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Monthly Newsletter from Seva Kirana Bangalore, India. March - 2016



Varanasi visit

We visited Varanasi, UP, to assess the conditions of the weaver community in Ramanagar. Our visit highlighted desperate conditions:

- Rising unemployment: the weaver community has been decimated over the last few decades by cheap imports from abroad. Community members are encouraging their children to see jobs elsewhere. The art is dying. Sewa International has started a program 'Kasi-2-Kutch'. They have adopted 12 looms and the products from these looms are sent to Kutch for finishing and sales. Seva Kirana will work with Sewa International in promoting these products.
- Tuition Centers; schools are far away, the girl child does not get sent to schools. Seva Kirana plans to start tuition centers using local resources.
- Health: Communities are lacking adequate toilets. There were diarrhea epidemics. Seva Kirana plans to provide desperately needed toilets.
- Women's Hygiene: Seva Kirana plans to conduct medical camps and use local women with education to teach proper menstrual hygiene.



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Yes I can go to school!

Toilet & Hygiene project for girl child

Since January 2015, Sewa International USA has been working in Bengaluru with a vision to improve sanitation facilities for girls in schools. Sewa partnered with a local non-profit organization, Seva Kirana, to address the acute need for toilets and sanitary napkins for school-going girls. Seva Kirana has built 56 toilets around Bangalore in 2015. Six of the 56 toilets have been built in girls high schools in Anakkal, Karnataka. There is monthly inspection

of the toilets by SevaKiranato ensure that they are well maintained. For the academic year 2015-2016, the schools saw about 87% increase in girl child enrollment.

In 2016, Seva Kirana is planning to build 100 more toilets. This project will be carried out in three phases in three different cities. In Phase I, 13 toilets will be installed at girls' high schools in Harinagara, Avalahalli and Puttenahalli near Bangalore by end of March 2016. This will be followed by another 25 toilets in the slums near Bangalore. In Phase II, additional toilets will be installed in Chintamani, Karnataka and Chidambaram, Tamilnadu. In Phase III, Seva Kirana will build toilets in the weavers' community in Ramnagar, near Varanasi.



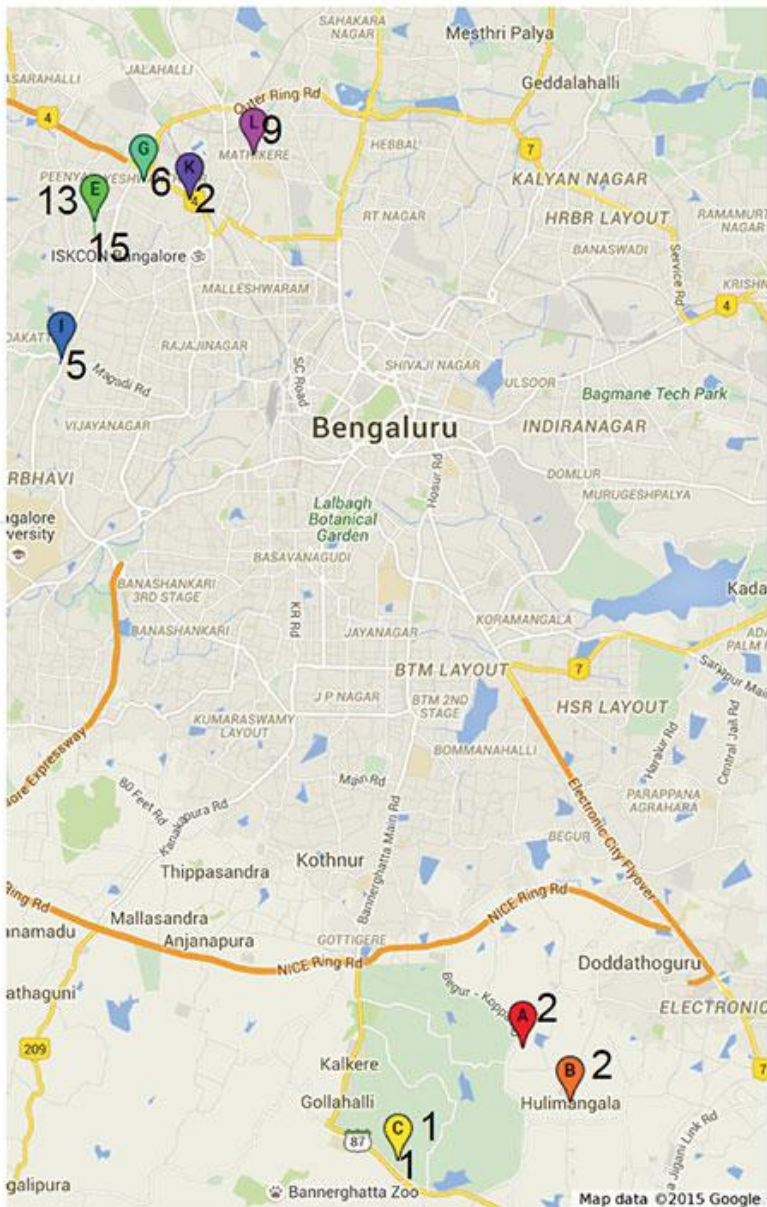
In addition to installing 10 new toilets in a school in Chintamani area, Seva Kirana is committed to doing repair work on existing toilet facility as well as funding for a school van for the security of the girl child.

Toilet project map marker

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-  S.Bingipura govt school
-  Hulimangala govt school
-  Mantapa govt school
-  podu govt school
-  sanjaygandhi nagar slum
-  Thyagi nagar slum
-  Goraguntepalya
-  Ginishastranagar
-  Sumanahalli Bus Stop
-  Devarajaras colony
-  Yeshwanthpura slum
-  Mathikere

we have installed 56 toilet units in these marked locations.



Sanitary Napkin Project

Part of "Yes I can go to school" initiative

Menstrual hygiene is an important dimension to overall hygiene of a girl child. Seva Kirana is committed to working towards overall hygiene besides providing toilet facilities for school going girls. Our goal is to raise awareness and overcome cultural barriers associated with menstrual hygiene. Seva Kirana will be installing sanitary napkin machines pioneered by Mr. Muruganantham of Coimbatore. Those machines provides custom-made affordable biodegradable napkins.

SevaKirana's first machine has been installed in Arunachetana, Bangalore, school for differently-abled children. The napkins are marketed under the name 'Surakshe' and are 99.6% biodegradable. Each package contains eight napkins with different weights for 'light', 'medium' and 'heavy' days. By installing the sanitary napkin machines in schools, we can ensure that young girls do not miss school six days each month. The project creates a livelihood for the local community.



Other major activities of Seva Kirana

Seva Kirana Medical Camp

Our first medical camp of 2016 took place on March 19 at K.G. Nagar, Bangalore.

More than 800 patients were seen, 120 of them will receive free spectacles, 200 of them were referred for further treatment.



Yuva for Sewa Summer Internship

14 students from USA spent their summer of 2015 in Bangalore, an Yuva For Sewa USA initiative. This year summer interns are planning to arrive June-August 2016 for service projects in Pune and Bangalore, India. Interns will be located at multi-speciality hospitals, human trafficking victim rescue centers, Vocational Training Centers for Women, orphanages, Government schools for the underprivileged, etc. Seva Kirana will continue to act as Sewa International's local partner in Bangalore for this year's YFS internship.

Seva Kirana scaling new heights!

Due to the support of generous donors overseas and committed volunteers on the ground, Seva Kirana has been growing in the recent years. We recently moved into our new office.



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