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I. Introduction

“If we are to reach real peace in the world, we shall have to begin with the children.”

-Mahatma Gandhi

It is an immense privilege to present the annual report of Vimukti Charitable Trust® (VCT) for the year 2019-2020, to you dear friends, well-wishers, benefactors and sponsors. VCT is a Social Action Initiative of Capuchins in Karnataka- India for over 11 years, working towards empowering children, unorganized youths, women and their communities, focusing on alleviating poverty and social injustice. We do this through well-planned programmes for the care, protection and social reintegration of children, youth in distress, of all the castes and creeds. VCT provides an integrated holistic ‘Safety Net’ of services to vulnerable children - within an environment that is conducive for optimum development. This helps to empower and integrate them into mainstream society and make them productive adults.

Advocacy and Outreach efforts also include working closely with the government, and other monitoring and enforcement agencies. Our vision and mission is to address issues associated with vulnerable children such as child labour, dropouts, begging, human trafficking, drug abuse, child marriage, prostitution, and so on. These children can have access to an entire gamut of support and services at various locations in the district. These ranges from counseling – group, as well as individual, educational support – formal, as also non-formal, school readiness, nutrition, health, hygiene, medical support, and night shelter, among others. The initial engagement consists of counseling both - in a group, as well as individually. Often, the counseling is followed by nutritional support. The children are then helped with readiness programs to facilitate enrolment and education in schools.

Amidst all these realities, VCT continues to make its dent in its own unique way. Having been a facilitator by providing bridge courses, skill training for marginalized youth, rescue and rehabilitation for vulnerable children; the development of children is one of the important components of VCT development mission since the inception of the trust. VCT child development programme is focused on the poor, orphan, semi orphan differently abled, children of HIV/AIDS affected parents, Dalits and street children, tailoring centers, Computer centers etc, and various programs have been initiated by the VCT to improve the conditions of the poor, abandoned and vulnerable children.

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, *LokManch* New Delhi, 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.

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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Health • Child Rights and Protection • Women Empowerment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livelihood • Environment friendly • Vocational Training • Capacity Building • Network and Alliance Building |
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Our approach:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participatory • Environmental Sensitivity • Collaborative • Right Based Approach • Child Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost effective • Gender Sensitive • Women-empowerment. • Sustainability |
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II. Objective of the year

Children, unorganized Youth and women from the most marginalized communities are empowered, to live in dignity and transform them into confident and contributing citizens; to provide a nurturing environment for Personal, Psychological, Social, Academic and Skill development.

III. Highlights of the year:

- Received **BEST NGO AWARD** working for ‘ANTI- TRAFFICKING’ reaching more than 28,000/ women and Girls awareness program held at Asian anti- trafficking forum at Hyderabad on 28th July 2019.
- Public TV highlighted and published “**BEST NGO-REACHING 10,000(Ten thousand) DROPOUTS CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL**” on 30th of August 2019.
- Through mass awareness programs & rallies on human trafficking, child rights, child sexual abuse, Dengue, HIV/AIDS, Cleanliness, open defecation, Tobacco and Alcohol, Child Marriage, Child labor, Communicable diseases, installation of child line in Schools 308, Children 47,180, Adolescent Girls 3596, AWCs 850, 7 PHCs, Women 2790 youth 4820, teachers 1820, ASHA 785, ANM 245,

Supervisors 88, Line department 130, Police 410, Gram Panchyath 205, SHG Groups 590, Collage students 1250, Bus Drivers/ conductors 150, Auto Drivers 352, market/ bus stop and Railway station 6521 NGOs 36, Slums 1230, temple 83, 42 hostels 4520, 41 CCI 6598, church 43, judges 26, press personals 128, Mosque 42, community people 5403, and total beneficiaries 90,199 in 321 villages of Raichur District.

- To reduce the percentage of school dropouts and child labour around 895 children were supported by evening tuition classes.
- 587 children were helped to mainstream in formal schools.
- 353 children provided access to better healthcare facilities.
- The priority was given to computer-aided learning by introducing computer classes in the government schools. There were a total number of 3,800 women and men who enrolled at adult literacy computer-based education. Moreover, 2,567 children of Government school were initiated with digital classroom learning.
- 689 primary school children were provided with a supplementary academic skill through the use of computer tools for meaningful learning.
- 256 differently abled persons identified and supported to get the benefits from the Government.
- 16 rural E-entrepreneurs were trained for self-employment and entrepreneurship.
- 300 unorganized 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 150 women in collaboration with like-minded NGO's from Raichur demanding Women Voice in the Grama Sabha, alleging that the elected representatives and the concerned officials had failed to utilize the allotted amount for the development of the Gram Panchathya and not allowing women, voice their views in the Gram Panchyath. Today we have government schools in the district but don't have a clean drinking water facilities, compound walls, indoor outdoor games materials library books, etc
- Fr. Sathish Fernandes OFM Cap. received the **HONORARY DOCTORATE**, From International Global Peace University, GAF USA in the category of Social Services, on the occasion of University's Convocation which held on 5th of January 2020 Bangaluru, South India.
- Vimukti Director Fr. Sathish Fernandes OFM Cap. received **Makkal Manikya**, State award, during state level 'Makkal Sahitya Sammelana' held on 23rd January 2020, Raichur (Kannada Literary Fest).
- Vimukti Director Fr. Sathish Fernandes OFM Cap. Received **Kalyana Karnataka**, State award, during state level 'Gadinada Sahitya Parishad' held on 2nd February 2020, Madak, Sadam Gulbarga. (Kannada Literary Fest).

