



Editorial Note...

Teachers: Leading in Crisis, Reimagining Future

“The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you onto the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth,” says American journalist Dan Rather. Performance under pressure often sets a leader apart from the rest of the masses. Teachers’ Day was celebrated across the nation on September 5, 2022, with the theme, ‘Teachers: Leading in Crisis, Reimagining Future.’

At the beginning of the training programme for teachers, one of the teachers asked, “Sir, are there any systems where I can get justice for a child who is studying in the 9th Standard? Her marriage is fixed. I want to do something to save the child and let her continue her studies.” The case was immediately handed over to the child helpline. In another instance, one of the Anganwadi teachers said, “I was beaten up by the angry villagers because I tried to stop a child marriage.”

While interacting with the teachers in the rural areas of the state, they said that neither the pandemic nor the lockdowns deterred their determination to reach out to the students. Mainstream media has lauded time and again the innovative efforts of teachers who imparted education. The theme of the year emphasizes and celebrates the role of teachers as leaders in society. The 2030 target under Sustainable development goal four of the United Nations is- ‘Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.’ Reaching out to the less privileged children who are usually the worst affected during crisis times, may we strive to be leaders and educators of substance who would be looked upon by the students who have dreams in their eyes and fire in their heart.



Fr. Prasad SDB

Teachers’ Day Celebrated

Children of BOSCO Sumanahalli, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Nivas, Nilaya, and Rainbow Home celebrated Teacher’s Day at the centres, on September 5, 2022. The celebration began with welcoming the staff by showering flowers, giving bouquets, etc. Children spoke about the importance of Teacher’s Day and about the life of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

The role of teachers and their valuable contribution to society in creating lawyers, teachers, judges, and other achievers were briefed. Children performed dances and songs and did drawings and paintings. They wrote thanking letters to their teachers as a



Quarterly Evaluation at BOSCO

The first quarterly evaluation of BOSCO for the period June 2022 to August 2022 was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru on September 12, 2022. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, in the keynote address shed light on the Child Participation Policy. He said that participation refers to one's opportunity to express one's view, influence decision making and achieve change. He explained the guiding principles of participation and the guidelines for implementing child participation in our centres, areas and communities based on the document released by the National YaR Office. He welcomed one and all to the meeting and exhorted everyone to make meaningful contributions.

The projects and programmes of BOSCO were evaluated based on the quarterly reports presented by the coordinators. E Street Voice of August 2022 was released on the occasion. It was suggested to organize



all the important events/ programmes and campaigns during the year based on the YaR theme 'Choose Life. Not Drugs'. The respective teams and centres were asked to plan for the upcoming events such as Dasara Camps, International Day of the Girl Child and Children's Day. A common birthday celebration was held for all the staff who celebrated their birthdays from June 2022 to August 2022. All the managing directors and staff of BOSCO were present for the programme.

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mark of gratitude. Games were organized as part of the programme.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and the Directors of the respective centres were happy and impressed by the initiative and creative arrangement of the programme by the children for their teachers which showed them their love and respect. Mr. Prakash ASI, Cottonpet Police station, was present during the celebration at BOSCO Nilaya. It provided an opportunity for the children and the youth at the centres to appreciate and acknowledge the contribution of their teachers and other staff.

Training for Police Officials



A training was organized for the Police Officials of the KSRP Battalion at Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, by the CSN project, BOSCO Bengaluru on September 5, 2022. Mr. PN Basavaraj, Coordinator, CSN Project explained in detail about BOSCO, CSN project, child-related issues, child rights, child laws, and the role of the police in protecting children in difficult circumstances. He said that child labour was largely prevalent and that BOSCO needed the support of police personnel in identifying and rescuing the child labourers and giving them their rightful due. Thirty-two Police Officials attended the training.

Anniversary Celebration at BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized the 38th-anniversary celebration at the centre on September 8, 2022. There was a short presentation on the journey of BOSCO Yuvakendra. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, highlighted the growth of the centre over the years and its major achievements. Centre youths performed cultural programmes based on the theme of the National YaR Campaign- “Choose life. Not Drugs”. Mr. Jignesh, Sub-Inspector, KP Agrahara Police Station, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, Fr. Jose Joseph, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya were present. Thirty youths of the



centre, twenty-five Past Pupils, and staff of the centre participated in the programme.

