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About Us

Children First, everything that should be done with the best interest of the child in mind for a holistic growth and development of the Children

Organization Background

Child voice is a Non-Profit organization working for children from marginalized background in 54 areas within Dindigul District, in Tamil Nadu state of India. CHILD VOICE was registered in June 2011 under Indian trust act-1882. However, Child Voice is an organization that has emerged from many years of working experience in the same communities since 1989 as a program with the partnership of International Child Care Trust, UK.

Child Voice had been working with children at risk, focusing on street and working children, school dropouts, child marriages, health and nutrition, Adolescent girls at risk, children who were sexually abused and any other children in need of special care and protection. Child voice is a right based organization that strongly believes in active community participation towards creating a safe and secure child friendly environment. It focused on long term sustainability through short and medium term interventions, enabling all children to grow in a society that promotes child participation while ensuring their rights are obtained.

Children constitute to over 40 percent of India's population. As per 2011 census, Dindigul had population of 21, 59,775 of which male and female were 10, 80,938 and 10, 78,837 respectively. There are 6, 86,576 children including 3, 51,955 boys and 3, 34,621 girls under the age of 18 in Dindigul district. Another study shows that 10 percent of children under 18 are working as child laborers in the state. In Dindigul district alone 90,000 adolescent girls work in 173 odd spinning mills of which more than 40,000 children under the age of 18 are forced to work as bonded labors under camp coolie system, that systematically exploits adolescent girls from rural and marginalized backgrounds, in addition to this several children under the age of 14 are working in teashops, workshops, construction sites, brick kilns and rag picking. Over 50,000 children from the southern districts including Dindigul district are been sent to work as bonded laborers in northern states.

Child Voice believes that there are Several hundreds of children are at risk of being engaged in child labour because of Socio economic situation that is persistent in the drought prone regions that fall within the proposed target area. Children from rural, marginalized and tribal backgrounds are most affected and remain most vulnerable. Children working as child laborers are often subjected to sexual exploitation, physical and psychological abuse and are from neglected backgrounds.

Child Voice works with the community to create slave free societies, to ensure that children are given the best possible opportunities to study, technically equip themselves to have a shot at better employment opportunities and to have a safe and secure growing environment.



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Message from the Managing Trustee

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CHILD VOICE strives to bring attention to this by addressing the core issues of poverty, illiteracy, lack of skill set, economic dependency on agriculture, health and hygiene by engaging with the stakeholders and our primary beneficiaries, the children through various welfare and developmental programs. These moves have borne some fruits as we see more number of young girls opting for higher education and skill development trainings than to get themselves into work stream.



Vision Mission and Goals

Goals

Establishing sustainable communities, comprising of various stakeholders, comprehend and positively respond to the inevitable need to care and protect vulnerable children.

Empowering underprivileged children through community sensitisation

and mobilization around key issues of child rights and protection by their participation.

Assertion of comprehensive rights of children and to bring policy level changes through effective lobbying, advocacy, networking and campaign



Child Voice Vision:

A Progressive society that is actively involved in promoting and safeguarding the rights of Children



Child voice Mission:

To empower underprivileged children and to ascertain their rights, particularly protection and participation rights.

To establish sustainable communities that prioritises child rights.

To bring policy level changes for implementation of children's rights through advocacy and networking.



OBJECTIVES OF CHILD VOICE

- ◆ To sensitize communities towards prevention of child marriage and abuses against children.
- ◆ To activate the effective functioning of existing Government Committees (SMC, VLCPC, PTA, ICDS, Local police station, GS, MS and panchayat) reduce the Child Marriage, Child Labour, Child Trafficking, Drop out.
- ◆ To ensure that the Child labour and drop out Children are mainstreamed with appropriate care and protection.
- ◆ To protect Children from all form of abuses and to ensure their Protection.
- ◆ To empower Children through Participation by addressing their issues through child friendly initiatives.
- ◆ To increase community co-ordination and communication pertaining to Child related issues.
- ◆ To create a platform where the children find stimulating their best interest to reach their full potential.
- ◆ To ensure the reduction on the percentage of mal nutrition by educating the community and supporting with supplementary food to children and families in need
- ◆ To deplete bonded labour/modern slavery by rescue, rehabilitate and providing legal assistance in operational area.
- ◆ To identify and mapping the issues related with children in the working area of four Blocks (in Dindigul District
- ◆ To equip the children with life skills for living in harmony with other children and to facilitate their learning opportunities and enhancing their capacity towards increasing future employment opportunities
- ◆ To promote community ownership at operational areas ensuring child protection
- ◆ To facilitate and to create opportunities for the community members through skill development and economic independence initiatives through capacity building programme
- ◆ To promote network and legal intervention at various levels on child related issue
- ◆ To establish child rights resource centres
- ◆ To facilitate rehabilitation and counselling provisions of the victims of physical, mental and sexual abused children
- ◆ To generate awareness on the preventive measures of children at risk

Together let us build the global alliance to realize that goal, secure in the knowledge that in serving the best interests of children, we serve the best interests of all humanity. -- [Carol Bellamy](#)

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

Dear All,

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees, the target communities of various people based programmes, staff and volunteers I am very much pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2018-19 of CHILD VOICE India for your kind perusal and approval. This year we have comparatively grown by way of both Quantity and Quality. CHILD VOICE has done committed and commendable programs during this reporting year. Under the Empowerment of Adolescent Girls At Risk Project with funding support from FREEDOM FUND and its implementation in the Nilakottai Block of Dindigul District the staff members and the facilitators from the community are doing wonderfully well in intervening proactively and finding relevant solutions to the various problems and issues confronted by the under privileged and downtrodden adolescent girls in the community and are contributing with the other Indian and global Partners towards the global call and intervention for the eradicating modern slavery from the face of the earth.

During this year we have worked to coordinate the relief measures in the Gaja Cyclone affected tribal belt of the remote areas of Kodaikanal block in Dindigul District. The school that we opened for the tribal children in this tribal belt was handed over to the government this year. In this report I have elaborated on the various activities done during the year 2018 - 19. Our 1 decade of Social Work experience especially among women and children has helped us to take the Women and Children's Development process ahead and we feel that we are going in the right direction as the good report and the positive feedback that we receive from the various state holders suggest.

