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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Two hundred years ago, nine-year-old John Bosco had a dream, in which he felt called to work among children to whom we now refer as those “in need of care and protection” and those in “conflict with the law”. It planted the seed of the Salesian work, which continues even today in 136 countries.

For BREADS and our Don Bosco partners, that dream continues to be the dream that makes us dream; that we can offer these children, whom we call the ‘children and young at risk’, the opportunities and accompaniment needed to transform them and their lives. The Salesian province of Bangalore (including the states of Karnataka and Kerala) has been specially focussed on developmental work for the children and young at risk (YaR) over the past 50 years. As the Province Development Office (PDO), BREADS also carries forward this agenda of the welfare and rights of the vulnerable young into all its programming, even while working with other beneficiaries—the community, women, or the environment.

In this annual report 2023-24, we highlight the work that BREADS promotes at the micro and macro levels through its Don Bosco partners, to address various aspects of the rights and needs of the young at risk in collaboration with other community and government stakeholders. BREADS assessed the impact of its services on its beneficiaries through scientific studies and this year, we released four publications, including a book of fifty case studies of children from Don Bosco homes. I am extremely pleased to note that our findings reveal that our beneficiaries do benefit from and value our services. The BREADS team wholeheartedly thanks all of you, our dear benefactors and funding agencies, for your generous support in being change agents.

ABOUT BREADS

Bangalore Rural Educational and Development Society (BREADS) is a registered charitable trust (1138/94-95), of the Salesian Province of Bangalore, reaching out to the states of Kerala and most of Karnataka, through rights-based empowerment of marginalised people. BREADS is permitted under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act 2020 (Regn. 094420758), to receive and utilise foreign funds for its development work. BREADS (CSR 00003142) is also approved by the Indian government to receive CSR funding for its work. Within India, contributions to BREADS are exempt from tax under section 80 G (AAAAB0458LF20217) of the Indian IT Act 1961.

Over the past 31 years, BREADS has implemented 630 projects with its 48 Don Bosco partners, impacting more than 12,00,000 children, women and youth in Karnataka and Kerala.

Vision

An inclusive community based on rights, equality, justice, and peace

Mission

To transform the poor and needy as resources and agents of change through educative presence and accompaniment





50 YEARS OF YaR INTERVENTIONS

BREADS facilitated an appreciative enquiry into the impact and outreach of YaR interventions over 50 years by the Salesian province of Bangalore, across Karnataka and Kerala. As the province development office, BREADS has played a significant role in all these achievements.

Our commitment to the Young at Risk as the Don Bosco network in the Bangalore Province (DBBP):

- DBBP cares for 5544 children through 31 of the 144 Salesian child-related institutions in India.
- DBBP reaches 53,045 children through 1543 community-based programmes, contributing a significant 55.64 % of the national Salesian outreach.
- DBBP manages 147 networks that assist 38,455 children, constituting 45.32 % of the 84,856 children supported through Salesian collaboration.
- DBBP manages 12 of the 36 national migrant desks, reaching 60,970 migrant workers (67.06 %) of the total outreach.
- DBBP reached 416 families (4.14 %) of the national outreach of 10,047 families.
- 641 personnel are involved in the province's YaR mission—including Salesians (SDBs), staff, and volunteers—23.96 % of the 2,675 personnel nationwide.

THE YaR MISSION

The YaR mission aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children and youth, who face harsh challenges: hunger, poverty, homelessness, violence, unemployment, substance abuse, and trafficking. In the process, we address issues of child labour, child marriage, school truancy, forced migration, and exploitation. Through a holistic approach—providing shelter, education, vocational training, counselling, and advocacy—the YaR mission empowers these young individuals to reclaim their dignity and break the cycle of poverty, abuse, and exploitation. By equipping them with the skills and support needed to thrive, the YaR mission paves their path to a brighter future, offering hope and a chance to integrate into mainstream society.

Over the years, our approach towards the young at risk has evolved from a charity and welfare perspective to a rights-based approach, through which we seek to empower the young, their families and communities, with the ability to access their own rights. We present a sketch of 13 of our YaR centres in Kerala and Karnataka and their activities that were supported by BREADS over the years as well as in 2023–2024.



IN KERALA

Don Bosco Sneha Bhavan, Kochi

A pioneer in the YaR sector since 1974, it started as a collaboration with the Kochi Corporation for the rehabilitation of boys working and living on the street. It has expanded its rehabilitative outreach to various age groups and girls through **five** centres in the city, offering shelter, counselling, education, family reunification, skill training, healthcare, aftercare for youth, care for AIDS/HIV affected children, CHILDLINE services, presence at the railway and bus stations. Since 2003, BREADS has supported its YaR outreach through rescue and rehabilitation interventions, infrastructure creation, a documentation centre, training programmes, migrants' support (KISMAT), addiction prevention (DREAM) etc. Sneha Bhavan also partnered with BREADS for disaster relief services.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Rehabilitation of Street Children	Rescue and rehabilitation	20 children supported
2	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public Counselling and rehabilitation services Advocacy with various stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness for 65,453 school children Awareness for 12,346 youth Training for 6353 various stakeholders Mentoring / counselling of 1824 persons Campaigns reached 2000 people

Don Bosco Mundackal, Kollam

Don Bosco Mundackal is an offshoot of the Don Bosco presence in Thope that originally started in 1975. BREADS supported the setting up of Don Bosco Boys' Home in 2009 and supported the residential care and education of poor and marginalised children from the local fishing community of Kollam. This intervention prevented children from leaving school and the open school programme enables children to complete their basic schooling. This, among other interventions through the Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP), helps the marginalised fishing community move forward with decent livelihoods.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Empowerment of women and youth in fisher folk communities in the coastal district of Kollam in partnership with FCDP	Skill training for women & youth, EDP training, leadership training for SHG leaders, setting up marketing facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 persons trained in tailoring 75 trained in fish and food processing 75 trained in computer skills 150 women and youth received EDP training 400 women SHG leaders received leadership training 132 microenterprises launched by women Marketing outlets set up for entrepreneurs, market melas

