

## **Concept note on Child Right Protection**

**Title:** "Protection of Children Rights"

**Project Area:** Selected cluster villages of Haveri districts

**Project duration :** Three Years

**Project Area:**

Haveri District situated on the Northern part of Karnataka. The district consisting of seven-taluka viz., Haveri, Ranibennur, Byadagi, Savanur, Shiggaon, Hangal & Hirekerur. The district effected by drought annual rainfall is below 700 m.m. Agriculture is the major occupation, due to uncertain and erratic rainfall disturbed agriculture practices, it effected people hopes of income also. The District is having very less forest leftout. People don't have alternative source of livelyhood. So badly effected by Women and children of the area. Problem caused migration to coffee plantation and big cities for their livelihood along with their children. Urban slum of the Ranibennur town is also badly effected on the children health, education and natural growth.

VRDS is planning to work by selecting few villages and demonstrate protecting children rights by empowering women of the location. We will work intensively in 10 Grama panchayaths and 10 urban slums of Ranibennur taluk, and Haveri district. The selected area for the project is more Lambanies, Harijans, Muslims, and other backward communities. Area is not having any irrigation facilities, people heavily depended on monsoon rains for cultivation activities. Beedi (local cigar) making is major occupation in urban slum, most of the children and women are working without bothering their health and hygienic conditions.

Traditional leaders are powerful, women are dominated by male community, they don't have voice against injustice, source of alternative income is also very poor, Government facilities is not reaching needy people. Devadasi and bettale seva (Naked worship) system practicing in lower caste in several villages. NGO intervention is essential to changing the power structure and social harmony in these area.

## **VRDS works on Children education and ICDS programme :**

VRDS is forefront in working with women in Haveri district on various socio economic issues. VRDS is closely working on girl child education improvement, strengthening Balavikasa Samiti and SHG Federation on effective monitoring Health and Nutrition supplies through Anganawadies. VRDS conducted capacity development training to the Anagawadi teachers on ICDS and nutrition programme. VRDS facilitated conducting nutrition health checkup camps in village level and found several children suffering from malnourished. We motivated parents of those children family and referred Nutrition Rehabilitation Centers to get extra treatment. Reactivated Nutrition Rehabilitation Centers works in Haveri District. VRDS organized Ranibennur slum development sanga by involving youths of slum area and reactivated local Primary Education programme. With our intervention 35 dropout children are attending regular classes. VRDS also worked closely in implementation Sarva shiksha abhiyana in Haveri District with support of Education Department. Conducted mass awareness programme on child marriage, POSCO act by involving Judge and senior officers of the district. VRDS also working closely with State Child Right Commission in protecting the rights of the Children.

## **Objectives of the proposed project:**

- Empowerment of women with special focus on destitute, widow, single, and socially disadvantaged groups such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes and Minorities.
- Ensuring better food, education and health services for the children of the target community.
- Reduce migration through introduction variety of income generation activities and minimize school dropouts.
- Developing Network like minded organization and institute.

## **Methodology:**

VRDS is having very good experience in socio – economic development by working at grass root. Based on our experience following methodology will be adopted to reach our objectives envisaged above.

- i. Collecting children data from school, anganawadi, panchyath and City Corporation.
- ii. Identification of target group families.
- iii. Analysies of education situation and adopt stratagies.
- iv. Rapport building and awareness programme.
- v. Formation of Self Help Group and strengthening existing target groups.
- vi. Empower women to act as pressure group for effective function of Grama panchyath, Balavikasa Samithi, School Development

- Members Committee (SDMC), Childrens Gramasbha through Gram panchayat, Children's club etc.,
- vii. Facilitate people's organization for effective monitoring on midday meals, nutrition supplies and health service under ICDS programme etc.,
  - viii. Facilitate to formation of science club, maths club, environment club and student cabinet and increase their participation, knowledge and leadership qualities.
  - ix. Organize special coaching classes for SSLC students and bridge classes for the physically challenged and abled persons.
  - x. Conduct jatha and awareness programme and increase public participation and developing conducive atmosphere for learning students.
  - xi. Convergence support with Education, Health, Panchayat.
  - xii. Case studies and documentation on best practices.

**Programme:**

1) Community Organization: Community Organisation is the basic programme to understand community, organizing, finding issues and bring them into main stream activities. VRDS will depute experienced Community Organiser for the project. One community organizer will cover one grama panchyath / 2 urban slums. Community organizer works involve visiting house to house, awareness, rapport building, motivation, organizing meetings, organizing functional literacy, facilitating systems, documentations, training, exposure, linkages, resolving conflicts, smooth functioning of the group, networking, etc., activities will be organized by finding need of the group.

2) Capacity Development Training Programme: Understanding and strengthening existing groups are working on education, health and nutrition aspect of the children. The training will be organized on -

- Karnatka Panchyath Raj Act, roles and responsibilities of Grama Panchyath in development of Lower Primary and Higher primier education and various statutory bodies formation.
- Awareness on ICDS, Mid day meals and other education programme for the welfare of the children.
- Concept and development of Self Help Groups and livelihood support activities.
- The role of Primary Health Center/Unit, CDPO in monitoring and delivary of health and nutrition related activities through Anganawadi teacher, ANM and Asha Karyakarte.
- Role and strengthening of Balavikasa Samithi, SDMC in monitoring Pre Primary and Primary education.

3) **Conduct Legal Awareness Camp:** The parents and public will be sensitized on various legal issues like Bonded Labour Act, Juvenile justice act, child marriage prevention act, child trafficking control act, POSCO act etc., and create good living and learning atmosphere in village and urban slum.

4) **Special Coaching Classes:** Identification of slow learning and poor student really need extra coaching, VRDS will facilitate to conduct special coaching classes for those children. VRDS also conduct computer skill education to children are learning in Higher primary and Secondary students. Girl child learning Secondary school she needs special classes to improve her ability, understanding and face public exam. In such cases VRDS will organize special coaching classes. VRDS also facilitate to conduct bridge school to physically challenged children required teacher assistance at their resident.

5) **Network:** To work with Government department with Taluk and District officer federating village level SHGs and empower them to address common issues and problems related Primary education, health and nutrition aspects. These groups further linked with like minded other institution working at State/National level. Through this network mass awareness programme will be organized.

6) **Organizing programs and trainings** how to prepare local nutrition food in the Home for malnourished children's.

#### **Expected Out Put:**

- 1) Target group people will involve in managing and control over better education, health and nutrition supplies to their children.
- 2) Grama Panchayat, Civil Amenities Clubs like Balavikasa Samithi and SDMC will function effectively in all project area.
- 3) 80% control on school dropout and migration of parents.
- 4) Girl child education improves and many social evils like child marriage, devadasi system were controlled.
- 5) 100% children learning in Higher Primary and Secondary education will involve different socio, economic, cultural and sports clubs.
- 6) Public will aware on various laws and punishment against child harassment and punishments.
- 7) Project villages stopped child Abusing and safe villages.
- 8) Women will raise voice against injustice and protecting child rights.
- 9) Strengthening Nutritional rehabilitation centre (NRC) in Govt. hospital all the malnourished children's get good nutrition food and treatment. Reducing the infant mortality rate.

**Conclusion:**

The project will take care of the children and women of marginal section. It will focus on sustainable income on one hand and empowerment against exploitation and injustice on children education, health and nutrition aspects. Women involvement in various civil societies like SDMC, Balavikasa Samithi, Midday meal programme and legal awareness are good exposure for raising their voice against violation of norms and guidelines. We expect three to four year time desired changes will taking place by our best approach and committed work on the above issues.

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