IV. We work with:

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

V. Community outreach Programmes

- 1. Making a difference in the life of the less privileged Community:** “Empowerment is not about making women strong. They are already strong. It's about changing the way the world perceives that strength.”Empowerment women to change their thinking from saying I am not ready, to say I will do that. A woman with a voice is a strong woman but to give them this voice is a difficult task because every woman faces challenges but when somebody lets them down they need to rise up and VIMUKTI works towards this with the support of Ensemble Agissons France. We try to convince them that they possess leadership skills and they have to make other women better.The community development programs of VCT 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 in 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 the sustainable communities and reaching out 90,199 women and children through innovative and result oriented community development initiatives.
- 2. Minority Communities got together and raise their Voice to Save Constitution of India:** On 10th of March, 2019 VCT in collaboration with other likeminded NGOs from Raichur jointly organized campaign to save the constitution of India. All the SC, ST, OBC and other minority communities’ representatives from the entire district collectively raise their voices before the concerned authority to safeguard constitution and protect the rights of minority communities. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. S. R. Here matt, President of Samajika Privarthna Samithi said that the Indian Constitution is a holy document of democracy to which all the Indian should abide by it, irrespective of their personal beliefs. Mr. Umar kalli the president of youth Delhi said that the constitution is envisaged to break the shackles of traditional social hierarchies and usher in a new era of freedom, equality, and justice. Mr. M.R Beri expressed that the constitution of India empowers the traditionally deprived sections in the country and had brought in socio- economic transformation of the underprivileged. All the gathered participants’ raised their voices saying “no matter how much efforts the political parties puts in, we will not allow them to alter the Constitution”. Nearly 1800 youth and Community leaders participated in agitation.
- 3. Training on Women and legal Rights:** *“A woman is like the full circle. Within her is the power to create nurture and transform”*-Diane Marie child VCT Pothnal organized training on Women and legal rights and celebrated International Women’s Day at VCT center Pothnal on 30th of March, 2019. Mrs. Jacintha welcomed the resource person and the participants. Fr. Sathish Fernandes VCT Director said, international Women’s Day is an occasion to recall the struggles of women around the world to gain equality and rights. The resource person, Mrs. Nilamper Begam. Government High School Headmistress, Pothnal in her speech touched many issues like, Domestic Violence, Immoral Trafficking Act-1956, Indecent Representation of women Prohibition Act 1986, Maternity benefit Act-1961, Medical termination of Pregnancy Act 1971, Family court Act-1984, National

commission for women's rights-1990, Sexual harassment of women at work place-2013, Code of criminal procedure- 1973, Benefits to women from Government Departments and Child rights. The day's session was moderated by Fr. Sathish Fernandes and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Nagarthana Vimukti health staff. Nearly 128 women attended and benefited from this training.

4. **Vimukti organized Voters' Awareness Week and its Importance through Rallies:** In democracy, it is not simply enough to inform voters about election dates. In order to help the electorates take an informed decision, it is quintessential to sensitize them about the importance of participating in the electoral process. Moreover, voters need to be educated about the process and also made aware of the political parties, their manifestos, backgrounds of the contesting candidates and several, and other information to help them cast an 'enlightened' vote. Vimukti staff along with village leaders has stepped forward to spread the importance of voting and the right to vote. In this connection, a Voters' Awareness Week was organized by Vimukti Pothnal. The awareness drive about the right to vote was successfully conducted under the guidance of the Vimukti at Pothnal town as well as at targeted villages. As many as 158 students, youth, men and women participated in the Voter's Awareness Rally.
5. **Awareness program on Online Services:** VCT Pothnal organized awareness program on the Online Services to the women and youth on 17th of April 2019 at Vimukti premises. Bridge IT Module lead by Mr. Chanabasava, Mr. Gangagappa and Mrs. Nirmala, the cluster leaders were the resource persons for this program. They explained the gathering the availability of online services, to apply and to make the online payment transaction. In the afternoon sessions VCT entrepreneurs share their experience through their personal case studies, which motivated the stakeholders very much. Nearly 126 women and youth attended and benefited from this program.
6. **Training on Gram Sabha/ Ward Sabha to community leaders:** VCT Pothnal organized training on Gram Sabha/ Ward Sabha to the community leaders at VCT center Pothnal on 28th of April 2019 to deliberate and seek a way forward to strengthen and to voice out to get benefits for their respective Gram Panchayath. The workshop was attended by 122 community leaders from 20 pockets of our working area. Mrs. Jecintha, the Vimukti staff member welcomed the participants, Mr. Charlie, the campaign facilitator was the Resource person who enlightened the community leader on the importance of Gram Sabhas (GS) of Village Panchayaths and Ward Sabhas (WS) of Municipalities, which are envisaged as for a of direct democracy where citizens directly participate in taking decisions regarding local administration and development. Finally he highlighted the functions and responsibilities of GS/WS. He also squarely answered the queries and the doubts of the participants. Mrs. Nagarthna VCT staff nurse proposed the vote of thanks.
7. **Training on Income Generating Activities:** VCT Pothnal in collaboration with Ensemble Agissons France organized a training program on the income generating, to all the poor women of the project area. Women participation and empowerment are fundamental elements that enable women to participate equally in the affairs of the society. We need to empower them socially, equip

them with a range of skills and knowledge. This will enable them to gain confidence, develop a sense of self-worth, a belief in one's ability, to secure desired changes and the right to control one's life. VIMUKTI believes in helping to provide women from rural villages with sustainable livelihood. To develop skills that benefit women in the rural setting. Poor Women were motivated to engage in self-employment and become financially stable as well as to provide better education to their children. Nearly 173 women benefited from this program.

