



SPARSHA TRUST ®

"A Team for Better Society"

Annual Report 2012-13



Sparsha Trust Managing trustee is creative, dynamic and gifted Social Worker. He has commitment and passion to help needy and vulnerable Communities and children. He has gratitude towards these communities and children.



Sparsha Trust have observed and recorded that Bangalore a silicon city has large number of children deprived of their basic rights to Survival, Protection, Development and Participation par with United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child. Due to poverty and parental negligence, children are deviated from mainstream of education and their Right to Education is violated.

Children are forced into rag picking, begging, and child labor practices. physical abuse, emotional abuse ,and sexual abuse etc., On the contrary these children are deprived of basic necessities like food, clothing, drinking water and shelter. Fundamental rights are also not facilitated, exercised and violated.

“Sparsha Trust” founded in the year 2005 by a group of committed students of Master of Social Work and right minded volunteers endeavoring to bring vulnerable children in to the mainstream of society

Sparsha operate 8 sustainable and viable shelters in Bangalore city and assisted 898 educationally deprived, working and street children,. As on this day, 381 deprived children are entered in to main stream with the success rate of 68%. But the situation is quite alarming and need to cover more left out children.

Deprived children of Sparsha \are orphans, single parented, child laborers drug addicts, begging, rag pickers and street children. These children were identified and enrolled in Sparsha children shelters. They were provided basic necessities and taught non formal education and life skills and later entered in to main stream of the society. By end 2012, 275 children were enrolled and retained between 8 Sparsha centers focused on rehabilitation and reintegration with the parents.

Sparsha is doing yeoman services to humanity. Organization has been blessed and recognized its services for vulnerable children and mankind by credible organizations and public

Sparsha has been awarded State Award “**Sri Sri Award**” from Sri Sri Ravishanakar Guruji and “**Kalasha Award**” from Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore West. Mr. R. Gopinath , Managing trustee and Mrs. Chitra , Administrator of Sparsha received these awards in recognition of their selfless services to humanity and man kind

As an advanced stage in the field of development, now Sparsha team members and supporters have larger vision and visionised to provide a platform to these children for creating their brighter future in the society. Sparsha Trust has started initiating and inducting a project called “**NISARGA GRAMA**” Vision 2015- A shelter for 1000 educational deprived children.

I take up this as an opportunity to thank all our supporter, donors, donor organizations, children and parents who have join hands with Sparsha Trust with an immense achievement, learning’s, strength to face a challenges, in this one more year of organization journey. Sincere appreciation and acknowledging their participation in the smooth sailing of Sparsha with out any hiccups and future also

Ongoing projects

RESEDENTIAL SPECIAL TRAINING AND URBAN DEPRIVED CHILDREN CENTERS

With the technical and financial support of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana inducted RST Center and 3 UDC Centers in three different geographical area each in Bangalore city. These centers implemented various need based children's activities focused on ensuring and promotion of Child Rights and also Right to quality basic education.. Different category of benefitted children are orphans, single parented, child labours, drug addicts, begging, rag pickers and street children brought into the Sparsha children shelters and are trained to bring them into the mainstream.

MAKKALA DHAMA

48 children were accommodated (32 girls, 16 boys) and enrolled in this center ensuring their rights are protected. Children were provided basic needs namely food, health care, shelter and preparatory education. These children belong to various categories like child labor, school drop outs, etc., Monthly health checkups were organized. Day to day activities were activity was based on plan which mainly focused on their moral and knowledge development.



Makkala Dhama children had a sufficient place for their education class, creative activity, sleeping area, performing cultural activities at this spacious center. .Center 2 Big halls, 1 store room/office room, 1 kitchen, 3 bath rooms, 3 toilets. There is a bore well water facility. Big play ground in front of center. Grown up children were taught basic computer literacy program namely MS Word



Makkaladhama team conducted education awareness campaign in the vicinity of surrounding villages focused on Right to Education, school enrollment and importance of formal education. Meaningful message was also spread – ***ALL CHILDREN SHALL ATTEND THE SCHOOL AND NOT TO WORK***



SHIKSHANA MITRA-1, Sanjivinagar



Shikshana Mitra, Sanjivinagar center was a model center for the surrounding communities and parents. Within a short span of 3 ½ years of dedicated and committed work, organization was able to make it as multi access center with the facilities namely library, computer, coaching class, care and protection organization identified and enrolled more than 60 children at this center

with the 90% of retention rate annually. These children were belong to different categories of child labourers, out of school children, etc., Center ensured and also promote all child rights namely Right to Education, Survival. Protection, Development and participation.