I take this opportunity to express our profound thanks and cordial greetings to all our donors especially the FREEDOM FUND, all our NGO Partners in Solidarity, our board members, all our staff members, the community facilitators and members of the Adolescent Groups and Community Support Groups, the Police, the Judiciary and the other Officials of the government for their support and cooperation in the implementation of our programs in Dindigul and Theni Districts in Tamilnadu India.

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MANAGING TRUSTEE

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ children are given support for enhancing the quality of education and given information on child rights through Community Resource Centres. 2173
- ❖ Girls and Adolescent Groups Supported 47
- ❖ Community Freedom Groups Supported 160
- ❖ Community Freedom Group Members Supported 2185
- ❖ Individuals gaining new access to government services 180
- ❖ Media Stories Created 14
- ❖ Total Victims liberated 31 (15 +14+2)
- ❖ EDP Support to women 321
- ❖ Educational support to children 264
- ❖ Vocational Training provided 87
- ❖ Tribal Families supported 46
- ❖ Tribal children Given educational Facilities 47
- ❖ General Public reached through rallies 9956

COMMUNITY FREEDOM GROUPS

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Individual challenges can be solved with social introspection. Individual challenge is also a social challenge since everything is interconnected. Poverty affects an individual who is impoverished but it's a social problem. Illiteracy of an individual will affect the community in general.

Child voice, since its inception has believed in the importance of the role of the community members in solving local problems. Though our program is primarily focused on children and young adults, our interaction with the community stakeholders plays an important role in program decisions.

In order to successfully addressing slavery through community mobilization Child voice has formed various community groups such as community support group, adolescent action groups, youth groups, Children Against Tobacco, Child Vigilance Committee, Economic Joint Liabilities Group, Survivors groups etc..

Through these group, various programs are conducted to support the children in need.

Adolescent Community Support
Action Group Group
SURVIVOR GROUP
Children Against Tobacco

JOINT
LIABILITIES
UP



GENEVA GLOBAL / FF VISIT

introduction:

The supportive visit was conducted on 22nd and 23rd of March 2018 to improve and strengthen the organization. Mrs. Thirupurasundari from Geneva Global/FF came for supportive visit to verify the documents and accounts. She started with the ice breaking session to get to know the staff and the programme. Each staff shared their experiences and struggles in the field.:

Medical camp discussion:

The Child Voice organised medical camp with the collaboration of Arugraha collage of Social Work and Holy Cross College Trichy. Since the programme was done effectively the follow up was needed to the tie up people for the medical assistance. Ms. Thirupurasundari suggested to arrange residential care for the disabled children to continue their studies or any training programme to equip them.

Other activities:

Suggestion given by staff to strengthen our CSG group, AAG and ABG group a

well as community. And our organization needs to collect data's apart from our target villages those who interest to join in our project. The organization should support the rescued people for their livelihood and to ensure safety and security to the girls who are working under any schemes in mills. Issues in villages were shared to Mrs. Thirupurasundari.

Facilitators meeting:

The facilitators of our targeted villages were gathered in Child Voice for interaction with the Mrs. Thirupurasundari. They talked about child labour and bonded labour and they shared information related to child labour in their specific villages.. Mrs. Thirupurasundari briefly oriented the facilitators about the mill workers especially the adolescent girls who are working in mills under the Sumanagali scheme and she pointed out these girls under the scheme should be given priority and need to be rescued from bondage.

Then she talked about the formation of ICC committee and workers group inside the mills and around our target villages. Further the facilitators shared information about the CRC centre and its activities, and the kind of support they get from volunteers. They also discussed on the ways and means to strengthen the AAG groups, ABG groups and CSG groups in all the

villages with the support of the volunteers and other available resources. They also shared on how to create ownership among the community members> Child abuse case at Kundalapatti and child marriage cases in the villages were also shared and discussed. Then the Discussion weaved around Government scheme linkages, School Management Committee, VLCPC in communities and FBC training programme preparation .

Interface Meeting:

Discussion about conducting Interface meetings was also very fruitful. The prep required for effective interface meetings brought out the following :

Stakeholders list

ICDS & VHN members list

Beneficiaries list

Pre Plan for interface meeting

Interface meeting is the platform to link community people and government stakeholders. Every 3 months we need to conduct interface meeting at block level. Agenda and plan of action has to be prepared before the meeting and the issues and problems in the villages have to be analyzed clearly very objectively with integrity and without any fear or favour in the interest of the target population..Livelihood Support and Skill training programme and Educational Support Programme were also discussed in detailed.

The outcome and impact.

The program was a great eye opener for all the members of staff and facilitators to the program was a great eye opener for all the members of staff and facilitators to know and understand about the finer aspects of the project. This interaction with the Advisor provided the meaningful thrust and momentum to the project .

Green line



Green line Campaign was organized by MACT organization in collaboration with Child Voice on 21/12/2018 at Nilakottai. Mr. Anna Durai, Managing Trustee Child Voice inaugurated the programme gave introduction about the Programme. Mr. Bosco from MACT introduced himself and gave a brief introduction about MACT organization. The campaign was about banning of the sale of Tobacco products among children and more over to ensure that tobacco products aren't available

within 100 yards of schools. 42 volunteers from Child Voice, Deepam and SIMCODAS Ngo's participated in the campaign.



MACT organization did a presentation on tobacco and its harmful effects on the humans, tactics of the Tobacco Industry, Tobacco control regulation, COTPA Act, about CAT and Green line Campaign. The Tobacco monitoring app was launched and explanation was provided on how to use the app.

Then the volunteers were taken to Naadar High school, Nilakottai for campaign. There they campaigned against the use of tobacco among the students and at the shops in the neighbourhood of the school



The impact of the campaign was that immediately after the campaign most of the shops in the neighbourhood of schools had agreed and gave an undertaking that they will not sell tobacco products.

**TOBACCO KILLS
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Adolescent Action Group

Adolescent girls are the primary stakeholders of Child Voice they are the



core beneficiaries of the project. Girls at the age of 12 to 18 years from the vulnerable background formed as a group with maximum of 20 members to address their issues. 49 groups are actively functioning in 30 villages of Nilakottai Block. These Adolescent Action Group conducts meetings regularly, discuss their issues and find way for the solution. Apart from this they directly take action to stop child marriage and child labour and inform the appropriate authorities for the right required action under the law.. Children are given support for enhancing the quality of education and given information on child rights through Community Resource Centers. Child Voice is running evening tuition centers at 30 villages. Each CRC is run with facilitators. They teach children not only the subjects but moral classes. All the children come to centre at five o'clock in the evening and go back back to their homes at seven o'clock. These CRCs help to identify the girls at risk that either in school or anywhere in the village. Most of the child marriages stopped is the information shared from the children of CRC. They facilitators teach the children's rights welfare and development.

