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About Us:

Action initiative for development (AID) is a voluntary development organization committed for people centred development established on 26th May 2005 with the mission of empowering the Dalits, women, and poor and marginalized, children and old aged community people.

AID is a non-profit, non-governmental civil society organization, which believes in participatory approaches and practices participatory methodologies for empowering the community.

AID established by a group of young and dynamic citizens with professional background from have deep social concern and commitment for social change processes. In AID we believe that when given an opportunity the poor men and women could rise on the occasion to help themselves.

AID focus on mobilizing the community, educating them and sharing right information which would give them an advantage in their social economic and political live and liberate them from all injustice, vulnerability and marginalization.

AID strives to educate, organize and empower the rural poor to promote people centred development as a liberating force aimed at social justice, economic growth and self-reliance. AID have devised a strategy for the rehabilitation of manual scavenger families. Most notably, The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act-2013 appeals to the authorities to implement the Act and make them aware of the Act.

AID have met with the Mayor of Davangere City and discussed the rehabilitation of manual scavengers many times. We have filed many appeals. We have organized the Manual Scavengers and discussed the Act. He has addressed a lot about the MS Act.

Essentially, AID is hoping that the manual scavengers will be fully identified and rehabilitated in accordance with the MS Act. It is constantly working with manual scavengers and government.

Vision:

AID envisage a Society free from all kind of exploitation and injustice and no one remains hungry, unemployed, illiterate and exploited.

Mission:

To promote participatory democracy, organize and empower the rural poor who would in future act like catalyst in promoting gender equality, justice, socio-economic growth and self-reliance.

Objectives:

1. To raise awareness for the exploited and Dalit communities.
2. Establishment of community associations.
3. Establishment of Children's Committees.
4. Establishment of tuition centres for children's education.
5. Provide awareness and assistance to the law.

6. To provide information and training on self-employment for women and youth.

7. Advocacy for the implementation of the MS Act.

- **Our Approach**

AID aims to work with the most deprived communities in the Society. AID intend to provide justice by advocating for the implementation of the Constitutional rights. It believes that education plays a very important role in the development process. In this regard, it aims to open up supplementary education centres to educate children. Monitoring the implementation of the SC/ST Atrocity Act and impart awareness on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes sub plan to the community.

Key Programme Highlights:

a. Supplementary tuition Centre:

AID believes that education plays an important role in the development process. Education is the most important thing in the development of any community. The children from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are deprived of education. They have decided not to be deprived of education and have opened supplementary education centres with the intention of providing education to the Dalits. These ten supplementary centres will continue to be successful. About five hundred children are receiving education in the supplementary education centre. We have provided educational materials and play equipment for these children. Children are learning better and actively participating in extracurricular activities. Children make a good drawing on environmental protection.

Supplementary Education Centres are available in Davanagere, Nittuvalli AK Colony, Chikkanahalli Hut, Harihara AK Colony, Hosakundawada AK Colony, SPS Nagar, Babujagajeevan Ram Nagar, Gandhinagar, Azad Nagar, Anandakonda AK Colony, Channagiri AK Colony. Supplementary education centres have been operating successfully for the past one year. The children in the centres are mostly from Sweepers and Sanitary Worker and manual scavengers' families.



Children at Tuition Centre



Children at Tuition Centres

b. **Youth Trainings:**

Seventy-five youth are trained in life skills and psycho-social care at the Rotary Club of Davanagere. It was held on (mention the date).The basic purpose of training is to empower young people to face difficult situations and to manage life better. The youth were given three days training in Psycho-Social care with the help of TDH Germany and a joint

venture with the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore. Dr. Sanjay Kumar is the resource person for the training.

Two days gender training was held at the Rotary Boys House of Davangere from 24-09-2020 to 25-09-2020 for youths. Mrs. Priscilla and Mrs. Vidya as resource persons and provided training to the youths. Briefed on POSCO Act, the Anti-Child Labour Act and the Child Marriage Prohibition Act. They also trained in Juvenile Justice Act.



