

# ANNUAL REPORT

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Vimukti Charitable Trust (R)  
Jeenur Road Pothnal,  
Manvi Taluk, Raichur Dist

## I. Introduction

**“Happiness is the real sense of fulfilment that comes from hard work”- Joseph Barbara**

VIMUKTI CHARITABLE TRUST® Pothnal (VCT) completes two decades with a remarkable confidence and spreading its fame far and wide. Vimukti Raichur, (Karnataka- India) caters to the need of the socially and economically poor and marginalised children, unorganized youth, rural women, rural labourers, young people, and daily labourers and persons with disability, HIV/AIDS etc. Moreover, it provides entrepreneurial life skills for the school dropout, small and marginalized farmers and backward. VCT feels proud to present its Annual Report 2020-2021, which provides a glimpse of its achievements and synergised effort.

VCT intensified its efforts on relatively new initiatives to help vulnerable communities emerge from the pandemic-enforced lockdown that has caused a tremendous amount of mental anguish. The poor are affected more adversely, both by the virus itself and the lockdown imposed by the government. Its impact has significantly worsened the life of the small and marginal farmers especially the migrant families, construction labourers, domestic helpers, single headed women, and unskilled workers, HIV / AIDS, disabled and others. The VCT team and local volunteers at grass root level work strenuously, to conscientize the people of the social distance, body sanitization and usage of mask all the time.

VCT bagged Makkala Kalyana Raja Prashati 2020-21 and Seva Rathna State awards, from the Department of Women and Child Department, Government of Karnataka. This award boosted the spirit of the organization to work harder towards its intended long-term results. VCT has been engaged in the empowerment of children in Raichur District, making unceasing efforts towards breaking the vicious cycle of their poverty and ensuring easy access to the basic rights of protection, education, healthcare, participation and opportunities for a livelihood. It works for the street children, regardless of gender, origin, or religion, inspired by an underlying ethic of compassion for their vulnerability and extreme marginalization.

All these have led VCT to evolve as a genuine child-centred organization, caring for the vulnerable children living in the streets, school left out, and beggars, chilling living in the railway stations, drug-addicts, runaway children, and others. Our approach duly covers their need from education, health, and restoration.

This annual report will give you a glimpse of all our activities with the children, the unorganized youth and the women. This is also an opportunity for me to consign my sincere thanks and gratitude to *Ensemble Agissons*, France, *LokManch* New Delhi, Red ALERT Operation Hyderabad, Development Focus Bangalore, Karnataka Jesuit Education Society Bangaluru, the Capuchin Province of Emilia-Romagna Italy, *UNICEF Hyderabad*, 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 protect children against child labor.
- To ensure food security and accessibility of provisions to families in desperate need.
- To connect families in crisis with government, schemes to give them immediate relief.
- 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 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"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Health:<br/>Reducing incidence of HIV/AIDS<br/>Mitigating Malnourishment</li> <li>• Child Rights and Protection</li> <li>• Women Empowerment</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livelihood</li> <li>• Natural resource management</li> <li>• Community managed disaster risk reduction.</li> <li>• Vocational Training</li> <li>• Capacity Building</li> <li>• Network and Alliance Building</li> </ul> |
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### **Our Approach:**

With your support, we address children’s critical needs by working with sponsored families, teachers, Anganwadi workers, communities, district level governments as well as the children themselves. We focus on changing behaviours and practices at the ground level, while influencing public policy for advocacy at a systemic level - thereby creating an ecosystem where children are made the nation’s priority. We aim to reach the last child in the hope of enabling brighter futures for children everywhere.

### **Why We Exist**

- To facilitate children, unorganized youth and women who are at the bottom of the Socio-economic Pyramid to experience Opportunities and Hope.
- Holistic, Human Development of the poorest of the poor is our Prime Focus.
- Socio-economically deprived geographic areas are chosen for programme implementation. Most backward taluka where we work. Empowerment through “Education” – understood from a wide perspective – is our goal. We work on the principle of life-long learning.
- Practicing and promoting the core values of justice, peace, equality, common good, ecological harmony and holistic development of the poor and marginalised.

- Building and promoting a sustainable and integrated development model.

### **Highlights of The Year:**

- **5856** children were benefited by VIMUKTI through its various projects and services throughout the year (2020-21).
- **2737** parents of street-connected children trained on child-centred laws.
- **2569** community members were sensitized through various awareness generation activities.
- Through mass awareness on human Traffickinghelpline 18004198588, COIVD-19 Pandemic, CHILDLINE 1098, Women helpline 1091, Sexual assault helpline 181, Child rights and child sexual Abuse in 135 AWCs, 18PHCs, 355 villages of Raichur District as result **42,123** benefited from this program.
- **113** media hits recorded in various newspapers, and online portals.
- Children were enrolled in nearby government schools, all of who appeared for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade exams. 11 children got top positions in their respective classes.
- Teachers’ trainings were conducted on laws and policies centred at children’s rights, such as POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act.
- We have distributed **85,000** Pamphlets, Stickers on various rights issues.
- **123** Police officers sensitized towards women and child rights issues.
- Fr. Sathish Fernandes, OFM Cap, received State award- MakkalaKalyana Raja Prashati -2020-2021, during International Women’s Day programme held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at Princess Golf, Gate No.9, Palace Ground, Bangaluru. Mrs. Shashikala Annasaheb Jolle, Hon'ble Minister for Department of Women and Child Department Karnataka honored the state award.

