



# REDS

Ragpickers Education & Development Scheme

*An Undertaking of the Marianist Trust*

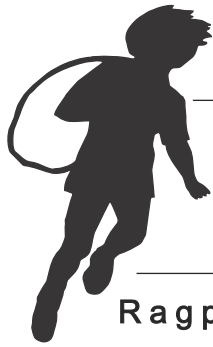
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“Do whatever he tells you.”





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Some measure of sadness at this Easter time affects the Indian Marianists as we mourn the loss of Fr. Joe Lackner and Bro. Richard Joyal before their time. Both men gave of themselves generously and uniquely for the vitality of the Marianist mission in India. We are glad for their happiness in the Lord and are very grateful for all they gave us but miss their visible presence among us.

**Fr. Joseph Lackner. SM**



**Bro. Richard Joyal, SM**



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# MISSION

The primary objective of REDS (Ragpickers Education & Development Scheme) is to empower uneducated and waste-picking children from the streets of Bangalore and Ranchi. REDS seeks to enlighten the underprivileged with an intervention process aimed at holistic development, ensuring successful integration and participation in the mainstream of society.

## PREVENTION

**Play Schools:** pre-school education, health care, mother & child care

**Formal Education:** encouraging primary education, education sponsorship, hostel referrals, retention programs, health awareness, coaching classes, family involvement

**Self Help Groups:** women's empowerment, encouraging saving to support child's education, awareness of social issues & personal health advocacy

**Skill Training:** tailoring, embroidery, knitting, health care, job placement, life education

## REINTEGRATION

**Street presence:** area visits, counseling, rehabilitation, home visiting, advocacy

**Day Care Centers:** health & hygiene, nutrition, counseling, non-formal education, hostel referrals, child-to-child programs, awareness on social, health & developmental issues

**Skill Training:** carpentry, welding, tailoring, electrical, plumbing, computer, non-formal education, formal education

## INCOME GENERATION

**Solid Waste Management:** community partnerships, legitimization of informal waste work, staff empowerment, health awareness



## A Word from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of REDS,

It's my pleasure to write a short note to you, our benevolent donors, collaborators and everyone who are part of REDS. We come to an end of yet another year of dedicated service to the needy in our fast paced world particularly in Bangalore and Ranchi.

REDS completes 33 years in Bangalore and 16 in Ranchi. First and foremost, we thank God for walking with and guiding us in numerous ways. Secondly, our sincere gratitude goes to our benefactors, Marianist brothers, staff members, well-wishers, our students, and women who have been part of this program in the past and at present. You are the ones who have helped us to reach out to the needy to bring them into the main stream of life.

This year was a satisfying year as we could do many programs such as medical camps, awareness programs in different fields for our children and women, expansion of SHG, computer courses, tailoring, and coaching classes to our children to get quality education. I am indebted to all our staff members both in Bangalore and in Ranchi for rendering selfless service along with us for thousands of needy through various initiatives that we undertook throughout this year. REDS' success belongs to you all. You are our source of inspiration and encouragement to realize our Blessed Fr. William Joseph Chaminade's charism to be experienced through your enthusiastic and valuable presence in different ways.

REDS also thanks and acknowledges our cheerful Mrs. Prema Manthesh our former Program Directress' contribution to the REDS as she decided to call it a day. We wish her all the best for her future endeavors. I am humbled to have very good team member to realize our goals particularly Bros. Kuldeep Ekka, SM, and Raj Mohan, SM, the program directors of REDS, Ranchi and Deepahalli REDS-STC Bangalore respectively for bringing tremendous changes with their ideas along with their teams. Special space needs to be given to our beloved Marianists Bro. Richard Joyal, SM from Canada, our former REDS Executive Director (2000 to 2002) who was shot dead in Haiti last April on his way back from a bank. He was one the main founding persons to start this REDS project for the needy ones by doing many surveys. He had generously shared his wealth of experience and was present from the beginnings of REDS until it became a well known NGO for the socially disadvantaged. Fr. Joseph Lackner, SM, who passed away due to a sudden stroke Seoul on his way to the US from India, was our regular motivator and a resource person. He helped to raise funds at different times to make our mission possible through words of encouragement, money and suggestions. We, the REDS and Marianist Family, mourn together at the loss of a lively human being who had great love for the poor.

As I wind up my short note, I am reminded of our Founder's words as to do everything in such a way that people may come to know Christ through the work. I wish and pray for all of you success, joy, and contentment in all that you do.

Bro. P. Antony Xavier, SM  
Executive Director - REDS



# REDS Profile

- 1979 REDS was initiated by an Inter-religious Dialogue Group
- 1984 REDS established as an organization with support of Bangalore Multi-purpose Social Society Service (BMSSS)
- 1992 The Marianist Trust, a registered charitable trust of the Society of Mary took over REDS from BMSSS
- 1995 Solid Waste Management Program initiated
- 1997 REDS Ranchi was established  
Day Care Centers initiated in Bengaluru
- 1998 REDS Skill Training Centre (REDS-STC) was established at Deepahalli, Bengaluru
- 2000 Play Schools for slum/street children initiated in Bengaluru  
Self Help Groups for women started in Bengaluru
- 2003 Tuition Centers for slum / street children set up in Bengaluru
- 2005 Tailoring Units for adolescent girls and women started
- 2008 Computer Centers established in Ranchi
- 2009 Partnering with BOSCH India Foundation set up plumbing unit at REDS-STC, Deepahalli, Bengaluru
- 2010 Utility Block at REDS-STC inaugurated  
REDS Human Resource Centre set at L.R.Nagar, Bengaluru  
Skill Training Centre at Singhpur, Ranchi inaugurated
- 2011 Infant Nilaya, REDS Building at Bengaluru inaugurated  
Computer Centre for adolescent boys and girls established in partner with BOSCH India Foundation in Bengaluru

