

## Childreach India Update | February 2015

### My School My Voice Delhi

**P**oor hygiene and sanitation is one of the major factors that affects children's health and leads to various communicable diseases, thereby leading to low attendance in schools, poor performance and many a times forcing children drop out from school. This month MSMV Delhi focused on improving hygiene and sanitation practices amongst children and parents.

- ✦ The highlight of the month though was dustbin making workshop with children from recycle waste material (water bottles, card board, adhesives). The dustbin, designed by Childreach India staff was developed with 20 children. More such workshops will be organised to make dustbins accessible to all.



*20 children participating in making dustbin from recycle waste material. The dustbin design has been initiative of Childreach India staff.*

- ✦ 1200 children were informed about practical tips on good hygiene and sanitation through interactive workshops, customized films, presentations, self-designed flyers. Key learnings were: ***process and importance of hand wash with soap after using toilets, before and after lunch; save water and reuse waste water; keep surroundings clean | Use dustbins; proper use and cleanliness of toilets; personal hygiene.***

***Please follow the link to view the demonstration of learning by children. through <http://youtu.be/-hoLYJgI7RM>***



*Awareness Session on Hygiene and Sanitation with 1200 children*

- ✦ 50 parents participated in Interactive workshop on hygiene & sanitation as well as good parenting skills. Self-designed flyer was created with key messages and graphics so that the message can be reflected upon by parents not literate or semi-literate. Under good parenting skills - 5 key messages are shared with parents: *Inspire and motivate children for good hygiene and sanitation practices; Be the friend of your child; Proactively participate in your child's progress and development in school; Understand and motivate your child to reach her/ his potential; Never discriminate between girl and boy.*



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Internally develop flyer with key messages and graphics on hygiene and sanitation; good parenting skills



- ✦ **BAL SABHA: Two meetings were held with 80 members of Bala sabha** where the members have taken the responsibility to monitor cleanliness in schools - a checklist has been developed and maintained by the members; learnings will be shared with peers.

### *Feedback on the series of awareness sessions...*

*“In today’s session, I have learnt how we can keep our surroundings clean, use dustbins, use of toilets and the correct way of hand wash” Divya, Student v class, SDMC Primary School*

*“The cleanliness in school is better than earlier” Dilshaad, parent, SDMC Primary School*

*“Parents are the first teacher of every child and have a great impact on children, we need to work together for their betterment “Ms. Neelam, in-charge: SDMC primary school*

*“These kind of sessions leave positive impact on children, will definitely benefit them.” Mr. Shah, principal, SDMC primary school*

## **C**hildren access opportunities to unlock their potential in learning

- ✦ **I LEARN TO READ, I LEARN TO WRITE:** Marked improvements is seen amongst target children unable to read and write. The workbooks developed are being found very useful by the children for regular practice. Yearly assessment was conducted with 89 children; of these 60% of children have scored more than 80 percent, all these students scored between 5 to 10 percent when classes for their batch started in September.



*Girls during their continued assessment on reading and writing skills in Hindi*

- ✦ **STEM “science learning can be fun” workshop was conducted with 800 children of class V.** Children particularly enjoyed making balloon car and cup phone. The experience shall attract children to explore and be creative and inquisitive.



*Girls while making a balloon car*

- ✦ Children are regularly accessing the newly established library in resource room. 208 children issued books and more than 80% have returned these after reading as of yet. Children have placed demand for more story books with pictures.

*Children enjoying reading books in the library*



## P reventing children from abuse and exploitation

- ✦ A 45-min customised interactive presentation to prevent children, especially girls from sexual, physical and emotional abuse and exploitation has been developed. The presentation is an amalgamation of animated videos that informs children how to differ between good touch and bad touch; forms and means of prevention from bullying, eve-teasing, child marriage, trafficking, physical punishment, labour. The presentation has been projected to 20 teachers to take their feedback and incorporate.

*20 teachers participated for feedback session on protection video*



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**S**chool Management Committee's training was organized with 32 members.

- ✦ The meeting was attended by the head of school management committee - the principal. The key discussions and decisions were about SMC members taking initiative to take responsibilities for: *monitoring and supervision of mid-day meals; it was agreed to encourage parents to volunteer atleast 1 rupee a month for better hygiene in schools - this amount can be used to employ an additional sweeper, especially for cleaning toilets; increasing number of water taps before summer strikes; ensuring timely availability of books and notebooks before the next session begins.*
- ✦ The local municipal legislative assembly member (MLA) also attended the session and offered his financial support to employ a security guard and additional sweeper in school. This will be followed up rigorously and an achievement will be regarded as best practice in the capital.

*School management training session attended by 32 members*



## Save the Girl Child, Hisar

**S**ocial activators conducted visits for identification and awareness of currently married women in 837 households; no report of home deliveries; 18 institutional deliveries this month of which - 12 are girls and 6 boys; supervised immunizations to 101 children and family planning kits distributed to 69 women of which 4 are newly married women.

**C**omputer Training: The 6<sup>th</sup> batch of basic computer training is completed with 13 girls and 4 women. 7<sup>th</sup> batch of basic computer training and 1<sup>st</sup> batch of tally starts from March 1<sup>st</sup>.



*Women who completed the 6<sup>th</sup> batch of training in computers*

**T**welve women from the community participated in a virtual session with Dr. Neeti Jha from USA on their reproductive and health problems. Women were satisfied with the advise provided. We plan to make this a periodic activity. We have also started exploring opportunities for an interactive session with pregnant mothers with a local doctor.



*Women sharing their health issues with Dr. Neeti Jha for her advise*