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I. Introduction

It is an immense privilege to present the annual report of Vimukti Charitable Trust® (VCT) for the year 2018-2019, to you my friends, well-wishers, benefactors and sponsors. Most of our works were duly focused on *“reaching the unreached”* in the Vicinity of Raichur District in alliance with multiple agencies such as government bodies, media personals, private donors, and NGOs. Our pivotal aim was to create a profound platform to understand the voices of the voiceless, the marginalized specially the women and children and to come out with some concrete plans and programmes to make a difference in their lives. This report outlines some of the concrete actions that brought a valuable change in education, child entrepreneurs, and a gradual decline in child abuse cases and other community programmes. VCT strongly respect and upholds the right of every child. We listen to their views and give them a space to develop their potentialities. VCT works in 212 interior villages in the vicinity of Manvi Taluk, Raichur, with a purpose to empower children and women. It works in collaboration with other associations like *Ensemble Agissons, France, Lok Manch New Delhi, America House of Jesuit Community, New York, Red ALERT Operation Hyderabad, and Development Focus Bangalore, Karnataka Jesuit Education Society Bangaluru, the Capuchin Province of Emilia-Romagna Italy, Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Kailash Satyarthi Children’s Foundation New Delhi, Vimukti Charitable Trust, group Israel, CSR Department Apollo Hospital, Bangaluru and CHILDLINE India Foundation Mumbai (Ministry of Women and child Development New Delhi)*. The programmes are mainly oriented towards child education, protection of child rights, against child abuse and human trafficking, for school dropouts, for health management, construction and renovation of houses, women empowerment initiatives and implementing of Government schemes.

II. Objectives to be realized:

- To reorient school-dropouts through family and child counseling.
- To protect children against child labor.
- To prevent children being exposed to vulnerable and abusive conditions.
- To avoid children violence with the aid of “CHILDLINE” Raichur.
- To avert human trafficking and child-marriage.
- To develop necessary training skills to the unemployed youth.
- To initiate social action groups against exploitative structures of the society.
- To uphold and protect the dignity of women and children.
- To organize awareness programs among rural households that enables them to have access to their rights and entitlement, by initiating adult computer-based literacy programs.
- To create opportunities for skilled development training for adolescent girls.
- To organize programs for holistic development of women and children.
- Awareness programs to eradicate child-labor, child-marriage and school drop-out.

Our core programs:

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

Our approach:

- Participatory
- Environmental Sensitivity
- Collaborative
- Right Based Approach
- Child Development
- Cost effective
- Gender Sensitive
- Women-empowerment.
- Sustainability

III. Objective of the year

To rehabilitate children and transform them into confident, dignified and contributing citizens; To provide a nurturing environment for Personal, Psychological, Social, Academic and Skill development.

IV. Highlights of the year:

- Fr. Sathish Fernandes, the Director of Vimukti received the best Social Worker Award, at the 8th Taluka Level Kannada Literary Meet (Kannada Sahitya Sammelana) held at Manvi.
- The human trafficking awareness programs was benefitted by 15,000 children 5,580 women 3,570 youths, 129 teachers and 11,480 village people.
- To reduce the percentage of school dropouts and child labour around 958 children were supported by evening tuition classes
- Tuition classes helped 958 school dropouts to re-orient schooling.
- 761 children were helped to mainstream in formal schools.
- 753 children provided access to better healthcare facilities.
- The priority was given to computer-aided learning by introducing computer classes in government schools. There were a total number of 856 women and men who enrolled at adult literacy computer-based education. Moreover, 3889 children of Government school were initiated with digital class room learning.
- 680 primary school children were provided with a supplementary academic skill through the use of computer tools for meaningful learning.
- 16 rural E-entrepreneurs were trained for self-employment and entrepreneurship.
- Through mass awareness programs & rallies on human trafficking, child rights, child sexual abuse, installation of child line in 58 Schools, 38 AWCs, 6 PHCs, which benefitted 17,750 people from 68 villages of Manvi and Raichur Taluka.
- 200 youths profited training programme on social analysis, skill development, study on constitution of India, on rights of scheduled caste and scheduled tribes, minority rights and availing welfare schemes for unorganized sector.
- 195 orphan/semi orphan children were provided care, support & protection through shelter, food, and basic education.

- A protest rally was organized by 4000 women from 18 districts of Raichur Taluka against ban on alcohol. They walked around 200 kilometers from Chithraduga to Bangalore to submit a memorandum to chief minister Mr. Kumar Swamy to make Karnataka *nasha mukta* (total ban on alcohol).

V. We work with:

We work with socially and economically poor and marginalised women, children, young people, men unorganized and daily labourers and persons with disability. We provide entrepreneurial life skills for school dropout youth, small and marginalized farmers and backward classes irrespective of castes and creed.

VI. Making a difference in the life of the less privileged Community:

Empowering the less privileged community through participation and inclusive growth is the vision and mission of our community development project. The resources are pooled together for the benefits of the community in response to their needs, in a prioritized manner to achieve sustainable impacts. Involving the local people in identifying, designing and developing the projects and programs has paved way for a greater participation, creativity, innovation and stronger interactions among people. Participatory approach has changed individual's perception and inculcated in them a sense of belonging to the project. VCT community development programs guide the communities with strong local networks to be resilient and considerate towards the social issues. For instance, women groups and child rights clubs help to empower the women and children to play vital roles by coming together to campaign against child labour, human trafficking, and school dropouts and support causes like, livelihood, and gender equity. Through the development projects, VCT has facilitated in creating sustainable communities and reaching out 17, 750 women and children through innovative and result oriented community development initiatives.

