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In India, an estimated 26 millions of children are born every year. As per Census 2011, the share of children (0-6 years) accounts 13% of the total population in the country. An estimated 12.7 lakh children die every year before completing 5 years of age. However, 81% of under-five child mortality takes place within one year of the birth which accounts nearly 10.5 lakh infant deaths whereas 57% of under-five deaths take place within first one month of life accounts 7.3 lakh neo-natal deaths every year in the country.



Children below the age of 6 are not given their due in spite of the various schemes of the government. And we celebrate children's day every year mostly in our schools and these children are not yet in school. BREADS' partners have organized children's day and child rights special grama sabha to highlight these issues related to children in the month of November 2016.

With best wishes,

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EVENTS

December 2016

- ⇒ Monitoring and Evaluation visits to all the projects
- ⇒ Foundation Stone Blessed – Don Bosco English Medium School at Bablad, Kalaburagi
- ⇒ BREADS in NGO Exposition at AXA Business Services
- ⇒ Christmas celebration at BREADS

January 2017

- ⇒ BREADS participates in SHG project meeting in Goa
- ⇒ Blessing and Inauguration of the Multipurpose Hall in Athikode
- ⇒ BREADS participates in the YAR Meet in Chennai
- ⇒ Mr. Christoph Hiltl and Ms. Petra Pohl visit BREADS
- ⇒ Mr. Volker Mascheski visits Quilon and Trivandrum projects
- ⇒ Feast of Don Bosco

NEWS

BREADS in NGO Exposition at AXA Business Services



AXA Business Services is one of BREADS' corporate partners supporting the skill training centre – DB BEST Academy. BREADS being a development organisation working for children, youth and community, participated in NGO exposition put up by AXA Business Services in December 2016. It was held at AXA offices at Manyata Tech Park and Novel Tech Park on 1st and 2nd respectively. The NGO exposition was an AXA – Corporate Social... [more](#)

Foundation Stone Blessed – Don Bosco English Medium School at Bablad, Kalaburagi



On 14th December, 2016, pupils, parents, teachers and invited guests gathered together at 09.30am, to celebrate the blessing of the foundation stone for the new Don Bosco English Medium School building at Bablad – another milestone in the history of Don Bosco, Kalaburagi. Rev. Fr. Joyce Thonikuzhiyil, Provincial, Province of Bangalore, blessed the foundation stone in the presence of Fr. Nedumparambil joy, Director, BREADS... [more](#)

Advocacy Action – Jnanadeepthi CRC Members, Ramnagara



Jnanadeepthi Child Rights Club formed as a part of Child Rights Education and Action Movement [CREAM] Don Bosco Ramanagara, voiced out to protect their friends. Members of Jnanadeepthi CRC are children of Govt. Higher Primary School Virupakshipura Village at Channapattana Taluk. A teacher from the school had beaten up children, especially girl children for some reason in the month of December 2016. Understanding corporal... [more](#)

CHILDREN'S DAY AND CHILD RIGHTS SPECIAL GRAMA SABHAS

Empower Children to Participate



The month of November is a child-centred month. Children's Day in India falls on 14th November and Universal Children's Day on 20th November. This month is still more important for children in Karnataka because special grama sabhas on Child Rights are also conducted during this month. The whole nation gets geared up to observe Children's Day with different strategies to increase the awareness of people towards the rights, care and education of children. Schools, organisations working for children, child-friendly clubs, associations etc. get involved in celebrating the day. BREADS' Don Bosco partners in Kerala and Karnataka working for the protection of child rights also observed the children's month. There were 27 programmes with the participation of 9786 people, including children and adults. Public

gatherings, cultural activities, skits, ventriloquism acts, competitions based on Child Rights themes, Children Se Dosti programmes (tying friendship bands on government officials), Prathibha Puraskaara (Young Achievers awards), child right consultation with children and stakeholders, moving exhibition on ill effects of drug abuse in children and quiz in schools, children's protest rallies against Child Rights violations are some of the programmes that were organised in the context of Children's Day at different centres.

Children's Day programmes conducted by Don Bosco Partners

District	Programmes	Participants
Bangalore	2	120
Bellary	11	1125
Bidar	1	600
Chitradurga	1	300
Davangere	1	592
Raichur	1	1080
Kalaburagi	1	500
Mysore	2	2000
Ramanagara	2	126
Yadagiri	1	237
Ernakulam	1	1000
Kollam	1	106
Trivandrum	2	2000
Total	27	9786

Child Rights Special Grama Sabhas organised in Karnataka

Districts	Programmes	Children involved	Other Stakeholders	Decisions taken / Issues addressed
Bangalore	1	64	6	Enrollment of child labourers to school, appointment of teachers, provision of proper mid-day meals and drinking water in schools, (Bus) transport facility in villages, need of computer labs, school building and anganwadi centre repairs, proper school playgrounds, water facilities in toilet, sanction of grants for school tours.
Bellary	21	2966	426	
Bidar	15	1650	70	
Chitradurga	3	300	255	
Davangere	1	64	16	
Raichur	2	614	234	
Kalaburagi	2	221	350	
Mysore	2	280	42	
Ramnagara	1	124	11	
Total	48	6283	1410	

Child Rights Special Grama Sabhas are nothing but children of the concerned panchayath, the adult panchayath members and other stakeholders coming together for the Grama Sabha meeting. This idea was conceived in Karnataka and with a circular from the Rural Development and Panchayathi Raj Department [RDPRD], GoK; it has become part of the Panchayathi Raj institution administration. The protection of child rights and the children's concerns are given the top-most priority during Child Rights Special Grama Sabhas. Children get a chance to speak out for their rights and thus be a part of the planning in the village administration concerning issues of children. Different panchayaths have worked out strategies to make it simple for children and attain effective results. 48 Child Rights Special Grama Sabhas were organised by the Don Bosco CREAM team across 9 districts of Karnataka. 6283 children and 1410 stakeholders participated in these grama sabha meetings.

