

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2016 - 2017**



**Vimukti Charitable Trust (R)  
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## **I. Introduction:**

*"I raise my voice not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard" -*

Malala Yousafzai

It gives us immense joy to share the Annual Report of VIMUKTI CHARITABLE TRUST® (VCT) for the year 2016-17. VCT has been working with children in 65 interior villages of Manvi Taluka. For these children, their life is a struggle and they live for today at the cost of their future. Every child is filled with dreams but lack guidance from their family or the community to chase their dreams. They even don't have role models to look up to in their community. If all our efforts can change the lives of at least a few such children, we can call it a grand success! On behalf of the Governing council of the VCT, I am glad to place before you, the General Body members of the Trust, and the annual report on the various activities undertaken by the trust for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

VCT, through its supportive partnership with *Ensemble Agissons*, France, *Lok Manch Delhi*, *America House of Jesuit Community*, New York, *Red ALERT Operation Hyderabad*, and *Development Focus Bangalore*, continues to undertake varied programmes, to tackle problems associated with the various aspects of development. As you would know, these programmes impact hundreds of lives as they are dealing with education skills, Child Rights, child abuse, human trafficking, dropout, skill-training, health initiatives, housing, women empowerment, and Govt. schemes etc. While implementing these projects, VCT is also committed to engage in advocacy lobbying work in order to promote the rights of the individuals and bring about systemic changes in policy level. With this short introduction I shall now present the detailed activities of the Trust.

### **Our Approach:**

- Participatory,
- Environmentally Sensitive
- Collaborative,
- Right based,
- Child development
- Cost effective, ,
- Gender Sensitive,
- Sustainability.
- Women empowerment

## **II . Objectives realized**

The following projects have been implemented during the year 2016-2017so as to realize the principal objectives of the Trust:

- Main streaming school-dropouts through family counseling and combating child labor.
- Preventing children from being exposed to vulnerable and abusive conditions.
- Strengthening children's clubs through training.
- Forming and strengthening children's parliaments in certain targeted villages.
- Stopping human trafficking and preventing child-marriage.
- Skill development training for the unemployed youth.
- Initiating social action groups against exploitative structures of the society.
- Promoting awareness on education/ health and social issues.
- Promoting functional literacy of the target group.
- Creating opportunities for skill development training for adolescent girls
- Facilitating adolescent girls to enroll in the distance education and thus encouraging them to complete their studies.
- Reaching out to children in vulnerable conditions and alleviating their condition.
- Steering large scale awareness programs to eradicate totally child-labor, child-marriages and child-dropouts.

### III. Community Welfare Programmes

Imbalanced growth and inequality in development have forced the rural and urban poor people to be trapped in a cycle of poverty. VCT identifies the crucial gaps in development amongst the most vulnerable and addresses them by connecting the communities with empowering solutions. To this end, the strategies of VCT include providing access to education and information, livelihood promotion, economic development and health care in areas that need them the most through skill trainings, adolescent trainings, awareness, leadership trainings, mobile clinic, health care education, health camps and free health check-ups, especially in the targeted villages of Manvi Taluka.

The year 2016-17 was prioritized on empowering individuals and groups of people by providing them with skills and resources that they need to effect change within their community. Right-Based Approach has been used extensively in capacitating the community in various spheres like health livelihood, education and social development, specifically women and children in talking the issues of child labour, school dropouts and violence against women and children in many villages.

- 1. Consciousness of the value in functioning through Grama Sabha & Panchayat:** Local leaders and villagers were sensitized and motivated on the importance of the *Grama Panchayat* and *Grama Saba*. People are now aware of the developmental work that is carried out by the Panchayat and the facilities made available through panchayat to the poor people. The panchayat members regularly attend *Grama sabhas* and also participate in the discussion as it is their right.
- 2. Education on Right to Food through Street plays:** VCT, Through regular home visits, awareness was generated among people on Right to Food (RTF), Public Distribution System (PDS), Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), and Above Poverty Line (APL) below poverty line (BPL), Mid-day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Antyodaya Ann Yojana (AAY), National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS), and National Old age pension Scheme (NOAPS) etc. Street play was staged in eighteen public places and also by way of rally, distributing pamphlets and making them aware through placards in the targeted villages of Manvi taluka. As a further result participants expressed their willingness to be part of the RTF mission. Nearly 9000 people have been educated on right to food act.
- 3. Education on infants Right to Food: Awareness on breast feeding:** Efforts have also been taken to build awareness on the importance of “Exclusive Brest feeding” Exclusive breast feeding ensures the infant’s right to food-unarguably an infant’s entitlement. Awareness programmes were organized for pregnant women and neonatal mothers in the target area. The professionals in the health field were invited to generate awareness on the importance of mother’s milk. Resource person exalted that existing facilities in the hospital should be made used; the main aim is to bring down maternal mortality rate. Under this scheme, women were counseled on the importance of nutrition, institutional delivery, and care during the pregnancy, breastfeeding, family planning; mother child protection issues were discussed. 18 types of different low cost nutritious food prepared and exhibited in the program.510 women benefited from this program
- 4. Sponsored-children and Parents’ get together:** Well aware of the fact that parents play a major role in providing a bright future for their children, the get-together was meant to enlighten the parents of sponsored-children about their responsibility towards their children and to remind them of the need to cooperate and work together with their children and with those who empower them in their journey of