The students are given special attention on talent developments on arts and

culture and sports and games. So far 1168 children are provided education and play materials during the evening time with support of facilitators in their respective village. And 32 young workers / vulnerable children are supported for continuing their education in schools, colleges, and distance education /open schools

AAG Federation:

Adolescent Action Group Federation is formed for the adolescent girls group of 30 villages in Nilakottai Block. Ninety girls representing the 49 AAG groups of 30 villages came together and formed a federation and elected 5 office bearers through democratic voting process. This federation plays vital role among the adolescents specially girl children to overcome their insecurity and fight for their rights. It acts as a platform and an umbrella unit at the block level for them to identify the problems of adolescents in the 30 villages and work towards finding a stable solution by themselves. The federation members work together with a vow to protect the rights of the girl child and work for their holistic development.

Community Support Group

Community support groups are meant to identify problems, and work towards finding a stable solution for the community's problems especially those of bondage, deprivation of education, child marriages, abuses and human rights violations. Child Voice Strongly believes that a well-informed community can face challenges and work together to overcome those challenges that bother them. Our

Project focus is to empower communities to protect and young girls who are at risk financially, socially and economically . 563 community people from 30 villages were formed into 30 groups in 30 villages.. This group plays a vital and significant proactive role in in 30 villages.

CSG Federation



Community Support Group Federation is formed with representatives of community support group members of 30 villages in Nilakottai Block as members to support the adolescent girls in the block.. This group representing the 30 CSG groups of 30 villages came together and formed into a federation and elected 5 office bearers through democratic voting process. This federation plays a supporting role of adolescents specially girl children to meet their needs and rights. The problems which cannot be tackled by adolescent in the villages are taken to the CSG federation to find right and meaningful solutions. The federation liaisons with government officials to get the benefits to the adolescents and do advocacy on behalf of them.

CSG GLIMPSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The CSGs in most of the target villages during the reporting period have been

strengthened through the continuous and constant animation by the Field Staff and the Facilitators. Regular meetings were held with the members and issues pertaining to the villages were discussed and possible solutions were worked out. Due to their efforts in Uchanampatty one girl child was rescued and admitted in Gandhigram University.

In Pillayarnatham 2 girl children were rehabilitated through providing them with vocational training in tailoring. In Seethapuram one girl was admitted to college. In Sirunayakkan patty one girl was rescued and admitted in school.

In Avayampatty, at the noon meal centre in the school, due to the combined efforts of all the groups the AAG the ABG and the CSG the quality of service and the deliverables food and nutrition were considerably enhanced. In Thoppuppatty, the CSG members initiated a complaint with the educational department to see and influence the teachers of the Government School in the village to come regularly to school and work as required.

In Seethapuram the CSG members were instrumental in joining hands with the the local school teachers in increasing the strength of the school..

In Thumalappatty, the CSG members took efforts and petitioned the District Health services to activate the PHC which has not been doing well until recently.

In Sivagnanapuram 1 girl was rescued

and in Kamatchipuram the Balwadi was strengthened through petitioning. In Muthala puram 2 girls were rescued and admitted in college..

In Veeranaickenpatty by the efforts of the CSG and petitioning the authorities the village road was properly laid utilizing the local MP FUND and also Napkins for adolescent girls are made available at the CRC itself. The SMC also has been activated in the village.

In Maniakkaranpatty liquor trade has now been totally stopped and awareness on Good touch bad Touch, sexual discrimination and abuse has been on the increase among the adolescent boys and girls.

This has been the case with most of the target villages. This is made possible



through continuous dialogue conversation and animation, training and demonstration with the members by the facilitators, and the Field Staff

At least in four of the target villages Viralippatty, Maniakkaranpatty, Avarampatty and Gullichettipatty Child Marriages have been stopped due to combined efforts of AAG ABG and CSG .The rescued girls are now

continuing their education.

In Thummalappatty one dropped out child was mainstreamed and she is now studying well.

In Gundalappatty, due to the combined efforts of the groups, one girl was persuaded to join Std XI

At Viralippatty illicit liquor trade was going on for some time. The AAG group members with support from ABG and the discussed among themselves and took up the matter with the CSG of elders and through their concerted direct action and liasoning with the local administration and the police, the local liquor trade was stopped successfully.

In Sangalpatty village one bonded labour was rescued by the efforts of ABG.(Ref Jeyaprakash Case Sudy)

In Kokkuppatty a Girl was stopped from going and joining the spinning mills and was guided to join Nursing Course by the efforts of AAG members. Presently the girl is studying for Nursing in Coimbatore.

In Velanaickenpatty, during he Jacto Jio Teachers' Strike, the AAG, CSG members and Volunteers helped run the middle school without any holidays.

STRATEGIC PLANNING *Organization Development Workshop*

Members Present:

1. Mr. Anna Durai – Managing Trustee
2. Mr. Anand – Board member
3. Mrs. Subbuthai – Finance Trustee
4. Mr. Paneer Selvam – Programme Director
5. Mr. Manoharan – Finance Manager
6. Ms. Sibija Bensigar – Programme Manager
7. Mrs. Vanitha Priya – Field Coordinator
8. Mrs. Arul Pricilla Mary – Field Coordinator
9. Ms. Sasikala – field Coordinator
10. Ms. Ramya – Field Coordinator
11. Mr. Prakash – Accountant
12. Mrs. Ramajeyam – Facilitator
13. Mrs. Kavitha Rani – Facilitator
14. Mr. Daniel Jebasingh - Volunteer

The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Anna Durai Managing Trustee, Child Voice, THEN Mr. Valavan, Resource Person introduced himself to the participants of Child Voice.