# Bangalore

## Areas of REDS-Bangalore

**Bangalore, Karnataka:**

**L.R. Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, Bajendra Nagar, Vinayaka Nagar, Madiwala, B.T.M. Layout, G.D. Mara, Mico Bande, Shivajinagar, Bagalur Layout, D.J. Halli and Janatha Colony.**

**Hosur, Tamil Nadu:**

**Parvathi Nagar and Ramnagar**

## Goals

1. **Maintain a Significant Street Presence to Engage the Marginalized.**
2. **Enhance the Effectiveness of the Play School Program.**
3. **Meet the Educational and Personal Needs of School Dropouts.**
4. **Assist Women to Achieve Financial Sustainability through Tailoring Skills.**
5. **Empower Economically Deprived Women through Self-Help Groups.**
6. **Assist Those whose Livelihood Depends on Waste Management, to Labor with Dignity in a Safe, Profitable and Eco-Friendly Manner.**
7. **Maintain a State-of-the-Art Computer Training Program.**
8. **Promote Good Study Habits for Children in Formal Education.**

7 Areas  
14 Play Schools  
250 Children



# Play School

## Areas of Focus

- Prevent children from coming to the streets
- Prepare 3-6 year olds for primary educations
- Provide alternatives for working mothers
- Monitor development of each child
- Involve parents in child's growth and development



## Activities

- Area visits to motivate parents to send children to school
- Daily classes based on ICDS syllabus
- Yearly end exams to assess development of child
- Regular meetings with parents to discuss progress of child
- Nutrition supplement
- Talent enhancement
- Sports, excursions and recreation
- Incentives to encourage retention - uniforms, bags and study material
- Admission to primary school
- Regular follow-up

*Play Schools provide free space for working parents to leave their children while preparing them for primary school. Daily lessons at the Play Schools include the English and Kananda alphabets, numbers, vegetables, fruits, transportation, leaders, colors, animals, birds, seasons and directions. The children enjoy nutritious snacks, playing games, and learning rhymes and songs. Each Play School is equipped with a First Aid kit.*



## Areas of Focus

- Ensure child's basic right to education
- Admit children in school
- Retention in School
- Health Care
- Involvement of parents in the development of the child

**3 Areas**  
**4 Centres**  
**60 Children**

## Activities

- Study Center - to motive school dropouts to go back to schools
  - Admission to schools
  - Visits to schools fo follow-up on progress of child
    - Personal counseling sessions with children
    - Regular meetings with parents
- Tuition Centers - Coaching classes for Children in school
  - Nutrition supplement
  - Incentives to encourage retention
  - Sports, excursions and recreation
- Awareness on social, health and educational issues.



# Formal Education

# SELF HELP GROUP



## Areas of Focus

- Recognising the woman's pivotal role in the family
- Financial empowerment of women
- Security and empowerment of family
- Safety and security of both woman and child

## Activities

- Mobilising women to form groups
- Encouraging small savings
- Loans for the family development
- Regular meetings to discuss child development Health Care
- Awareness on social issues
- Advocacy and family counseling
- Encouraged to participate in community development programs
- SHG Mela - platform to voice their views

**1 Area**

**15 Groups**

**300 Women**



# Women's Day



Hundreds of women gathered to celebrate the Women's Day. It was day of fun and frolic. All women forgot their worries and enjoyed the day. They participated in all the activities and showed their talents that includes....

- Rangoli
- Musical chairs
- Singing
- Water filling
- Speech
- Eating biscuits
- Sticking stickers on forehead
- Dancing

At the end of the day almost all women went home with a prize.





## Skill Training - Tailoring Unit



### Areas of Focus

- Provide employment opportunity for adolescent girls
- Vocational Training
- Self sufficiency and empowerment of adolescent girls and women

**5 AREAS**

**5 CENTERS**

**170 GIRLS**



# Activities

- Skill Training in tailoring  
Embroidery  
Cutting  
Stitching
- Operating power machine
- Tests to assess their skills
- Job placement
- Tailoring kits at the end of training
- Health Care
- Awareness on social and personal issues



# Computer Unit



## Awareness program



### Areas of Focus

- Provide opportunity
- Empowerment of adolescent girls & boys
- Life skills

### Activities

- Microsoft office
- Tally
- Tests to assess their skills
- Job Placement
- Health care
- Personal Hygiene
- Counselling
- Family Life & Relations
- Awareness on Social and Personal issues

## Graduation day



Since 2011 Bosch India Foundation has been supporting REDS computer unit to help adolescent girls and boys in Laxmon Rao Nagar.