VII. Community Welfare Programmes

- 1. Inauguration of Bridge-IT Project and distribution of 16 computers & projectors to the entrepreneur:** The Bridge-IT is a micro entrepreneurship program that aims to provide livelihood opportunities and bridge the IT gap between urban and rural India by building the capacity skills of rural youth in e-entrepreneurship. It focuses on building the IT and entrepreneurial skills of rural youth, and enhances their life skills, by providing them with the necessary means and support to earn a livelihood through e-entrepreneurship. The initiative will not only allow rural youth to be employed and self-sufficient but will also bridge the IT gap by enabling the youth to bring much needed IT related services into their communities. By promoting rural entrepreneurship, the intervention aims to improve the rural economy, reduce illiteracy, and provide academic inputs to both school going children and adults through computer-based education. On 8 July Vimukti Pothnal in partnership with Development Focus Bangaluru inaugurated this new project and gave away 16 lap tops, projectors, to the selected entrepreneur, who will be learning how to be e-entrepreneur and start own business in their own village.
- 2. Vocational skill training & distribution of certificate for the poor adolescent girls and women:** VCT, Pothnal in collaboration with *Ensemble Agissons*, France organized the valedictory function to all the training beneficiaries on 21st July 2018. The key problem in all our target villages was unemployment. The primary objective of this programme was to create employment opportunities for disadvantaged adolescent girls and women/widows in rural areas at an early age by providing training in tailoring skills and a sewing machine. After this training program a diploma certificate was awarded to them which will be useful for their future to avail loans from banks and other financial institutions. With this training program, some women have been already established self-employment units. With these jobs they can

earn an income of Rs.5000 to maintain their family and children education. We are continuously providing the assistance to these women to avail loans from financial institutions to start small micro enterprises. 100 beneficiaries benefited from this program. Recently media recognized our good work and published an article titled “vocational training and its impact in the villages” on the daily newspapers.

3. **Protest rally by farmers to compensate for crop loss:** On 30th August 2018, VCT in collaboration with NGOs partners from Raichur district, held a protest march walking around 85 kilometers in demand for the compensation for crop loss. The protesters expressed their anxiety and distress due to the scanty rainfall in monsoon. Many laborers have migrated in search of employment in Metropolitan like Bangalore and other places. Many farmers incurred heavy loss due to crop failures. They demanded that the government should declare Raichur as the drought affected district and initiate relief measures at the earliest. Farmers in the tail-end area of the canals have not been receiving water due to the negligence of officials. We demanded that water gates should be installed immediately to check the leakage of water in the canals and officials should be instructed to ensure the supply of water till the tail-end area. At the end of rally memorandum was submitted to the concerned authority to investigate the matter urgently. Nearly five hundred farmers participated in this rally.
4. **Mass awareness programme on human 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. Keeping this thought in mind VCT has been creating mass awareness in the schools, public places, and in the residential area, so that children and women are saved from these evil practices. Nearly 10,256 school children and families have benefited from this program.
5. **Awareness programme on the issues of LGBTQ, FSW, PLHIV held at Vimukti:** On 16th September 2018, VCT Pothnal, in collaboration with *Ensemble Agissons* France organized an awareness program on the issues of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ), female sex worker, and people living with HIV disease. The objective was to discuss the concrete struggles that LGBTQ, female sex worker and people living with HIV people face existentially. The resource person Sri Madhu in his discourse said, “As a community, LGBTQ face higher rates of poverty, stigmatization and marginalization, which put them at greater risk for sexual assaults. They also face the higher rates of hate-motivated violence, which can often take in form of sexual assault.” This awareness program provided the participants as eye opening session to understand the existential problems of LGBTQ community. There were 198 persons who participated in this awareness program.
6. **Blessing and Inauguration of 1st floor of Merci Nivas, a boarding for girls and child recourse center:** It was a long-awaited dream which finally become a reality, with the help of generous donors and the hard work of Fr. Sathish Fernandes, Fr. Elvin Lopez and Vimukti staff. It was inaugurated on 8th July 2019 by Rev. Fr. John Alwyn Dias, Provincial Minister of Holy Trinity Province, Karnataka. Speaking on the occasion Fr. Alwyn Dias appreciated the good work being done by VCT to empower the women and children. Fr. Satish Fernandes, the Director took the occasion to thank Mr. Patrice Fabart, the generous donor of entire building. He also extended his thanks to Mr. Daniel Helbert, the president and the members of *Ensemble Agissons*, France, for their love and generosity towards this project implement.
7. **Plant sapling distribution camp:** VCT, Pothnal organized a free plant sapling distribution camp in seven villages. The village leaders and women were sensitized about their responsibilities towards the environment and ecology. The main aim of the awareness program was to spread awareness on

environment crisis and its protection. On this occasion awareness was created among the village leaders and members to protect and preserve nature. Nearly 145 women and others benefited from this program.

