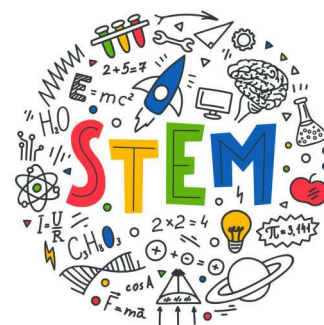




PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

STEM Education and Day Care Centre For 45 Children

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GRAPES in Association with AMD XILINX

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1 Introduction

“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”

— Jiddu Krishnamurthy

The organization was established in 2004 by Mr. Paul Ghouse with the co-operation of dedicated social workers and is operated under the provisions of societies registration act, 35 of 2001.

Global Relief Activities of Poor and Ecumenical Society (GRAPES) is a secular grass root level social service voluntary organisation established in 2004 under the provisions of societies registration act, 35 of 2001. The organisation was formed with the co-operation of dedicated social workers and enthusiastic service minded group with a view to help the helpless rural poor community, tribals through various developmental activities.

The birth of Global Relief Activities of Poor and Ecumenical Society (GRAPES) is a response, indeed an emotional one to the problems of illiteracy, ignorance, ill health, malnutrition, unemployment and inadequate medical and educational facilities that were widely prevalent in backward villages in Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh, South India. Hence the organisation formed with no profit motive and dedicated to solving the identified problems.

As Co-Partner of the AMD XILINX, GRAPES has reached out to 45 children in the tribal community named Appapuram in Singarayakonda, Prakasam District of Andhra Pradesh.

During the project period GRAPES has contributed to 99%- enrolment, higher attendance and improvement in learning levels to 45 students.

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2 Education Scenario in Target Village

The current situation of tribal children in Appapuram, Singarayakonda Mandal, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh.

Generally, People living in tribal regions don't know the importance of Education (Lack of awareness). This is the primary reason why they are still downtrodden. As per our survey report, people living in Appapuram are daily wagers. The main problem here is, parents were taking their children to work with them. Here in tribal areas, mostly child marriages are common (15-18 years) due to lack of education. Also, Children were going for bird hunt. To overcome this, we have to create awareness and educate them with ethics. It is difficult to motivate tribal children to study. But we are motivating digitally (through projectors), which results real zeal in them to attend tuition without break. And also, at the end of the session we are serving them with nutrient food.

According to the National Family Health Survey 1998-99, about half of all Indian children are undernourished. Hunger and under nutrition ruin children's health, undermine their learning abilities and impair their lives in many other ways. Very few countries have such high levels of children under nutrition.

Education statistics are no less alarming. At least 20% of Indian children (in the 6-14 age groups) are out of school. This too, impairs their future in many ways. Child laborers are the worst victims. The well-being of children is everyone's responsibility – not just that of their parents. Indeed, parents alone are not always able to protect their children's interests, especially when they are weighed down by poverty, illiteracy, poor health and social discrimination. This is one reason why the protection of children's rights depends crucially on social arrangements, such as universal schooling and nutritious food.

The government of Andhra Pradesh introduced English as a medium of instruction in all government primary schools. This gave a big jolt to both the children and the teaching staff. Because this is the first time they are exposed to English medium. This is also a big challenge. Parents who are mostly illiterate are happy to know that their children are going to learn English.

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The situation in the rural primary schools is pathetic. As there is no proper supervision by the authorities, there is no systematic teaching by most of the teachers. Also, most of the rural teachers are irregular. There is no congenial atmosphere at schools. Even today some of the schools are run under the trees in remote places. In some places only one teacher has to manage school. Even parents are busy with their daily labour work. In such a situation it will be difficult for the children to concentrate on their studies. They need some more inputs regularly to improve their knowledge of English.

3 STEM Initiative

The prime goal is –

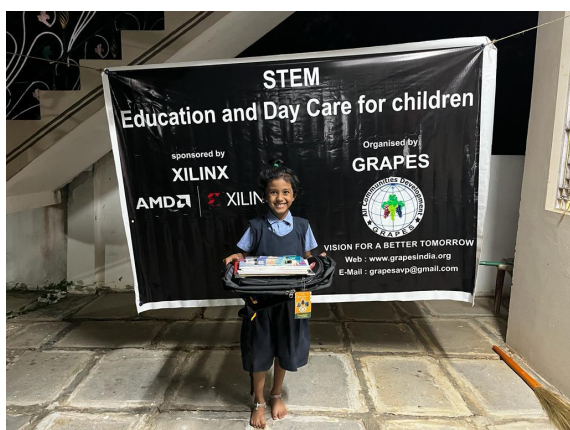
“To develop rural school children to study & educate well with interest and without any fear, in their spare time by special coaching methods”.



