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Working towards education for creation for just human society being the goal of PADI it has carried out a number of activities and programmes reaching towards this goal.

On a broad aspect following are the areas that PADI had concentrated to bring about a change in the community.

1. Child health programme
2. HIV Awareness
3. Community Awareness
4. Election and Children
5. SDMC Trainings
6. ASER Survey
7. Campaign Against Child Trafficking
8. Primary Education
9. Juvenile Justice Act
10. General Training Programmes

1. **Child Health Programme** : With the collaboration of the Education department a three days residential camp was held at 4 taluks namely Mulki, Sullia, Puttur and Bantwal for adolescent girls. The camps main intention was to bring about awareness on health and hygiene, sexually transmitted infection, HIV/AIDS, Adolescence exploitation, gender equality, carrier guidance and problems of premature marriages. At an average there were 45 girls at each of these camps. From the feed back received at these camps PADI is planning in bring out a manual on adolescent education.
2. **HIV Awareness** : In collaboration with KPWCN a National Convention on HIV was hosted on October 1st and 2nd at Bangalore. This was attended by well over 2300 HIV Positive persons. Some major and important resolutions were passed after group discussion involving the participation of people with HIV. See **Annexure 1** for details. Besides this Convention many other programme activities like counseling, special residential care support camps, seminars, workshop, awareness programme were carried out.
3. **Community Awareness** : The community now and then need to know the changing trends of the society, government and health. The awareness programme conducted this year were on :
 - Awareness on the present education system
 - Awareness on general health, cleanliness, bad habits and its effect on children
 - Parents role in children's education
 - Community responsibilities towards the school educational issues and the school.
4. **Election and Child** : In order the children get a clear picture regarding Panchayath election, what are their responsibilities, the elected members responsibilities, procedures of election, the children were given an opportunity to have a face to face interaction with the people's

representatives. This has helped the children to understand the meaning of Election much better, also to share this experience with other classmates.

5. **SDMC Training** : The Government had introduced a scheme called as the School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC). A scheme in which the lay community will now have the opportunity to get involved in the local school development. Introduction of the scheme is fine but the people have to understand how exactly it works and the communities responsibility. Hence on the request and in collaboration with the Department a massive SDMC training was conducted in all the taluks of DK right from July to November 2005 for two days each groups. For further information you can have a look at the Report. (**Annexure 2**) Today its members are in a better position to understand their responsibilities in representing the committee.
6. **ASER 2005 (Annual Status of Education Report 2005) - A Survey conducted** : This was another programme at the national level very much related to schools and children. ASER's intention was to make a study on all government schools, the infrastructure, its environment, teacher/child relations, childrens education standard and place it before the Central Government to bring it to their minds how far they have achieved their goal with regards to the scheme Sarva Shiksha Abiyana, what are the loop holes and what needs to be rectified. PADI helped ASER in conducting the survey in D.K. The study thus made gives a clear picture of the present situation of the schools. It also helped us to study all the schools in D.K. More details in the report – **Annexure 3**
7. **Campaign Against Child Trafficking** : “Stop Selling Children and Child Trafficking” an awareness, dialogue and education programme was conducted on the 15.4.2006 at Mangalore, ISD with the support of CWC, CACT and UNICEF. A lot of information was shared regarding various methods used in disguise for child trafficking and selling of children to mention a few marriage, adoption, jobs and so on. An insight into various laws, immoral traffic prevention act, Juvenile Justice Act, Labour laws was given. As an outcome of this programme it was decided to conduct similar programmes in rural areas namely Bantwal, Ujire, Belthangady, Sullia, Mangalore Rural and Puttur. Posters, stickers, hand bills, information cards were used during these programmes to bring about maximum awareness in this area. The result of this programme is that was people are much more conscious and more and more issues are identified and now come to light.
8. **Primary Education** : A 5 days camp for the primary school children (5th to 7th) was held at Sasihithlu and Kushalnagar for two batches of children 75 and 50 in number where they were taught to prepare materials from waste, mask, puppets and also education imparted on child rights and health. Children now realize how to assert their rights.
9. **Juvenile Justice Act** : A revised Juvenile Justice Act was introduced by the government in support of child rights. As PADI is involved in working with school teachers, children and the community, CACL requested us to render our services in D.K. in bringing about awareness on this act. The Women and Child Welfare Development Department also had this activity in their agenda. Hence they collaborated with us in disseminating this programme at various taluk and village levels. At an average 580 teachers, SDMC and Grama Panchayath members, Parents, CBO benefited from this programme. The teachers,

children department, community at large clearly understood the concept of this act and got to know whom to approach at times of emergence and help.

10. General Training Programme : In order to carry out the SDMC Training and the ASER Survey some personnel had to be trained to carry out the programme. They in turn conducted a training at the village level for a few of the local people so that the activities are carried out smoothly and with greater effect.

Besides the above programme other activities were organized such as the Sky Watch programme for the children, Exploring Nature and being introduced to Medicinal plants for the teachers and parents, an interaction programme regarding gram panchayath, its role and responsibility towards the community, people's role in making this panchayath effective in village development and in the education field for the local community. We had also conducted a workshop for teachers on 3rd and 4th February, 2006 to localize the text books of the class rooms. In collaboration with the Tulu Academy preliminary work on material production was organized. The finalisation of this work will be done in the month of August 2006. 20 teachers had attended this programme.

Apart from this PADI deems it fit to collaborate with other NGO's for its own development and to avoid duplication of work. Hence, it has collaborated with NGO's such as CACL-K, Child Right Trust – Bangalore, Sarva Shiksha Abiyana, Kisan Sabha Trust and NGO Forum, Mangalore in order to promote child rights and quality education.