

Progress Report: April - September 2013

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| Implementing Organisation | Mobile Crèches |
| Supported by | Kayhan Foundation |
| Centre | Vatika India Next, Sector – 82, Gurgaon |
| Cause Supported | Improving health, nutrition and education status of construction workers children |
| Target Beneficiaries | Children from vulnerable backgrounds (Construction Site) |



THANK YOU!

Your thoughtful contribution has helped **232 children** get education, nutrition and medical facility required for their overall development

YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE

Bhupendra, 11 year old, discontinued his studies as his family had to migrate to earn money. He got enrolled to MC centre in July'13. Bhupendra was passionate towards playing, reciting poems and other activities. Staff talked to his parents for his admission to school, but they did not encourage this. "*Didi humare pass itne paise nahi hai, hum kaise padhae*" Kesar, the mother said. Staff tried to convince them by explaining progress of Bhupendra, but no result was observed. Efforts of the staff continued for months to motivate parents. They articulated the Government act of free and compulsory primary education. Interactive sessions were also organized with few of school going children for sharing experiences and knowledge gain while going to school. *Didi ab hum kissi bhi tarah se kar ke Karan ko zarur padhaenge*" were then quoted by parents.

Bhupendra was admitted to class 3 of nearby Government school. Kesar ensure that his son doesn't miss even a single day of school!

KNOW YOUR PROJECT

Mobile Crèches is a voluntary organization working on issues of Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) for the last 44 years. Our goal is to ensure the developmental rights of the young child, with special focus on the migrant child on construction sites. Mobile Crèches provides daycare services, trains women to run these facilities and lobbies with the government and builders on the criticality of ECCD services.

Project Objective:

To reach 60 construction workers' children up to age of 12 with a special focus on birth to 3 years at Vatika India Next, Sector-82, Gurgaon, through multiple strategies to improve their situation in terms of physical care, health, learning, safety and better opportunities for development.

Strategy: Provide direct childcare services at large construction sites.

Activity: Run daycare facilities (to suit mothers' work timings - 8 hours a day; 25 days a month) at Vatika India Next, Sector-82, Gurgaon, for 60 children where proven strategies connect the components of health, nutrition, education, and community awareness to the tangibles in the outside world.

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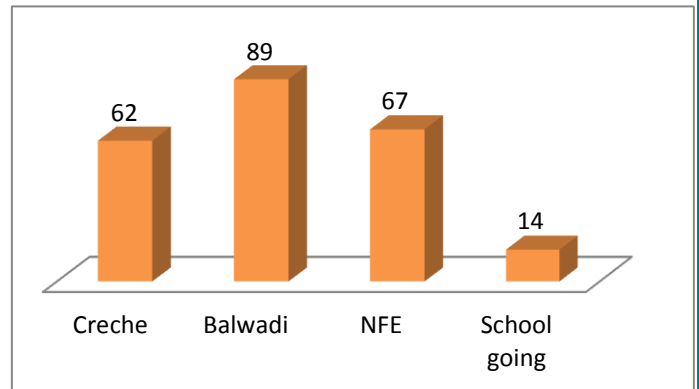
Indicator 1: Total number of children reached*

Achievement: 232 children

Indicator 2:

Average number of children reached*

Achievement: 80 children



Working definitions of Total Reach (Indicator 1) and Average Number of Children Reached (Indicator 2):

Children's coverage and attendance is monitored using 2 indicators – Total Reach and Average Number of Children Reached. Due to prevalence of high mobility amongst construction workers, their children access the center for varying periods of time. Total Reach includes all children who have been enrolled in the daycare center during the reporting period. From Total Reach, Average Number of Children is computed to give the estimated number of children on any given day during the reporting period.

Indicator 3:

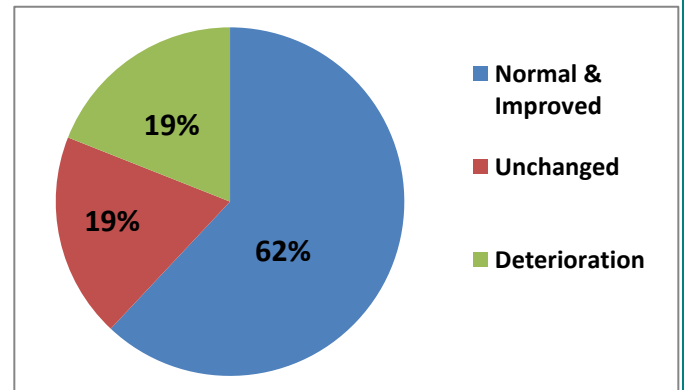
Percentage of children who stay for 6 months will improve their nutrition status**

Achievement:

Growth of all children enrolled in the daycare center is monitored on monthly basis.

This showed that - **0 - 6 years:**

The reason for low improvement % and unchanged status counts for the diseases that grapple children during summer season like diarrhea especially during April-July'13 leading to overall dip in the improvement % over the last six months.