Medical Camps Organized



BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a general health check-up and dental check-up for the girls of the centre in collaboration with the Health Care Department, BOSCO Bengaluru on September 3, 2022. Dr. Rakshita and the team from St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru conducted the general health check-up. They advised the children to consume a lot of water and follow a healthy, balanced diet. Some of the children were recommended calcium tablets while some children required psychological counselling. Forty-six girls attended the camp.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in collaboration with the BOSCO Health Care Department arranged a health camp for the inmates of the centre on September 17, 2022. Doctors from St. Martha's Hospital along with their team conducted the camp. They did regular checkups of the height, weight, physical health, BP, and eyes. A few girls were referred to ENT specialists and gynecologists for further checkups and treatment. All the girls were prescribed Vitamin A tablets.

Health Awareness



A Health Awareness session was organized for the children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan by the BOSCO Health Care Department at the centre on September 17, 2022. Ms. Uma and the team, at St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru gave information on Tuberculosis, its diagnosis, and treatment through power point presentation. The team also explained the screening methods and the preventive measures. Fifty children were part of the awareness session.

Health Awareness Programme was organized for the people at Ambedkar Huts by BOSCO Nivas in coordination with the BOSCO Health Care Department on September 29, 2022. Ms. Uma Rai, St. Maratha's Hospital, along with a team of four volunteers conducted a session on Health and Hygiene. She spoke about healthy food habits to be followed in our daily routine, maintaining personal hygiene including hair care, skincare, cutting nails, keeping the surroundings clean, the importance of walking, daily intake of water, etc. Around seventy people from the community attended the session.

School Awareness Programmes



BOSCO CHILDLINE team conducted an Awareness program at Sujatha High School, Ullal Upanagar, and LSBV School, Ullal Upanagar on September 13, 2022. Mr. Mahiboob, Team Member, facilitated a session on CHILDLINE, Child Rights, and various Acts. He explained UNCRC and the four rights- Right to Survival, Right to Development, Right to Protection, and Right to Participation, rescue intervention and the procedures of CWC and

JJB. He also explained to them about protecting and promoting their rights. After the session, CHILDLINE and child rights pamphlets were distributed to the students. A total of 233 Students and 15 teachers participated in the awareness program.

The CHILDLINE team conducted an Awareness program at Govt. High school, Ullal Upanagar and Kuvempu Shatamanotsava Govt Model Primary School, Ullal Upanagar on September 14, 2022. Mr. Vinod Sandeep, a team member facilitated a session on CHILDLINE, Child Rights, and various Acts related to children. He gave the pupils an explanation of rescue intervention as well as the CWC and JJB process. He said that every child has both obligations and rights. Child rights and CHILDLINE handouts were given to the students after the session. A total of 244 Students and 6 teachers participated in the awareness program.

Dental Camps



Dental Camps were organized by the Health Care Department, BOSCO Bengaluru for the children of BOSCO Rainbow Home, youths of Yuvakendra and Sumanahalli at BOSCO Yuvodaya on September 3 and 17, 2022. A team comprising of Dr. Akshay, Dr. Moorthy, Dr. Abhishek, and Dr. Siju from R & R Foundation conducted the camp.

They checked for dental caries, cavities, and dental extraction. They gave tips on maintaining oral hygiene. Some children and youths were referred for further treatment – restoration, scaling, RCT, filling, and orthodontic treatment.

The team of doctors gave awareness about the correct way of brushing teeth, maintaining oral hygiene and dental hygiene, and the importance of maintaining healthy teeth and gums. Over ninety children and youth availed the benefits of the camp.

Training on Road Safety



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized a training for the youth of the center on Road Safety to help them understand the various rules and signs related to road safety, on September 9, 2022. Ms. Sandhya, Need Base India introduced the topic “Two Wheels and One Person” to the trainees. Ms. Salima, Road Safety Trainer, Need Base India, explained the concept using the Power-Point presentation.

The topics covered were safe-rider, how to be safe as pedestrians as well as two-wheeler riders, important road signs, the importance of wearing helmets, etc. All the participants were awarded a Certificate of Participation, notebooks, pens, and smileys. Ms. Saleena, Coordinator, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre welcomed the gathering and Master Harish proposed the vote of thanks. Nineteen Trainees attended the training.

Monitoring Visit to Don Bosco, Ramanagara

BOSCO Foster Care team comprising of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Mr. Shivamallu, the State Coordinator, Foster Care Programme, and Ms. Nandini, Documentation Coordinator visited Don Bosco, Ramanagara to verify the documents related to the foster care programme maintained by the centre.