## Areas of Focus

- Work with children on in street involved in waste picking
- Motivating them to get back to mainstream of society
- Providing alternatives

## Street Presence

### Activities

- Area visits to build rapport with children
- Home placement
- Home visits to follow-up on the child's well being
- Personal counseling sessions with children
- Regular meetings with parents
- Advocacy





# Day Care Centres

## Areas of Focus

- Working with children involved in waste picking
- Motivating them to get back to mainstream of society
- Providing alternatives

## Activities

- Non-formal education
- Personal counseling sessions
- Nutrition supplements
- Sports, excursions and recreation
- Health Care
- Awareness on social, health and educational issues

4 Areas  
4 Day Care Centres  
165 Children

# Solid Waste Management

## *Arens of focus*

- Find solution to the problem of waste management
- Work with families involved in waste picking
- Provide alternative means of employment
- Door-to-door waste collection

23	Apartments
65	Households
20	Offices
04	Shops
02	Hospitals
02	Schools





### **Activities**

- Economic self sufficiency
- Savings
- Family counseling
- Community involvement in waste management
- Teach employees marketing skills to dispose of waste materials.
- Encourage employees to develop relationships with local neighborhoods.
- Provide instructions on how to handle waste materials properly and safely.
- Make health care including vaccinations available.



# Children's Day

November 18<sup>th</sup> 'Children's Day' was celebrated by REDS. We had children from REDS Bangalore and Hosur, as well as the Skill Training Center participate in the 'Makkala Habbha' that was organized at Corporation Pre-University College, Austin Town. It was a day of fun and frolic for the children in an attempt to give them a glimpse of childhood they have lost for no fault of their own. The day began with registration and breakfast being served for the children. Around 1600 children with their parents from the areas and skill training center participated.

The Inaugural event began with Mrs. Prema Manthesh welcoming the chief guests, Mr. Haris - MLA (Shanthinagar Assembly Constitution), Bro. Antony Xavier – Executive Director of REDS and the other guests of honor for the day. The event began by honoring the guests with a welcome Dance by Ms. Anupama. Mr. Haris was then called upon to light the lamp. Computer Unit certificates were issued by Mr. N. Haris to the students.

Bro. Raj Mohan presented the history of REDS and the development of REDS into a holistic program for children involved in waste recycling in the last 33 years of its existence. Cultural programs followed by presentation.









Children from L.R. Nagar and Hosur, D. J. Halli and Bagalur layout put up group dances and songs. A Free Health Check-up was given the Lion's Club. At 1.30 pm the children were given lunch. The last event for the day was what they were all eagerly waiting for – the orchestra. They sang the local hit songs. The children joined in dancing, singing with them. The day ended at 4.00 pm with snacks. Mr. Haris. MLA distributed the certificates for the computer training boys and girls from slums. On this day 70 boys and girls were graduated.

## April 2012

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012, G A members Bro. Edward and Fr.Manuel Cortes from Rome visited REDS Bangalore Program and met with the staff. They were impressed with the program and interacted with the staff and students.

This year too, Play Schools Graduation day was held on 24<sup>th</sup> April at Infant Nilaya Hall. About 288 students had graduation.

Tailoring Units No. 1 (L. R. Nagar), No. 3 (Parvathinagar - Hosur) and No.5 (S. R. Garden) Examination was held for a week (from 23rd to 28th April). About 85 girls took the exam,

## May 2012

Mr. Sagayaraj from REDS attended the Hasirudala program from 7th May to 12th May at Delhi. The dharna (Rally) was held for insurance claim for Hasirudala member above 54 years.

L.R. Nagar, Parvathinagar, S. R. Garden Tailoring Units Graduation day was held on 19th May at Infant Nilaya Hall. About 79 students had graduation day.

Hasirudala Urban Local Bodies officials attended a day long workshop on the 24<sup>th</sup> to 28th May along with city waste picker representatives.

## August 2012

In the month August 2012, all play schools had parents meeting on different days. The parents shared their advantage and disadvantage with our play school teachers, other REDS staffs and program director Mrs.Prema





On 9th August, Hasirudala's Karnataka State pension parishad rally was conducted in Freedom Park. One-sixth of the elderly live without any family. People are leaving the elderly without the physical and financial support of younger family members. These socio-economic changes are not self-generated but result from the economic changes the State has championed. This calls for increased responsibility of the State to ensure that the elderly are able to lead economically secure, healthy and safe lives by providing them a pension.



On 12th August, Lion's club members invited our children for lunch. 100 children participated in the program. Games and cultural programs were organized by the children. The day ended with lunch for the children. The children enjoyed themselves and had a lot of fun.

The 66th Independence Day was celebrated in Infant Nilaya. The National Tricolor flag was hoisted by Fr. Pragasam and our staffs paid their respects by singing the National Anthem. In all there were about 35 children who stood in attention and sang the National Anthem along with the staffs. Sweets were distributed to them.



On 15th of August REDS-STC children join the Marianists brothers for the independence day. Mr. Wilfred was the chief guest who inspired the children with his talk.

On 25th August, a debate competition were held between tailoring units 1 (L. R. Nagar) and 5 (S. R. Garden). About 45 students participated in the program. The students spoke about whether women should go for work or not. The topic was interestingly shared by the both the units. Games and cultural programs followed. The day ended with a delicious lunch.

### **September - 2012**

On 19th of September REDS-STC children celebrated Ganesha pooja. Mr. Chikkuveeraiah did the rituals while the children prayed.



## November 2012

On 7th to 10th November an exhibition was arranged at St. Johns Hospital. Our staff Bro. Showraiah and Mrs. Kavitha attended the exhibition. They explained the REDS Program. Some of the people came know about the REDS through their presence. On the last day some games were conducted.



## December 2012

On 1st December, farewell was arranged for Mrs. Prema Manthesh - Program Director. REDS staff shared their experience working with her and at the time Mrs. Prema shared her 15 to 16 years of working experience and thanked all the Marianists brothers and REDS staff for their cooperation with her. A small memento was given to her.

