

Association of Relief Volunteers

Children Education Report

Objectives:

- Provide a better education for rural children
- Empower the underprivileged
- Support the underprivileged children with their tuition.
- Encourage an independent and self-motivated approach to learning;
- Foster self-esteem, personal autonomy, responsibility, and a sense of empowerment.
- Improve the quality of early childhood care and education.
- Provide parents with access to information, education and support that will help them identify and meet the developmental, social, educational, and emotional needs of their children.

II Quarterly report Nov to Dec 2010

On 9-11-2010 **Kavali - Kothasatram and Indranagar villages** visited by Mr.Sagar. 52 children registered from 1st class to 5th class. Only 41 of the 52 village children were attending that day. The remaining children didn't attend due to rain. We asked the children some questions related on their subjects (Telugu, Science, Social for classes 3rd, 4th, 5th). The children responded well. We counseled the children to come to school every day, and to study well to make a brighter future for themselves.

We met with Mr. Srinivas, Head Master of the school. He told that children are attending school regularly. There was less percentage of attendance in that week because of rain and festivals. Before the Dusshera holidays, the school conducted quarterly examinations. Children wrote well, and achieved good percentages in many areas.



Experiences of children:



Pamanchi Upendra – 5th Class: I am coming to school daily and I am studying well. I got 72% of marks in Quarterly.

Aragala Sivayya – 5th Class: I am studying well. Daily I am going to school. In Quarter I got 68% of marks.

Chavuturi Dhanamma- 4th Class: The school Head master told us that she is very irregular in her attendance. We counseled her parents to send her to school regularly.

On 13-11-2010, Mrs.Uma Maheswari visited a slum area called **Kandrika**, near to Nunna Village near to Vijayawada. There are nearly 60-70 school children studying in Government school, who needs more assistance in their studies. When we enquired about their livelihood, the parents of the children are all below the poverty line. They are unable to afford more on their studies. We conducted a survey and collected the children's data.

On 18-11-2010, we conducted a meeting with the local leaders and parents of the children of the area. We emphasized that with proper guidance, their children could study and achieve more. Since we were unable to give more money for the children's school education, ARV decided to start a free Supplementary Education Center for the children to attend after school. Getting the children off the streets, and giving extra academic support will help them achieve more and be more committed to their studies

On 26-11-2010 **K1 village** visited by Mr.Sagar. 44 of the 49 children were attending that day, the remaining 5 were absent due to ill-health. Teachers reported that the children, were coming regularly and were studying well. We conducted games that the children participated in enthusiastically. We asked them about their goals in life. Only a few of them answered or could express their goals.

Children's goals:

A.Brahmayya: I am studying well and want to become a Teacher and wanted to educate more children like me.

P.Sai Kumar: I am studying well and want to become an Engineer

A.Hari Babu: I am studying well and want to become a Doctor and want to do service for



my villagers.

give their support and regularly. Mr. Vijay Kumar would be very useful for the Mr.Sudhakar, Mr. Apparao Reddy (Local Leader) many children who were not motivate them to come. They were very thankful to ARV for conducting such a meaningful



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13-12 2010 **Kandrika** (Vijayawada Rural) ARV inaugurated the Supplemental Education Program . 60-70 members attended this program including 40 children. Some of the local leaders also attended. They were very pleased and much excited to see that ARV was conducting such a good program. They said they would encourage sending the children of ARV explained that the program children for their future.

(Ex-corporator) and Mr.Venkat explained that there were still so attending so they would also try to

my villagers.

program in their locality and ensured their full support. The parents also felt very happy, and one of the parents, Mrs. Kezia said, “This program is a gift of God for our children. We are very thankful to ARV.”



The Supplemental Education Center’s goal is to ensure that the students keep up with their studies so they will have more opportunities in the future. We appointed a volunteer, Mrs. Jagadeeswari. She is a B.Sc Graduate, and her goal is to help the children work hard to do their best so they can get the best education possible.

On 8-12-2010, **Gunadala** in Vijayawada visited by Mrs.Uma Maheswari. There are 40-50 school children studying in the Government school, who need more assistance in their studies. When we enquired about their livelihood, the parents of the children are all below the poverty line. They are all daily wage workers. They are unable to afford more for their studies. We conducted a survey and collected the children’s data.

On 18-12-2010 **Adarsh Nagar** in Machilipatna visited by Mr. Sagar. . There are nearly 300 children studying in Government school, who needs more assistance in their studies. When we enquired about their livelihood, the parents of the children are all below poverty line. They are all daily wage workers. They are all Dalits. They are unable to afford more for their studies. There is no school in this area. The children must go to Government school in Machilipatnam which is far from this area. There is not even a private centre in this area. The children’s standard of education is very poor. When we met the elders of the area and explained about ARV and Supplemental Education Center, they requested ARV to start an education center in their area to help the children. They knew of a graduate lady with her B.A and B.Ed who was available. We with met her and she agreed to work with ARV to start the Supplemental Education program.