### **Testimonial:**

“I can’t forget the fateful day when a VIMUKTI staff came to my house and identified me as I was busy working at the tea stall. Her meeting with me and my parents for a few minutes paved way for a big change in my life. I used to work the whole day, now, as you can see, I have begun studying and playing too,” shares Santhosh (name changed), a 14-year-old boy, with happiness and satisfaction, about how he came in contact with the project.

## VIMUKTI'S COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE

Vimukthi's tactical relief intervention has been focusing on 11 key areas-in reaching out 1270 (Rs. 27, 55,000/-) stakeholders in ManviRaichur District.

**Activity 1:Distribution of Mask and Sanitizers-** Mask and sanitizers are the most important and necessary preventive method for the spread corona virus. The organization distributed masks and sanitizers to the common public. It was also a means of raising awareness on remaining safe.

**Activity 2:Distribution of Food Kits:** The lockdown affected several communities hard, including the migrant laborers, daily-wage earners, roadside vendors, nomads, small farmers, petty shopkeepers etc. They were helpless as they could not sell or earn anything, in this situation organization came to the rescue of people by distributing food kits.

**Activity 3: Distribution of Hygiene kits:** Hygiene was one of the top priorities of our project. Considering the lockdown situation and the plight of girl children, the project distributed hygiene kits especially to the vulnerable community and girl children.

**Activity 4:Covid – 19 Public awareness:** The Pandemic needs to be controlled and for this, the public should be aware of the preventive and precautionary measures. The project took up the initiatives to educate the general public in streets and market places mainly on social distancing and wearing mask by announcement. Secondly project took up distribution of handbills to public and special attention was given to children with information about Covid-19.

**Activity 5:Home visits:** People at large are confused and fearful about the Pandemic attack. The project visited the houses educating them and giving them courage to move on.

**Activity 6.Train the trainers (TOT):** In order to treat the sick, one should know about the sickness. The organizations trained the staff on COVID- 19 and practical sessions were given on community interventions as they engage with children, women, families and general public.

**Activity 7:Referral services:** During a global pandemic, one cannot stick on to target area alone. The project also took up the initiatives to reach out to the people out of the working area especially to the migrants, stranded and remote families by connecting with the NGOs for food kits and travel.

**Activity 8:Frontline workers' kit:** Having understood the danger of service needed by the frontline workers in the remote villages and in the affected areas the project helped the frontline workers by giving them hygiene kit in their field level intervention.

**Activity 9:Free health camp for the migrants:** Special attention was given to migrants who returned during lockdown after long travels were provided free medical checkup and distributed protein nutrients. Those who had BP and sugar were tested and given medicine

**Activity 10:Blood donation camp:** A blood donation campaign of 198 volunteer donors, was conducted by the Project to create awareness of Covid Pandemic and to help the victims of the same if required.

**Activity 11:survey to provide nutritious food to pregnant, lactating mothers and children:** Most of the Anganwadi centres, were not active during Covid-19, as a result food was not supplied to the pregnant, lactating mothers and infants under Matr-poorna scheme. Survey was done and women themselves who demanded the concerned authority to supply food the earliest.

Sl. No.	Service Provided (Food / Provision Kit / Medicine / Mask / Buildings made available / Hospital Service, etc)	Type of Beneficiaries (Migrants /Other Poor Families, etc)	Beneficiaries (No. of Persons)	Location
1.	Awareness materials (1,65,000 Handbills) distributed on COVID-19 in collaboration with Health Department Manvi Taluka	Migrants, unorganized sector and daily wage worker families, SHGs groups,	1,26,000 households	105 villages of Manvi Taluka Raichur Dist. Karnataka, India
2.	distributes 9,000 free face masks for the poor people during Covid-19 Pandemic	Community people, children, unorganized youths and villagers	9,000	36 villages of Manvi Taluka Raichur Dist. Karnataka
3.	Free food items 3250 families distributed	Migrants, daily wage workers, HIV/AIDS, orphan, semi orphan, widows, disabled families	7890	16 villages of Manvi Taluka Raichur Dist. Karnataka
4.	Face shield, Free sanitizers, hand wash, soaps, tissue papers and masks distribution	Police, AWCs teachers, ASH workers, ANMs, PHC, Sub-Center staffs, Gramapanchyath staffs	1358	38 villages of Manvi Taluka Raichur Dist. Karnataka
5.	Public Mass awareness on COVID -19 through announcements in collaboration with Health Department Manvi Taluka	Migrants, unorganized sector and daily wage worker families, SHGs groups, Community people, disabled families	10,83,000 households	183 villages of Manvi Taluka Raichur Dist. Karnataka

## I. Community outreach Programmes

- 1. Unceasing capacity building as the primary tool for social change:** While all our women members were trained on several socio-economic issues on a monthly basis, special trainings were provided to those in leadership roles to enhance their leadership skills, improve their subject

knowledge, strengthen their organizational skills and inspire them to keep pushing forward. Regular capacity building to our organizational staff on effective program planning, implementation and management, participatory development approaches, effective leadership, contemporary social issues, data collection and soft skills helped them anchor the program effectively and work hand in hand with the beneficiaries.

