

## ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & UPLIFTMENT ACADEMY FROM 1st APRIL 2016 TO MARCH 2017

### INTRODUCTION:

This Financial Year (FY) has been the worst FY for the community, as they witnessed the worst drought from past two decades.

**Weather:** The monsoon during this FY started very well initially and had 3 – 4 good rain between last week of March to second week of April. Sowing started as early as first week of April and continued till the second week of April. Then we had another shower in first week of May, but did not receive any rains from then to July first week. The first crop failed. There were two showers in August second week and the farmers went ahead with sowing of horsegram, ragi & lablab. We had one more shower in first week of August and after that we had slight drizzle (two days) in October. Here again the farmers lost their entire rabi crop also. The farmers not only lost their crop but were also unable to get fodder for the cattle. Many farmers committed suicide in the neighbouring Taluks, but fortunately, there was not a single farmers death in Gundlupet taluk. This was because the SHGs promoted by the organisation played a crucial role and the farmers were able to get loans from the bank both for consumption as well as for fodder.

The Trust has been working in Gundlupet Taluk since September 2000 & the activities of the Project can broadly be classified into:

- I. Rural Education.
- II. Women Economic Empowerment Program.
- III. Vocational Training.
- IV. NABARD Program.
- V. Other Programs.

1. **RURAL EDUCATION:** The Trust has established a co-education school since 1992 in Mullur village, which is about 20 Kms. away from Mysore. This school caters to the education needs of 8 villages and there are 496 students studying from LKG to Std. X. There are 20 teachers with a Secretary administrating the School. English is being introduced to the students from LKG, as the rural children find it very hard to learn English. Computer education, English, Cultural activities and sports competition are arranged in order to improve the quality of education in rural areas. The students are not only given 'Quality Education', but are also encouraged to take part in extracurricular activities.

We are happy to inform that our school has been recognized & is being given grants from November 2012 from 1 – 7<sup>th</sup> Std. Kannada medium & 4 teachers are directly being paid by the Govt. of Karnataka

In cultural activities, under the Pratibha Karanji program, the school won nine first prizes, eight second prizes & 5 third prizes at the cluster level. The volleyball team (boys) of our school got first prize at taluk level competition & second prize at the District level competition. The badminton girls' team won first prize at the Taluk level and won the second prize at District Level sports. A X Std. student got selected and competed in Yoga competition at the district level. A student of VIII Std. won the first prize in the chess competition at the taluk level. A total of 50 Primary students participated in the Pratibha Karange competition and 8 children won the first prize, 15 children won the second prize & 20 children won the third prize. Apart from this, 25 students participated in the Prathibha Karangi competition and 7 students won the first prize, 10 students won the second prize & 9 students won the third prize. Free Yoga classes were arranged by Patanjali Yoga Group during this year. A one day excursion was arranged for Std X students to Melkote, Halebedu, Shravanabelugula, & Belur.

A total of 50 students appeared for the SSLC exam during 2016 -17. Group studies were conducted in each subject before and after school hours to help weak students of Std.X. The results of Std.X student results are as follows: We had 98% of students passed in STd.X result. All the students passed in the exams. **We had 5 student getting distinction (85%), First Class – 24 students, II Class – 5 students, III class -1 students, failed students – 1.**

Our old students Association is doing fairly well and they met once during this financial year. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual School Day was conducted during January 2017 & we had dances, skits done by the school children and the parents were very happy with the program. Most of the old students also came & participated in this program.

## **2. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM:**

We have a total of 489 SHGs (Mahila Swa Sahaya Sangha – 396, Pururshara Swa Sahaya Sangha – 93). The total savings of these SHGs for FY 2017 is Rs.64,49,830.. IHDUA has given loans to only 16 SHGs and Rs. 13,64,000 has been disbursed as loans during this FY. The recovery rate is above 90%.

