



# E-Street Voice

## Editorial Note...

### Labour in Vain?

World day against child labour was observed on June 12, 2018. As per 2011 census, there were more than 10.2 million “economically active” children in the age group of five to 14 years – 5.6 million boys and 4.5 million girls. Eight million children were working in rural areas, and 2 million in urban areas. The alarming numbers point to the fact that child labour is a menace that looms large over the future of millions of children in India.

Incidentally, in the month of June itself, an apparently wealthy look-

ing, young couple from Bangalore walked into my office inquiring about the procedures to employ a sixteen-year-old girl from Assam as their domestic help. The motivation, ‘want to avoid employing adults as it could be troublesome.’ In another case of domestic child labour reported at the helpline, the employer defended himself saying, he is sending the fourteen-year-old child to school although she is a maid.

Although there is a considerable range of laws and programmes to address child labour, the results are

far from satisfactory. Attitudinal change, persistent and coordinated efforts from the government and civil society is a

need of the hour. Let us strive to eliminate child labour by ensuring quality education to children in need of care and protection and thus transform their life.



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## Annual Evaluation at BOSCO, Bangalore



The Annual Evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bangalore on June 19 and 20, 2018. Addressing the gathering, Usha B, District Child Protec-

tion Officer (DCPO), Bangalore Urban, said that child related issues like child abuse, child marriages, etc. are on the rise. The only way of curbing these is by bridging the gap between the government agencies and NGOs working towards the welfare of the children. She assured her support to BOSCO in its endeavors to ensuring safety of children and childhood.

The activities of twenty-seven departments were evaluated on the basis of the reports presented. Major events and activities to be organized during the year were planned. The birthdays of some of the staff were celebrated on the occasion. All the new staff, Fr. CV George, Bros. Vimal, Arold and Feric were welcomed and introduced to BOSCO Bangalore. The staff members, who were newly married, were felicitated. All the managing directors of BOSCO and staff were present for the programme.

# Convergence Meeting Organized



Convergence meeting of NGOs was held at BOSCO Mane, Bangalore on June 13, 2018. Welcoming the gathering, Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Bangalore, briefed about the purpose of this

## Meeting with Anganwadi Supervisors



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Program, BOSCO Bangalore organized a meeting with Anganwadi Supervisors at Child Development Project (CDPO) Office, Madivala, Bangalore on June 5, 2018. Meeting started with an introduction about BOSCO and ECCE by Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE program. Purpose of the meeting was briefed by Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, ECCE program.

The Anganwadi Supervisors were happy to know that the ECCE program was going to be extended to eight more anganwadis in Bangalore. There was a suggestion from the anganwadi supervisors in selecting new anganwadis, as the existing angawadis under the ECCE program were fairly developed. T. Rudrappa, Accountant, ICDS, Bangalore and eleven Anganwadi Supervisors participated in the meeting.

meeting. Vasudev Sharma, Director, Child Rights Trust, Bangalore, introducing CHILDLINE to the CWC members asked the NGOs to list out and share the issues and problems faced by the NGOs while rescuing children, producing them before CWC and gaps in the functioning of allied systems. The issues and problems listed out were shared with the authorities present.

P G Rohit, DGP Training Officer, Bangalore asked the NGOs to intimate the Police Stations while attending cases referred by CHILDLINE and ensure that police officials accompany the teams during res-

cue operations. CWC ensured support for the CHILDLINE activities.

Fr. Prasad SDB, Director CHILDLINE BOSCO, Bangalore, Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bangalore, Khushi Kushalappa, Enfold, Bangalore, C Venkateshaiah, DWCD, Bangalore, M S Salma, Shishu Mandir, Bangalore, CWC members and thirty team members from CHILDLINE Collaborative organizations were present for the meeting.

## World Environment Day



BOSCO Nilaya celebrated World Environment day by cleaning the area adjacent to the centre which used to be a place to dump waste. The team planted saplings at the place, with the concept - 'Each one Plant one', on June 5, 2018. Nilaya staff and neighbors planted flowering shrubs, fruits plants and medicinal plants. The activity stressed about the significance of coming together to ensure a cleaner, greener and brighter environment for us and the future generations.

# World Day against Child Labour Observed



Jagadeesh M, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Fr. President, Jaya Rubin, Director, BOSCO Yuvoda-Karnataka, Bapujinagar, Bangalore, Children from the various centres of BOSCO performed a 'Mime' to create awareness to the public about Child Labor in Bangalore at City Railway Station, BMTCC Bus Stand, Majestic, Bapujinagar, Kengeri Bus Stand, Pantharapalya, Vijayanagar, KP Agrahara, JJR Nagar, KR Market and Kalasipalya areas of Bangalore.

**BOSCO**, an NGO working with child labourers and children in distress observed 'World Day against Child Labour', in Bangalore, on the theme "Abolish Child Labor and Save Childhood" on June 12, 2018.

The campaign was inaugurated at 9.30 am in the presence of

Bangalore at Bapujinagar, Bangalore.

The Campaign in Bangalore Railway Station was inaugurated by Mr. Iqbal Ahmed, Dy. Station Manager, Bangalore Railway Station, Mr. Laxmiprashanth, APSA, Bangalore, Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bangalore, Fr. Regi Jacob,

The public were made aware of their responsibility to send children to school instead of pushing them into child labour. The message was disseminated through distribution of pamphlets, shouting slogans and exhibiting placards. Over two thousand people were reached out to in various parts of the city.

## World Yoga Day at BOSCO Nivas

International Yoga Day was celebrated at Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram areas of Shivajinagar, Bangalore at the two tuition centres by BOSCO Nivas, Bangalore, on June 21, 2018.

