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## **ANISHA URBAN PROJECT REPORT**

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## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME**

**Pre primary school (PPS)** – During the current year there are 51 children studying in PPS from four slums. The small children between the age group of 3-6 years old attend the class with enthusiasm. The classes are conducted for 2 ½ hours in a day. The children are taught the basic learning by using the learning materials, puzzles, sorting sets, matching sets, beads, charts, games, educational visits and drawing etc. Most of the learning materials are prepared by the teacher by using the charts and cardboard's. At the end of the class nutritious food is given to children like boiled sprouted grains, boiled egg and biscuits etc. We observed a lot of improvements in the children's health and hygiene, changes in way of behaviour with elders and the peer groups etc. Generally it is the playing center where children learn by playing and also it provides safe shelter for small children when their parents are out to work.

## **ANISHA'S MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT:**

ANISHA is running pre primary class for 3-6 years old children in Vandimode slum. This year we started lobbying with the government (women and child welfare department) to continue this activity. Because Government has similar programme is called Anganawadi centers. In this programme there is a criteria to have minimum 35-40 children should be there in one center and with 1000 population.. As there was less children in Vandimode we could not approach the government. Again six months back we met the concerned officer about the pre primary class. He suggested that if we fulfill the criteria then they provide the centers. And also he suggested if not only Vandimode if surrounding children also considerable. In this process we identified the children in the surrounding areas and we supported the government to survey the area. After that ANISHA and community people discussed with them and they visited several times and rechecked the survey and finally sanctioned the center. ANISHA teacher is supporting the new teacher from March onwards so we need to support them for another four to five months until the children are familiar and adjust to the new

teacher. This pre primary programme is supported by government includes teacher salary, helper salary and nutritious food.

List of children slumwise admitted to formal school during the year from PPS:

Name of the Slum	No. of Pre school children 2006-2007	No. of children admitted to formal school from pre primary school 2007	No of new admission to Pre school 2007
Vandi mode	10	9 (5 old children and 4 new children)	9
Ganeshagudi	10	7	3
Bakshi garden	-	-	12
Oldgudadaha lli	31	13	10
Total	51	29	34



**Pre Primary Class children**

**Sponsorship Programme:** Is another programme of Anisha, where Anisha supports young children to study in english medium school by providing school fees, books, uniforms and monthly fee etc. As most of the children who are

studying in government school after reaching 6th std drops out of school and end in child labour. To stop child labour Anisha put more efforts by motivating the parents to admit their children in english medium school, which the parents also welcomed the ideas. This is the continues programe of Anisha to support the young children to some extent who pass out of our PPS. This programme is supported by individual sponsors. There are 9 children studying under this programme



**Children Studying under Sponsorship**

**Supplementary programme** – Evening supplementary classes are held for school going children. This special coaching class helps the children as their parents are not in a position to support their children due to illiteracy and poverty. There are 184 children attending the supplementary class. All 184 children have promoted to next class. The teachers gives special attention for the children who are weak in hindi, science and mathematics. In the month of May 38 children have newly admitted to supplementary class. This year the strenght has slightly increased from 136 to 184. Anisha provided additional supports for 5 children specially by providing books and fees as these children belongs to women headed families. On July 12th 2007 Anisha distributed note books, pen and pencils, geometri box and slates etc 250 children from Anisha's project area benefited. The community and the local representative was invited for the programme. Mobilised Local Resources around five shopkeepers including labour unions has contributed note books, pen, pencil and geometry box to children.

This year we encouraged the children to make greeting cards, many children came out creatively. But it needs some more training to them during this summer we are planing to conduct a Art class for children.

The Supplementary programme is since long time we are discussing with the commnity, one person from the community could continue this programme. After ANISHA's intervention two children completed 10th std. These two children can continue the classes. In this process several meetings held with the community but there is some difference with community. The impression is that if the localites takes the class the children wont respond properly to the teacher. So they suggested to hire an outsider to conduct the class and they accepted to pay per month Rs.10 per child. This discussion is not finalised still discussion continuing. So ANISHA is thinking how to monitor the teacher, it needs some more clarity.