Firstly, the team had a meeting with Narayana Swamy, Deputy Director (DD), Mrs. Nagaveni, DCPO, Mrs. Suchitra, PO – IC, Ms. Savitha, Counselor and Mr. Lakshman, PO –NIC (DCPU Staff). Shivamallu shared in detail about the awareness/training programs conducted in the district after getting permission from the concerned departments; explained the Amendment Rules, and Foster Care SOP; briefed about Foster Care Programme implemented in the ten Districts and placement of children in 10 Districts with the help of DCPO and CWC Members. There was a discussion regarding the parents' applications received in the office. District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) said that they would seek the assistance of Don Bosco staff to do SIR. DCPO shared about the children that are transferred to SOS Village. The Deputy Director ap-



preciated the services of Don Bosco and DCPO and Unit Staff.

The State Team had a meeting with Fr. Saji, Director, Don Bosco, Ramanagara, and Social Mobilizer. It verified all the documents maintained at the centre. The team was happy to note that Don Bosco and Ramanagara had reached the targets. The team observed that there is a good rapport between the DB centre with the Government officials.

Parents Meetings



BOSCO Nilaya organized a meeting of the parents at GKEMPS, KP Agrahara Dasarahalli on September 3, 2022. Mr. Joseph Raj, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, and Bhagyalakshmi, Social Mobilizer,

BOSCO Nilaya gave information on the activities of BOSCO, the importance of education, and tuition classes being held for the children. They spoke about the existing Government schemes for their wards and the procedures for availing the benefits of these schemes. Thirty-two parents attended the meeting.

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a parents' meeting at the centre to sensitize them to bring changes and to provide a good future for their children, on September 27, 2022. Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra spoke about the performance of the youths, the activities of the centre and the support required by the children from their parents. Geethamala, Counsellor, BOSCO Yuvakendra spoke about the behavioural changes seen in the boys. Parents were allowed to interact with their children. Parents were happy to see the progress of their wards and expressed that Yuvakendra was like a second home for them. Eight parents participated in the meeting.

Training for Child Rights Club Members



CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru organized the third module of training for the members of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) at ten schools in Bengaluru Urban during the first week of September 2022. The staff briefed about BOSCO, CREAM, and CHILDLINE. Children gained knowledge about UNCRC, child rights, child-related laws, and children in difficult situations. They were encouraged to create a 'Green World'. Children expressed that this training helped them to become better individuals and empower them to fight for their rights. Around a thousand children from various schools of Bengaluru Urban attended the training.

Meeting with District Child Protection Officer



BOSCO Foster Care Programme attended the meeting organized by District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) at Yelahanka on September 2, 2022. Mr. Thimmaiah, DCPO welcomed the gathering and introduced the BOSCO Staff. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme explained in detail the foster care concept, eligibility criteria for children and parents, the role of DCPO and CWC, duration of foster care, etc. Mr. Anna Rao, PO-NIC, NGO Staff, and DCPU staff attended the meeting.

Public Awareness at Chikkapet



BOSCO Nilaya conducted awareness for the public at Chikkapet on September 17, 2022. The team gave information about BOSCO, its activities, the services offered at BOSCO Nilaya, the tuition centres, karate classes, skill training, and CHILDLINE. Two hundred people were given awareness. Ten children, who were contacted during the public awareness, were motivated to join karate, tuition, and vocational skill training classes. Follow-up of the same is being done.

Health Centre Awareness Programme



The CHILDLINE team conducted an Awareness program at Govt Primary Health Centre Ullal Upanagar on September 15, 2022. The team explained rescue intervention and also the procedures of CWC and JJB. He expressed that every child has rights as well as duties. After the session, CHILDLINE and child rights pamphlets were distributed to the Hospital staff and the Public. Over 33 public and 10 staff benefitted.

Orientation Program



An orientation program was conducted for the students of Kristu Jayanthi College, Bengaluru at BOSCO Yuvodaya on September 20, 2022. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, took a session for the volunteers. He explained to them the history of BOSCO, its vision, and mission, programs, projects, activities, etc. Mr. Bhaskaran, Director, SOS Children's Village briefed about the history of SOS and the programmes implemented by the organization.

Students enquired about challenges faced, funding, and resource mobilization. College faculties wanted to know about the internship opportunities in the organization. Students interacted with children of the open shelter. Forty MSW students and two faculties and two staff of SOS organization participated in the program.

Youth Meeting



BOSCO Nivas organized a youth meeting at Moulanazad Model English School, Shivaji Nagar to create awareness about drug abuse among the boys on September 16, 2022. The Nivas team explained in detail the effects of using drugs on their families, friends, education, their self-esteem, and the economic status of their families. Tips were given to help the children to stay focused on positive goals which prevent them from getting into any addiction. Children pledged to Say No to Drugs. Thirty-six children attended the meeting.

