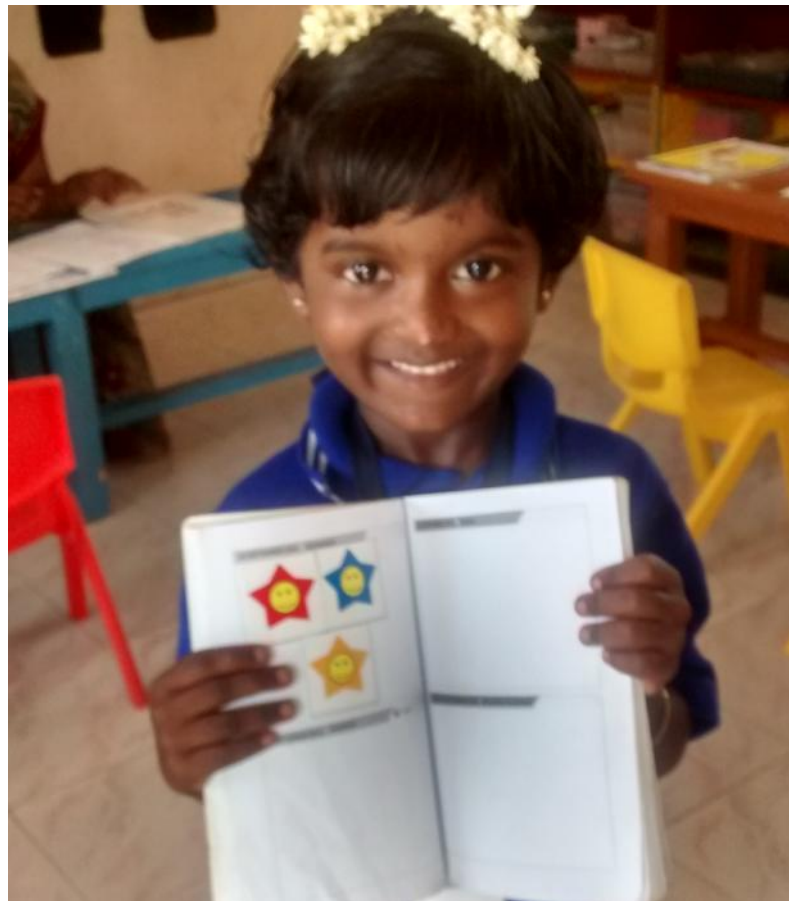


AID INDIA

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2016-17



AID INDIA's work in Tamilnadu aims at improving the quality of life for the poor. The focus is on improving the learning outcomes for children, ensuring safe shelters for poor families and supporting scholarships for children who need additional help to continue their education. With the help of its city and village volunteers, AID INDIA also coordinates immediate relief and rehabilitation activities in response to any natural calamities. This year, AID INDIA has successfully completed 20 years of development work. The detailed activities of AID INDIA implemented in the year 2016-17 are given below.

1. Eureka SuperKidz

The Eureka SuperKidz program began as a pilot in 2010. In each village, local tutors run classes for children from Std. 1 to Std. 8. This year, the program was implemented in 160 villages, impacting around 5000 children. In many centers, parents got involved in their children's education, monitored their outcomes and took steps to ensure they achieve these outcomes. In some villages, local schoolteachers also participated in outcome events and evaluations of the skill levels of children.

This year, the following new components were introduced in the Eureka SuperKidz Program:

- Separate subject-wise work books and materials were provided to every child along with Science activities and graded work sheets in Maths. A set of library books were given to encourage them to read more.
- Technology-based programs were piloted to promote self-learning among children. A computer, monitor, and speakers with videos and apps in English and Math, were provided to villages.
- Capacity building of 'Young Teacher' kids: Last academic year we piloted the Young Teacher program in schools where children who had already achieved the basic skills, helped their peers who were lagging behind. Workshops were conducted for these 'Young Teacher' kids to encourage them.

Events for Children

Eureka Young Scholar Workshops: A few children from each Eureka SuperKidz block were selected for the Eureka Young Scholars' program. Eureka Young Scholar Workshops were conducted in Chennai , Chengalpettu , Kalasapakkam , Bhuvanagiri, Lalgudi , K.V. Kuppam, Tiruttani , Sakkottai & Vembakkam to improve the skills of the young scholars through fun and game activities in Science and Math. More than 200 children participated in the

workshop where resource persons conducted Science experiments and Maths puzzles. Despite the fact that many children had to travel on their own to a block town nearby to attend the workshop, the turnout was huge. Children enjoyed seeing Science concepts being demonstrated as experiments with materials that they use everyday. Every child received a certificate upon completion of the workshop.

Raghu, Class 7, said “This is the first time I realized science actually exists in our day to day life. Reading Science in textbooks made me scared of it! But now after seeing these experiments, I believe science is really simple to understand if we know the concepts behind it. I look forward to the next Young Scholar workshop”.