- 2. Petition filed against illegal sale of liquor:** Spread of Covid-19 has affected the daily life of millions. Central government along with the cooperation of State Governments had declared lockdown from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. It was successful in containing the spread of virus. Some relaxations were given in the second phase where few shops were allowed to sell basic amenities for daily living. At the same time liquor shops were also allowed to sell the liquor which is a sad thing to hear. The daily wage earners who earned some amount spent of buying liquor which resulted chaos in the families. Government being aware of this situation failed to give heed to the women's cry who often come together to protest against the sale of liquor to the Panchayat local body unit leaders not to permit the illegal sale of liquor and to take stringent action on concerned people without delay.
- 3. Mask day rally held to encourage people to take precaution:** VCT Pothnal 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 participated in Mask Day rally to encourage people to wear compulsory face masks and also follow the COVID-19 guidelines to check the spread of virus. The rally was flagged off from Gram Panchyath Pothnal and passed through the main thoroughfares of the town by holding placards. Gram panchyath members and health department members appealed people on the streets to compulsorily wear the face masks to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic. Nearly 75% spread of the epidemic can be prevented by wearing mask, washing hands for every 30 minutes and maintaining physical distancing should be the part of life. Wearing mask and maintaining physical distancing are the two major weapons to keep covid-19 far from us.
- 4. “Historic Mile stone!!! Blessing and inauguration - “VIMUKTI CHARITABLE TRUST(r)” Social action Centre Pothnal:** Renovation of Vimukti Charitable Trust® Social action center is a long-awaited dream is finally becoming reality brought gladness for the staff and Director of Vimukti Pothnal. July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was indeed a historic day for the institution. Rev.Fr. Joel Jaison Lobo Guardian & Director Clara Vihar Pothnal, unveiled the plaque and inaugurated the renovated Social Action Centre. Rev, Fr. Anil Parish Priest Harapura, inaugurated the auditorium and Rev. Fr. Sunil Cornelio Assistant Head Master Sneha Jyothi Vidyalaya School Pothnal, inaugurated the children Park respectively.
- 5. Vimukti Initiatives to combat trafficking of Women and Children 7848 Stakeholders benefited from this program:** VCT Pothnal organized mass awareness programs every month respectively. Lack of awareness on human trafficking is the biggest barrier to prevent human trafficking, most of those victimised are either women or minors (consisted of individuals under 18 years of age who is recruited, transported transferred, harboured or received for the purposes of exploitation,). Kidnappers most commonly force women into commercial sex and indentured servitude. Bride trafficking has also been a consistent commodity due to skewed sex ratios in certain areas. Keeping this thought in

mind VIMUKTI has been creating mass awareness in the schools, AWCs, public places, and in the residential area, so that children and women are saved from these evil practices. Nearly 7848 school children and families have benefited from this program

- 6. Training on Income generating activities in six units:** VCT Pothnal organized training on income generating activity to all the poor women of the project area. Mrs. Jacinta the Vimukti staff briefed on the importance of self-help group and functioning and the aim of it. With their small savings, the women are meeting their daily requirements, meeting expenses related to illness, marriages, or financing their small ventures. A few SHGs have started their own business, which has been linked up with the local market. Apart from this, the groups have also been imparted training in child rights, women rights, rights and duties of panchayats, welfare schemes of the government, etc. There were about 22-unit representatives present for the day's seminar program. Nearly 1296 women benefited from this program.
- 7. Jana-vedike forums timely visits to the AWCs (Anganwadi Centers) to check the food grain distribution system:** Under the mother and Child campaign VCT Pothnal has 31 AWC centers were visited by 50 People's forum members. The visit was to find out the whether there is proper functioning in all the village AWC centers. The food grains supply, basic resource supply, the infrastructure, the members working there, the registration of the children of 3-6 years of age, the information on total number of Pregnant women, and the registration of Children born, checking the Mother Card, find out the malnutrition in the kids, the quality of the food, find out whether there is smooth functioning of food grain, eggs supply, mother and child health issues are discussed and find out whether follow up done regularly, the precautions taken to control the fatality rate of the children during or after birth, and so on were screened at length. Monitoring the AWC centers whether they organize time to time meetings and gatherings of Mothers, pregnant women and discuss the various issues related to them.
- 8. Sports Activities to The Youth:** On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 VCT organized sports competition to the youth of Pothnal in its premises. Fr Sathish Fernandes the Director addressing the sports event said that sports help the young to cope up with the daily stress and keep them mentally as well as physically fit. Volleyball, cricket, kabaddi, running race, tug of war and other games were conducted on this occasion. All the youth participated enthusiastically in all the games. At the end of the day prize distribution ceremony was conducted and those who won in the various games were given prizes by the brothers of the resident. For about 145 youth participated in the event.
- 9. Legal Awareness on Women Rights:** VCT organized training on Women and legal rights and celebrated International Women's Day at VCT center Pothnal on 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021. Mrs. Jecenitha Vimukti staff in her key note address said there are several laws in India that give women the authority to fight against abuse, discrimination, violence, harassment, indignities, etc. Being aware of them is the first step towards fighting against any injustice.

