

ANNUAL REPORT

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Vimukti Charitable Trust (R)
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I. Introduction

It is my privilege, once again, to present this Annual Report of VIMUKTI CHARITABLE TRUST® (VCT) for the year 2017-18, to friends, well-wishers, donors and stakeholders in our work and ministry. The year has had its share of successes and challenges. On the whole, we are pleased with what has been achieved. I represent street and working children. I am highly honored and privileged to represent them. They are the most vulnerable, powerless, voiceless, and the exploited. I am here to bring to your notice that any process of change can begin with the initiatives of action taken by you and me. Annual Report outlines our actions to bring this change, which has led to a further increase in school enrolments, inspiring success stories of child entrepreneurs, a speedy decline in protection issues, and an increase in community engagement. VCT strongly considers that every child's right as human right as well. We respect children by listening to their views, giving them the space to decide their future and be a part of decision making. We, over the years, have facilitated children to continue their education, become good leaders of the nation. The programme is guided by the principle of democracy and the value of children's participation in decision making.

VCT has been working with children in 212 interior villages of Manvi, Sindhnoor, Raichur Talukas. 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 1st April to 31st March 2018

VCT, through its supportive partnership with *Ensemble Agissons*, France, *LokManch Delhi*, *America House of Jesuit Community*, New York, *Red ALERT Operation Hyderabad*, and *Development Focus Bangalore*, and *CHILDLINE India Foundation Mumbai* (Ministry of Women and child Development New Delhi), 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.

II. Targets achieved : The following projects have been implemented during the year 2017-2018 so 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.

Our core Programs:

- Education
- Health
- Child Protection
- Women Empowerment
- Livelihood
- Environment
- Vocational Training
- Capacity Building
- Network and Alliance building

Our Approach:

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

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- Decline in domestic violence.
- Reduction in female feticide.
- Fewer incidents of child marriage.
- Increased literacy rate of the girl child.
- Women are taking up leadership roles within their communities.
- Alcoholism among men reduced.
- Healthy community – Members provide financial and moral support to each other.
- Members are more aware about family planning.
- Now Women are convinced and fighting for their rights through protest and rallies.
- Women are motivated & appreciated their daring efforts in Right based approach to tap the government schemes.

III. Highlights of the year:

- Vimukti Director Fr. Sathish Fernandes received best social worker Award, during the Ninth District Level meeting of 'Kannada SahityaSammelana' Raichur (Kannada Literary Fest).
- 970 children supported by evening tuition classes preventing from school dropouts and child labour.
- 852 children provided access to better healthcare facilities.
- Focus was put on computer-aided learning and computer classes were initiated, As a result 8300 women enrolled in Adult literacy computer based education and 3013 attempted National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) exam. Modern tools such as projector, laptop/ video aids were used to teach women.
- Through mass awareness & rallies on human Trafficking helpline 18004198588, CHILDLINE 1098, Women helpline 1091, Sexual assault helpline 181, Child rights and child sexual Abuse in 89 schools, 56 AWCs, 13 PHCs, 212 villages of Manvi, Sindhnoor & Raichur Talukas as result 28,000 benefited from this program.
- Over 35,000 women created history by coming together for a common goal from 18 districts to complete ban on alcohol and memorandums were submitted to make Karnataka as NASHA MUKT Karnataka, by sitting for 71 days protest before DC office Raichur.

- 225 parents and children representative got together submitted the memorandum Deputy Commission Raichur and protested demanding basic facilities in the Schools and make Schools in the Taluka Child Friendly. As a result 52% of the facilities were provided within one month.

