A Project Report

for

the period of

June 2017 to August 2017

for the project

“Educate school dropout children in rural India (#15692)”

functional in

Rural centres of Maharashtra, Mumbai, India
NGO Name | Light of Life Trust
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Project name | Anando
Location | Maharashtra, India
Areas where centres are located | Karjat, Alibaug, Mangaon, Jalna, Washim, Nandurbar, Worli, Thane & Pench
Programmatic Report | June 2017 to August 2017

Synopsis:
This project report list down the activities covered during the period ranging June 2017 to August 2017 by Light of Life Trust at different locations spread across Maharashtra through its centers for their Project Anando which focuses on reinstating secondary school dropouts and help them to complete their education.

Following are the activities conducted / undertaken for the abovementioned period:

1. **World Environment day celebration on 5th June, 2015:**
World environment day was celebrated across all the regions of LOLT. Sharing the pictures of the event where students from urban schools were invited to the rural areas and they helped in planting the fruit bearing tree saplings across the region along with our students from the rural schools.

2. **Urban Rural Exchange Program:**
Urban Rural Exchange program under our school connect initiative helps urban students and rural students interact and exchange different ideas among themselves. It also helps the urban students to understand the various challenges faced by the rural students, particularly pertaining to the techniques and facilities of learning methodologies. This is
a great way to increase the bonding among the students coming from different strata of life.

3. Summer Activities:

a. Self-defence training: 2 days ‘Self-defence Training’ for girls was conducted at LOLT’s Khopoli centre of Raigad district for our Anando and Anando Plus program students.

b. ‘Best out of waste’ activity: Under this activity LOLT students created paper bags out of newspaper and distributed this to the shopkeepers.
c. **Workshop on ‘Nutrition & Exercise for good health’**: A workshop was undertaken by the local gym trainer for the students of the Thane centre of LOLT. The main objective of this session was to bring awareness among the students about good nutrition intake and regular exercise which is must for good health and education.
d. **Craft Making session:** At Thane centre of LOLT, craft making session was conducted for the students.

![Craft Making session image]

4. **Computer literacy program:**

Nearly 500 students from the schools located in remote areas in Pench – Madhya Pradesh were provided training in basics of computers. This was initiated through a joint collaboration with Kokha foundation. This was made possible by ‘Shifting Labs’ technology where laptops were shifted from one area to another area once the computer training got completed in a particular area.

![Computer literacy program image]
5. **Worshop on ‘Painting with brush’ & ‘Card making’:**

Worshop on painting with brush and card making was conducted at Worli centre of LOLT for the students of Anando program.

6. **Educational Material Distribution program:**

Educational Material Distribution was done across all regional centres of LOLT in which schoolbags, textbooks, notebooks, compass box, stationery and uniforms were distributed to all LOLT Anando students.
7. **Yoga sessions:**

At Light of Life Trust's Worli centre in association with 'Ayanger Yoga Institute', session on yoga was conducted. Students thoroughly enjoyed and felt rejuvenated after this session.

8. **Mahacharcha program:**

Glimpses of a unique program - 'Mahacharcha' which is organised by Light of Life Trust, where distinguished academic students along with their parents shared their strategic methods and experiences of their academic performance with their juniors. They are also felicitated during this event by their school principal and teachers. One such event held at LOLT Kashele centre - Karjat district.
9. ‘Anant’ – an arts education project:

On 10th July, 2017, Light of Life Trust under their arts education project - Anant, introduced singing and dance classes at Nagar parishad school in Alibag. 45 students became a part of this unique initiative. Where, school principal and teachers present during the inaugural function appreciated the efforts taken by LOLT.

![Image of students and teachers at Anant event]

10. Workshop on Personality Development:

Personality Development Workshop for the students was conducted at Worli centre of Light of Life Trust. Students enjoyed the session and also participated in the role plays and activities conducted during this session.

![Image of students participating in a workshop]

![Image of students with masks]
11. Visit at Science Exhibition:

Light of Life Trust Worli centre students along with their mentors visit Science Express Climate Action Special (SECAS) train which had its halt at CST station, Mumbai on 21st July, 2017.

The basic objective was to contribute towards increasing understanding of the science of climate change, the observed and anticipated impacts, and different possible responses. The state-of-the-art exhibition aboard SECAS aimed to create awareness among various sections of society, especially students, as to how Climate Change can be combated through mitigation and adaptation.
12. **Guest Lectures:**

Nandurbar region centres of Light of Life Trust conducted guest lectures for the graduate students of LOLT. These sessions were quite encouraging and motivating for the students. Guests were impressed by the confidence shown by the students.

![Guest Lectures Images]

13. **Capacity Building Session for students:**

Under AnandoPlus program (which is for higher secondary students) at Wai, Shelu Bazar and Khiniraja centres of Light of Life Trust in Washim region, capacity building session for students was conducted. The purpose of this capacity building session was to promote the students’ knowledge and skills. Sessions were based on topics like, “Success is in your hand” & “How to develop leadership”.

These sessions were very enlightening for the students. It also showed their utmost participation and response.

![Capacity Building Session Images]
14. **Regional festival celebration:**

Raksha Bandhan, a festival of “bond of protection and love” between brother and sisters was celebrated across all the centres of Light of Life Trust by the students.

The festival celebrates the love and duty between brothers and sisters. On Raksha Bandhan, a sister ties a rakhi (sacred thread) on her brother's wrist with a prayer for his prosperity and happiness. This symbolizes the sister's love. The brother gives her a token gift and a promise to protect her.

15. **Awards, recognition and scholarship to students:**

At the Aashayein event held at Jamnabai Narsee School, Light of Life Trust students of Anant programme (an arts education programme) won the First prize, both in Solo and Group dance category along with 6 months of scholarship to pursue their career in dance.

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16. **Health care program:**

Light of Life Trust under its Medical Mobile Unit - Healthcare programme, conducted ORS (Oral Rehydration Solution) therapy awareness camp between 23rd to 29th of July, 2017. It was a collaborative effort by LOLT along with Indian Association of Pediatrics and Karjat Medical Association for Rural and Tribal population in and around Karjat region.

This effort by LOLT got press coverage in the local Pudhari newspaper published on 8th August, 2017.
17. **Peers Day celebration:**

In order to inculcate the leadership and teamwork qualities among students, Light of Life Trust Alibaug regional centres conducted Peers day and Dahi handi (Gokulashtami) festival. Various workshops were held during this event like making colour paper collage, tying friendship band, painting etc.

Students enjoyed the session thoroughly and learned about the team work importance and leadership qualities.

Peers Day was celebrated at Jalna centre of Light of Life Trust. This activity concentrates on friendship and its importance.

Each child gets his/her friend to the centre to be a part of this workshop or the activity. Every friend speaks about his friend about the changes he experience from the time he has been supported by LOLT.

Differences and misunderstandings among the friends are also weeded out which helps in building strong relationships.