2	Open school programme for school dropouts	Coaching classes for the dropouts of classes X and XII	35 children enabled to appear for the open school exams
3	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public. • Counselling and rehabilitation services. • Advocacy with various stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness for 40,702 school children • Awareness for 7815 youth • Training for 9328 stakeholders • Mentoring / counselling of 3459 persons • Campaigns reached 1100 people
4	Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELiVE)- Kerala in partnership with FCDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and livelihood opportunities • Vocational and entrepreneurial training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship training • 120 women started enterprises • 40 women started kitchen gardens

Don Bosco Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram

Started in 1991, to rehabilitate children and youth on the street with its presence on the streets that extended through CHILDLiNE services, an exclusive Railway CHILDLiNE to protect children at railway stations, and rehabilitation through education and skill training through **two** centres. Presence expanded to local slums with supplementary education classes to prevent further marginalisation among children and to promote skilling and self-reliance among youth and women, advocacy, research and documentation. Since 2001, BREADS has supported its rescue and rehabilitation interventions, community health, skill training for youth and women empowerment, slum development, migrant services (KISMAT) and addiction prevention (DREAM) programmes.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Empowerment of women, youth and children through education and skill development in MSK Nagar	Education promotion, skilling and entrepreneurship training, market linkages, community awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 children received supplementary education support • 65 students enjoyed summer camp • 85 children received study material • 30 women skilled in tailoring and received sewing machines • 600 women participated in awareness programmes • 20 women trained in food processing • 25 youth received career guidance • 12 families received support

2	Rescue and rehabilitation of children on the street in Thiruvananthapuram	Rescue and rehabilitation, open shelter	190 children rehabilitated
3	Skill training cum social work centre	Construction of the centre	Construction nearing completion
4	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public. Counselling and rehabilitation services. Advocacy with various stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness for 35,999 school children Awareness for 6744 youth Training for 6996 various stakeholders Mentoring / counselling of 521 persons Campaigns reached 1000 people

Don Bosco Monvila, Thiruvananthapuram

The Salesian presence in Monvila was established in 1990. BREADS's support began in 1997 with the establishment of a technical training institute. As the skill training centre had limited possibilities for growth, attention was shifted towards vulnerable children. Facilities for an orphanage/home for children at risk were created. Children who failed in 10th and 12th grades were supported to reappear and pass the exams. Rehabilitation of people and children affected by the tsunami was supported. As part of its DREAM initiative, BREADS set up Don Bosco Sadan in Monvila, a residential rehabilitation centre for children and youth with addiction issues, as well as the DREAM state office. The first of its kind in Kerala, DB Sadan serves the young at risk from all over the state, supporting their journeys to recovery and sobriety.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	Counselling and residential rehabilitation for children and youth with addiction issues	73 children and youth rehabilitated through deaddiction services





IN KARNATAKA BOSCO Bangalore

BOSCO Bangalore, established in 1980, offers a comprehensive support system for the Young at Risk in the city and adjacent slums. Open shelters, city contact points and street presence, CHILDLINE services, SJPU, rescue, counselling, family reunification and follow up, rehabilitation, education and vocational training, foster care, aftercare, supplementary education in slums, research, documentation, advocacy and networking across **nine** centres in the city for boys and girls, have earned it a stellar reputation and recognition. The idea that every child is a *Buddhivantha* (intelligent and resourceful person)

as promoted by BOSCO, is the underlying philosophy of all the YaR centres in the Bangalore province. BREADS has supported BOSCO since 1997 in various ways: all aspects of YaR rescue and rehabilitation, foster care, infrastructure creation, documentation, advocacy, promotion of child rights (CREAM), child safety nets (CSN) and child-friendly cities.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Child Safety Net	Awareness, creation of caring communities, rescue and rehabilitation, advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3411 children rescued and rehabilitated • 233 instances of advocacy and collaborative efforts with SJPU for child rescue/POSCO cases • 15 caring community groups formed • 836 government personnel contacted through collaboration with 5 government departments • 12 collaborative interventions with NGOs, government • 36893 people reached through community awareness
2	Rescue and rehabilitation of street children through street presence	Street presence, rescue and rehabilitation, open shelter, counselling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1169 children rescued and rehabilitated • 75 children from 3 slums received supplementary education • 26602 people reached through community awareness
3	Extended street presence for the rescue and rehabilitation of street children from the railway stations, bus stations, and slums of Bangalore	Rescue and rehabilitation of children landing in railway stations of Bangalore city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4691 children rescued and rehabilitated • 170169 people reached through community awareness
4	Counselling and Family Reunification of Rescued Street Children	Counselling, psychosocial support, family reunification of rescued children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2344 children counselled & supported • 1963 children reunited with families • 130 in rehabilitative care in BOSCO homes • 251 children placed in other care centres

5	Alternative Care	Capacity building and awareness creation among stakeholders to promote foster care, identification of suitable parents and children for foster care, placing children in foster care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 districts reached • 256 potential foster parents identified • 20 children placed in foster care • 310 people connected through state/district stakeholder meetings • 3200 participants in advocacy and networking meetings • Awareness created for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 208501 public • 3560 Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members • 5477 Anganwadi teachers • 5501 college students • 5384 SHG members • 4256 ASHA health workers • 4444 Anganwadi mothers • 3949 Primary school teachers
6	Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) III	Child rights activism, awareness and advocacy in Bangalore urban and rural districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 260 children trained in child rights • 100 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 17 CRC leaders trained • 18 children rescued from labour by CRC members • 76 children re-enrolled in school by CRC members • 31 child labourers rescued by CREAM staff • 5 vulnerable children supported according to need • 46 Child Protection Committees (CPC) formed • 3 taluk-level advocacy actions and meetings • 10 Makkala Grama Sabhas (children's parliaments)
7	Infrastructure Development for Childcare Institutions	Renovation and equipping of the centre with furniture, home appliances, tailoring machines and computers	Improved facilities in rehabilitation centres of BOSCO

