

KAINGKARYA SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANISATION

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The journey of Kaingkarya right from 1991 has been a very fruitful one with each of us learning from each other and from outside. The support and response from the society is very encouraging and motivating that we were able to deal with different issues and work accordingly. We look not just at the immediate needs of the people but also at the long-term results. Our services commenced with training Programmes for women, moved to education of children with concentration of prevention of child labour and now we are offering comprehensive developmental services for the whole community with health care services.

The broad variety of activities of Kaingkarya can be classified as under the following categories

- Education
- Sponsorship
- Enrollment
- Supportive education
- Health services
- Vocational Training Programmes
- Mass Awareness Programme
- Networking

Education

We are conducting all our educational programmes with the motto of providing education to all children. Our activities for children at Thirsoolam made an impact with the Panchayat School authorities and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. They made a request to us to commence a residential programme for the children who are school dropouts and child workers and admit them in the formal school in the next academic year. We commenced the new programme of "Undu Uraivida Muham" for older children in January and later started Alternative Innovative Education centre for younger children

As the crushers are situated in far off places our vehicle goes to the crushers and brings the children to our transit school. Now there is a gradual change in the attitude of the mothers in sending their children to our transit school. When ever our vehicle is not able to go the crushers due to some technical fault, mothers bring their children to our transit school. The Education department officials have visited our transit school and are instrumental in commencing a Residential school for the dropouts and child workers under the government scheme of Sarva Shikhya Abhiyan. We are able to review the village education committee whose role is to strengthen the educational programs.

Transit School

Through identification and Counselling children are brought to Transit School. Our vehicle goes to the crushers to bring the children to our centre where the Transit School is being conducted. By utilizing the available local resources, one lady from the crusher area has been assisting us to bring the children from interior homes to the spot where our vehicle is parked. Thus the children are sorted out and children attend the Transit School regularly.

Here children are divided according to their age and level of education. Sarvasiksha Abiyan, a Government initiative is collaborating with us in implementing the educational programme for the children. Class wise syllabus is given to us and our teachers follow the same. In addition to teaching we also insist on equipping them with extra curricular activities such as drawing, singing, games, yoga etc, we also provide lunch to all children coming to our centre. Monthly once Medical-Checkup by our physician is carried out and for anemic and weaker children Multi-Vitamins are provided.

Pre-test to know the status of children, Post-test to find out how much they have learnt and frequent class test are conducted to assess the child's level of understanding. Teachers are given both in service and service training once in 2 months in preparing the Educational Materials, Method of Teaching, technique of maintaining interest in students etc.

Alternative Innovative Education Centre

AIEC consist of 40 children from 20 crushers between the age group of 7 to 10 yrs. A.I.E Centre consist of children who are dropout or child workers or not enrolled at all in school. 20:1 is the student- teacher ratio. Children belong to our A.I.E centre learn for one year and then enrolled in Formal School. Here children are divided according to their age and level of education. Each child shows different educational quotient - like some are not able to hold a pencil and write, some not knowing to read and write, some are able to identify alphabets, some can read without understanding, some cannot write at all, some can write but cannot read. According to the children's age and requirement, inputs are given and there is a gradual improvement in each child.

Creche

Siblings of Transit School Children between 2 to 5 years of age are taken care in Creche, These children are picked up and dropped in their house by our jeep. Creche children are provided with food, snacks and necessary play materials. Monthly once the Physician carried out Medical Check up with the assistance of Nurse and Creche Teacher. Health records are maintained by the teacher and for risky cases reference are done. By leaving there children in Kaingkarya's Creche parents feel secure while they are working in the crusher.

Admission to Formal School

Admission is carried out by our Transit School teachers and Community Workers with the help of Village Education Committee, School Teachers, Parents and School Volunteers. Two types of students are being enrolled in Formal Schools. Students from our Transit School and children (long absentees and drop outs) referred by the Panchayat and Corporation schools are admitted in Formal School.

The teachers from the Panchayat School seek the help of Kaingkarya in visiting the houses of the dropouts and enrollment. Our staff make frequent visits to find out the reason of absenteeism and dropping out from school. Once they find out that the family needs either monitory or emotional support Kaingkarya offers constant support by way of counseling and guidance.

Health Services

Medical Clinic :

Doctor comes to the clinic in alternative days and treats all types of illness. She imparts Health Education simultaneously and takes a special care for each patient. Critical cases are referred to Government Hospitals. Pathological investigation is carried out for the needy persons by a technician who visits our clinic regularly. Confidentiality is maintained through out the treatment. The Nursing assistant provides First-Aid during the non-clinic days. She also pays home visits to the patients who suffer from severe high Blood Pressure and Diabetes, if they do not come to the clinic due to incapacity. She motivates the patients suffering from respiratory problem, B.P and Diabetes to take the treatment continuously. Two hundred patients are treated every week with Allopathy Doctor and Acupuncturist visiting the clinic on alternative days. Additional services like Siddha, Naturopathy and Yoga are also provided.