- 8. Program on public hearing, right to food campaign and other related schemes:** VCT, joined hands with other teams of NGOs in Karnataka and organized a state level Public Hearing Programme on 28th September 2018, at St. Joseph Institute Bangaluru. Many State level concerned ministers and government officials were present to this program to hear the public complaints and grievances. It was also participated by 16 NGOs from North Karnataka along with local village leaders and their representatives. A number of grievances were put forth by people specially the right to food, health and hygiene, sanitation, toilets facilities, AWC structures, supply of nutrition food to the adolescent girls, scarcity of teachers in the schools, proper implementation of *Mathru Purna Yojene*, (feeding nutritious food to pregnant women) quality education, regular supply of mid-day meals, school dropouts survey, proper distribution of food ration, ban on alcohol in the villages and other related issues. The NGOs submitted the memorandum to the concerned authority and requested them to investigate the matter immediately. The government officials and ministers, who were present at the program, assured their whole-hearted support in sorting out these issues. There were nearly 389 women and men from various organizations who benefited from this venture.
- 9. Awareness program to the village leaders on *Mission Antyodaya* Mobile Application:** VCT organized this program on 28th September 2018 in Utaknoor village. The *Mission Antyodaya* is an application to collect the village data on infrastructure and economic activities in rural areas. It helps to monitor the progress of the villages in basic facilities like, community hall, primary health centers or sub centers, schools, AWCs, drinking water facilities, drainage facilities, roads etc. The information collected through this application will be further used for ranking and monitoring the Gram Panchayats. There were nearly 525 families who attended the program.
- 10. Mahila Bhoomi Samwad Yatra, for women's Land and farmers rights:** Vimukti in collaboration with likeminded NGOs from Raichur organized this program at Kananada Bavan, Raichur. The objective was that in most Indian families, women are deprived of land ownership rights nor entitled to parental property rights. For long these issues were ignored and unaddressed in the patriarchal Indian society. Considering this issue some women representatives of fourteen organizations came together and submitted the memorandum to Deputy Commissioner of Raichur, demanding equal rights to ancestral property to women too. There were nearly 25,000 women across the country who engaged in this protest land ownership rights of women.
- 11. Prevention and protection of minor girls from human trafficking:** Trafficking of young girls from sexual exploitation, domestic work and others is rampant in Raichur. VCT is trying its best to prevent and protect these children from falling prey to these evil practices. One of the main causes of this evil practice is lack of education and some social beliefs and practices. VCT has taken concrete measures to ensure quality education to adolescents. It has helped some 9580 vulnerable adolescents to educated and come out of these social beliefs and traditions.
- 12. Vimukti celebrated International Day for the elimination of violence against Women:** VCT, Pothnal organized the program on International Day for the elimination of violence against women in collaboration with *Ensemble Agissons*, France on 25th November at its premises. Speaking on the occasion, the resource person said that "violence against women and girls is a global issue. It remains one of the most persistent human rights violations and a threat to millions of girls and women." Violence affects women of all ages and arises in various types of settings – taking many forms including physical,

sexual or psychological violence, as well as economic abuse and exploitation. 120 women and VCT staff participated and benefited from this program.

- 13. Rights based Education:** Human development and human rights are inter-related and interdependent. Vimukti believes that community leaders need to know their rights and entitlements in order to ensure human rights, especially women and children. Several programmes on human rights, rights of women have been conducted to instill right knowledge among community leaders.
- 14. Convergence workshop for strengthening of Child Protection system in Raichur:** The workshop held in collaboration with Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, District legal Service Authority, UNICEF, Women and Child Development department, District Child Protection Office and VCT, Pothnal on 6th December at Zilla Panchayth (District Council) auditorium Raichur. At the introductory speech Fr. Sathish Fernandes, the Director of VCT, Pothnal and member of CWC Raichur briefed on the value and common responsibilities of protecting children rights. Each one need to work tirelessly including all the government personnel working in the different department in district council so that the rights of the children are safeguarded. Mr. Mahadevayya the additional session Judge in turn spoke on the protection of the vulnerable children in the society. There were 123-line department officers from District council who benefitted this training programme.
- 15. Formation of unorganized youth clubs in ten units:** VCT strongly believes that human rights and human development share a common vision and a common goal. Keeping this thought in mind, VCT works accordingly to ensure that the strategies uses are rights-based. It is very keen in using these rights-based strategies among the unorganized youth, in the targeted villages. As a result, we had conducted an awareness programme in 20 villages. Moreover, we could convince and begin the work of accompanying the unorganized youth by forming the youth clubs. Around 200 young people have registered their names and the formation of the clubs are in progress. The programme comprises of imparting critical awareness of social reality, knowledge of the constitution of India, motivating the members to identify and address issues related to right to food, and helping the young people to avail various government schemes, by way of street play, meeting, distribution pamphlets etc.
- 16. A distinctive and colorful decennial year finale held at vimukti:** On 10th February 2019 *Ensemble Aggissons* celebrated 10 years of its collaboration with vimukti, in implementing the programs to empower children, girls, young people, adults and differently-abled by promoting holistic excellence. This program was attended by Mr. Daniel, the President of Ensemble Aggissons and many of its associates, women, youth and VCT staff members, the day was arrayed with colorful events at premises of Vimukti with a sense of joy and enthusiasm. There were around 882 children from 16 Government school and their staff members who participated in this event and some spectacular dances and music entertained everyone.
- 17. Protest to safeguard the Constitutional rights of minority:** On 10th of March 2019 VCT in collaboration with other NGOs in Raichur jointly organized a campaign to safeguard the constitutional rights against alteration. The representatives from SC/ST/OBC and other minority communities collectively joined to make an appeal on these matters before the authorities, so the constitutional rights of minority communities are duly respected and safeguarded. There were 12 NGOs partners who raised their voices saying, “*No to any alteration to Constitutional rights of minorities*”. Around 1800 young people and leaders participated in this agitation.
- 18. Training to community leaders on advocacy and lobbying matters:** The VCT conducted training in 16 targeted villages for leaders on advocacy and lobbying. The main objective of this program was to

capacitate the youth to discuss the issues affecting their life in their community in the Gram Sabha (village council). Leaders discussed and listed out various issues affecting their villages to bring to the knowledge of Panchayath officials.