life. Fr. Sathish Fernandes the director was the resource person to address the meeting and with his thought provoking discourse informed purpose and won the hearts of them all. He also spoke of the impact of media and its veiled abuses on the present day society. At the gathering 75 sponsor families took the initiative to express their deep sentiments of gratitude to the benefactors. Altogether 120 parents who were the beneficiaries took part in the event.

5. **Awareness program on Crop insurance scheme:** VCT with the collaboration of Ensemble Agissons France had organized an awareness program to the stakeholders in the project area to get the maximum benefits under the scheme of “*Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bhima Krishi Yojana 2017*”. Speaking at the workshop on crop insurance VCT Director, Crop insurance does not bring compensation for crop loss. It is the compensation for the expenditure on farming activities, if crop is damaged, so that farmers should not face financial problem to start sowing in the next season. Further he explained in detailed the documents to be submitted to concerned authority to tap this Government scheme, as a result, 82 farmers submitted the documents and got benefited from this program.
6. **Awareness on Government Schemes:** Vimukti has been conducting sensitization programmes on Government Welfare Schemes viz, Pradhan mantri Ujjwala Yojana (Free LPG gas for BPL families), Free lap top Scheme for SC/ST students, Mukya Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana, Suvarna Krishi Grama Yojana- Increasing Farmers Income, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dan Yojana, Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana to help Road Accident Victims, Karnataka ksheera Bhagya scheme, Yeshasvini Co-operative health Scheme, pashu Bhagya Animal husbandry ,Kshori shakti Yojana etc. And people are paying attention to the programmes and our animators helping them in order to benefit of them.
7. **Doorstep Medical Services:** The statement that “health is wealth “is a very true to its meaning, as one cannot do anything if he or she does not have good health. For the past 12 months, Doorstep healthcare services has been provided by VCT Staff Nurse to the sponsored children families, pregnant and lactating mothers, physically disabled and economically disadvantaged patients who live in the villages without discrimination of caste and religion. This door step medical services has been benefited 355 households in the project area. 120 people were made aware of the risk factors and symptoms of diabetes and hypertension, And 184 persons were screened. 91 persons were diagnosed with diabetes and 38 persons with hypertension. They were all appropriately referred to the health facilities concerned. Apart from our regular action plan we also took initiatives for the welfare of the workers and community by conducting need based camps. We made them aware about how to prevent the spread of infectious diseases though conducting free health screening.
8. **Training on SCSP/TSP/WASH:** On 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 two days training programme was organized for all the local leaders at Vimukti premises. Nearly 66 leaders from 20 villages were present for this training. The aim of this programme was to introduce them the various Govt. schemes like Access to educational Scholarship through Scheduled Caste sub Plan (SCSP plan-SCP) and the Tribal Sub plan (TSP) Water Sanitation and Hygienic (WASH) etc; were explained by the resource person in detailed way an in simple language. He explained the nature of each scheme, its provisions, how to tap these schemes and the redress mechanism of these schemes. The training program was an eye opener for many village leaders. The VCT staff also prepared an action plan for one year.
9. **Awareness programme on the Right to consume clean water and for sanitation:** Hundreds of people across 122 villages of Manvi taluka are consuming contaminated water of the deadly toxic

chemical, and arsenic. However, in the absence of alternative sources of water, people in these villages are forced to use the polluted with fluoride and arsenic content water. After knowing the real struggles of people in this area, VCT made a survey to know the water quality as how far it is portable to drink. Therefore several methods were used to capture different facts of water, sanitation and hygiene situation. Questionnaires at household, Gram Panchayat and village levels; and water quality tests were conducted at 10- 40 sources per GP; with photographs to capture visual images (and to serve as a quality monitoring mechanism) were the key tools in this regard. Later water samples were submitted to the DC, CEO Zella Panchayath Raichur and Gram panchayath leaders to know that how much water is polluted with fluoride and further memorandums were submitted to give immediate attention to supply pure drinking water to the villagers without any delay. For our surprise 8 GP pure drinking water facilities were made available.