Before the STEM begins

Usually, we used to run our tuition centre under the neem tree which is located in the beneficiary village (Appapuram). We decided to start our initiative “STEM Education and Day Care Center For 45 Children” with a surprise. So, we took children to the new tuition room. In the middle of December month, we purchased the digital systems and gave a big surprise to them with the projector screen running cartoon clip. Children felt so happy and they started enjoying the new place and the new system.

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We promised children that we will deliver quality education with the special teaching methods (projector based). As they already saw first clip on our projector screen as a surprise, they are eager to attend tuition daily. Again, we surprised them with the second promise that we are going to provide free nutrition food too. Children are shouting with joy. Lastly, we distributed school kits for each to boost their study. GRAPES Team felt so happy on making children consistent on attending tuition.

Not only Study, But also Games

The attendance percentage of Children is as expected, which is more than 85%. Our Team felt glad about it. We believe, Children will become more active on coming days. Since, we are teaching them with the projector they are easy and able to grasp concepts within less time. Our experienced staff also teaching them about the discipline and good habits to follow every day.





We found that children are clean, healthy and coming to tuition regular. We decided to conduct the test on third Saturday of the month initially. Few children are really performed well and on coming days, every student will be in a good position to grab full score on weekly tests.

Not only study but also games, So Monthly on 2 Saturdays we are conducting games to children. We call it as ***No bags to tuition***. This will enhance their internal core strength, IQ, creativity levels and many more. Even every child is happy and this is another strong foundation to make them regular to tuition.

Students are happy because a medical camp was conducted, which likely provided them with medical care and attention that they needed. In addition, the education of the students has also improved.

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Projector based teaching was highly successful and we even conducted weekly tests. Results were satisfactory.

Overall, the statement suggests that your contributions have made a significant positive impact on the lives of these students, both in terms of their physical and educational well-being.

We are very happy to see the change in children. We never fail to encourage them, and already we are in a success path on making the best change in them. Thus, results achieving our project goal.

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Especially this last month we conducted cultural and games to children, in return we provided gifts to each and every child to motivate them. Also, we celebrated our annual day with songs, dances etc.

4 Outcomes



It is very good sign that, every student is attending tuition without fail. The confidence on us that we can shape their career in right manner. We have been observing the change in the way of talking, learning new skills consistently.

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Few pupils even saying that we are very much pleased to be here than in school. We'll be ever grateful to you for that.

Below are the few statements given by parents while interacting during the parent's meeting.

- We have been observing a very good change in our children.
- They never miss tuition though they missed school
- They are completing their tuition home works.
- They are getting ready with great interest to attend tuition after coming from school.
- Parents thanked us saying "thank you so much for providing nutritious and delicious food.
- Parents even thanked for treating the students as our own children. This increased great trust and bond.

Even we've been observing gradual change in every student. Parents are requesting to extend this tuition scheme even for next academic year.

- Students (children) are able to know about the importance of education
- We are successful on educating the tribal children
- This program helped to boost their education and helped to motivate by themselves
- Also, along with the education, Games & cultural activities conducted to boost their physic and immunity
- We will be successful on educating children digitally (coming days)
- Successfully reduced the school drop outs count.

5 Lessons Learned & Recommendations

Our students have become agents of change after realizing the value, necessity and benefits of education. They have reached out to their friends and relatives, ensuring that they will also benefit the way they have. Special classes through digital projector have instilled confidence and zeal in them and who are now better equipped to cope with the challenges of life.

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Initially, we faced a problem to find the expert teacher to teach along with the help of projector. Since the target area and children are mostly drop outs, It's been complex to us to find the best.

But We are successful to find few and trained them to teach with the digital projector and it made us to continue the project in a success path. Even though its time taken, we achieved our goal on making children to attend tuition regular.