The Resource Person, Mrs. NilamperBegam. Government high school Headmistress, Pothnal said that the 10 legal rights which every woman should know: Right to Free Aid, Right to Privacy, right to untimely Registration, Right to Virtual complaints, Right to Zero FIR, Right to No Arrest, right to not



being called to the police station, Right to Confidentiality, right towards Crime and not a Medical Condition, and Right to No Sexual Harassment. The day's session was moderated by Fr. Sathish Fernandes and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Jecinta Vimukti health staff. Nearly 159 women attended and benefited from this training.

**Annexure I-The Various trainings organized:**

SL. No.	Topics	Trainings	Beneficiaries
01	Jana-Vedika Members trainings	25	650
02	Income generation trainings for Women	31	851
03	Safe Village Program (Human Trafficking) trainings	15	7850
04	Law and Rights	15	1560
05	Global Hand wash program	32	2720
06	<b>Unorganised Youth trainings</b> Leadership, Democracy, Social analysis, Government Schemes, Career Guidance, Constitution, Skill development, Minority rights, Aveling welfare schemes, good governance, Conflict management, Panchayath Raj etc.	23	543
07	Counselling and life skill trainings	12	360
08	Government Schemes/ Benefits	45	962
09	Formation and Strengthening SHGs	8	160
10	Entrepreneurship Awareness and Development	12	300
11	Village leaders' trainings	12	720
12	Right to Food trainings	12	240
13	Right Based Approach	12	720
	<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>16674</b>

**II. Child Welfare Programmes**

**10. With the young, channelizing their Energies:** As a part of Ensemble Agisson's initiative, VIMUKTI works towards creating an enabling environment to promote alternative education for underprivileged children in rural areas of Manvitaluka. Through the contact point approach, a range of activities is undertaken to ensure that underprivileged children are provided opportunities to be literate, to feel safe, secure, and dignified, and to work with stakeholders to help them develop positive attitudes towards underprivileged children.

**11. Survey to protect children from COVID third wave:** Vimukti Pothnal initiated door-to-door survey as a precautionary measures to protect the children from the Covid-19 pandemic in the targeted villages of our working area. Survey includes disabled persons, children who lost both the parents due to covid. Children in the age group of 0-14 years would be sensitive. Therefore, they should be protected before covid third wave hits them. During the covid second wave, 8% of the people infected were children, but no death was reported so far. The infected were isolated at homes and treatment was provided. Therefore, vimukti team made a door-to-door survey to give care and protection to these children.

**12. Training on empowering and protecting adolescent girls four units:** Adolescents in villages are neglected a lot with regard to human growth and development, an awareness programmes were conducted so as to make them know the adverse effects of early marriage and improper knowledge of physical and sexual development. Topics like physical and psychological changes during puberty, maintaining physical and mental hygiene during adolescent stage, having the right sex education etc. were dealt with. 320 students gained knowledge on various issues.

**13. Hand hygiene is important:** One cannot ignore the fact that **hand washing** is the simplest, most affordable and effective way of keeping the virus away. The **theme of Global Hand washing Day 2020** is '**Hand Hygiene for all**'. The **theme** is primarily to urge people across society to achieve universal **hand hygiene**. Keeping this objective, VCT organized Global Hand washing day on 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 2020 in four villages of our working area. It reminds us of the importance of the simple yet most effective intervention to stop the spread of any disease- hand washing with soap- and the need to take immediate action on hand hygiene across all public and private settings to respond and control the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, through this awareness program VCT urges to all the children and village communities, a global culture of hand hygiene must be fostered and made the mainstay in public health interventions beyond the pandemic. Nearly one hundred and seven children and village community stakeholders, benefited from this mass awareness program.

**14. Vimukti Distributed free face masks for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students:** VCT Pothnal organized program on distribution of free face masks for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in and around Pothnal 18 villages of our working area on 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2020. Nearly 2,000 face masks were prepared and distributed to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade students by visiting their homes motivating them individually to ensure the safety by wearing face masks and maintain physical distancing at examination centers and help them to appear the examination with confidence; and also advised to carry their own water bottles. In 11 High Schools free masks and Sanitizers were distributed as a result nearly 2000 children were benefitted from this program.