8. **“International Child Helpline Day”** VCT, Pothnal organized International Child Helpline Day at Vimukti campus on 17 May 2019. The day has been declared as such by Child Helpline International to celebrate the work of CHILDLINE all over the world and observed the day by raising awareness about 1098 and drawing attention to the vital role of a helpline for every child. The CHILDLINE coordinator from Raichur in his speech elaborated the importance of Child Helpline No- 1098. He urged the participants to use the toll free helpline number whenever they come across crimes and exploitation against children. “Children deserve to be heard. The care and protection of children is everyone's responsibility.”He also explained the importance of help lines services and the mechanism behind the helpline project. Rev. Dr. Fr. Sathish Fernandes, VCT Director, in his address said that “everyone should join hands for the cause of children in need and refer them to CHILDINE 1098. This toll free No. 1098 plays an important role and reaches out to children who pledged their support to CHILDLINE. He appreciated the assistance provided to children across the District through the system of hiplines. The underlying message of the campaign was vulnerable situations. The gathered people to take collective responsibility in protecting the rights of children. Nearly 92 stakeholders participated and pledged their support to the initiative.

9. **People need to join hands to end the Child Labour: Child is meant to learn, not to earn. Stop child labour:** Hundreds of girls and boys throughout the world are engaged in forced labour that deprives them of adequate education, health, leisure and basic freedoms, violating their rights. Of these children, more than half are exposed to the worst forms of child labour such as work in hazardous environments, slavery, or other forms of forced labour, illicit activities such as drug trafficking and prostitution, as well as involvement in armed conflict. An awareness rally was taken out on 12th of June, 2019, at Raichur. The rally began from DC office to Chandramouli passing through the main streets in the city. The children actively participated in this rally. Principal senior civil judge Biluru Shankar Rao inaugurated the stage programme which was held after the rally. Vimukti staff and local line department authority witnessed and actively participated in the awareness rally. Awareness information was distributed to the participants which highlighting anti-labour practices. Oath was taken by the participants assuring their support to eradicate this evil practice. At the end of the rally breakfast served to all the participants.

10. **Free distribution of educational kits to 120 economically poor children: “A smile happens in a flash, but its memory can last for a lifetime.”**VCT Pothnal takes initiative every year to help

economically poor semi orphan, deserving children. We encourage them to be regular for schooling by distributing free note books, pencils, pens and other materials. It was done for 21 surrounding village of Manvi Taluka. The aim is to bring smiles to these little children. We all have experienced the joy of having a new school bag, books, pencils and crayons on first day of school. With the 'School Kit' program we hope to create that 'moment of smile' for the underprivileged children in the society. Chief Guest Rev Fr. Deepak Fernandes distributed the school bags, books, uniforms and stationery. Fr. Joel Lobo, the Superior of Clara Vihar addressing the gathering said “education is the best friend, an educated person is respected everywhere, education beats the beauty and youth.”

11. Adult Literacy training Programs and distribution of Educational kits to 3800 learners:

“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope” says Kofi Annan. A basic human right, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child realize one’s potentiality. The ALP ushers the learners specially the women of their right to education. The ALP is not directed just learning, reading and writing letters but help them to act not to get enslaved to malpractices of the society. ALP has tried to reach its learners and helped them to bring out their potentiality in learning at urban and slum area in Manvi town. This program has launched in collaboration with Zilla Lok Shishana Samithi, Zella Nagara Shishana Samithi Raichur and Vimukti on 10th June 2019. Intensive training program was organized for 45 ALP animators and they have to reach 2850 ALP learners within one year.

12. Unorganized youth demanded the transport department for the Bus Facilities to the remote villages of Manvi Taluka:

No doubt unorganized youth succeed in getting what they wanted. Here we would like to bring to your notice its first achievement in the Pothnal area. In many of the villages in and around Pothnal, there lacks the proper transport facilities. The children of Nalgamdinni, Iralagaddi, Utakanur, Karabadinni, Devipura, Muddanguddi, villages face hardships due to which they miss classes. During peak hours in the morning as well as in the evening there is hardly any bus facility in these areas. Therefore our pocket youths got together discussed this matter in their meetings and approached the Taluka transport department, with its strong urge to do something concretely in time. For their pleading the unit head Mr .J. T. Choudari promised them to provide transport facility from August 2nd onwards. The youth club members warned them if they fail to fulfill their need, they will counter the head of transport ministry by way of protest. On this occasion Mr. Hanumatha, Mr. Arogyappa, Mrs. GeetaPatil, Mr. Amreksh and Mr. Charlie were present.