#### **IV. Child Welfare Programmes**

‘Child right educational project’ of VCT focuses on empowering children in playing a leading role in their own development. As their formative years are very crucial to individual and societal development, we target the welfare of children in Manvi taluka, especially those who are most at risk and whose fundamental rights are being violated on account of, child labor, child marriage, school dropout, etc. We also include children affected or infected with HIV/AIDS, children in conflict with law and children living in remote rural villages with no access to opportunities like schooling.

By involving the children to attain their own integral development, not only their meaningful participation is ensured but also the rights based approach to their problem is aptly justified. Through our efforts and by motivating the children intensively, we have rescued 472 children from being child-dropouts or are at risk of suffering other disadvantages. The dropouts were re-enrolled in schools and supported with supplementary education in order to prevent repeated potential drop outs or be out of school altogether. The results of the project have enabled the children and stakeholders to articulate their own rights and capitalize on opportunities to participate in development processes. Thus they confidently assert their rights and voice their views on critical issues affecting them and their peers.

**10. Training in health matters at adolescent stage:** Keeping in mind the overall development of the adolescent girls, VCT organized training camp at eight places of Manvi Taluka with a few resource persons. The main topics covered under this programmes are: Personality development, Health and hygiene, HIV/AIDS, contagious diseases, reproductive health, physical growth and mental changes, gender discrimination and Information on protection during sexual harassment. 902 adolescent girls actively participated and benefited from the camp. They also shared and discussed their adolescent problems with the resource persons and received satisfactory solutions.

**11. Advocacy and lobbying by children’s parliament- members:** children’s parliament- members visited the panchayat and interacted with panchayath president members and public development officer (PDO) so as to know about the panchayat facilities. They also called the president to participate in the ‘Makkala grama Saba’ and club meetings, where the children asked several questions and presented their demands to him. They raised issues like midday meals, dropout children, school playgrounds, teaching materials and infrastructure of various schools etc. they came

to know how to inform panchayath about the child abuse and violation of children's rights and to seek possible solutions; in return president assured the children his continued support.

- 12. Personality Development Camp:** in every summer a personality development camp is organized for the children to provide for them an opportunity to learn and mix with other children. They enjoyed various group dynamics, group play, group discussion and cultural activities. The training is given to teach them how they may prepare greeting cards, learn drawing, singing, drama, etc. it is also an opportunity to raise questions and get satisfactory answers from the resource persons.
- 13. A distinctive and colorful children fest held at vimukti:** On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Vimukti celebrated children fest at its premises. 16 Government school parliament children and staff spent their time and energy in preparing varieties of dance and music programs. 958 children participated in this colorful event. VCT organized this program this year in a more creative and unique way. The students took out rally through the main streets of Pothnal by holding placards and banners containing the message on the needs of protecting the rights, to create awareness on adverse impact of child marriage, child dropout, child labor, RTF, protection of earth, health-hygiene and cleanliness etc, in the society; and demanded the concerned officials to take stringent measures in this regard to impose fine on those who violate these laws.
- 14. Training to form children clubs:** To give a prospect to improve the capacities of children, Children's clubs are organized and followed up in our project-area. Once in fifteen days these club children come together in their respective villages for the meeting, During these club meetings awareness is given regarding personality development, development of talents, communication skills, cleanliness, children's rights and other related issues through input sessions. The Children's committees promote leadership abilities. Children enjoy participation, acquire courage and gain self-confidence.
- 15. Instruction regarding Child Rights and Gramasabha:** *"A leader must have the vision, state the mission, and set the tone"* says David Rockefeller. In order to bring out the leadership quality, to know their rights of the children, VCT organized awareness program at 4 schools to instruct and enlighten them about child rights and Grama sabha, SDMCs and to the school teachers together with almost 300 children participated in this programme and were enlightened about their rights and duties.
- 16. Art and craft workshop held at Tadkal School:** The art and craft workshop was conducted in the targeted villages, indeed a successful one. There were around 536 students who took active part in it. The kids enjoyed to the full the workshop with learning beautiful craft and art work. They learnt different skills like rolling and cutting papers, gluing pieces together, most importantly the skill of cooperating and collaborating with each other. For about 35 children made masks from paper, so also plates, paper pulp, balloons, flowers and caps. Mr. R. Kumar was the resource person for the day gave them a demonstration on landscape, drawing and painting, He also taught the kids as on how to derive at different colors from the six basic colors. The participants enjoyed the workshop and benefited to the maximum from this work
- 17. VCT initiate to meet the Govt. Taluka officials to discuss on the issue of tackling child dropouts at Manvi:** In order to create public awareness on child dropouts, to eradicate child labor and to get all

