

Dear Members and Well Wishers of REACH,

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of REACH for the year 2015-16 before you. Rural Environmental Awareness and Community Help (REACH) is a non-profit organization set up in 1992 in Davangere district in Karnataka. Conceived as a grass root level voluntary organization, REACH looked at addressing the development of the most vulnerable and marginalized sections of the poor living in the remote and neglected villages. During the year REACH extended its activities to Vijayapur dist, Davangere Dist honnali taluks working in 5 Gram Panchayat villages on Women Legal Literacy Land Rights and livelihood issues.

REACH has made interventions in 160 villages of Davangere, Bagalkot, Haveri, Vijayapur and Chikkaballapur District of Karnataka. Working with over 490 SHGs, 200 Jaivika Krushikara Sangha's and Kuli sangha's community have been empowering through a right-based approach to address poverty, vulnerability, livelihood, social issues like child labor, gender, violence against women and women rights, child trafficking, women property rights, Environmental Issues etc., In all these efforts, REACH adopted education as a means of creating change and bringing awareness to the community. A major part of the program was carried out through networking with like-minded NGOs and building collective strength for local initiatives.

New program during the year:

I am very happy to share with you that, REACH has been able to get the Bagalkot District 2 Block 25 Gram panchayaths work with the Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES AND LEADERSHIP OF EWRS (SCLE) empowering the Support from the The Hunger Project. Landesa RDI initiative to the awareness for Women Land Rights issue in the Davangere and Bellary, Haveri & Bagalkot, Vijayapur Dist. UNICEF supported program through Shanti snadesh partnership to Empowering the Adolescent Girls in the Bagalkot Taluk. Underground water awareness program at schools - District Office of Groundwater, Directorate of Groundwater, Strengthening the Leadership of Elected Women Representatives in GP to Empower & Build the Agency of Young Adult" in 10 GPs Supported by The Hunger Project.

Continued Activities:

During the year REACH, with the collaboration of Khadi and Village Industries, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore has running a Training Center in Tailoring. 280 trained women after training have joined garment factories in Bangalore and Davangere, balance have started own Tailoring Centers at Harapanahalli, Harihar, Davangere in Davanagere Dist. National Urban Livelihood (Enterprises Development Program), CHILDLINE – 1098 Project from Ministry of Women & Child Development in Partnership with State Government, & Corporate sector CHILDLINE – 1098 as a collaborative Organization at Bagalkot District for INTEGRATED CHILD PROTECTION SCHEME.

During the year REACH has involved in Zilla Panchayat, Davangere and Taluka Panchayath, Harapanahalli have been utilizing our expertise in formation and strengthening of SHGs. And Residential Training also conducted. REACH have been working very closely with Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and Food Security Schemes (PDS). We celebrated a Human Rights Day (10th December) in Collaboration of Youth for Human Rights International (YHRI) in a Panchayath level As well as Taluk level. REACH has involved a Special Children Grama sabha in the panchayaths of Hungund Taluk.

As usual, REACH has continued its activities on women empowerment, community involvement in conservation and protection of natural resources, employment under MGNREGA, capacity building of SHGs through training and organizing; campaign on violence against women and children and women rights. The Staff and Volunteers of REACH have been participated in the workshop, seminar, dialogue on issues like Food Security Schemes, Employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act MGNREGA, Women Rights and strengthening, Unorganized Labours Social Security, Child Rights, health, rain water harvesting, water and soil conservation etc.

Activities carried out during 2015-16:

1. Bio fuel Schemes

REACH has implementing various Environment friendly and farmer friendly innovative schemes for the development of bio fuels in the Bagalkot Dist. Following are the prominent among them.

- 1. Community involvement:** REACH Dist Lead NGO has involved community for the implementation of bio fuel schemes. Identified a CBO in the Community to take Effective Implementation of the bio fuel activities. REACH has Formation and strengthening the Biofuel (Jaivika Krishikara Sangha) for being involved actively for the development of bio fuels and Collection the seedlings. We conducted many of Programs in the Importance of Biofuel navy days to the former/Jaivika Krishikara Sangha's in community level and taluk Level.

2 Sustainable Optional Uplifting Livelihood (SOUL) Program Supported by IGSSS for formation Local Federation and Groups to empowering them :

Formation of functional, dynamic and community based democratic people's organizations supporting the rights based approach for livelihood enhancement.