- 19. Training for women on various Government schemes:** The VCT conducted training program for women from 31 villages on the availability of government schemes for rural areas. The resource person briefed on various schemes like, Pradhana Mantri Rozgaryojana, Rajeev Gandhi Chithanya Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Employment generation program, Chief Minister Employment generation Program Mudra Yojana, Mathru Puran Yojana, Swachh Barath Mission (Toilet facilities), Educational loans etc. The women were made aware of these schemes and gain the benefits from the same.
- 20. Awareness on various Government schemes through video shows:** Vimukti has been conducting sensitization programmes on Government Welfare Schemes viz, Right to Food, Integrated Child Development, Mid-day Lunch Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme, National Maternity Benefit Scheme, National old age Pension Scheme, Public Distribution System, Antyodya Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantra 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, Mukhya Mantri 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. There was lot of people who watched these programmes and profited from it.
- 21. Training on SCSP/TSP/WASH in 21 Village Units:** Nearly 292 leaders from 20 villages were present for this training. The aim of this programme was to introduce various Government 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) and others. These schemes were elaborated in a simplistic manner by the resource person so that people understood them well. He explained the nature of each scheme, its provisions, how to tap them and the redress mechanism of these schemes. The training program was an eye opener for many village leaders. The VCT staff members also duly profited it and prepared an action plan for one year.
- 22. Construction of toilets in villages:** Village People were motivated to construct toilets and make their villages as open- defecation free zones. As a result of this venture the villagers have constructed around 2892 toilets. VCT has been always at the forefront in motivating individual families to fight against the menace of open defecation, in the vicinity of Manvi Taluka. The Zilla Panchyath officials and the local bodies had ensured the construction of toilets thinking it will serve the purpose of Swachh Bharat Mission. As a result, a sum of Rs. 12,000 was given to the general public and Rs. 15,000/- to SC/ST beneficiaries. Moreover, some required material and equipment too was provided. But the sad part of this venture was that at times we saw people fail to use these toilets instead it became a warehouse and people are happy with old practice of open defecation. Amidst this sad story, VCT has been always a motivating force to construct toilets facilities by tapping the government schemes and has been instrumental to construct 2892 toilets in the vicinity of Manvi taluka.
- 23. Rape Free India campaign:** Taking the learning's from the Rape Free India campaign ahead and understanding the need for doing an immediate intervention at the district level, Vimukti in collaboration with Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation new Delhi began new project will carry out campaign activities. The planned activities are implemented to strengthen the protection mechanism to safeguard children from trafficking in the district, and villages. The purpose of organizing these activities is to

create a momentum for a safe Karnataka thought process on the exploitation of children. With these campaign activities, Vimukti would aim to change the attitudes and behavioural pattern of people at the grassroots and of government officials.

VIII. Child Welfare Programmes

- 24. Empowering Children and Young people to participate in society.** Children and young people are most vulnerable group in the society. They fall prey to the evil menaces of the society such as child laborers, domestic violence, family disintegration which leads them on street, consumption of drugs, infection of various diseases. VCT took some valid measures to provide shelter, support and education to ensure the welfare of these children and young people. The projects aimed to build self-confidence and instill hope in the lives of these children and youth. They have begun to enjoy their rights to care, protection and education. They also confidently assert their rights and give voice to the critical issues that affect them and their peers.
- 25. Organized a Press meet to have separate budget for children at Election Manifesto:** On 4th March 2018, VCT in collaboration with like-minded NGOs from Raichur had organized a press meet. It was in a view of upcoming State general elections where a demand was made to the political parties to consider an adequate budgetary allocation for issues related to children. It also includes the ways and means to protect children rights. The manifesto included fixing the age definition for all child-related legislations, implementing and expanding the scope of right to education, strengthening the integrated child development services and reducing infant mortality rate.
- 26. Children's Parliament:** This is a forum of children to express their views/ ideas, participate in decision making processes, share their problems and collectively find a solution. Such meetings are held regularly at different villages. The unresolved issues are later discussed in a larger context in children's parliament every month with the monitoring of VCT staff in which 10-15 child representatives participate. Children themselves select their convener and secretary for these meetings. Several issues like harassment/exploitation by adults, difficulties in attending regular classes, access to basic facilities, relating to games, child labour, child marriage, school dropouts, human trafficking are discussed to find some solutions. Nearly 482 children are benefiting from this program.
- 27. Awareness on free emergency ambulance services (108):** VCT, Pothnal in collaboration with *Ensemble Agissons* organized an awareness program in 9 schools. The objective was to instruct people of the avail of free ambulance services through emergence helpline in the state. The coordinator of the health department elaborated in length the function of the same that it could be used for multiple purposes like medical purpose, fire explosion, crime or any other emergencies. There were 750 children who participated and benefited from this program.
- 28. Taluka level art and craft science festival:** It was held on 21st and 22nd December at Vimukti premises in collaboration with *Ensemble Agissons* where 450 students participated in it. Children profited from the workshop while learning beautiful craft work out of papers and works of art. Some children were able to master the art skills and could prepare plates, paper pulp, balloons, flowers, caps and cartoon faces using different alphabets. The resource persons were some skilled teachers from Manvi taluka itself who helped children to master basic paper art skills and exhibit it.
- 29. Training programs on adolescent health issues:** VCT organized this programs at 21 places in Manvi & Devdurga Taluka. The main topics dealt were personality development, health and hygiene, HIV/AIDS, contagious diseases, reproductive health care, physical growth and mental changes, gender discrimination

and sexual harassment. The adolescent actively participated in the discussions and the resource persons could give satisfactory answers for their doubts on various health issues. There were 1020 adolescent girls who benefited from this program.

