



E-Street Voice

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Editorial Note

A Matter of Attitudes

“Child labour and poverty are inevitably bound together and if you continue to use the labor of children as the treatment for the social disease of poverty, you will have both poverty and child labour to the end of time,” said American social reformer and child advocate Grace Abbott.

Once, a young couple working in one of the reputed companies in Bengaluru walked into the office of CHILDLINE and asked what were the rules to be kept in mind to appoint a seventeen-year-old girl as their housemaid. Disturbed by the question, I asked them why they wanted to employ a child. The person said that he did not want a manipulating adult to look after his four-year-old baby. He added that employing a child would be cost-effective and hassle-free.

In another instance, the rescue team, on reaching the house of a wealthy person who had employed a twelve-year-old girl, had to face stiff resistance and aggression. The person justified his actions and claimed that he was an RTI activist who had connections with influential people and officials in the various departments.

The theme for the World Day Against Child Labour, June 12, 2023, was, ‘Social Justice for All. End Child Labour.’ Policy-level interventions, concerted efforts, and an attitudinal shift are essential for the realization of this dream. Let us join hands to free their hands and give them a childhood!

Fr. Prasad SDB



Social Justice for All: End Child Labour



BOSCO Bengaluru observed the World Day against Child Labour on the theme, ‘Social Justice for All: End Child Labour,’ in its areas of intervention on June 12, 2023. Several rallies, street plays, awareness programmes drawing competitions, signature cam-

paigns, etc. were held in the bus stands, railway stations, markets, schools, communities and BOSCO centres to raise awareness of the significant problem of child labour. Several hundreds of children, stakeholders, community people and the public were reached out to during the event.

A rally was organized by BOSCO Sumanahalli in Devaraja Urs area and Buddha Park with the message to join hands towards the eradication of child labour. Trainees carried placards and aired slogans to educate the children and stop child labour. Twenty trainees participated in the rally. While addressing the rally at KSR Railway Station and BMTC Bus Stand Mr. Manjunath, Programme Director, Department of Child Labour, Bengaluru briefed about the value of

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CREAM Sadhana Samagama

BOSCO CREAM Project organized the concluding programme – ‘Sadhana Samagama’ in BOSCO Yuvo-daya on June 30, 2023 to highlight the major achievements and milestones of the project from the time of its inception in 2012 to its completion in 2023. The meeting was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the dignitaries. The journey of CREAM over the years was shown through a video.

Delivering the keynote address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru said that the programme might have come to an end but the activities of BOSCO continue to ensure that there are no drop outs, child rights are not violated, children are protected and safe by liaising with KSCPCR, DCPU, CWC, Education Department, Labour Department, Police Department, etc. We should also look into making Bengaluru a child-friendly city and police stations into child-friendly police stations. He thanked BREADS for the financial assistance, all the stakeholders for their cooperation and support in making this project a success.

Speaking on the occasion the chief guest, Ms. Manju S, Member, KSCPCR compared BOSCO to a banyan tree. She suggested BOSCO taking up a programme addressing the health, mobile addiction and education of the children since these parameters are greatly affected due to the COVID Pandemic. Fr. George PS, Executive Director, BREADS, addressing the gathering, said that the CREAM project was successful in empowering children to become whistle blowers/watch dogs of their communities, areas or villages. He



whole heartedly thanked the BOSCO CREAM team for its exemplary work.

The Handbook/Manual of CREAM – ‘Kannada Mannalli Belagide CREAM Deepa’ was released on the occasion by all the dignitaries. All the dignitaries on the stage were felicitated and given a memento as a token of gratitude and remembrance.

Mr. Anna Rao, PO (IC), Bengaluru South, Mr. Hemanth, Member, CWC and Ms. Nalini, Senior Labour Inspector, Labour Department, Bengaluru spoke on the occasion. Some of the School HMs, Lawyer and other stakeholders gave their feedback of CREAM Project and its activities. Participants included officials of the departments, School HMs and teachers, CRC Presidents, Secretaries and members, various other stakeholders and BOSCO Directors and staff. Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project welcomed the gathering and Mr. Devaraju, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project proposed the vote of thanks.