The two days' workshop was organised to give inputs based on their learning from the last OCAT meeting held in the month of November. Then they had they had identified the weaknesses and threat areas

and the also the strengths and opportunity areas of Child Voice through the SWOT analysis. Now from there now in this workshop they would give priority to following three areas

- Strategic planning
- Organization Policies (Current)
- Monitoring and Evaluation

The session started with an activity by Mr. Valavan, he told everyone of the participants to take half of an A4 sheet paper and then he asked them to draw any picture that came to their minds and to write their names on the paper. Then he asked them to present what they drew and made them to introduce themselves to the group and then each of them shared their achievements and contribution to the organization in their various capacities. In the next session the participants discussed about their hopes and expectation from the OCAT workshop. These were summarised as follows.

- To develop the organization in various thematic areas
- To improve our effectiveness to take up those responsibilities as required by the organisation
- To create a platform and work for the development of the organization
- Identify the gaps and identify the way forward to address and fill up the gap
- To assess ourselves and know where we are?
- To learn and work based on the vision mission and goal of the organisation.
- Sustainable vision and mission of our organization.

Mr. Paneer selvam said that our

organization needs to become a Child Resource Centre in future, by helping the children to access their needs. For that we have to do research on the needs and issues of the children and work on it to become a resourceful organization for the children. Then Mr. Valavan moved to the next session. Here he talked about the strategic plan of our organization for next three years such as

- Identify the strength and weakness of our organization
- Create a strategic plan that should be executed in future
- Create a common model for our organization

In next session we did an activity where each of us asked each one to take out one lemon out of a bundle and observe it intently to grasp its unique features. Then the lemons were put together and shuffled. Mr. Valavan placed the shuffled lemons on the floor and asked us to identify our unique lemons. Everyone did as he said. From this activity we came to know that we always think about the negative aspects of our lives, but we need to think about those aspects which were positive too. This session helped us to realize what we were doing so far in our professional lives as well as our personal ones. We always think about the mistakes but forget the good ones that we did or achieved.

Afterward we were divided into two groups and asked to write the goals, objectives and vision of our organization that we know and present it to others, both the group wrote what we knew and observed by working in CHILD VOICE but failed to write the real one. Then both the groups presented their versions of the Vision, Mission Goal and the Objectives

Then in the session that followed after in

depth analysis and discussions the participants were able to judge and understand

Afternoon session:

Vision – Where in the long is our organisation is supposed to Reach- the Destination

Mission – how is the organisation going to do it- to reach the destination?-

The Road map.

Goal – Objective – how to achieve the goal step by step / key activities / action plan

We were discussed about what is goals, mission, vision and objectives of an organization and how it should be meant and created for the successful result of an organization. Mr. Valavan clearly explained about it. Then he drew a road map and asked us to discuss about achievements, problems, struggles and obstacles that the organization faced so far to reach this position.

2011 – June 15 got registration

- Got 12 A for tax redemption
- Arnodaya ran home for children

2012 to 2013 – got 80 G

- Arnodaya stopped releasing fund to child voice
- Cant able to do any programmes in the name of Child voice since they getting fund from Arnodhaya.

2013 – Got involved with government and done rallies and programmes

- Prior permission for organization
- Formed 64 children club

- Working area Palani, Dindigul, Kodaikanal
- “Children age 18” campaign among various Ngo’s
- Applied for permanent FCRA
- Welding, electrical and tailoring courses were given
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2014 – No fund, faced pathetic situation to run the programmes

2015 – Child Labour rescued and enroll them back to school and stopped child marriage

- Promote child rights among children
- 8 first generation tribal children were educated at school level
- 200 street children rescued and rehabilitated and reunion to their family
- 47 children linked to ICDS centre
- Proposal accepted by Geneva Global
- Getting fund from CRC project
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2016 - Child Monitoring App through this 17 child marriages were stopped

2017 – Done 2 child labour rescued

2018 – Child voice becomes visibility

- Done lobbying
- Done many fact findings

Next session was started with an activity Mr. Valavan asked us to take lemon and 4 sticker bindis and told us to place those bindis in the lemon as our wish, we done as he said then he asked us to paired with the members who done same as we done. The truth was we were failed to listen the command which was given by him we didn’t focus on the command, we focused only to influence our peer group members. This session helped us to understand then

we need to listen before responding to anything and if we missed the communication becomes miscommunication that leads to failure.

Afterward we were divided into two groups, Mr. Valavan told us to discuss about the problems in the communities that we are working for and asked to picturize the problems in charts, once the discussion got over we reunion again as a single group and pasted the problems in the problem tree. It helps us to analyze the key problems and issues of the communities clearly. At the end of the session he told us to think about the root cause for the problems that we were listed out.

THE ABG INITIATED FOOTBALL TEAM

In Kattunaickenpatty the ABGs have formed a Football team among themselves and have been practicing regularly with games materials provided by the the CSG members. They took part in the District Level Open Foot Ball Tournament and came out Runners Up. They got the fourth place in the State level Open Foot Ball Tournament held at Tirunelveli In their First outing. They were wholly supported by the local CSG materially and financially.



Child Voice also chips in with support for their coaching. One of the CSG

member has given his land for the boys to practice football every day. Now there are 25 members in the team. The senior and more experienced players are mentoring and coaching the junior and the younger members of the team. The boys are more healthy and physically fit, attend school/college regularly.

They come to the ground and practice in the evening. They are more disciplined. Their habits have changed for the better. This can be a model for other villages to emulate of how Sports can bring about definitive positive changes in the lives of adolescent boys and girls in the villages..

THE EDP SUCCESS STORY

In Seethapuram JLG members were linked with the Pandian Village Bank and fourteen members were able to obtain Rs 40000 each for starting a mini dairy in their village. The members are now able to earn Rs 7500 to Rs 10000 each from the sale of milk every month.

This was made possible by the continuous and consistent efforts of the facilitator, FCOs and the management and volunteers of CHILD Voice and their close rapport, animation and cooperation with the CSG members. In this village a couple of years ago, young girls had a tendency to go to the mills for employment immediately after schooling. Here the intervention came with the entry of CHILD Voice into the area. The trained facilitator with support from the FCO and the PM and the management of CHILD VOICE were able to form AAGs, ABGs and CSGs in the village.

Then in Feb 2018 fifteen interested and eligible members among them were identified to form three Joint Liability Groups of five members each. The groups were linked with the Pandian Village Bank. They conducted regular meetings and had their individual and the group savings regularly with the bank. Then with more regular meetings and facilitation and motivation by the facilitator, the FCO and the Child Voice Team, the group members were able to buy milch cows one by one through bank loan availed from Pandiyan village Bank.