13. Asian anti-Trafficking forum Meet; *building a strong coalition to fight trafficking*:

VCT Pothnal Director Fr. Sathish Fernandes along with the staff attending the Asian anti trafficking forum meet 2019 at Hyderabad Marriott Hotel& Convention Centre from 29th to 30th July 2019. Renowned speaker from all over India who was working for human trafficking attended and address the gathering. Nearly 183 NGOs Representative from all over India came together to fight human trafficking. It was wonderful to have met and interact with each other. It is very encouraging

to share that 99% of our Implementing Partners participated in the Asian Anti Trafficking Forum along with Government officials and CWC members as guests. Each one expressed that, meeting and interacting with IPs from other states in India were inspiring. The purpose of the gathering was to create a network of partners. This has been initiated and now, we hope to create an ownership among the partners to support each other. On this occasion Vimukti director was honored and appreciated for bringing awareness and reaching 28,000/ people through this safe village program. The participants benefitted from this seminar.

14. Training on Water conservation and Protection of Nature to the Community leaders: On 23rd August 2019 various unit leaders had a special training programme at Capacity Building training at vimukti premises. Mr. Muniswami the forest Department staff briefed on the theme of protection of Nature/environment, water conservation/preservation topics. What are environment/ Nature? How we need to protect, the benefits, consequences of destroying, the various types of pollutions namely- Air, Noise, Water, and earth/soil were explained elaborately. The present crisis of water shortage is to be addressed and the way of water preservation method was explained. Being forester explained about various facilities being provided by the Govt. such as SCST/TSP people can get Gas, Solar Heaters, Solar lights, various plants for the farming by the form of application. For about 63 Community leaders attended this training programme. The Community leaders too with much keen interest clarified to all their doubts and shared their views as well. The entire programme was begun seeking God's blessings. Mrs. Gangamma welcomed the dignitaries and Mrs. Ishamma gave the vote of thanks.

15. Raichur Women staged Protest Demanding Women Voice in the Gram Sabha and basic entitlements before DC office: VCT Pothnal in collaboration with likeminded NGO'S from Raichur staged a protest in front of the Deputy Commission office at Raichur on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 alleging that the elected representatives and the concerned officials had failed to utilize the allotted amount for the development of the Gram Panchathya and not allowing women, to voice their views in the Gram Panchyath. Secondly Community women demanded proper implementation of basic entitlements. While people across the state celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi, 150 women representatives cross the district took part in this protest. Women came from various villages holding and shouting slogans in demanding immediately to basic entitlements. They submitted the memorandum to the DC and CEO of Raichur, and also demanded in writing that they would further the cause very seriously. 150 women representatives were present and actively involved in the protest rally.

16. Human Rights Day Celebration: On 10th December 2019 VCT Pothnal, in collaboration with Ensemble Agissons France, celebrated Human Rights Day in Markamdinni Government High school in Kavitala Village. A short movie on societal change was screened. Mr. Jayasheel Dotarbandi Taluk coordinator spoke on the value of human life on this planet earth and of having innumerable rights for every individual. There should not be any discrimination with regard to

caste, religion or on the basis of gender. The number of incidents has been shocking on the humans especially the exploitation, abuses, negligence which neglected the human rights. We must learn to respect the other person's dignity. There is a need to spread the awareness everywhere specially in the villages. Mr. Arogyappa had anchored the program. For about 225 persons watched the short Movie on Human Rights.

17. Accompanying the Unorganized Youth: “To provide service to the people with sincerity, uprightness and empathy.” Today our country has 50% of the population below the age of 25 years and 65% below the age of 35 years. The unorganized youth are vulnerable in our society due to various contributing factors. The rising rate of unemployment is a real concern at the same time they become victims in the hands of fundamentalist forces and various political parties, who make use of their vulnerability to their advantage. They are easily absorbed in their ideology and they successfully employ the unemployed youth for anti-social programmes. The youth play a major role in a society which is being polarized systematically and strategically. There is a need to make the unorganized youth to get organized for some extent and train them on various issues to counter divisive and oppressive ideologies. We need to form the youth into groups where they can be accompanied by imparting life skills which help them to build a harmonious society. With this in mind, the VCT Pothnal opted to promote and assist the vulnerable youth. The selected youth are not only on the merit of academic prowess but also who have imbibed the ethical values and will be accountable. This will ensure that the policy decisions are not taken discreetly behind closed doors but with full public knowledge so that the citizens support the policy decisions.

VI. Child Welfare Programmes

18. With the young, channelizing their Energies: 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.

19. Memorandum submitted to the Block Education officer in demanding basic amenities in the school premises: Markumdinni youth members from Karabdinni (UdbalPanchyath) submitted the memorandum on 20th of July 2019 demanding the concerned BEO to provide basic facilities in the school as well as in the village. All the youth members discussed and listed out the problems one by one and approached the concerned authority to help support them in providing clean drinking water,

toilet, play-ground, play materials, and compound wall should be provided in the school premises. Due to lack of Drainage facilities, the water flow near the school and cleanliness remained a mirage. Rubbish was thrown in the school premises giving rise to breeding of mosquitos. The youth members studying in the same school have been facing the threat of contagious diseases. They also alleged that the school building is in a dilapidated condition and action was not being taken even to repair the roof. Mr. Amresh Gudiyal, the BEO who addressed the youth after receiving the memorandum said, the problems would be brought to the notice of the concerned authority and further action would be taken as per their direction to ensure the facilities. Youth President Mr. Hanumantha demanded the BEO to give in writing that their demands will be fulfilled. The school headmaster, teachers, SDMC members, Vimukti staff applauded and encouraged youths in this great venture.