Don Bosco Bidar

Started in 2004, Don Bosco Bidar has been dedicated to empowering at-risk children and their disadvantaged families through child labour rehabilitation, bridge schools, hostel services, Missing Child Bureau and CHILDLINE services, formal and non-formal vocational training, mobile clinics and a formal school. Since 2009, BREADS has supported self-help groups and skill trainings for community empowerment. It supported the rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers through residential bridge schools, supplementary education centres, as well as the promotion of child rights (CREAM). BREADS constructed a skill training centre as well as a formal school for the development of the YaR population in Bidar.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Integrated Development of Child Labour	Rescue & rehabilitation, Bridge school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 114 children rescued • 42 children in bridge school transitioned to formal education • 72 children reunited with their families
2	Construction of a Primary School in Chickpet village	Primary school construction & infrastructure, Formal education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education infrastructure created: 21500 sq. ft school • 381 children enrolled to school
3	Mobile clinic in villages	Mobile clinics (MC), health care and education, medicine distribution, referrals, strengthening advocacy for PHCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 villages benefitted • 1 vehicle for the dedicated use of the mobile clinic • 600+ people benefitted • 160 people received health education • 90 people received medicine



4	Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) III	Child rights activism, awareness and advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 104 children trained in child rights • 19 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 10 CRC leaders trained • 2 child labourers rescued by CRC members • 6 children readmitted to school by CRC members • 6 school improvements through CRC advocacy • 11 child marriages stopped by stakeholders & CREAM • 6 school improvements through stakeholders & CREAM • 48 child labourers rescued by stakeholders & CREAM • 7 vulnerable children supported according to need • 35 Child Protection Committees (CPC) formed • 3 district-level advocacy actions and meetings • 7 taluk-level advocacy actions and meetings • 26 Makkala Grama Sabhas (children's parliaments)
5	Empowering Children through Education and Child Rights Promotion	Promoting schooling, development of children, child rights promotion, strengthening child protection structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1240 children supported • 234 teachers & stakeholders trained • 782 people reached through campaigns • 9 CPCs formed • 115 people helped through other services
6	Infrastructure Development for Childcare Institutions	Distribution of furniture, equipment, home appliances and utensils for Don Bosco Childcare Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure improvement impacting 51 children

Don Bosco Chitradurga

The Don Bosco Chitradurga presence began in 1995 with a church, school and hostel. Since then, it has expanded its community empowerment outreach through self-help groups, healthcare, supplementary education centres and skilling programmes. Youth initiatives emerged through colleges and skilling programmes. BREADS' support since 2001, enabled infrastructure for a rural dispensary, community hall, residential training facility, a mobile computer lab and a residential training centre for community mobilisation and empowerment, as well as promotion of rural livelihoods. With CHITHRA Don Bosco, BREADS also promoted child rights through activism and advocacy (CREAM) and supplementary education centres.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Sheep rearing	Purchase of sheep with seed capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 women have a means of sustainable livelihood
2	Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) III	Child rights activism, awareness and advocacy in Chitradurga and Tumakuru districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 274 children trained in child rights • 93 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 12 CRC leaders trained • 1 school improvement through CRC advocacy • 8 child marriages stopped by stakeholders & CREAM • 8 school improvements through stakeholders & CREAM • 10 child labourers rescued by stakeholders & CREAM • 4 vulnerable children supported according to need • 74 Child Protection Committees (CPC) formed • 5 district-level advocacy actions and meetings • 21 taluk-level advocacy actions and meetings • 17 Makkala Grama Sabhas (children's parliaments)
3	Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELivE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and livelihood opportunities • Vocational and entrepreneurial training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 focus group discussions • 96 women mobilised from 10 SHGs • 35 women trained, equipped with seed capital



Don Bosco Davanagere

Since 1994, Don Bosco Davanagere has been dedicated to the eradication of child labour through rescue and rehabilitation and an integrated preventive methodology, which includes residential bridge schools, centre for school going children, community outreach, supplementary education, sheep rearing and advocacy. BREADS supported the YaR mission in Davanagere from 2000 by setting up two residential rehabilitation centres, supporting the rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers, providing infrastructure support such as a borewell, solar systems, toilets, renovations etc. Towards the prevention of child rights violations, BREADS supported community empowerment programmes, awareness campaigns, promotion of child rights (CREAM), a science lab for a government school, as well as higher education sponsorships for rescued child labourers.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Community empowerment for child labour prevention in Jagalur taluk	Education promotion in villages, community empowerment and advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 villages impacted • 776 children received supplementary education • 15 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 700+ children trained in child rights • 38 child protection committees (CPC) formed • 5 Makkala Grama Sabhas (MGS) conducted • 67 Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members trained • 882 school development and monitoring committee members trained • 150 CRC leaders trained • 200 SHG leaders trained • 2772 SHG members trained

2	Bridge course for rescued child labourers	Rescue, bridge school and admission in schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 76 children rescued from at-risk situations • 45 children reunited with families • 31 boys rehabilitated through residential bridge course and formal education
3	Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELiVE)- Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and livelihood opportunities • Vocational and entrepreneurial training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 focus group discussions • 139 women mobilised from 11 SHGs • 35 women trained, equipped with seed capital
4	Mobile clinic in villages	Mobile clinics, purchase of vehicle, healthcare and education, medicine distribution, referrals, strengthening advocacy for PHCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 villages benefitted • 1 vehicle for the dedicated use of the mobile clinic • 735 people benefitted • 160 people received health education • 735 people received medicine
5	Rescue vehicle	Rescue of children on the street and working children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabled rescue of children at risk
6	Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) III	Child rights activism, awareness and advocacy in Davanagere, Shivamogga and Haveri districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 452 children trained in child rights • 164 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 14 CRC leaders trained • 1 school improvement through CRC advocacy • 4 child marriages stopped by CRC members • 10 child marriages stopped by stakeholders & CREAM • 8 school improvements through stakeholders & CREAM • 12 child labourers rescued by stakeholders & CREAM • 2 vulnerable children supported according to need • 89 Child Protection Committees (CPC) formed • 3 district-level advocacy actions and meetings • 11 taluk-level advocacy actions and meetings • 56 Makkala Grama Sabhas (children's parliaments)
7	Infrastructure Development for Childcare Institutions	Distribution of furniture, equipment, home appliances and utensils for Don Bosco Childcare Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure improvement impacting 60 children