School Health Programme :

We organize Vaccination and health camps for school children frequently. Kaingkarya also participates in Polio Plus Campaign.

Health Education :

Self Help Group members, Women's Group and parents in the area are given Health Education in relation to Personal Hygiene, Diet and Nutrition.

Health Camps:

In order to meet the Health Needs of the people living near the Crushers and Blue Metals we conduct Health Camps in the area itself. A special survey was conducted to identify diabetic patients and the probable cases of diabetes This followed by a camp by M.V. Diabetes Hospital. In order to give awareness on AIDS, a visit to CHES(Community Health Education Society) was organized for the students. Children who are affected and infected by AIDS are looked after in this residential home. Difference between HIV and AIDS and the latest medicines for immunity was clarified to the students. The details of prevention and rehabilitation of AIDS was explained.

Vocational training Project

Nurse Aid Training

At Kaingkarya we are instrumental in shaping the personality of youth through various skill development training. One such training is Nursing Assistance, which focuses on the needs of girls who have an aptitude for nursing. This course equips the girls with knowledge in nursing skills and to work in the community settings also. There are many 10th standard completed students who are unable to continue their studies due to lack of financial support. Among these students many have an aptitude for nursing. So there is great need to bridge the gap between the demand for the personnel and the students who are trained.

The Salient Features

- The training period is for one year
- No of students is 60
- Basic nursing skills are imparted in nursing homes
- Theory classes are taken by medical practitioner and Qualified nursing tutor

All the girls are participating in this training programme with enthusiasm and commitment. Spoken English classes are being conducted along with effective communication skills. In some of the nursing homes, the doctors take theory classes for the girls. The practical experience at the various nursing homes have equipped the students with the following skills.

Kaingkarya conducts specialized medical camps for the quarry workers at Thirusoolam and the students take part in the camp by assisting the staff. The students are taught to go to the community and talk to the people about various health hazards, nutrition etc. This gives an exposure in community health work. They are also given additional knowledge about rural health centres and the way they function.

Periodical tests are being conducted to evaluate the student's progress. The students were asked to present papers on selected topics and made to prepare charts on First Aid, Immunization, communicable diseases, Types of systems etc. It was a new experience to the girls as they were given independence to collect data and present a paper before the class

Computer Training

Girls and Boys who have completed 10th and 12th are encouraged to undergo this training as it equips them with necessary skills to work in an office. Basic computer skills along with spoken English training was given.

Tailoring and Power Machine Training

We are running tailoring classes for twenty-five girls in our centre. The duration of the course is six months, as demand is great for trained tailors in the export garment factories situated in the vicinity of the village. A trained instructor teaches the girls in batches. A certificate is issued to those who successfully complete the course. Assistance will be given to the trainees who want to start their own production unit and also help them to find placements.

Community Health Workers

There is dearth of trained personnel for community work with knowledge of nursing skills. To meet the demands of NGOs Kaingkarya has been giving training of girls with an aptitude for commitment of society. This training is for a period of one year with six months practical training in Nursing and six months training in community work

Mass Awareness Programme

Behaviour Change Communication:

Our primary motive is to make all children go to school. Individual Counseling and Home Visits are the major strategies adopted to reach the goal. We felt that though these approaches are effective, they are not able to cover a wide range of population. Hence another methodology to address the mass was adopted. Puppet show, Street Theatre, Rally, Awareness song etc. are organized in the community with the help of Nurse Aid students, School Volunteers, Puppetry Artist, Transit School children and Community Workers. During enrollment period special Programmes are organized to stress the importance of education.

Village Education Committee:

Village Education Committee consists of Village Panchayat President, Panchayat School Headmaster, P.T.A representatives and members of Panchayat union. It is one of the programme to involve the community. The committee's main aim is to see the maintenance of the school building, enrollment, income and expenditure of the School, recruitment of teachers through P.T.A etc. Kaingkarya participates in the Village Education Committee Meetings, which are being conducted once in 3 months. Various issues of the community are brought to the lime light through the discussions.

