



KARNATAKA STATE CONSULTATION

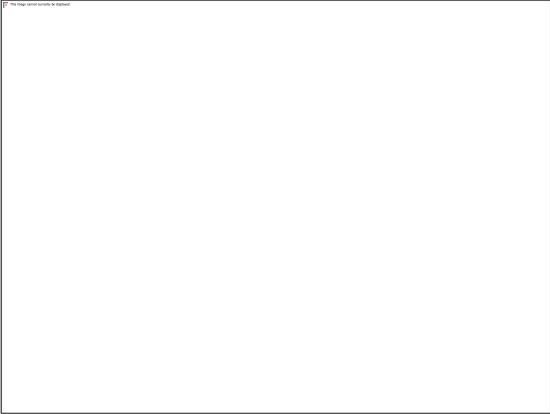
The Karnataka state level consultation of Humara Bachpan Campaign was held on 20th September, 2014 at Bosco Mane along with other organizations working with children in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore. The core objective of the consultation was to introduce the campaign in these two cities and to create a common platform for the organizations to act as a forum on issues pertaining to young children living in urban poverty in India. A total twenty nine delegates from different organizations had participated in this consultation and shared their views about

issues related to living conditions and their relative implications it has on children. The programme started with Mr. Vijesh.K, (South Regional Co-ordinator of Humara Bachpan Campaign); making the introduction and stating the objectives of the consultation. The introduction was followed by the movie screening of the 'City's Step Child'.



Presentations and Discussion

Ms. Preeti Prada; the National Campaign Coordinator of Humara Bachpan Campaign



expounded the workings of the campaign with the fellow participants. Her presentation notified the current Indian scenario on the issues pertaining to children growing up in urban slums and the relevant scope of interventions in these designated spots. The vision and mission of the Campaign and the stages of interventions like children mobilization, advocacy planning, major initiatives of the Campaign were all explained during the course of the presentation. She elaborated the current reach of the campaign.

Mr. Biplaw Singh, Researcher from Concerned for Working Children (CWC) presented a model of children's participation in governance which was well implemented by CWC in rural areas and now exploring in urban pockets. In his presentation he also briefed about the approach followed for the child's participation (Makkala Grama Sabha) and achievements of the interventions in the rural areas which they are trying to emulate in urban areas too through the 'Makkala Area Sabha' program. Through different kinds of participatory tools and methods children identify their issues and come up with solutions through influencing stakeholders. A video on children participation was also screened in his presentation.



During the open discussion session the participants discussed about how to take forward issues relating to children in Bangalore and Mysore cities. The Campaign's National Co-ordinator Miss. Preeti illustrated to form a state level forum which would act for safe and healthy living conditions for the children.

Agatha Shekhar from Insa-India said that the children can insinuate better about their issues as compared to others so that their participation should reflect in the proceedings of holistic governance.

Biplaw Singh commented that, "Children are acting as agents of change by identifying issues and approaching corporators and Mayor with solutions also. So far we are following the traditional method of Adult to Child approach in which adult know everything and the child is unaware, but we are focusing the reverse approach where the Children will be the primary point of approach", said Biplaw. Miss Preeti added to the discussion that living conditions cannot exclude the safety of children hence infrastructure is a core component and falls under the focus area of the campaign.



Agatha Shekhar from Insa-India said that, "There are many forums working in Bangalore on child centric issues, instead of forming a new forum it better to do linkage with these forums and grass root level (ward level) programmes to be designed to address and advocate for safe and healthy living conditions of children".

Mr. Thomas Paul from BOSCO said that the adults in the community will be mobilized or motivated only if there is any threat the community, so we need to sensitize them

in terms of issues related to living conditions.

Most of the slums are under the risk of accessing safe water and sanitation facilities so there is scope for interventions. As part of interventions initial assessments are to be done in the selected slums and begin the formation of child clubs with children.

Participants List

--



Sl.No	Name	Organization	Email/Contact No
1	Agatha Shekhar	INSA-INDIA	insaind@gmail.com
2	Jayamma	SamajSeva Samiti	Samajsevasamiti.mysore@yahoo.com
3	P.B Jhansi	""	""
4	R. Gururaja	""	""
5	H. Rajendra	Parivarthana Foundation	Parivarthanafoundation1@gmail.com
6	Sowmya.K	""	""
7	Thulasi	""	""
8	Prabhakar	""	""
9	Sr. Celine	Auxilium Navajeevana	auxiliumsociety@gmail.com
10	A.James Edwin	Vidyanikethan	vidyanik@gmail.com, 9341239364
11	Kim Misao	CWC	kimmisaocwc@gmail.com, 8892054955
12	Manjunath	Sparsha Trust	Manjusp24@gmail.com, 9742865978



13	Thomas Paul	BOSCO	mngprogrammebosco@gmail.com, 984561192
14	Preeti Prada	HBC	preeti@humarabachpan.org, 7873927555
15	Chethan N.M	CURDS	chethannm@gmail.com, 9738865291
16	Biplaw Singh	CWC	Singhbiplaw@gmail.com,9620080323
17	S.B Udaykumar	SamajVikasa Kendra	samajavikasakendra@gmail.com
18	M. Nagarajaiah	PragatiCharitable Trust	Pragathi.charitable.trust@gmail.com, 9844140587
19	Prameela PM	BOSCO	prameelaptrust@gmail.com, 9342303557
20	Siddalinganagowda	SamajaSeva Samiti	samajasevasamiti@gmail.com, 9880458391
21	N.S Sidharaju	Surabhi Trust	9900937686
22	Bommi	Grace	729588693
23	K.C Venkatesh	Paraspara Trust	9945210502
24	A.S Patil	Surabhi Trust	9844415458
25	Prema.R	Seva Trust	9980836308

26	Anita	Gilgal Trust	9886479773
27	V. Mahalaxmi	Divya Jyoti Trust	7760116878
28	Daphny Veigas	BOSCO	daphnyveigas@gmail.com, 7353251451
29	Raju. K.N	BOSCO	boscovethechildrenproject@gmail.c om, 8095234465
30	Vijeesh.K	HBC	vijeesh@humarabachpan.org, 7829111988