SHG's are not only used as a platform for economic development, but were also used for creating awareness on health issues, importance of education, taking up new income generating activities, training on different vocations, importance of Revolving Loan Fund, Bank loans, etc.

## **3. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS:**

- a. **Multi-Purpose Workers (MPW's):** MPW's are volunteers selected by the community & the Organization. These MPW's, work as a bridge between the community and the organization. They are usually boys/girls who are unemployed and have studied Std. X & above. They are paid honoraria by the organization. They help the SHG's to write and monitor books of SHG's and implement programs. These MPW's undergo regular training & meet once a month to review and plan their work. At present, we have 12 MPW's. Six MPW's are now independently auditing the SHG's accounts..
- b. A total of 12 monthly meeting with the MPW's were organized during this financial year. This was to review their work as well as plan their work for the next month. During this meeting, half a day was spent on training them on different subjects..
- c. Two senior MPWs were taken as Resource Faculties to train SHG members on the concept of SHG & were also used for training SHG representatives on Book keeping under the NABARD SHPI program.
- d. Five staff and two MPWs(Senior) were taken on a one day exposure to Hessaragatta to study dairy, piggery, rabbit rearing & poultry program during third week of February 2017.

## **4. VOCATIONAL TRAINING:**

In order to provide alternative employment, various vocational training programs were taken up. The following are some of the Programs:

- a. **Tailoring, embroidery & Bag Making Training:** In collaboration with JSS polytechnic, we were able to conduct three batches of training in tailoring & embroidery. Training on tailoring was arranged in Ranganathpura village for 5 months and 26 girls participated and completed the program. Two batches of training was conducted in Begur & 35 girls participated in this program. More than 50 % of the girls are earning between Rs.900 to Rs.3000 per month depending on the season.
- b. **Beautician Course Training:** One month beautician course was arranged in coloboration with JSS womens Polytechnic and 20 girls under went this training program. Two girls have opened beauty parlour in Begur.
- c. **Agarbathi Rolling:** We were able to train 6 women in Agarbathi making and 12000 incense sticks were made by them.

All the above vocational training had been planned, so that supplementary employment is provided to women. The Trust plans to initiate other vocational trainings during the coming years in the Project area.

## **5. NABARD PROGRAM:**

**SHPI - 2 Program:** The proposal to promote 100 new SHGs with a budget of Rs.700,000 was approved by NABARD in June 2014 & the period for implementation was for 3 years. The first installment of Rs.70,000 was released in the month of December 2015. Though we had formed 78 new SHGs in FY 2016, 34 SHGs were rejected as they were formed before May 2014. Only those SHGs, which were formed after June 2014 were approved. We have formed 30 new SHGs during this FY. Though we were to complete formation of 100 new SHGs, we have already formed 114 SHGs under this program. We have given one day training to all the new SHGs members on “SHG Concept” and two days training to all SHG Representatives on Book Keeping. We have given SHG Kits to 50 new SHGs. The Trust has linked 46 SHGs to the bank and Rs.40,65,000 has been disbursed as loans during this financial year, under this project. We had received Rs.70,000 as first second installment during December 2014 and we have received Rs106,400 as second installment during March 2016 under this Project so far.

We were able to conduct only one Project Implementation Coordination Committee meeting (PIMC) in the last week of July 2016. The other meetings was arranged in November 2016, but because of Demonitisation, the other meetings could not be conducted as the Bank Managers were busy and could not attend any further PIMC meetings.

## **6. OTHER PROGRAMS:**

### **CONCLUSION:**

During 1993 – 2000, the focus of the Trust was on Rural Education. However, from 2000 onwards, the main focus has been on ‘Women Empowerment’ & “Economic Empowerment among women”. Thus the organization has initiated & promoted more women groups and we plan to implement more vocational training Programs for women, so that regular employment and income is assured. However, The Trust have a long way to go.

Emphasis will also be to tap Government resources & other donors to help the rural community & make the trust self-sustaining.



## Tailoring & Embroidery

