

SEWA INTERNATIONAL'S TOILET AND HYGIENE PROJECT FOR A GIRL CHILD – APRIL, 2017



Dear Pankaj ji,

Greetings from Sewa team!

After spending the first quarter of the year laying out the ground work and identifying deprived communities, our team is all charged up for the next three quarters to reach out to the people who need us.

2017 activities are going to be different from past years, **keeping the core principle of serving humanity regardless of race, religion, caste, color or gender. In fact, this year's focus will be on overall development of the community** in several aspects such as Sanitation, Education through Sponsor a Child program, Health care and Community development.

Following are the projects taken up for the next Quarter:

I. Sanitation

1. Bijapura, Karnataka – 20 toilets, 5 bathrooms and wash basin area (see picture 1.1)

We are supporting Vivekananda School, which is providing free education for the destitute and orphaned children. These children are from the tribal and backward classes of Managuli region of Bijapur. Majority of them are girls.

Activities in and around Bijapur

- a. Vocational training courses for young adults who have dropped out of schools
- b. Virtual online classroom program through Larsen and Toubro (L and T)
- c. Women empowerment program through L and T
- d. Organic farming through Sewa International
- e. ODF – (open defecation free) communities through Sewa International and Texas Instruments (TI)



Picture 1.1 – Vivekananda School, class 7th

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2. **Bidar, Karnataka** – we have already provided toilets in Basavatheertha Vidyapeeta School where more than 60% of the students are girls.

This year we will focus on

- a. Lambani tandas , local tribal group (see picture 1.2)
- b. Tribal area
- c. Organic farming
- d. ODF – (open defecation free) communities



Picture 1.2 – Marmanchi Lambani Tanda (one of the Lambani communities which lacks electricity, sanitation and education facilities)

3. **Chunar, Mirzapur District of Uttarpradesh** – Repair 5 existing toilets and build 10 toilets/5 bathrooms in SVM school where majority of the students are girls, provide one sanitary napkin machine (see picture 1.3)

- a. Virtual online classroom training
- b. Vocational training courses for young adults who have dropped out of schools



Picture 1.3 – SVM School, Chunar

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4. Ughapur, Allahabad district of Uttarpradesh – 28 toilets(see picture 1.4)

Backward class communities

- a. ODF – (open defecation free) communities



Picture 1.4 – Ughapur, Uttarpradesh

5. Chidambaram, Tamilnadu – 10 toilets, 3 water tanks (see picture 1.5)

Serving 10 villages around Chidambaram, agriculture based communities

- a. ODF – (open defecation free) communities
- b. Organic farming



Picture 1.5 – Interacting with the villagers

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6. **Kotakonda, Telangana – 20 toilets for the community, 10 toilets for the school (see picture 1.6) , one sanitary napkin machine, 300+ weaver families**

Weaver community of Telangana where the traditional 'paithani' sarees are weaved.

- a. ODF – (open defecation free) communities
- b. Gaata Katha project



Picture 1.6 – Kotakonda, Paithani handloom weavers' community

II. Education through Sponsor a Child Program and L and T CSR Project

1. After school education centers (see picture 1.7) in Karnataka & Uttar Pradesh
2. Virtual online classroom training (L & T InfoTech CSR project) in government high schools



Picture 1.7 – After School Education center serving Muslim community children @Ramnagar. This is a Sewa International started initiative in 2016.

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Picture 1.8 – Our Interns teaching Tamil Christian community children @ Anandapuram

III. Healthcare

Mega Free Health camp in rural areas of Bangalore serving at least 5000 people in June, 2017

1. Awareness about oral Hygiene
2. Awareness about Menstrual Hygiene
3. Awareness about communicable diseases due to open defecation

IV. Community Development

- Organic Farming in Bidar
- Awareness of risk factors using pesticides, more natural pesticides like cow's urine
- Women empowerment: tailoring,
- Community Farming: composting
- Waste Management

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