** Due to high mobility of construction workers, it is difficult to monitor on the basis of this indicator which requires the child to have accessed the center regularly for 6 months. Also it should be noted that it is difficult to show any remarkable nutritional impact over two month's period.

Indicator 4:

Percentage of children who stay for minimum 2 months will have been age appropriately immunized

Achievement: Total 172 children were targeted out of which 170 children (99%) were age-appropriately immunized

ACHIEVEMENT AT A GLANCE

Health

The two-fold approach to the health program, translates into the following for every child at all the Day Care Centre:

- All children are regularly weighed on 10th of every month
- 12 doctor's visits took place for general checkup of 132 children and 24 community members
- Children age 9 months+ were given multivitamin and iron drops

Preventive

Supplementary nutrition
Growth monitoring
Immunization
Vitamin A/ Folic acid
Deworming
Mothers health
Personal and Environmental Hygiene
Awareness building

Curative

Health checkup
Special Diet
Mediations/ORS/First Aid
Referrals to Hospitals

- 3 – 12 years age group was given iron syrup twice a week
- 40 children suffering from seasonal diseases were treated by the doctor
- 38 families were linked to PHC
- 86 children were given a dose of Pulse Polio during the reporting period
- 140 deworming doses were given to children

Nutrition

- 500 kilocalories per child per day were given through 3 meals – breakfast (*suji kheer/halwa, soya cereal*), lunch (*khichdi, daliya, dal, soya keema*) and evening snacks (*groundnuts, roasted chana, jaggary and groundnuts, banana*)
- Growth Monitoring Charts for all children were regularly maintained
- Special nutrition was given to 40 malnourished children during last 6 months. Special emphasis has been given to address issue of malnourishment. These efforts are being closely monitored

Education

- Age-appropriate educational activities were undertaken
- Children were encouraged to read books from center's library to enhance their vocabulary
- Learning was supported through project work to supplement what they learn in books
- 11 children were mainstreamed to the near by Govt. school during the reporting period
- **Prakalp/ Theme** of the month were home, pet and wild animals, helpers and me and my family.
- **Baal sabha/children's meetings** were conducted on every Friday, once a week, conducted by older children to facilitate perspective building,



development of communication and leadership qualities. Some of the themes of discussion were – importance of education, making of ORS, protection from heat stroke, environment cleanliness, festival celebration and use of green leafy vegetables.

- 40 children along with 3 community members and 2 Mobile Creches staff were taken for **excursion to Nehru Planetarium and Rail Museum** in the month of August'13. It was planned to bring about change in daily routine of the children and make them experience things which are taught in class.
- **Meena**, an imaginary character created by UNICEF epitomizes the girl child who braves the world and tackles the key issues affecting children, particularly, neglect and discrimination faced by girl children. An annual event is celebrated in the center for a week in September. Children performed various activities like drawing, paper pasting, song and slogan singing, role play etc.
- Independence Day, Ed, Janamashtmi, Rakshabandhan all festivals were celebrated with zest and enthusiasm in the center. Participation in the **festivals** was seen not only from Childrens as well as from community members. All contractors boosted the morale of children by their presence.
- **Summer School Program** was organized for a week across in the month of June'13 with school going and NFE children. 55 children participated in the same. The rationale behind it was to celebrate reunion with our old children during their summer vacation. Different activities were conducted, drawing/painting, art & craft, paper Mache, toys making,



role play, slogan singing – to name a few, followed by an exhibition. Community members and people from site witnessed exhibition and boost morale of children.

Community Awareness

- **Meetings were organized with parents** on a monthly basis, on different topics like –Importance of education, making of ORS, protection from heat stroke, water problems, growth monitoring and uses of medical cards.. 20-25 parents become part of the meeting conducted.
- **Lokdoot (Street theater):** 2 street plays were performed in the labour camp in the month of May and September'13 on the issue of "Cleanliness" (*Saaf Safai*) and Nutrition (*Aahar*". It reached out to 196 community members and followed up through focused group discussions. Play made community sensitive towards balanced diet, clean and safe environment. They have started cleaning home on daily basis, covered food to avoid flies and use dustbin for garbage.
- **Saathi Samuh** i.e. community leader workshop were conducted in the month of May'13. *Saathi* member from the site shared chart of the mapped *jhuggis* of the construction site with malnourished children which needs to be converted to healthy ones with prevailing challenges. Workshop also focuses on cleanliness within the community. In the month of June'13, *Saathis* were taken to Haridwar and Dehradun for workshop. The agenda behind was to link nutrition with cleanliness. *Saathis* are presently working with 5 houses with dirt in/nearby to make it clean and hygienic.

HOW WE MAXIMIZED YOUR CONTRIBUTION

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| Reporting Period | April – September 2013 |
| Grant Committed | Rs. 600,000/ |
| Grant Received | Rs. 316,698.26/ |
| Grant Utilized till September'13 | Rs. 307,260.50/ |
| Amount pending for Oct.'13- March'14 | Rs. 283,301.74/ |