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Hello Eureka Supporter! As we step into the new academic year for 2017-2018 we bring you updates on all the programs and new initiatives planned for this year.

Eureka Superkidz 1st Quarter Training for this academic year was held for our Eureka Block Trainers(EBTs) on 21st and 22nd of June at Koovathur, Kalpakkam. Around 80 people participated including Project Managers, Project Directors, Training and Monitoring. The introduction session was conducted by Ms. Padmini and Ms.Sumathi followed by our Joint Secretary Mr. Dhamodharan's review of last year goals, performances and goals to be achieved for present year. Also he added the skills needed to be improved for better impact and outcome. The respective Training and monitoring personnel conducted the training in Math, Tamil and English along with a demo of the 'Walk n Talk English program in the nearby villages.

Eureka Walk 'n' Talk English program was launched on Sunday, 2nd July 2017 at Indian Officers Association, Royapettah, Chennai. The program was attended by Chief Guests Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi former President Aid India, K. Chandru Retd.Justice Madras High Court, Mr. R. Srinivasan Head Magazine & Special Publications, The Hindu and Dr. Balaji Sampath Founder and Secretary AID INDIA. This program aims at developing confidence to speak English in 1000 villages across Tamilnadu impacting 1,00,000 rural underprivileged children. Many of these children shy away from conversing in English as it is not used in their day to day lives. Hence to instil confidence in them and bridge the boundaries that divide them from their urban counterparts, the program integrates community participation as a part of the daily activities. The Eureka Walk 'n' Talk English program hopes to break the myth that “ **English is the language of the Rich and Urban**” through simple activities that involve learning vocabulary through games and songs and speaking using role plays and conversing with their family and community in English thereby learning in the process. The inaugural was covered as an article in the Hindu Here is the link to the article published <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/ngo-launches-education-initiative-in-rural-areas/article19208092.ece>



Eureka NGO Partnership : Around 28 NGOs have come forward to work with AID INDIA for the Eureka Walk'n'Talk Program across various districts. Subsequent trainings for the Eureka Walk and Talk program were held in the following weeks after the launch. The NGO partners promised to bring about good impact and help children speak basic English.



Eureka Teacher Training was provided for **Kasturiba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya(KGBV)** on 17th June 2017 at Salem.This was implemented through AID US Columbus Volunteer Jayanthi Natarajan who connected us with CEO of Salem and implemented with the help of Co-ordinator Mr.Prabhakar of Salem,through this training initiative,we are reaching out 1000 under-privileged girl students across Salem district.KGBV runs 13 residential schools in 13 most backward blocks of Salem district. Out of 61 such schools across Tamilnadu, maximum schools are in Salem & Villupuram districts only. Girl children who either dropped out of school or never enrolled are being admitted to Classes 6 - 8 based on their age and there is a subject teacher for each subject for them and also few more teachers & warden for the school. In Salem alone, more than 1000 girl children are studying across these 13 schools. Eureka Teacher Training focuses on improving the capacity of teachers with child friendly methodologies and remedial focus with special emphasis learning goals can significantly impact the learning outcomes.



Eureka Learning Center Inaugural Happy to share that we have recently inaugurated the newly constructed Eureka Superkidz learning centre at Thazhavedu Irular colony, Tirutani. Eureka Superkidz after school centres are being run directly by AID INDIA in more than 160 villages across Tamilnadu to provide basic skills in Tamil Math and English to children between the age groups of 7 and 12. Currently we have around 50 students enrolled in the newly opened Eureka learning centre in Irular colony catering to one of the most marginalised communities. The centre is being supported by a group of individuals from the Tiruchitrabalam Dance group.



Interns @ AID INDIA: Every year many students across the world come to AID INDIA for internship during their summer break. This year we had Andrew Sandock, Maria Thomas and Kyana from McGill University, Canada and they have been a part of Eureka Summer campaign. During their internship they have visited many villages across Tamil Nadu. Andrew shared his view by stating “The awesome and insightful experience that I just had at Eureka Summer campaign was so inspiring and that’s driving me to continue my work on this field”. Kyana is doing her research on objectives of Health care and Standard of living of villagers. Shri Pavani, Anjana and Samyuktha Menon college students from Chennai, were also a part of Ennum Ezhuthum campaign (Eureka Summer Camp) and had visited Tirutanni block in Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu. Here is what Sri Pavani has to say “Teaching kids count is fine, but teaching them what counts is the best” To intern or volunteer with us please visit our website: <http://www.aidindia.in/volunteer/>

DONOR VISIT On 12th of June 2017 Mr. Anand a donor and AID volunteer from California visited our Eureka SuperKidz (ESK) centres with his family. He visited three villages Thazavedu, Maddur and Serukkanur located in Tiruttani. Mr. Anand and his son Ashwin were really keen in knowing what happens at the Eureka Superkidz centre. Our students from ESK centers taught them Tamil songs and also learnt a few rhymes in English. It provided them a mutual learning platform. They had an interactive session with our kids to understand their dreams and aspirations. Finally they shared chocolates with all the children in the village. Mr. Anand said “It’s been a pleasure to visit the villages and thanks for giving us such a great opportunity to interact with these kids”!



LAUNCH OF EUREKA WALK ‘N’ TALK PROGRAM IN VILLAGES On 12th of July 2017 Mr. Damodharan, Joint Secretary of AID INDIA visited the Eureka Superkidz center and had an interactive session with the students in the Narikuravar colony. He also visited Vadakkupalayam village in Cuddalore and Initiated the Eureka Walk ‘n’ Talk English program by engaging kids in various activities.



EUREKA HOMES Mr. Rajesh and his family inaugurated the Eureka Homes at Dargas, a predominantly IRULAR COLONY, Kanchipuram District. The beneficiaries are Devi and Mohan were very happy to move into their new home. Devi is a daily wage labourer and her husband is an ambulance driver who gets to work intermittently.



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