Don Bosco Devadurga

Don Bosco Devadurga began its mission in 1995 with parish ministry and community outreach. Even among the north Karnataka districts which have low developmental indices for education, health and income, Devadurga was identified as the worst taluk in the state, prompting a systematic plan of intervention by BREADS, starting from 2001. Rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers (including girls) was facilitated through three residential educational centres, supplementary education centres, education sponsorships and an intensive promotion of child rights (CREAM) and mobile clinics. Communities were empowered through water, health and nutrition, as well as livelihood programmes.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Education and nutrition promotion	Education promotion in villages, community empowerment and advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 villages impacted • 773 children received supplementary education and nutrition • 77 children re-enrolled to school • 279 parents and community leaders trained • 855 children enjoyed summer camp • 2600 adults reached through community awareness, networking and advocacy • 124 students prepared for admission in Morarji Desai schools

2	Mobile clinic in rural villages	Mobile clinic, health education, strengthening PHC, medicine distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 villages impacted • 6726 people impacted • 6381 people received medicine • 642 people received health education
3	Rescue and rehabilitation of girl child labourers	Rescue and rehabilitation, bridge school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 girls rescued, rehabilitated, and admitted to formal school
4	Repair and renovation work of the girl's boarding home	Painting and replacement of doors and windows, interlock flooring for boarding home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boarding home renovated to create better living conditions for the rescued girls
5	Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) III	Child rights activism, awareness and advocacy in Raichur and Bagalkot districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 265 children trained in child rights • 89 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 16 CRC leaders trained • 27 school improvement through CRC advocacy • 4 child marriages stopped by CRC members • 16 child marriages stopped by stakeholders & CREAM • 10 child labourers rescued by CRC members • 99 child labourers rescued by stakeholders & CREAM • 31 vulnerable children supported according to need • 65 Child Protection Committees (CPC) formed • 5 district-level advocacy actions and meetings • 11 taluk-level advocacy actions and meetings • 175 Makkala Grama Sabhas (children's parliaments)
6	Empowering Children through Education and Child Rights Promotion	Promoting schooling, development of children, child rights promotion, strengthening child protection structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1288 children supported • 245 teachers & stakeholders trained • 802 people reached through campaigns • 9 CPCs formed • 426 people helped through other services • 33 children re-enrolled to school
7	Infrastructure Development for Childcare Institutions	Distribution of furniture, equipment, home appliances and utensils for Don Bosco Childcare Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure improvement impacting 59 children

Don Bosco Hosapete

After its initial mission for youth services from 1982, Don Bosco Hosapete initiated a presence and vocational training institute for the local youth. A Centre for Social Action became the hub of interventions for child labour and action research with other NGOs in the field. Open school and DB Professional Academy initiatives supported children and youth. BREADS' support started from 2001, taking the shape of a special child labour school, rescue and rehabilitation of both boys and girls rescued from working in mines, the Professional Academy, a skill training centre, formal school, upgrade of the vocational training centre, a biogas plant, renovation and upkeep of the boarding home for rescued children. Community empowerment programmes included facilitating self-help groups as a platform for empowerment, training, and interventions with the leprosy affected. Child rights were promoted through the CREAM initiative, Missing Child Bureau, and CHILDLINE services among other interventions.

S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers	Rescue and rehabilitation, bridge school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 children rehabilitated through residential care, bridge school, formal education
2	Construction of a primary school at Hospet	Construction of primary school, formal education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29489 sq. ft education infrastructure created • 658 students educated
3	Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) III	Child rights activism, awareness and advocacy in Vijayanagara, Koppal and Gadag districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 418 children trained in child rights • 145 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 26 CRC leaders trained • 4 school improvements through CRC advocacy • 8 child marriages stopped by stakeholders & CREAM • 25 child labourers rescued by stakeholders & CREAM • 2 vulnerable children supported according to need • 108 Child Protection Committees (CPC) formed • 2 district-level advocacy actions and meetings • 28 taluk-level advocacy actions and meetings • 249 Makkala Grama Sabhas (children's parliaments)
4	Empowering Children through Education and Child Rights Promotion	Promoting schooling, development of children, child rights promotion, strengthening child protection structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1326 children supported • 310 teachers & stakeholders trained • 2332 people reached through campaigns • 7 CPCs formed • 286 people helped through other services • 140 children re-enrolled to school



5	Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELivE)	Employment and livelihood opportunities, vocational and entrepreneurial training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 focus group discussions • 418 women mobilised from 26 SHGs • 35 women trained, equipped with seed capital
6	Infrastructure Development for Childcare Institutions	Distribution of furniture, equipment, home appliances and utensils for Don Bosco Childcare Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure improvement impacting 72 children

Don Bosco Kalaburagi

Don Bosco Programme for the Young at Risk (DB PYaR) was initiated in 2002 to serve the young at risk in Kalaburagi town. Focussed on the rehabilitation of children forced into labour and on the streets, PYaR also organised supplementary education, non-formal skilling and CHILDLINE services. BREADS was associated with PYaR from its inception, supporting homes for girls and boys in Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) city and Bablad village to facilitate their rescue and rehabilitation. Computer education and skill training for the youth, and community empowerment to eliminate child labour and promotion of child rights (CREAM) were other interventions. BREADS constructed a school in Bablad for the local community and set up a model organic farm as well.



S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Rehabilitation of child labour	Rescue & rehabilitation, bridge school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 children rescued, re-enrolled to school after bridge course
2	Infrastructure Development for Childcare Institutions	Distribution of furniture, equipment, home appliances and utensils for Don Bosco Childcare Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure improvement impacting 77 boys
3	Child labour elimination through community empowerment	Education promotion in villages, community empowerment, advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 494 children received supplementary education • 54 dropout children enrolled to school • 308 parents and community leaders trained • 332 leaders of SHGs, CPCs, YC trained • 131 government officials sensitised in advocacy meetings • 22 NGOs sensitised