IV. Community Welfare Programmes

1. **Making a Difference in the life of the less privileged Community...** 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 2017-18 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.
2. **Mass awareness on Hunan Trafficking:** "Human trafficking is one of the most tragic human rights issues of our time. It splinters families, distorts global markets, undermines the rule of law, and spurs other transnational criminal activity. It threatens public safety and national security. "But worst of all, the crime robs human beings of their freedom and their dignity. That's why we must pursue an end to the scourge of human trafficking. Keeping these thoughts in mind VCT has been creating mass awareness in the schools, public places, and in the residential area, so that our children and women are saved from this evil practices. Nearly 9250 school children and families have benefited from this program.
3. **Training to women on various government schemes:** The VCT organization conducted training to women about various government schemes in 25 villages of our working area. The government launched various schemes or programs for development of the women in the rural area. The resources person briefed about the schemes like, PradhanaMantriRozgaryojana, Rajeev Gandhi ChithanyaYojana, PradhanMantri Employment generation program, Chief Minister Employment generation Program Mudra Yojana, MathruPuranYojena, SwatchhBarath Mission(Toilet facilities), Educational loans etc. thus all the women are encouraged to apply one or the other schemes and get benefits from the schemes.
4. **Consciousness of the value in functioning through GramaSabha&Panchayat:** Local leaders and villagers were sensitized and motivated on the importance of the *GramaPanchyat* and *Grama Saba*. People are now aware of the developmental work that is carried out by the Panchyat and the facilities made available through panchayat to the poor people. The panchyat members regularly attend *Gramasabhas* and also participate in the discussion as it is their right.
5. **8300 Women enrolled in Adult Literacy Computer based Education Programme:** Illiteracy rate among rural women is quite high. Lack of Education is the basic reason for their backwardness and low

socio- economic status. There is a need to make them aware of the importance of education which would impact their lives positively. Some formal training in education will enable them to read, write and work. With these objectives to bring educational awareness among rural women and to make rural adult women literate Vimukti has been conducting Adult Literacy Computer based programme in 50 villages of our working area. Right now nearly 3013 women attempted and wrote National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) exam and waiting for the result.

6. **Training to community leaders on advocacy and lobbying:** The organization conducted training in 16 targeted village leaders on advocacy and lobbying. The main objective of this program is to capacitate the youth to discuss the issues affecting their life in their community in the Gram Sabha meetings at their respective villages. Leaders discussed and listed various issues of their villages and indicated in the charts to present before the Panchayath officials.
7. **Vimukti organized World Toilet day awareness program: “Sanitation is more important than political independence”. ~ Mahatma Gandhi,** Vimukti organized 19th November 2017, World Toilet Day awareness program at Utakanoor Grama Panchayath. As per project Swachh Bharat Andolan (Clean India Mission) has not been able to provide toilets to 335 million women and girls in India today. It also says that about 732 million Indian have no access to toilets and are thus forced to defecate in the open. VCT for the past eight years through its continuous awareness programmes only 45% of families have stopped open defecation.
8. **World Environment protection Day:** The World Environment Protection Day is observed every year on November 26 to create global awareness of the need to take positive actions to protect the environment. The main aim of this awareness program is to “spreading awareness on environment and its protection”. Keeping these thought in mind VCT organized on 30th of November 2017 World Environment protection day at primary school premises in Pothnal. On this occasion awareness was created among the students to protect and preserve our mother nature through tree plantation and cleanliness drive. For the past seven years VCT has encouraged to plant 8100 plants in various schools and public place to make the surroundings clean and green.
9. **Awareness Program on Building and other construction workers benefit schemes:** Building and other construction workers are one of the most vulnerable sections of the unorganized labour of our society. Building and other construction workers means workers working as skilled, semi- skilled, manual supervisory, technical or clerical work in a construction site. To safe guard the employment and service conditions of the construction workers VCT organized awareness program on various benefits under this scheme. The main objective of this training is to provide health, safety, social and Economic security to the registered construction workers. Nearly 278 workers received construction identity card.
10. **Awareness on various Govt. Schemes through video shows:** Vimukti has been conducting sensitization programmes on Government Welfare Schemes viz, Right to Food, Integrated child Development schemes, Mid-day scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme, national Maternity benefit scheme, National old age pension scheme, Public distribution System, Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Pradhan