Awareness for Caring Community



The Outreach Team working in the BMTC Bus Stand organized an Awareness Programme for the Caring Community Group (CCG) comprising of BMTC Sweepers at the BMTC Parking area on September 23, 2022. Mr. Kiran, Team Member spoke about the children in distress, child rights, and the role of BOSCO in protecting the rights of the children. Information was given on the BOSCO assistance center in the BMTC and KSRTC bus stands and its services.

Mr. Narsimha, Supervisor, BMTC asked the CCG members to be attentive towards the needy children and refer them to BOSCO for further support and rehabilitation. Twenty-five BMTC Sweepers were given awareness.

Art Therapy



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized an art therapy session for the trainees of the centre on September 25, 2022. Fr. Joshy Puthur, SDB, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli introduced the trainees to spiral drawing. The method of drawing was explained to the trainees. Beautiful and creative drawings were brought out by the trainees. They felt relaxed and refreshed. Twenty-one youths participated in the session.

Group Foster Care Parents' Meeting



Group Foster Care Parents' meeting was organized by the BOSCO Foster Care team at BOSCO Mane, on September 17, 2022. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, briefed about the behaviour of children placed in Group Foster Care units. The parents of Group Foster Care shared that the children are doing well in school, are close to their foster mother and share daily

activities with her. However, one child had some health problems and needed to visit the hospital frequently. They shared that the children have adjusted well to the atmosphere. Children are good at studies and sports.

Fr. Pallipuram, Executive Director exhorted parents to spend quality time with their children and pay attention to their behaviour. There were discussions on identifying sponsors for the foster care programme. A one-day outing was planned for the Group Foster Care unit-2. Fr. Jose Joseph, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru and Nandini, Documentation Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme were present at the meeting.

Open House Programme



CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru organized an open house programme at PVP College and School, Mal-lathahalli Bengaluru, on September 24, 2022. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE Bengaluru spoke about the objectives, role and responsibility of CHILDLINE. He spoke about the POCSO Act. He also briefed about the purpose of the open house programme. He suggested children directly interact with CHILDLINE staff and Police officials regarding any of their issues. He suggested children not to misuse the CHILDLINE. Mr. Shridhar Sub Inspector, Jnana Bharathi Police Station interacted with the children. He explained the ill effects of taking alcohol and drugs. He gave examples of a few cases and explained to the students about using social media wisely. Over 140 school children, 280 college students and school teachers/lecturers were present for the Programme.

Felicitation for Caring Community



The Outreach Team working in BMTC and KSRTC Bus Stands organized a programme to felicitate the Caring Community Group (CCG) members for their services and support to BOSCO towards the rescue and rehabilitation of the children in difficult situations, at BOSCO Yuvodaya on September 29, 2022. An introduction about BOSCO was given to the CCG members. Their timely referrals of the needy children in the bus stands was appreciated. They were requested to continue with the same support in the future too. Mr. Manjunatha, TCI, KSRTC, Mr. Narayanaswamy, DSI, KSRTC, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. Johnson, Director, Yuvodaya were present during the felicitation programme. Sixteen CCG Members were honored for their services towards the needy children.

Awareness in Moving Trains



Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted awareness in moving trains taking off from BNC Railway Station to KSR Railway Station and Yelahanka to BNC Railway Station on September 23, 2022.

The passengers on the train were given information about child rights, child-related laws and acts, child helpline number-1098, children's issues, and BOSCO's support for the young at risk. Around two hundred pamphlets were distributed to the passengers on the trains.

Police Sensitization



BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) project conducted a sensitization programme for the police officials of the ACP South zone on September 17, 2022. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project spoke about SJPU, Child Rights, and Child Protection. He also spoke about children in conflict with law (CCL) and children in need of care and protection (CNCP), Juvenile Justice Act 2015, model and role-2016, and procedures for CCL. New JJ Act rules, checklist of formats and details of new CWC and JJB. Mr. Pavan N (KSPS) Asst. Commissioner of Police (South Zone) and forty Inspectors, South zone, CWOs, and WPCs were part of the sensitization.

Foster Care Awareness



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru organized awareness sessions for Asha Workers, Anganwadi workers, religious leaders, school teachers, SHG members, and Anganwadi teachers in Bengaluru Urban and Rural during September 2022. Information about BOSCO and its services, CHILDLINE toll-free number (1098), Child rights, Foster Care Programme, procedures involved in the foster care implementation, coordination with CWC, and support of the stakeholders in implementing the foster care programme at the district levels. Seventy-five participants attended the awareness sessions.