4	Non- formal skill training for young women	Skill training for women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 women trained to use computers • 25 women skilled in tailoring • 24 women self employed • 24 women placed in jobs
5	Back to Nature	Organic farm, training for farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A model demonstration and training organic farm • Organic moringa and other crop cultivation • Vermicomposting, water management and organic manure production models created • 180 master farmers trained • 835 farmers/SHG members trained • 50 women trained in organic kitchen gardens
6	Mobile clinic in rural villages	Mobile clinic, health education, strengthening PHC, medicine distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 villages benefitted • 1 vehicle for the dedicated use of the mobile clinic • 400+ people benefitted • 143 people received health education • 182 people received medicine
7	Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) III	Child rights activism, awareness and advocacy in Kalaburagi and Vijayapura districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 270 children trained in child rights • 80 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 12 CRC leaders trained • 1 school improvement through CRC advocacy • 9 child marriages stopped by CRC members • 104 vulnerable children supported according to need • 60 Child Protection Committees (CPC) formed • 3 district-level advocacy actions and meetings • 16 taluk-level advocacy actions and meetings • 32 Makkala Grama Sabhas (children's parliaments)
8	Empowering Children through Education and Child Rights Promotion	Promoting schooling, development of children, child rights promotion, strengthening child protection structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1513 children supported • 283 teachers & stakeholders trained • 1156 people reached through campaigns • 9 CPCs formed • 915 people helped through other services • 27 children re-enrolled to school

Don Bosco Mysuru

Don Bosco Makkalalaya was initiated with BREADS' support in 2006 as an initiative for the integral development of child labourers and school dropouts in Mysuru through community participation. Supplementary education, open schools, bridge schools, SHG promotion and skill training for women and youth empowerment, community awareness programmes and the promotion of child rights (CREAM), street presence and Child Safety Net (CSN) were some of the initiatives. Don Bosco Makkala Mane was initiated in the city to provide shelter, rehabilitation and skill training for youth at risk.



S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Rescue and rehabilitation of children at risk through education and skill training	Rescue and rehabilitation, education promotion, skill training, community awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 763 children contacted/rescued • 25 children rehabilitated through a residential bridge course in Makkala Mane • 62 children enrolled in open school for classes X and XII • 198 unemployed youth skilled • 1500 reached through community awareness/advocacy campaigns
2	Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) III	Child rights activism, awareness and advocacy in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 274 children trained in child rights • 91 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 18 CRC leaders trained • 5 school improvement through CRC advocacy • 3 child marriages stopped by CRC members • 10 child marriages stopped by stakeholders & CREAM • 48 child labourers rescued by stakeholders & CREAM • 2 vulnerable children supported according to need • 73 Child Protection Committees (CPC) formed • 2 district-level advocacy actions and meetings • 16 taluk-level advocacy actions and meetings • 25 Makkala Grama Sabhas (children's parliaments)

Don Bosco Yadagiri

In 2002, Don Bosco Yadagiri was initially involved in non-formal skilling and education with the establishment of a College of Education. With the setting up of the Don Bosco Centre for Social Action in 2003, BREADS also began its support for development in Yadagiri district through education, women's empowerment, and community participation. Skill training for youth, construction of a formal school, a vocational training centre, and setting up of the college library addressed some of the needs of the young at risk. Community healthcare, prevention of school dropouts with hostels for boys and girls, supplementary education, skilling and income generation initiatives for youth and women were some of the preventive strategies employed. Rescue and rehabilitation of child labourers was facilitated through a residential centre, bridge courses, Missing Child Bureau, awareness and promotion of child rights (CREAM).



S.N	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) III	Child rights activism, awareness and advocacy in Yadagiri district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 73 children trained in child rights • 28 child rights clubs (CRC) formed • 5 CRC leaders trained • 5 school improvement through CRC advocacy • 7 child marriages stopped by CRC members • 3 child marriages stopped by stakeholders & CREAM • 9 child labourers rescued by CRC members • 36 child labourers rescued by stakeholders & CREAM • 14 vulnerable children supported according to need • 34 Child Protection Committees (CPC) formed • 3 district-level advocacy actions and meetings • 7 taluk-level advocacy actions and meetings • 104 Makkala Grama Sabhas (children's parliaments)
2	Empowering Children through Education and Child Rights Promotion	Promoting schooling, development of children, child rights promotion, strengthening child protection structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1453 children supported • 279 teachers & stakeholders trained • 1350 people reached through campaigns • 9 CPCs formed • 808 people helped through other services • 175 children re-enrolled to school
3	Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELivE)	Employment and livelihood opportunities, vocational and entrepreneurial training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 focus group discussions • 156 women mobilised from 12 SHGs • 35 women trained, equipped with seed capital
4	Infrastructure Development for Childcare Institutions	Distribution of furniture, equipment, home appliances and utensils for Don Bosco Childcare Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure improvement impacting 43 children

BREADS' PROJECTS WITH OTHER PARTNERS

Besides the identified YaR centres, BREADS collaborates with other Don Bosco as well as non-Salesian partners in various aspects of developmental work—skilling and income generation, women empowerment and climate action. As preventive action, BREADS supports children at risk within their home settings through education sponsorships, supplementary education centres in slums and villages, and awareness programmes.



IN KARNATAKA

S.N	Partner	Projects 2023-24	Activities	Impact
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amis du Père Guézou Hauber Schlayer Stiftung Nutanix Technologies India Pvt Ltd Une Main Tendue Missioni Don Bosco Bosconet - M/s. Avekshaa Development Association of Active Volunteers (DAAV) BREADS' CHESE programme Five individual donors 	Educational support for children in vulnerable situations	Sponsorship of school and professional education of underprivileged children through Don Bosco partners in both institutional and family settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 389 children received school education 24 young people availed higher education

2	DB BEST Academy (BREADS' entity)	Skilling for urban and migrant youth in Bangalore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilling in three domains, life skills, communication and computers • Job placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 208 youth trained • 168 youth placed in jobs (80.8%)
3	BREADS' outreach	Holistic development of quarry children	Education, nutrition and community empowerment in quarry villages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 454 children's learning and nutrition supported by 12 centres • 306 parents and teachers trained • 380 children received educational aid • 120 children trained in life skills • 554 children/ adults trained in child rights • 1150 people benefitted by health camps • 5 CPCs formed
4	BREADS' outreach	Learning support for disadvantaged children and youth in various settings	Distribution of refurbished laptops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving access to modern educational aids for the young
5	BREADS' outreach	Emergency relief support for the displaced victims of internal conflicts in Manipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency supplies • Free residential skilling and job placement for youth in DB institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing alternative educational and skilling opportunities for 25 youth disrupted by conflict
6	DB Job Placement Network, India	Empowerment of youth through career guidance and employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career guidance • Employability training • Job placement services • Tech-based outreach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1695 persons onboarded • 34 companies onboarded • 1449 persons received job counselling • 1097 persons recruited • Recognised by Ministry of Labour and Employment • Government and corporate partnerships