Anniversary Celebrations of BOSCO



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bha-

van, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Rainbow Home, organized programs to commemorate the 43rd anniversary of BOSCO on June 15, 2023. Speaking on the occasion the centre directors remembered the pioneers of the organization. The journey of BOSCO was explained in detail. There was a cake cutting on the occasion and chocolates were distributed to all the children, youth, and staff of the centers. Bags, books, pens, and pencils were distributed to the children in Sumanahalli centre. All the children, youth, and staff were present during the celebrations.

Annual Evaluation at BOSCO

The Annual Evaluation of BOSCO Bengaluru was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on June 13 and 14, 2023. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. George PS, Executive Director, BREADS, Bengaluru quoted, 'Childhood offered to a child is not a charity, but it is his/her right.' He highlighted the role of social workers in the care and protection of children and young at risk. He exhorted the staff to be passionate about their profession and continue working for the young at risk with the spirit of Don Bosco.

In his introductory words, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, thanked the staff for the success of BOSCO. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the programmes and activities of BOSCO during the past year and accordingly plan for the upcoming year and thus requested everyone to participate and contribute actively. He enumerated the achievements of BOSCO from June 2022-May 2023.

The new Directors – Fr. Dominique Sequeira, Fr. John Peter, and Fr. Joseph Dandavathi were welcomed to



the BOSCO family. The activities of twenty-seven departments were evaluated on the basis of the reports presented. Major events, campaigns, and activities to be organized during the year were planned. There was a discussion regarding the way forward. Second Edition of the book- '40 Diamonds', the Poster - BOSCO at a Glance of June 2022 to May 2023, a video on the BOSCO Foster Care Programme, and the monthly newsletter – E Street Voice of May 2023 edition were released during the meeting. The birthdays of some of the staff were celebrated on the occasion. All the managing directors of BOSCO, coordinators, and staff were present for the programme.

Grow Trees, Save Earth



BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Nivas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home, and BOSCO CREAM Project celebrated World Environment Day at their centres and areas on June 5, 2023. The concerned Directors inaugurated the programme at the respective centers and spoke

about the importance of the day and highlighted the crucial role we play in protecting the earth. The children and the youth were told, "*Kadu Belasi Nadu Uli-si*" (Grow trees and save the Earth). They were exhorted to be more nature friendly and sensitive.

Children staged programmes showcasing the importance of the day. Drawing competitions were held. Posters and slogans were displayed and saplings were planted to help children realize the importance of protecting mother earth. Through short videos and stories, children and youth were told that necessary steps were taken towards preserving nature and greenery. Children pledged to take care of nature in their daily life. Mr. Gangappa, DIET Officer, Mrs. Prema Latha, BRC, Mr. Manjunath ASI, City Market Police Station and Ms. Manjula, HM, Ganesh School were present. Centre and school children along with the staff and volunteers participated in the programme in the different centres and areas.

International Yoga Day

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Rainbow Home, Yuvodaya, and Sumanahalli organized International Yoga Day for the children and youth at their respective centres on June 21, 2023. The coordinators explained to them the importance, benefits, and advantages of practicing yoga on a daily basis. The youth were told that yoga could be considered a disciplined method for attaining a goal, and a method for mastering the body and the mind through meditation. It is the path to gaining mental and physical fitness. They were taught a few asanas, simple yet effective. Ms. Yamuna and Mohan, PES College explained the concept of Yoga, its advantages, the inception of Yoga, and different practices of Yoga Asanas with pictures to the youths of Life Skill Training Centre. Abel, Student Volunteer, St. Joseph's University, explained the con-



cept through a PowerPoint Presentation. After the awareness session, a practical session of Yoga was done for the trainees headed by Fr. Charles, St. Joseph's High School, and Mohan. The centre directors and staff were present during the event. Children and youth of the centres and open shelters attended the session.

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education, the child labour act and JJ Act. Yuvakendra boys performed street plays. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about the importance of children's education and the importance of observing the World Day Against Child Labour. A rally was taken on the platforms of the railway station and bus stand. Three hundred pamphlets were distributed. Public, passengers and commuters

came forward and signed the banner to support the cause.