**15. Makkal Grama Sabha:** “Every child’s right to be heard” VCT Pothnal, organized a Special Children’s Grama Sabha at Utakanoor Grama Panchayat, on 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. “Every Grama Panchayat should become increasingly child-friendly by identifying and redressing the issues faced by children”, said Charlie Gram panchayath member, Utakanoor, in his inaugural address. Arogyappa, the Vimukti youth coordinator, Manvi said that everyone should join hands to ensure the protection and promotion of child rights and the safety of children by accessing appropriate authorities and existing safety mechanisms. Manthesh Secretary, Malesh water man, Adhya teacher utaknoor primary school and Vimukti staff, spoke on the occasion. ICDS staff, district health officers, project staff, school teachers and over hundred and fifty children participated in the programme.

**16. A library to cultivate a love for books:** “to provide alternative to smart phones and gadgets and develop a reading habit” ...Books soothe us, help us get through a rough patch and open our eyes to better understand the world. Therefore, it is essential to surround children with books to ensure that they become educated and not just literate. It was these thoughts that motivated Fr. Sathish Fernandes to set up a library in the VCT center Pothnal. During the covid- induced lockdown,

when many public libraries suffered setbacks and even closures, Vimukti saw it as an opportunity to encourage children to develop a reading habit. VCT aims are to make life long readers out of children, also we wanted to provide alternative to smart phones and gadgets and develop a reading culture among the children. Children are showing lot of interest in reading. This has helped them keep in touch with studies even when their schools were shut during COVID-19.

**17. Training of Child Rights Club Members:** VCT Pothnal organized three levels of training for the members of Child Rights Clubs from in 16 villages of our working area. Vimukti staff briefed about Vimukti and its activities, and CHILDLINE. Children gained knowledge about UNCRC, Child Rights, Child related laws and Children in difficult situations. Children were motivated to call 1098, Child helpline number during difficult situations. Children expressed that these trainings helped them to empower them to fight for their rights. Three hundred and eighty-one boys and three hundred and thirty-three girls attended the trainings. Respective school HMs and teachers were present during the trainings.

#### **Annexure II - Training Organized**

SL. No.	Topics	Trainings	Beneficiaries
01	Child Rights training	12	600
02	Adolescent girls' trainings	10	300
03	Makala Gram Sabha trainings	3	750
04	Leadership trainings for the children	1	60
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1710</b>

### **18. Vimukti CHILDLINE (1098): An Emergency Child Helpline Service**

#### **22.1 VIMUKTI – Vision, Mission & Objectives**

**Vision:** A safe, secure and nurturing environment for lost, runaway and separated children to grow holistically with self-confidence, self-worth and dignity.

**Mission:** To create a safe and secure environment for runaway children rescued from railway platforms in VIMUKTI'S shelters, Govt. Homes, institutions and other NGO shelters and protect children from being ignored from possible abuses. Also, to reunite the run away or separated children with their families and address the causes that leads them to run away with an aim to prevent them from repeating the behaviour.

#### **Objectives:**

- To rescue, protect and assist runaway or separated children from railway platforms and restore them in a safe and secure environment conducive to their growth, preferably with their families in a timely manner so as to minimize their exposure to risks including abuse, violence, addictions, crime and the vagaries of street life;

- To explore the possibilities of a qualitatively better environment, free from abuse for children staying in government and non-government institutions within their families and rehabilitate them accordingly;
- To offer psychological and emotional support to children who are victims of substance abuse, habituated to running away from home or are displaying deviant behaviour and explore avenues for mainstreaming with society;
- To work with the State & Civil Society and advocate towards enabling an effective child protection system in India that is responsive and sympathetic to the interests of the child;
- To build knowledge and evidences regarding issues of missing or runaway children including reasons, risks, rehabilitation measures and related qualitative aspects to evolve good practices in the domain of child protection.

**22.2 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 2737 cases.

**22.3 CONNECTING To CHILDREN CHILDLINE** services are not only playing the role of listening child but also strengthens the existing National Child Protection Mechanisms.

**Annexure III. CHILDLINE Call Statistics**

Sl. No	Particulars	Reach Out (Intervention)
1.	Children whose families are in crises	162
2.	Hostel facility	81
3.	Missing children	48
4.	Runaway children	43
5.	Children affected by physical / sexual / emotional abuse in family, schools or institutions and who need emotional support, counselling and guidance	264
6.	Drop out children	19
7.	Child labourers working in the un-organized and organized sectors	368
8.	Providing School facilities	47
9.	Street children	89
10.	Medical facility	265
11.	Domestic help, especially girl domestics	8
12.	Child Marriage	253
13.	Differently abled children	139
14.	child trafficking	71