mantra UjjwalaYojana (Free LPG gas for BPL families),Free lap top Scheme for SC/ST students, MukyaMantriAdarsh Gram Yojana, SuvarnaKrishiGramayojana- Increasing Farmers Income, PradhanMantri Jan Dan Yojana, Mukhya mantra Santwana Harish Yojana to help Road Accident Victims, Karnataka ksheeraBhagya scheme, Yeshasvini Co-operative health Scheme, PashuBhagya Animal husbandry ,KshorishaktiYojana etc. And people are paying attention to the programmes and our animators helping them in order to benefit of them.

11. **Training on SCSP/TSP/WASH in 20 units:** VCT organized training on SCSP/TSP/WASH in 20 villages of our working area. Nearly 192 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 in a 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.
12. **Campaign to stop violence against women:** Women are playing a vital role in the family. We can't imagine a peaceful society without thinking of the rights of women. We need to work more for their empowerment and enlightening performance. Vimukti has listened to various agonizing stories from mothers and sisters of most families when they come for personal and family counseling. Hence instead of fighting these cases by case, we have taken up the whole social issue of violence on women. We are creating a floor for social transformation. We have initiated this state wide campaign to put an end to the violence against women. In this particular programme we jointly worked with government officials, NGOs, inter religious leaders and media etc.
13. **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 "*PradhanMantriFasalBhimaKrishiYojana 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 detail the documents to be submitted to concerned authority to tap this Government scheme, as a result, 52 farmers submitted the documents and got benefited from this program.

V. Child Welfare Programmes

14. **Forming young minds for an enlightened future...**More than half of the inhabitants of the rapidly growing cities and the rural villages consist of children and Youth. In most situations they are deprived of support, guidance and education. Our focus was on the most vulnerable group, that is, children who fall into the problematic categories such as child laborers, street children, school dropouts, orphans, and children living in risky conditions, children and youth from dysfunctional families and disadvantaged communities, children affected/infected by HIV/AIDS and children in conflict with the law. In the year 201-18 VCT has, invested in programmes aimed at providing shelter, support and education to ensure the welfare of children and Youth. The projects implemented form underpinning to build self-

confidence and instill hope in the lives of these children and youth. Children in vulnerable environment have begun to enjoy the right to care, protection and education. Thus they confidently assert their rights and voice their views on critical issues affecting them and their peers.

15. **Mass awareness program & rally on Child Sexual Abuse, Child line and Child Rights:** On 11th and 20th February 2018 Vimukti organized mass awareness program and rally was conducted in the main streets of Pothnal town. 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 Sexual abuse, child line, child dropout, Child trafficking, Child labor, RTE, 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. The main aim of the rally was to sensitize privileged citizens to protect children rights and empower them with the power of education. The participants, after marching through the main road of Pothnal conversed with the local press media where child right activist spoke to them. After public speech staff distributed the hand bills and posters stating “MY HOUSE IS CHILD LABOUR, CHILD TRAFFIKING CHILD MARRIAGE FREE....” Session on CHILD LINE AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE was given Nearly 855 nearby school children participated and benefited from this mass awareness rally.
16. **Vimukti parliament and Club children submitted the memorandum to Zell Panchayath Chief Excusive officer (CEO) demanding basic facilities in the Government school:** Vimukti children parliament members on 25th November 2017, morning gave a memorandum to Chief Executive officer (CEO) Zell Panchath Raichur and demanded the official to look into the matter very seriously. ShashiRakha, Children Parliament President from Karabdinni expressed, saying 70% of Government Schools in Manvi Taluka, lack basic facilities like, toilet, playground, electricity, pure drinking water, play materials, Newspapers, etc. As a result many children are dropout from the school. Here by we urge concerned authority make our Government school attractive and child friendly.
17. **Children, parent’s stage protest for Toilets facilities in government Schools before Deputy commissioner office Raichur: “Many girls’ students at primary level quit studies owing to lack of this facility”** :VCT children parliament members with the collaboration of likeminded NGO’S from Raichur staged a protest in front of Deputy commission office at Raichur on Tuesday 14th November, 2017 alleging that the elected representatives and the concerned officials had failed to utilize the allotted amount for the development of the school infrastructures like maintenance of toilets, cleanliness in the school premises. Vimukti Children here demanded proper implementation of Right to information Act and checking of children’s rights violations. Nearly 225 children actively involved in this protest.
18. **Children bring dropouts back to school:** In government schools, absenteeism and dropouts are a common occurrence. Government Higher Primary School, Malkapura, was witness to this familiar tale. Sandesh and Kallappa skipped school and worked as laborers, loading and unloading material on trucks. Fortunately, this school had a Children parliament members Decided to fight for the rights of their classmates. Children parliament members motivated other classmates, find evening walked in the streets of the village carrying a banner and placards went up to the truck loading area and told the truck drivers that employing children as laborers was a punishable offence and that if they did not release the children, a police complaint would be lodged. The children went a step further and met Sandesh’s parents, and persuaded them to send him to school. Their efforts paid off and they had their classmates back in school with them.