On 08/01/2011 **Chevuru** visited by Mr. Sagar, to enquire about the progress of the Supplemental Education Program and as a part of it, our organization wanted to give free education to one child. We chose a girl named Dasari Sukanya, who was studying VIII class in Government High School in Chennuru village to go into an English medium school. We visited 2 schools namely “Sahayamatha English Medium School” and “Little Flower English Medium School”. When we explained about Sukanya and submitted her progress of the previous years, the school management conducted a small oral test to Sukanya.. Unfortunately, they told us that she was not to the level of the English medium schools. Her standard was too low, and they could not give admission to her in their schools. She could join the IV class or V class, as her standard was equal to those classes in their school. The Principal told to come again on 24-1-11, to conduct a written test to the girl. Basing on the result in that test she would inform us whether to admit her into school or not.

On 11-01-11 Mrs Kandrika (Vijayawada slum) Uma Maheswari visited to see the Supplemental Education Center where 50 children are studying from 1st class to 9th class. Only 25-30 children were attending out of 50 children. The remaining children didn't attend due to the Pongal vacation. The children were very happy. We asked the children some questions related on their subjects (Telugu, Science, Social for classes 3rd, 4th, 5th), and the children answered well. We again encouraged the children to come to school daily and study well to bring a brighter future. We talked to the volunteer and some of the local leaders, and they reported that the children were attending regularly. The children enjoyed the chocolates we distributed.

II Quarterly report Jan to Mar 2011

Mr. Ravi Kumar , Secretary of ARV and Mrs. Uma Maheswari, Administrators of ARV



visited 5 of the Supplemental Education Centers. Mr.Ravi asked questions on general knowledge and the children answered well. He spoke to them of the importance of education. He encouraged the children to set

high goals for themselves. Uma then told a story to further emphasize the importance of good values and hard work. The children told us they will work hard and study well to reach their goals. Distributed chocolates.

On 12-1-2011, Uma visited Kandrika (Vijayawada Rural) center. Only 25 of the 40 children attended. The remaining children didn't attend due to Pongal vacation. The children were very happy. We asked the children some questions related on their subjects (Telugu, Science, Social for classes 3rd, 4th, 5th). The children answered well. We encouraged the children to come to school daily and study hard to do their best to get good marks. We talked to the volunteer and some of the local leaders of that area. They told us that children are attending to school regularly. There is less percentage of attendance in this week because of rains and festivals. Before Dussera holidays, the school conducted quarterly examinations. Children wrote well, and achieved good percentages.

On 8-2-2011, ARV gave financial support for 57 children of **Gunadala** Supplemental Education Center for their School Uniform stitching charges on request from the local Government school teacher, Mrs.Punya Bharathi. On behalf of school she thanked ARV.

On 24-2-2011, ARV gave support for 2 girl students of **Cheuru** village, namely Saritha and Navya, for their second year college fees. Their father, T.Nathaniel came to office and requested ARV to support for his daughters, as he is unable to pay the fees.

On 25-2-2011, ARV supported for the students of **Perikeedu** for their Mementos and merit certificates, to encourage the merit students on the occasion of their anniversary function.

On 29-03-2011 ARV conducted a meeting for the Supplemental Support Center teachers at the Administrative Office of ARV, Vijayawada. The teachers were asked to share their experiences in their centers.

Mrs.Jagadeeswari, teacher of **Kandrika** center expressed that “It is very helpful, because the parents go for daily works. Nobody will be there to take care of the children. Now the parents are very happy and feeling that these tuitions are very helpful for their children. They are now enquiring about their children’s progress.”

Mrs. Swathi, teacher from **Perikeedu** said that “I am very proud to be a part of this program as it is giving more scope to learn more for the rural children.”

Mrs. Naga Lakshmi, teacher from **Rudravaram** shared that “After starting this center, the children are more able to understand the subjects well and it is also helpful to us as we are getting good experience and great satisfaction seeing the children succeed.”

The teachers conducted examinations in all the subjects and brought all the papers to the office. Uma verified all the examination papers and filled marks in a format with the support of teachers to measure the track record. We hope that this format will help to assess the child capacity and how the teachers are performing duties.

In all the centers, ARV observations are as follows:

In **Kandrika** center, out of 40 children, 18 children got A Grade and they are following all subjects. 2 students shifted from Telugu medium to English medium but it was difficult for them to follow so we asked the teacher to concentrate more on their English language. 15 students have failed and the teacher told us that she will try to improve those children for the next quarter. We will hope to see less failures in the future.

In **Rudravaram** center, out of 32 children, 7 children achieved A Grade, 11 students were average with B and C Grades, and 4 children are below with D Grade. 11 children failed the examination so more support is needed for those children. The teacher will give extra focus to the struggling children for the next quarter.

In **Chevuru**, of 115 students, 66 students were at the A Grade, 43 students are average and trying to do their level best, and 6 children are below. We asked the teacher to concentrate more on these children and especially on Somala Kamala Kumari who failed in the examination. 3 students were not attending the tuitions, namely Challa Yerraiyah, Bonula Bogeswar Rao, Vajrakanti Pavan. The teacher told that she will go to their homes and ask their parents to send and encourage the children to attend.

In **Gunadala** center, the children are less in number. The center is not operating at this time, and will be assessed again at a later date.

In **Gummallapadu** village, there is no permanent teacher. We are trying to find a new teacher in GP Village to continue the Supplemental Education Center.

Mr. Ravi explained that there should be summer coaching in the month of May for all Supplemental Education Centers on 'Spoken English and Moral Values' as nowadays people are not bothered about the moral values. ARV wants to inculcate good moral values for the children as the children will grow and become good future citizens.