15.	Children abandoned by parents or guardians	48
16.	HIV/ AIDS infected children	46
17.	Children who are victims of substance abuse	83
18.	Children in conflict with the law	149
19.	Beggary	475
20.	Child victims of the flesh trade	4
21.	Corporal punishment	41
22.	Identified/unidentified death calls	25
23.	Miscellaneous	9
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2737</b>

### **III. PROJECT “HEALTH FOR ALL”**

**19. Health:** It is an important aspect of human development. It includes in a wider holistic sense, all aspects of human needs such as physical, mental, spiritual, social and intrapersonal relationships. Keeping in mind these objectives, the VCT Health for all project, cater to the well-being of the human persons and are proud to say that they have stepped up the stairs but still long way to go. It serves the socially and economically poor and marginalised people irrespective of their caste, class and creed. Among them, we specifically target the most vulnerable like children, pregnant women, neonatal and postnatal mothers, HIV/AIDS patients, daily-labourers, persons with severe disabilities and the aged, who cannot visit a clinic/hospital to receive medical care, either because they are too poor to afford hospital costs or because they belong to certain backward classes. Our intent, therefore, is to take medical facilities to their doorsteps. The recent Covid-19 pandemic has only rendered the situation much worse. VCT health program caters many people around have seen and experienced a ray of hope in their lives after regaining their health.

**20. 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 2020-2021, a total number of 31 health camps were organized in 28 villages of our working area covering 6236 beneficiaries. Nearly, 143 were assisted in getting various facilities from the health department and treatments were completed.

**21. Breastfeeding awareness campaigns for mothers:** A breastfeeding awareness campaigns were organized under “health for all” programme in the project area, focusing on expecting and lactating mothers. According to the survey of the World Health Organization malnutrition causes one in every three infant deaths in India. Further, 66% of the infant deaths occur during the first year of life. This is often caused by inappropriate feeding practice. Breast milk contains nutrients that are vital for the infant in the first few months and hence breastfeeding is very crucial in the initial six months, which should also accompany regular feed up to two years. VCT Staff nurse with the help of Mrs. Jecinta staff conducted various sessions to mothers in batches. It included importance of breast

feeding, knowledge about colostrum, hygiene practice during lactating, nutrition for infants and milestones for infants. VCT maintained the details of these beneficiaries to follow up for further treatment and help. Many critical cases were referred to hospitals for specialized curative treatments.

**22.COVID -19 Scare: Pregnant Women advised to restrict check-up visits:** Pregnant women too are feeling the heat of the covid-19 pandemic as several gynecologists of Manvi and Sindhanortaluka of Raichur district restricted the number of their visits to hospitals or clinics for a routine check-up to prevent them from exposing to the deadly virus. VCT staff nurse through her continued family visit advises the pregnant women should compulsorily undergo Covid-19 test before the delivery date and to take precautionary measures for their safety. It was also advised to visit the doctors five times instead of every month to avoid exposure to the virus. All the participants had an opportunity of a free health, B.P, check-up along with the distribution of medicines.

**23.Survey on Antenatal and Postnatal care:**VCT staff along with Village leaders jointly conducted the door-to-door Survey on Antenatal Care (ANC) and Postnatal Care (PNC) Services in the 20 pockets. The main objective is to know during this COVID Pandemic, the poor are affected more adversely, especially in our villages weather the ANC and PNC are getting the benefits from the AWCs and PHCs? weather the timely food distribution and health check-ups are taking place? and all the pregnancy delivery and post- delivery women go to the PHCs for the examines and utilize the services offered by the health department? As a result, 865 ANC and PNC women data was gathered for the further reference. The targeted pocket PNCs and ANCs were advised to wear masks, go for timely health check-ups, to receive nutrition food from the AWCs, compulsory to get admitted for the delivery in the PHCs and use in emergency 108 ambulance service for their use in difficulties.

**24.Community youth mobilized to donate blood:“Your blood donation can give a precious smile to someone’s face.”**

To realize the need of the hour and serve the purpose of the people is the greatest wonder and the achievement of human being. The VCT has been catering to the manifold plans, undertaking projects for the welfare and the upliftment of the people in this region. VCT Pothnal organized Blood Donation camps in Collaboration with Taluka Health department, family welfare society and RIIMS Blood Bank unit Riachur at Vimukti premises Pothnal. ‘**Give Blood-save life**’ has been the motto of Vimukti.The donors received certificate of recognition. For about **240** people volunteered themselves to donate blood.

**Mobile Health clinic:** As far as health is concerned, a number of factors put the population at risk, other than the poverty of the people living in 28 villages of ManviTaluka;including population density, rudimentary housing facilities, dwindling wages, poor sanitation and health care system.

- **1370**poor people availed primary health care services from the mobile health clinic facility, among which them **69%** were women.
- **4752** people were reached with health message on maternal and child health, sanitation, communicable and non-communicable diseases, social issues etc.

- **114** 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, chikangunia etc.
- Continuous education regarding personal hygiene and child healthcare included promoting hygiene's and dietary habits based on locally available nutrition.

