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Change only is possible by working together.....



It is pleasure to meet you all again. I felt the challenges after the post COVID PANDEMIC was more challenging but I am proud to share and express the commitment exposed by our team for supporting children to continue their education, women groups take up new initiatives in promoting organic farming practices, supporting street vendors a new beginning.

This year marked specific interventions such as enrolling dropout children, supporting community children through bridge course programme, providing nutritious supplement, assisting children disabilities to continue their education followed community level awareness programmes on environmental conservation and better health practices.

**I thank all our partner organisations,
community stakeholders, programme
staff and beneficiaries and we
encouraged to go further with same
commitment.
Thank you all**

Dr. R. Velmurugan Rajappa, Managing Trustee.....

PROGRAMMES AND INTERVENTIONS

Ensuring rights of Children for Education and Development

Promoting Organic farming cultivation through Women Farmers

Supporting Street Vendors to get Sustainable Income at Post Pandemic Recovery Period

Community Level Awareness and Skill Training Programmes

Impact and Programme Highlights

- ◆ **298 rural children successfully completed formal education at “CHAKKARAVARTHY VIDYALAYA NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL run by EDUCATR.**
- ◆ **301 Community Children improved their education through Bridge School Programme**
- ◆ **48 dropout children have been enrolled into mainstream education**
- ◆ **153 children learned basic computer literacy through weekend computer education programme**
- ◆ **132 poor and disadvantaged children are supported to continue their education by paying their part school fees**

- ◆ 298 children are provided nutritious supplement to improve their health
- ◆ 26 children with disabilities are provided educational materials and 08 teachers are trained on inclusive education for children with disabilities.
- ◆ 28 poor and needy children assisted by providing educational materials.
- ◆ 44 women farmers are supported to take up organic farming through training and marketing skills.
- ◆ 44 women farmers are supported with INR. 15000 seed grant to take up organic cultivation and marketing.
- ◆ 48 street vendors affected by COVID PANDEMIC are supported to restart their micro business activities
- ◆ 48 street vendors are provided INR. 10000 as seed grant to start their business activities followed by training.
- ◆ 07 community level awareness programmes have been conducted on health and hygiene practice, environmental conservation, tree plantation and skill development education.

Ensuring rights of Children for Education and Development

298 children from Pre K.G to V STD successfully complete the academic year.

EDUCATR and CHAKKARAVARTHY VIDYALAYA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL have more concentrated in enrolling rural and disadvantaged children into formal education. We adopted public campaign, door to door campaign and distribution of pamphlets about the school in our target areas. We got great support in the 10 areas we were already conducting Bridge School Education Programme. We also enrolled 42 dropout children identified from our Bridge School Education Programme.



This year the total number of children admitted into our school is 298. All these children completed their academic year successfully. Our school Principal Mrs. B. Amutha Priya and the Teachers and non-teaching staff team, rendered their commitment in taking care of children during the school days. They motivated children towards their learning to school syllabus, extra curricular activities and developing individual talents. The team also monitored children and their regular attendance, conducting monthly parents meeting, school exams and paying concern for the development of each child. EDUCATR as a organisation and school team worked towards the achievement for academic success and individual development of children.

153 children learn the basic operation of computer and improve their education refereeing to learning:

Maintaining Digital Computer Lab:

During the COVID PANDEMIC, a computer lab has been established to conduct online education programme. Since regular schooling has been started, we updated the maintenance of the digital class room for the use of children to continue their computer literacy programme.

Weekend Computer Education:

We found our rural children do not have much opportunity to access to computers and learn computers. During this project period, we planned all children from II STD get the opportunity to learn basic operation of computers, word, excel and preparation of documents. There are totally 153 children are provided weekend computer education programme during school holidays on Statuary Day and Sunday. To educate children on computer literacy, we recruited and appointed tow part time teachers.



It was a great and happiness among our school children to utilize the opportunity to learn the basic computer operation. After their basic operation and learning, children started using the computer to prepare for their school syllabus, pictures, videos. The opportunity also supported them to learn and improve their general knowledge, creativity and learning about environment and science stories.