19. **Teenagers educate illiterate parents on a child's Right to Education:** VCT club members learn about child rights and the grave realities that some sections of our children live in. Distressed at the sight of child begging on the street instead of attending school, Muonesh from Government High School, Utaknoor met the parents of the beggars and convinced them into sending their children to school. The parents learned about a child's right to education and admitted their children to Pothnal School in Manvi taluka.
20. **Parliament Children initiatives:** Three hundred rural school children between the ages of 12 – 16 years from six schools and four villages participated in the MakkalaGramSabha held at the Utaknoor Government High School on the 28th of November 2017. Children fearlessly questioned the authorities on several issues plaguing their school and village. The PDO of the Gram Panchayat Mr. Chena Reddy provided instant solutions, timelines and immediately assigned representatives of his office to look into the various concerns. As a result, around Rs. 55 lakh worth work has been initiated. Children secured Rs. 30 lakh for the construction of new class rooms, Rs. 20 lakh for construction of a road and Rs. 5 lakh towards a new bore well and new gate for their school.
21. **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.
22. **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.
23. **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 fifteens 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.
24. **Empowerment of children through Child Rights Clubs becomes a reality:** VCT Pothnal effort in making children's right to participation though 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 Balikasanghas in 20 Gram Panchyath of Manvi Taluka with the collaboration of Government Schools.

VI. PROJECT “HEALTH FOR ALL”

25. **Counseling sessions and Health Checkups:** Apart from regular academic and health counseling for all students, we also make sure to provide special counseling sessions to children with anger management issues, adolescent problems or different forms of personality disorders. Quarterly health checkups ensure that all the students maintain an acceptable level of physical health and hygiene.
26. **Antenatal/Postnatal training of newly married and lactating mothers:** Due to lack of knowledge on the basic home based new care children and mothers are dying in the remote villages. The women, pregnant women, eligible couples and lactating mothers should have the basic knowledge about the Antenatal and post natal care for which they can tackle many diseases and anemic condition of the mother during pregnancy. With the support from the Ensemble Agissons from France has been conducted 28 training programmes for this year for the mothers in remote area and increased the skill of the mothers on the Home based new born care and they became the peer educator in the villages and teaching to the other village women on the care and protection of the mother and child. Nearly 565 women benefited from this training.
27. **Health camps:** VCT conducts periodic health camps for its beneficiaries to meet their immediate Health care needs. Children and their parents were the target beneficiaries. Our health camps offer curative, preventive and promotive services to the beneficiaries and upon completion of the health camp, we ensure that they complete follow up treatment. In 2017-18, a total of 20 health camps were organized across 16 villages covering 1,859 beneficiaries; 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. Children were examined for iron deficit, de-worming optical problem, skin problem, HB low, ENT and dental problems etc.
28. **Health & Nutrition workshops for Parents and children:** To create awareness among parents/community on health related issues and imparting basic knowledge of balanced diet and healthy life style, workshops were held in every 16 villages of our project area. A total of 905 parents participated and benefited from it.
29. **Sexual and reproductive health education for adolescents:** A workshop on Sexual and Reproductive Health for adolescents was conducted in various schools in our targeted villages, with the objectives of strengthening the capacity of children about the physical, mental and cognitive changes during adolescence period. Child Abuse, Child Marriage, Physical, emotional and Psychological changes during adolescence period were the topics dealt in these Workshops. Nearly 860 children benefited from this program.
30. **Mobile clinic and health education:** The mobile clinic project has helped the rural poor especially women and children living in 28 villages of Manvi Taluka to access primary health care services and improve their health.
- 3859 poor people availed primary health care services from the mobile clinic facility. Among them 59% were women and 41% were men/ children.
 - Tangible results of the health education and health awareness campaigns of the project include positive health behavior such as maintenance of personal and environmental hygiene, drinking boiled and clean water, washing hands before eating, using toilet facilities, waste management in homes and village surroundings, etc.
 - Regular contact and advocacy with government systems (Health department and local government) have ensured the proper functioning of the primary Health Centers in villages