KI Village Education:

Mr. Sagar visited the child education center in **Kothasatram** and **Indira Nagar** villages. He spoke with Mr Srinivas, Head Master of the school and enquired about the children's education. He was told that the children are attending regularly and studying well. Out of 52 children, 46 children attended school.



Mr. Ravi Kumar discussed with the head master the need for a new teacher for the Supplemental Education Center, after the staff survey of A R V. With the recommendation of Head Master they interviewed Mallela Geetha, a graduate in BA. B ed. who has 3 years of teaching experience. A R V appointed her as the new Supplemental Education Teacher.

A R V explained to the teacher the importance of the Supplemental Education Center. Information about how to maintain the records of daily report, student case study, attendance register, and marks memos was given. We also explained how to conduct the examinations and how to fill the format sheet of student's progress.



There is a special **Anganwadi** school for the children below 5 years, sanctioned by the government with a special intervention of

ARV last year. There are 41 children in this center. Mrs. A.Indira is the care taker of the children on behalf of the government. This Anganwadi School is different from regular school. It is only for small children and pregnant women, particularly to provide nutritious food.

Mr. Sagar spoke with the villagers, and the villagers expressed their thankfulness, and said they will send their children regularly. Villagers thanked A R V for its efforts in making these children study well through this Supplemental Education Center.

III Quarterly report Apr to June 2011

On 2nd April 2011, International volunteers Jill and Claire visited **Kandrika** Supplemental Education Center, along with the center in **Umapaul**. They played with the children and taught them new songs. Then they distributed pencils and chocolates to the children.

Children felt very happy playing with international volunteers, and enjoyed learning new songs and games.

Umapaul verified all the records and spent time with children to understand how the Supplemental Education Center teacher is clarifying their doubts.

Umapaul appreciated teacher, and the way she is maintaining all the records of children's progress.

All the Supplemental Education Center, children wrote the annual examinations for the academic year.

In **Kandrika** center, out of 40 children, 35 children got A Grade and they are following all subjects. This year there are 10 new children joining in this center. Now the total numbers of students are 50.

In **Rudravaram** center, out of 36 children, 33 children are good and their progress is good with A Grade, 3 students are average with B Grade. There are no failures and the progress is good. Two boys namely P.Ajay and C.Vamsi passed in their X Class examination and promoted to Intermediate.

In **Chevuru** center, the children of X Class passed with good Grades and were promoted to Intermediate except for 2 failures out of 9 students.

In **Gummallapadu** village, all the children are promoted to their next grades.

We are very happy to say that our Supplemental Education Center children performed well in their annual examinations and passed with good marks. The school in **Kandrika**, in which we are running our Supplemental Education Center, stood first in the results of all the Government schools in Vijayawada. Parents felt very happy and proud to send their children for higher education.

On 29th April, ARV organized meeting for teachers to conduct summer camps in the month of May. We provided sets of moral value story books and spoken English books to all the teachers to conduct special classes in the villages. Teachers conducted special classes in the month of May. 30% of Children improved their English speaking skills. All the children learned the ethical values. We identified some of the gaps in summer special classes to improve in future. Plans include inviting new persons to handle the special classes, the computer classes, and to provide more charts and drawing books.

On 11-06-2011, ARV organized a meeting for the Supplemental Education Center teachers to submit their reports of what they had taught in summer. Discussions continued on how to motivate children and families to make good use the support the centers offer.

A volunteer named Angela, who visited **Chevuru** village during CNN Camp, was very interested to support the Supplemental Education program for 1 new village. With her assurance, ARV gave priority to support Tribal children education in **Kusumguda** tribal village in **Dumbriguda Mandal**, Araku Valley in the Visakhapatnam District. We have a volunteer Mrs. Eswari, a tribal women leader in that area who has been associated with ARV for more than 2 years. She is very actively involved in introducing ARV in her tribal community.

On 23-06-2011, ARV conducted an awareness camp with the parents in this village on the importance of child education. Mr. Ravi Kumar explained about Angela, who came forward to establish the Supplemental Education Center in this tribal village. He thanked them for sponsoring \$100 per month. He explained the importance of education and how one can change your life with a good education. He explained the benefits for education available in the government for tribal children. He worked to motivate the parents of the children, and asked them to take the responsibility to send their children regularly. He also encouraged the children to study well and develop their lives and their village. He emphasized that all children must utilize this opportunity. The School Head master Mr.T.Hussain said that this is a very good opportunity for our children and also for our village, and that we must utilize this wonderful program. He gratefully thanked ARV, and felt very fortunate since in the tribal villages, there is no other such type of program. Mr. John Ravi encouraged the children to utilize this wonderful opportunity to study hard for it will bring a brighter future for everyone. Mrs. Eswari, who is the leader of Tribal community expressed that education is most the important tool for all of us to overcome in the hands of exploitation.

Children felt excited, and also expressed their views and goals. Since Mrs. Eswari belongs to the same tribal community, her message touched them and gave confidence.

The village is having an elementary school (1st to 7th class). The list of the students is as follows:

Malathi, student of 5th class said that she will study well and wanted to become a teacher and will teach the children in our tribal villages.

Ravi Teja, a student from 3rd class said that he wanted to become a Doctor.