D. J. Halli Tailoring Graduation day was held on 5th December. Bangalore Staff Bro. Antony Xavier – REDS Bangalore – Executive Director, Bro. Lucian, Mrs. Manjula and Mrs. Santhosmary, Mrs. Shanthi and Bro. Raj Mohan - REDS Deepahalli - Program Director were present for the day.



## January - 2013

Children enjoyed viewing the flower show in Lalbagh and spend the day out playing in the park.



## April 2013

On 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April, the REDS staff of Bangalore and Deepahalli participated in workshops. The main theme of the workshop was Marianist and REDS history, REDS programs, team work, community and enhancing communication skills. The workshop started with warm-up games. REDS staff Bro. Raj Mohan conducted the workshops. We thank him for coming and dedicating his precious time.





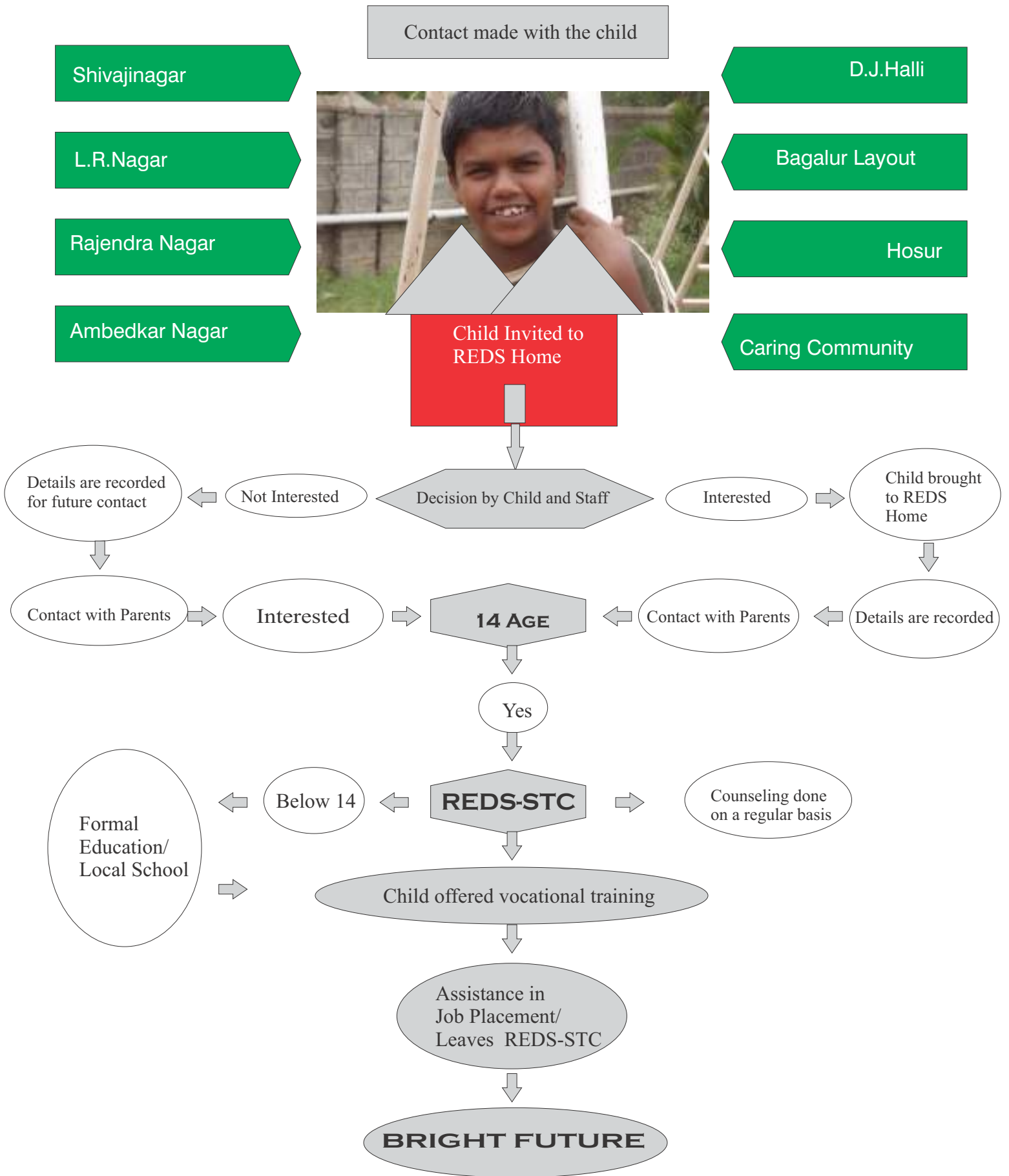
15 YEARS  
1998-2013

REDS-Deepahalli

The REDS SKILL TRAINING CENTER has completed its 15th year and is more successful than ever. Located within the Chandapura Panchayat of Anekal Taluk, 22 kilometers from the REDS main office, the Center seeks to equip street boys with a more complete knowledge of a healthy lifestyle. The STC commits itself to training the boys not only in a manual skill, but also in confidence, positive life choices, and education. Under the direction of 9 staff members, the center boards 68 boys who train in carpentry, welding, tailoring, electrical, plumbing or attend a local school. Upon completion of training, each boy is placed in a job within his field.