7	Don Bosco Mithra School, Bangalore	Support of education for children from low-income urban backgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement of Science lab Enhancement of the school library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved quality of education for children
8	Don Bosco College, Bangalore	Promotion of clean energy sources	Installation of a solar energy system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generation of clean energy for the college
9	DB Social Service Guild, Bangalore	Remedial Education And Development (READ)	Supplementary education and nutrition for poor urban children in Bangalore city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 evening remedial education centres 400 children received daily education, weekly nutrition, and child rights training 400 children enjoyed camps and picnics 14 school dropouts readmitted in school
10	DB Bhadravathi	Non-formal skill training for marginalised youth and women	Training in tailoring and arecanut leaf plate making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 77 women trained in tailoring 47 women trained to make areca palm plates Trainees enabled through life skills, trainings, industrial visits Parents' training
11	DB Hassan	Back to Nature	Organic farm, training for farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A model demonstration and training organic farm Organic moringa and other crop cultivation Vermicomposting, water management and organic manure production models created 115 students and 186 farmers trained in moringa and spices processing and production 632 farmers received information on environment, organic farming, moringa
12	DB KGF, Kolar	Vocational skilling programme for marginalised youth	Skill training for marginalised young men and women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 youth trained in two-wheeler mechanics 83 women trained in tailoring 38 women trained in beauty care 116 trainees were either self-employed or placed in other jobs

13	ResponseNet	Food and nutrition for underprivileged children, youth and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midday meal provision for children in YaR institutions • Donation of 1200 kgs of pulses and rice for youth at risk • 250 ration kits for poor families in Lingarajapuram and KR Puram 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 59,727 meals provided for 306 children in the care of BOSCO Bangalore • Food provided for young people in skill training centres and other youth programmes • 954 individuals from low-income areas benefitted by ration kits
14	Don Bosco Tumakuru	Childcare centre	Rehabilitation of children at risk	15 children supported in their education
15	Don Bosco Vidyakshetra Prakashpalya	Support of education for rural children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up of science and computer labs, preschool items • Creation of a basketball court 	Promotion of quality education and sports for children
IN KERALA				
16	Don Bosco IDSA (Alappuzha)	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public. • Counselling and rehabilitation services. • Advocacy with various stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness for 33,571 school children • Awareness for 5588 youth • Training for 1808 stakeholders • Mentoring / counselling of 634 persons
		Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELiVE)- Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and livelihood opportunities • Vocational and entrepreneurial training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 women received entrepreneurship training • 125 started enterprises • 40 women started kitchen gardens

17	Don Bosco College, Angadikadavu (Kannur)	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public. • Counselling and rehabilitation services. • Advocacy with various stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness for 33,523 school children • Awareness for 9112 youth • Training for 7762 various stakeholders • Mentoring / counselling of 3814 persons • Campaigns reached 5308 people
		Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELiVE)- Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and livelihood opportunities • Vocational and entrepreneurial training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship training • 159 women started mushroom cultivation • 50 women started kitchen gardens



18	Don Bosco Chullikara (Kasargod)	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public. • Counselling and rehabilitation services. • Advocacy with various stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness for 27,532 school children • Awareness for 2659 youth • Training for 10,904 various stakeholders • Mentoring / counselling of 3914 persons • Campaigns reached 1650 people
		Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELiVE)- Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and livelihood opportunities • Vocational and entrepreneurial training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship training • 120 women started mushroom cultivation • 35 women started kitchen gardens
19	Don Bosco College, Kottiyam (Kollam)	Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (WELiVE)- Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and livelihood opportunities • Vocational and entrepreneurial training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship training • 132 women started enterprises • 40 women started kitchen gardens
20	Don Bosco College (Kozhikode)	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public. • Counselling and rehabilitation services. • Advocacy with various stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness for 29,617 school children • Awareness for 6688 youth • Training for 2238 various stakeholders • Mentoring / counselling of 22 persons • Campaigns reached 500 people

21	Don Bosco College, Mannuthy (Thrissur)	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public. • Counselling and rehabilitation services. • Advocacy with various stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness for 22,896 school children • Awareness for 4855 youth • Training for 2423 various stakeholders • Mentoring / counselling of 2819 persons • Campaigns reached 2000 people
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22	Don Bosco Puthupally (Kottayam)	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public. • Counselling and rehabilitation services. • Advocacy with various stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness for 29,547 school children • Awareness for 6812 youth • Training for 1664 various stakeholders • Mentoring / counselling of 30 persons • Campaigns reached 500 people
23	Don Bosco Sachivothampuram (Kottayam)	Promotion of clean energy sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of a solar energy system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generation of clean energy for children in the boarding
24	Don Bosco Sulthan Bathery (Wayanad)	Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring (DREAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness creation among children, parents, teachers and public. • Counselling and rehabilitation services. • Advocacy with various stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness for 25,296 school children • Awareness for 6898 youth • Training for 1374 various stakeholders • Mentoring / counselling of 1460 persons • Campaigns reached 1000 people
25	Don Bosco houses in Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kozhikode, Kannur, Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kottayam, Thiruvananthapuram	KISMAT (Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation) Phase II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrant Desk-support services • Awareness programmes • Networking and advocacy • KISMAT villages • Migrant Welfare Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness classes for 7381 migrants • Medical camps benefitting 4182 migrants • Cultural integration programmes reaching 1914 migrants • Recovery of INR 1.1 million in 24 cases of wage theft • 8 counselling & referral services • Medical support for 60 migrants • Networking/advocacy with 11 departments • 36 Migrant welfare committees/ KISMAT villages formed

IMPACT OF BREADS' WORK FOR YaR

Our work for the children and young at risk aims to create a safety and nurturing environment, offering various types of interventions and support for their different needs: rescue, family reunification and follow up, alternative forms of care such as foster care and after care services, rehabilitation through counselling, education, skill training, and employment opportunities. Preventive work includes interventions in low-income areas, infrastructure creation, women and community empowerment, advocacy and awareness of rights, climate action, networking with individuals and institutions to expand the net in civil society, including the corporates. Representation in Child Welfare Committees (CWC), Juvenile Justice Boards, and the State Commissions for the Protection of the Rights of the Children in Karnataka and Kerala, offer the Don Bosco experience and perspective in the work for children and youth at risk. These stories highlight some of the aspects of the impact of our work.