Harigopal, a student from 4th class said that he wanted to become a police officer.

Likewise children expressed their future ambitions and assured they would go to school regularly and study hard.

K /I Child Education

28-06-2011 **Kothasatram and Indranagar** visited by Mr. Sager. Spoke with the teacher Geetha and enquired about the children's education. For this academic year 8 new children joined in I Class. The new children are not having text books as they are new. All the children from KI village have been promoted for further grades with good marks. The total children from KI village is 51.

Headmaster, Mr.Srinivas said that 5 of the ST Children are not attending classes. Mrs. Geetha the teacher and the Headmaster with Mr..Sagar visited the houses of the children who are not attending the school and enquired about the reasons for not attending classes.

Parents are motivated and admitted that it is their responsibility to see their children should attend the classes regularly. The parents responded that they will go to work in the early morning so nobody is there to monitor the children to attend the classes. ARV counseled the parents to take initiative to send their children school without fail.

IV Quarterly report July to September 2011

On 01-08-2011 ARV with International volunteers Jill and Claire, visited the Supplemental Education center in **Kusumguda** village. Distributed books, pens, pencils, erasers and sharpeners for 75 children for this academic year. Children and the parents were very grateful.

On 16-08-2011 the ARV team, with International volunteers Will and Chloe, visited **Gummallapadu** village Education center. The volunteers spoke to and asked questions of the children.

ARV then visited **Gummallapadu** village and pictures were taken to form a

documentary film of the Kolleru Lake issue. The volunteers interviewed the villagers and also the village elder Mr. Nandamuri Prabhakar Rao. They spoke with the teacher who gave more information about the children. Distributed chocolates. Also interviewed Mr..Yobu Raju who is the volunteer and also the village elder and took some important information about the Gummallapadu village. Children were happy.

19-09-2011 ARV **Perikeedu** Supplemental Education center. We met with the children and the children are very much excited of our visit and Mr. Ravi Kumar taught them about the moral values and how to be the good citizens and Uma, taught about the cleanliness and what are the good habits for children. Distributed chocolates.

19-09-2011 Chevuru village. ARV visit to give supplemental lessons. Uma taught the children about the respiratory system, and Ravi taught about the uses of plants as follows:

Explained clearly about the NOSE, NASAL CAVITY, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TRACHEA, SMALLER CONDUCTING PASSAGEWAYS (BRONCHI AND BRONCHIOLES), AND LUNGS.

The nose does the following:

- Filters the air by the hairs and mucous in the nose
- Moistens the air
- Warms the air

The Pharynx

The Lungs

Gas Exchange

The Mechanism of Breathing.

Mr. Ravi taught them about the uses of plants.

Plants provide food, clothing, fuel, shelter, and many other necessities of life. Humankind's dependence on crops such as wheat and corn (maize) is obvious, but without grass and grain the livestock that provide people with food and other animal products could not survive either.

In all the centers, ARV observations of results are as follows:

In **Kandrika** center, out of 50 children, 24 children got A Grade and they are following all subjects. We are very happy to see improvement and in this quarter, there was only 1 failure.

In **Rudravaram** center, out of 43 children, 20 children made progress with A Grades, 21 students were average with B and C Grades and only 2 children were below with D Grade. The parents were happy seeing their children improvement and also the improved attendance from 32 to 43 children.

In **Chevuru** center, the child attendance decreased because many of the children went to study in the bridge schools (hostels), so only 45 children are staying in the village and they are all attending the classes. Of 45 students, 32 students were very good at A Grade, 11 students are

average and trying to do their level best, and only 1 child was below. We asked the teacher to concentrate on him.

The Government celebrated the Hindi Day on 14th Sept 2011, and conducted an examination on the Hindi subject. We are very proud to say that our Supplemental Education children from **Chevuru** village, namely Boddu Ayyappaswamy and Arja Hymavathi stood first and second and got the awards.

The children thanked the volunteers, Tracey and Taylor.

In, **Perikeedu** also the children are studying and following the subject well.

ARV is happy to say that the children are improving well and also showing very good results. Parents were very pleased to see their children's improvement and will continue to encourage them to attend regularly.

KI Village Educational Programme

19-08-2011 ARV visited **KI** child Education center, and met with the Headmaster and the teacher. The Head Master requested another volunteer for the Supplemental Education center.

Administrator, Uma checked all the reports and records of the children.

The attendance of the children had increased. The parents are pleased and are more motivated as they see more the importance of education. They are taking more care of their children education and also monitoring them to attend the classes regularly. Attendance increased from 51 to 61 children.

02-09-2011 Mr. Sagar visited **Kothasatram and Indranagar**. He visited the Supplemental Education center. Children are studying and progressing very well.

ARV arranged to support the girl Nagalakshmi, to study second year Intermediate, as his mother is unable to pay the fees for her education.

ARV arranged to support an Engineering student named C.Rajiv Kumar, to pay the fees for his college as his father is unable to afford the fees.

ARV arranged support for an ITI student (Technical Education- Diesel Mechanic) named , B.Sandeep from Bapulapadu village.

The head master said that these children are very poor and really needed the extra support. The families were very grateful. He also grateful for the notebooks ARV supplied so the children would not be lacking supplies since the Government is only supplying textbooks.