Appointment of 10 Community EDUCATORS, Placement of center facilities, attendance maintained at the center.



Children are immediate victims during the COVID PANDEMIC and they lost their regular schooling. The situation was more worse in the rural villages and slums. EDUCATR with the support of "GURU KRUPA FOUNDSTION - USA, started bridge school education to support the disadvantaged children last year. We continued the same programme by conducting 10 Bridge Schools in 10 villages.

We recruited and appointed 10 EDUCATORS to run the programme in the evening from 06PM-08PM. The EDUCATORS from the respective community and who have completed bachelor degree. This year 301 children are admitted at 10 Bridge School Programme. We selected the 10 villages based on the need and children less opportunity and access to formal education. All 10 centers are provided basic teaching materials such as block boards, writing materials and teaching aids. The Bridge School Programme supported the rural children to continue their learning, review their school work and engage in learning co-curricular activities to improve their knowledge.

Details of teachers participate in the training and training materials used and assignment professional trainer

We recruited and appointed 10 EDUCATORS to run the programme and they are from the respective community and who have completed bachelor degree. Through they have basic educational qualification to teach children, we planned to train them according to the purpose of our project aim. Our target children are from rural villages and coming from disadvantaged families. The appointed teachers need to understand the background and learning capacity of the target children and conduct education programme according their understanding and encourage them to overcome their inferiority complex.

Two days training programme to 10 Community EDUCATORS have been conducted on 12-13 Sep 2022 on teaching methods to community children and understanding their background. The appointed EDUCATORS successfully conducted the programme and they identified 42 dropout children and they are enrolled into mainstream education at CHAKKRAVARTHY VIDYALAYA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL. They regularly maintained attendance at the center.

The details of EDUCATORS running the Bridge School Programme:

S. No	Name of the EDUCATORS	Educational Qualification	Name of the Center
01	R. Selvarani	B.A	Karukattanpatty
02	M. Subashri	B.A	Mauthampatty
03	J. Kavitha	B.Sc	Nakkalapatty
04	A. Maheswari	B.Com	Meiyanampatty
05	P. Jamunadevi	B.A	Thottappanaikanur
06	P. Deepa	B.Ed	Vagurani

07	S. Rathi	EEE	Mamarathupatty
08	P. Muthupillai	HSC	Malaipatty
09	P. Amutha	B.Com	Pootchipatty
10	P. Sowmiya	B.Com	Kunjampatty

Training Programme for the EDUCATORS:



Number of activities, exposure and display of children creativities and the score by individual children.



During the project period we have conducted 38 cultural events in 10 Bridge School Children and at CHAKKARAVARTHY VIDYALAYA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL. Children expressed their talents in writing, dancing, drawing, painting and sports competitions. We also conducted school level sports

and competition programme on 24 April 2023 that included musical chair, water filling, running, skipping and ball game. One of our student Ms. Dia won the prize at archery sport event among the inter school programme in Usilampatty. She was honored at the school for her performance.

School Children variety programme conducted at CHAKKRAVARTHY VIDYALAYA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL:



298 children grow healthy and incur stable growth to face any chronic spread of diseases.

During the COVID PANDEMIC children are affected and they are unable to have healthy food. Many parents lost their regular work and income. We felt the need to support these children to improve their immune by providing nutritious supplement for the children coming to the school. Nutritious



supplement have been provided to all 298 children 12 days in a month. This is the new effort we have successfully carried for 10 months during the project period. It supported the children to improve their health. The nutritious supplement included millet biscuits, millets, doll and coconut rolls. 298 children are provided nutritious supplement for 120 days in the past 10 months. We also felt the need to support the children at Bridge School Programme by providing nutritious supplement and extended the programme to all 10 Bridge School Centers.

School financial records and bills provided to respective parents for the payment of part school fees.

We identified and selected 132 children in 'CHAKKARAVARTHY VIDYALAYA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL including 48 dropout children have been identified and enrolled into mainstream education from 10 Bridge School Programme. The parents of these 132 children lost their regular work at this post COVID PANDEMIC period and living in very poor condition. EDUCATOR planed to support to these children to part payment of their school fees to continue and complete their education.