- 30. Personality development camp:** This camp is organized every year for the children to provide an opportunity of learning learn and integrating with other children. There was various group dynamics, games, discussion and cultural activities. The training also helped them to master the skills of making greeting cards, drawing, singing, drama.
- 31. Training to form children clubs:** It is important to help children to obtain, improve and retain the skills, knowledge and resources needed for their study and life activities. Children club functions once in every fortnight in different villages. During these meetings issues like capacity building, personality development, talents management, communication skills, cleanliness, leadership qualities, and children's rights are dealt. There is an overwhelming response from children who profit dearly from these clubs meet.
- 32. Awareness campaign on child rights:** Vimukti Child Line (1098) Raichur organized a campaign to create awareness among general public on the rights of children. This campaign articulated "children's right to live, right to grow, right to protection and right to participation" as per the UN declaration. This campaign created an-awareness among general public about the rights of the children and availability of CHILDLINE (1098) facility to alert the concerned people at child emergency situations and deprivation of their rights.
- 33. Awareness program on child safety and sexual abuse:** It was organized by VCT to give some guidelines for children and their parent on safety and sexual abuse issues. It was focused primarily on educating parents and children on how to recognize instances of abuse. Moreover, some basic personal safety skills were taught to them.
- 34. Distribution of cloths for poor people:** Abject poverty in some Dalit families in Pothnal is one of the causes of school dropouts and child labor. To help these children the VCT distributed some stationery materials likeschool bags, books, pens and school inform. In the past seven years, VCT with the assistance of generous benefactors provides schooling material and help to 120 poor children.
- 35. Sneha Jyothi child care center:** Vimukti come across number of cases of neglect and abandoned children. To support and care these children we accommodate them in our *Sneha Jyothi child care center*. In the year 2018-2019 we accommodated around 56 poor, orphan and semi orphan children. These children study in three different schools. Their presence brings joy and happiness in the premises of Vimukti. They are well taken care of by a warden who looks after their holistic growth and a domestic staff who serves delicious food with the monitoring of Fr. Satish Fernandes the director of Vimukti. These children are also supported with school fees, books, stationary, uniform, medicines and others.

IX. Vimukti CHILDLINE (1098): An Emergency Child Helpline Service:

- 36. Vimukti CHILDLINE (1098): An emergency child helpline service:** It operates as a national toll-free emergency helpline for children in crisis. CHILDLINE (1098) in Raichur is supported by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India. A total number of 1957 of cases has been reported to Vimukti Centre through this service. Besides, the Vimukti Centre also handled other 135 cases which

were reported by police personnel, domestic staff and others. The detailed information of 1822 cases will be found below in annexure No. 1.

- 37. School awareness program:** These sessions were conducted at 15 different government and private schools, students from standard 1st to 12th grade participated. In these programs, information about CHILDLINE 1098 was given to children POCSO Act- 2012, Komal film on child sexual abuse, personal safety, positive feelings and negative feelings were discussed too. Safe and unsafe touch information was also shared with children and information of POCSO box was shared.
- 38. Open House program:** It is a program created in benefit of children who can have direct access to CHILDLINE team to discuss on existential issues and problems. This platform also provides an opportunity to seek support from government and other regional authorities. The information received from children becomes help for effectively functioning of CHILDLINE service. CHILDLINE access well the data received from children to initiate necessary help for the growth and development of children.
- 39. CONNECTING To CHILDREN:** CHILDLINE services are not only playing the role of listening child but also strengthens the existing National Child Protection Mechanisms.

Annexure I. CHILDLINE Call Statistics

Sl. No	Particulars	Reach Out (Intervention)
1.	Children whose families are in crises	54
2.	Hostel facility	114
3.	Missing children	42
4.	Runaway children	32
5.	Children affected by physical / sexual / emotional abuse in family, schools or institutions and who need emotional support, counseling and guidance	159
6.	Drop out children	186
7.	Child labourers working in the un-organized and organized sectors	229
8.	Providing School facilities	89
9.	Street children	87
10.	Medical facility	154
11.	Domestic help, especially girl domestics	19
12.	Child Marriage	147
13.	Differently abled children	36
14.	child trafficking	31
15.	Children abandoned by parents or guardians	65
16.	HIV/ AIDS infected children	68
17.	Children who are victims of substance abuse	87
18.	Children in conflict with the law	54
19.	Beggary	118
20.	Child victims of the flesh trade	5
21.	Corporal punishment	108
22.	Identified/unidentified death calls	29
23.	Miscellaneous	34
Grand Total		1957

X. PROJECT “HEALTH FOR ALL”

- 39. Counseling sessions and health checkups:** Apart from regular academic and health counseling, we also make sure to provide special counseling sessions to children with anger management issues, personality disorders and others. Quarterly health checkups are done to prevent various diseases and have healthy and hygienic environment.
- 40. Training of Antenatal/Postnatal child care for newly married and lactating mothers:** Due to lack of knowledge and skills in child care neonatal and postnatal death are rampant in remote villages. With the support of Ensemble Agissons, France we have conducted 19 training programmes for newly married lactating mothers on skills in child care. These programs help them to furnish themselves in the art of child care and also transmit this knowledge to their peers. There were nearly 465 women benefited from this training.
- 41. Awareness program on prevention of contagious diseases:** Vimukti organized this program in 16 villages of our project area. People were advised to keep their surrounding's clean so to avoid contagious, water-borne and mosquito-borne diseases. The door to door campaign was done to create awareness on prevention of malaria and dengue in the villages.
- 42. Health camps:** VCT conducted periodic health care camps for its beneficiaries and their parents. These camps were directed towards offering curative, preventive and promotive services to the beneficiaries. In the year 2018-19, we had organized a total number of 32 camps in 24 villages that profited 1,789 beneficiaries. The basic health care facilities like blood-cell counts, B.P, determine the blood groups, de-worming optical problem, skin problem, HB low, ENT and dental problems was provided to them. Moreover, each individual child health data was preserved in our local archive.
- 43. Health & nutrition workshops for parents and children:** It was conducted in 16 villages of our project area. It was mainly designed to create an-awareness on balance diet and nutrition. A total of 897 parents participated and benefited from it.
- 44. Sexual and reproductive health education for adolescents:** This program was conducted in various schools in our targeted villages, with an objective to furnishing the knowledge on physical, mental and cognitive changes during adolescence. Moreover, other topics like child abuse, child marriage were also dealt in these workshops. There were 770 children who benefited from this program.
- 45. Mobile Health clinic:** The mobile health clinic project has helped the rural poor especially women and children living in 16 villages of Manvi Taluka to have access to primary health care services.
- 2587 poor people availed primary health care services from the mobile health clinic facility, among which them 69% were women.
 - Collaborative and advocacy actions with skilled knowledge to provide better health care services for the rural poor.
 - The concrete results of the health education and health awareness campaigns project includes personal and social hygiene habits such as drinking boiled and clean water, washing hands before eating, using toilet facilities, waste management at homes and village surroundings, etc.