A Safety Net

Two young women escaped from a garment factory in Bangalore and tipped off the Bannerghatta police about the exploitative child labour in the factory. The police got in touch with the Child Safety Net (CSN) team and together with the Labour Department, a large joint intervention was conducted within a couple of hours and ten underage girls were rescued.

The CSN team took the girls to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for shelter. The children were from other states and were driven by poverty, lack of educational opportunities and the inability of single or struggling parents to provide. Many of the girls were school dropouts because their life situations forced them to work. Most of them were brought to Bangalore by their relatives. In Bangalore, they were subjected to poor living and working conditions, inadequate wages, long working hours and complete isolation from the outside world. These conditions not only violated labour laws but also their basic human rights. The girls received care and counselling to begin to deal with their psychological and emotional trauma.



The rescued children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) to ensure their legal protection and to initiate their rehabilitation process. A significant challenge in the rehabilitation process was that most of the girls did not possess valid identification documents and for some, their Aadhaar (identification) cards were found to be fake. The CWC recommended that supplementary information reports be made for all the girls, who were from other states in India. After much follow up, all the girls were repatriated (7 to Tripura and 3 to Andhra Pradesh) and placed under the custodial care of their parents, with the understanding that they will resume their education. The BOSCO CSN team continues to periodically check that the children are with their families and going to school.

This case highlights the ongoing multi-faceted challenges of child safeguarding despite various laws and policies, specifically in the issue of child labour, and the crucial intervention provided by the CSN team. It also highlights the recognition and rapport that the State child protection services extend to the CSN team.

Daring to Dream



Maria Matilda, born and bought up in Bangalore, had a very dramatic and tragic entry into life. When she was yet unborn, her father died due to a heart attack and the shock of the incident caused her mother to have a stroke. The trauma affected Maria's twin sister, who was born handicapped. When Maria and her sister were three months old, her mother also passed away due to an electric shock.

The care and upkeep of the children fell to Maria's grandmother, who though aging and sickly, took on menial jobs to earn some income to manage the family. As the sole earning member and caregiver, it was a struggle for the grandmother to manage the bills, rent and responsibilities on her own. But she fought on.

BREADS' education support in 2018, brought some respite and hope to the beleaguered family. Six years later, Maria is now studying in the 10th Grade at St. Joseph's School, Frazer Town, Bangalore. She is very interested in athletics and participates in various school competitions. Running is her choice of track and field events, and she won 2nd prize in an interschool running competition.

Maria Matilda's deep desire is to become a doctor and serve the rural areas of Karnataka. She expresses her gratitude towards her sponsor, "The education sponsorship from you helped me a lot. It will help me accomplish my dream. Thanks to you and your family!" That a child from such difficult circumstances can feel bold enough to dream big, is testament to the lifechanging impact of BREADS' education sponsorship for children in vulnerable situations and the power of individual donors who contribute to the programme.

Sobriety and Well-Being

Jude (pseudonym) is a 17-year-old boy from a lower-middle class family from Idukki district in Kerala. His parents separated when he was two years old, and he grew up with his paternal grandmother. Early on, Jude started using substances, primarily tobacco products, and progressed to cannabis, LSD, hashish oil, and other synthetic drugs including prescription drugs. He also became a courier of substances. He absconded from his grandmother's home and was caught by the police, who presented him before the Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee (CWC). The authorities sent Jude to a hostel for rehabilitation. But there too, he continued his substance use encouraged by his peers, and exhibited behavioural issues such as truancy, stealing and aggressiveness. The CWC then referred him to Don Bosco Sadan for deaddiction and rehabilitation.

The team identified substance abuse and multiple behavioural issues to be addressed for Jude. After assessments and individual counselling, Jude was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) along with substance addiction. Jude showed an above average IQ. He was prescribed appropriate medication, which began to make a difference. Individual counselling and psychoeducation informed him about the effects of substance abuse, the value of mental and physical health, helping him plan to prevent relapse. Jude also attended group therapy in the institute. Recreational and sports activities helped him improve his mental and physical wellbeing. With three months of treatment, Jude showed significant improvements. After treatment, Jude started off a new phase of life in a different residential school, where he now studies in 12th Grade. He has stopped using drugs, continues with medications and counselling, and leads a sober life. The Don Bosco Sadan staff continue to follow up on his progress.



The Light of Hope and Purpose



TD Catherine Niangzouzam Zou, a 19-year-old from Manipur, came to DB BEST Academy after her 12th grade. The situation in her hometown, Imphal, was grim with violence and fear, collapse of normal life and uncertainty. She narrates, “I studied in Don Bosco Higher Secondary School in Imphal. We’re eight members in the family and I have five brothers. Because of the civil and political crisis going on in Manipur, I came to Bangalore searching for a job. I was new to the place and without anyone to guide me. By God’s grace, one of my friends called me up and introduced me to the DB BEST Coordinator.

I got a chance to join this academy. I selected Hotel Management because it is an interesting course, and I’m also interested to learn new things. Our HM trainer Mervin Sir taught us many things. We were taught to have good discipline, how to welcome guests. I learnt how to make beds, set up a suite room, handle machines which help me to work in a hotel. In the Food & Beverage department, I learnt table setup, cover setup and different types of services which help me to work confidently in my workplace. I was taught how to get through job interviews.

With computers, we learned Microsoft Office and Tally ERP-9. I’ve improved so much in my communication skills and confidence to speak in English with anyone. Every Saturday, there was a session on life skills, which help me to solve problems.

DB BEST helped me get a job placement with an opportunity to work in Taj Bangalore Kempegowda International Airport. As an apprentice, I was offered a monthly salary of INR 14340 with food, accommodation and transport, so this way I can save my money. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the entire management of DB BEST Academy for all the support you have given me during my stay there. Thank you, DB BEST Academy!

The Way to Greener Pastures



Devamma and her family living in Belgera, were facing challenging circumstances. Her husband had been paralysed for the past four years and was bedridden. Devamma’s 19-year-old daughter, Vijayalakshmi, was studying in the fourth semester of a BA degree programme in Yadagiri. Devamma, working as an agricultural labourer for daily wages, was the sole earning member of the family. The common story would be that the child of the family is made to discontinue her education to earn money to support the family in dire need. However, in this story, two sheep saved Vijayalakshmi!