At present all the 14 members-one member has dropped out-from the three JLGs own two milk cows each and earn at least Rs 8000 to . 10000 every month after incurring all expenses. This has resulted in quality of life improvement in the lives of the 14 families. The children of the families continue with their education. They have more purchasing power in their hands and are able to afford good and nutritious food. This is another model that other villages can emulate. This is one way of empowering the community to protect the girls from risks.

In Sangalpatty village a training was organized in pappad making with training inputs from Gandhigram Rural University. 13 women were trained and have now opened their micro enterprises and are able to earn Rs. 150 each through sale of pappads in the local and neighborhood markets.

The Government Linkages

During this period, 850 persons were

enabled to apply for the Rs 2000 grant under the newly announced Government dole for the BPL population. In the second Quarter, many persons among the targeted villages were helped to obtain Income Certificates, Nativity Certificate, Adhar Card, Voter ID, Insurance and Patta. Many have opened bank account and these accounts are linked with the government insurance scheme. and many have applied for toilets.

Women's day Celebration:

The women's day was celebrated at Child Voice Organization involving all staff members.. On this day the staff took part in activities and games to express themselves with pride and happiness. And also Child Voice organized a rally at community level for women's day celebration; CSG members and AAG members of 30 villages took part in the rally and participated very effectively. The rally started from BDO office to HNPRS School with the theme of "Stop Violence against Women". 150 members participated in that rally. It created a platform for community members to motivate women to raise their voices against their issues and violence.

World Safe Menstrual Hygiene Day Celebration:

The rally was organized for World Safe Menstrual hygiene day for adolescent girls and boys at Kalkottai and Pilayarnatham. They started rally from Kalkottai and terminated at Pilayarnatham. The march was flagged off by Mr. Anna Durai (Managing Trustee, Child Voice) at Kalkottai with the AAG girls and boys. The girls and boys tied red ribbon and stuck red tape on their mouth to represent the theme of safe menstrual hygiene day "Break the Silence".

Then the girls held handholds, charts, balloons with the written up themes on the safety measures. Two boys held banners and few others played Parai in front the rally to cheer up the people who were in rally. The rally ended up at Pilayarnatham, the girls and boys were organized and gathered up at common place and were given orientation on the safe menstrual practices by Ms. Sibija Bensigar.

At the end of the programme the girls blew balloons towards the sky representing and signifying their joy and happiness..

Medical Camp:

Medical camp was conducted for the community people those who were in need of medical assistance in hearing and speaking. It was organised on 17th March where 215 beneficiaries took part in that camp. The medical camp was conducted along with the social work department of Anugraha College and Holy Cross college, Trichy. As a result of this camp deaf and dumb problems in our working area were brought to the fore and the affected people and children were given guidance and referred for medical assistance provided at Holy cross college Trichy.

Medical Camp at SMP Mill:

Medical Camp for mill workers was organized at SMP mill with the support of Saravana Hospital, Madurai. It was a general medical camp for the mill workers to addressing health issues like General medical check up, ECG, Sugar test, Blood Pressure to identify the people with anaemia and blood pressure. It showed most of them were affected by respiratory problem due to working in the mill, the cotton particles floating in the air affected their

respiratory system and also they are not using any mask while working and it was one of the reasons that led to other health problems in the workers.

And also quite a few of them were affected by migraine which was caused due to continuously exposed to working among noisy machines. Nearly 20 members were tested in ECG and 42 members were tested for Sugar in their blood and every one was given test. Blood pressure. Those who were affected by general and minor problems like ulcer, head ache, cold and cough were given medicines.

Got a good support from the Saravana hospital to conduct the medical camp. Also the doctors and the team members were there and handled the participants very kindly with care.

Staff capacity building:

The organization organized capacity building training for all the staff to develop their efficiency in work. The training was given for a whole day and facilitators of all the villages and FCO took part in that training. It helped the staff to analyse their strengths and weaknesses and also helped them to identify the areas where they are supposed to show improvement.

There was another staff capacity building training given to the field co-ordinators, They were taken to Vanmugil organization to know about the activities of the organization and their activities and also we shared our experience in the field vice versa. It gave a different experience which helped us to know more about our activities and they got different strategic plans to solve the problem in the field. Then we moved to another organization Light of the Life which is working for the destitute children where they are providing home to the

homeless children. We interacted with the children and we came out enhanced and emancipated through the exposure visits. During the reporting period the FF has organized quite a few capacity building trainings and exposures for the partners. The Legal Intervention Training, the Mental Health Training For the Facilitators were of much use in their respective concerns to the persons in charge. These trainings provided us with the necessary direction and the right momentum to Child Voice and clearly indicated where we are supposed to go, what results are expected at the end of the project period and what mid term corrections we need to make in order to achieve the desired results. The methodology and the delivery of the various inputs by the resourceful experts from FF and their associates were very effective and were able to demonstrate the commitment and the dedication of the people and the agencies involved.

These have definitely brought a number of changes in the way CHILD VOICE operates. Certain policy changes have been in place Anti bribery policy Anti harassment policy, Gender policy and Whistle Blower Protection Policy and Safe Guarding policy have now been formulated and are in place As per the Strategic planning Manual CHILD VOICE now has a new direction and definitely know where it should go in the next five years. The due diligence points as per the requirement will be realized as per the deadline already agreed upon in the previous documents.

Interface Meeting:

The organization Planned to organize

Interface Meeting in all Panchayat in Nilakottai Block, by this meeting we are planned to build a bridge among the government officials and the village community people. There were 3 Panchayat covered from our side such as Ethilodu Panchayat and Kullalakundu Panchayat and Musoovanuthoo Panchayat which included the villages Ethilodu, Avarampatti, Muthalapuram, Kanthapakottai, Kaladipatti and Kalkottai. In this meeting the government officials like Deputy BDO, VAO, Clerk, VHN, ICDS Teacher participated and the community people gave petition to the government officials about their problems and grievances and sought solutions.