### **Annexure III -Health Training Organized**

<b>SL. No.</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Trainings</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>
01	Blood Donation camps	3	240
02	Disabled health-check-ups	1	74
03	Health awareness trainings	36	1080
04	Importance and Preparation of Nutrition food	15	654
05	Communicable and Non communicable Diseases	3	221
06	Herbal medicine trainings	13	259
07	Antenatal and Postnatal care trainings	24	360
08	Prevention of Malnourishment & Promotion of Home Remedies	26	1040
09	Various Government Health services/ Benefits	12	2530
	<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>6458</b>

#### **IV. Ongoing programmes:**

**25.From Street to School:** Street to School focusses on enrolling street-connected children in government schools in Manvitaluka and ensuring their retention. The objective is realized through a framework consisting of a range of activities such as providing remedial education to children after school hours through education clubs, conducting parents' and teachers' trainings, life skills workshops for children, community rallies for awareness on the importance of education, and undertaking advocacy at higher platforms through stakeholders' consultations.

**26.Education Sponsorship Program:**The education sponsorship reaching out to the orphan, semi orphan and poor children, are supported through sponsorship programme to help them to remain in education and aspire greater things in life. Through this 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 104 beneficiaries who are educated with help of generous sponsors and 19 children who pursue their higher studies and 3 in vocational trainings.

**27. Online classes:** This year the students had unique experience of attending the online classes due to Corona pandemic all over the world. The students who are pursuing their studies were new to all these changes in studies and in the beginning, they too had tough time to understand and cope up with the studies and study materials. They continued to attend online classes and appeared for their final exams.

**28. Community leader Groups:** Each Community leader Groups (CLGs) consists of 9 to 11 members. The CLGs members are given the responsibility of monitoring the activities that are implemented in their village. They had a series of capacity development sessions to facilitate them to understand their roles and responsibilities. CLGs members are encouraged to take active part in Gram Sabha meetings in their village, where important decisions on village development are discussed and decided. A total of 16 CLGs have been formed, made up of 125 women and 35 men. They meet every month to review progress of the project. Exposure visits to other panchayats have been organized to help them understand how the panchayat system works. Community participation and ownership is highly prioritized and promoted in the project.

**29. Media Reports:** VIMUKTI's initiatives have been reported in more than **113** 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.

**30. Providing a cutting edge through capacitated human resources:** The real success of the initiative lies in the human resources involved, that is, the staff. VCT Director conducted several motivation-cum-orientation programs for staff. To make the staff aware of different aspects of the project and ensure their participation, orientation meetings were organized in two batches for all schools involved.

### **31. Projects Implemented and their impacts:**

- The participation of women in *Grama Sabha*, *Ward Sabha* and social audit has increased from **55% to 68%.**
- 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-**45** Children from various villages and schools participated helped through counseling.
- Walks and rallies were conducted with the aim to spread awareness on various diseases, such as Covid-19, swine flu, dengue conjunctivitis, typhoid, malaria etc.
- Education materials were supplied for the **87** children in the project area (books, bags, pens, pencils, uniform, study table, chairs).
- 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 **256** youth have received the training.



- **100** youths have encouraged and motivated through trainings to visit government offices, as result they could draft the memorandums and demanded the concerned department authority for their entitlements.
- **11** training sessions were conducted on POCSO 2012, JJ Acts and CHILDLINE 1098 were conducted, to district and Taluka line department officials- such as police, Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board, DDPI, labour department and Health Department etc. nearly **115** department officials benefited from these trainings.
- A stakeholders' consultation was organized to discuss the factors hindering the realization of children's right to education and protection, and the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders involved. The consultation observed the participation of parents, police, Childline officials, local municipality, and education authorities. Nearly **185** department officials benefited from these trainings.
- In whole of district, by motivating DDPI, BEOs, Headmasters, BRCs, CRCs, teachers, SDMCs, AWC, hostels, CCIs, police stations, GPs etc. we see 75% 1098 wall writing has done.
- Identify **160** specially challenged children in five Villages and supported various materials through Departments.
- Surveying and Identification of specially challenged children to support. Their rights through various department convergences.
- By our continuous support, we have helped **100** children to get sponsorship scheme. Making Involvement of concerned departments for issue-based calls. Linking various government schemes to the needy stakeholders.
- Letters given all Mosques, Churches, Temples in Raichur City as to avoid child beggary in their premises.
- Help was renders to than **100** migrant children to get Aadhar card. More than **40** children we have enrolled in nearby schools.
- Meeting regarding Malnutrition Children at RIMS to AWC Supervisors Asha workers ANMs and Staff RIMS - **250**.

### **32. Challenges faced during the implementation and adopted of mitigation strategies:**

- Finalization of beneficiaries for relief support: During the second phase of relief work, it was very challenging for the organization to finalize beneficiaries for relief support. Because most of the migrant families had already returned to their native villages and it was difficult to select the most vulnerable families out of many. Secondly, villagers were not allowing outsiders to enter their village. Amid all the constraints, VCT team has worked successfully towards relief support.
- Due to movement limitation during lockdown, it was difficult for the team to obtain vehicle pass from block administration.
- During lockdown, availability of dry ration was not sufficient with shopkeepers as per demand.
- Maintaining social distancing and making others wear masks during the relief work, was quite difficult.