VII. Ongoing programmes:

31. **Collaboration with the Government schools:** The children are taking participation in public speaking, press meet, sports activities, political activities, public rallies, like organizing debates on current issues, form a children parliament towards common cause. Many government events are done by the children creatively. Many government officials and other local bodies were encouraged them and also appreciated their daring efforts in Right Based Approach in taping the children rights. Various government schools are getting involved in this process to motivate the children in social transformation attitude.
32. **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 89 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.
33. **Co-Curricular Activities in the Clubs:** Along with the tuitions, VCT gives importance to the co-curricular activities. The club and parliament participated in various competitions like vocabulary, drawing, general quiz, quiz on history, dictation, storytelling competition, speech competition, creative writing, hand writing, etc. The winners are honored with prizes.
34. **Youth Empowerment:** Youths are not useless but they are used less. They are the future leaders and rulers of our nation. There are many ways to spoil their skills and talents in this world. Media plays vital role in the part of exploiting youth of today. We have the responsibility to channelize them with proper way. Various seminars and sessions were organized towards the empowerment of the marginalized communities. Nearly 258 unorganized youth benefited from these trainings.
35. **Skill training ‘skills for success’:** *Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime:* This is exactly what VCT professes through its vocational training Centre. Poor girls and women both from the rural areas sitting idle at home are specially focused for their development in view through job opportunities beginning with tailoring skills. They will lead them to become economically self-sufficient. Personality development leadership trainings are also added to their learning. The empowered women come forward and work for the other women’s privileges. This way, the support of VCT helped 182 poor women staying alone at home get integrated into the society.
36. **Awareness Rallies:** VCT conducted 16 awareness rallies in different occasions like environment day, Anti- Drugs Day, Child Right Day, International CHILDLINE day, World No Tobacco Day, International women’s day, Girl child day, Human Trafficking Day, Pollution Prevention Day, World Toilet day, world heart day, world population day, World AIDS day, etc.
37. **Vimukti in Media:** Apart from being grassroots organization working directly with vulnerable groups of children, VCT is also created a platform in advocacy and polices for the protection and promotion of children rights, raise its voice through protest on gender issues, locally and State.
38. **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 (1st to 10th standard) who come for the tuitions. Seventeen Para- Teachers take care of the tuition centers in our project area.

