

**Rehabilitation of children in Need in the poor Slum Neighborhoods
and Pavement Dwelling Families affected by the Chennai floods in
December 2015 in north Chennai.**

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Object of the project:

1. To ensure 500 affected children go to school with all their education materials needed for the next 2 years of academic studies such as notebooks, uniform, footwear, play materials, bags etc.
2. To ensure that 500 affected children are free from any psycho social impact due to the heavy rains and floods that entered their houses and caused destruction for the next 2 years.
3. To provide nutrition supplementary of health mix and biscuits once a week to 500 children for 24 weeks (12 weeks in a year for 2 years)

Introduction

In order to ensure education and regular school going and make the flood affected children to be free from psycho social impact caused by the destruction of rain water and flood entering their houses, Karunalaya intervened and identified the affected children in need by conducting community and parents meeting with their cooperation. The women groups, youth and children club were involved in the identification process. The children were distributed education materials, foot wear, play materials and uniforms. Motivation camps were organized to engage them in entrainment dance, music and sports. The nutrition supplement of health mix and biscuits were provided.

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Identify the affected Children in need

Karunalaya conducted an observation visit to flood affected areas. The prime target were children because they did not go to school for many days due to loss of all their education materials such as note books, text books, school bags, uniforms and other stationary items. In order to motivate them regular school going, a psychosocial intervention was carried out through interactive session, sports and games. The impact of this support revealed that many children were affected by the problem of re-experience which disturbed their sleep. Karunalaya identified 500 needy children from poor slums and pavement dwelling areas.

Result:

- The women groups in the respective areas supported to identify deserving beneficiaries.
- The youth volunteered themselves and assisted to reach and identify the beneficiaries.

Community and Parents meeting



In order to sensitize the community and parents about this painful situation, meetings were conducted periodically. The parents were educated about sustaining health and hygiene and also the importance of education. The awareness on disaster management was given to the slum and pavement dwelling communities. In case of emergency regarding their health they were educated to contact the nearby primary health centers and government hospitals to deal the health issues. They were insisted to keep their environment clean and tidy to protect their children from various diseases.

Result

- The community gave their feedback that they have acquired immense knowledge on significance of education.
- They immediately cleaned their surroundings.

Purchase of Education materials and Uniforms



In order to prevent dropouts due to floods, as the parents were unable to provide all the essential needs like educational materials, uniforms, foot

wears and other accessories. Karunalaya conducted a need assessment among the slum and pavement dwelling children affected by floods. Based on this assessment, educational materials comprising of school bag, Note books, text books, Uniform and other accessories like pencils, pen, scale and geometry box were purchased to distribute to the needy children.

Distribute Education Materials, Footwear, Play materials and Uniforms

In order to motivate regular school going and prevent dropouts among children from poor slums and pavement dwelling areas affected by floods, educational material like school bags, Note books, text book, foot wear and Uniforms were distributed. The children after receiving these materials were regular to school and also gradually improved in their academics. The children make use of these materials and learn eminently. 500 children were distributed the educational material and other essential accessories.

Result:

- Materials enabled the children to continue their schooling without dropping out.
- Their academic performance had gradually improved.

2. To ensure that 500 affected children are free from any psycho social impact due to the heavy rains and floods that entered their houses and caused destruction for the next 2 years.

Psycho social support



Psychosocial support is used to describe any type local or outside support that aims to protect psychosocial well being or to prevent or treat mental disorder. Support is rendered for the

affected
children
through

psychosocial intervention to overcome their difficulties, mental stress, identify painful



experience and help the child for healing and care. Individual and group sessions are conducted using cultural, sports and games to develop life skills.

Results:

- The fear, worries and sadness among children disappeared after psycho social intervention.
- They ventilated their disharmonious situation at the time of heavy rain and floods.

Camps for Children



Motivational camps are conducted every month. 10 camps are organized for 50 children each camp. Through these camps 500 children benefited. The camp comprised of behavior change sessions, group counseling, music, fun games, craft work and traditional dances like kummi, oyl, Karagam and parai. The children were entertained through indoor sports like carom, chess, dot board and outdoor games like foot ball, cricket and athletics which enabled them to get free from fear and anxiety.



Results:

- The children were relived from stress and acquired many skills.
- The children relived from their fear and worries.

3. To provide nutrition supplementary of health mix and biscuits once a week to 500 children for 24 weeks (12 weeks in a year for 2 years)

Nutrition supplementary of health mix and biscuits



Karunalya provide nutrition supplement like health mix and biscuits for children monthly once. This enables the children to develop their stamina and sustain good health. The children were ensured physical fitness as they participate in sports and arts activities with enthusiasm and passion through the support of nutrition supplement. All the children are found healthy without nutrition deficiency. The children are happy and cheerful without any physical weakness.

Results:

- All the children are healthy and lead a disease free life.
- Their physical fitness and stamina had gradually improved.

Conclusion

All the activities in the project had been carried out according to the objectives. The children benefited in terms of physical and mental development. All the children acquired education and psycho social support through this project intervention. The nutrition supplement had been distributed to the flood affected children and their healthy living has been ensured.

Receipts and Payments for the peirod from 01.02.2016 to 31.01.2017

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Title of the Project

Name of the Legal Holder

KARUNALAYA SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

Receipts	Amount	Payment	Amount
Received fund from Stitching Karunalaya (Kerk in actie) (Euro 9948.27@Rs.73.8724)	734903.00	1. Education Material for 500 Children	499735.00
Loan Received	56000.00	2. Psychosocial Intervention for 500 Children	150860.00
		3. Nutrition Supplement for 500 Children	120000.00
		4. Report and Documentation	20000.00
		Closing Balance	308.00
	790903.00		790903.00

Date : 28.02.2017

Place : Chennai

Seal & Signature