

PADI, MANGALORE
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INTRODUCTION: Eight fruitful years of dedicated service and hard work has been put in by PADI ever since it got registered in 2004 and before that having worked through VALORED Project in the field of quality Education it can add to its credit 10 more years of committed work in the areas of teachers education, Child Right education, gender discrimination, upholding the lofty ideals of adolescent education, HIV/AIDS, Domestic Violence, girl child education, strengthening the SDMC and Child right clubs and so on.

PADI whose long term goal is “Education for creation of just a humane society” has to its credit four projects namely VALORED, Child Line, CACL-K, and teacher education. Also in collaboration with other NGO and the education department local programmers like Aser survey, RTE Campaign, Child Labour Survey, Makkala Grama Sabha, Child Line se Dosti Week, Leadership & Career Guidance Training, MSW Field Practice and Street Children Survey were conducted.

VALORED : Education is one of the core issues for Human development, besides this now it has become the fundamental right of every child. The Education Resource Centre with their combine efforts in being independent and aiming at financial sustainability are working both at the District and state level for the implementation of RTE in all schools. Keeping in mind in reaching out to all schools we continue our efforts with SDMC members. Strengthening of Child protection system like, CWC, JJB, DCPU, SJPU, Childline and the various departments that work for the welfare of children and women is very much our objective. It is with this intention in the coming year continuation of this work with proper planning and advocacy with various departments shall take place.

The one month-long children’s fest has helped us in building a strong rapport with the various departments and this fest was a great success because of Education Department support. The Intimate Theatre method used in this fest on issues of Girl Child Education, Child Rights, RTE, Gender discrimination was also a great success, an opportunity to discuss further action with various stakeholders.

VALORED has also brought out SDMC checklist on stock taking of RTE implementation, Child Friendly School, Value Oriented Education, Role of SDMC in school, Gender sensitivity in school and knowledge on child protection systems in the district. To sensitise about children Grama Sabha IEC material was circulated to the entire gram Panchayath of the state. This has geared up the Panchayaths in some places. But efforts need to be put in for better results in all panchayaths.

CACL-K, PADI was able to bring about awareness on RTE in most of the districts at the state level, at the same time with the involvement of the civil society RC are also playing an important role which has resulted in the RTE Adalath, Children’s month-long fest, Teachers Week and Child line Week Program which has created a strong impact in sensitising the people towards Education. Nearly 132 civil society representatives have got together at state level who have formed themselves as a forum called PAFRE whose objective is to see to the implementation of RTE and stock taking on the implementation. PADI’s pressure group is part of this forum. EMC (Escape from Marriage in Childhood) a project of CACL-K concentrates only on protecting minor children from the institution of Marriage. We have been successful in stopping quite a few marriages.

Child line which is an important child friendly program has restarted in D.K. with ERC and PADI’s initiation. And we hope to implement this in a successful manner by bring out a model child line PADI-VALORED will be even more identified and also a commitment for the community to work for child friendly village. We need to spread this concept to other districts also.

Contribution of the achieved results towards the project objective/Project Goal.

- The newly formed People Alliance For Right to Education (PAFRE) as a pressure group was set up to monitor the implementation of RTE and stock taking.
- The Federation and RC members involved in ASER study and RTE, Street Children Study of SSA.
- The Child Right Grama Sabha posters were an eye opener to the Gram Panchayath members.
- Teachers and community associated with the schools are sensitized towards gender related, child right and RTE issues.
- Many of VALORED’s suggestions have been included in the Draft of the D.Ed curriculum.
- Resource Persons team well recognized by the Education Department, social welfare department and Labour department who avail the services of this Resource Persons team for their programmes at the district and state level
- Media has been very supportive in giving coverage to most of VALORED’s programme and in highlighting child Right issues to bring about justice. Some press members have also become the members of RC. The Media has recognised our work so much that any child right violation case is brought to the notice of PADI through child line.
- Annual Children’s month long fest /campaign has sensitised people from different walks of life towards vulnerable children.

We are grateful to the Board Members, Bftw, Childline and TDH, staff members, Federation, Resource Persons, Consultants, Community Leaders, the Government Department, Press for their support in the implementation and the advocacy of our programmes successfully and thereby helping us to reach out to the children.