the children back to the schools VCT took initiative to call for a meeting with the concern govt. officials at VCT premises. VCT was also selected as Nodal NGO by Deputy Commissioner (D.C) of Raichur to make a survey of child dropouts and to give an overall report of the situation of the entire Manvi Taluka. Different government officials of Manvi Taluka namely, Block Education officer, BRCs, EO, CDPO, school Head Masters, Asha workers, AWC's Teachers, and SDMC members were present for the meeting in order to draw a strategic plan to work in near future. Nearly 42 government officers took part in this programme.

- 18. Empowerment of children through Child Rights Clubs becomes a reality:** VCT Pothnal effort in making children's right to participation through Child Rights Clubs has been very effective. It is VCT's firm conviction that " a child who is capable of forming his or her views has the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child" (UNCRC 1989 – Article 12). To prepare and train children to participate we have formed Child Rights clubs in 30 Gram Panchyath and Balika sanghas in 20 Gram Panchyath of Manvi Taluka with the collaboration of Government Schools.
- 19. Formation of Balika Sanghas:** To educate and guide adolescent girls to understand and accept their physical maturity and emotional changes they undergo were the main objectives of these Sanghas. Now they exist in various Schools of Manvi Taluka. The girls were informed of the need to take good care of them during this period avoiding all kinds of fear and superstitious beliefs, prevalent in the villages. They had to know as well their rights to save themselves from child labour, child marriage, child trafficking, school dropout, etc. Nearly 2100 girls at present form part of these sanghas and profit from the programmes as they themselves are seen to acknowledge their ignorance about these things and their happiness in being the members of *Balika Sanghas*.
- 20. Child Marriage was prohibited at Hire Kotnekal:** VCT animators with the collaboration of CWC officials prevented the child marriage arranged at Hire Kotnekal. The parents of the girl had planned to give in marriage their 13 year old daughter with the youth who also hailed from the same village. When the VCT staff learned about the matter, they without delay rushed to the family with the help of local police and the concerned authority. They collected a written bond from the parents of the girl that they would not marry their daughter until she completes 18 years, which is the actual age for marriage.
- 21. Distribution of saplings marks world Environment day: "Connect people to Nature":** Contributing its mite in line with Laudato Si and to country's efforts, VCT has been engaging its member institutions in environmental friendly efforts. It has so far mobilized and facilitated People, Youths, and Children in its working area to protect the nature and encourage them by distributing saplings freely. For the past six years VCT has encouraged to plant 7000 plants in various schools and public place to make the surroundings clean and green.
- 22. 'Vijnana Hadugalu'(hadu keli anka galisu): Audio CD Released:** Vimukti on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017, with the collaboration of few well-known NGOs from Raichur district released the Audio CD "Vijnana Hadugalu" which is very useful to all the SSLC students. The CD has interactive educational base for Science and Maths for those who study in Kananda medium, the main objective

is to make learning interactive, stimulating and easy to grasp, more effective and simple. It also ensures conceptual clarity and better application of learning materials and aims to increase the teachers' understanding of the lessons. 32 school children benefitted from this program.