- 20. Community leaders from two pockets along with Vimukti children Parliament Members demanded the Panchyath President to ensure basic infrastructure in the School without delay:** On 21st of September, 2019 Malkapur community leaders came together and demanded the Panchyath President and submitted the memorandum to provide basic infrastructure in the school. Since Malkapura School has no proper class rooms, wherein the windows, doors, roof, furniture's, toilets are in a dilapidated state, also there is no clean drinking water facilities, kitchen, utensils, etc. The children studying in the school have been facing the threat of contagious diseases. They alleged that proper attention should be give to the maintenance of the school building and amenities. Mr. Narsappa, the Panchayth member receiving the memorandum said that the problems would be brought to the notice of the concerned authority and further action would be taken as per their direction to ensure better facilities. The School headmaster, teachers, SDMC members, LM staff applauded the initiatives of the community leaders in this venture. Nearly 206 school children will benefit from this demand.
- 21. Vimukti children Parliament Members demanded the Panchyath President to clear the drainage without delay:** Muddamgudi High School faced a problem during this monsoon. Heavy rains and water-logging created an havoc to children of the school, staff and others. There was no proper drainage system for the smooth flow of water as well. This problem gave rise to mosquitoes breeding and water borne diseases. The Parliament children discussed this matter in their meeting and submitted the memorandum to the Panchyath President to take the necessary actions without fail.
- 22. Improve knowledge through reading books:** Vimukti children in the villages have given ample of opportunity to read books of various interests especially on freedom fighters, scientists, true leaders of our nation and many motivational and general knowledge books. Thus apart from the school text books they are made aware of the wide knowledge that one must have to cope up and come forward in the society today as they grow up through reading these books. Vimukti trust has a

wide range of books in the library that are made available for the children generously. This has improved their knowledge and reading skills.

23. Distribution of Educational Material to Poor Students: VCT Pothnal organized program on distribution of Educational materials to the poor children in the villages of Manvi Taluka. Many students in our service area are dropping out of school before graduation, since their parents cannot afford to provide uniform, text books, school bag etc. Their parents are day labourers, working as auto drivers, rickshaw pullers, vegetable vendors, or domestic helpers. Some of their parents have migrated to big cities like Bangalore in search of jobs. We motivate their parents through counseling sessions to send their children to school. VIMUKTI has been providing educational material to these poor children who attend Government Schools. We provide educational material consisting of text books, notebooks, geometry box, pencils, pens, and school uniforms, clothes, shoes, school bag, lunch box etc. There is pressing need to help more poor and needy students for continuing their education.

24. Summer Camp Organized: VCT Pothnal organized Summer Camp from October 15 to 17, 2019 at Devipura. Mr. kriyappa, GP president, Mr. Sharanappa and Mr. Charile, Jecintha, Pothnal, Child representatives from Tuition centers and para teachers, parliament Leaders inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. Children were taught action songs, finger print art, making puppets, crafts, morals, values, good qualities in life, leadership, through stories, using the writing board, puzzles, word building, etc. Mr. Jaysheela, facilitated the session on Child Rights Violation. Mr. Arogyappa, vimukti staff facilitated a session on Self-awareness, goal setting and adolescence, gender equity for Adolescent girls. Mrs. Jecnitha, the vimukti staff facilitated session on Waste Management. Disadvantages of the use of plastic, types of waste, and importance of bifurcating waste and recycling of waste were briefed. 230 children were present and participated; and got benefited from this camp.

25. International Day of the Girl Child: “Girls March to school” Free and compulsory Education For girls till 18 years of age” On 11th of October 2019 under the banner of ‘*Hennu Makkala Nade Shale Kade*’(Girls March to school) in coordination with the likeminded NGOs from Karnataka celebrated ‘International Day of the Girl child’ at VCT Premises. Nearly 123 adolescent girls participated in this event and submitted memorandum to Deputy Commissioner and Gram Panchyath President demanding equal rights and free and compulsory education for girls till 18 years of age. At the same time 100 NGOs across the country nearly 30,000 girl children submitted the memorandum to the concerned officials at various states. Girls’ took out rally through the main streets of Pothnal and Raichur near DC office by holding placards and banners, containing the message on the needs of protecting the rights of girl child. The campaign on equal rights and free and compulsory education for girls till 18 years of age, and to create awareness on adverse impact of child marriage 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 participants, after marching through

the main road of DC office Raichur conversed with the local press media where women activist spoke to them and memorandum was submitted to the concerned authority regarding “*Girls March to school*” and its implication. The main aim of the rally was to sensitize privileged citizens to protect and demand the right of Girl child.

26. 2889 Government school Children were initiated in Digitization of Class Room: A digital revolution has transformed the way we lead our lives. With a number of school and institutions adopting digital tools and platforms, the internet and all its immense possibilities are in our classrooms now. Clearly, one of the biggest trends emerging in the education sector is digitization. The second comes in the form of a multitude of online courses that spans a dizzying variety of subjects and skills-learning, for almost every age bracket. Vimukti for the past few years working with Government schools, taking the ongoing digitization of education forward, broaden its scope from pure skills and incorporate digital content into a holistic education. Try to liberate entire generations from the shackles of being self-serving followers. It is important to help create a young India that is concerned and sensitive and has the realistic potential to lead the world into a safe and happy future. Vimukti entrepreneurs are providing inputs sessions on educational software training on basic computer applications such as MS office etc., nearly 2889 children have benefited from this trainings.