Events

Programme	Description
Life skill Training Programme	Transit school children along with U. U. M. and A.I. E children were given training on Creative thinking, problem solving, Communication, self awareness, coping with stress, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, Decision, making, Empathy and Assertiveness etc., though techniques like group discussion and interaction, role play, games, drawings, bran storming, story telling, making posters, group learning Debates
Eye Camp	89 Patients attended the camp 8 patients got spectacles 14patients gone though free cataract operation surgery.
Anti Child labour day	State bank of India Bank Manager Panchayat President, counsellor, Panchayat school. H.M. participated in the programme which was followed by a rally by the Transit school children in the Area
Summer Camp	Conducted by filed work students of centre for social imitative and management. Lecturer from A. M. Jain college participated in the programme, Dace, song, Drawing, Mimicry story telling were dealt in the camp
Aravind Sa Eye Hospital	14 Patients attend the camp
Awareness programme on Drug Addiction, Alcoholism and AIDS	The programme was conducted I the Crusher area by staff of Kaingkarya and by Mr. Yoganathan filed officer from T.T.K Hospital
Aravind Sa Eye Hospital	45 patients attend the camp
Enrollment Week Celebration	Enrollment Rally was conducted by Kaingkarya in association with Panchayat school children Participated in the programme.
Hostel Admission	12 Students were enrolled in Annai Fathima Hostel , Karapakkam. (U.U.M students (
School Admission	10 students were admitted n Panchayat Mddle school and 30 students were admitted in Jameen Pallavaram Primary School.
Aravind Sai Eye Hospital	9 Patients attended the camp 1 Patient got spectacles 2 patients done free surgery
Alternative Innovative Educational Centre	This programme was inaugurated on this day as it was Shri. Karamarajar's birthday. He was the pioneer in introducing many welfare schemes for school going children. Head Mistress and a Teacher participated
Eye Camp	Arvind Eye hospital Doctors came for the camp to patients were referred for cataract operation
Medical camp	Free medical check up was conducted at the Panchayat school and 180 patients benefited

Visit	25 children were taken to watch a cultural programme by an orchestra consisting of visually challenged people
Meeting	Mothers were invited for a meeting
Sports	70 children were taken to Y.M.C.A ground Nandhanam. CIF and Citi Bank had organized various events for the children
Navarathri Celebration	Kolu was organized with different dolls depicting the importance of hygiene and environmental protection Mr. Narayanan, from ECOMWEL and Ms. Lalitha an officer from Indian Overseas Bank Participated
Tree plantation	Tree plantation at Panchayat school, Moovarasampet.
Diwali celebration	Diwali was celebrated with the children by distributing ,crackers sweets and New dress .
Day Hospital Inaugurated ic	Mr. Narayanan, from ECOMWEL and Ms. Lalitha an officer from Indian Overseas Bank Participated
Children's day	Games and drawing competition were held and prizes were distributed Mr. Ramachandran Panchayat president
Interview	Media persons from a private TV channel from Singapore visited the Transit school and interacted with the founder.
Picnic	A picnic was arranged for the Children with the help of the staff of Hewlett-Packard Global –Investment company
Pongal celebration	Pongal was celebrated with Transit school, Crèche children & supportive education children
Republic day	Mr. Ravi President of Association of crusher owners Addressed the children of Transit school, Crèche & supportive education center and hoisted the flag.
Medical camp	Medical camp was conducted at Rani Anna Nagar with 250 beneficiaries
Chennai Sangamam	The Artists from Chennai Sangamam were invited by Kaingkarya to come and perform in front of the panchayat school students. All types of folk dances puppet show and gymnastic took place.
Seva Mela	Seva Mela 2007 is an unique union of more than 150 Voluntary organizations, exhibiting their services to the society creatively and expressing the joy of service.
Women's day celebration	Mothers were invited for a talk.
Vivekananda Vidhyalaya school children visit	Students from Vivekananda Vidyalaya spent one day with the transit school children and the Panchayat School Children by conducting various competitions for them

Networking

- C.S.I.M

The trainees from Centre for Social Initiative and Management have undergone field work training in Kaingkarya. They organized street theatre play in panchayat school for the children. Theory classes for CSIM students specializing in health are taken in Kaingkarya.

- XIME

Two students from Xavier Institute of Management education, Bangalore came to Kaingkarya to gain experience of working in NGO as part of their MBA studies

- Gregarious college

Two students from Gregarious college chennai, underwent field work training for the first year of M.A Social work.

- C.I.O.S.A

In collaboration with CIOSA Kaingkarya brought out book let on the existing non formal education centre in chennai. Took part in Seva Mela organised by Ciosa .

- Udhavum Ullangal

Volunteers from Udhavum Ullangal supported Kaingkarya in organizing medical camps in crushers of Thirusoolam

Beneficiaries:

Programme	Beneficiaries
Nursing Assistant trainees	70
Community health workers	15
Children in A.I.E. Centre	25
Patients per week 150	7200
Computer trainees	25
Trainees for tailoring & power machine stitching	100
High school students	200
Middle school students	200
Children who were given uniforms and note books	150
Enrollment	75
Crèche	25
Supportive education	50
Medical camp	1000
School health programme	150

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