

## **Nurture Community Rehabilitation Program Report March 2025**

The **One Billion Literates Foundation (OBLF)** is a grassroots non-profit whose mission is to create better futures for the underserved rural communities of Anekal Taluk, in the outskirts of Bangalore.

The **Nurture Community Rehabilitation Program** is an initiative by **One Billion Literates Foundation (OBLF)** that supports some of the most **severely marginalized communities** in Anekal, Bengaluru. By focusing on **education, healthcare, sanitation, and vocational training**, Nurture aims to uplift these communities and empower them to break free from cycles of poverty and social exclusion.

Through dedicated interventions such as our **Learning Centre, sports-based life skills program, healthcare clinics, and sanitation awareness initiatives**, we are working towards **sustainable development and self-reliance** for these vulnerable populations.

### **The Need**

#### **Tribal Community in Bannerghatta**

The Iruliga and Hakki Pikki tribes, recognized as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), have been settled on the outskirts of Bannerghatta National Park for over 40 years. With no formal education across generations, this community faces extremely low literacy levels, poor healthcare access, and limited vocational opportunities. Discrimination and isolation further restrict their access to basic services, reinforcing a cycle of poverty.

#### **Waste Pickers' Community in Heelalige**

This community, made up of migrant waste pickers, lives and works on a three-acre plot, sorting and selling waste under harsh and unsanitary conditions. Lacking official documentation, these 500 individuals (about 100 families) are ineligible for government welfare programs and struggle with unsafe living conditions, inadequate healthcare, and a lack of educational opportunities.

### **Solution: OBLF's Nurture Program Interventions**

#### **Education & Bridge Learning**

- **Learning Centre:** Helps out-of-school children overcome language and literacy barriers. 6 students have already transitioned into mainstream education and continue their studies.



- **Bridge Program:** We run a bridge program for 25 children (from these communities) in the school to help them bridge the gap between their age and grade level, ensuring a smoother transition into formal education.
- **Community Library:** A dedicated space where children can unlock their imaginations, discover the joy of reading, and access learning resources within their community.



- **Art Therapy:** There was a year end showcase of the creative art therapy sessions at the Ramasagara school (where children from the WPC/migrant community study).



## Art Showcase

### Healthcare Access

- **Health Clinics:** Ongoing monthly clinics in Hakki Pikki Colony provide preventive care, primary healthcare, eye care, and mental health support.
- **Essential Medicines:** Patients in both communities receive free medicines and treatment for chronic illnesses, reducing health disparities.



Health Clinic

### Sports Program

Physical activity remains a key component in developing confidence, teamwork, and discipline among children and youth.

- **Current enrollment in sports at Hakki Pikki:** 25 children
- **Sports activities conducted:** Football and frisbee for children and youth
- **Training sessions:** 6 days a week, promoting continuous engagement and physical well-being
- **GameChangers Program:** OBLF took a transformative step by enrolling four young girls from the Hakki Pikki community into the GameChangers Program, an initiative by Ultimate Peace and India Ultimate, supported by the U.S. Department of State. Designed to empower 100 young girls across India, the program uses Ultimate Frisbee to build leadership and coaching skills.



**GameChangers Program**

**Sanitation and Community Well-being** The program continues to drive awareness and infrastructure improvements for sanitation within the communities.

- **Impact:** Over 400 individuals have transitioned to using improved sanitation facilities
- **Continued awareness programs on hygiene:** Encouraging healthier practices and environmental responsibility



**Toilet Facility**

The Nurture program remains committed to fostering sustainable change among marginalized communities. With ongoing educational initiatives, sports programs, healthcare services, and sanitation efforts, the program is empowering individuals to lead healthier, more stable lives. Future goals include expanding educational reach, enhancing vocational training, and strengthening healthcare services to ensure long-term community development.