Exposure Visit to Amma's Pastries



Bakery Unit of BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli organized an exposure visit for the trainees of the unit to Amma's Pastries, Kothanur, Bengaluru on September 22, 2022. Mr. Ravi, Manager, Amma's Pastries welcomed the group and introduced the unit to the trainees. The HR Manager of the unit explained the daily activities, especially that of cake and donut making. He also introduced the machines being used for making cakes and other bakery products. Five trainees along with Antony Dass, Instructor, Bakery Unit, and Pramila, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Sumanahalli visited the bakery.

On the Wings of a Dream

Nine-year-old Manju (name changed) dreams of becoming a football player when he grows up and works very hard every day to get to his dream. Today his world is filled with books, sports, fun, and a lot of possibilities. But 3 years back, his life was nothing like this; there was no school, no football, no dream, only the deafening silence of many empty days.

Manju lived on J.C Road area of Bengaluru with his mother, his elder sister Kavya and his younger brother Lala. Three years ago, their father walked out of their lives, leaving their mother to carry the weight of an entire household on her own. Manju knows that his father lives somewhere in Hosur, but that is where his relationship with his father ends. His mother works as a domestic help, from early morning to late night, just to survive and make enough to feed her children every day. But while she toiled to make a living, her children paid the price of her absence. Barely old enough to take care of themselves, the children were forced to face each new day without the support and guidance of a grown-up in their lives. So, most days were spent on the street, on their own, and often at the mercy of other people. Sometimes Manju used to get beaten by his neighbours for no other reason than not having anyone to stand up for him.

It was during one such day, while wandering along the streets that he was spotted by BOSCO field staff. On further enquiry it was found that though Manju was already 6, he had never been enrolled in school. On asking his mother about this, she said that in the early morning rush to get to work, she did not have time to get the children ready for school. The staff visited Manju's house and did a home enquiry and got a clearer understanding of the family's real situation. They understood that Manju's father did not take care of the family in any way, the mother and children did not have a house to call their own, and what the mother earned after working all day was not nearly enough to meet all their different needs. Clearly in need of help, Manju was brought to BOSCO Mane for shelter and education. His mother was also happy with this decision, and Manju became a part of BOSCO in 2019.

On the 1st of June, 2019, Manju was enrolled for the bridge course offered at the centre, and from there began a new phase of his life. The initial days at the centre



were very difficult for the little child. Adjusting to the new environment, routine, and people, was a challenge, but with regular counseling and attention, Manju slowly started overcoming his initial hesitancy and began taking an active interest in the various activities and events organized at the centre. Seeing his remarkable progress in studies as well as in all other areas, he was enrolled in the St. Joseph's Higher Primary School in Cottonpet, in the 1st standard. Manju immensely enjoyed his new role of student and regularly attended classes without fail, till everything came to a standstill with the pandemic and the lockdown.

During the first wave of the coronavirus, Manju came down with fever and his mother requested permission to take him home for a few days. So, he went home with his mother but continued to be given regular counseling over the phone and through home visits for the entire duration of his stay there. His family was also helped with ration kits to get through the difficult time of the lockdown. After some time, Manju returned to the centre and when the world slowly started getting back to normal, he once again began going to school, regularly and diligently like before.

Manju is now in the 4th standard and has grown into a good student, a talented dancer, and a competent sportsperson with a passion for football. He makes the most of every opportunity presented to him and enthusiastically participates in all the activities organized at the centre. He actively participated in the Don Bosco month celebrations held recently and won several prizes at the Sports Day organized during the occasion. Manju says that he is very happy in BOSCO as he continues to uncover new possibilities in the space that daily teaches him to challenge the impossible and believe in the improbable.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



September- 2022



--	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	301	47	348
Service provided	57	14	71
Grand Total	358	61	419

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	142	19	00	00	161
Bus stand BMTC	26	01	00	00	27
Bus stand KSRTC	16	05	00	00	21
BOSCO Yuvodaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO MANE	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nilaya	02	01	00	00	03
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	03	00	00	03
CHILDLINE	03	06	00	00	09
CSN	15	00	00	00	15
SJPU	19	09	00	00	28
ARSP	74	03	01	00	78
TOTAL	300	47	01	00	348

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	52	32	84
Home Placement	221	12	233
Produced before CWC (Admission)	15	03	18
Referred to OH	13	00	13
TOTAL	301	47	348

Classification Report:

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	21	19	40
Unaccompanied	280	28	308
TOTAL	301	47	348