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

27. CHILDLINE at RAICHUR: CHILDLINE in Raichur is established to provide assistance to all children who are in need of care and protection in the city. The service is provided through a toll-free 24-hour emergency phone service (1098). It aims to respond not only to emergency needs but also to link them to various services established for their long-term care and rehabilitation. CHILDLINE has been designed to act as a crucial link between children in need of care and protection and the available facilities. This one-point contact is meant to facilitate instant access to support, advice, and active intervention. This year the CHILDLINE, Raichur were able to handle 1947 cases.

28. Child Sexual abuse awareness program: CHILDLINE Collab, VIMUKTI Raichur, organized Child Sexual abuse awareness programme at Govt. Higher Primary School Raichur Taluka collaboration with government high school. Mr. Sudharshan coordinator, Childline, in the key note address spoke on Child Rights and responsibility of children. Mr. Mukanna, team staff CHILDLINE, Raichur, addressed the gathering and briefed on the objectives and purpose of the open house programme. The sub-Inspector of Police, Mr. Narayana exhorted the children to stay away from evil elements in the society. Child protection rest on three important pillars that is prevention, intervention and rehabilitation, especially in the case of child abuse, we believe that prevention is the most important pillar because if a case reaches the intervention stage where abuse has already happened, the damage caused to the child is immense and as all of us believe

“prevention is better than cure”. Children shared about the various issues and the authorities present there suggested possible solutions to them. Various child right issues and other difficulties faced in the school were discussed before the concerned authority and sort the clarifications. Nearly 285 children attended the program.

29. Public Awareness Campaign: Awareness for the public in the vicinity of the Market and in the surroundings of Railway station was conducted by CHILDLINE Raichur team on October 20th, 2019. Public were explained about the issues of children such as child labour, school drop outs, begging children, child abuse, missing children and run away children. Hand-outs with information on CHILDLINE (1098) and child related issues were distributed to the public. A group of students from government high School received the awareness with great enthusiasm. A positive response was given by the public who assured that they would call the child helpline if any children were at risk. After counseling the parent and the children on child labour, the mother was advised to refrain from using the children to earn a living to meet the school expenses. Around hundred people received awareness.

30. 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		1947

VIII. PROJECT “HEALTH FOR ALL”

31. HEALTH FOR ALL: With rising costs of health care, the disadvantaged and poor families often spend lot of money during the emergency situation of sickness. Healthcare expenditure usually puts a strain on the financial resources of these families. VCT ‘HEALTH FOR ALL’ program have been developed to provide beneficiaries with quality health care at affordable costs. Over the years, VCT has strengthened its program by building networks with specialized hospitals, clinics and non-governmental organizations. We have also created a health care manual and a database of health care providers. An important aspect of our program is to provide awareness about the various government schemes and to link our beneficiaries to these schemes, because very often they cannot profit it due to lack of information about them.

32. Health camps: Health for all project, conducts periodic health camps for its beneficiaries to meet their immediate health care needs. 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 2019-2020, a total number of 38 health camps were organized in 21 villages of our working area covering 2850 beneficiaries. Nearly, 159 were assisted in getting various facilities from the health department and treatments were completed.

33. Mainstreaming of Persons with Disabilities: “Disabled children in Manvi Taluka miss out due to lack of support services...”On 12th November 2019, Vimukti with the collaboration of Ensemble Agissons, France, under “HEALTH FOR ALL” project along with CHILDLINE 1098 Raichur involving more than 9 staff actively participated and identified differently abled children in 3 major villages, Kavithal, Vatgal and Amingada. Only 2% of Children with disability in Manvi Taluka attend school who are from low and middle income families. People with disabilities have generally have poor health and poverty stricken families. This is largely due to the lack of services available to. They even don’t have medical certificate to ascertain their state of disability, barring them from attaining the government schemes. Keeping these thoughts in mind, lately Vimukti conducted a survey report that provides the best available evidence regarding children with disability (physically handicapped, Blind, Deaf, Dumb, lame, leper, crippled etc.). What works could help them overcome these barriers. How to create health care, rehabilitation, education, employment and support services, and avail government help these beneficiaries. Thus promote accessibility in the schools for children with disability. As a result the Memorandum was submitted to the concerned authority in the district government office to provide various facilities to these deprived children in the society. So that these facilities will help them to grow, to learn like any other normal child in the society. Nearly 78 Disabled children are benefiting from this program.

34. People asked to be cautious against contagious diseases: VCT organized health awareness campaign in Pothnal on 15th of November, 2019. The main objective of the health campaign is to create awareness about the vector- borne diseases such as malaria, dengue, lymphatic filariasis, Japanese Encephalitis, chikungunya. District administration, health and family welfare department and the office of district vector- borne disease prevention officer Mr. Balappa said, diseases are spread through mosquito bites. Malaria is a life- threatening mosquito-borne disease caused by a plasmodium parasite. It is transmitted to humans through the bite of Anopheles mosquito. The disease was identified 150 years ago but till today no vaccine is licensed for its treatment. Anopheles mosquito lays around 300 eggs on water at a time all the eggs are hatched and therefore precautions should be taken against the mosquito breeding in the residential areas. Cleanliness should be maintained and water stagnation should not be allowed he said. VCT Staff nurse Mrs. Nagrathna said, mosquito creams, liquidator and smoke of the neem leaves could be used to avoid mosquito bites.