39. **Sneha Jyothi Boarding (SJ):** VCT is taking care of the SJ boarding. We have 59 poor, orphan and semi orphan children for the year 2017-2018; the children from 1stStd to 10th 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.
40. **Raichur Network of NGOs:** Advocacy, collaboration and networking have become the bywords of global civil society engagements especially in the context of many violations of the rights of the people, the poor and the marginalized. It is in this context that VCT has been consistently engaged in networking with other like-minded NGOs on various Right based issues.
41. **VCT is our strength:** VCT animators have established good rapport with the local government officials and networking 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.
42. **Vimukti New office at Raichur CHILDLINE 1098 service:** Looking at the strenuous efforts and service of the VCT towards the betterment of the life of children in conflicts specially the minors the Child-Line India Foundation consigned the responsibility of CHILDLINE Project for Raichur District region to VCT on 22nd January 2018. It is a project of the Ministry of Women and Child development, Govt. of India. CHILDLINE is a 24x7 toll free helpline for children who are in need of care and protection (CNCP). Mass awareness were conducted in all the important and crowded circles, 215 schools, slums, public places as a result from February 2018 to October 2018, totally 979 cases were dealt with the coordination of concerned government departments. Through CHILD LINE number of children are counseled, re-united with their families, offered financial support for education, medically assisted, rights of children are protected specially the vulnerable children like street children, those physically / sexually / emotionally abused in family, schools or institutions, Differently-abled children, mentally challenged children, HIV/ AIDS infected children and others.

Annexure I. CHILDLINE Call Statistics

Sl. No	Particulars	Reach Out (Intervention)
1.	Children whose families are in crises	38
2.	Hostel facility	71
3.	Missing children	13
4.	Run away children	19
5.	Children affected by physical / sexual / emotional abuse in family, schools or institutions and who need emotional support, counseling and guidance	128
6.	Drop out children	118
7.	Child labourers working in the un-organized and organized sectors	49
8.	Providing School facilities	73
9.	Street children	23
10.	Medical facility	54
11.	Domestic help, especially girl domestics	2
12.	Child Marriage	113

13.	Differently-abled children	18
14.	child trafficking	19
15.	Children abandoned by parents or guardians	16
16.	HIV/ AIDS infected children	49
17.	Children who are victims of substance abuse	23
18.	Children in conflict with the law	37
19.	Beggary	48
20.	Child victims of the flesh trade	1
21.	Corporal punishment	36
22.	Identified/unidentified Death calls	16
23.	Miscellaneous	15
Grand Total		979

VIII. Projects implemented and their impacts:

- Formation of 34 Children's Clubs in 65 villages to promote talents and personality development. Over 6200 have benefited from this program.
- Child right clubs and *BalikaSanghas* formed at school and village level comprising an average of 25 members in each club and three or four clubs in 30 Panchayats to build leadership, get involved in local governing, voicing out their problems etc. Around 3,000 children benefitted
- The participation of women in GramaSabha, ward sabha and social audit has been increased from 45% to 65%.
- 259 beneficiaries constructed sanitary toilets and are using the same.
- 423 beneficiaries availed different government facilities worth Rs 25,26,000/-
- 5 PDS shops are functioning as per the norms after creating awareness to the vigilance committee members on PDS Act.
- Sanitary toilets are constructed and used by 255 families under the SwachBarathYojane.
- For women- 112 pregnant Women were examined in a health camp and in another, 152 women were provided post-natal services.
- Immunization camps-1761 boys 1701 girls were provided immunization doses for DPT, HB, Polio, MMR measles and Typhoid
- Students performed street plays to highlight issues of hygiene, conservation of the environment etc.
- Walks and rallies were conducted with the aim of spreading awareness about various diseases, such as swine flu, Dengue Conjunctivitis, Typhoid, Malaria etc.
- Staff Nurse Worker was trained and equipped with skill and knowledge to provide better health care services for the rural poor.
- About 4250 people were educated on positive health and hygienic practices.
- Fortnightly visits by the staff nurse to each village benefitted 608 people (178 Males 389 women and 41 children) with primary health care.
- 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.

