

## SEB'S PROJECTS INDIA

### HALF-YEARLY REPORT- JUNE - DECEMBER 2016.

#### Education

Sebs school for the academic year 2016-17 started in the month of June. Six primary schools and one middle school have a total strength of 299 students. 33 students were enrolled in class I and 14 students joined middle schools. The school is provided with necessary learning materials and sport's equipment. Our school has completed two terms of this academic year. Children are performing well in studies. Uniforms and Identity cards were distributed to all our students. All our school students were provided with nutritious meal every day.



Before the start of the academic year, teachers were trained in CAMal (Combined Activities for Maximized Learning) teaching methodology. Following the training given by Pratham an NGO committed to improve quality and standard of education across the country. CAMal activities are carried out carefully in all of our schools. Initial assessment and group segregation based on performance was done at the start of the academic year. At the end of four months, remarkable improvement was seen in the reading skills of the students. There is a vast shift noted, where children have improved and moved to next level of achievement. Data's are updated and followed regularly.



Adding to school education Sebs also initiated tutorial learning. Young people in the community are encouraged to complete the schooling. By this program young people will appear for exams and receive government certificates. This will help them to get skill training and job opportunities into the future.

Children's day was celebrated on November 14th in all the villages. Students participated in fancy dress, dance and speech competitions. Three Seb's schools together organized a sports day in Kupsoor village. Kho-Kho and kabadi tournament was organized.

Teachers participate in regular monthly meetings organized by the government. It is a district based meetings, where teacher share their experiences and innovative practices in teaching learning process. Teachers are also trained on activity based learning methodologies.



We were able to meet the Chief education officer of the District and submitted records of six months school activities. Sebs also requested NRSCT approval for Dhaniyamarthur and Panangkateri School.

Seb's school at Pallamarathukollai has a new look with the newly constructed class rooms which are spacious and well ventilated. We are thankful to Prayag an NGO for their initiative to build and paint the school building. The school looks colorful and appealing for the children. The school has become the centre for the community's development.



This year also we are continuing to support our students with scholarships. Chellama has joined VHA Chennai Vadieswari at Meenakshi College and Bhavani at Rainy Hospital are our new scholarship members for this year, pursuing their nursing courses.



## Health

Mother and child care: Immunization continues randomly in were given DTP second booster and 10 years olds were adm

Balwadi programme runs with the strength of 55 children in both the centres.13 new kids joined balwadi this year. Noon meals and nutritional powder were provided to children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

We have great concern over the adolescents in the community. To build rapport with them and do a regular programme, we started a learning center for them. Our balwadi teacher will teach them basic reading and writing during the evening hours.



During the last two months many of the villages in Jawadhi hills had an epidemic of chicken pox 17 children in Kupsoor and Pananagkateri schools were also infected. Seb's communicated with the Odugathur Primary Health center and immediately mobile clinic visited the villages and treatment were given on the same day. All our children are now keeping good health.

Along with it the government Dengue fever awareness were given to the community. People were taught the ill effects of the fever. They were instructed to drink boiled water and keep their surroundings clean.

Water and Sanitation programme continues to be the focus for this year. Since all our water points have been tested we have chlorinated all the overhead water tanks in our villages. We approached the government to supply chlorine tablets. This has had a big impact on the health of our children. Our teachers have observed fewer children falling sick since the water has been

made safe for drinking.

We have selected Thandayankottai village and Periyapannaparai villages to roll out the sanitation program as these communities feel the need for toilets and have come forward with a request to build toilets. We conducted a survey in these communities and have submitted information to the District Government official to facilitate the building of the toilets under their sanitation scheme for the district.

We were able to meet the District Rural Development officer Mr. Periyaswamy and discussed our concern to initiate sanitation program in Periyapannapari and Thandayankotai villages.

Health referrals: Ajith Kumar is a tribal student studying in class eight in a boarding school in Vellore Town. During a medical camp in school, he had complained of breathing difficulties. The Odugathur Primary Health Center had diagnosed him to have ventricular septal defect. The PHC doctors referred Ajith Kumar to Sebs school teacher for treatment assistance.

At first Sebs helped Ajith Kumar's family to access the Chief Ministers Health Insurance scheme. Ajith Kumar was admitted on 31.08.16 at Fortis Malar hospital in Chennai. After routine investigation, doctors conducted bypass surgery on 12.09.16. On 15.09.16 he was discharged from hospital and his health has improved considerably and he is back in school.



### **Livelihoods Programme**

Periyapanapari shop: A small People's Market shop was opened in Periyapanapari village to initiate economic activities in the community. The aim was to generate income to sustain the school program. The community is very happy with the shop. First of its kind!! We have recruited a young girl from the community as a volunteer to run the store.

Eco trail: This year eco-trail programme went well. Nine batches from different departments of Abdul Hakeem College participated. Though the programme started a month later due to weather condition, the participants were greatly benefited. Student's participation and work of the women self-help group was highly appreciated. This year the women's group raised an income of Rs. 65,000 besides their daily wages of Rs 200 per individual per day. Many individuals in the



community earned money by selling fruits which they harvested which added to their livelihoods. It was interesting to witness the ability of women to plan and think of opportunities to do small businesses.

Soap making: Self-help group women made 700 soaps and sold for Rs. 21,100. Special order for a wedding souvenir for small soap was made for Rs. 10,000. Women from Periyathankotai village were also trained soap making. They made 500 soaps which is ready for sales.

**Humanitarian clowns:** The humanitarian clown's team arrived in the first half of the November. They visited the different projects around Vellore town. A one day visit was made to Seb's school Periyapanapari village in the Jawadhi hills. The entire team was involved completely in full filling the purpose of their visit. A get together was organized for the local volunteers to share their experience and learning from their service to the needy.



**Promotion and Publicity:** Seb's Projects India developed an Annual Report for the year 2015-16. The report has all the information of works carried out in the past one year. It is available in the handbook and e-book format. Seb's website has been updated regularly with news and events. We were able to develop a video documentary for Health and Thaniyamarthur School. All these publications helped us to promote our programs to a greater extent.

Fundraising continues to be the biggest challenge. Thanks to partners who have continued to place their trust and support our work. The Sun Salutations Event was a major fundraising event in London organized by the Shakee Sewa and Shishukunj to support a tribal school and two balwadi's also the North Bridge House School for organizing a fundraising event at their school.

Many thanks to individual donors and sponsor for their continued support for the educational needs of our young people and whose lives you have greatly impacted and made a lasting change.