Career Guidance Programme:

The Child Voice Organization organized Career guidance programme along with the SBM College for the children those who had completed 10th standard and 12th standard to get guidance for their future studies. The career guidance programme was inaugurated at 11.00 am by lighting the lamp by the Chief Guests Mr. N. Jeyaraj, (SBM college) Mr. Venkatesan, (Annamalai university) Mr. Kuyilan, (Speaker), Dr.Ponnaiyah, (IGNOC, GTN college) Ms. Devi Priya, (Reddignton) Mr. Saravanan (K.P National college) Mr. Kasimayan, (Matrix Forum for students). This programme was felicitated by Mr. Anna Durai, Child Voice and hosted by Mrs. VanithaPriya.

Each resource person shared the importance of education and its needs especially to the people who are in rural back ground. It gave a clear picture to the students about the need for education and also it clarified their doubts and confusions to choose their next step in their life and education..

For this programme we invited various colleges around Dindigul and Madurai, so the children met them and interacted with them to

know about various available courses. Then the representatives of various colleges gave counselling to the students who were in need of clarification and were guided to choose various courses and it helped the students to know about the colleges around their place. And the various courses available.

Entrepreneur Development Programme:

Our organization organised Entrepreneur Development Programme for the people who were below poverty line and especially those who were widows. In this training programme the resource person MR. Esakki Muthaiyah gave orientation about the entrepreneurship and also he explained about the marketing techniques in the villages by using local available resources. The programme was very interactive and people also shared their opinions and interests with him. People also gave positive comments about the programme.

Our organization organised another Entrepreneur Development Programme for the people who were below poverty line and especially those who were widows. In this training programme the resource person MR. Stalin gave orientation about the entrepreneurship and also he explained about the marketing techniques in the villages by using local available resources. The resource person was not very effective in his communication and so the people didn't understand much of it and found it very difficult to comprehend. This was an eye opener for all of us that we should be very careful in identifying the resource persons.

Cultural Training Programme:

The cultural training programme was organized for the children of our target village people. The programme was conducted on 20th and 21st of May at Annaipatti, Aanchaneyar temple. The events like Parai, Kolattam, Singing, Flash Mob, Oyilattam and Street play were taught to the children from various



villages.

On first day the village and field coordinator Sasikala village facilitators and children participated in that training programme, the children were divided based on their interest. The resource person Mr. Manimaran, Mr. Bala Murugan and Mr. Denis trained the children and facilitators on different events. Mr. Manimaran taught songs to the interested children and all facilitators.

Mr. Bala Murugan trained the children in Parai, Kalkottai in Sangalpatti for two days and then Mr. Denis trained the children in street theatre.

The rest of the, events like Kolattam, Oyilattam and Flash Mob were trained by Ms. Sibija, Ms. Ramya and Ms. Nallammal. There were nearly 119 children and 25 facilitators participated in the training. The children eagerly attended all the trainings with full of passion and interest in the various art forms.

Film Based Curriculum Training:

The film based curriculum training was given to Community support group members in the 30 villages. , Adolescent Action Group, Adolescent Boys Group and Parents of adolescent group members of 30 villages were

involved in the programme. This training was given on session basis .During each session a short film movie named ‘‘Call Me Priya’’ was projected and after viewing the film the children and the members of CSG were encouraged to raise questions based on their viewing experience. By this the community members and parents got awareness on the problems they faced while working in the mills and other areas especially the problems of women and young children. It became a great tool for all of us to reach the community directly for making them well aware and shapping their thought processes for the better.

CHILD VOICE AS RESOURCE AGENCY

Child Voice Mr Annadurai participated in the Workshop on Inter State Migration and Trafficking ACT at Tiruppur as Resource person.

Also participated in the Forum For Promotion of Child Participation . consultations in Chennai as executive member. In these meetings the various organisations working for Children’s Rights in the state met and consulted on the various issues faced by the children . The Consultations resulted in a declaration and recommendations which were sent to the state and the central governments for consideration.

During the period Child VOICE was also involved in propagating the message and significance of Child Rights among various areas and organisations in the district and the neighbourhood. NMCT in Coimbatore and CASA in Dindigul. Were two organisations which greatly benefited

out of the programs.

100000 post cards to PM with NGOs / Partners of FF etc.

INTERVENTION AT THE MILLS

This time we were able to mobilise around 30 women mill workers at the Eveready Mills in Vendasandur. These members were representatives of the Internal Complaints Committee. Here we discussed about their rights and the facilities that they should be provided under the law. And the need to know that no adolescent child was supposed to be employed as per the norms and the concerned act. This was on March 17th. On March 9th we visited six mills Sudar, Velayudam, Prabu, SSM, Sankari, Srimada and met the ICC members and discussed the various issues confronting them and also the obligation of the managements on the need to comply with the various regulations as per the laws of the state. They were also reminded that no adolescent should be employed in the mills as per the directives of the state.

CHILD VOICE IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Child Voice carried over additional activities collaborated with other NGOs, CBOs, Institutions and line departments. They are Dhaan Utsav Programme collaborated with IOC; DLSA (District Legal Support Authority, Dindigul; Legal Intervention with IJM; Medical camp with Saravana Hospital, Madurai; OCAT / policy intervention with VEEYESS Consultancy, Chennai; Fact Finding with PEACE / NGO Dindigul; Tobacco prevention and control with Green Line; Trafficking Bill intervention / sending

Dhan Utsav Programme

The Dhan Utsav Programme i.e. “Joy of Giving” was celebrated every year from the date of October 2nd to 8th covering Gandhi Jayanthi by engaging the people in the act of giving others such as cash or kind service, time and resource.



Child Voice organization planned to celebrate the week Joy of Giving among the communities and general public to raise fund to develop community resource center and to spread the knowledge of joy giving to the public. The programme was inaugurated at 10 am at Dhanalakshmi Enterprises (Indian oils) Nilakottai by Mr. Doass the owner of Dhanalakshmi enterprises. The Child Voice team was participated in the 6 days programme

Since 2nd to 4th the stall was put in Indian oils to raise funds from the customers of Indian oils. The programme at Indian Oils reaches out many people who willing to contribute money for Child Voice encouraged the team to work more. The team stick stickers on donors with slogans of “Protect children and stop child abuse” and to promote child voice organization. Then the team put stall at IOC to raise fund and done the same activity.

On 6th of October the Dhan Utsav



was celebrated at Market and Bus stand at Nilakottai. The Child voice team actively participate in the promotion of organization and raised fund from the flower vendors, shops and general public. It reaches around effectively. The child voice organization has get know by many people by this programme.