# LIFE CYCLE OF A CHILD / YOUTH IN REDS-STC



# AREAS OF FOCUS

- Training
- Formal Education
- Personality Development
- Job Placement
- Personal Growth
- Health
- Counseling
- Family Life & Relationships
- Substance Abuse Awareness
- Sports & Cultural Programs

Although I'm not their mother  
I care for them each day,  
I embrace, sing and read to them  
And watch them as they play.  
I see each new accomplishment,  
I help them grow and learn.  
I understand their language,  
I listen with concern.  
They proudly show their work to me,  
I give the loudest cheers!

No, I'm not their mother,  
But my role is just as strong.  
I nurture them and keep them safe,  
Though maybe not for long.  
I know someday the time will come,  
When we will have to part.  
But I know each child I cared for,  
Is forever in my heart!

~ Caretaker at REDS-STC  
Deepahalli (Village of Light)





REDS-STC is a mission of the Marianists, rendering its service towards the rehabilitation of street and slum children of the city of Bangalore. This mission started in 1998 for the youngsters from the street aged between 14 and 18. Children and youth who come from a difficult background and dysfunctional families, naturally exhibit a lot of extreme behavior patterns in their day-to-day living. The painful childhood experiences they have undergone, the insecure feelings, the abandonment deeply registered in their psyche and the consequences make many of them misfit in society. In the rehabilitative efforts of REDS-STC the most important problem it faces is the 'unsteady-ness' such children show in any activity they are given. They cannot concentrate or sustain an activity for a long period of time. Quick temper and disproportionate out bursts of emotions such as anger, sadness, hate, etc. make them unable to work with others. For a slight provocation they show extreme reactions such as physical attack, break and smash objects and even wield weapons. Such behaviors make it difficult for them to establish and sustain healthy relationships. They frequently quit jobs.

It was in this context that REDS felt the need for a separate Centre, where children and youth could be trained in the necessary psychosocial and interpersonal skills required for a healthy social living.





Some children and youth who live in the street find it extremely difficult to cope up with the monotony and routine of the formal education system. Children, who have learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, low IQ, or other conditions like hyperactivity, generally drop out of the formal education system. There are also some who have grown too big to go back to school. It has been also noticed among the children on the streets that some of them are skill oriented and show exceptional talent for technical education. Such children choose to undergo vocational training.





**Number and Pattern of Children who underwent Vocational Training at REDS-STC Deepahalli during 2012-2013**

Sl. No.	Trades	Number of Children
1	Carpentry	14
2	Welding & lathe	13
3	Tailoring	12
4	Plumbing	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>





**15-Completed Training  
15-Presently undergoing training**

*With the support of BOSCH India Foundation, a plumbing unit for the boys was initiated. Together with learning job oriented skills the boys also attend non-formal classes to learn Arithmetic and English.*



**MEDICAL CHECK-UP**



**FAMILY NIGHT**



**BIRTH DAY CELEBRATION**



**AWARENESS PROGRAM**



**KARATE CLASS**



From top left 10 of our children going to formal school, on right children enjoy watching talent show, in the centre our children enjoyed a picnic to Bangargatta Safari with Hogan students. Below children welcoming the guest for the st. Joseph feast day celebration and performing a candle dance during the liturgy of the hours.

## On his way up...



“I am Vinod. I come from a poor family. I was five when I lost my mother. One day I was playing with my friends on the street and I heard my mother crying. I rushed to my house and I saw my father beating my mother and she was crying. I was trying to stop my father and I could not stop him. I too started crying and calling for help. My father was drunk and asking my mother to give some money for gambling. She refused to give it. My father was angry and stabbed my mother and she died. My father went to prison and I was left on the street. No one was there to help me. I met a REDS staff who referred me to a hostel where I spent my early schooling. Even before I finished my schooling I was asked to leave the hostel for my abnormal behavior. I came back home and stayed with my father, step mother and her children. They took care of me well but didn't allow me to go to school. I was asked to work in a garage to wash vehicles and even from there the owner asked me not to come. At this point I met one of the REDS staff who referred me to REDS-Skill Training Centre where the Marianist brothers transformed my life from of a sulking, sad child to that of a sparkling, active kid. When all the parents come to visit their kids, I would be immersed in self-pity. I would wait for someone to come to see me. One of the Marianists brothers watched me mope and call me near him and gave a lot of candies to eat, as he is working on the computer. He would engage me in a conversation, and would keep on telling me I am great, having lot of talents and gifts, often casually hinting at forgiving my father. He would also talk about being respectful, being friendly with every one, showing an interest in others and many more things. Surprisingly, I feel safe with him. The brother soon made me realise the worth of myself and kicked self-pity out of me. He encouraged my curricular and extracurricular activities, and honed my talents. I cherish the memories of his dialogue. I am ever indebted to REDS-STC and also to him for helping me develop my virtues and discard my vices.”

# Ranchi



Increase in the number of rag picking and coal picking children is one of the serious and major issues, which government has to consider in its plan. REDS –Ranchi has seriously worked over the issues relating to children rag picking and coal picking. Many major steps have been taken to solve the concern and we anticipate its success. It has consistently made its effort to make parents aware about child care and family responsibilities. Children connected to REDS are motivated to study; therefore, they even work to meet the need of study and family. In spite of so many difficulties in the family, children are encouraged and motivated by REDS staff and regular house visit is done in order to make sure that they are regularly going to attend non-formal and formal education. Often times they are found in the dumping site.