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Nilaya, Nivas, ARSP, CSN, Gandhinagar Project, and SJPU teams were part of the rallies in the Railway Stations, K. R. Market Bus Stand, Avenue Road, Fruits Market, BVK Iyengar Road, Shivaji Nagar, Gandhinagar and schools and creating awareness about the problem to the public, passengers, motorists, shopkeepers, street vendors, community people and the like. More than three thousand people were reached out to through the event.

Awareness sessions and competitions like drawing, painting, etc. were also organized for the children at BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan and Yuvodaya. Directors of the centres spoke about the importance of the day. All the children were a part of the event.

Mr. Ganesh and Mr. Dhananjay, Police Constables, City Market, Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Joseph, Director, Bus Stand Area, Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. John Peter, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru and Ms. Geethamala, CWC Member were present.

Shaale Kade Nanna Nade



BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, CREAM, CSN, Bus Stand, and Gandhinagar Projects organized the Shaale Kade Nanna Nade campaign in their areas of intervention from June 5 to 10, 2023. The week-long campaign included awareness rallies, door-to-door awareness, and street plays by children. Children and teachers of Ganesh School, St. Josephs College, GHS Aralepet,

Ambedkar Nagar School, GHPS Mavalli, Vinayaka Govt School, and GHPS Gandhinagar were involved in the awareness campaign. Fr Joseph Dandavathi, Director, Gandhinagar Area exhorted the children to lead a good life. Fr Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvo-daya taught the children some action songs highlighting the importance of education, and Mr Manjunath, Upparpet Police Personnel informed the children to call up the toll-free number-112 whenever they face problems.

Rallies were taken out in B.V.K Iyengar Road, City Market, Avenue Road, Chickpet, Anandapuram, Sondekoppa, Vyayam Shaale, Cement Huts, Ramanna Garden, Vinobha Nagara, Giripuram, Gandhinagar and Annamma Colony of Bengaluru. Mr. Gangappa, DIET Officer, Mrs. Prema Latha, BRC, Mr. Manjunath ASI, City Market Police Station, Ms. Manjula, Ms. Naga Latha and Ms. Mala, HMs, Mr. Vasu, High school Teacher and Fr. Anand SDB, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, and Nivas were present in the campaign. More than one thousand people who were reached out to during the campaign pledged their support in enrolling and re-enrolling the children in their communities into schools.

International Day Against Drug Abuse

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) organized a programme on 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking,' to create awareness about drug abuse, illegal trafficking, child rights, child protection, and prevention of child labour for the children of Rasana English High School, Manjunath Nagar, Bengaluru on June 26, 2023. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU Project explained the harmful effects of drug abuse, signs of drug abuse, the role of parents and teachers, and how they have to be vigilant towards the behaviour of the children. He said, 'One cannot rewind life. So, say no to drugs.' He also briefed the gathering about BOSCO and SJPU Project.



Ms. Pallavi, Police Sub Inspector, Rajajinagar and Ms. Bhama KS, School HM were present on the occasion. Around a hundred and sixty children attended the awareness programme.

Training for District Partners

Foster Care, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized training for the Project Partners, NGOs' Staff, and Social Mobilizers at Don Bosco, Provincial House, Bengaluru, on June 29, 2023. The programme started with the prayer dance by BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan children followed by the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, expressed gratitude for the team's successful implementation of the project for three years. He thanked the funding agency - BREADS for the financial support. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Vikas shared about the Foster Care documentary, which was released by Fr. Jose Koyickal, Provincial, Bangalore Province, and thanked everyone who worked towards the project. Fr. P S George, Executive Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, stated that it is important to advocate with the government to release funds for the Foster Care Programme. He was happy that the foster care programme has been expanded to ten more districts. Sony Kutty, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, addressing the gathering, shared regarding the sponsorship program in one of the districts of Telangana State. He asked the social mobilizers to identify challenges, hold advocacy meetings, and sensitize government officials to place children in families, constantly



meet with government officials, and build good relationships.

Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, presented the three-year data. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram presented an action plan and budget plan for the implementation of the Foster care project in the 3rd Phase. Social Mobilizers and Directors shared their experience of the programme. There was a discussion on taking the programme forward in twenty districts of Karnataka.

