IRDRP Activity Report from

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PREVENT AND CONTROL IN CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD LABOUR IN STONE QUARRIES IN CHENNAI

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Project synthesis:

IRDRP is continuing the Stone quarries child labour project for the next 3 years in new villages and old villages by enrolling of all the eligible children in all 3 major working areas by the end of the other three years (2018-2021). Mainstream all children (both boys and girls) in the age group of 6 – 14 years into the main school studies, who are dropped outs, by the end of each year. IRDRP will continue to give convenient education centers, Non formal education or Private studies to all the children of quarry areas in the age group of 5 to 18 years through educational classes in the next three years. There will be special focus to slow learners and Rehabilitate senior children in the age group of 14 – 18 children into their vocational skill empowerment. Promote sanitary napkin to young girls through NGOs.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1 List out eligible children for enrollment:

we started our activities of Phase III (2018-2021) in Stone quarry areas. We selected five new villages and kept 2 old areas as follow up. Once the project approved we started taking survey in all these 7 villages and identified children under 4 and 5 years old. **We identified 132 children (60 Male children and 72 girl children)** in the working 7 villages and motivated to admit them in private and public schools. Parents also sensitized to admit their children in the schools.

New villages

1) Nadauveerapattu

2) Melathur General Population

3) Varadharajapuram

4) Ettiyapuram

5) Pazanthandalam (tribes 2 villages)

Old Villages

1) Melathur SC community

2) Dharkas

2. School Enrollment Camps:

We organized three school enrollment camps in three clusters. In each camp children taught in basic arithmetic's, play way games, and basic English. 215 children participated in all three camps. It was organized from morning 10.00 am to 4 pm. Lunch snacks were given to all students. We invited special educators from District Education Department board. Ms,Juli and Ms.Angeline Mary were invited as special speakers for the program.

3. Provided Educational supportive Materials

In June 2019 we **admitted 132 children into schools and we gave educational supportive materials to all these 132 children**. We gave school bags, notebooks, pencils, pen, eraser, **sharpener, lunch box, pencil box to all children. We also provided Educational kits to all our new convenient Education center. We gave 85 Educational kits to children studying in our Convenient Education Centre**.

4. Organized convenient educational centers

We are continuing Dharkas Convenient Education centre in Stone quarry areas. Current year we added one more convenient Educational centre in Melathur SC communities. This centre functions well at their children convenient time. The center is let open from Morning 09.00 am to evening 07.00 pm. The children come at any time at their convenient and stay 2-3 hours and learn read and write, do arithmetic, and general health topics in these centers. The full time teaching staff is available in these centers. We organized these centers, especially for the quarry children.

5 Supplementary Education in 5 new villages:

School Going Children needs to be followed up to prevent the drop outs. We enrolled all school going children into our 5 supplementary Education centres. Teacher helps the children to do their Home work, clarifying the doubts of children. Apart from school studies other extracurricular activities and games also taught to the students.

Centre Name	Male	Female	Total
1) Naduverapattu	18	21	39
2) Melathur (General)	8	22	30
3) Varadharajapuram	16	11	27
4) Ettiyapuram	19	22	41
5) Pazanthandalam 2 Tribal villages	14 10	13 12	27 22

6. Family Counselling Program: There were girls had problems of stress and depression on emotional understanding of family issues like fall in love, parents conflicts on alcohol, incomes, wages etc, We counselled them and motivated to them to study well and focus on studies. We also conducted school education program on Adolescent life skills and communication.

7. School Teachers Programs:

7.1 Conducted school teachers workshop in Government School, Melathur

We organized two School teachers workshop in our working area school teachers. 26 and 22 teachers were participated in each workshops. We invited Special speakers from Mrs.Angell from District Education office, to handle session on how to teach effectively to slow learners. This was very useful to teachers for teaching students without putting any stress or fear in their minds. All teachers **appreciated** our programs. Government not organizing such programs and they insist on only result. This was *very innovative program for teachers to learn new skills to teach students in lively*.

7.2 Slow learners Program: We organized slow learners program and Children who are studying X, XII students how to face the public examination. X and XII students 26 students participated in the program. We invited Mrs.Usha, Professor from Patric Collage to give coaching on how to write public examination and **career guidance what to do after completing their XII standards. It was very useful program for children especially X standard students to appear first time in Public examination. They expressed thanks to donors for special event of this Facing Public Examination.** They **requested more programs in Government** school nearby which will be very useful to students for appearing in public examination.

7.3 Gender Awareness Workshop:

We also organised Gender Awareness workshop in our centre. We invited Mrs.Julie from Tamilnadu Women Development Corporation she took session on what is gender, and Key concepts Role of gender in labours, Productive role, reproductive role, Hero model, role model developing,

Community services, and gender characteristic development and Equality. It was eye opener for them to know and develop gender roles and Characters.

8. Six months vocational training programs

We bought 3 laptops and 5 sewing machines to train adolescent girls to learn computer and tailoring. We completed 3 batches in Computer and Tailoring. Below the student enrollment in each course. We completed 2 batches in each courses and we placed 5 computer students in private shops as Computer operators and now they are getting Rs.8,000 and travel allowance monthly.

Tailoring students we placed them in Export Garments company nearby our Head office in Economic Zones, Out of 120 students 50 students were placed in jobs . In all these two courses we added Spoken English and Retail management course and personality Development course included in the courses. We included these three components in our courses because we received feedback from the employers. Employers insisted for English speaking and personality development to cope with the working environment in the factories and companies. We also conducted Skill youth day to our computer students as well as school students a drawing competition and prizes were given to them.

9. Plantation of trees movement:

Chennai is becoming too hot and no rain. People don't have enough drinking water. Schools also didn't have enough water. Water scarcity is now biggest issues. Therefore we created awareness to students and planted trees. Mrs.Sudha, PPI also planted a tree in one of our Stone quarry village Dharkast. St.Joseph School, 200 trees were planted in their school campus.

10. College Awareness Program: We conducted Seminar to college students on Skill Education. Tagore College of Arts and Science, Chrompet we conducted this program. 600

students participated in the program. We spoke on life skill education, value education, tobacco control and prevention program.

We thank you People Progress in India for supporting our stone quarry children development project by eliminating child labour and adolescence girls in dangerous job and Rehabilitating them into decent education, skill development, and soft skills. We are always grateful to donors and well wishers for giving this opportunity to promote safe childhood.

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Place: Chennai 600 047 Managing Trustee