The DhanUtsavprogramme was celebrated at working villages of Child Voice, where community leaders, general public, and community support group members were sponsored note books, pen, pencil, cycle and money. This encouraged the community people to donate more to the needy people.

THE-GAJA-CYCLONE-RELIEF



Dindigul District was the one of the severe damaged District of GAJA disaster during the period. GAJA damages were prevalent at Nilakkottai and also in Kodaikanal.

Child Voice team went to the affected areas and helped the affected

population with immediate relief materials procured from the benefactors and from the donors



activities of sending 100,000 post cards to PM. Child Voice organized the community groups in the thirty working villages and asked to write each well wishers to send post cards. Sofar, 3200 post cards were collected from the community members and sent to PM to pass the bill.

THE POST CARD CAMPAIGN

Child Voice participated in the continuous process of GG / FF activities during the project periods especially in the past six months, there was a

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programme on sending post cards to PM of India stating that to pass bill of trafficking persons in India and abroad for various causes. Passing the bill will help more to save children especially girls. Those girls are abused physically, mentally and sexually on business basis.

So far the partners GG / FF supported the

SOME SUCCESS STORIES

Case History:

Jeyaprakash aged 16 inhabitant of K. Sangalpatti village, Nilakottai Taluk is the only son of his family and has one younger sister. Due to financial constraints he dropped out of school at 15 and his parents arranged to send him to Delhi as a bonded labor by his parents.

This was arranged by commission agent one Mr. Pandi from Thottappanayakkanur, Usilampatti who in the knowhow of Jeyaprakash's family situation convinced the parents sold him for Rs 50000 and gave them an advance of Rs 20000 and the child was in the process of being sent to work at a sweet stall in the state of Delhi.

The CHILD VOICE facilitator received the information from the CRC children that Jeyaprakash was being taken to Usilampatti and from there he would be taken to Delhi on 9-02-2019 by 10 PM by train accompanied by that commission agent.

The facilitator Nagalakshmi informed the Field Coordinator to take immediate action against the trafficking. Instantly the Coordinator contacted Child line through Vidiyal organization lodged a complaint providing details of the child..

Then FCO Mr. Prakash collected the details of the agent with phone number with the help of CSG members and also collected Jeyaprakash photos from ABG boys Group. Then he sent the details to

Mr. Jim Jesudoss of VIDYAL through whatsapp. Mr. Jim Jesudoss sent Jeyaprakash photos and Agent's details to Railway Children. Jeyaprakash photos were sent to Railway Police by Railway Children. Railway Children alerted the Railway Police to check all the trains at Madurai Railway Junction. Finally they found Jeyaprakash and Agent Pandi on the Delhi bound Train. Agent Pandi was arrested by Railway Police and Jeyaprakash was rescued and taken to VIDYAL Children home in Madurai.

Intervention Process:

The case was filed against the commission agent. Child line produced him and the child with child's parents before Madurai CWC the next day. The Parents did not want to file any case against the agent, so the police just warned him and sent him back. Then they warned the parents and the child was reunited with his family. Now Jeyaprakash is continuing his education at RC Higher Secondary School Michael Palayam presently doing his Std X and he is being closely followed up by Child Voice.

Deepa's Story

Introduction:

Dheepa (name changed) is an adolescent girl who is studying in eleventh standard at R.C. Higher Secondary School. Her mother is Panjavarnam and father is Duraipandi. When Dheepa was an infant, her father abandoned both the mother and the child. Her mother joined the mill to take care of her child and for her daily bread. Though her mother worked hard, she never gave up

her savings habit. She saved money and bought few jewels for her child, Dheepa. As the child grew up in her adolescence Dheepa had a secret affair with a boy named Santhosh (name changed) who is studying in eleventh standard at Vivekanandha School. His parents are father Muthusamy (late) and mother Saroja

Key information:

That was the day of the village festival and it was a special occasion for the villagers. Dheepa wore the jewels and went to have a ride in the giant wheel. Mother cross checked the kid's safety and felt assured that she was playing with five friends. Later when mother went to call the kid for dinner she was not there. She quizzed her friends and their replies were of no use. She searched all around and could not find her. She immediately informed the Volunteer of the Community Resource Centre.

Key issues:

The message was spread around the whole village. The village community stake holders assured Panjavarnam that they would find her daughter and handover her to the mother and asked her not to complain to the police. Since it was festival time, they didn't like the police to enter into the village and create a big scene. But the mother was not convinced with this and cried a lot. Community Support Group Leader Mrs. Karuppayee supported the mother and took her to the Child Voice office. There a complaint was written and signed by the mother. In the mean time, the village community stake holders made continuous calls to withdraw her from complaining to the police. Mother said to

them that if her daughter was at her home by 6 pm then she would not complain to the police . They too accepted. But time went by and the mother lost all her hope.

Action taken:

In the meantime, the field coordinator oriented the mother on how to talk with the police and the village stake holders. This gave her self confidence. At 7 pm the officers (child protection officer and a police officer) came to the village and enquired both Dheepa's family and Santhosh's family but it looked like eyewash because the boy's relative was a politician. The police officials gave their contact number to Dheepa's mother for further communication.

The field coordinator contacted the number. The officials asked them to come near the stage. But no one was there, again while contacted they said they were moving out of the village. Immediately field coordinator told them if they didn't handover the child to the mother she would take up the matter with the higher officials. Then they panicked and rushed to the spot and told them that it's a question of the boys career but field coordinator and community support group members retaliated and said what about the girl's life? Then they assured that they would hand over the child to the mother before 10 am .

Result:

The next day the field coordinator received a phone call declaring that the child was at home on before 10 pm and the police officials asked the family to come to the station regarding this case. Mother's eyes were filled with tears in happiness on

seeing her child back again. Mother expressed her feelings by saying that “my child is here because of you”.

Follow up:

Community support group leader informed that the relatives were planning to kill the child secretly as they felt the child was now spoiled. The field coordinator and the Manager went to the girl's house and gave counseling for the child, mother and the relatives. The child voice staff accompanied the family members to the police station and suggested a change of place might help her to recover from the incidence. Mother and relatives accepted and planned to send her to the aunt's house for summer holidays. Further follow up was done by the managing trustee for ensuring her future education.