Regular health checkups were conducted along with referral services for Medicare and treatment of the identified cases.

Exposure trip was organized , educational exposure was done through various program like Prathibha Prothasha, Joy of Reading, celebrating national festival, Makkala Milana program, occasional camp, Interaction with the volunteers, etc.,

SHIKSHANA MITRA-2, Mastripalya

Organization identified 52 children in crisis belong to parents engaged in construction works and also migrated workers. Children in the age group 6-14 years admitted in this center with few siblings also

By adopting various strategies, we were able to mould these children. We were succeeded to prepare 48 children to mainstream by the end of the year 2012.

Need base activities implemented are

- Conducted regular health checkups
- Conducted regular mothers/parents meeting for the children retain in the center
- Various program was conducted to give exposure on education, basic knowledge, entertainment, etc.,
- Various elementary teaching method were adopted with the guidance of Education department and other right minded NGOs



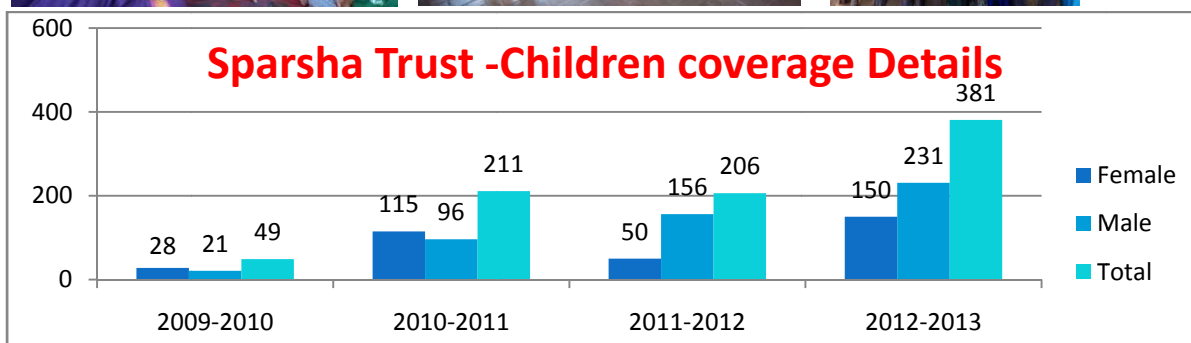
CHINNARA THANGUDHAMA:

Sparsha Trust under Sarva Shikshana Abhiyana (SSA) established 2 centers in Bangalore north and 1 center in Bangalore south. 150 urban deprived children were enrolled belong to various categories namely begging, run away from home,, rag picking, substance abuse, child labor, trafficked child, etc., These children of various reasons deviated from the education accessibility and stayed on street. This initiative helped the children in identifying their potential, developing their passion towards better life. With regular counseling and various interventions these children were brought to the mainstream leading to their holistic development.



OPEN SHELTER – MAKKALA MITRA:

Sparsha Trust under the Women and Child Development of Department established 2 open shelters (Makkala Mitra). Makalu MITRE in Raja rajeswari nagar and Hoskote. This project is focused on improving living condition of vulnerable children, ensuring and protecting all their rights. . A children identified for rehabilitation were housed in a comfortable accommodation. Children also made comfortable with the counselors by exposing them to inspirational films, books, games and other media. In our center mentor help the child to shape his/her future. As on to daywe have 45 children (in 2 centers)



NIGHT SHELTERS for urban homeless in Bangalore:

In the present complex situation with corruption, intervention of politicians, low social and economic development, nation is gradually thinking in terms of concept and awareness of privatization. This will definitely has negative effects in terms of migration, family values. Norms, relationship and taking care of disabled and elderly persons in the family circle. On account of this many members are thrown out of their families and also became home lees. These members no doubt require shelters for their stay during the nights. This problem has become in Bangalore city



Sparsha Trust initiated two Night shelters with support of BBMP East Bangalore . On an average 150 inmates utilized the premises for their stay during the night. Night meal also served to these members.