Gender Training for youths



Life Skill training for youths.



c. Higher Educational Fee Support for youths:

Forty-five young people's tuition fees have been supported by TDH Germany and UK Online Giving. AID have paid the school fee and received the receipt. The youth of Gandhinagar, Azad Nagar, Anekonda, Nittuvalli, SPS Nagar, Jagjivan Ram Nagar, Hoskundavadu have been benefited. Total Youths are assisted. All these youths are studying well. However, due to Corona spread and the lockdown are interrupted. We have provided books for youngsters to prepare for the competitive examination.



Distribute the study materials for youths and Fee support to youths.

d. Games materials distributed to Children:

With the help of TDH-Germany, AID distributed play materials to ten supplementary education centre/ Tuition Centre children. AID believes that the basic personality of children develops from play. Children develop co-operation and harmony through play. Through this, the personality development take place among the children. Every Saturday have been announced as games day. Every Saturday the children play a lot. The children share a wonderful joy with each other.



Games materials distribution to tuition centres children.



e. Youth Empowerment through the Vocational Training:

AID assisted forty-one youths training with the help of TDH Germany. AID have provided tailoring training for twenty-two young girls, computer education training for eight youths and driving training for twelve youths. Few youths are started their own micro enterprises and are self-employed. Young men and women are interested in vocational training.



Youths Admission for Driving



Youths Meeting.

f. Child Sponsorship Project:

AID has launched a sponsorship program for children with the help of UK Online Giving. Distributes nutritious food items to children. Mainly distributes notebook, pen, pencil, rubber twice a year for children. This is of great use to poor the poor children who could not offered to buy. AID have a plan to distribute a pair of dresses to children.



Dry ration distribution to destitute family



g. Covid Relief materials distribution:

As part of the Covid 19 Relief, AID distributed dry ration kit to families in Davanagere District and Manual Scavengers in Harihara, Malebennur and Jagalur. We have distributed food items with the help of various donors. Mainly funded by the Child Rights Sustainability Trust, TDH Germany, the Norwegian Human Rights Fund, is helping with food supplies. There were 345 families benefited.



Covid-19 Relief activities at Davanagere District.





h. Educational Materials Distribution to Children:

AID distributed educational materials to children with the help of various donors. AID distributed notebooks to children from TDH Germany and CRST. There were 500 children have been benefited.



Educational materials distribution to Children's. Gandhinagara.



Educational materials distribution to Children's. Hoasakundavada.



i. Community Empower through awareness and meetings:

AID imparted awareness on The Prohibition of Employment to Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act-2013. Importantly, Manual Scavenger families have been told that they can have rehabilitation facility under the Act. Prior to that, the person who cleans the human excreta by manual has to declare itself for identification. It was only after receiving a deed of identification that the entire family was entitled for rehabilitation in accordance with the MS Act.



Community Meetings at Davangere.

j. Important Days celebrated:

AID is actively engaging young men and women. Now more than a hundred young people are connected to AID. All these young men seek help in one way or another. Young people and children actively participated in the World Environment Day, World Earth Day, World Youth Day and so on. On the occasion of World Red Hand Day, AID celebrated the World Day on Children. AID imparted awareness about the importance of the day and which situation the days are celebrated and what action to be taken from the children and youths. Children should not recruit for job before attaining the age of 18. It is prohibited as per the Act.



k. Mask Distribution to Children:

In the Davanagere city limits, the organization distributed masks for children in Gandhinagar, Azad Nagar, SPS Nagar, Nittuvalli AK Colony and Chikkanahalli huts supplementary education centres. There were masks have been distributed



The Manual Scavengers have applied for funds under the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Sub-Plan Act. Twenty-five lakhs had been earmarked for the development of manual scavengers. The Manual Scavengers received 50 Xerox Machine, 55 Tailoring Machine and 21 push carts from the Davangere City Corporation. It was distributed on 28/08/2020 and 126 MSs have been benefited.



Manual scavengers received benefit under SC ST Subplan Act-2013. 28/08/2020.



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