



Work for Equality

Quarterly Newsletter from April to June 2018

Work for Equality is a registered organization working for the capacity building of the marginalized community in various areas so they competently endure into the core tributary of the society. Currently we are supporting more than 500 children and approximately 1000 parents through two major programs that are:

- PRERANA – Child Holist and Community Development Centers
- PRERANA RAINBOW HOME FOR STREET Girls

Highlights of the quarter

Enrollment of New Children at PRERANA RAINBOW HOME: Work for Equality organization provided continuous support to the Marginalized Parents to make them sensitive about child rights, the result of that is, 23 new children enrolled in our residential home.



Health: as per our norms, we did health check-up of each child who were newly admitted in our project and provide them require medical support as per the suggestion of doctors. This quarter we got special support from Mrs. Pratibha Wanjari from Talegaon Primary Health Center (PHC) to get the medicine support of Tuberculosis. We insist on physical as well as mental health, for that purpose we organized regular yoga and meditation workshops for the children who are part of our project.



Nutrition: to improve health status of a child we provide regular nutritional food including milk and fruits to the children. We also provide special nutrition to the children who are malnourished. This help is also provided to the children who are part of our nonresidential program.



Educational Visits: spreading awareness amongst children about environment and protecting it, we organized two educational visits for the children to Mahabaleswar and Horticulture center in Talegaon Dabhade. Through both the educational visits, children learnt about nature and various types of agriculture techniques.



Life Skills: We organized four life skills training programs. An expert in the field of life skills training, Ms. Sumitra facilitated the workshops. The workshops emphasized on developing leadership skills amongst the children and make them aware about their protection and reproductive health and also sensitize them about how to take care of others. The workshops made many positive changes in the children who participated, which especially helped to improve their leadership quality. Regular **"BALSABHA"** were conducted by children where children raised their voices and learn about their role and responsibilities. Through this platform they learn how to provide support to each other.



Education: through 11 community based centers, which are associated with 7 Zippa Parishad Schools in Talegaon and Chakan areas, we are running regularly educational support classes for the deprived community children from playgroup to 12th standard.

Our organization also supports community students for their higher education. Results were declared for the academic year. All those students who are associated with us, scored

good marks. Out of seven students four were girls. All of them have ambitions to complete their education and set an example for the Marginalized Children.



Formation of Child Protection Committee: for the protection of children, we have formed child protection committee at PRERANA RAINBOW HOME. Along with respective staff from PRERANA Home, experts in the field of child rights has been appointed In the committee. The committee will build capacity of staff and sensitize them about child rights as well as they will interact with children frequently to understand their concerns regarding their rights.



Festivals and events: For increasing sensitivity among children about other religions and increase their knowledge about other cultures, we celebrated various events during the quarter. We celebrated 14th April which is Birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, and visited Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Home in Talegaon Dabhade and celebrated Ramzan ID along with a Muslim family who sponsored food and sweets to the children. Mr. Feroz told the importance of Ramzan Id to the children. We also celebrated Mother's Day where children delivered speech and expressed their feelings about their mothers.

We organized a summer camp in the month of May for the children to nurture their potentials. Some of the enthusiastic volunteers Ms. Sonali Savant, Mukta took responsibility and taught children dance, drama, drawing and music. Seeing the interest of children, we organized a closing ceremony of summer camp on the last day. Honorable guest Mrs. Yadnyaseniraje Dhabade, Mr. Deepakbhai Shah, Mr. Shailesh Jadhav, Mr. Swapnil Salvi, Mr. Raju Jadhav, where invited for the program. Some children took part in the cultural activity while some expressed their feelings by delivering a short speech.



We also celebrated the birthdays of those girls whose birthdate fall in this quarter. Our children were invited for the birthday party of Mr. Bhushan Muttha at Vadgaon maval where he distributed shoes to the children. Children visited the naturopathy center run by Mr. Hirachand Jain. He showed documentary on the conservation of the snakes and also reduced the fear of snakes amongst the children.

Some of the girls also participated in the program which was organized on the occasion of International Day for Street Children. They participated in silent street play hosted by Shivajinagar Sneh Ghar children. This was their first opportunity to participate in street play. It gave them confidence and courage to speak about their rights.

Visitors: to motivate children many visitors visited our Residential home. We had visitors from various fields such as Mrs. Pratibha Wanjari from PHC Talegaon Dabhade and Mr. Bhushan Muttha from Lions club Vadgaon Maval, Samidha the group of volunteers, Inner Wheel Poona North wing members visited the home and donated CCTV camera for the safety of the children. Mr. Jadhav and his team from POSCO Company had visited the home and donated 30 writing table for the children. Mr. Abhishekh Pandit and groups of volunteers visited the home and showed their willingness to provide technical support to the organization.



Capacity building of parents: to enhanced economical status of the parents associated with us, we have conducted one day workshop for them on livelihood. An expert from Avabain Navrachana Sanstha taught the women, how to make phinoil at home. They also gave information on marketing of the product. As well as we conducted regular parents meeting to development their sensitivity towards child rights.



Staff training: during the quarter, we organized eight in house capacity building training along with two training on educational development of children where we invited an experts from Alochana Organization. We also visited Khelghar organization who is one of the experts on working with development of community children and parents. Our team learnt the new technique and methods of teaching skills.