GNANA MITRA (COMMUNITY LIBRARY)

Gnana Mitra, being a new concept yielding the joy of learning to the children of Sparsha as well as community children. This project was initiated with support of India literacy Project (ILP) which has the community and a mobile library.

Children studying in government schools were focused in order to utilize facilities of full fledged library at this center. Many useful books are purchased to enhance reading and learning skills of these children. Children were also trained to utilize mobile libraries for improvement of knowledge. 248 children availed this facility and are enriched with reading and learning skills and habit



SAMUDHAAYA MITRA

Sparsha operated this program at Anekal Bangalore urban district covering 32 Gramapanchayats with the support of DC Bangalore. 25 graduate youth are working as *Samudaaya Mitras* at Workers Facilities Centers. *SamudaayaMitra* (SM) is a person who acts as a bridge between needy people and government schemes. He/she ensures that unorganized workers receive quality life and avail government schemes for various purposes under social security package More than 3000 families were assisted and utilized government benefits and social security package in the organization operational area

MULTI DIMENSIONAL LEARNING CENTER (MDLC)

Sparsha initiated a MDLC center designed to enrich the learning experience and ensure all-round development of children. MDLC aimed at providing focused educational support, in terms of computer education, training on science through demonstrations of experiments in the science labs that will be set up and inculcating good reading habits in children. We also provide children with spoken English training.

The effort of the project to educate the children will have long lasting impact. Convert the dreams of the children into reality. At center Sparsha also focused on other aspects that train the children on life skills, soft skills, build confidence and prepare them to open themselves to the world of knowledge. The aim is to bring children into the Shikshana Mitra fold and coach them to attain better academic levels. *In the year 2012 nearly 350 children availed this facility.*



KALAM'S TEAM

Kalam Team is the team which plays a role model to other deprived children, who have slogan *“if we have a big dream and desire we can reach in any situation”* *“Nothing is impossible”*. The team is a mentor group for all the deprived children. Sparsha initiated a group, with 30 children from all shelters. To develop themselves as role model with the following objectives.

Objectives :-

- Create interest in Science, Computer
- To be aware of the importance of Science



Children were trained in the following areas

- To learn 1000 English words
- To Know Multiplication Table up to 50
- To be ready to debate on 50 Topics
- To learn MS- Office in computer
- To be able to perform 10 experiments in Science.
- To be conversant in English
- To be have good knowledge of Science and computers



MAKKALA MILANA program:

This is an event where the children of Sparsha are made to join and interact with children of international schools like Nagarjuna school, Delhi Public School. This event directly increases the hunger of Sparsha Trust center children to learn more.

The children of Sparsha were even taken to Lalbagh on 8th Nov 2012. Children were made to interact with volunteers of a prestigious company INTEL and played games with them. This developed, the self confidence level to these children.

Children of Sparsha & community had a great opportunity when they were able to enter the world famous IT industry named **INFOSYS** with the assistance of **Mr.Harish of ILP** on 30-3-2013. They felt amazed by the environment inside the campus due to which more than 20 children out of 30 decided themselves to study hard and become engineers in field of computer and working Infosys.



ODHU MITRA ODHU:

This is one of the programs initiated at Gnana mitra library. Children were library members gave awareness to the community children who later became the members of the library and made use of library. They also helped the children to read and understand the books. Made the children to involve in library activity.

Children who read the quality books do shared with other children . This motivated other children to read the books and for younger children to understand.



JOY OF READING MONTH:

The Team of Sparsha initiated a special event called “Joy of Reading” during month of November 2012 on the eve of “Children’s Day” celebration. This event is initiated and developed interest of Reading habits in children .Eligibility criteria was that each child should have read minimum of 25 books from library and must know multiplication tables upto 50. The event was



mainly conducted to develop interest in reading books and ensure book reading habit is knowledgeable and joyful.

Operation Rakshana

On August 2012, with the Department of Police, SPARSHA joined in the venture of rescuing begging children in Bangalore city. Sparsha undertaken the responsibility of north division of Bangalore. With team effort , Sparsha rescued about 37 children.

More than 350 children were rescued with the joint efforts of Sparsha, other NGOs and Police Department in Bangalore city

