



Annual Report for 2015-2016

SCB completed its 15 years of social services to the community with satisfaction for the donors as well as the intended beneficiaries.

1. Introduction

SCB continued its range of social services with direct intervention at delivery points by member volunteers. SCB received good financial support, by way of donations, from donors, two overseas, three Bengaluru-based corporates, and SCB members for sustaining SCB schemes for scholarships for higher education, financial support to primary schools, nutritious food for primary school children, and improvement of living conditions in the Humanities Home. As a Tier I NGO affiliated to GIVEINDIA, a regular stream of donations has been received reimbursing some of the expenses incurred on specific projects. The Audited Accounts for 2015-16 gives details.

SCB is grateful for this all-round financial support; as always the donations are used for direct implementation by member volunteers of facilities, services and educational scholarships

SCB is also pleased to report that GIVEINDIA visited SCB office as part of their Credibility Assurance activity and have reported satisfaction.

2. Education and Health Care

Education

Financial assistance to the educational institutions in the Indira Nagar and surrounding areas is provided when it is found that the poor students could not afford even modest scale of fees

Merit-based scholarships for higher education have been sustained and in fact augmented with a number of scholarships professional studies (medicine, engineering, commerce). Scholarships and education support were provided for over 250 students undergoing PU, Undergraduate and Professional (Engineering, Ayurvedic medical and Masters Degree in Mathematics)) courses. Member volunteers maintain contacts with the Principals and scholarship students to monitor their progress.

Awards for good performance were given to (a) children passing out of Std 10 with more than 65 % and (b) students in standards 8 and 9 who stood first and second in their classes

Support for infrastructural facilities was provided for the Domlur School/PU College, setting up a multipurpose facility in association with Hutti Gold Mines Ltd (cost Rs.5.50 Lakhs) on the terrace for students assembly, lunch, yoga etc. A shaded handwash facility installed to promote general health (Dettol company provided the handwash liquid). As a proactive step to extend the reach of students in primary schools up to Std 7 in neighbouring schools, SCB supported the initiative of the Headmaster to organise road shows about facilities in the Domlur High School.

Impact: Equal access and opportunity for youth from poor families in two levels

Healthcare

Nutrition health Ragi drink, Biscuits and Kelloggs corn flakes were provided to more than 3,000 students in primary schools.

With the continued cooperation of the Sankara Netralaya, Chinmaya Mission Hospital, Dr.Ambedkar Dental College, health checks – for eye sight, dentals and general health were carried out. Where necessary, follow-on medical attention was provided by the Hospital doctors, 2,500 children were attended for vision-related issues and 2,500 were attended for dental deficiencies. SCB provided an



unusual form of healthcare attention through anti-septic handwash facilities in two large Govt schools. Dettol company donated hand wash liquid and automatic dispenser.

Impact: Learning better hygiene and healthy habits.

3. Yoga classes

Introduction of yoga classes has become possible because of a member expert in yoga discipline. Yoga classes have been introduced in the Domlur High School for 70 students twice a week. The International Yoga Day (21 June 2015) was celebrated with participation by all students and the DRDO Yoga team, by invitation.

4. Micro scale experiments in Chemistry for Std 10, PU 1 and PU 2 classes.

Government (NCERT) have standardised the kits for hands-on experiments with lists of experiments in a number of subjects – Chemistry, Physics, Science, Mathematics – and fixed very modest prices for the kits; the kits are available with a number of suppliers empanelled by NCERT. A typical cost per class in Chemistry is around Rs 10,000. Using this source, a prototype programme of demonstration of micro scale experiments with direct hands-on experience for the students was conducted in 4 High Schools and three PU Colleges. Student and Teacher participation was very good. The programme was funded by a member.

Impact: Generating interest in learning Science

5. Infrastructure

SCB continued its commitment to improve infrastructure facilities in schools. CSR grant from Hatti Gold Mines Ltd was used to build a multipurpose facility in Domlur Govt school to provide shade for student's lunch and other assemblies.

Provision of toilet facilities is a vigorous programme at every school and PU college where necessary.

6. Skill Development Centre

A very significant extension of SCB commitment to education was initiated with a Skill Development Centre in a central location in April 2015, using with three rooms in a modern building on Dickenson Road made available by RBANM Educational Charities. A Skill Development Centre has been established by collaboration with the well-known vocational training organization, UNNATI; a CSR grant from Robert BOSCH Engineering Corporation has been utilised for the provision of initial facilities.

The Centre has started (a) training of graduates (professionals and humanities) in soft skills, and .
(b) lectures on motivation for PU and Degree College students employing an expert qualified in social sciences.

Impact: Soft skills imparted to 40 engineering and computer graduates. Also to more than 100 students of PU and Degree college.