- Continuous education regarding personal hygiene and child care included for promoting hygienic practices and dietary habits through locally available nutrition.
- 32 School health programs to meet and make over 4800 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. 6520 benefitted from this awareness.
- 75 economically poor children were sponsored and follow-up was done in their studies.
- Supplementary education (evening tuition classes) in 16 villages attended by 902 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, 372 children were identified and 430 brought back to regular school.
- Formed and strengthened 34 child right clubs and children parliaments reaching out to some 1250 children.
- Imparted training for 90 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 from migrating.
- Conducted awareness programs in order to eradicate child labor, human trafficking, child marriage and child dropouts, child abuse etc.
- 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 1530 benefitted from this campaign.
- Identified in the 21 surrounding village of Manvi Taluka 113 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. 71 parents actively participated in the program and expressed their gratitude towards Vimukti for organizing an informative programme for them.
- Awareness on government schemes: in 85 villages Vimukti staff gave door to door awareness by distributing hand 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 9500 families benefited from this programme.

- Skits presented during cultural programme disseminated message on different issues like gender based discrimination, child abuse, and child marriage, poor quality of education, alcoholism and substance abuse.
- Children's became aware of the concept of Teachers Day, Children's day, Mother's day, and Child Rights Day etc.
- In 2017 a total of 17 drawing competitions were organized in project area with the purpose of providing opportunity to children to express their talents. Children depicted various child protection issues like corporal punishment, substance abuse, child marriage, child labour and discrimination in their drawings. Many children have been identified with extra ordinary talent in drawing and they are motivated for further excellence.

IX. Challenges faced:

- As we are trying to work on right-based approach, it really offers a serious challenge, 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 transfers 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.
- Private hospitals cater to the sophisticated sicknesses of the richer class. 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.

X. Future Thrust area:

- To ensure the revival of child rights and women as well as their empowerment in the broader prospective of rural social advancement.
- To organize rural youth into future taskforce for social and national development.
- To develop rural libraries for school children to increase their knowledge.
- To undertake HIV/AIDS/ STDs intervention programme
- 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 knows how to read, write, and has access to books.
- Creating deeper awareness on child rights issues in our children of parliament and clubs and in 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 labour, child dropout, child marriage and admitting children in district hostels and schools.
- 100% involvement of village 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.
- 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.
- To undertake project for the physically challenged children in Manvi Taluka.

Annexure II Availing Government Facilities

Sl. No	Achievements	Total	Survey /Processing	Reach Out	
				Male	Female
1.	Caste Income/ Death Certificate/ Birth Certificate	558	189	253	305
2.	New voter ID	82	-	43	39
3.	Construction workers ID	278	13	278	-
4.	Right to Education (RTE)	29	-	15	14
5.	NIOS EXAM Certificate for Adult literacy program	8300	--	732	7568
6.	LPG Gas Provided from Forest Department	1378	323	-	1055
7.	Disabled Survey /Pension/Bus Pass/	258	33	201	57
8.	Adhar Card/Ration Card/Senior Citizen Card/Identify Card/Job Cards / Yashaswhini Card	9560	-	6584	3397
9.	MadiluYojane /BaghyalakshmiYojane/JananiSurakshaYojana/Thayi Card/ ArogyBagya(health)	652	54	-	598
10.	Widow Pension/ Old age Pension	305	20	196	109
11.	Scholarship for students	257	-	129	128
12.	Toilet Construction through government	1569	-	-	1569
13.	Agriculture instruments schemes	59	-	59	-
14.	Self Employment Scheme /Under Dr. B. R Ambedkar Nigam Yojane	83	15	46	37
15.	New Bank Accounts (SB)children/ SHG groups	736	-	219	517
16.	Cattle loan for widows	123	-	-	123
17.	Crop insurance	836	451	385	-
18.	94C akramSakrama	6	6	-	-
19.	House Scheme/ Under Leather Instrumental Development Scheme	9	-	-	9
Total		24978	1104	9440	15525