Community support group meeting was conducted and discussed about the actions taken so far by the facilitator and the best part played by the the community group leader Mrs. Karupayee and the challenges encountered and the role of the organization in rescuing the adolescent girl “Dheepa”.

Community support group members had the shared vision and proclaimed that every time they came across child/adolescent related issues they would stand up together and fight in solving the concerned problems..

Workers Rights Programme

Child Voice Organized a programme on many aspects for the development of the mill workers and survivors and in ensuring the rights of the children. One of the main components of these aspects is to give

awareness for the mill workers about their rights.

The key issues were listed as based on workers' rights meeting for the mill working girls and other women workers. Child Voice invited the chief guests Mr. C.V.K.M Gopinath, Advocate and Mr. Kasimayan, Leader of ITUC. The program was conducted on Friday 24th of August, 2018. The chief guests were addressed the programme and shared right approaches legally for the benefits of worker. and participants were provided refreshments tea and snacks and lunch in time.

The Project Director explained the 30 villages are formed community support group, adolescent action group and adolescent boys group and working for children welfare and to eradicate child labor, child trafficking, child abuse, and child marriage and as a supportive role to ensure the rights of the children in each and every aspect.

Mr. Annadurai, Managing Trustee of Child Voice explained the need of awareness for the workers. Recent death inside the mill campus, suicidal attempts unexplained death, death due to accidents are discussed with examples happened in Dindigul District.

Ms.Manimegalai, Vakrakaaliamman mill worker who lived in Muthalapuram now settled in Kokkupatty which is also our cluster. She had cut her index finger inside mill while working in machine and she hasn't received any compensation for her loss.

Manjula mill worker who lived in S.Pudhukottai got crushed her head as her hair was pulled into the exhaust fan. This

case describes the workers awareness on working in machine.

Dharshini mill worker lived in other place in Tamilnadu and joined in scheme. Four months later she hanged inside the mill. Her postmortem report depicted that she is conceived 2 and half months. Who abused her and where she abused is still remaining a question mark.

If an employee is employed with provident fund and ESI benefits then identity card will be provided separately for both provident fund and ESI and without identity card if we say that we are paying for PF and ESI then it is clear that we are cheated so we have to be aware of it.

Mr. Kasimayan elaborated the need of workers union. Internal complaint committee and for what purpose the workers law had come. It is mainly to improvise the workers welfare. In European countries, workers fight for 8 hours work and weekly one day rest. United Nation Organization accepted the workers request. Our business owners never mind these, what you are requesting... our Indian male workers declared...

I won't work after 8 hours.

I won't work in night shifts.

I won't work on Sundays.

So they hired only ladies for work and for easily exploitable reason. Scheme was introduced offering lump sum of cash back after 3 years and 5 years but before completing the scheme itself the children suicides inside the mill. Simply ask only permanent salary, bonus and government holidays, and weekend holidays. Teachers have association and they get Saturday and

Sunday holidays, free transport, cash leave, medical leave, maternity leave, and postnatal care and Rs. 438 apprentice salary. In a manufacturing company or factory 50,000 and 2, 000, 00 ladies were appointed. Rupee 200 per person was exploited. All the law facilitates only the owners but the workers welfare is not bothered. Based on the discussion, we planned to organize young workers federation to fight and ensure for the workers right in every aspect.

Wash and Sanitation Program:

Child Voice in colloboaration with the Dindigul Educational Department organised hand washing training to the students of schools in Nilakootai Block. During the campaign in the schools During the training the significance of hand hygiene was explained to the students. And why it is important for everyone.

Hand hygiene is the most important way to prevent the spread of germs

Hand hygiene keeps one healthy by reducing the number of germs on ones hands and helps reduce he spread of germs to the family and friends.

Children can easily be infected because they are always in groups.

According to a study millions of school days are lost due to common cold which spreads through germs.and this can drastically be reduced if children are taught to keep their hands clean. Before and after eating food, after going to toilet, after playing sport and at any other time when hands are soiled we need to train the children to wash their hands and keep them clean.

One should at-least spend 15 seconds lathering hands and figers before rinsing and drying.wet hands with clean water. Apply soap, rub hands together, scrub all

surfaces including thumbs and the inside of nails. Even skin under watches and rings should be cleaned. Use a single use paper towel to ensure that hands are completely dried.

These were explained and demonstrated to the children and teachers in schools and the campaign had enormous effect on the student community in the area. Through them the Hand Hygiene campaign really reached the parents and the general public through the children who participated in the campaign.

THE ROAD AHEAD

In the near future we have definite plans to embark up on the following projects.

We plan to build environment friendly cost effective dwellings for the Adivasi Paliar families affected by the GAJA Cyclone in the seven remotes selected settlements of Kodai Hills. To this effect we shall send a project proposal to Habitat India.

With reference to the recent study we did in Nilakkottai Block regarding the physically challenged children, we shall be sending a proposal to donors for possible funding.

We shall also doing a project to build a hostel for the tribal Children to stay and comfortably study in the bridge school that we already helped to build in PERUGADU area of Kodai Hills.

We shall take efforts to establish a State Level Resource Centre for Children in Dindigul involving all stakeholders and education activists and Children's Authors.

A Child Friendly Happy School with appropriate curriculum And relevant

framework will be established as a model.

Conclusion:

Thus, the year that was very hectic and with many programmes and events taking place almost throughout the year. Apart from the events that were mentioned above, regular evening meetings were held for boys and girls in the villages. There the AAG girls and the ABG boys discussed about the problems of the community and tried to find solutions by evolving strategies to sort them through support from the elder members of the Community Support Groups in their respective villages. Their main concerns included, their right to continuous education, preventing any one from getting into child marriages, problem of alcoholism, abuse in any form and preventing young girls from going into employment at the mills and ultimately getting all girls and boys liberated from modern slavery and bondage.

Towards that end Child Voice is journeying and the journey will not end till all the children especially the adolescent girls are safe and liberated from all bondages and are enabled to march to attain the goals they aspire for. We are very thankful to our donors and sponsors for their support and the stakeholders especially the children and members of the CSGs for their unstinted cooperation during all the events, all the facilitators for their everyday missions and problem solutions and animations and the government and police officials and the judiciary for their support in all our efforts.

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