35. Spreading Mass Awareness on TB through “HEALTH FOR ALL” Campaign: VCT with the collaboration of Ensemble Agissons, France organized TB Mass awareness program in the project area. The “Health for all” campaign attempts to support people with TB patients, who have little help navigating the health care system. Most of the times, due to low awareness and support, TB patients have to go through social stigmatization, misinformation and abuse. The campaign provides basic information about the disease and helps people with contacts of doctors and counselors. VCT Pothnal aims to spread awareness that TB is a treatable, bacterial infection and people should not be made to feel guilty about contracting the disease. Nursing staff along with ANM visited the houses and gave awareness on TB to the families. So far we could reach 328 families, thus many people appreciated regarding this program.

36. 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.

- 2850 poor people availed primary health care services from the mobile health clinic facility, among which 69% were women.
- 5781 people were reached with health message on maternal and child health, sanitation, communicable and non-communicable diseases, social issues etc.
- 517 people were referred to for various diagnostic tests (HIV, TB, Malaria, Filariasis, Diabetes and Hypertension).
- The concrete results of the health education and health awareness campaigns project include 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.
- Periodic medical- Screening camps for the poor Economically marginalized people on various diseases such as TB, polio, and skin burnings, Malaria, chikungunya etc.
- Continuous education regarding personal hygiene and child healthcare included promoting hygiene’s and dietary habits based on locally available nutrition.

IX. Ongoing programmes:

37. EDUCATION FOR ALL: VCT at Pothnal is committed to transform the lives of marginalized children. To bring about sustainable change in the education we work with out-of-school Children,

preschools, primary and upper primary schools to facilitate a learner-friendly, fear-free, safe and enabling environment so that dreams and aspirations can take flight. Through our various initiatives we are working towards a nation where everyone has access to quality education irrespective of caste, creed and gender. VCT Pothnal is committed to ensure that all children have access to quality and gender equitable education, empowering them with adequate training, motivation and academic tools, and ensuring that they are focused on developing a scientific temperament in our children. We are working with School Management Committees as part of our engagement with government structures, to strengthen relationships, and maintaining transparency between schools and parents. These committees play a significant role in preventing dropouts, and ensuring a safe and secure environment in schools. VCT Pothnal 'Leadership Approach' is providing opportunities for children to voice their concerns and influence decisions by helping them.

38. Children's Participation: Children's Participation is the heart of our program. We encourage children to express their views/ideas, participate in decision making processes, share their problems collectively and find suitable solution. To ensure this, children are given the space to do so, children have their own club meetings. These meetings are held every month at contact point. The unresolved issues are discussed in a larger meeting called the Children parliament, held every month, in which 15 to 20 child representatives participate from each contact point. Children themselves select their convener and secretary for these meetings. Children raise issues like police atrocity, crisis intervention, employer abuse, legal support, death and took decisions and formed action groups to resolve them. The main issues were related to the environment, child rights, and education. Children suggested making some changes in our interventions. Some of the decisions taken in the meeting have already been incorporated in our programs and actions have been taken with the involvement of the children as per their needs.

39. Sports: *"Play is the highest form of research."* Albert Einstein The value of sports is demonstrated by the staff and coaches through their words and actions. There is an emphasis on building values such as respect for oneself and others, fairness, grace in defeat, humility in victory, and the virtue of self-denial. The children enthusiastically participate and excel in various sporting activities. Many Vimukti children are being formally trained in various sports, and other physical activities. To name a few games like Chess, Judo, Kabbadi, and Yoga

40. Extracurricular activities: In our experience, extracurricular activities play a pivotal role by channelizing energy of children positively. Activities like art, craft, music & sports help children with their artistic expressions. The children were found to be more energetic, cheerful, focused and disciplined.

41. Staff Capacity building training program: "The best way to multiply your happiness is to share it with others" Formation of a just and sustaining social order by upholding values of love, equality and peace through empowering animation, dialogue, volunteering and creating sharing

communities. Restoring the human dignity of the poor and marginalized and extending support, facilitation and advocating the rights of the people.

- 42. Vocational training** “Hands on training to make them contributing members of the society” What is important?, To learn the art of filling a bucket with water or that of opening the tap? In a country where we have youth comprising the major share of the population, it is an imperative that their employability is well groomed. However, the scenario of school drop outs, child labour and other parameters prevent youngsters from poor socio economic background to move up to the next level in the social ladder. VCT sent out a strong message to these youngsters – that a drop out or an illiterate can have a better future, through its skill training programmes. Youngsters left out from main stream are mobilized, oriented, trained on 15 different domains and placed in jobs. These are youngsters who would have otherwise accepted their vulnerability and continued to live with hand to mouth existence. The formal and non-formal skill training programmes over a wide range of spectrum has allowed them to dream a better life, and also achieve it.
- 43. Advocacy:** Matters related to care and protection of children is central to all policy, research, advocacy and documentation. Various issues pertaining to the problems of children, legal issues related to them, responsibilities and duties of civil society populate the roster. VCT regularly organizes workshops on child abuse, child protection and sexual abuse. All staff are well trained, educated and adequately equipped to serve the interests of children. Additionally, VCT has also conducted training for Child helpline, Juvenile Justice Act, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POSCO). Further, VCT has conducted awareness drives and put up posters for 'Childline se Dosti' giving members of the public the information to act, if they see a child in distress.
- 44. 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.
- 45. Education Sponsorship:** Orphan, semi orphan and poor children are supported through sponsorship programme. The VCT 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 a bright future. This program is strictly monitored so that each child is in contact with their sponsors through regular letters and feedbacks. There are 87beneficiaries who are educated with help of generous sponsors and 9children who pursue their higher studies and 3 in vocational trainings.
- 46. 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.