List of children attending supplementary classes according to slum wise is given Below:

Name of the Slum	No. Of children attended supplementary class till june 2007	No. of children admitted from july onwards	Total Supplementary class children 2007
Vandi mode	58	6	64
Ganeshagudi	15	-	15
Bakshi garden	15	-	15
Oldgudadahalli	58	32	90
Total	146	38	184



### Supplementary children

#### Child Labour Literacy Class:

Anisha works with working children living in Anisha's project area where the children come from poor families engaged in different sectors. Due to poverty in the family the children end up taking one or the other jobs in market. They work as rag pickers, hotel, coolies, hawkers, shop assistants, loading biscuit box etc. and earn per day Rs.10-25/- per day, which major portion goes for food expenses and the remain money they help their family. Anisha conducts bridge course for these children depending upon their times and prepare them for the main stream school. In this process during the year Anisha admitted 5 children from the child labour class to formal school by providing schools fees, uniforms and books.

List of children admitted to formal school from Child labour school:

Name of the Slum	No. Of children attending child labour class 2007	No of new admission to child labour class 2007	Total children
Vandi mode	04	-	4
Ganeshagudi	14	2	16
Bakshi garden	4	-	4
Oldgudadahalli	9	-	9
Total	31	2	33

**Children savings** : Children Savings was started from since 2005 as a model we started in one slum the result was enormous. The habit of savings was encouraged to children and the children started savings. Weekly Rs.2/- was saved by the children, this money they save the whole week and does saving on Saturday. Each one have they own individual savings book in which it is entered weekly and

children keep the book. The parents encourage the children to saving instead of spending unnecessarily. At present 139 children are saving and the total savings amount is Rs.13,786 till December 2007 and Anisha contributed Rs.436/- to encourage the children to do saving.

List of slum wise children saving is given below:

Name of the Slum	No.Of children saving	Total saving	Anisha contribution	Remarks
Vandi mode	56	6770	436	The women SHG has taken loan from children saving RS.12,000
Ganeshagudi	23	6458	-	
Oldgudadahalli	60	558	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>13786</b>	<b>436</b>	

**Anti child Labour Day** – On April 30<sup>th</sup> children participated in the anti child labour day along with other organization. Working children shared their experience to other children and most of the children expressed that they want to spend the whole day by playing without working. One boy told no one in their family treat him with love and affection, but he gets those things when he comes to class where the teacher treats him as a friend and talks affectionately. He says in the initial stage he was coming to class for love and affection but not to study but now he is very much interested in studies and wants to study like his friend who is studying in 5th std.

**Educational tour** – Children was taken for the Viveswaraya museum, Planitorium and Cubbon Park, Mysore for educational tour as it was organised combinedly for all the children both child labour and school going children they enjoyed the tour. The children were enthusiastically watching the museum and started asking questions to the teachers as most of the things which they learnt in schools was existing in the museum. And also the children exchanged the ideas between them generally it was a learning process for children. Finally they had fun game and healthy food which they enjoyed. Some children was suggesting every month they should go for exposure tour so that they can learn more things by seeing physically, which was accepted by all the children.



**Children Mysore Tour Photo**

**Children Sports** : Anisha conducted sports last year combinedly child labour and school going children. There was several events like running 100 & 200 mts, lemon and spoon, sack race and musical chair. There was a condition that one child can take part in any two events so that other children will also get chance. Around 76 participated in the event and 56 children got the prize such as tiffin box, plates, glass, notebook and pen. Even women also participated in the musical chair and three women got prize (Saree was given as prize).

**Workshops and Trainings:** 1 day three workshops were organized for students of supplementary class at the centers around 74 students attended the workshop. All the three workshops were packed with fun-filled educational activities for students. The topics cover during the workshop was reading and writing English, story telling, health and hygiene, child rights, solving puzzles, dancing etc. Some children who were not comfortable in the initial stage at the end of the day they were so active. One girl expressed that they were not aware of the rights but they were exercising the rights but now they know exactly their rights. One girl told the health workshop was much useful for them as they are not aware and also not comfortable to ask their mothers so she mentioned health related workshop should be continues programme for children specially girls. As they are living in slums

and everything is done at one place so frequently the girls/women fall sick rather than boy/men and most of their parents income goes for treatment.

**Women self help group:** Since 2005 women self help groups has been started for women belonging to poor families. In the initial stage the group decided to save Rs.10 weekly now it has been increased to Rs.20/- weekly. Most of the womens in the groups are single women or even if the male is present but does not support the family. There are 18 womens group and 2 men groups and covering totally 358 families.