XI. Ongoing programmes:

- 46. Collaboration with the Government schools:** The children in collaboration with the Government schools participate in public speaking, press meet, sports activities, political activities, public rallies, debates on different child-based issues and form a children parliament towards common cause. This unique initiative of our children especially the child rights campaign has motivated other government schools to involve and participate actively to fight for rights of children. This bold venture of our children has been duly appreciated by many people.
- 47. Education Sponsorship:** Orphan, semi orphan and poor children are supported through sponsorship programme. The Vimukti provides them with school fees, study materials and stationery items. Through this sponsorship programme the poor children are ensured to complete their schooling with an intention of their bright future. This program is strictly monitored so that each child is in contact with their sponsors through regular letters and feedbacks. There are 195 beneficiaries who are educated with help of generous sponsors and 15 children who pursue their higher studies.
- 48. Promotion of children's parliament:** The children parliament provides sustainable and meaningful opportunities for children to engage in local, national, and international democratic processes. It enables children from all backgrounds and of all abilities to work together and to share experience that make active citizenship. Witnessing the importance of children's parliament, the Trust has taken up promotion of children's parliament as one of the key activities to empower children. There are 584 children who are fully involved in children parliament activities.
- 49. Tuition centers:** Vimukti operates 17 tuition centers to usher quality education to 958 children. These centers give students the skills they need to study and learn. They also clarify their doubts and help them to ease their difficult subjects. These centers have been motivating factors to study well and also to reduce the school drop outs.
- 50. Support for school and higher education:** Vimukti gives prime importance to children's schooling and higher education. So far more than 36 adolescents are being supported to pursue their higher education. The poor economic status of orphans, Dalits, children affected by HIV/aids is the reasons of their discontinuation from schools and colleges. Hence the Trust introduced a scheme titled "*Study now pay later*" to help the poor children to continue their higher education. Adolescent are supported financially to continue their studies so that later they will reimburse their due.
- 51. Computer training:** To help young people who are deprived of higher education and unemployment, Vimukti offered a free basic Computer Training which could be a great help to seek employment. This training has been helping them to find some part jobs and earn their living.
- 52. Life skill trainings:** Lack of appropriate technical skills prevents adolescent school dropout girls and women from coping with job opportunities. As a result, Vimukti organized various life-skills development trainings for the adolescent school dropout girls and women. These skills have helped them to take up some new jobs and improve their economic status. Some job opportunities like tailoring, shop keepers are also been provided to poor girls and women sitting idle at home. VCT has helped 192 women to get some jobs for their dialing living.
- 53. Children's rights clubs:** These clubs are envisaged to give a better understanding of their rights and duties. Children are encouraged to share their autonomous ideas on their rights and discussion them in their groups. In addition, the clubs serve as a platform to bring out and develop their talents such as writing poetry, writing articles, storytelling, singing, acting, painting etc. VCT has become a strong force to help children develop in their talents. Almost 2400 children form these groups and benefit from the same.
- 54. Advocacy, collaboration and network building:** 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. Vimukti has been consistently engaged in networking with other like-minded organizations on various issues. Vimukti has created a platform at Raichur District to develop a network of the NGOs, CBOs, Youth Clubs, Women SHGs, Farmers Clubs, Intellectuals and like-minded people for the information sharing and to discuss different issues

of Raichur District. Regular meetings and discussion are held among the members to initiate developmental programs in Raichur District. Vimukti is trying their best to build a resilient network with State level NGOs and well-wishers.

- 55. Self-esteem programs for VCT animators:** Around 49 animators participated in this programme. They were informed on various issues like problem assessment, child rights, child counseling, leadership, communication, HIV, tuberculosis, climate change, etc. This program upgraded their knowledge on various existential issues of society.
- 56. Awareness Rallies:** VCT conducted 28 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.
- 57. Vimukti in Media:** Apart from being grassroots organization working directly with vulnerable groups of children, VCT is creating impact on advocacy and policy making especially for child protection, children rights; protest on gender-based issues, locally and at state level.
- 58. VCT is our strength:** VCT animators have established a good rapport with the local government officials and networking NGOs, and others. They have been constantly supported by local people and the village leaders to carry out their work effectively. This confidence has helped them to work mutually with many District and Taluka officials, members of village Panchyathas and others.