V Quarterly report Oct. to Dec .2011

On 05-10-2011 Mr. Sagar visited the **Chevuru** village. He verified the children attendance register and visited 12 children houses to discuss with the parents.

In **Chevuru** village, children are attending regularly and also getting good marks compared to the previous quarter. Out of 45 children, 3 children got “D” grades and 3 children got “C” grades and remaining all got “A” & “B” grades from their examinations. There are also 10 new students attending.

On 24-12-2011, ARV sponsored for 4 children (2boys+2girls) for the State level Badminton competition from **Kandrika** Supplemental Education center. The 4 children who participated in the Badminton tournament held at Vijayawada all got certificates. The parents felt very happy and said that they would not have been able to send their children to the competitions as ARV didn't pay the registration fees. They thanked ARV for taking their children to the State level competitions and for finding sponsors to pay entry / registration fees

Out of 70 students, there are 28 students got “A” Grade, 12 students got “B” Grade and 18 students got “C” and “D” Grades. There are 12 failures in the class and the teacher said that they are new and working below standards. She will give them more support to improve their marks in the next quarter.

On 24th and 25th December 2011, our students namely Adinarayana Murthy and Ravi Teja participated in the District Science Fair held at Paderu.

In **Kusumaguda** Village, two children (Adinarayana Murthy and Ravi Teja) participated in the Science Fair held on 24th and 25th at Paderu town thanks to ARV support.

They presented a very well planned and detailed model on Electrical circuits, and then presented information on the dangers of Electromagnetic fields. The teacher {Vasudev) said that the students worked very hard and were excited to present their skills and knowledge. The children created awareness on the harm of electromagnetic fields, which is one of the invisible causes for the Global warming. They were proud to take part, and were thankful for the opportunity.

On behalf of the government, the State Monitoring Committee visited the school and asked questions on their subjects. The Supplemental Education students answered well and they expressed that they appreciated the after school program. This progress is only due to the additional time given to the students through the child education program.

The school head master Mr. Hussai again thanked to ARV for the extra support they are providing, and he thanked the teacher, Vaudev for her hard work with the students. The success of the students is evidence of the value of the program.

In **Kusumguda** village, out of 73 students 30 got “A” Grade, 20 got “B” Grade and 18 got “C” Grade. There are no failures this term.

On 02-01-2012 volunteers along with Ravi Kumar visited the Supplemental Education centers in **Perikeedu** and **Nimmagadda**. The volunteers met the children and quoted that they are grasping their studies very well. Media people interviewed four volunteers and wrote 3 articles in their newspapers about the children.

VI Quarterly report Jan to Mar 2012

On 26-01- 2012, on the occasion of Republic Day, our Supplemental Education children at **Chevuru** village Boddu Durga Prasad- V Class and Andugula Vidya Sagar – VII Class were rewarded cash prize of Rs. 200 for their achievement in their Half- yearly exams in December. They stood first in the examination of their respective classes in the school. The school management (Mandal Parishad Upper Primary School (Chevuru) and Chennuru Zilla Parishad High school) congratulated the children.

Arja mounika, IX Class from **Chevuru** village has participated in a singing competition held by Chennuru Zilla Parishad High school and was first in the competition. She also participated in Sports (coco game) and got first prize.

Vasi Bindusri, V Class from **Chevuru** village participated in Math Talent tesst conducted by S.V.R school, Gudlavalleru and got second prize in the talent test.

Medisetty pavan kumar, III Class from **Chevuru** village participated in singing competition conducted by Chennuru Zilla Parishad High school and got First prize.

Boddu Ayyappa Swamy, VIII Class from **Chevuru** village participated in Sports (coco game and kabaddi) competition held by Chennuru Zilla Parishad High school and stood First in the competition (coco game) and got first prize.

In Araku, Netzil company organized a sports event in **Dumbriguda Mandal** and 8 schools participated in this event.

A team of girls (Malathi, Deepika, Lavanya, Mamatha, Lakshmi, Roshini, Jaya Lakshmi) from **Araku** have participated in sports (Kabaddi and co-co) conducted by Netzil company in Dumbriguda Mandal Zilla Parishad School and got Second prize in both the games.

Mamatha, V Class from **Araku** have participated in a running competition conducted by Netzil company in Dumbriguda Mandal Zilla Parishad School and got Second prize.

Deepika , VII Class from child chance center of **Araku** have participated in Ring game competition conducted by Netzil company in Dumbriguda Mandal Zilla Parishad School and got First prize.

In Kandrika, our child chance children Saikrishna and team participated in the State level Interschool Championship Volleyball tournament held at Nalgonda District and we are very happy to say that they won the Championship of 2012 Title.

Usually the Supplemental Education teachers conduct Quarterly examinations for every quarter in all the centers. But this quarter the teachers conducted pre-final examinations as it is the end of the academic year. The teachers prepared model question papers in all the subjects in all the centers. 70% of the children from all over the centers have secured good marks and improved their knowledge.

Computer education:

In response of ARV team interventions, Monika and her team from India plan to donate 2 computers and printer for **Chevuru** children. We are going to provide computer education for all the children in **Chevuru** village. We are also working on time slots for children to use computers as well as college going youth.

VII Quarterly report April to June 2012

Computer Education:

On 14-04-2012 ARV inaugurated 2 new computers in the **Chevuru** village for 58 children.