Children were given an introduction about the term yoga, which implies a group of physical, mental and spiritual practices which originated in ancient India and could be considered as a disciplined method to attain integral well-being and harmony.

Children were given a demonstration of the various *asanas*, yogic



exercises which the children performed. Children were briefed about the physical and mental benefits of Yoga such as increased flexibility, strength, balance, stami-

na, improved body alignment, stress reduction, awareness and improved self-confidence. Forty-five children participated in the program.

## Parents Meeting at BOSCO Vatsalyabhavan



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan (BVB), Bangalore organized parents meeting at the centre, on June 24, 2018.

Addressing the gathering, Fr. Prasad Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli, exhorted the parents to become role models for the children to become ideal citizens.

The parents were made aware of their roles and responsibilities and the

giving them love and affection. The parents are to be available to them whenever the children are in need of their support. Through the candle race activity the parents were made aware of the importance of safe-guarding their children from various dangers existing in the world.

The parents were given general instructions and orientation about the work of BOSCO. The parents, along with their children interacted with the counsellor and coordinator. Thirty-two parents attended the meeting.

### Child Rights Club Formation

CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore formed Child Rights Club (CRC) at St. Philomena's English High School, Railway colony, Bangalore on June 23, 2018. Welcoming the gathering, Vimala Rani, Social Activist, BOSCO CREAM Project, Bangalore, enlightened the children about UNCRC, Child Protection Mechanisms, necessity of CRC and roles and responsibilities of the members of the club. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM facilitated the election process and the selection of the President and Vice-President.

Eleven boys and thirteen girls were elected as CRC members. Devaraj, Social activist, BOSCO CREAM Project, Bangalore, conducted the training session. Duties of the President and Vice-president were briefed and the importance of taking up social responsibility was discussed.

Teachers appreciated BOSCO's efforts towards empowering children. Hundred and sixty four high school students and two teachers of St. Philomena's English High School participated in the programme.

### Mothers' Meeting Organized



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) program, BOSCO Bangalore, organized Mothers' Meeting at the Anganwadi Centre, Timber Yard Layout, Bangalore, on June 6, 2018. Manjula, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE, BOSCO Bangalore, facilitated the meeting by discussing the importance of good hygienic practices to be followed by children and parents, consumption of nutritious food and importance of regularity of children to the anganwadis.

Mothers were asked to identify and direct children between three and six years of age from their respective areas to the anganwadis. All mothers agreed to do so. Vijayalakshmi, Anganwadi Teacher and Manjula, Anganwadi Helper and eighteen mothers attended the meeting.

# Awareness Program for Nursing Students

Health Care Program, BOSCO Bangalore, organized an awareness program for Nursing Students, Government College, Bangalore, on June 22, 2018. Fr. Binny Director, BOSCO Mane, Bangalore welcomed the participants and briefed about BOSCO, its origin, vision & mission and various projects for the young at risk.

Foster Care team, BOSCO, Bangalore, spoke about the importance of foster parenting, importance of family care, impact of institutional care on children, legal support for foster care, different types of foster care placements, etc.

Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bangalore, gave an introduction about CHILDLINE and explained Child Rights and Child Protection Mecha-



nisms by giving examples of a few child related cases. The participants interacted with the team and clarified their doubts. Thirty-six nursing students participated in the program.

## Foster Care Awareness Program



Foster Care Program, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized an awareness program for members of Rajeshwari women's Self Help Group (SHG), Rajajinagar, Bangalore, on June 18, 2018. Initiating the session, Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bangalore, briefed about BOSCO, its origin, vision, mission and various projects for the young at risk.

He spoke about the importance of foster parenting, importance of family care, impact of institutional care on children, legal support for foster care, different types of foster care placements, such as Kinship Placement, Individual Placement, Group Foster Care, time frame for placements, eligibility to become a foster parent, procedures involved in foster parenting and information about required documents. The participants interacted with the team and clarified their doubts. Eighteen SHG members participated in the program.

## State Level Consultation

State Level Consultation on Foster Care was organized by Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, Executive Director, BREADS, Bangalore, for the 10 NGOs of various districts of Karnataka at Provincial House, Bangalore on June 6, 2018.

Fr. Joy welcomed the NGO participants and introduced Foster Care Program and BOSCO and its activities to them. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Program started the session with the meaning of Foster care and the reasons for implementing foster care as an alternative family care for the children.

Akshitha, Social Mobiliser, Foster Care Program, explained about child rights, foster care concept, types of foster care, selection criteria of parents & children, rights of children in foster family, responsibilities of foster parents, different levels of awareness programs, case study file of parents & children, placement of children and follow up of children.

Awareness materials were distributed to the Directors representing their NGOs. Forty-one NGO participants representing ten districts of Karnataka attended the consultation.

# BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



## June- 2018

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	237	47	284
Service provided	58	26	84
Grand Total	295	73	368

### Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	15	04	19
Bangalore Bus stand	11	00	11
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	02
BOSCO Vatsalyabhavan	00	08	08
CSN	11	09	20
BOSCO Childline	06	03	09
ARSP	13	02	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>84</b>

### Final Action based on Contact date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	14	22	36
Home Placement	81	05	86
Govt. Boy's/Girl's Home (CWC/ OH)	121	07	128
Referred to Back to police	02	00	02
Recommended to Hostels	08	01	09
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	02	00	02
Data is not available	09	12	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>284</b>

### Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	25	14	39
Unaccompanied	212	33	245
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>284</b>