Annexure III Organizational Impact

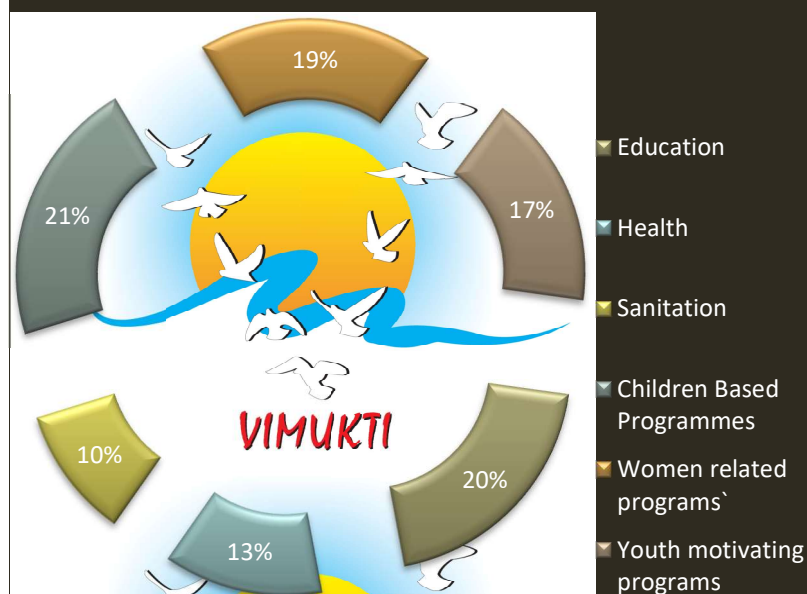
ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT				
Sl. No	Programme	Type	Beneficiaries	Total
1.	Education	Evening Tuition	16 Village children	970
2.	Health	Awareness	School Children	852
3.	Education	Adult Literacy Program	50 Villages	8300
4.	Mass awareness	Help-Lines (Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault Abuse, Child Line)	Children, women, Adults etc.	28,000
5.	Alcohol-Ban	Protest for 71 days	18 Districts	35,000
6.	Memorandum Submission to DC	Basic facilities in School	Parents and children	225
7.	Govt. Schemes	Awareness	25 villages	2,620
8.	Environmental Protection	Distribution of saplings	Schools, children Parliaments	500
9.	Govt. Facility	Identity Card	Construction Workers	278
10.	Awareness	SCSP/TSP/WASH	20 Villages	192
11.	Scheme	Crop Insurance(PradanMantriFasalBhimKrishiYojana)	Farmers	52 (Applied and sanctioned)
12.	Children Demand for basic facilities at school	Memorandum submitted	School children	1 Crore 10 lakh received
13.	Training	Adolescent girls	18 targeted villages	902
14.	Health awareness	Antenatal/Post natal	28 Targeted villages	565
15.	Health	Camps	Children and parents	1859
16.	Health Workshop	On Sexual Reproductive, Counseling etc.	Villages adolescents	860
17.	Health Education	Mobile Clinic	28 villages	3859(59%-women, 41%-Men & Children)
18.	Vocational Skill-Training	Tailouring	Girls	182
19.	Hostel Facility	Tuition, Food & education	children	51

Bird's-eye view of Child Sponsorship

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another” – Charles Dickens

With the cooperation of *all the partners* Vimukti Charitable Trust Pothnal has dreamt and working for the change in the society. Though walking on thistles and thorns VCT promotes justice, peace and equality. Let this journey of building a society where everyone is cared, respected, helped, be a dream come true.

A Look back of VCT 2017-2018



XI. Conclusion:

A Word of Heartfelt Gratitude...

“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates vision for tomorrow”.It is the generous helping hands of friends and benefactors that havemade it all possible to achieve what we have accomplished. VCT is thereforevery grateful to its president and members for their continuous support, visits and timely interventions 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 for the growth of the project. Let us continue this partnership in ‘reaching the unreached’ for those who are hardly visible in the mainstream.

Before I end, let me emphatically affirm that I am very grateful to the 89 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.

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Secretary

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