47. Tuition Centers: Vimukti operates 17 tuition centers to usher quality education to 858 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.

48. Media Reports: VIMUKTI's initiatives have been reported in more than 213 times in entire year for its various innovations, meetings, and collaborative initiatives. This has created an ample visibility about the issue and organization, which leads to substantial support for welfare of street children.

X. Projects Implemented and their impacts:

- 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 55% to 78%.
- 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 258 beneficiaries.
- Counseling provided to 151 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-26 Children from various villages and schools participated helped through counseling.
- Selling of pan products (betel nuts, leaves) near schools is prohibited in and around Guddini school premises.
- 46 Memorandums' were submitted to concerned govt. departments to avail drinking water, street lights, CC Roads, PHCs, School infrastructures, school play grounds, School compounds, toilets, shortage of School teachers, children Grama Sabha etc.

- Illegal selling of alcohol stopped in Sunkanoor village.
- 2 Sponsored children families have constructed new houses, 16 under houses under Grama Panchyath Schemes. All children of these families are sent to school and given importance to take good education.
- 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.
- 8 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 2850 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.
- 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.
- Giving unorganized youth the confidence and knowledge to conduct youth-run program thus learning life skills, training on Indian constitution and Human rights, prevention and protection of unorganized youth from human trafficking 221 youth have received the training.
- 132 youth received the cognitive, social, economic, educational, cultural, and health life were optimized to their maximum capacity and self- realization.
- 16 Protest Rallies against Social evils like illicit liquor corrupted PDS, Child labour, Child dropouts, Child abuse, human trafficking, etc.
- 185 youths are motivated to develop their leadership skills, to improve communication skills, encourage them to engage in various community oriented activities to give awareness on child protection issues, annual sports, various govt. schemes, human trafficking issues and motivating them to give their best.

Annexure II Availing Government Facilities

Sl. No	Achievements	Total	Survey /Processing	Reach Out	
				Male	Female
1.	Caste Income/ Death Certificate/ Birth Certificate	875		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		-	1873
7.	Disabled Survey /Pension/Bus Pass/	452		294	158
8.	Adhar Card/Ration Card/Senior Citizen Card/Identify Card/Job Cards / Yashaswhini Card/ Student Pass/PAN Card	9123	-	7022	2101
9.	MadiluYojane /BaghyalakshmiYojane/JananiSurakshaYojana/Thayi Card/ ArogyBagya(health)	652		-	652
10.	Widow Pension/ Old age Pension	422		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	65		48	17
15.	New Bank Accounts (SB)children/ SHG groups	1029	-	671	358
16.	Cattle loan for widows	94	-	-	94
17.	Crop insurance	1963		1963	-
18.	Petty loans	28		8	20
19.	House Scheme/ Under Leather Instrumental Development Scheme	15	-	-	15
Total		27192		12212	14980

Annexure III 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.	Training	Adolescent girls	18 targeted villages	584
13.	Health awareness	Antenatal/Post-natal	28 Targeted villages	1565
14.	Health	Camps	Children and parents	1029
15.	Health Workshop	On Sexual Reproductive, Counseling etc.	Villages adolescents	896
16.	Total			44918

XI. Conclusion:

In the words of Eddie Robinson, **“the will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your potential; these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence”** We at VIMUKTI believe that every human being, including children and women, have the right to a decent life, education, health livelihood, joy of childhood, and freedom to choose, especially on matters like marriage etc. In all our programmes we sensitize children, youth, and adult community members on their rights and entitlements. Our efforts are increasingly being supported by Rev. Dr. Fr. Alwyn Dias, the President and his council members. We immensely thank them for their continuous support, visits and timely interventions. The Trust remains indebted to all the donors, local benefactors, and well-wishers for the generous contribution for the growth of the project, who desire a better life for their lesser privileged co-citizens. VCT work and initiative touch the lives of underprivileged children, unorganized youth and marginalized communities, from Raichur District- in several ways as explained in this report.

There is no doubt that we have done our best, in serving the poorest of poor. Our Mission is to create a just society, wherein all have equal opportunities for development and growth, all have an equal share in the resources of the earth and above all the worth and dignity of every individual human being is respected and protected. We have good rapport and support from the communities, Government Departments, schools, teachers etc. we believe that many children have benefitted from this project and many more are going to benefit in the coming years. As more people become aware of the rights of children, we are paving the way for a just, inclusive and humane society in the world. Finally I cannot forget the selfless service rendered by the entire staff who implemented the project by carrying out various activities, for their immense contribution in piloting this great venture of empowering the women and children in the banner of VIMUKTI.

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