#### **V. Ongoing programmes:**

- 23. Identifying Self worth (Animators):** Using the being with approach, various capacity building trainings and awareness meetings were organized. VCT along with the ceaseless efforts of the 65 animators who are from the same community helped the participants believe in their worth. Training in various subjects like problem assessment, child rights, child counseling, leadership, communication, HIV, tuberculosis, climate change, etc. were provided to them. They have made a respectable place for themselves in their society.
- 24. Tuition:** "Education has to produce the perfect man, sound in character, active in mind and strong in body" says Plato. Every-day, evening except on Sundays, there is tuition for the children who study in the neighboring schools. There are 970 children (1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> standard) who come for the tuitions. Seventeen Para- Teachers take care of the tuition centers in our project area.
- 25. Sneha Jyothi Boarding:** VCT is taking care of the SJ boarding. We have 68 poor, orphan and semi orphan children for the year 2016-2017; the children from 1<sup>st</sup>Std to 10<sup>th</sup> STD, study in 3 different schools. Their presence in our campus brings joy and liveliness. They are spiritually and academically brought up in the boarding. A warden and a cook render their service to take care of these children. We thank Fr. Elvin Lopez, the Director, for taking tuitions in the evenings and helping the children in their studies. These children are supported with school fees, books, stationary, uniform, medicines, and food etc.
- 26. Raichur Network of NGOs:** "*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success*" says Henry Ford so too, no network can function effectively without the wealth of the experience that comes from collaboration with other like-minded entities. These partnerships bring in different perspectives, innovative ideas and new friends to work collaboratively. Raichur Network of NGOs has always believed in this principle. Network is formed to represent the voice for the voiceless, hope for the hopeless people, vulnerable to hazards to influence global policy to strengthen their efforts to build a people society, where justice prevails.
- 27. Skill training 'skills for success':** VCT- tailoring center had achieved a remarkable progress in training and placing many deserving girls/ women over the past years. The over arching goal of VCT is to reach out to the youngsters who are school dropouts and unemployed by imparting training that can ensure a sustainable livelihood opportunity. VCT with the motto of 'skills for success' has reached new heights of training youth with skills and competence that will help them find quality employment and cope with the work ethics and emerging challenges while on the job. Many deserving and marginalized youth are successfully placed in jobs and are earning decent income for them and their families. 178 benefitted from this training.
- 28. VCT is our strength:** VCT animators have established good rapport with the local government officials and net working NGOs, and others. The animators have won the support of local people as a result they are able facilitate the village leaders and targeted people more effective way. Add to that



exposure to District and Taluka offices, village Panchyathas, was an enabling experience to reach out many as possible.

**29. New milestone of Vimukti @ Pothnal: ORPHANAGE: a ray of hope to the Orphans:** Our Saint Teresa of Kolkata, the mother of the orphans lovingly says, “The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.” We may have bread to give but do we show sufficient love to the less fortunate, the destitute, the least and the lost? After a long awaited dream and aspiration of our Founder Francis who wished to serve the leper and feel one with the orphans the VCT director, along with his team has gone extra mile to study the poor situation of the orphan children from different place of Raichur and with the hope of giving them humanitarian care, love, support and usher the need of education to them has started Orphanage. Many Children have lost their parents; some are children of single parent. They were deprived of their childhood, their rights, their dreams and their freedom. For now, the 35 orphan children are enjoying going to school and the atmosphere at VCT premises.

## VI. Projects Implemented and Their Impact

- Formation of 34 Children’s Clubs in 65 Villages to Promote talents and personality development. Over 2200 have benefited from this programme.
- Child Right Clubs and *Balika Sanghas* formed at school and village level comprising an average of 25 members in each club and there or four clubs in 30 panchayats to build leadership , get involved in local governing, voicing our their problems etc. Around 2100 children benefitted.
- Staff Nurse Worker was trained and equipped with skill and knowledge to provide better health care services for the rural poor.
- About 1500 people were educated on positive health and hygienic practices
- Fortnightly visits by the staff nurse to each village benefitted 608 people (178 male’s 389 women and 41 children) with primary health care services, health education, free medicines and referral support for advanced treatment etc. Importance was given to identify communicable diseases like, TB, Leprosy, Hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases, mother health and care.
- Sponsored Children and their parents for health Check- up camp conducted by doctors for blood –cell counts, B.P, Sugar, blood groups, etc., before referring them to various hospitals; medicines were freely supplied and children’s height and weight were recorded to be kept in individual children’s file. 155 adults and 307 Children benefitted from this camp. (Of 307 Children examined results were the following : 7 with iron deficit,100 for de-worming 4 optical problem, 3 skin problem, fever 2, cardiac 1, sputum 1, one malaria, 5 Ophthalmological problem, 1 gynecological problem, HB low for 8, ENT for 2 and dental for 3 and 165 children were found in normal condition).
- Continuous education regarding personal hygiene and child care included for promoting hygienic practices and dietary habits through locally available nutrition
- 29 School health programs to meet and make over 2800 students health conscious and live a healthy life style.
- Awareness rallies with regard to Dengue, HIV /AIDS, Cleanliness, open defecation, Tobacco and Alcohol, Children’s Rights, Child Marriage, Child Abuse, Child Labor and communicable disease etc. 2300 benefitted from this awareness.
- 75 economically poor children were sponsored and 7 sponsored children’s houses were renovated for better living.
- 3320 Children are reached through campaign and awareness on child right issues.
- Supplementary education (evening tuition classes) in 16 villages attended by 952 children; this education intervention has reduced school drop outs and child labor significantly