Awareness on Basic Right & Food Security Schemes: Awareness on basic right & food security schemes: carried out. This has resulted in increased awareness among target families on entitlements under Food Security Schemes namely, PDS, Mid-day

meals, ICDS. Target families have been urging for right quantity of quality rations from fair Price Shops and demanding for receipts. Adolescent, pregnant and mothers checking quantity and quality of nutritious food.

Training in sustainable Agriculture & Follow Up: Imparted training to 150 farmers, as a result more than 20 farmers engaged in sustainable agriculture, vermin composting and inclined towards organic farming. Imparted training to 45 small and marginal farmers, out of which 28 farmers came forward for horticulture crops-Fruit and flowers.

SHGs and Income Generation Activities: Imparted training to landless and members of SHGs and vulnerable families about natural resource based Income generating Activities (IGAs). 20 families engaged in vermin Compost production. Trained women on Income Generation Activities under EAP/EDP workshop trained 50 youths, including 38 women on dairy activities and demonstrated. Resource person from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Veterinary Department oriented participants about Animal Husbandry activities and its scope. Bank Manager was also present and explained financial support for the dairy activity.

Awareness on entitlements under MGNREGA and training for Kayaka Bhandu: Trained 650 laborers and members of SHGs and Coolikarara Sangha on entitlements under MGNREGA in four Grama Panchayats and also facilitated in availing RTI to get information on progress of work –Physical and financial. MGNREGA helps to the Stop rural people migration and its controlled a dropout. It's a cope with child rights. Technical knowledge and guidance given to the Kayaka bhandus for better implementation of MGNREGA.

Women Empowerment: As on March 31st, 2015 formed 10 SHGs & 25 labour groups. Imparted input to SHG members on SHG concept, Self-reliance, sustainable development; opportunities and challenges. Trained members of 10 SHGs in Book keeping, maintaining documents, loan management, savings, bank linkage, productive investment of loan.

Sanitation Programme (Swach Bharath Abhiyan) : we have a conducted to motivate and linkage to Gram panchayath through SHGs And Kulikarmika Sanghas to build the toilets and use to Live the Healthy. This year approximately constructs and usage above 150 Families.

2. Strengthening Elected Women Leadership in Panchayaths Supported by The Hunger Project – Karnataka.

Women Leadership Workshop (WLW) to empowering the elected women representative in the Hungund and Badami taluk 25 GP covered and Follow up to involving the GP in EWR for development activity to the community.



Strengthening the Leadership of Elected Women Representatives in GP to Empower & Build the Agency of Young Adult” in 10 GPs Supported by The Hunger Project.

Adolescent young adults empowering through the GP in Early Child marriage aspects to linkage to the government schemes and continuously bi monthly and supportive programs to encourage to education and other think on their dreams to avoid the child marriage. 860 girls involve in this program.



3. Women Land Literacy Programme Supported By LANDESA.

Landesa proposes to partner with REACH on a pilot project to effectively impart training on Woman and land rights literacy programmes in four districts (Davangere, Bellary, Haveri, Bagalkot, Vijayapura) of Karnataka. The training programmes objectives are:

- To strengthen women’s knowledge about their land rights
- To create awareness about benefits of land rights
- To strengthen their skills to train adolescent girls on land rights with focus on women’s legal rights using participatory training methods.

- To know the importance of the woman titling

In each district, two taluks will be selected and in each taluk three gram panchayats (GPs) will be selected to conduct the training programmes. Two villages/SHGs will be selected from each GP. We have conducted village level SHG members to know their land rights issue Total 3616 Women covered and benefitted the government schemes to apply the Dr.Ambedkar Development Corporation, housing schemes, and many of women check out the land legal documents and housing documents etc.



Right To Participation for Children: events conducted and given to opportunity to participation of expression their opinion and talent in the School and Given a Prizes for encourage the Participation.

Special Grama Sabha: Panchayaths and REACH collaboratively conducted the Children Special Grama sabha and Children Participation their problems expressed in this Sabha problem Solving Process we follow Up and Solved their problem.

International Human Rights Day: Local government department of Grama panchayath through went to a Sri Banashankari Devi temple and whole village walked so many of people asked that “what is the special of walk today” so children slogan that today is a Celebrate to International Human Rights Day. We are all support to Human Rights. Then we went to Grama panchayath (local government) in front of panchayath strongly slogan to all are equal. To conduct to Children’s Grama sabha. Its violation of Child rights in this panchayath. Children taken action to conducting Children grama sabha and solve our problem are we don’t have a basic needs of sanitation. Mid Day Meal issue (The government Guideline that every year November doing a Children Grama sabha and find out the problem schools. Children have and

solve the problem). The Panchayath staff replied that we orange this month we extremely sorry for this mistake. Finale came back to school and done the event of talks about Human Rights issue. (On this walk done a singing a songs regarding Rights based and slogan) This event 3600 Children Participated, Youth for Human Rights International (YHRI) collaborated.



