

Dr A V Baliga Memorial Trust

Annual Report 2013 – 2014

Overview

On 31st March 2014 Dr A V Baliga Trust has crossed another milestone year. Like previous years, the present reporting year ie, 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 has seen a consistent progress of the organization towards improving the condition of the underprivileged through the blending of 'rights based' and 'need based' approaches. Aligned with preceding years, the major concentration of the present year was to reach more and more unreached people through development programmes specially in the fields of women's empowerment, child rights, in raising awareness against child sexual abuse, health, education and providing family counseling and legal literacy.

Baliga Trust's effort has been focused on women's empowerment and child rights. Interventions made by Baliga Trust has been acknowledged by various civil society organizations and Government agencies including statutory bodies such as the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Child Welfare Committees and with others as well who extend their collaboration and support to the organization.

Initiatives of Baliga Trust:

Baliga Trust's endeavor got strengthened by adding new initiatives with existing and ongoing programmes. The inclusive projects/programs/activities are- Gender Resource Center - Samajik Suvidha Kendra, Child Centered Community Development Program, Banking on Change, Bringing Health Care to Doorsteps, Baxter International Young Health Initiative, Chuppi Todo - a Campaign against Child Sexual Abuse, Promoting Elementary Education in Urban Resettlements, Saksham, Teach India - Spoken English, Family Counseling Center, and Community Libraries, through the tireless efforts of the team. During the reporting phase the geographical area has been expanded and the services reached directly or indirectly to over one million beneficiaries.

Major Strategies:

Major strategies for project implementation adapted by Baliga Trust are –

- A-** Advocacy,
- B-** Awareness,
- C-** Capacity building
- N-** Networking,
- L-** linkages and
- S-** Service delivery.

The Trust is also one of the founder members of Delhi FORCES - NEENV and People's Health

Assembly-Delhi (JSA-D).

Geographical Expansion:

Baliga Trust projects/ programmes are spread over resettlement, slums and kachchi (unauthorised) colonies in the Northwest, West and Central Districts of Delhi:

- Mangolpuri, Sultanpuri, Narela and Holambikalan in the Northwest District;
- Bheem Nagar, Nangloi, Nihal Vihar, Prem Nagar Kiradi, Jwalapuri,
- Udyog Nagar and Khyala and Meerabag in the West District;
- Basti Khwaja Meer Dard in the Central District;
- Over 10 large slum clusters, with a total of one lakh beneficiaries in each, scattered in the above colonies were also reached

Thrust Areas:

Being adhered to holistic approach Baliga Trust continued to actively tackle issues in 5 major thrust areas:

- **Women's Empowerment:**

This continued to be effected through the Gender Resource Center, Self Help Groups, Vocational and job oriented training programs, income generation activities, financial inclusion, financial literacy, and the cooperative society established earlier with the aim of empowering women by providing skill enhancement as part of a holistic development program, as well as adult and continuing education.

- **Health, Water, Environment and Sanitation:**

Advocacy, awareness, capacity building, linkages, networking and service delivery are integral parts of the intervention. Emphasis has been on preventive, promotive and curative measures, and on population education. The focus was on women and children but all age groups were covered through need based activities. Community and children's groups such as Cohesive Community Action Groups, the Slum Health and Sanitation Team, and the WES Monitoring Committee of School Children are major stakeholders while a new band of Community Health Volunteers proved to be the backbone of the health intervention program Bringing Healthcare to the Doorsteps supported by Save the Children Bal Raksha Bharat.

- **Education:**

The education program consists of five types of interventions:

- i) Learning Centers (bridge course);
- ii) Balwadis for preparing out of school children to mainstream into regular schools;
- iii) Remedial Classes for retention of children in schools, particularly the girl child, by educating them to their appropriate age level;
- iv) Continuing Education Centers (including adult literacy); and

- v) Condensed Course Centers for young dropout girls and women who yearn to get a formal certification for secondary and higher secondary education.

The Trust took participated in improving conditions and quality of 12 MCD schools according to existing norms, and have given support to RTE programmes.(Right to Education)

- **Child Rights:**

Child Centered Community Development Program: These were initiated through a rights based approach towards ensuring the major rights of survival, protection, participation, and development of children; and were impacted through Chuppi Todo (breaking silence) - Campaign Against Child Sexual Abuse, supported by Plan India. We were also part of the Campaign Against Child Labour.

- **Family Counseling and Legal Literacy:**

The Trust provided counseling and legal support to needy women of the disadvantaged communities backed by awareness camps, with support from the Central Social Welfare Board, Government of India. These have been elaborated in the ensuing pages to provide an overview of our interventions, their effect in the target areas, and the outcome for the year 2013-2014.

Support and Collaborations:

During 2013-2014, Baliga Trust was supported by:

- DWCD-Mission Convergence,
- Plan India,
- Save the Children Bal Raksha Bharat,
- Integrated Village Development Trust (UK),
- Terres Des Hommes Germany-India Programme,
- Central Social Welfare Board,
- Government of India,
- The Bani Jagtiani Trust,
- The Raja Ram Mohun Roy Memorial Trust.