Mr. Shivamallu welcomed the participants, and Ms. Nandini, Advocacy and Documentation Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Benny, Project Manager, BREADS was present in the meeting. Around thirty staff from ten districts of Karnataka participated in the meeting.

Magic Show Organized



AXA XL, Bengaluru, at BOSCO Mane on June 7, 2023. AXA XL team arranged a magic show along with conducting several other activities like arts and crafts, games, sports, etc. for the children. As part of their CSR activities, the company also supported the children with educational materials and sponsored lunch.

Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Vikas briefed the AXA XL team about BOSCO, its activities, and services for the young at risk. Mr. Bashir, CSR Head, AXA XL along with a team of thirty members and volunteers was present in the programme. Around seventy-five children and youths of BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli, and Vatsalya Bhavan was part of the recreation programme.

A half-day recreation programme was organized for the children of BOSCO by Nirmala, Resource Mobilizer, BOSCO Bengaluru in association with

Consultation Meeting with Parents



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a consultation with parents of children in conflict with the law of the South Division at BOSCO Mane, Bangalore on June 25, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru explained the roles and responsibilities of the

social workers in the project. He said that police stations should be made child friendly. Mrs. Nagarathna, Member, JJ Board, Bengaluru exhorted the parents to support their children by taking corrective measures instead of complaining about the children's mistakes.

Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bengaluru explained in detail about child protection, child rights, POSCO Act, child marriage, and child trafficking. He briefed about BOSCO and its activities with a special mention of BOSCO Skill training courses. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane briefed the gathering on the roles and responsibilities of the parents and asked them to be observant about their children's behaviour and activities. Fr. S John Peter, Director, BOSCO SJPU Project was present during the meeting. Fourteen parents with their children attended the meeting.

Awareness Programmes for Parents



BOSCO Yuvodaya and Railway CHILDLINE organized awareness programmes for the parents who visited the open shelter during the CWC sitting in June 2023. Vijayamma, Team Member, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE Programme explained to the parents about various issues related to children including child labour, child trafficking, child marriages, missing children, children into begging, etc. She also made them aware of child rights, child-related acts, and laws.

Vinnarasi, Team Member, BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke about the role of CWC, DCPU, DWCD, CCIs, and Government homes in the care and protection of children at risk. She also briefed the gathering about the various Life Skill Training courses at BOSCO. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya was present. Hundred and fifty parents attended the sessions.

CSN Awareness Programmes



Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted awareness programmes for Pourakarmikas at Marenahalli and Gandhinagar, Police Officials at Vijayanagar, Homes Guards at Freedom Park and Basaveshwarnagar Police Station, and School Children of GHPS Pillahalli, Veerabhadranagar, and Nagarbhavi in June 2023. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, CSN Project, sensitized the children and the various stakeholders on the issues concerning child labour, child trafficking, child marriage, children found begging, and child abuse. He also made them aware of child-related laws and acts, child protection mechanisms, the CHILDLINE programme, and the child helpline. Sixty-seven Pourakarmikas, thirty-six Police Officials, seventy-four Home Guards, and around four hundred school children got the information through the awareness sessions.

Outing to Murgesh Palya



The college students of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were taken for an outing to Shiva Temple and Jawarharlal Nehru Planetarium on June 23, 2023. The students travelled to Murgesh Palya in HAL Bengaluru to visit the temple of Shiva and spent time admiring the exquisite craftsmanship of the statue and the spiritual atmosphere there. The students were also taken to the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium where they watched a presentation on the solar system and afterward took a tour of the planetarium to learn more about it. They also spent some time at the science park. Fourteen college-going girls along with two staff were part of the outing.

Screening of Educational Movie



BOSCO Sumanahalli organized the screening of an educational movie – ‘Park Road, 100 Rupees’ to the trainees, the tuition centre children, and girls from Anugraha Hostel at the centre on June 16, 2023. The film revolves around the lives of four orphan children who need education and their struggles. After the film was screened, Mr. Sunil, Director, and Producer interacted with the children and the youth and took their feedback. Fr. Joshy, Centre Director thanked Mr. Sunil for the inspirational movie and wished him all success in his journey ahead. Twenty-one youths, thirty-four children attending tuition classes, and thirty-eight girls from Anugraha Hostel attended the screening of the movie.