XII. 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 *Balika Sanghas* 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 *Grama Sabha*, *Ward Sabha* and social audit has increased from 45% to 65%.
- 153 children rescued and provisional shelter, food, medicines, counseling, education, vocational training, sports and games, entertainment, life skill training etc. were provided; all of the children were repatriated
- Sanitary toilets constructed for 2892 beneficiaries.
- Counseling provided to 135 vulnerable children/ Youth/ women.
- Meetings held regular on the subjects like violence against children and women. Timely memorandum was sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Chief executive officer and important duty bearers on the safety of children, especially girls and women.
- Consultation on Children in Conflict with Law-15 Children from various villages and schools participated helped through counseling.
- CHILDLINE team issued a warning letter to a teacher in a Government School, Arigera Raichur taluka for misbehaving with girls.
- Interdiction of alcohol consumption at High School Premises at Heridinni was solved with the help of SDMC members.
- Selling of pan products (betel nuts, leaves) near schools is prohibited in and around Guddini school premises.
- Illegal selling of alcohol stopped in Markumdinni village.
- The community leaders of villages are exhibiting their enthusiasm in the political affairs. They work tirelessly in their respective Grama Sabha and fighting for their just demands of the community with higher authorities' like Panchyath Raj Institutions.

- School dropout's rate has reduced in our working targeted villages and our community leaders are instrument to bring change in education of children.
- 7 PDS shops are functioning as per the norms after creating awareness to the vigilance committee members on PDS Act.
- Walks and rallies were conducted with the aim to spread awareness on various diseases, such as swine flu, dengue conjunctivitis, typhoid, malaria etc.
- Fortnightly visits to each village by medical nurse benefitted 2587 people with primary health care services, health education, free medicines and referral support for advanced treatment etc. Priority was given to identify communicable diseases like, TB, Leprosy, Hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases, mother health and care.
- Awareness rallies about Dengue, HIV /AIDS, Cleanliness, open defecation, Tobacco and Alcohol, Children's Rights, Child Marriage, Child Abuse, Child Labor and communicable disease etc. 5130 benefitted from this awareness.
- Supplementary education (evening tuition classes) in 16 villages attended by 952 children; this education intervention has reduced school drop outs and child labor significantly.
- Education materials were supplied for the 219 children in the project area (books, bags, pens, pencils, uniform, study table, chairs).
- Imparted training for 60 village leaders regarding health, RTF, SCSP/STSP Govt. schemes etc.

XIII. Challenges were 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.
- People come with consuming alcohol as a result very often lot of interruption during awareness programs.
- Lack of initiatives in receiving as well as participating in training program by the Stakeholders.
- 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 response and cooperation.
- Lack of non cooperation from the school head masters.
- 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 70% 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.

XIV. Key Learning's

- People gained ability to assert and demand their rights and access government facilities. Best practices learnt from one another increased their self-confidence.
- There is a desire in community leaders to learn new things, new skills and capacities. They are becoming creative day by day.
- Working in partnership makes them more resourceful and succeed in their struggle.
- A new awareness is growing among the community leaders regarding change in perspectives and asserting their social and community responsibilities.
- They learned to identify the problems and issues and give appropriate solution for the same.
- Gram Sabhas (village councils) are becoming more powerful with the active presence of the community leaders especially women.
- Correct planning and right strategies lead to greater success of the program.
- Use of modern technology helps oneself as well as for team to communicate effectively.
- Working in groups is important factor to bring changes and development in villages. It also makes impossible things possible.
- Community leaders learn to resolve the conflicts that arise within the communities.
- We need to strengthen our community leaders with adequate skills and knowledge in their work.
- We need to improve our networking and advocacy in connecting regional, state and national level.
- Accompaniment of the staff, community leaders in their life joys and struggle is vital.
- Ensure implementation of SC/ST Sub-plans at the grassroots level.
- Constantly support and animate the Vimukti staff, club children, unorganized youth, women and village leaders.

XV. 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 libraries in rural schools.
- To undertake HIV/AIDS/ STDs intervention programme.
- To insist on 100% compulsory education in the project area.
- In 65 villages every child in the age group 3-18 year will have access to compulsory basic education.
- Creating deeper awareness on child rights issues among parliament and clubs children.
- Build strong network with local and district NGOs for better results.
- Tapping government housing schemes to the weaker sections in the project area.
- Helping children in targeted villages to obtain scholarship from the government schemes.
- To make 65 villages free from menace of child labour, school dropouts, child marriage and admitting children in district hostels and schools.
- Greater involvement of village leaders, SDMCs members, school teachers, AWC teachers, ASHA workers and ANM in our programs and meetings.
- Reaching out children in vulnerable conditions and mainstreaming them into school.
- Helping malnourished children to get healthy food from concerned governmental departments and agencies.
- 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.