7. Humanitarian Transit Home (Hennur) (housing about 125 destitutes)

SCB has been very active in further improving living conditions and ancillary support facilities in the Home. SCB's active initiative and support achieved the following results with demonstrable benefit. Brief accounts follow:

1. Healthcare: addition of vegetables in the food menu and eggs three times a week, for improvement of the immune system of inmates
2. Since the area suffers from frequent power interruptions often up to four hours, a standby 1.6 KVA inverter system with 6-hour capacity has been provided



3. Complete renovation of bathrooms with items such as anti-skid tiles, and replacement of broken bath tubs
4. Replacement of incandescent lamps with LED bulbs resulting in good saving in monthly electric bill.
5. Turbo ventilators fitted on the roofs, replacing ineffective exhaust fans, have improved incoming sunlight, created a smoke-free kitchen, eliminated foul smell and improved ventilation in the wards.
6. Self-sufficiency in vegetables: a beginning has been made by planting 15 papaya trees, various gourds and other vegetable plants.
7. Harvested rain water is now used directly, reducing pump set energy needs.
Impact: Improvement in amenities, general health, welfare of inmates, reduction in operational cost.

8. Major initiatives planed for 2016-17

a) Reduction of electricity cost in the Humanities Home:

A project is under formulation, to install a grid-connected solar power system to be implemented early in 2016- 2017. The project is the establishment of a 6 kW solar power system linking with the BESOM supply during daylight hours.

b) A scheme has been evolved for collaborating with the well-known educational organisation, the Kodava Samaja Education Council, Bangalore to commence a series of lectures by top executives and experts to introduce emerging graduates in all domains to the structure and technology of industries in the Bangalore area along with associated soft skills. This will be a systematic initiative to enable them acquire familiarity with a number of industries, and their employee requirements, to improve employability.

c) Library, Science Lab in Domlur Govt High School.

9. Rural Development

Started in a small way in 2011, SCB involvement in Rural Development in the fast developing satellite area in Hoskote, some 30 km away from Bangalore, has become a significant factor in the management and development of three Anganwadis and one large 1000-student strong Government Girls High School and PU College. The active involvement of a member volunteer has achieved such good results that the local administration authorities have invited him to join their School development council. A summary of these activities follows.

Nutrition for 3 village Anganwadis: grade III malnourished children brought to nil; Grade II malnourishment reduced considerably . Total expenditure Rs 3 lakhs P.A
Nutrition has also been given to pregnant women as well as lactating mothers in these 3 villages, in addition young adolescent under nourished girls have also been covered by this program.

Impact: Improved nutrition and health of small children and lactating mothers.

Education Hoskote : Government Girls PU College: lectures on soft skills
Scholarships Rs 1.9 lakhs, impact 35 girls passed with over 65 %
Government Girls High School (650 girls)
Summer Camps: Mathematics, Chemistry
Girls performance: over 70 % - 43, over 87 % - 11, over 90 % - 4

Infrastructure: Toilets repaired, soap dispensers provided, Swatch Bharat Abhiyan program initiated. A covered shed for assembly with a cement flooring.

Sports: PT teacher engaged: training organised with good sports uniforms



Science	excellent results: 90 medals in Inter Rotary Inter school, Taluk and State level sports. Other sports items coaching introduced Demonstrations on students' hands-on experiments provided by expert professor from Goa, a Science Exhibition through good offices of Agasthya Foundation, regular demonstrations also by Agasthya Foundation with a grant from CIPLA.
Miscellaneous	Summer jobs and Mountain Holidays for a few students : the girls enjoyed it. Have done well in Summer Internships

Impact: Significant improvement in overall results in SSLC and PU examinations; also additional facilities in these institutions.

10. Finances

The audited accounts for the year 2015-2016 are attached as Appendix 1 With an income through donations reaching Rs. 79.56 lakhs, it has been possible to expand SCB activities. The expenditure has been Rs. 57.98 lakhs. The net financial status is reflected in the attached audited accounts for 2015-2016. With increasing needs for social services, SCB hopes the progressive trend in donations will be sustained.

SCB's overseas donors have continued their support. With an increase of SCB membership to 72, SCB hopes to continue to enlarge existing social services as well leverage the skills and experience of the members to spot social needs and develop projects to assist society in the surrounding areas.

Scholarships: SCB has maintained steady improvement in grant of scholarships, particularly for higher education: based on careful reviews by member volunteers the awardees are chosen with criteria related economic circumstance, hurdle percentages and merit. A total of 275 scholarships PU College, undergraduate and professional courses, valued at Rs. 16.59 lakhs have been awarded for the academic year 2015-2016. This is likely to increase to 25.00 lakhs in 2016-17.

11. Governance

SCB has consistently maintained transparency in activities as well as in accounting of income and expenses. Details in accounts are presented at every monthly meeting of the Executive Committee; annual accounts are presented at the Annual General Body Meeting.

SCB was recognised as a Tier I associate by GIVEINDIA, the national NGO funnelling donations to active NGOs, in November 2014. In its first full-year of association with SCB, GIVEINDIA passed on donations worth Rs 10.31 lakhs in 2015-16.

SCB expresses its appreciation of GIVEINDIA. In its annual Credibility Assurance interaction, GIVEINDIA has expressed appreciation of the activities and the associated record-keeping.



14 **Appreciation**

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The good work by its one-man staff Mr Balaji, the Admin/Accounts Manager, is appreciated for his sustained contact with SCB activities at the delivery points and his public relation.

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