Bassera-e-Tabassum

Mid year presentation

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November 2017 (Oct 2016 - Nov 2016)
2016 Burhan aftermath

• 5 months of strike/curfew and violence
• No internet or phone services
• Homes in remote location couldn’t be reached because of food, water, electricity and other necessities esp in remote areas
• More importantly, education of children stopped because they were sent home/friends place etc for a month
• A month later, household essentials were provided by ambulances and kids were brought back to the homes.
Local tutoring during curfew

In the month of October, the state government announced to conduct all board exams in Mid November and we were satisfied that our children were ready for the same. Up to 9th standard Mass Promotion was awarded to children within Kashmir division. So, in the month of November, on one side children up to 9th class were excited to receive their new books and stationary while on other side rest were preparing for their coming board examinations.
Shrinagar home

Need:

• Insufficient space in Beerwah and Kupwara
• Hygiene and Sanitation compromised – they had to shut down home for 2 days because of sickness
• 2016 conflict situation because of militant Burhan Wani’s death caused a lot of loss – transport, food, utilities, school and education
• New home in Chanapora, Srinagar adjacent to central office of BWF.
• The house is very huge, concrete and well maintained comprising of 14 rooms including two halls and 9 washrooms excluding Kitchen and a very beautiful lawn which can be used for number of outdoor activities
• 25 children were shifted to B-e-T Srinagar from existing B-e-T homes and 10 were newly admitted

Shrinagar office was opened in April 2015 and home was opened in Jan 2016
Activities
The team comprised of Dr. Fayaz Ahmed- General Physician, Dr. Nighet- Gynecologist, Dr. Khalida- ANM (Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery) and Sajad Ahmed- Pharmacist.

Medicines provided by District Hospital to B-e-T Kupwara.
Medical Camp- May 2017

- 10 doctors from Maharashtra comprising Gynecologist, general physicians, dermatologist and ophthalmologist conducted the medical camps in B-e-T Homes and 6 areas of Kashmir valley
- Majority suffering from sore throats, fever, cough, pneumonia, diarrhea and fungal infections. Pregnant women were seen by the gynecologists for prenatal checkups. Free medicines were given to the patients
Visitors to BeT

• Interns from Kashmir University Summer Internship Program spent 12 days with BWF, visited all projects and understood the management structure.

• Some of the friends of Mr. Adhik Kadam from Maharashtra visited B-e-T Srinagar home and interacted with children with the aim to overview BWF projects. Visits to the home by such people always have a positive effect on the kids.

• Ms Manasee Godsay from India Development Service, USA funded the project for setting up a computer lab in Central Office of BWF.
Computer Lab Setup

- Lab access given to BWF children and local orphanages to boost their computer literacy – gain confidence in their professional pursuits

- At present 11 HP computers are positioned in the lab with 4 GB ram, 1 TB hard disc and i-Ball screen, and 4 more are going to be placed soon.

- The lab was started recently in the month of August, 2017. A two hour class is scheduled wherein 30 children take computer classes except Fridays in two separate groups of one hour each.
Computer Embroidery Unit at Women’s Social Entrepreneurship Center

• Unit was not functional for almost 3-4 months because of technical issues. Serviceman from Pune was hired to repair the machine.

• Once the machine was functional, Ms Mehnaza Khan, the unit operator was given a two day training session on machine handling and software by Mr. Srinath Shinde (serviceman).
Parents/Gaurdians meeting

In B-e-T Srinagar, a parent meeting was organized wherein the guardians and parents of every child was called to discuss their wards overall behavior in B-e-T Homes.

The parents were informed about their child curricular and co-curricular achievements.
Kashmir Delhi Women’s Peace Table

- Initiated in Aug 2017 to bring together a diverse group of women from Kashmir and Delhi on a single platform

- Goal to empower women leadership by creating network and a safe space wherein women in each group learn about each other’s social contexts and also the importance of collaborative projects where they can work together in future

- The peace table was designed around six main themes- Youth and Education, Education, Social Entrepreneurship, Media, Mental Health and Civil Society (Art, Democracy, and Dialogue).
World Disability Day & House Painting!

• 3-day training program followed by cultural events. The girls carried various skits and bagged 1st prize.

• The children desired to paint the walls of their Home by themselves and the approval was given for the same. The activity turned to be fun and adventure for girls in proper supervision of Home Manager.
Success stories
Education & Exams

10th exam:
1. Gulshan Ara (Kupwara) – 90%
2. Shabnum (Kralpora) – 86%
3. Sabrina Akber (Chowkibal) – 70%

Wedding:

- Two girls (Kupwara) got married. Since the girls come from poor economic background, BWF provide a little help to such families to arrange for their daughters marriage in an honorable manner.
- Our organization recently arranged a small token of love by giving them some cash and few gifts like wedding dresses for their marriage ceremony
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Higher Education:

• Rifat Bashir, Rubeena Akbar took CET and NEET entrance exams in Maharashtra. After securing a good score, they are doing Lab Technology course at Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women 18th Cross, Malleswaram- Bangalore

• Afroza Banoo who also appeared for CET and NEET exams is now pursuing BCA at Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women 18th Cross, Malleswaram- Bangalore

• Nahida Nazir, Shaista Maqbool, Asiya Nazir and Amina Abdullah are pursuing digital animation course in Pune.

• Rukaiya Jan is doing nursing at Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth Swargate, Pune.

• Two girls from Kupwara and Beerwah Homes got admission in Cape Institute of Technology at Kanyakumari for Engineering.

• BWF is providing financial help to Razia Sheikh (Beerwah) and Nuzhat Ali (Kupwara) and a newly admitted girl Masrat Nazair from Ganderbal for their higher education since they come from poor economic background
Festivals

- Celebrated Ramzan by breaking their fast with yummy Iftar buffet – chicken rolls, fruit juice, dates, sweets etc
- Eid was celebrated by providing new clothes and shoes
- Eid ul Azha was celebrated by having a Wazman (Kashmiri cuisine) feast. It was sponsored by donors.
- The town commander of Kupwara presented gift pack consisting biscuit, juice and chocolates to each children on Eid
BWF Updates and Plans

• Projected to start construction of B-e-T Home in Jammu
• Trying to buy Land in Beerwah: Selling existing 5445 square foot land because it was lacking have road connectivity as well as it had no space for expansion. In place of that Planning to buying 10890 square foot land

Their financial needs:
• Providing 13 laptops for girls pursuing Digital Animation Course outside valley
• Support a salary for computer trainer.
• Requesting Office desktops for Admin work.
• Support in B-e-T Home Construction Project at Jammu and Beerwah.
Budget

- Total budget for the year is 28lk Rs.
- Mid year budget – send the remaining half – 14lk Rs.
At the end we look forward for the bright future of every Girl Child associated with Borderless World Foundation ‘one great human family’.
Updates from chapter

- Find fellowships or donors for older kids – Pankil has some ideas
- Can we find donors through SAC for older kids? Is it under Asha’s goals to fund older kids?
- Why serviceman was from Pune?