# Non-Formal Education

S.N	Centre	No. of students
1	Tokitoli	44
2	Chutia	28
3	Khadgarha	61
4	Hatma	50
5	Hindipidi	32
6	Argora	27
7	Pahadi	32
8	Irgutoli	45
9	Doranda	33
10	Mousibari	52
11	Hatia	61
	Total	465

## Activities:-

- ❖ Slums and poor families are visited to motivate and to guide parents to send their children for study.
- ❖ Six days of classes in a week.
- ❖ Meeting with parents to guide them regarding child care & other social issues.
- ❖ Nutrition supplements for six days in a week.
- ❖ Playing and learning.
- ❖ Excursions and awareness programs to increase knowledge.
- ❖ Admission to formal schools





# Non-Formal Students (occupation)

SN.	Centers	Only Study	Study+Rag +Coal Picking	Study Maid servant	Total
1	Tokitoli	14	25	5	44
2	Chutia	16	6	6	28
3	Khadgarha	30	30	1	61
4	Hatma	50			50
5	Hindipidi	25	7		32
6	Argora	22	3	2	27
7	Pahadi	20	12		32
8	Irgutoli	8	35	2	45
9	Doranda	30	3		33
10	Mousibari	29	21	2	52
11	Hatia	31	30		61
	Total				465



Br. Kuldeep & REDS staff visit the slum and motivate mothers to send children to school.

## Non-Formal Students (Age group)

Centre/ age Group	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	Total
Tokitoli		15	14	9	4	1	1		44
Chutia		1	3	16	7			1	28
Khadgarha	6	8	8	11	9	8	8	3	61
Hatma	2	3	5	4	9	11	5	11	50
Hindipidi	3	3	6	10				1	23
Argora	3	3	3	6	9	2		1	27
Pahadi	9	4	4	2	1	9	1	2	32
Irgutoli	2	16	6	13	5	2		1	45
Doranda	14	15	4						33
Mousibari	4	11	17	9	4	5	2		52
Hatia	35	16	10						61
Total									456

# Formal Education

## Activities:

- ❖ Admission to school
- ❖ Visits to school to follow-up on progress of children.
- ❖ Special session in the second half of each day
- ❖ Bal Sabha and parents meeting
- ❖ Preparatory classes for matriculation & IA exam.
- ❖ Inspection of students attendance in the school

This program focuses on the child's basic right to elementary and high school education, which ensuring that children are in school and stay there. Study centers motivate school dropout to go back to school. Special coaching classes are provided for all the students at the centre. In many families, parents do not wish that children go to school; therefore, they are least bothered. Children from such families work and study at the same time. At the age of playing and learning, they are forced to work and make their lives all by themselves. Below are children from only three centres, Tokitoli, Chutia, and Khadgraha.





Class base strength of students	
Standard	No. of Students Enrolled
UKG	1
I	55
II	71
III	75
IV	67
V	58
VI	79
VII	46
VIII	47
IX	37
X	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>561</b>

REDS-Ranchi tries to give quality education to its children; therefore, it tries to enroll them in the best and well known educational institutions of Ranchi. We do not enroll students in government run schools. For us what matters is not mere education but giving quality education. Since November 1997, a good number of students have benefited by this program. REDS has served rag picker and coal picker children for 15 years. Through this program, we are able to impact a number of dropout students, who rejoined the school again. Still there are many on the street who need to be connected to REDS. In the evening, tuition classes are conducted in all the centers. Students directly come from school to their own respective centers to study for one hour. First they have nutrition, then study and then they go back to their own houses.

Name of Hostel	Number of Students	
	Male	Female
<b>Mahuwatar</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Singhpur</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>Bahya</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	

### Parents living status:

Most of the families in REDS are in an economically disadvantage position; therefore, they struggle to meet their basic daily needs. Mothers are illiterate in the families; therefore, they do not get good jobs. Most of mothers in the families go for rag picking, coal picking or else work as a maidservant. Working as a daily labour and maid servant is common to all families. In many families, the family responsibilities and necessities are being fulfilled by the mother of the family as the fathers remain irresponsible about family needs due to alcoholism and other bad habits.



## Age wise Record of Formal school students

Centre/age Group	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	Total
<b>Tokitoli</b>	5	5	6	7	16	15	12	11	16	7		100
<b>Chutia</b>			7	3	3	4	4	3	1			25
<b>Khadgarha</b>		1	5	6	9	7	7	7	1	10	4	53
<b>Hatma</b>			3	5	7	9	6	13	5			48
<b>Hindipidi</b>	1		3	3	2	2						11
<b>Argora</b>			2	8	4	7						21
<b>Pahadi</b>			3	4		3	4	6	7	15	3	42
<b>Irgutoli</b>			4				8	5				17
<b>Doranda</b>	14	10	5	9	2	2	16	9	6			73
<b>Mousibari</b>	3	4	4	4	9	9	9	11	7	6		66
<b>Hatia</b>		10	15	28	11	17	14	6	4			105
<b>Total</b>												<b>561</b>

Patter of lifestyle of formal students						
S.N.	Centers	Only Study	Study+Rag +Coal Picking	Study+ labour	Study Maid servant	Total
1	Tokitoli	79	3	18		100
2	Chutia	15	9		1	25
3	Khadgarha	35	9	6	3	53
4	Hatma	47			1	48
5	Hindipidi	5	5		1	11
6	Argora	12	5	4		21
7	Pahadi	30	5		7	42
8	Irgutoli	5	11		1	17
9	Doranda	71	2			73
10	Mousibari	48	8		10	66
11	Hatia	48	57			105
	<b>Total</b>					<b>561</b>



Sl.No	Centres	Maid servant	Rag/Coal Picking	Daily Labour	Private Job	Own Business	House wife	Begger	Total
1	Tokitoli	14	16	23	1	-	-	-	54
2	Chutia	14	-	4	5	-	-	-	23
3	Khadgarha	24	30	1	1	2	12	1	71
4	Hatma	16	10	8	7	6	-	-	47
5	Hindipidi	3	3	9	-	-	-	-	15
6	Argora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
7	Pahadi	16	7	2	3	-	-	-	28
8	Irgutoli	6	8	9	-	-	-	-	23
9	Doranda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
10	Moudibari	28	21	16	3	-	-	-	68
11	Hatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>329</b>

In many families, children are being taken care of by mothers. Since the family size is rather big, earnings of a single person are not enough; therefore, even children are forced by their mothers to work as maidservants.