- Reduced the incidence of child –labor, child dropout in the project area, 472 children were identified and 430 brought back to regular school.
- Community was empowered to tackle issues of child-labor school dropouts, malnutrition and health.
- Formed and strengthened 34 child right clubs and children parliaments reaching out to some 1250 children.
- Education materials were supplied for the 240 children in the project area (books , bags , pens, pencils, uniform , study table, chairs)
- Imparted training for 80 village leaders regarding health, RTF, SCSP/STSP Govt. schemes etc.
- Organized public awareness through door to door campaigns , seminars, workshops, public announcement through decorated vehicle ,street plays, and rallies and distributed of leaflets in public events.
- Network with like- minded NGOs, Government Health and Education Departments, Local panchayats etc. to avail and facilitate the programs reaching out to the people.
- Involved in advocating and lobbying with the Government to implement the schemes and benefits at the local level, particularly those concerning children.
- Demanding government concerned authority to start seasonal hostel facility to stop children form migrating
- Conducted awareness programs in order to eradicate child labor, child marriage and child dropouts.
- Conducted fee distribution to the most likely to be dropped out poor students both of school and college to continuing their education. Encouragement of the same to open up and realize their full potential through various co-curricular activities like songs, dance, recitation, skits, art and meetings.
- With the help of District child protection unit, the awareness was created in various schools and villages about the importance of girl child education and the issues of early marriage. Many school children and villagers participated in the program and 705 benefitted from this campaign.
- Identified in the 21 surrounding village of Manvi Taluka 210 poor and semi orphan deserving children and encouraged them not to dropout from the school: to them were distributed free note books, pencils, pen and other materials.
- Sponsored Children’s parents were given motivational training to encourage their children in different life-activities whereby awareness was given on the gender discrimination, importance of education and professional courses. 75 parents actively participated in the program and expressed their gratitude towards Vimukti for organizing an informative programme for them.
- Awareness on government schemes: in 65 villages Vimukti staff gave door to door awareness by distributing had bills on various Schemes like RTE, free gas cylinder , ration card, Aadhar Card, senior citizen card, widow pension scheme, disabled facilities etc; As a result 9000 families benefitted from this programme.

### **VII. Challenges faced:**

- As we are trying to work on right –based approach, it really offers serious challenges, since not all are aware of the rights.
- Caste system too, as usual, plays a major role among the animators and it renders field and family visits often challenging
- Dependency – people expect overnight and quick –fix solutions to their problems and also want others to solve them for them.
- Very often a few sponsor families were found stubborn and demanding and as a result staff has lost interest, nothing to say of their respect.

- Inefficiency and frequent transfer on the part of govt. officials and lethargic way of responding to government schemes etc.
- Lack of initiatives in receiving as well as participating in Vimukti training as well as programmes by our sponsored children.
- Health care in Manvi Taluka is in doldrums. Govt. Doctors themselves are reportedly said to be selling medicines in the primary health centers. Medicines are becoming costly; sicknesses are increasing due to poor conditions of life.
- Private hospitals cater to the sophisticated sicknesses of the richer classes. The masses in the villages, where the 80% live, have no proper access to their health care.
- Co- existence of social evils and unhealthy practices such as intake of tobacco, consumption of alcohol with traditional arguments of validation.