Ravi explained the importance and the role of computers in the present world. Ravi said that though Monika is from India, their team had visited through Longitude to help in building homes. However, Monika was also inspired to help the schools, and came forward to help with computer education. Monika sent Rs.38150 – to buy 2 computers and 1 printer for students to expand their knowledge. When we asked the children who had seen a computer before, only 2 raised their hands. The children were very excited and very grateful to Monika!

Children were then given a demonstration, and learned the parts of the computer together. We divided the systems as 1 for college going students and 1 for school going children. Ravi also suggested that the community could also use these computers for drafting the applications to submit to Government officials regularly. Mr. T.Prasad, voluntarily came forward to teach the computers. Using the systems had already started. We are planning to make the computers available during the summer vacation as well.

Right to Education (Sarva Siksha Abhayan):

The local Government invited ARV to work on Right to Education in 24 villages and 2 Hamlets in **Bapulapadu mandal, Krishna District**.

On 9th and 10th March 2012, 4 volunteers from ARV attended the training organized by the Government. The objective of the training is to work with the Mandal Education Officer (M.E.O) to spread the message that the Right to Education is the entitlement for all the children. Based on this act all the children can get free compulsory education.

On 2nd April 2012, Mr. Sagar met the Mandal Educational Officer and discussed about the Right to Education Act, schedule to take up the classes for parents about the awareness of Right to Education Act.

Also enquired about the school drop-out children in Bapulapadu mandal. Mandal Educational Officer suggested discussing with all the school teachers in the Mandal so that we will get the details of the drop out children.

Training sessions started at Bapulapadu for the parents about the Right to Education Act from 12th April 2012 to 21st April 2012. ARV staff and volunteers (Mr.Vijay Kumar, Mr. Sagar, Mr.Prasad and Mr. Manipaul) trained representatives from the villages, Head Masters of the schools, parents in Bapulapadu Mandal from 43 villages and 78 schools. The total attended for the training sessions are 1532 members in which 80% are Dalit women on the Right to Education. The team presented as follows:

1. Right to Education Act
2. Formation of School Management Committee (SMC)
3. Duties and Responsibilities of School Management Committee (SMC)
4. Counseling on Team Work
5. Utilization of the Funds and Accountability
6. Special Government schemes for Women
7. Facilities available for children with special needs

VIII Quarterly report April to June 2012

In **Chevuru** village, the Government celebrated the Hindi Day which is our National Language on 14th September 2012, and conducted an examination on the Hindi subject, It is very proud to say that our Supplemental Education children from **Chevuru** village namely Boddu Ayyappaswamy, Arja Mounika and Bathula Sandhya Rani stood first and second and got the cash awards.

It is very happy to say that our students Andugula Vidhya Sagar- VIII Class, Boddu Venkata Anil - VIII Class and A. Bhargavi - VII Class selected as Merit students by the Mandal Praja Parishad High School . They got the Cash prize of Rs.2000/- from Mandal Educational Officer, Mudinepalli Mandal.

On 12th July ARV visited the child chance center in **Kusumguda** village in **Dumbriguda mandal** in **Araku** valley region. The children thanked ARV for the completion of 1 successful year. The parents also thanked ARV. The school headmaster Mr. P. Hussain said that the children are coming regularly and are studying well.

We are pleased to say that our student Dippala Narayana, VII Class selected as Merit student by the Science Department, Delhi. He got the Cash prize of Rs.5000/- from Mandal Educational Officer, Dumbriguda Mandal.

Parents Reflections:

Mr. Raghunath, father of Sai Kiran (III Class) said that, “Before starting the Supplemental Education center our children used to attend school irregularly, roaming in the village after school hours, and we had many school dropouts in the village. But now the entire situation has been changed and children are improving their skills and we also understand the importance of children education. This is a very good change to our children for their education. Thanks to ARV”.

Mrs. Muktha mother of Majji Santhi (V Class) expressed that “We are very happy that we are having the Educational Support center in our village so that I am happy that my child is studying well. Her father was expired and I am the one who is running the family. Now my daughter understands the importance of education and showing interest on studies.”

Student Reflections:

Malathi, student of 6th class said that, this Education center helped me a lot in clarifying my doubts. Before, I used to have lot of doubts and asked my friends only. But now I am clarifying it with our teacher Vasudev sir and he is also explaining it well and I am able to do my sums in Math well. I will study well and want to become a teacher and will teach the children in our tribal villages.”

Harigopal, a student from 4th class said that “before I played and did not concentrate on my studies but now I came to know the importance of education and study well and help my parents. Thanks to our teacher who explained to me the importance of education.”

A girl from V Class asked to provide a computer so that we all learn computer skills in the village.

Likewise children expressed their experiences and future ambitions and assured to go school regularly and study hard.

All the parents, children, teacher expressed their gratitude to Angela and Mark and also Longitude who supported the children education and provided a wonderful opportunity to study well.

Mr. Ravi Kumar thanked Angela and Mark for their support to run the Supplemental Education center in the village for 1 year. We sent mail to remind her to run the Education program following next year but she has not been responding. We are struggling to find a way to keep running the Education center in **Kusumguda** village. Also, 2 other tribal village community leaders have requested ARV to establish child education program in their villages because these people have observed the program in Kusumguda village.