Community involvement in Natural Resource Management: Oriented community about involvement in protection and conservation of local natural resources including forest and common land, village tank. Provided input on Functioning of Village Forest Committees (VFCs) and motivated to form and strengthen VFCs in exercising community control over natural resources. Shared the entitlements under Forest Rights Act 2006 and eligibility to claim forest land by STs and traditional forest dwellers.

Good rapport with target group and vulnerable families has been established. Poor and vulnerable sharing their difficulties with us. This helped to formulate strategy issue wise. Collected basic information of the villages and the information is helpful to monitor the progress. Basic information was collected through Household Survey and organized FGD with target families to get information about the common issues. On some crucial and critical issues consulted target families and in group through FGD. Shared information about Government schemes with TG families during meeting, training and informal meetings, MNREGA, PDS and need of local people's organizations, namely, SHGs, VFCs, and VCs.

Team of cadre building process for well equipped knowledge, skills and latest information.

This programme covered the latest information regarding the Government schemes i.e, Balasanjeevini, Nehru Yuva Kendra – Youth Group, RTI, Aadhar, Manasvini, Udyogini and new online ration card scheme.

Formation of Taluk/Panchayath level federation for SHG,s/Graa.Ku.Sa & Orientation

Had organized and have formed a Two Panchayath level federation and one taluka level Fedaration unregistered formed for the SHGs and given orientation and the need of formation of a federation.

Monitoring and addressing the issue of access and discrimination on BPL card & MGNREGA (Apply for jobs & work order & payments)

The new online application for the new ration card was taken up at our Rakkasagi & Hiremagi G.P of Bagalkot Dist Somanathapur G P of Chikkaballapur Dist.

Awareness programme was organized for the MGNREGA form 6 applies and to open new job card application was also given. 26 Groups follow up and strengthening & Update the Groups in a Good Implementation of MGNREGA. We have given Guidance & Moral Support for the Groups and Federations.

Outcome as on March 2016:

Public distribution service

- Of the 20 persons who applied,
- Of the 20 persons who applied, 12 got benefits.
- 150 persons attended the Food security meeting.
- Of the 20 villages, the PDS service is regular in 6 villages.

MGNREG Programme

Of the 1500 applicants, 1150 families benefited.

Of the 120 families who applied for MGNREGA New Job card application & got the Job Cards.

Pension programme progress report

In the 8 villages, 2 applied for old age pension

2 applied for widow pension application

12 applied for handicapped pension

4 Applied for Manasvini for Unmarried and Divorced Women

56 Applied for Unorganized Labors Register under the Labor Department for Social Security. And 128 Children got the Scholarship and 8 Marriage Scheme applied and benefitted the beneficiary.

Formation of labour union

25 Labour unions were formed with 1250 members. They attended regularly meetings CBOs

Self Help Group

A total of 12 SHGs were formed with 135 members with a savings of Rs. 97200/- and there were a total of 75 meetings.

Micro-planning is important to ensure the equitable distribution of development in an area. If the micro-planning is done by the people and the authorities, then it becomes relevant and participative. In this context, a training programme on micro

planning was organized. This was attended. The training was useful as the people can participate and discuss issue during Gram Sabha meetings in a more meaningful manner. The presence of CBO members and beneficiaries from the public at Gram Sabhas and Panchayat meetings will help in effective planning, implementation and monitoring of the development programmes. It will also ensure optimum utilization of resources as benefits will reach the target beneficiaries. The micro planning training programme has been done in 4 G.P

Following are major impact of the program during this year; the capacity and confidence level of poor and deprived has increased tremendously. Women and labourers groups have involved in discussion with Government Officials, Panchayat President, bankers, resource organizations etc., this has enhanced bargaining power of vulnerable. Following are major impact during the year of the project.

- A. Target group families including vulnerable are organized into 45 groups – 20 SHGs and laborers groups;
- B. Target families realized their fundamental rights and demanding for right to food and right to work.
- C. Under MGNREGA families availed Job cards and applying for work and availing employment, demanding for unemployment allowances for denied employment;
- D. Under PDS, women build pressure over Food and Civil Supplies through –Non Violent

Direct Action (NVDA) - *Jatha, Padayatra* and Campaign and to prevent irregularities on one hand and getting right quantity & right quality of food grains, demanding for receipts of rations purchased;

- F. Landless availing employment under MGNREGA; small and marginal farmer's availed training on organic farming and natural resource based income generating activities. Farmers opted for horticulture and dry land farming to get yield by alternative crops;
- G. Youths, women getting skill training for self-employment and inclined towards dairy activities;
- H. Women through SHGs have been savings regularly and depositing amount in banks, maintaining Books of accounts; SHGs have become a platform to discuss and share
- I. Local natural resources being protected and conserved by community.