Say No to Smoking, Say No to Cancer



A cancer awareness and screening camp was organized by BOSCO Health Care Department and BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre at Sumanahalli Society for the people at Devaraja Urs community, trainees of the centre, inmates of Sumanahalli Society, and staff on June 25, 2023. The camp was conducted by doctors from the Indian Cancer Institute. Dr. Guru Suhas, Chief Operations Manager, Indian Cancer Institute spoke about smoking, tobacco, and its variants and how it can affect the health of a person. Sixty-six community people, trainees, and inmates of the Sumanahalli Society availed of the services of the camp.

Stake Holders Awareness Programme



An awareness programme was conducted for taxi drivers by the BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE team at Kranti Veera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru on June 23, 2023. The main aim of the awareness programme was to sensitize the stakeholders towards runaway children and missing children. The topics were BOSCO and its activities, CHILDLINE, Railway CHILDLINE, missing children, 1098, runaway children, child rights child protection mechanisms, child welfare committee, and the role of stakeholders in rescuing children. JJ Act and the CWC process and vocational training for youth were also discussed during the session. Fifteen taxi drivers were part of the awareness programme.

Foster Care Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Foster Care organized awareness programmes for Revenue Officers, Hebbagodi, Anganwadi Teachers, Anekal and JJR Nagar, PRI Members, Gram Panchayat, Bannerghatta, Bhagyadenahalli, Konappana Agrahara and Chandapura, Anekal, Ward Members, JJR Nagar, Religious Leaders, Mahakaali Temple, Lingarajpuram, Bengaluru and School Teachers, VV Puram College, Bengaluru during June 2023. Mr. Obalesh K, Social Mobilizer introduced the concept of foster care and adoption to the stakeholders. Nine Revenue Officers, seventy-four PRI members, forty-four Anganwadi Teachers thirteen Ward Members, six Religious Leaders, and ten School Teachers attended the programmes.

Awareness for KSRTC Staff



The BOSCO Bus Stand team organized a programme for the Bus Drivers and Conductors in KSRTC Terminals 1, 2, and 3 to create awareness about run-away children, child labour, and child helpline number 1098, on June 19, 2023. The team briefed about BOSCO and its activities, child rights, acts and laws related to children, and child protection mechanisms. The team distributed pamphlets to the group. The group responded well and appreciated BOSCO for its yeoman services. They also ensured their support to the BOSCO team in the rescue and rehabilitation of the children at risk. Fifty-three drivers and conductors attended the session.

Health Awareness



BOSCO Health Department in coordination with BOSCO Yuvodaya organized a session on personal hygiene for the children at the open shelter on June 17, 2023. A team of Social Workers headed by Ms. Uma Rai, St Martha's Hospital conducted the session. Through various activities they explained personal hygiene, maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in the surroundings, having nutritious food, practicing good habits, and leading a healthy lifestyle. Forty-nine children benefitted from the awareness session.

Session on Coping with Emotions



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre organized a life skill session on 'Coping with Emotions,' for the trainees of the centre to equip them with skills to face the challenges of life and to empower them for a successful life ahead on June 27, 2023. Fr. Uday, SDB, Youth Director, Don Bosco began the session with an action song. The session included information, games, and activities. The games and activities communicated the message of how to cope with stress in day-to-day life. He spoke about emotional Intelligence, which is considered in all aspects of life including professional life. He said that one needs to maintain an emotional balance for a successful career. Twenty-one trainees participated in the session.

National Reading Day Observed



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli conducted 'National Reading Day,' for the trainees of the centre to make them aware of the importance of reading in their life, to encourage reading habits in the youth and to honour the Father of India's Library Movement- Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker, on June 19, 2023. Quoting Sir Francis Bacon, Fr. Joshy

Puttur, Centre Director, said, "Reading makes a full man". He welcomed the trainees to a world of books. Ms. Namita, Counsellor, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre spoke about the advantages of reading and the types of libraries that are found in our country. She said that reading is a habit that helps one to gain deeper knowledge. One book is equal to three friends in our life. So, we need to make a book our friend. Mr. Antony Master shared that books are assets as well as friends in our life journey. Ms. Saleena, Coordinator added that a room without a book is like a person without a soul. Youth were given one hour to read the book of their choice. The trainees were encouraged to share their opinions, understanding and advantages of reading. Seventeen trainees, two volunteers and staff participated in the event.