Early months, children used to bring their pets like dog, cat and birds. And, its problem for us to take care each. But we conducted a parents meet and with the help of parents and teachers we eliminated this issue too. Because, not only study, discipline, good habits, health and hygiene and some essential lectures were delivered to children for the best life to face any problems on coming days.

6 Impact stories from ground

Akhila- III Standard

My name is Akhila and I am promoted to fourth standard. Me and my sister used to go to GRAPES Tuition centre. Unlike all tuition centres, it is free of cost and they never asked a fee. Also, we learned some proverbs in our tuition. I like those very much. Before joining the tuition, no one helped us to complete our homework (H.W) because of our parents are not educated. One day GRAPES team came to our home and requested our parents to join me in tuition. I used to go to tuition daily without any break with my sister. After joining in tuition, With the help of teacher, we are completing our home works easy. I would like to be a police officer.

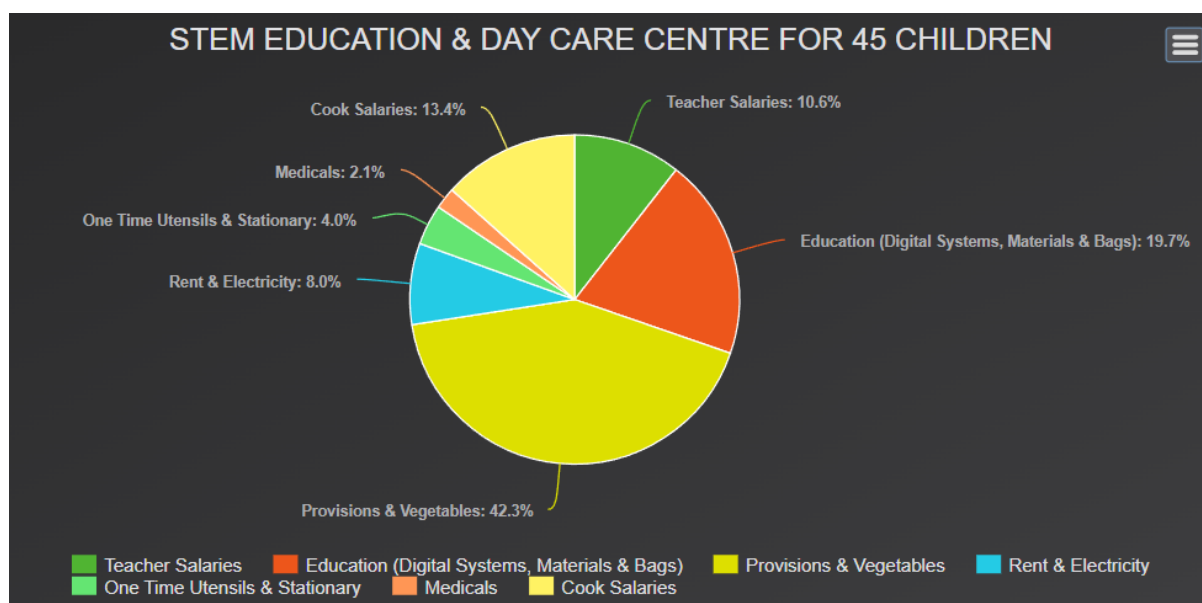
Venkateswari- III Standard

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My name is Venkateswari. My parents are Jalamma, Rajaya. I am in third grade. My parents were day laborers. Our parents used to go to work before I woke up and I used to go with our parents before joining the tuition. But, after joining in the tuition, I found my friends there and I am very happy to study with my friends. I was also given a free sandals and sweater. We are also given snacks after tuition. I really like egg puff. I came to tuition regularly. I will be well educated and grow up to be a good officer. My goal is to turn my parents around in the car and bring a good name to our tuition.

7 Financial Infographics

The total grant 7,00,740 INR spent for 5 months has given below-



8 Conclusion

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We Together, succeeded in achieving a greater degree of sensitization among the community towards the need to make their children education a priority.

We are glad to take another prestigious initiative i.e., ***Introducing Basic Computer Education to Children*** along with their regular academics. We would be very happy if you consider this initiative into your account. Hopefully, the next phase, we shall make this project goal more impactful by including computer skill.

We would like to send a separate concept note/project proposal along with detailed budget for the new initiative. Kindly accept our request and please feel free to reach us if any required from our end.

Thanks again for your enormous contribution towards our organization.



Thank You !!

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