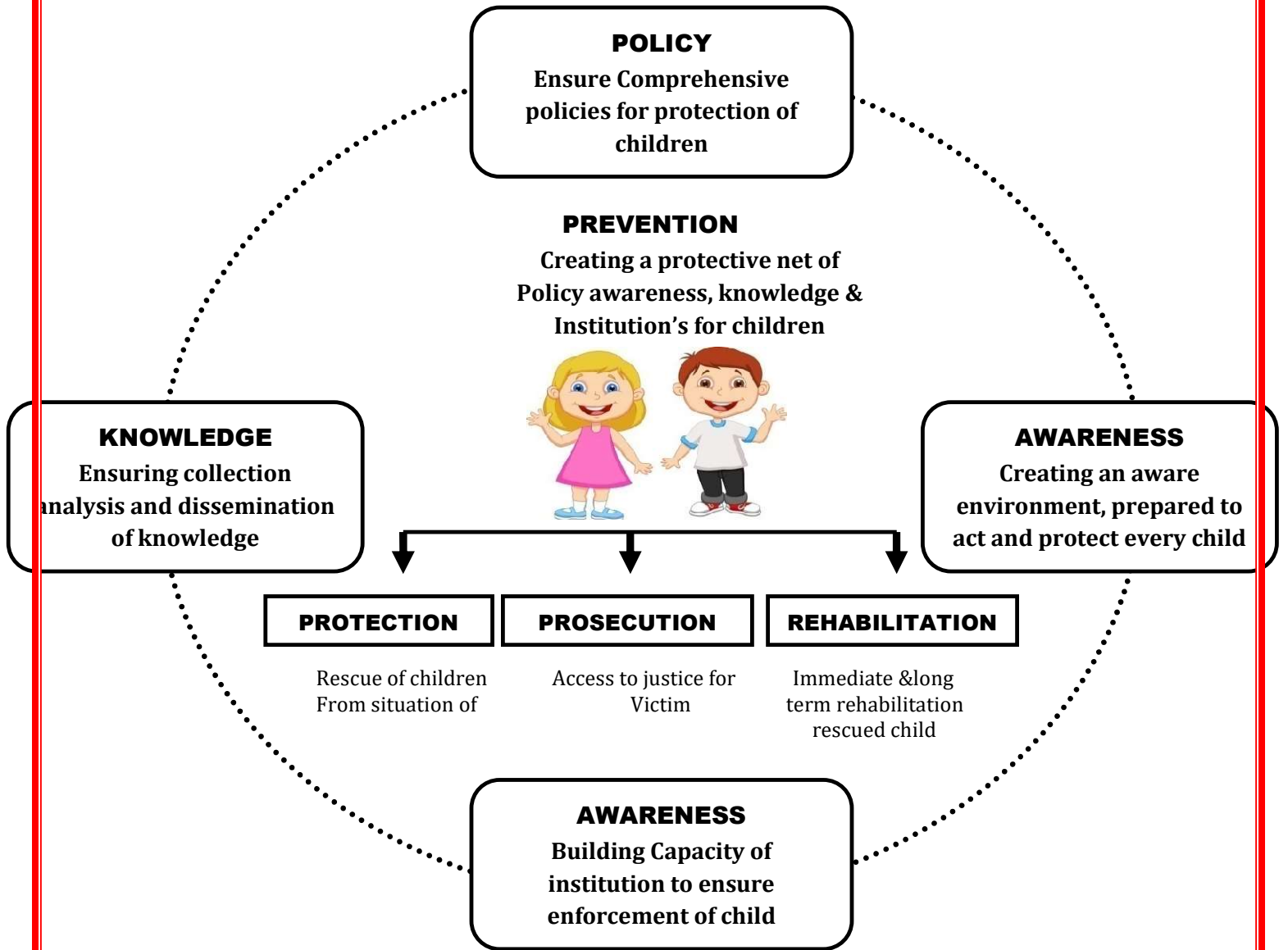
Annexure 1 Availing Government Facilities

Sl. No	Achievements	Total	Survey /Processing	Reach Out	
				Male	Female
1.	Caste Income/ Death Certificate/ Birth Certificate	875	87	358	517
2.	New voter ID	305	-	118	187
3.	MGNREGA	6278	-	1689	4589
4.	Right to Education (RTE)	39	-	21	18
5.	NIOS EXAM Certificate for Adult literacy program	1421	--	257	1164
6.	LPG Gas Provided from Forest Department	1873	26	-	1847
7.	Disabled Survey /Pension/Bus Pass/	452	41	253	158
8.	Adhar Card/Ration Card/Senior Citizen Card/Identify Card/Job Cards / Yashaswhini Card/ Student Pass/PAN Card	11254	-	8584	3122
9.	MadiluYojane /BaghyalakshmiYojane/JananiSurakshaYojana/ Thaiyi Card/ ArogyaBagya(health)	652	54	-	598
10.	Widow Pension/ Old age Pension	451	29	215	207
11.	Scholarship for students	319	-	201	118
12.	Toilet Construction through government	2892	-	-	2892
13.	Agriculture instruments schemes	67	-	67	-
14.	Self-Employment Scheme /Under Dr. B. R Ambedkar Nigam Yojane	96	09	48	39
15.	New Bank Accounts (SB)children/ SHG groups	1029	-	671	358
16.	Cattle loan for widows	156	-	-	156
17.	Crop insurance	1963	251	1712	-
18.	Petty loans	28	-	8	20
19.	House Scheme/ Under Leather Instrumental Development Scheme	15	-	-	15
Total		30165	497	14202	16005

Annexure II Organizational Impact

ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT				
Sl. No	Programme	Type	Beneficiaries	Total
1.	Education	Evening Tuition	16 Village children	958
2.	Health	Awareness	School Children	752
3.	Education	Adult Literacy Program	50 Villages	8,300
4.	Mass awareness	Helplines (Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault Abuse, Child Line)	Children, women, Adults etc.	20,759
5.	Alcohol-Ban	Protest by walk 200 K.M	18 Districts	4,000
6.	Memorandum Submission to DC	Basic facilities in School	Parents and children	1,275
7.	Govt. Schemes	Awareness	25 villages	3,258
8.	Environmental Protection	Distribution of saplings	Schools, children Parliaments	750
9.	Govt. Facility	Identity Card	Construction Workers	548
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	584
14.	Health awareness	Antenatal/Post-natal	28 Targeted villages	1565
15.	Health	Camps	Children and parents	1029
16.	Health Workshop	On Sexual Reproductive, Counseling etc.	Villages adolescents	896
17.	Total			44866

VIMUKTI'S Philosophy of Child Protection



XVI. Conclusion:

Life is full of surprises, and these surprises come in form of blessings. Change implies growth and development. VCT has been shouldering the great responsibility of serving and empowering the poorest of the poor and the marginalized. It has a unique mission and a vision to create a just society wherein all persons have equal opportunities to growth and development. Moreover, each person's dignity is safeguarded to bring out "*best humanly possible*" so that all flourish and flower in their lives.

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