

# AID INDIA

## ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2015-16



## AID INDIA WORK REPORT

Since its inception in 1996, AID INDIA has been working towards development of the poorest families, aiming to ensure a better quality of life for them. The strong focus has been on quality of education of children. This year, we also started re-constructing huts to homes – building shelters for the poorest and most vulnerable families in villages. This year, Chennai and neighboring districts suffered one of the worst floods and a big part of AID INDIA's work was to provide immediate help and relief to the affected families.

This report gives an overview of the activities of AID INDIA in the year 2015-16.

### 1. Eureka SuperKidz After-school centers

AID INDIA has been running after-school centers in villages since 2010. In each village, local tutors run classes for children from Std. 1 to Std. 8. Parents have started visiting these centers enthusiastically to monitor their children's learning outcomes and they are eagerly participating in their children's education. The achievement of these children has in fact forced the local school teachers to take notice. They have also started participating in outcome events and evaluations of the skill levels of children in these centers. This year, we also conducted classes in several schools with the help of 'Young Teachers' or Group Leader children.

Some key aspects of the Eureka SuperKidz program this year:

- **Young Teachers (Peer Learning):** Our experience from running programs over the years has indicated that many children learn from each other, and not just from the teacher. This year we trained several children on how they can lead their group and help other children to achieve outcomes. These leader children became able assistants to the tutors and ensured that no child was left behind. Skill evaluation across our centers indicated that children in schools and centers with Young Teachers as group leaders performed much better than the children in centers where the group structure was not implemented.



- **Volunteers Teach:** In partnership with Enactus, 40 college students from Rajalakshmi Engineering College visited villages at KV Kuppam and helped teach children basic skills.
- **Eureka Young Scholar Workshops:** A few children from each block were selected for the Young Scholar workshops and were given training on story telling, science experiments and math quizzes and puzzles.

## Events

**Eureka Science Quiz:** We conducted many Block-level Science Quizzes for class 6-8 students. Children not only had a lot of fun at the event, but also learnt science and math concepts. The top six teams went through three rounds - Conducting experiments, Rapid fire Quiz round and Concept Explanation round - to compete for the prize. The winning teams received gifts and certificates. The teachers of the centers were also awarded Eureka Super Teacher Certificates to appreciate their effort.



**Skill Fests:** Eureka Skill Fests were conducted in all schools where the Eureka program was being implemented. The 'Young Teacher' children set up three 'testing stalls' for Tamil, Math and English in their classroom. As the other kids enthusiastically visited each of these stalls, they were assessed on simple skills. Those who acquired the skill were given "I Can Read!" or "I can Add and Subtract!" stickers. Children who got all 3 stickers were awarded a certificate. Children who were not able to get a certificate on that day were given extra attention by the teacher as well as their group leader.



**Community events:** At the end of each term, the Eureka tutors in the Eureka Superkidz Villages conducted declaration events to showcase children's skill achievements. Children were given reading passages as well as arithmetic problems to solve. Parents and people in the village encouraged them. Children who acquired skills received Eureka 'I can!' certificates.



**State Level Training Camp:** Intensive residential training programs were organized for all field teams and coordinators every quarter. The training for the first quarter of the academic year was held in Yelagiri, Vellore in the month of May. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter training was held in Krishnagiri. Around 50 trainers attended each of the sessions.



## 2. Eureka Schools:

Eureka Schools were founded in 2006 by AID INDIA and BANCA SELLA with the vision of providing high quality affordable education to rural children. The 2 Eureka schools, running in 2 villages of Venkatrayanpettai and Parmeswaramangalam catered to around 331 village children this year.

### KEY INITIATIVES

- The concept of conducting 'skill fests' to assess students' skills in math and language was followed systematically this year. This helped teachers understand the performance of their students in critical skills within each lesson/topic and take corrective action.
- A lot of content was developed by interns and volunteers over the academic year, to improve English reading, comprehension and speaking skills among students. It has been very useful to conduct these activities and understand what techniques work well versus those that don't.
- Sharing sessions between teachers at both schools were organized for mutual learning and idea sharing. These sessions were useful, especially in improving skills of children lagging behind in specific skills in reading and math.
- Teachers' Day celebrations were extra special this year, with teachers participating in several fun games organized by their students. Teachers were also moved by the special gifts they got at the end of the day.

**Eureka School Alumni:** The first batch of 15 students, who took their first steps into Eureka School as tiny tots in Class 1 did well in their Class 10 Board exams! 9 students secured over 75% marks and 3 students did extremely well - **R. Divya** was the **third school topper, with a centum in Social Science**, **S. Swetha** got over 90 marks in 3 subjects and got a **total score of 449 marks** out of 500 and **Jayashree. R.** secured 87% and emerged as the **school topper in English**.

Case studies of over 60 Eureka School alumni from both schools were documented by interns from SAP, Vijayawada and Madras University. It has been very useful for us to connect with our alumni again so that we can engage with them regularly in future.