Orientation Programme



Students from Smt. VHD Central Institute of Home Science (Autonomous), Bengaluru visited BOSCO Bengaluru on June 8, 2023, as part of their course requirement. Mr. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed them about the history of BOSCO, its vision and mission, programmes, projects, activities, structure, and systems followed in the organization.

Students expressed their interest in taking up an internship at BOSCO. They were also interested in taking sessions on health and hygiene, especially, for adolescent girls in areas and communities. They appreciated the work of BOSCO and its contribution towards the welfare of children. Twelve students attended the session.

Health Awareness Programme



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized health awareness for the older girls of the centre to create an environment that supports a healthy lifestyle on June 25, 2023. Ms. Harshitha Kataria and Team, Titli Foundation, Bengaluru conducted the session by briefing about health and hygiene, particularly menstrual hygiene, food, fluid, good eating practices, and doing yoga and exercises on a daily basis. Twenty-five girls participated in the programme.

BOSCO Nilaya



BOSCO Nilaya conducted a meeting for the parents of the children attending tuition classes at Rajagopal Garden Tuition Centre on June 22, 2023. Kalai-vani, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Nilaya, briefed the parents about the importance of education, tuition timings, sending the children regularly to the tuition classes, hostel placements, substance abuse and its ill effects, new Government schemes, BOSCO activities and re-enrolment of school dropouts. Ten parents participated in the meeting.



Foster Care

BOSCO Foster Care Programme conducted a parents' meeting at BOSCO Mane on June 24, 2023. In the meeting at Bengaluru, Fr. John Peter, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru facilitated a session with the parents and children on parenting skills. He presented the visible differences between children growing up in a family and those brought up in institutional care through various examples. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed the journey of the Foster Care Programme from its inception in 2012 to date. He said that the programme is operational in ten districts of Karnataka. He proudly said that BOSCO has been able to provide foster families to twenty-nine children in the state. Eighteen parents and children participated in the meeting.



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a meeting for the parents of the children residing in the centre on June 25, 2023. The staff advised parents to prioritize their time for their children. The parents were asked to be in touch with their children regularly so that they do not feel lonely and dejected. They were updated about their ward's growth and performance in a one-on-one discussion. Nineteen parents attended the meeting.



Rainbow Home

A meeting was organized for the parents of the girls of BOSCO Rainbow Home on June 25, 2023. Ms. Jyothi, SVYM member and SCBHS Teacher spoke about the effects of early marriage and made them aware of the child's rights. Ms. Sara, Team Member, BOSCO Rainbow Home, reminded the parents about meeting the children regularly and making phone calls so that the children are happy. Fr. John Peter, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, exhorted the parents to support the staff in molding their children into successful and responsible individuals. Twenty-three parents participated in the meeting.



BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS Monthly Report



June- 2023



-	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	363	45	408
Service provided	51	10	61
Grand Total	414	55	469

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	142	16	01	00	159
Bus Stand BMTC	28	04	01	00	33
Bus Stand KSRTC	27	07	00	00	34
BOSCO Yuvodaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Yuvakendra	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Sumanahalli	06	00	00	00	06
BOSCO Mane	06	00	00	00	06
BOSCO Nivas	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nilaya	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	03	00	00	03
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	03	00	00	03
CHILDLINE	00	01	00	00	01
CSN	21	00	00	00	21
SJPU	23	04	00	00	27
ARSP	100	07	00	00	107
TOTAL	361	45	02	00	408

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	34	20	54
Home Placement	283	15	298
Produced before CWC (Admission)	37	06	43
Referred to OH	05	00	05
Referred to Hostels	04	04	08
TOTAL	363	45	408

22. Classification Report:

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	30	10	40
Unaccompanied	333	35	368
TOTAL	363	45	408