BREADS’ WELivE programme – Women Empowerment through Livelihood and Entrepreneurship, supports rural women like Devamma to learn about sheep

rearing and become small scale entrepreneurs to generate income for their families. Devamma as part of the local SHG took up the opportunity to buy two sheep. She takes her sheep with her to the fields to graze while she works. She sells the manure that she collects. She is keen on increasing her flock with the profit that she will make when she sells the two grown sheep. The increment in her income and the hope for the future, gives Devamma a better sense of security while also giving her daughter the chance to complete her education and have better opportunities for employment and growth. Thus, WELivE fulfils its purpose as a preventive strategy for the upliftment of the young at risk.

Fulfilling an Urgent Need

On the way to Jambagi village in Bidar taluk for their field visit, the team from the Don Bosco Centre for Social Action and Movement in Bidar chanced upon an accident in Kandgoal involving three individuals from Soraly village, who were waiting for an ambulance to arrive. The victims had been informed that the ambulance would take an hour to reach them. Understanding the urgency, the trained medical team quickly provided first aid to the injured and then transported them to the Brims Hospital in Bidar for additional treatment.

Thanks to the team's prompt professional response, the injured could access the medical treatment they required at the earliest. As they left the hospital, the accident victims expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Mobile Clinic team, praising their efforts and commitment to serving the community.

As the incident establishes, health services are very hard to access in certain parts of rural Karnataka. BREADS-supported mobile clinics in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Davanagere and Raichur districts address this very issue; currently reaching 85 remote underserved villages and thandas (hamlets) with primary community health services. Each month, 600-1000 sick individuals benefit from this initiative in each district. Medical camps are organised in collaboration with primary health care (PHC) centres and taluk-level hospitals. Advocacy is a key component, promoting government health services and educating villagers about public health care options. These efforts raise awareness of government services for prenatal and postnatal care, free vaccination and immunisation programmes, nutrition support for malnourished children and adolescent health support. As a result, communities are better empowered to seek proper medical care rather than resorting to superstitious practices.



Health education promotes awareness on the prevention of diseases and the importance of personal hygiene and clean surroundings. Awareness about HIV/ AIDS and the impact of addictive habits, is created among the community. Volunteers from the villages are trained to be paramedics to assist the Mobile Clinic team and the villagers. They also contact the team in emergencies. Supported by BREADS, the mobile clinics take healthcare to the peripheries, serving thousands of underprivileged villagers.

Climate Action



BREADS promotes various activities to support climate action: organic farms in Kalaburagi and Hassan, afforestation, organic kitchen gardens, clean energy initiatives and awareness programmes to spread environmentally friendly activities.

The WELiVE programme in Kerala strongly promotes organic farming as an enterprise among the women. The value of this focus is evident in Velimon village of Perinad panchayat in Kollam district. Thirty women in the village took up organic gardening seriously after being trained under the WELiVE project. One of them, Ms. Lactitia Martin became passionate about her backyard garden because her husband Mr. Martin was also a passionate farmer. He was the source of support and motivation for his wife. A match made in a heavenly garden!

The couple's joint passion had a ripple effect on their community. Mr. Martin was awarded the *Sugatha Vila Karshakan* award for the best farmer in Perinad panchayat, and with his help, the WELiVE team was able to connect to various schemes of the government as well. With the effective guidance of the team and Mr Martin, the thirty women farmers worked hard, uniting to organise a local monthly market to sell their products to the public. Thus, the WELiVE intervention was able to take on a life of its own as a local movement for organic farming and food among the community and surrounding villages. A movement that we hope will grow and flourish!! Organically, of course!

Platforms for Community Service

BREADS-supported Don Bosco institutions provide a platform for volunteers to offer their services to vulnerable children and youth. In 2023-24, **five** young volunteers—two from Austria and the Czech Republic, and one from Germany—accompanied children in Bangalore, Davanagere and Hosapete for almost a year. They helped children learn, play, feel accepted, recover from the situations that they left behind, and cope with their new lives in the centres. These long-term volunteering stints leave an indelible mark on both the lives of the volunteers and the children with whom they interact.

Similarly, through corporate social engagement, BREADS creates opportunities for corporates and their employees to reach out and engage with the beneficiaries of various development initiatives, helping them understand the need for social responsibility and its impact on underprivileged individuals and communities. During the year, around **750** employees from thirteen corporate institutions were sensitised about various issues, interacting with BREADS and its partners on various activities: planting trees, donation drives, activities with children in institutional care, offering skill training and improving educational facilities for children in underserved areas.

Personal engagement is a powerful means by which we offer opportunities for people to understand how socioeconomic issues impact the overall development of society and the possible ways they can be addressed. Based on their experiences, volunteers become valuable agents of change in the spheres of their influence.



VALUED PARTNERS IN THE YaR WORK

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- Kluber Lubrications Pvt Ltd, India
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- Misiones Salesianas, Spain
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- Morgan Stanley, India
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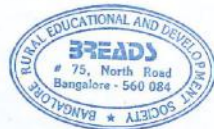
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31.03.2024

Particulars	Receipts	Payments
Opening balance	8,48,02,603.12	
Foreign contribution / Grant received		
Social	8,32,65,709.00	
Educational	1,06,58,018.00	
Local contribution / Grant received	5,55,16,009.78	
Bank interest	51,86,385.70	
Social		
Welfare of Children and Youth		6,04,95,224.39
Flood Relief		8,00,000.00
Women Empowerment		78,52,570.50
Agricultural Activity		33,93,244.93
Grants, stipends, scholarships, in kind, for poor in Karnataka and Kerala		66,92,011.00
Skill Training projects		69,37,877.20
CREAM project		76,22,782.74
Community Welfare projects		34,38,694.00
Mobile Clinic project		72,00,910.00
DREAM project		2,41,85,792.76
Educational		
Education, School construction and Maintenance		1,66,56,368.00
Loans and recoveries, other remittances	8,13,683.00	14,10,476.80
Closing balance		9,35,56,456.28
Total	24,02,42,408.60	24,02,42,408.60

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