# Health & Hygiene



The community we cater to faces so many health related problems. The reason is living in unhygienic conditions, either near the drainage or near a dumping site. They not only lack awareness but they are careless as well. With little bit of effort, they can live a hygienic life. During the rainy season, these localities are worth seeing. In many of the slums, we find stagnate water, where mosquitos get germinated. It is due to this reason, many children get water born diseases, skin disease, or malaria. Thousands of children, who are deprived of even the necessities in life, require our support and above all a little care to live a dignified and healthy life. Through our medical support throughout the year, we see how we can bring some positive changes in the lives of such children and their families. On 19<sup>th</sup> of July a medical camp was organized at REDS Ranchi Mousibari centre. Children from 40 families participated into the camp. During the camp kids suffering from various diseases such as fever, headache, wounds, throat infection, stomach pain etc. were given treatment. Parents were given information on the prevention of diseases.



# Medical Assistance

Kiran Mirdha is from Dom Kocha, Lowadih. She has two brothers and two sisters. Her elder sister got married after intermediate. Kiran Mirdha is a student of class VII. She is studying in St. Joseph High School, Samlong. The Family depends on ragpicking. It is her mother who daily goes for rag picking. Her father is a sickly man. Lacking knowledge, Kiran was not able to get medical facility. This year we were able to detect that she is having leprosy. When we came to know, we took her to Sadar Hospital. She must continue her medication for six months. There are patches on her left hand. We are assured that soon she will be free from this heinous disease. In the similar way, one girl each from Tokitoli and Hatma were found to have leprosy and they were helped to get medical care.



Apart from this one, 47 non-formal students were given medicine, which was prescribed by the doctors at St. Anthony School, Doranda. We thank Mr. John Vincent Francis, who is the founding principal, for making arrangements for our children to have medical checkup.

## SKILL TRAINING

REDS –Ranchi is committed not only to support the rag picking and coal picking children but also the mothers and grown up boys and girls. The skill training program is registered under the Jharkhand government. Free computer education is provided to all the REDS children. Since the institute is registered, we are able to help many children in the field of computer education, tailoring, and embroidery. There are 67 candidates in tailoring unit, most of them are women. We are formally going to provide the following courses not only for REDS children but also for students who are not connected to REDS.

- Diploma in Computer Application
- Diploma in Computer programming
- Data Entry Course
- Certificate course in Print Media
- Certificate course in Financial Accounting
- Certificate Course in Desktop Publication
- Certificate course in Cutting and Tailoring
- Certificate course in Machine Embroidery
- Certificate course in Hand Embroidery
- Certificate course in Hand Knitting

Strength of students in vocational training courses

S.N	Unit	Strength
1	Computer	45
2	Cutting and Tailoring	64
3	Embroidery	10
4	Dress making unit	7
5	Hand embroidery & Hand Knitting	10

# Production Unit



There are eight members working hard to fulfill the need of students. These women are mothers of our own students. Instead of going to pick rags & coal, or else to work as a maidservant, they are working as tailors. We made efforts to provide dignified jobs to at least eight women. We are looking forward to employ many more in the days to come. They work for their own children and at the same time, they are respected and appreciated for their contribution. It is because of their effort, we are able to provide uniforms for both non-formal and formal school children. Each day, each individual stitches about 3 to 4 uniforms and at the end of the month they are paid for their work.

## Self Help Group

REDS-Ranchi has established Self Help Groups (SHG) for men and women with the aim of helping families to support their children's education. It is a supporting program of REDS. There are 25 SHGs functioning with the help of two REDS staff. Monthly group meetings include not only money transactions, but also discussion of various social and family problems. REDS Ranchi arranges awareness programs about business and government schemes available to SHGs. It also conducts training programs in different sectors, such as, poultry, fishery, etc. In the year 2012-2013, two new SHG groups of women were formed consisting of 12 and 14 respectively. The members took interest in coming together. They had the idea that forming the group would help them to make some savings for their family and also for the future needs. However, due to demolition of slums, six SHG groups are closed. They were able to use their savings for finding a new residence. The money that they had saved over the years was of great help. Thus, the total number of SHG groups this year is 17, consisting of 183 members. The men are 52 whereas the number of women is 131.



## Annual Children's Day-2012



On 18<sup>th</sup> of November, we celebrated 15<sup>th</sup> REDS Annual Childrens' Day at Nirmala Middle School, Samlong. Mr. John Vincent Francis, the Founding Principal, of St. Anthony's School, Doranda was the chief guest for the day. We also had Fr. Anand Bhengra, the Principal, Nirmala School, Samlong, Sr. Elisaba Tirkey, the Principal, St. Joseph's Girls' Middle School, Sr. Mary Magdali Bage, the Principal, St. Joseph's Girls' High School as special guests. Kids from all the eleven centers enthusiastically participated in the program. All performed excellent programs. Children along with all staff looked very much satisfied and pleased with the arrangements made for the day.