ARV is happy to say that the children are improving well and also showing very good results and that parents were happy seeing their children's improvement so they are encouraging them to attend regularly.

IX Quarterly report July to Sep 2012

Medisetty Pavan, IV class and Tanteputi Chandu, V class, of **Chevuru** village have participated in Sports (kho-kho) competition held by Mandal Praja Parishad High school and their team got first prize.

On 14th November 2012, the Sahayamatha School in Mudinepalli mandal organized sports for the children in the Mandal. We are very happy to say that our children Medisetty Pavan, IV class and Tanteputi Chandu, V class got First prize in co-co game.

Vasi Kanakadurga, VII Class from **Chevuru** village has participated in Sports (Long Jump & Running) competition held by Mandal Praja Parishad High school and stood First in the competition and got first prize.

Boddu Vijayadurga, VII Class from **Chevuru** village has participated in Sports (Musical Chair) competition held by Mandal Praja Parishad High school and got second prize.

M. Jhyotsna, IV Class from **Chevuru** village has participated in Sports (Musical Chair) competition held by Mandal Praja Parishad High school and got second prize.

Anamalakurthi Mahesh, VII Class from **Chevuru** village has participated in Sports (Long Jump & Running) competition held by Mandal Praja Parishad High school got first prize.

Boddu Durga Prasad, VI Class from **Chevuru** village has participated in Sports (kabaddi) competition held by Mandal Praja Parishad High school and his team got second prize.

Vasi Bindusri, VII Class from **Chevuru** village has participated in Sports (Musical chair) competition held by SKR school and got first prize.

Vasi Steven Danny, VIII Class from **Chevuru** village has participated in Sports (cycling) competition held by SKR school and stood First in the competition and got first prize.

Arja Mounika, IX Class from **Chevuru** village has participated in Quiz competition held by Zilla Parishad High school and got first prize.

X Quarterly report Oct to Dec 2012

On 21st March 2013, ARV team visited **Kandrika** and **Perikeedu** child chance centre. Umapaul verified all the records and spent time with children to understand how the teacher is supporting their learning. We asked the children some questions related on their subjects (Telugu, English, Science, and Social] for all the classes. Children gave answers nicely. We counseled the children to write their examinations with proper care and to take time to understand the questions well so they can write the correct answers as sometimes they are confusing what the question is asking. We distributed writing pads and geometry boxes to 10th standard children as they are writing their exams from 22nd of March 2013. We encouraged the class for 10th students to study well so that they will be well prepared for the exams. Umapaul appreciated the teacher for the way she is maintaining all the records and children's progress.



On 22nd March 2013, ARV team visited the **Chevuru** village Education center. Sagar verified all the records and enquired about the progress of the Children. Sagar gave some tips to the children on writing the examinations and also how to prepare the subject.

On 23rd March 2013, ARV team visited **Nimmagadda** Education centre and verified all the records and enquired about the progress of their children.

On 26th March 2013 ARV team visited Prem Nivas center for Mentally Retarded children. Previously ARV supported school uniform for the children. The children



felt very happy and they thanked ARV with their small words. The warden, teachers said that the children are proud to wear their uniforms and they are very happy with their new clothes for school. We distributed some snacks and drinks to the children.

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Quarterly report April to June 2013

On 4th of May, Mr. Sagar with ARV team visited **Danagudem** village in Kaikalur Mandal as the villagers approached ARV to conduct a Supplemental Education center in their village.

Danagudem is a small village in Kaikalur Mandal, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh, India. Total population of the village is 688. Majority of the population belong to socially-economically-culturally-politically discriminated, excluded and exploited social group of Dalits.

Major occupation for the villagers is agriculture which also depends on monsoons which provide around 90 days of work for agriculture laborers in a year. But, Dalits do not own agriculture land and depend on agriculture labor for livelihood. Since the agriculture labor work is for only 90 days in a year, the majority of the Dalits are below the poverty line. As the Krishna River flows on one side, Kolleru Lake is on the other side of the village, floods are common during monsoon. The village also lacks basic amenities like drinking water and sanitation.

There is one primary school in the village (up to 5th class). Children have to travel 2 kms if they want to pursue higher education every day. While the bus timings do not suit school timings, parents also cannot afford the cost of travel of their children because of poverty. Girl children further had to face additional problems in travelling daily if they want to pursue higher education. All these factors affect the children's learning in the school. In addition, children are also finding it difficult to learn mathematics, science and English language. Since most of the parents are also illiterate they are not able to monitor the progress of their children's education. Besides, they do not find time also due to their hard labor work. After observations from the interaction with parents and children, ARV selected **Danagudem** for implementing the Supplemental Educational Program to change the lives of children for a brighter future.

On 17th June 2013, ARV inaugurated Supplemental Education Program in **Danagudem** (Kaikalur Mandal). 250 members attended this program including 105 children. Some of the local leaders attended the program. They are very excited and felt very happy that ARV is conducting a very good program and they will give their support in sending the children regularly. Mr. Vijay Kumar of ARV explained about the program and it is useful for the children for their future. Mr. Chandar Rao (Local Leader) of that area told that, there are still so many children who are not attending and will motivate them to come to this child education program and make them to come regularly. They are very thankful to ARV that they are conducting a very meaningful program in our locality and we will give our support to them. Mr. Ananda Kumar, teacher of the Government school said that “it is fortunate for getting the children education center in our village and also ARV is encouraging us in our education. Really the children are wasting their time after school; this center will help the children to utilize their time in a meaningful way”. The parents also felt very happy and one of the parents Mrs. Buritigadda Rajamma told that, this program is a gift of God for our children and we are very thankful to ARV.



