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JANUARY 2018 UPDATES - SEWA INTERNATIONAL'S TOILET AND HYGIENE PROJECT FOR A GIRL CHILD

I. Highlights of January

- Need analysis - Chennai, Tamilnadu
- Free eye checkup @ Annamadevi school, Bengaluru
- Relocation of 13 toilets from Sanjay Gandhi Nagar slum to JK Basavanna Nagar, Bengaluru

II. Need analysis - Chennai, Tamilnadu

We visited Olcott Memorial High School in Besant Nagar, Kakkum Karangal in Thiruvanmiur and Adhi Dravidar Government School in Palavakkam.

There were 38 toilets in Olcott School. Quite a few were in disrepair. We will undertake to restore them to working condition. In addition we will install six new portable toilets near the playground. This will help both girls and boys during their sports endeavors.

There were 7 toilets in Kakkum Karangal. The sewage system is blocked due to interference from rodents. We will undertake to repair the sewer system, eliminate pest nuisance and restore the toilets to good working condition.

There were six toilets at Adhi Dravidar High School. We will help demolish two toilets that are in very bad condition and replace them with 2 portable toilets.

The total project cost would be around Rs 6 lakhs including labor, materials, and sewage and water connections. We look forward to working with Rotary Mithra with cost sharing and also sponsor sanitary napkin machinery at the Olcott School. The cost of that would be around RS 7 lakhs.

Our team sincerely hopes Rotary Chennai will come through with matching donation so we can expand our projects in the surrounding regions.



Figure 1: Sewa team interacting with Adhi Dravidar school members (left) Dysfunctional state of the existing toilets in Adhi Dravidar school (Right)

III. Free eye checkup @ Annamadevi School, Bengaluru

Sewa team had arranged a free eye checkup for students of Annamadevi School, Kumarswamy layout Bengaluru with Nethradhama in association with Danvantri foundation. (See Figure 2)

Below are the key points

- a. 350+ students were benefited
- b. 147 people from school surrounding area were benefited
- c. 11 secondary healthcare follow up will be taken care by Shrada eye care unit Bengaluru



Figure 2: Students of Annamadevi School and Public receiving free eye checkup from Nethradhama

IV. Relocation of 13 toilets from Sanjay Gandhi Nagar slum to JK Basavanna Nagar, Bengaluru

In the year 2015, our Sewa team had installed prefabricated toilet units in Sanjay Gandhi Nagar slum as part of our pilot project in Bengaluru which was benefiting families.

Recently Karnataka Government has provided Government apartment blocks to the people who have permanently settled down in the slum. The place where people were staying is vacant now until more laborers move into the vacated shelter homes. We will be relocating these installed toilets to new location JK Basavanna Nagar benefiting 350+ families in the month of February.

After studying the geographical area and occupation of the slum people, we had decided to install prefabricated toilet units as we had anticipated these kinds of situations when we had conducted primary need analysis in this region.



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