**SHG FINANCIAL ACCOUNT FOR JAN-DEC 2007**

Area	No of groups	Jan-Dec 07 savings	Loan Rept	Loan Interest	Sangha Contb	Fine SHG	Loan Amt	Sangha Expd	Cash in Bank	Cash in Hand
		(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)
MDPura	5	73100	107990	32841			207040	592	14702	382
Sulekunte	4	54000	102600	15489	760	40	168700	530		1819
Vandimode	4	40145	74670	1245			87750	320	7462	810
Ganeshagudi	1	14340	13770	390			29400	130	2215	30
B K G	2	7180	11270	139			11300	180	2040	
Old G Halli	3	10325	15225	845			28120	200	3516	
N.R.Colony	1	7000	6230	1133			9000			4964
Total	20	206090	331755	52082	760	40	541310	1952	29935	8005

**Women SHG Federation:** The main aim of the federation is to empower women social, economic and political, and self sustain through entrepreneurship. Based on this line Anisha formed a federation. From 12 SHGs 24 members participated in the federation meeting held on 8.12.2007 at Labour Union Office. They discussed the following objectives.

- To strengthen the SHGs
- Training to SHGs
- Working on social security to SHGs
- Provision of loans and special savings
- Auditing of the groups
- Focus on services at slum level like water, sanitation, housing etc
- Building group entrepreneurship
- Lobbying and advocacy for the benefit of the poor

The members decided to contribute Rs.100/- towards the federation core fund every month. And also decided to open a bank account in the name of federation. In the next

meeting they are going to discuss to register the federation under the Societies Act along with framing of rules and regulations of the federation.



**Federation meeting**

**Health support:** Anisha supports regularly to children and women who suffers from different health problems. As there is no proper facilities in the slums people frequently fall sick. Every day there will be one or the other health related cases. Like nerves problem, kidney, heart, HIV, uterous, skin diseases, fever and cold, headache, eye problem, cancer, joint pains etc. Ammu, was suffering from nerves problem she was taken to NIMHANS for treatment regularly. Now she is under medication. 2.Selvi was suffering from uterous problem, and every month spending Rs.300-500/- for treatment in the clinic. When we came to know about her problem we discussed with her and made the below poverty ration card (BPL card). With this BPL card she was admitted in government hospital and operation was done without much expenses. Now she started working and also helps another five women in the area who are suffering from same problem. (See Annex – 1 for the list of cases treated during the year)

Case study

*Mageshwari 18 years old, Member of Gulabi Mahila SHG, Vandimode: Since 6 years I am suffering from lumps in both my breasts. I got checked in different clinics/hospitals in Tamil Nadu. The doctors told me that the treatment cost will be above Rs.10000/- and some doctors told me*

*that after the operation there is less chances of bearing the child. This made my parents to worry about my future. In September 2007 I informed Anisha field coordinator about my health. Then they took me to Victoria Hospital (government hospital) and here also they did all test. As I am having the below poverty line ration card, I got concession and the operation was done. After the operation regular checkups was done along with counseling. I took loan of Rs.2500/- from SHG and spent the money for treatment and also Anisha supported for my treatment. Now myself and my family is happy.*

**Insurance Policy for Sangha members :** During the year for 39 sangha members (includes both urban and rural) the insurance policy on “Janashree Bima Yojana Scheme“ under Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) was done by paying Rs.100/- which covers the risk premium. This policy also covers the Shiksha Sahayog Yojana i.e. Scholarship support for school going children from 9th to 12th std will be give for 12 months.

**Community Issues:**

- We identified 5 sangha members who did not have the ration card. For this five members we submitted the application and got the below poverty line ration card (BPL). The BPL card holder will get more rations from the public distribution center and also less price. Along with this the BPL card holder will get consession in government hospitals and schools.
- Done five caste and income certificate for school going children to get education scholarship from government.
- Participated in the community festivals such as Ganesha festival, Aniamma festival etc.
- Supported the Local Elected Representative in identification of slums in our working area where people leave below poverty line in his constituency to support for housing. In this process we identified three slums Vandi mode, Ganesha Gudi and Jallimohal and gave the list of 79 household. For this 79 household the MLA is giving Bricks and A.C.Sheets for constructing houses.

### **Annexure-1**

Nature of health problem	Number of cases treated	
	Children	Women
Skin disease	4	0
Kidney problem		2
Eye sight	1	
<i>Teeth pain</i>	2	
<i>Headache</i>	1 4	5
Head injury		1
Hand pain	3	
Heart operation	1	1
Skin allergy	4	1
Fever	3 1	1 2
Uterous problem		5
TB	1	
Joint pain	1	
Crack in the foot	3	
Leg pain & shoulder pain	2	7
Weight reducing	1	
HIV + ( regular counseling is done and also supporting for medicines, etc)	1	1
Along with this health checkup was done for 69 children		