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ACTION/2015 is a global campaign to create awareness on the Sustainable Development Goals and influence the world leaders to take the right decisions in this crucial year 2015 when major summits happen.

According to new research, almost a billion extra people face a life of extreme poverty if leaders duck key decisions on poverty, inequality and climate change due to be taken at two crucial summits in New York and Paris later this year, with billions more continuing to face a life of hardship. If leaders fail to deliver and build on the growing momentum for ambitious deals and scale back their efforts, the number of people living in extreme poverty could actually increase to 1.2 billion by 2030. That's the warning by more than a thousand organizations around the world which are launching a new campaign called action/2015 calling on local and world leaders to take urgent action to halt man-made climate change, eradicate poverty and address inequality (www.action2015.org).

BREADS joined *Wada Na Todo Abhiyan* and led the campaign in Karnataka. In this issue of SLICE we shall focus on action/2015 campaign in Karnataka.

With Best Wishes

Fr Joy Nedumparambil SDB
Executive Director

Events in May 2015

- DB Tech batch reviews organized in different places.
- Summer Camps concluded
- Started new batches of Skill Training in DB Tech Centres

Events in June 2015

- Mr. Cees Tompot and His Team from YOJANA, Netherlands visit BREADS' Projects
- CREAM Participatory Action Research Team visits all districts
- Training on Child Rights on 25th and 26th

News

Summer Camp K.I.D.S., 2015 at Social Service Guild, Bangalore, Karnataka



On 1st May 2015 as part of the Summer Camp, SSG organized Sports Day for all the children attending the tuition programs in the villages. There were nearly 160 students. The Sports Day began with the inauguration at 10 AM and went up till lunch break. After the lunch the track events resumed. Finally the winners were awarded with Medals and Shields. The children were excited and very happy... [More](#)

Mass rescue of children from a food processing unit



BOSCO joined hands with Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) and rescued 34 child labourers aging 13 to 17 years from a food processing unit in Taverkeere, seageahalli, Bangalore. The team received a complaint from a news reporter and after undertaking a spot study executed the rescue operation on 29th April 2015. The children were supplied to the food processing unit by brokers who collected fees on each child... [More](#)

Against All Odds, They Came Out on Top



Children from the Don Bosco Child Labour Eradication Mission School have beaten all odds and excelled in different public examinations. Some of these students have worked as child labourers and cowherds and some are orphans. All of them have fared well in different examinations, despite poverty. The Don Bosco Child Labour Eradication Mission School has been providing shelter to the child labourers and also looking after their educational needs... [More](#)

action/2015

Action/2015 is a global mass mobilization campaign to pressurize the national governments to represent our demands from marginalized communities and our development needs at the UN General Assembly to be held in September this year. It is a global movement to address insecurity, inequality and injustice in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.



Popularly known as the **Millennium Development Goals**, eight international development goals were established to be achieved by 2015 by the United Nations and the 189 member countries in the year 2000. With the end of 2015, a new set of goals known as the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** are being drafted. **The UN Report of MDG** review in India shows that there was some progress made toward achieving the targets, but we have failed to address the challenges of multi-dimensional poverty in the country, as highlighted in the **Civil Society Response** to the MDG Review conducted by the Indian government of which BREADS was also part of it.

Action/2015 India Campaign

From India Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA), a national coalition of organizations to hold the government accountable for its promises to end poverty, social exclusion and discrimination, has been leading the process of developing consensus from civil society and communities around their aspirations from the new development agenda. BREADS Bangalore is a partner organization of WNTA representing the state of Karnataka.

Throughout 2015, the campaign will provide ways for everyone everywhere to get involved in influencing the outcomes of these global debates that could achieve:

- An end to poverty in all its forms;
- The meeting of fundamental rights, tackling inequality and discrimination;
- An accelerated transition to 100% renewable energy;
- A world where everyone can participate and hold their leaders accountable.



Action/2015 Campaign in Karnataka

BREADS has mobilized children across the state of Karnataka through its 11 partner Don Bosco Projects to engage in a post card campaign to include their demands in the SDGs. As part of the campaign nearly 25000 children across Karnataka through Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) network facilitated by Bangalore Rural Education And Development Society Bangalore (BREADS) wrote the post cards to the PM and created public awareness to more than 20 lakhs of people.

ACTION/2015 – State Level Campaign and Press Meet at Bangalore



The state level campaign was organized at Makkala Coota Park at Fort Bangalore on 22 May 2015 and participants wrote a post card each to the Prime Minister of India. During the programme most children opined that they look forward to a just and humane society where children and their rights are safeguarded and nurtured. Children still want free and quality education, better shelter, health care, protection from abuses, opportunity for recreation and talent enhancement.

Fr. George P. S. Executive Director of BOSCO, Fr Joy Nedumparambil, the Executive Director of BREADS, Sri Umesh Aradya, Chairperson KSCPCR (Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights) Ms. Meghana Gaonkar, Cine Artist and representatives of children were present on the occasion. Mr Umesh exhorted the children to pass on the information about action/2015 to as many as possible and asked every child to pledge to create a world order around them that is just and equitable.



Action/2015 Campaign in pictures