All identified 132 poor and disadvantaged children are supported to pay their part school fees in the month of Sep 2022 to continue their formal education and ensured their right to education.



We invited the parents on 03 Sep 2023 and explained about the project support from "Guru Krupa Foundation - USA. The details of school fees paid for 132 children as follow...

S.No	Class	No of Children	Actual School Fees	Part School Fees Paid	Total School Fees paid
	LKG	16	3600	1800	28800
	UKG	14	3800	1800	25200
01	I STD	18	4800	1800	32400

02	II STD	24	4800	1800	43200
03	III STD	22	5200	1800	39600
04	IV STD	16	5400	1800	28800
05	V STD	22	5800	1800	39600
	Total	132			237600

Records and events details maintained at the center and the individual care history records of children and their performance.

EDUCATR conducted the following programme reaching out to the following project direct beneficiaries and we maintained the individual case history records, programmes and event, training and programme support.

S.No	Programme	Records of project direct beneficiaries
01	Mainstream formal education to rural and disadvantaged children at CHAKKARAVARTHY VIDYALAYA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL	298 Children
02	10 Bridge School Education Programme in 10 rural villages	301 Community Children
03	Enrollment of dropout children	48 Community Children
04	Weedend Computer Literacy Programme	153 Children
04	Providing Nutritious Supplement	298 Children
05	Payment of part School fees	132 children
06	Two Days training to EDUCATORS	10 EDUCATORS



Records of review and planning meetings. Progress register of individual children and parents meetings

EDUCATR effective carried out all proposed activities with the support of staff team, teachers at CHAKKARAVARTHY VIDYALAYA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL and 10 EDUCATORS from Bridge School Education Programme. We conducted weekly and monthly review and planned project activities. The team also visited the 10 centers regularly in every month and monitored the project activities. We have also conducted 10 Parents meeting during this reporting period and shared the ongoing project activities and individual performance of children, part payment of school fees and the cultural activities and learning programme implement for the development of children.



Providing educational materials to 26 children with disabilities.

This year we have admitted 26 children with disabilities at "CHALLARAVARTHY VIDYALALA NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL run by EDUCATR. The details of children with disabilities as follow...

Children with hearing impairment: 06

Visual impairment: 07

Physical problems: 09 and

Speech impairment: 04. Total number of children with disabilities : 26

EDUCATR conducted this programme on 20 Feb 2023 at "CHAKKARAVARTHY VIDYALALA NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL run by EDUCATR. All 26 children with disabilities are provided school books, notebooks, calculus, writing materials and chart

apers. All children expressed their feelings of happiness. EDUCATR a;ways promote inclusive education programme for the children with disabilities. We admit children with disabilities into our regular programme and take care of children grow normally with other children.



"Children receive their educational materials from their Head Mistress Mrs. Amutha Priya"

One day orientation training programme to 08 teachers on inclusive education:

Children with disabilities are needed special care and treated equally with other children. Inclusive education is the essential need and these vulnerable children are treated along with other children to express their talents and potential. This is possible only when the teachers in the regular school understand the situation. EDUCATR conducted one day training programme to all 08 class teachers in our CHALLARAVARTHY VIDYALALA NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL run by EDUCATR on 7 Feb 2023.

We invited Mr. Dhanbalan, the Social Worker and Trainer, to conduct the training to our teachers. He trained our teachers how to take classes and also motivate the other students in the class to treat the children with disabilities with their right to education. It was a new learning to our teachers and they followed the input in their teaching.



One day orientation training programme to 08 teachers on inclusive education

One motivation training to 26 parents on inclusive education:

Children with disabilities are needed care and concern. They need to be treated with their rights and need to be treated with equal opportunities with normal children. EDUCATR has a strong conviction that the role of parents is more crucial in bringing up their children with disabilities. In this background, we felt the need to motivate and train the parents of children with disabilities.



Motivation Training to parents of Children with disabilities

Promoting Organic farming cultivation through Women Farmers

Majority of our project beneficiaries in our target areas are farmers. But today many are leaving from agriculture since they experience heavy loss. The reason is they used chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The practice made their potential land barren. The only solution and to retain the farmers is to promote organic farming practices.