### 3. Relief work: Tamilnadu floods

The floods that hit Tamilnadu in December affected four districts. Nearly 1500 volunteers poured into AID INDIA office and worked for more than a month to bring immediate relief to many flood affected families. Every day, relief supplies were collected, sorted and distributed in slums of Chennai, as well as in neighboring villages. AID INDIA's relief work reached close to 1,00,000 people benefitted in 185 villages and 82 slum areas. Volunteers rescued stranded people (with some homes flooded even up to the second floor), delivered cooked food and safe drinking water, clothes, sanitary products and medicines, provisions, and biscuit packets. After immediate relief, AID INDIA has now started rehabilitation work in the worst affected villages in the Bhuvanagiri-Parangipettai Cluster (Cuddalore), Kalpakkam-Walodai Cluster (Kanchipuram) and Kotturpuram – Ganeshapuram Cluster (Chennai) following a detailed assessment of the needs. Several damaged huts have been re-constructed, water filters have been provided for drinking water education centers have been opened up in the affected areas.



#### 4. Eureka Homes

AID INDIA has always been in the forefront of relief and rehabilitation efforts whenever there is a calamity. Assistance is provided to the most needy people through AID INDIA's vast network of dedicated volunteers in Chennai and outside.



The Eureka Homes program identifies the most vulnerable and needy families and gives them a safe place to live with dignity. As part of this initiative, around 40 damaged and dilapidated homes have been re-constructed. The family actively participates in the planning and construction of their home. We are hoping to extend this initiative to benefit 5000 families over the next few years.

#### 5. Ennum Ezhuthum Summer Campaign

AID INDIA conducted 'Ennum Ezhuthum' - a campaign for quality education during the summer holidays (May – June) in Tamilnadu. The objective was to ensure that every child learns to read Tamil words and solve 2 digit addition problems. This year, the campaign was launched in 10,000 villages across various districts in Tamilnadu. College volunteers, NGOs and many interested individuals participated in the campaign. Village volunteers were identified and learning materials given to them to ensure children in the village learn to read Tamil and solve subtraction problems. The campaign was launched in many districts in presence of college volunteers, local panchayat heads, district administrative officials. The volunteers identified "Young Teachers" in each of the villages who would help teaching other children. Thanks to these Young Teachers, within a short span of time, children have shown great improvement in the reading and math skills.



## 6. Eureka Run

Eureka Run is AID INDIA's flagship event conducted every year in November to raise awareness about the quality of education for rural children in Tamilnadu. The run draws in new volunteers every year for our cause. The sixth edition of the Eureka Run took place on 22nd November at OMR,



Chennai this year. The run was flagged off by actor Reshmi Menon, as well as by AID India Secretary, Dr. Balaji Sampath and Deputy General Manager of CanFin Homes, Mr. R M. Veerappan. More than 500 people between the ages of 6 and 75 braved the rainy weather to run, jog, and walk for the cause of children's education.

## **AID INDIA – Governing Body**

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**AID INDIA Financial Report  
Financial Year 2015-16**

**Consolidated Income Expense Account for the year ending March 31, 2016**

Expenses	Amount (Rs.)
<b>By Project Expenses</b>	
Education Project Expenses	1,68,07,276
Rural Development Expenses	1,50,000
Relief & Rehabilitation	40,26,871
Cost of Relief Goods distributed	2,70,20,872
Administrative Expenses	40,97,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,21,02,144</b>
Income	Amount (Rs.)
<b>To Project Grants</b>	
Projects Grants Received	28037009
General Donations Received	3244775
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>3,12,81,784</b>
<b>To Donation by Kind</b>	
Donation of goods for flood relief	3,55,98,372
<b>To Others</b>	
School Fee & Starter Pack Fee Received	18,04,800
Interest from Bank and Investments	1,10,34,640
Miscellaneous Income	62,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,97,81,596</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>2,76,79,452</b>

**Consolidated Balance Sheet for the year ending March 31, 2016**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>March 31st,2016</b>	<b>March 31st,2015</b>
<b>Liability</b>	<b>Amount (Rs)</b>	<b>Amount (Rs)</b>
Corpus Fund	1,282,044	1,282,044
Reserves and Surplus	13,14,15,839	10,37,36,387
Staff Reserve & Project Sustainability Fund	2,965,181	36,26,274
Eureka Education Research Center Fund	2,91,96,049	2,91,96,049
Current Liabilities	37,99,000	37,99,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,68,658,113</b>	<b>14,16,39,754</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Amount (Rs)</b>	<b>Amount (Rs)</b>
Fixed Assets	3,62,58,387	3,62,58,387
Cash and Bank	7,07,39,689	4,16,92,563
Deposits	5,21,57,762	6,32,80,091
Project & Office Advances	9,24,775	4,08,713
Closing Balance of Flood Relief Goods donated	85,77,500	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,68,658,113</b>	<b>14,16,39,754</b>