### **VIII. Future Plans**

- Insisting on 100% compulsory education in the project area.
- In 65 villages every child in the age group 3-18 year will access to compulsory education, meaning it know how to read, write, and has access to books.
- Creating deeper awareness on child rights issues in our children of parliament and clubs and more effective way.
- Build strong network with local and district NGOs for better results
- Tapping Govt. housing scheme to the weaker sections in the project area.
- Helping Children in targeted villages to get scholarship from the government.
- Making 65 villages 100 free from child labor, child dropout, child marriage and admitting children in district hostels and schools.
- 100% involvement of villages leaders, SDMCs members, school teachers, AWC teachers, ASHA workers and ANM in our programs and meetings
- Reaching out to children in vulnerable conditions and mainstreaming them into school.
- Foresting capacity in government and private school teachers and staffs for early child hood education and care
- Helping malnourished children to get healthy food from concerned departments.
- Creating awareness about all forms of violence against women and Girl-child.
- Training unemployed and under employed youths with employable skills and help them to begin their own business

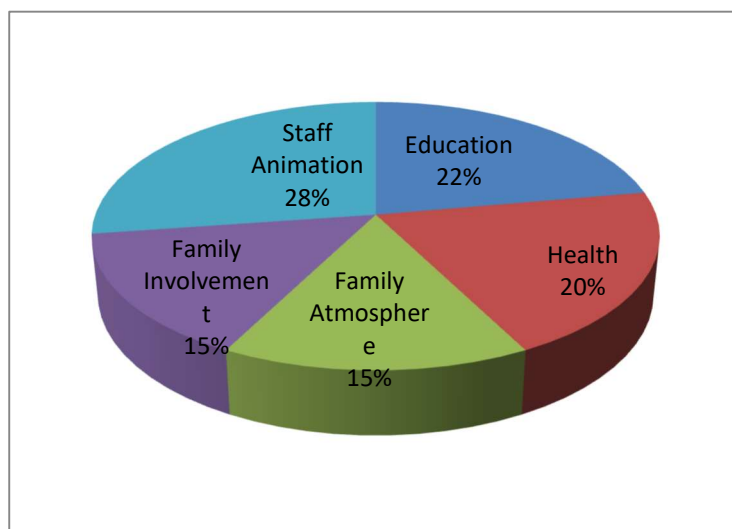
### **IX. Our Beneficiaries:**

Sl. No	Achievements	Total	Survey / Processing	Reach Out	
				Male	Female
1.	Sponsored Children	70	1	22	47
2.	School Drop Out and Re-admitted	472		17	26
3.	Caste Income Certificate	298	73	51	174
4.	LPG Gas Provided from Forest Department	47	12		35
5.	Disabled Survey /Pension/Bus Pass	115	67	14	34
6.	Adhar Card/Ration Card/Senior Citizen Card/Identify Card/Job Cards / Yashaswhini Card	128	17	44	67
7.	Madilu Yojane /Baghyalakshmi Youjane/Janani Suraksha Yojana/ Thai Card	83	19	-	64
8.	Widow Pension/ Old age Pension	81	20	27	34
9.	Scholarship for students	13	-	9	4
10.	Tailoring course	78	-	-	78
11.	Computer course	11		8	3
12.	Toilet Construction through government	59	-	-	39
13.	Agriculture instruments schemes	43		43	-
14.	Self Employment Scheme /Under Dr. B. R Ambedkar Nigam Yojane	85			
15.	New Bank Accounts (SB)	136	-	17	19
16.	House Scheme/ Under Leather Instrumental Development Scheme	10	10	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>1729</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>624</b>

*One child, one teacher one book and one pen can change the world. - Malala*

With the collaboration of **GENEROUS BENEFACTOR'S AND WELL WISHERS** Vimukti Charitable Trust Pothnal has initiated the Child Sponsorship Programme. Gradually it is bearing fruit while focusing the beneficiaries and brightening their future by giving them assistance academically, socially, economically, Spiritually.

### Bird's-eye view of Child Sponsorship



## **X. Conclusion:**

### **A Word of Heartfelt Gratitude...**

**“While it is faith that makes all things possible, it is love that makes all things easy”.** It is the generous helping hands of friends and benefactors that have made it all possible to achieve what we have accomplished. VCT is therefore very grateful to its president and members for their continuous support and timely interventions and to all the generous friends and well-wishers for their continued support, visits and encouragement. It goes without saying that without the selfless sacrifice of each and every one, it would not have been possible to make the lives of so many poor people a little better, happier and healthier. The Trust will always remain indebted to all the donors, local benefactors, and well-wishers for the generous contribution to carry out the activities and to reach out to the most vulnerable segments of the society.

Before I end, let me emphatically affirm that I am very grateful to the 65 member staff of VCT, who contribute their time, energy and resources that have been unstinting in rendering their cooperation and making our dream their own. Thanks to one and all.

Fr. Robin Victor D’souza  
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