping 62.8% of the entire child labour population. (Source: Hindustan Times Mint)

At BREADS, our thrust has been to make these young minds, aware of their rights. To rescue them and facilitate in relocating them back to where they belong – their homes, their schools. Internationally, June 12th marks “World Day against Child Labour”. Ever since 2002, focus has been on mobilizing efforts in order to eliminate child labour and educating others about the plight of these young lives. This year, the day will work along

with “World Day for Safety and Health at Work” to bring spotlight on the global need to improve the safety and health of young workers. Child labour is as prevalent in industrialized countries as it is in the developing ones. In the latter, parents often bear more kids in the hope that they will become the bread winners for their family. They, however do not understand the 'cost' of bringing up their children. Literacy and education thus, takes a back seat. International Labour Organization (ILO) defines the term child labour as, “work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to physical and mental development. It refers to work that is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to children, or work whose schedule interferes with their ability to attend regular school, or work that affects in any manner their ability to focus during school or experience a healthy childhood.” According to the Indian Census, a 'child' is anyone below the age of 14. In some cases, it may even mean someone below the age of 17. Even in the presence of labour laws like the Juvenile Justice Act or the Child Labour Prevention and Regulation Act which have been specifically drafted keeping in mind the well-being of children, the country has witnessed a surge in the number of under-aged labourers.

This is where BREADS intervenes. Our mission has been to identifying, rescuing and rehabilitating the young at risk, those who have grown up on the streets and those who have been forced into child labor. We also provide counseling and guidance to extremely vulnerable people. Through our projects for young at risk, we have aimed at including more and more under-aged children inside the umbrella of education, guidance and literacy. Our success stories aren't less. Our work speaks for itself and motivates us every day to strive and create leaders for tomorrow.

GLIMPSES OF CREAM	CREAM PHASE I (2012-2015)	CREAM PHASE II (2016-2019)	TOTAL
Child labour rescued/prevented	1612	1030	2642
Campaigns to promote child rights by children	140	114	254



A life renewed from fields of grey



Kumar (name changed), was a native of Chimangera village, Kalburgi district in the northern part of Karnataka. The child was 10 years old and a 5th class school dropout from the local Government Higher Primary School, Chimangera. Kumar's parents are uneducated and work in the brick kilns unit. The family migrated from Chimangera village to Kalaburgi in search of jobs. The owner of the unit gave a living place to the family, which was a temporary tenement. Kumar and his family don't have a house of their own and living in abject poverty. As a result, his parents neglected him in various ways and were even reluctant to provide him proper food and basic clothing.

Children from the nearby CREAM tuition center informed the incident to their teacher and passed the information to the toll-free number of Childline at 1098. As per the information received by them, the labour department, Department of Health, NCLP, Education, Police and CREAM staff rescued the child from the brick kilns working site. Thereafter the child was produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and was admitted to the Government shelter home for boys for further care and protection.

No will to bake the pleasant childhood



Ramesh (name changed), is a native of Basavan Nager Kalaburgi. The child was 14 years old and a dropout from a local school after finishing his 2nd grade. Ramesh's parents have been daily wage workers and thus, earn a meagre income. The child had been working in a fast food restaurant and bakery near the bus stand. During one of the Child Rights Clubs follow up, the members of the Child Rights Club informed the matter to the CREAM social activist. Afterwards the children passed the information to the Childline at 1098 to which they acted immediately by passing the information to the Nodal Coordinator, labour department and police. The team

immediately arrived at the bakery and the child was rescued. It was made sure that a case is filed against the restaurant owner. As the parents were not able to look after the care needs of the child, he was admitted to the Government boy's home for shelter and protection.

