

Village Reconstruction Organization (VRO), India
Annual Report – [April to March] 2012 - 2013

Name of the site: Perecherla

Project Type: Children Learning Center

Location: Medikonduru (Mandal), Guntur District

Guntur Region

Program In-charge: Mr. L. Krishna Rao

Field Coordinator: Mr. Ch. Chennaiah

Supporting Donor Agency: Freiburg

Number of Children: 36 Non - Residential (Profile: 40 boys & girls)

Overall Status – Comments

This Children Learning Center (CLC) is different from other learning centers, because of its focus on the children of migrant families from Tamil Nadu. Parents of these children work at the local stone quarry as daily wage laborers. The teaching is done through Tamil medium, English and Telugu languages are also taught. The Program In-charge is originally from Sri Lanka settled in Sattenpalli, Guntur district. He teaches English and can speak in Telugu also. The center was functioning effectively using the Government syllabus.

Significant Actions and Steps Taken

A vehicle is allotted for transportation of children from their houses to the centre. Four children after completing their 6th and 7th classes obtained pass certificates from the nearby St. Patricks School under Rajiv Vidhya Mission Scheme of the Government. They were also issued recognized transfer certificates to continue their secondary education at the Omaluru Government School in Salem District, Tamil Nadu. With the same objectives, the title of the program is changed from Village Learning Program (VLP) to Children Learning Center (CLC – Non Residential) to make the title more suitable for the purpose of the program.

Site and Project Description

The program started in the year 1979 for Children of migrant families from Tamil Nadu state. The focus was continuity of their education with their mental, physical and intellectual development in a healthy and attractive Environment. All the School buildings are electrified and the transport facility is available. They were provided with mid day meals. The VRO health worker visited the Centre twice a month and gave necessary health assistance. The stake holders of the program were the migrant Tamil speaking children in the age group of 6 to 12 years from 5 villages namely Perecherla, Pedapalakaluru, China Palakaluru, Kalvaipedi and Kailasagiri. Presently, the strength is 36. The parents work for some time on contract basis or daily basis and return to Tamil Nadu. This center enables the children to continue their education without interruption.

Accomplishments during the reporting period

For effective service, the CLC staff underwent a couple of training programs to improve their skills. During the reporting period, R. Dayani, the Learning Guide, attended a Spoken English Camp at the Head Office from 7th to 18th May. The resource persons, Br. Jayaraj and Br. Velangini, taught pronouns, conjunctions, parts of speech, active and passive voice, formation of sentences and report writing in English. Ms. G. Yesudayama, another Learning Guide, teaching three days a week, participated in a training on Spoken English in May at Phiragipuram, which is 25 km. away from Guntur. The training was organized by Sunitha Computer Educational Institute. She learnt tenses, parts of speech etc.

The language of instruction was Tamil but the local language, Telugu, was also taught at the school. Mr. L. Krishna Rao, in charge of the program taught all the subjects in Tamil. Tests were conducted at the site to assess the progress of the children and the parents were informed about the progress of their children.

In the same compound, Old Age Home (OAH) is functioning successfully. Both the center celebrated the festivals and events together. In the reporting period, Independence Day on August 15th was observed and Mr. Bussiyasu, an Inmate of the OAH hoisted the national flag. On November 14th, Children's day was celebrated at the site and the children were told about the importance of the day and the learning guide at the site explained the Birth day of Mr. Nehru the first prime Minister of India whose birth day is celebrated as children's day.

In the month of October, tests were conducted for 1st to 7th class children. The following subjects were examined: Tamil, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Drawing etc. All the children passed with good marks.

In the month of February 2013, the new cluster team from Odisha and kothakota (Rajahmundry) regions visited the site and under the guidance of Mr. Jean Paul Boddu, Project Coordinator, the team conducted a family survey among Tamil and recently migrated people from Odisha working at the stone quarries.

In the month of March 2013, Mr. Prabhakaran, student of social work from the Bishop Heber College in Trichy did his final block placement of MSW (Masters in Social Work) at the site from 11th to 16th March 2013, as part of his Exposure and field experience. He did family survey to find out the available children for the next year. He also conducted some classes for children in the Tamil school.

Information of Children 2012 – 2013

Class	Boys	Girls
1 st	4	6
2 nd	1	4
3 rd	2	1
4 th	1	2
5 th	2	3
6 th	3	1
7 th	5	1
Total	18	18

Report: Prepared by the Project Coordinator along with the respective Field Coordinator and checked by Operational Director.