

Child Friendly Spaces Progress Report

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CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES

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SAATH designed Child-Friendly Spaces- a unique, informal education course with an aim to later enroll the child labourers, children of construction labourers in formal education. With a steady influx of migrating families to urban settlements and poor quality of education, creating alternative education spaces for quality education has become important.

IMPACT

Currently, there are 8 Child Friendly Space (CFS) centres; 3 in the slums of Ahmedabad and 5 on construction sites. Through our CFS centres, we have enrolled more than 4,211 child labourers and children of labourers in our CFS classes and 372 out of them have been admitted to formal schools.

QUARTERLY STATUS OF CFS (Januray - March, 2016)

During this quarter various activities were conducted for the physical and mental development of children and special care was taken on their health, hygiene and nutrition. Apart from regular education activities recreational activities were also carried out such as celebration of the Republic Day on 26th January, exposure visit to various places in the city and sports activities. One of our centres in Naroda – Mahadev Residency was closed in the beginning of January'16.

Saath this year completed its 27th year on 28th February, 2016 and this occasion was celebrated by cooking special food for the children and then later on distributing it at all the centres. A special workshop for children and teachers was organised at Ahmedabad Management Association in January'16 for creative learning practices. Parents meetings were also organised at all centres in January, along with a Teacher's training at Saath head office.



Saath's 27th Year Celebration with Children

We have divided the children at the centres in three groups according to their age:

Group A: Children who very young, prayers, poems and basic body parts are taught here

Group B: Children are taught Alphabets and Numbers in English and Gujarati

Group C: Children are taught how to write and also they learn addition, subtraction, multiplication.

Given below is the brief of activities at each individual centre:

Fatehwadi



The children learned various prayers and songs, writing Gujarati alphabets, counting from 1 to 20 and English alphabets from A to G. The children also played various games and exercised as well. Children were taught to read and write simple words.

Ram – Raheem Tekro



According to different age group children were taught English and Gujarati alphabets, simple addition and subtraction sums, names of flowers and fruits in English, counting from 1 to 50 and writing small essays.

Vejalpur



The children learned basic alphabets, numbers from 1 to 50, reading charts kept at the centres, speaking numbers from 1 to 10, prayers and songs and playing various games.

SW Park –Vasna



The children learned to read and write simple words and the younger children were involved through the games and songs. The children were taught about various shapes and sizes, names of the days and months and simple examples of addition and subtraction.

Rajyesh Revanta



The children played with various toys and beads. Educational songs were taught to children, simple words, English alphabets, counting numbers and drawing activities were carried out. Older children were also taught tables and multiplication, division sums.

Aakruti Aangan - Lamba



The children were taught alphabets, counting from 1 to 20, songs and various games. The older children learned tables from 2 to 10, addition and subtraction sums and reading the charts.

Aaryan Opulence – Ambali



In this center children were taught to read and write numbers 1-50. The children were taught to read all the charts kept at the centre and children were taught names of various animals, birds, trees and other objects. Children also read English alphabets and numbers from 1 to 100.

Le Jardin – Law Garden



One of our newest centre, the children were taught Gujarati and English alphabets, general knowledge sessions and counting numbers from 1 to 100.

In the parents meeting the parents were made aware about vaccination and immunisation of children.

CHALLENGES

- ✓ Parents don't think it's important for their child to attend such activity classes
- ✓ They think they are losing household income if children go to school
- ✓ As the children are from Migrant families, it becomes difficult track the kids once they move to different sites
- ✓ Stationary, Toys, Teacher Expenses, Snacks are becoming costlier.
- ✓ The attrition rates of students is high
- ✓ Regular funding is not there for this program

BENEFICIARY STORY

Payal (Name Changed), 6 years old girl belongs to the Thandla village of M.P. Her parents are construction workers at the Le Jardin site, Law Garden, Ahmedabad. Saath started the Child Friendly spaces at this construction site in December, 2015. The CFS model supports activity based non-formal



learning, nutritional snacks, health care and extra-curricular activities. 207 malnourished children have become healthy during the period of April, 2015 to January, 2016 with the support of the Child Friendly Spaces. The teachers keep a track of the height and weight and maintain a register. Monthly medical check-up is organised at each of the

centres with the help of experienced physicians. One such example of a child, who has become healthy after attending the classes, is Payal of the Le Jardin Law Garden CFS.

Payal got enrolled in the classes on 29th December, 2015. At that time her physical growth was stunted and she appeared to be a weak child. She was

a malnourished child, since she was just 16 Kgs at the time of enrolment; as a result she looked very pale and thin. As per the growth milestones, she was underweight. She had gone for an education enhancement programme, organised by the CFS project team at Ahmedabad Management Association, where Payal had also participated. According to the observation of some of the co-workers of the CFS project team, the girl had trouble in even walking and getting up from her seat during the workshop. After few months of the CFS intervention, Payal gained 4 Kgs and looks quite different than what she did at the beginning of CFS. The teacher also gives her Chawanprash, which she likes eating. The Chawanprash are gifted by the Dabur Company as a part of their CSR activities every year. These Chawanprash are distributed to all the CFS classes run by Saath in Ahmedabad. Payal loves to write the English Alphabets and reciting poetry.

STATUS OF CFS

Child Friendly Spaces- Status in March 15				
Sr. No.	Name of the Centre	No. of Children		
		Boy	Girl	Total
1	Fatehwadi	24	22	46
2	Ram rahim no tekro	11	17	28
3	Vejalpur	19	20	39
4	Swaminarayan park- Vasna	18	19	37
5	Rajyash Revanta - Vasna	25	16	41
6	Aakruti Aangan- Lambha	15	23	38
7	Aaryan Opulence- Ambli	9	7	16
8	Le Jardin- Law garden	9	13	22
Total		130	137	267

Child Friendly Spaces (January 16- March 16)									
Sr. No.	Name of the Centre	Newly Enrolled Children				Children enrolled to School			
		Jan.16	Feb.16	Mar.16	Total	Jan.16	Feb.16	Mar.16	Total
1	Fatehwadi	4	5	-	9	-	-	-	-
2	Ram rahim no tekro	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
3	Vejalpur	6	1	4	11	-	-	-	-
4	Swaminarayan park- Vasna	10	1	-	11	-	-	-	-
5	Rajyash Revanta - Vasna	16	7	-	23	-	-	-	-
6	Aakruti Aangan- Lambha	2	14	2	18	-	-	-	-
7	Aaryan Opulence- Ambli	2	4	3	9	-	-	-	-
8	Le Jardin- Law garden	9	4	-	13	-	-	-	-
Total		50	36	10	96	-	-	-	-

ACTIVITY PHOTOS

Jewellery Making Workshop



Visit to Kids City, Kankaria, Ahmedabad!!



26th January, Republic Day Celebration!!

