

Inclusive Education to Children with Disabilities

In this background, EDUCATR has taken the initiatives to provide inclusive education for children with disabilities and bring out their talents with their capacities by improving their self confidence. We made the request to **STICHTING BISSCHOP BEKKERS - THE NETTHERLANDS** to provide inclusive and formal education to 72 children with disabilities. Our request has been supported and Education, Communication and Development Trust (EDUCATR) has successfully implemented the project during the past 12 months and we are very happy to present the "PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT".

Details of Project Direct Beneficiaries:

Totally 72 children from the age group of 4-14 will be admitted into our "ChakkaravarthyVidyalaya Primary and Nursery School. The details of children with disability as follow..

S. No	Types of Children with Disability	Number of Children
01	Physically Challenged	28
02	Visual Impaired	07
03	Hearing Impaired	11
04	Mental disability	12
05	Children with Learning Disability	08
06	Autism	06
	Total	72

The reason for imparting inclusive education for children with disabilities:

It is the usual practice that children with disabilities are separated and provided special care and education exclusively for them. EDUCATR has taken the steps to provide inclusive education for these children that they learn, recreate, play and involve in all regular activities with other normal children and develop their individual skills and self-esteem. They are segregated and feel they are respected and cared. Our effort has brought successful outcome as worked with them for the past 12 months and conducted all programmes inclusively. It is also a great learning for our teachers to treat all children equal and enhance the rights of every child in the school premise.

ASSIGNMENT OF STAFF:

We have two teachers from our teaching staff team to take special attention and care for the 72 children with disabilities admitted in the school for inclusive education. They followed their learning habit, encouraged them to participate at the school activities and involve in all sports and games activities conducted in the school.

EDUCATION FEES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES:

There is a negligence, reluctance less initiative among the parents to provide formal education in a regular school for their children with disabilities. They usually think their children need to study in a special school for education to the children with disabilities. We have made the thinking change that such children go into inclusive education with other children. As the first step we conducted the orientation meeting to our staff and take up the inclusive education for children with disabilities.

EDUCATR conducted the planning meeting with the Board of Trustees and staff team on 04 July 2020 at EDUCATR OFFICE. The present Board of Trustees are Dr. R. Velmurugan, Mrs. B. AmuthaPriya and Mrs. Prema Rani. On the same day the staff meeting was conducted to take up the planning. Totally 05 full time staff and 03 part time participated in the programme.



After the planning meeting, irrespective of the COVID 19 PANDEMIC, with the support of parents EDUCATR started online education programme for all children including the children with disabilities. The specially assigned two followed the online teaching by visiting the individual families of children with disabilities to continue the regular school syllabus.

As we have proposed the school fees for 72 children have been provided through the project. Our actual plan was to provide INR. 3000 each for a child in addition to INR. 1000 as organization contribution. Due to COVID 19 PANDEMIC and with the introduction of online education, as a computer lab has been established the cost of admission fees increased.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES:

As we have started the online education for all children from our school, we followed the same procedure for children with disabilities as part of inclusive education. After the

admission, all the children with disabilities are provided education such as books, note books, writing materials and colour pencils. Our teaching staff team also followed with them after online education programme at their house to assess their understanding and further helped them any doubts and clarification raised by individual children. EDUCATR also conducted monthly once parents meeting exclusively for the children with disabilities and get their feedback the progress made by their child/children.



PROVIDING GAMES AND SPORTS MATERIALS TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES:

EDUCATR takes serious concern for the children after the post COVID 19 PANDEMIC situation to engage them with sports, talents shows and other cultural events. So far we have conducted 06 events including the recent National Republic day celebration on 26 Jan 2021. Children with disabilities participated along with other children in the programmes

MEDICAL CHECK UP TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Followed by online training still schools will be formally reopened, we invited the children with disabilities who are admitted this year to our school. Followed by regular hygiene practice and protection with masks and sanitizer, EDUCATR conducted the following

activities. EDUCATR invited two Physiotherapists Ms. Dr. K. GOWSALYA, BPT, PHYSIOTHERAPIST, Kumaran Clinic, Thirumangalam, Madurai District and Dr. S. Devi PHYSIOTHERAPIST, St. Joseph's Special School, Thirali, Sedapatti Road, Thirumangalam, Madurai District.



These two PHYSIOTHERAPISTs checked each children with disabilities and provided guidance to their parents to take up simple physical exercises regularly at home and keep their children engaged in more physical activities by encouraging their performances. The positive appreciation motivates these children to overcome their limitations.