



The condition of formal education in the working area is very poor. Most villages are located in hilly tracks, which do not have any communication facility. This makes it difficult for most of small children to attend schools. The irregularity of teachers and absence of an educational environment in the school and the village are other causes of the poor status of education in the project region. The situation dose not change in spite of several schemes adopted by the government. The dropout rate due to all these factors is always high. Considering this situation, KARRTABYA has initiated some activities in the operational area for the overall development of the educational scenario.

Special Child Labour School:

KARRTABYA is running four special NCLP Schools in three villages of Junagarh block & one in Koksara block with the financial support from NCLP New Delhi since the year 1996. They are:

1. Atigaon of Atigaon G.P. of Junagarh Block.
2. Banijara of Banijara G.P. of Junagarh Block.
3. Borguda of Dundelmal G.P. of Junagarh Block.
4. Moter of Moter GP of Koksara Block.

Each of the above School has student strength of 50. A total number of 200 child labours (89 boys and 111 girls) have been rehabilitated in these four schools. The schools have ideal teaching facilities. All the admitted students were supplied with educational materials. They also get vocational training in different trades along with qualitative nutrient lunch and the monthly stipend amounting Rs 100/- each.

Out Put of the Special Schools

All most all the students of these NCLP schools have been mainstreamed. Most of them have been admitted to the general schools of the education department and the T.R.W. Schools for further higher education. Six of the students, qualified in the merit test, got admitted to the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya. 7 number of the students of our school has gone up to + 2 level creating a record as the first child of NCLP of Kalahandi has been admitted in the college that to child labour students of Dhruba child Labour School run by us.

The students and their parents usually get health facilities through health camps organized by the Schools. They are also given special preference in the selection of beneficiaries under anti poverty schemes like Indra Avas Yojna, SJSY etc.

SHG Movements in NCLP School

Parents especially mothers of students of the Child Labour Schools have been engaged in SHG movement. KARRTABYA has taken steps to inculcate savings attitude within 375 mothers who are involved in 110 groups in total and opened joint bank accounts to operate their group funds. The fund is mostly used as internal lending to fulfill the monetary needs of the members. The groups have been linked to the banks and engaged in various income generation trades such as vegetable cultivation, pottery, small shop etc. for enhancing their income. In an average each member has received Rs. 3,000 /- as loan through this linkage. The total loan amount is Rs. 11,50,000/-

The Impact of NCLP Schools:

The schools have created much impact on the local people as well as the on the government machineries. The people have become conscious of the rights of their children to education. In the remote villages of Deydara and Budhidara G.Ps of Junagarh block where the education for children was dream, now the Govt. formal Schools are running properly. Both the parents and the teachers in the villages are taking their initiative towards the progress of education. People in other villages are raising their voice demanding regularization of their formal Schools.

Students Rally Against Child Labour

Students' rallies against child labour were organized at Atigaon, Banijora and Borguda to raise consciousness among the people for reduction of child labour. The approach of the children touch the morale of the people impressed the sahuikars and rich persons. Most of them realized their mistakes and as an impact the number of child labours reduced to the minimum. It is hoped, in near future the numbers will be reduced remarkably.