As a result of the above interventions target families are moving towards self-reliance and self-respect.

2. Empowerment of Rural Women through Self Help and Development Initiatives:

During the year we have continued the activity with the support from Zilla Panchayat, Davanagere in 20 villages of Harapanahalli Taluk, Davanagere District. As a result we have strengthened 56 SHGs including 2 men SHGs during the previous year. SHGs are oriented in the concept of SHG, Maintaining books, conducting meetings, recording minutes. Taluka level SHG federation Kittur Rani Chennamma conducts meetings regularly. Federation supports SHGs initiatives against domestic violence, claim under MGNREGA, PDS, proper functioning of PHCs etc, Women SHGs supported five violence cases, which are in Court - 1 at Harihar and 2 at Harapanahalli. Women and Child Development Department supports legal aid. All the groups have continued in saving and credit activity. This has increased their confidence and belongingness.

The trainings imparted have enhanced the leadership qualities among women who hitherto had never exposed to the out side. The groups have taken developmental and social issues in their respective villages. The formations of women into groups have opened up new horizon in searching for avenues that would improve their dignity of living. The trainings have contributed in understanding the importance of health, hygiene education and rights of their children. Slowly realizing their rights over the property and natural resources. As a result, there is increased volunteerism among SHG members.

Women and community .Organized health check up and health awareness camp in association with District Health and Family Welfare Department, Davanagere.

Harapanahalli Taluka SHG federation taking lead role in tackling developmental and social issues – Anti liquor, Ration card, demanding for better health care at Primary Health Center (PHCs), prevention of child marriages and enrolment of children into formal schools, demanding for proper implementation of Anganwadi centers, Employment under MGNREGA etc, This has resulted in increased self confidence and self esteem among SC/ST women.

Gram Panchayath elected Women's trained active participation in the involvement of grama sabha and other subcommittee to strengthening the local governance to Community development and enhanced the abilities to motivate the people initiatives.

Our Staff & Federation Members trained women legal Rights and Practices from Hengasara Hakkina Sangha – Bangalore; they evaluated and appreciated the trained person to continuity of works for women empowerment.

Public Consultation / Hearing on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) as a Media focus and Media Role.

The meeting focused on

The Employment guarantee scheme not been implemented properly;

Media role for MGNRGA implementation and policy issue.

The grants which is flowing from the government for this scheme is reaching the pockets of the officials and not the beneficiaries;

Wages not being paid even after 3 months after completing the work;

Officials paying only Rs.193/- daily wages as against Rs.201/-

4. Capacity Building Programs:

Training for staff members Community Organizers, Accountant, and Project Co-coordinator for has been conducted regularly. Organized trainings in the areas of Social Mobilization, Documentation, Health, Legal awareness, Women and Child Rights, Women Property Rights, Gender ,Ward and Grama Sabhas - Panchayat Raj Issues, Livelihood issues , Right to food, work, credit and natural resources etc,

Organized training and capacity building programs with focus on MGNREGA, its entitlements, obligations of laborers and community; registration; availing Job cards; applying for work; application for unemployment allowances; work site facilities, especially for women and kids .We have also organized capacity building training to volunteers regularly on MGNREGA act and its entitlements; particularly lobbying with Officials at Grama Panchayat, Taluka and Zilla Panchayats. Thrust was given to strengthening Social Audit team at panchayat level and organizing mandatory social audit.

As a result of regular training and capacity building programs staff gained confidence and coordinating field work.

4. Training Center at Harapanahalli, Harihar, Davangere through KVIC:

REACH in collaboration with Khadi and Village Industries (KVIC), Government of Karnataka has started imparting training in tailoring. During the year 40 members Women trained in three batches. 20 trained women have joined Shahiri Garments and Sai Exports, Bangalore a Garment Production Unit. Around 20 members have running own tailoring center at Harapanahalli & Davangere.

These youths are getting regular job works from local Garment Centers located at Davangere. Some are also works on peace work/Contract work. The Tailoring Center has immensely helped rural youths in getting earnings of Rs. 50,000 to Rs.80,000 yearly.