- Expectations of political leaders to deliver the support through their involvement for publicity/popularity/creation of vote bank.

### **33.Key learning from the project:**

- There are many people deprived from government entitlements in most of the project locations. Because of the involvement of community leaders and members and block officials during the beneficiary selection process, those people were identified and linked with govt. scheme.
- MGNREGA and PDS emerged as one of the best schemes across country that can safeguard rural population from such epidemic.
- Acquired knowledge on Do's and Don'ts of COVID-19 apart from different guidelines / circulars shared by Government.
- Adoption of new technologies like Zoom/Google Meet etc. to impart trainings and/or conducting review meetings.

### **34.Conclusion:**

#### **Word of Gratitude “We rise by lifting others”**

The VCT Organization and all the stakeholders of the project, express their gratitude to all the donors, local benefactors, and well-wishers. The Organization could reach the unreached areas of development of the children in the process of creating space for every deprived child of the project. The project has made positive impact on the lives of deprived, excluded and vulnerable children, unorganized Youth and women.

Our vision is clear and our commitment unwavering. A just and humane society, where children have their right to childhood, vulnerable young people can live a dignified life, and women have an equal say on the decisions pertaining to their lives. It is easy to sit at the edge of the pew and hope for someone to do something against these social evils. But we have chosen to take a leap of faith to be that someone who does something against these odds and evils of life journey. In the Indian situation this is a challenging venture and difficult mission to accomplish.

Our efforts are increasingly being supported by Very Rev. Dr. Fr. Alwyn Dias, the President and his council members. We are immensely grateful 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 to touch the lives of underprivileged children, unorganized youth and marginalized communities, from Raichur District- in several ways as explained in this report. 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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## Annexure IV Availing Government Facilities & Organizational Impact

Sl. No	Achievements	Total	Value	Reach Out	
				Male	Female
1.	Caste Income/ Death Certificate/ Birth Certificate	975		578	397
2.	New voter ID	52	-	30	22
3.	MGNREGA	1110	-	455	655
4.	Right to Education (RTE)	4	-	3	1
5.	LPG Gas Provided from Forest Department	11	85,000.00	0	11
6.	Disabled Card /Pension/Bus Pass/	83		61	22
7.	Adhar Card/Ration Card/Senior Citizen Card/Identify Card/Job Cards / Yashaswhini Card/ Student Pass/PAN Card	2580	-	1242	1338
8.	MathruVandana	121	6,05,000.00	-	121
9.	JSY	10	15,000.00	-	10
10.	MathruPurnaYojane	641	1,28,200.00	-	641
11.	Widow Pension/ Old age Pension	24	28,8,000.00	9	15
12.	Thayi Card	231	-	-	231
13.	Toilet Construction through government	45	6,75,000.00	-	45
14.	Agriculture instruments schemes	3	1,80,000.00	3	-
15.	Self-Employment Scheme /Under Dr. B. R Ambedkar Nigam Yojane	5	10,00,000.00	2	3
16.	New Bank Accounts (SB)children/ SHG groups	125	-	65	60
17.	Cattle loan for widows	4	2,00,000.00	-	4
18.	Crop insurance	80	4,80,000.00	53	27
19.	Petty loans	12	2,40,000.00	12	-
20.	Arogya Karnataka Card	8	40,00,000.00	5	3
21.	Bhagya Lakshmi	12	12,00,000.00	-	12
22.	AshymanBaratha	4	20,00,000.00	4	-
23.	House Scheme/ Under Leather Instrumental Development Scheme	2	6,00,000.00	-	2
24.	Face Shield	1000	65,00,000.00	220	780
25.	Mask, Sanitizers, hygienic kit	5,000	1,50,000.00	3578	14
26.	Food kits (Migrant laborers, daily-wage earners, roadside vendors, nomads, small farmers, petty shopkeepers and HIV/AIDS,Devadasi, widow families etc.	1270	25,40,000.00	153	1117
27.	Education kits to orphan, semi-orphan children	100	1,00,000.00	50	50
28.	Education (Tuition in 5 villages)	150	-	70	80
29.	Mass Awareness, helpline ((Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault Abuse, Child Line)	20,759	-	10535	10224
30.	Memorandum Submission to DC, PDO, THO, etc.(Basic facilities in School, Community)	12,325	-	8523	3802
31.	Govt. Facility (Identity Card- Construction Workers)	152	-	152	-
32.	SCSP/TSP/WASH Benefits -20 villages	15236	1,00,00,000.00	10256	4980
	<b>Total</b>	<b>62134</b>	<b>3,09,86,200.00</b>	<b>25969</b>	<b>24667</b>