With the support of our Women Self Help groups we have taken the challenge to promote organic farming cultivation through training and economical support. With the support of "Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) - UK, we supported and promoted 44 women farmers to take up organic farming. We trained them, provided seed grant, exposure visit and developing their marketing skills. The details of our programme intervention as follow...

Follow up One day training on Women leadership and Project Components:

The follow up women leadership training programme was conducted 14 July 2022. 44 women farmers participated and they shared their experience and overcoming the challenges they faced. The project beneficiaries are further motivated to continue their efforts in organic farming.



Follow up - Two days training on organic farming and sustainable agriculture

EDUCATR conducted the follow up organic training on 01 Aug 2022 at Mr. Madhavan's organic farming, a progressive farming involved in organic farming cultivation. He conducted demo on preparation of organic manure and herbal fertilizer at his field.



Follow up - 03 days field based education and learning programme on vermi compost and organic fertilizer. The programme has been conducted on 28 - 31 Aug 2022.



Follow up One Exposure and learning visit programme to organic field:

One follow up field based exposure visit has been conducted on 06 Sep 2022 and all the 44 beneficiaries are taken to a organic cultivation field at Nakkalpatty developed by a organic farmer.



Providing Seed Grant to the beneficiaries to start organic farming

The second installment of seed grant Rs. 3750 has been provided to all 44 women farmers that included ACWW grant Rs. 3000 and EDUCATR contribution Rs. 750 and a total of Rs. 3750 each to all 44 project beneficiaries.



Follow up - Two days training on marketing and profit making

EDUCATR conducted follow up two days training programme on 27-28 Oct 2022 to further strengthen our project beneficiaries to learn the marketing techniques and regularly update their investment and expenses to calculate the profit they will get after cultivating organic products.

Supporting Street Vendors to get Sustainable Income at Post Pandemic Recovery Period

We identified the street vendors as our project beneficiaries and they faced many constraints after COVID PANDEMIC. EDUCATR organised a one-day orientation meeting with all 48 project direct beneficiaries and conducted a sharing programme with them to understand the constraints they are facing. They are simple people and they invest little money in procuring materials such as vegetables, fruits, fish, followers and preparing home-made snacks. They either carry them on their heads or put them into a mobile cart and sell them in the market places and streets. They have to work for the whole day to earn their profits for their survival and livelihood. The COVID PANDEMIC and lock-down period restricted their movement and they were unable to continue their daily work. They faced extreme difficulties in continuing their business activities. The situation continued even after the post COVID period. They do not have a capital costs to procure materials from the market.

One-day orientation training programme on project objectives and preparation of beneficiaries to recover from their situation.

In this situation, one day orientation training programme was conducted on 16 Jan 2023 and we explained to our project beneficiaries about the project support from “EU CAN AID BELGIUM” and the capital cost investment to continue their business activities. The support made the beneficiaries very happy and they shared that “The project support saved our lives and brought a new hope for our livelihood and thanks to “EU CAN AID BELGIUM”.



Training programmes:

For the successful implementation of proposed activities, EDUCATR has taken the importance to training the project beneficiaries on project objectives. EDUCATR conducted the one day training programme for all 48 project beneficiaries on 06 Feb 2023. The purpose of the project is that these vulnerable women utilize the opportunities and use the seed grant for their business investment and continue their work. The beneficiaries are also supported by providing a one day training programme on accounts keeping on 18 Feb 2023. They are trained on calculating income and profit and use only the profit for their livelihood and continue with an initial seed grant for their regular business activities. The beneficiaries are also supported to develop marketing skills, communication, consumer satisfaction and procuring quality products for their business activities on 27 Feb 2023. The training programmes motivated them to continue their respective trade with care and for the satisfaction of the consumers.



Distribution of capital grants of Rs. 10,000 to all the 48 women street vendors to start their business activities.