We had five volunteers from Spain . They are Jone M. Elorza, Patricia F.Ruiz, Fuertes V., Naitasun Porras L., and Elisabeth L.G. They worked with REDS for one month. In the morning hour, they taught non-formal school children and in the evening they spent time with Marianist sisters. They painted Chutia and Khadgarha centres. While visiting households of REDS children, they were mesmerized on seeing the condition of their living.



Twentytwo brothers from St. Albert College go to the eleven centres. The rector of St. Albert College wants all the brothers to know the condition of slum dwellers and the type of life that they live. They go every Thursday and work untill 11pm. They teach non-formal students, visit households to motivate them to send their children to school and to know their life style, culture, problems and day-to-day activities. Brothers educate children the moral values through stories. They also engaged children in recreation through songs and exciting sports events.



Two persons were here from the board of Alive magazine. They visited all the centres, talked to the parents of the children as well as to the students regarding their life style and living conditions.

Brian Reavry and Allison Hewitt spent one full day visiting all the centers of REDS in Bangalore to see the living condition of our children. They could not believe the type of life the slum dwellers live. It was rather shocking for them see the present living condition of a large number of people along the drainage and in very small places. They were a bit wary to go through some of the pathways of the slum because they are so narrow.





Mrs. Jan Dixon who visited REDS-Skill Training Centre. Trainees welcomed the guests.

From Missio Anne Knoerzer was with us to know about the activities of REDS in Ranchi. She was with Fr. Telesphore from Ranchi Diocese. Both of them visited Khadgarha centre first and got some idea of how REDS operate. She was fascinated by the effectiveness of REDS program.



On Wednesdays Mr. Remmy from Germany come to REDS-Skill Training Centre to teach the young men Karate.

The Marianists General Administration visited REDS Hosur while the children welcomes them to the REDS centres.



The Superior General of the Society of Mary visited REDS-Skill Training Centre along with Br. Ed Violett who is the assistant for the temporalities.

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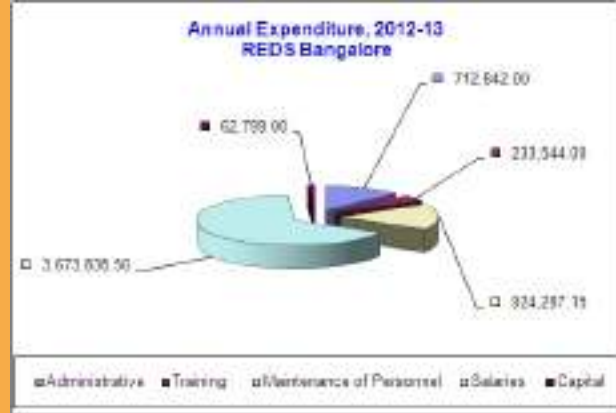
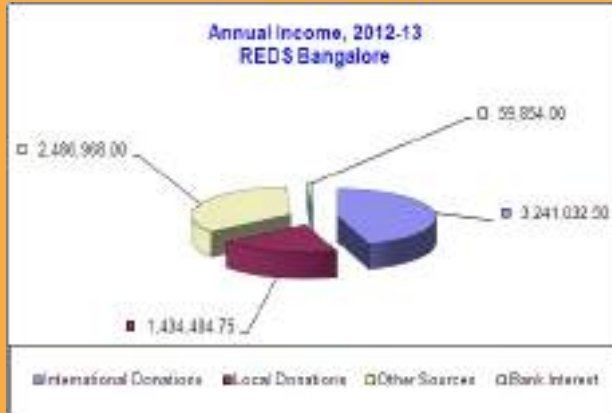
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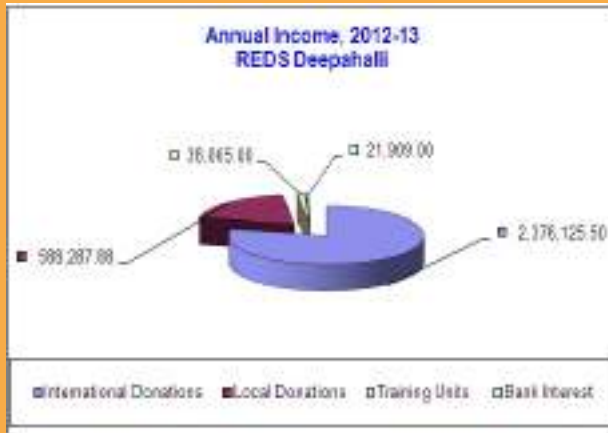
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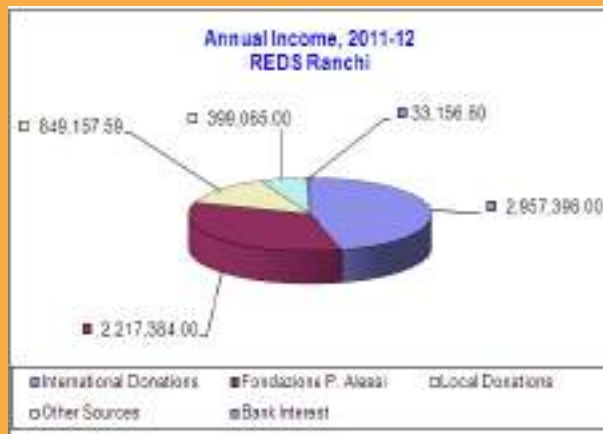
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