We appointed a volunteer Ms. B. Karuna. She is a B.Sc. Bed Graduate in Mathematics, and she told us that she will give the children her best and make the children more educated and try to make them to pass with good marks. ARV distributed school supplies to 105 children. After that we distributed some chocolates, sweets and biscuits for the children, parents, and for the leaders

who attended the program. Children Supplementary Education program ensures that the students keep up with their studies so they can have more opportunities in the future.

On 19th June 2013, ARV team visited **Kandrika** (Vijayawada rural). ARV invited one of the Government teachers, Mr. B. Nireekshana Rao to the child education center. He said to the children that “it is a very good opportunity for all the children as a number of children are lacking so many facilities and not even having books, but with the help of ARV you are all getting books so utilize this opportunity and study well. He also requested ARV to organize a child supplementary educational center in their school. We distributed school supplies to 64 children and said that this will be a good opportunity for the children and hoped they will utilize this opportunity and study well.



On 8th June 2013 ARV visited **Aasirvadapuram** colony in **Machilipatnam**. It is growing as a town on the Bay of Bengal coastline and categorized as a special grade municipality. It is the District Administrative Head-Quarters of the Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh, India.

There are Yanadi colonies in Machilipatnam. Yanadis are one of the semi-nomadic tribes who used to live in the forest and have been forced out of the forests during the last 100 years. Their existence has been traced to Palaeolithic periods in the Nallamala forest of Andhra Pradesh in India. Their traditional knowledge of flora & fauna in the forest was used to gather food, medicines and other needs.

After they have been forced out of forest, they are trying to adapt to new lifestyles and learn new skills of survival. Literacy is one of the major problem now for Yanadis. In the modern welfare State, Yanadis are one of the neglected tribes among the numerous tribal communities in Andhra Pradesh. We are in the 21st century heading towards conquering space but our own brethren are still languishing without even common facilities like education, food and shelter. Their language is not useful in the towns and cities. Since they are nomadic, they do not feel that they belong to any particular region. For the same reason, they do not possess any assets like land or houses. The compulsory education policy has failed to make any dent in the Yanadis. The illiteracy rate is very high among them, and the main reason behind their backwardness.

There are 51 children studying in Government school, who needs more assistance in studies. When we enquired about their livelihood, the parents of the children are all below poverty line. They are all daily wage workers. They are all tribals. Their occupation is hunting animals such as

birds, snakes and rats and also women will go for house work. They are unable to afford more on their studies. There is no school in this area. The children will go to Government school in Machilipatnam which is far from this area. The children are very poor in their education. Met the elders of the area and explained about ARV and Supplemental Education Program. They requested ARV to start a center in their area and help the children in their education. ARV appointed a volunteer Ms. D. Latha Kumari B.Sc Bed Graduate, and she told us that she will give the children her best, and make the children more educated and try to make them to pass with good marks and also that she will gather the children so they will attend.



On 24th June 2013, ARV inaugurated the Supplemental Education Program in **Aasirvadapuram** in **Machilipatnam** rural. Distributed school supplies to 51 children in this center.

Mr.Subba Rao father of a drop out child named Pamarthi Durga Prasad, approached ARV to help his child to join in school. ARV did counseling with boy and parents and admitted the child in Hyny High School in Machilipatnam and provided school supplies and school uniform. Now his family is so happy that he again joined in school and continuing his education.

On 25th June 2013, ARV team visited **Perikeedu** center. Distributed school supplies to 41 children and said that this will be a good opportunity for the children and hope they will utilize this opportunity and study well.



- ARV supported a BSc Nursing student named C.Sowmya, to pay the fees for her college as her father is unable to afford the fee and requested ARV to help his daughter for her

education.

- ARV supported a girl named K.Mary Prasanthi d/o K.Suguna Rao who works as a daily-wage labour at Autonagar. His monthly salary is very low and he is not in a position to educate his daughter. She has successfully passed and promoted to V Class and also very much interested in studies but the parents are not in a position to afford for her education. So her aunty requested ARV to kindly support for her education.
- ARV supported a student named B. Kinnu S/O B. Hari Babu who is an agricultural laborer at Chevuru village and he is unable to pay the admission fee. So he requested ARV to kindly support for his son's admission fees so that he can join his son in school.
- ARV supported Rs 5000/- for a student named T. Princy D/o T. Jhyothi who is a house wife in Chevuru village and unfortunately lost her husband with heart attack in March 2013. She is unable to pay the school fee and buy books. So she requested ARV to kindly support for her daughter's fees and for books.
- ARV distributed books, slates, pens, pencils, slate pencils, erasers and sharpeners to 334 children in our Supplemental Education center at Danagudem, Kandrika, Machilipatnam, Perikeedu and Chevuru villages.
- ARV supported for a student named M. Neelima D/o M. Sikhamani in Hanuman Junction as her father is a line man in telephones and he is unable to send her to coaching to appear for Government examinations. The girl is very much interested in getting a government job and she requested ARV to kindly support her for coaching fees.