After the preparation of orientation and training programme, EDUCATR organised the all 48 women street vendors into four groups with 12 members each according to the working areas. All the 48 project beneficiaries are provided the capital grant of INR. 10000 each to start their business activities. We invited each group and distributed the capital grant on 07, 08, 09 and 10 March 2023 at the EDUCATR Office and encouraged

them to continue their business activities. Dr. R. Velmurugan, The Managing Trustee and Mrs. B. Amutha Priya, the Programme Director, organized the event with the support of the staff team and motivated them to utilize the opportunity for their individual family development and educate their children. Mrs. T. Chitra, one of the beneficiaries from Dottappanaikanur, thanked for the support to EDUCATR and "EU CAN AID BELGIUM"



Community Level Awareness and Skill Training Programmes

Health Awareness Programme:

Learning the importance of personal hygiene for teens is essential to help them maintain good health. Personal hygiene is a set of practices used to keep one's body clean, promote good health, and avoid disease. Children pay attention to basic personal hygiene routines until late childhood, such as coughing while covering their mouths and washing hands after meals. However, when they enter adolescence, this list expands to include certain new habits critical to the teen's health and well-being. You may assist your teen in developing a good personal hygiene regimen as a parent.

Comprehending the need, EDUCATR conducted two days training programme to Adolescents on 12 and 13 of Oct 2023 in our school campus. Totally 34 adolescents participated in the training programme. Usilampatty Municipality Health Officer Dr. Ayyesa Bagam and Dr. Suseela, Block Medical Officer from Thottappanaikanur Union conducted health education to the participants. Mrs. Suriliammal, President of Nakkalpatty Women Self Help Group offered vote of thanks. Dr. R. Velmurugan, Managing Trustee organized the event with the support of Health Staff team.



SHG Income generation:

We have formed women self help groups to take up income generation programme. This year 32 women started micro business activities such as petty shop, food preparation, catering unit and fashion unit. They obtained bank loan to start their income generation activities. They get regular income of INR. 4000 to INR. 5000. With the income now they support their children to continue their education.



Social Work Awareness Programme for College students:

College students studying at Sri Krishna Agricultural Institute came for one day exposure visit and learning programme to interact with our women group members, women farmers and staff team to learn how women take up the

leadership in promoting organic farming and marketing practices. They learned how women plan for their economical development activities to ensure their empowerment socially and culturally. The exposure visit was conducted on 19 Nov 2022 at EDUCATR officer.



Environmental Awareness Programme:

EDUCATR conducted one day Environmental Education Programme to School children on 14 Dec 2022 by organizing 300 students from 25 schools. To increase the awareness among the school children, speech competition, essay and drawing competition were conducted. The selected winners are provided complements. The programme generated the importance of environmental conservation among 300 students.



Farmers Awareness Programme:

EDUCATR conducted one day training programme for women farmers on organic farming cultivation and practice and preparation of organic manure on 12 Dec 2022.

We invited two representatives from 25 women groups and educated them on importance of organic farming and how to get sustainable income. Women farmers are motivated to start the practice at their respective field and increase their income to meet the economical needs. Women group president Mrs. Ramadevi expressed vote of thanks.



Tree Plantation Awareness Programme:



Environmental conservation through tree plantation is very important. EDUCATR convinced to promote children right to participation for environmental protection. To practically education children and increase their concern for nature, tree plantation programme have been organized at "CHAKKARAVARTHY VIDYALAYA NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL on 11 Nov 2022. 40 tree samplings had been distributed to children and they planted the saplings at the school campus. They take care of the trees watering everyday when they come to school.

Skill training programme :

This year we identified and selected 38 disadvantaged women, widows and economically poor women and provided skill training on tailoring and dress making trade. These women completed four months course in our training center from July - Sep 2023 and obtained their course completion certificate. During the

training they also learned the basic computer operation at our computer center. After completing their learning, now they got regular jobs at a garment unit and earn INR. 5600 per month. Their income supported them to overcome their economical crisis and increased their self confidence.



Conclusion:

EDUCATR successfully implemented the planned programmes to improve the present living conditions among rural women and enhanced the rights of children with various opportunities to showcase their potentials. We are so much encouraged with the project outcomes and motivated us to continue with the same zeal.

We render our gratitude to.....

All our project direct beneficiaries

All programme staff team

International donors and Community Stakeholders

With Kind Regards,

Dr. R. Velmurugan Rajappa

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