5. CHILDLINE – 1098 SUPPORTED BY CHILDLINE India Foundation, Ministry of Women & Child Development GoK, GoI

REACH selected and approved a Project from Ministry of Women & Child Development in Partnership with State Government, & Corporate sector CHILDLINE – 1098 as a collaborative Organization at Bagalkot District for INTIGRATED CHILD PROTECTION SCHEME. 17th March 2015 started in this month our childline team tested the calls to 1098 in varies location in bagalkot

district to check out the connectivity to all networks like AIRTEL, BSNL, IDEA, DOCOMO, AIRCEL, at same time given awareness on childline – 1098 its national, free call service, and 24X7 working hour for 0-18 year children any problem can call to the 1098.



Adolescent Empowerment Program Supported by Shanti sandesh

Sensitizing to the young adult girls to personal hygiene and psychological growth and empowering overall development aspects. The help of chandada baduku guideline. 10 Programs at village level and 10 Program at Schools conducted and 1086 girls benefited in this program.



EVERYCHILD –

April to September I have to visit our working area CAC children's I teach to Murarji, Navodaya & Adarsha school entrance exam coaching .

Sl No	Course Name	Male	Female	Total
1	Navodaya	4	5	9
2	Murarji	25	12	37
3	Adarsha	13	17	30
	TOTAL	42	34	76

I Have coaching to 76 student selected t 42 students given to selected the residencies school

Some student scholarship proposed cast & Income certificate application submit & bank account opening to students,

SCHEMS

Sl No	Schemes Name	Male	Female	Total
1	Widow pension		55	55
2	Mental health	6	10	16
3	Handicapped pension	7	5	12
4	Higher education schemes to panchayat	15	10	25
5	65 above Elder pension	25	19	44
6	CWC	5	4	9
7	Leadkar	2	1	3
8	Dairy	20	12	32
9	Unemployment scheme	25	20	45
10	Rajiv Gandhi chaitanya Yojane	8	23	31
11	Special children scheme	20	13	33
	TOTAL	66	107	173

173 People given to schemes help .Our 4 cluster continued to CAC running per day visit 1 &2 CAC visit & community mobilization .

COMPUTER CENTER

I have teaching to computer education coaching courses to 1) Basic , 2) Tally 3) DTP.



Underground water awareness program at schools - District Office of Groundwater, Directorate of Groundwater: create a awareness regarding the ground water to the high school children to aware the importance off the water. Competition also conduct and given prizes to the children.

Board of Management of REACH

I very much appreciate all the Board Members and Office Bearers of REACH for their valuable contribution in the overall development of the organization. I am thankful to all the members of Board of Management of REACH for the year 2015-16, who met four times through Board Meeting during the year to transact the various activities of the organization. I again remember and appreciate the guidance and support of Board members and look forward to their continued co-operation in the empowerment of women and rural poor in particular and the organization in general.

Conclusion:

I am sure REACH is moving in the right direction and the above activities are the indication of sound footing of REACH. I am, once again thankful to all the members, board members, well wishers, contributors and like minded organizations. I am also thankful to the issue based networks, namely CACL-Karnataka; CACT-K: RFC-K: Gramina Kooliekarara sanghagala Okkuta-Karnataka(grakusa);Child Right Trust (CRT), Reginal Resource Centre – Bengaluru; Women Power Connect – New Delhi; Gramina Mahila Okkuta – Kolar; Hengasara Hankkina Sangha (HHS); FIAN-K – Belgaum; Grama Ganrajya Vedhike - Karnataka (GGV); FEVORD-K, Bangalore, Youth For Human Rights International (YHRI), Shanthi Sandesha Trust Resource And Devolpment Centre On Child Rights-Mangalore (Indirectly UNICEF Supported the Program). I am thankful to all the supporters of our activities, namely, THP - bengaluru, LANDESA / RDI - bengaluru, EVERYCHILD, District Office of Groundwater, Directorate of Groundwater - Vijayapur, Khadi and Village Industries (KVIC), Government of Karnataka, CHILDLINE India Foundation, Ministry of Women & Child Development, GoK, GoI, Zilla Panchayat, Davanagere; Bagalkot, Taluka Panchayat Hungund, Badami, beligi, Jamakandi, Mudhool, Bagalkot and Harapanahalli; Women and Child Development Department, Bagalkot And Davanagere.

Last but not the least, the staff for their valuable contribution in the development of the organization. I am sure; you will all extend your support in the coming days to empower the marginalized rural poor and vulnerable community.

Place:Harapanahalli

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