Eureka Little Creators: On April 10th, 2016, the ‘Eureka Little Creators’ event was held in Chennai where children from districts across Tamil Nadu participated. A total of 24 teams, who won the top prizes in their respective districts, took part in this grand event. Each team consisted of 3 students, one each from classes 3rd, 4th and 5th, who demonstrated their story writing, drawing and story-telling skills. A day prior to the event, the children were taken on a fun trip to Kishkintha theme park.

The event was held at Ramakrishna Mission School in T. Nagar. AID INDIA’s Secretary, Dr. Balaji Sampath, Chief Guest for the day, eminent writer, Gnani, and others appreciated the children’s effort and performances. All the teams that participated were given participation certificates, stationery kits and school bags as prizes.



Declaration Events:

At the end of each term, the Eureka tutors in the Eureka Superkidz Villages took up the challenge of declaring that all children in their Eureka centers had mastered specific skills in each subject. The declaration was done as a community event in front of parents, community leaders, teachers and children. The children were given math problems and reading exercises as per their '**declaration goal**', in which the children eagerly demonstrated their skills in front of their parents. These events were a huge success and boosted the confidence of both the teachers and the children and also increased the active participation of the parents in their child's learning.



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 cater to around 300 village children.

The regular school activities such as term wise assessments, updating students' progress on skill charts, term wise teacher training programs and celebration of events such as Sports Day, Annual Day, Republic Day, Independence Day, Pongal and other functions were conducted periodically, as per our plan. In addition, this year, we introduced the following new initiatives:

- **Alumni Cultural Program:** Eureka School Alumni children from classes 6 to 9 participated in a cultural event at Eureka school. Various competitions like Essay writing and Art, and games and sports activities were conducted for the children. Prizes were awarded to the winners in the games and competitions. The program came to an end with the alumni sharing their experiences with the kids studying at Eureka School.
- **Excursion:** This year, children from Class 1 to 5 were on a one-day outing to MGM Dizzee world near Chennai. Eureka kids enjoyed all the fun rides and games.
- **Science Day:** On Science Day - 28th February, science experiments demonstration and sessions were organized by the children. Teachers gave them different themes and children from each class planned out activities based on the theme. Children designed creative models and did experiments in front of their parents. Parents were very happy to see their kids explain various Science concepts confidently.

3. Eureka Teacher Training Program:

The Eureka Teacher Training program is aimed at training primary school teachers, as well as after-school tutors on evaluation, and good practices in teaching Tamil, Math and English. Nearly 200 tutors from different grassroot organizations and 204 primary school teachers were trained in this program.

This training happened in 3 phases for 204 teachers from 88 schools, across different locations such as Lalgudi, Arni, Pudukkottai, Buvanagiri, Cuddalore and Trichy. Through this program, nearly 6350 children were reached. The highlights of the program are given below:

- During the first phase, Eureka team focused on why skill based learning is important and the best method to evaluate student's learning levels. Eureka expert trainers trained teachers on simple techniques to teach these students. After training, Eureka trainers visited the schools and provided on-field feedback to teachers.
- In the next 2 phases, the Eureka team trained these primary school teachers on remedial teaching methods in Tamil and English. The focus was on Tamil sentence and story reading, and English sentence reading using phonics. After the second phase, the Eureka team visited the schools once again and encouraged teachers to take remedial classes for children lagging behind in specific skills.
- More than 24 teachers across 15 schools have declared their student's learning achievement through declaration events. Students displayed their learning skills in front of their parents and other teachers and gained a lot of confidence.

Tiruppathi is a Math teacher in a school in Pudukkottai. He attended all the trainings given by AID INDIA and really liked the Eureka method of teaching basic arithmetic skills in a graded manner. He evaluated all his 50 students on various sub-skills in place value and regularly started tracking their progress week by week. He said that by doing so, he could easily see that some children needed extra help. By ensuring individual attention for these children, the entire class learnt the targeted skills within one and half months. He also developed new learning materials for teaching place value. He found that the children's enthusiasm to learn had greatly increased compared to previous years.



4. Eureka Homes

Some of the poorest families had lost the little they had in the floods of 2015-16. Their huts were completely washed away and they were literally living under sheets. The AID INDIA team identified the most deserving families in villages and constructed low-cost pucca houses for them. Later, the Eureka team identified very poor families – mostly old couples who had never had a decent home and were living in extremely damaged shelters, not just because of the floods, but because they could not afford anything else. So, moving on from



being just a relief program, Eureka Homes started reaching out this year to the most disadvantaged families. Built in consultation with the community, the family members also help with the masonry and painting. 160 Eureka Homes have been completed this year. We installed sustainable low cost solar lamps and constructed toilets for 35 homes.

5. Integrated Village Development:

Aid India's integrated tribal development program is a long-term commitment to bring about significant change in tribal villages. Most of these villages face low enrolment in schools, high drop-out rates, low literacy rates, poor nutrition and poor healthcare. Given that the issues are inter-connected, a multi-pronged approach is crucial to a viable solution. Currently, we are working on education and health awareness interventions in about 30 villages across Tamilnadu.



6. Relief and rehabilitation

When the Vardha cyclone hit Chennai and neighbouring areas, AID INDIA volunteers helped with clearing fallen trees, debris and giving food and water supplies to families that were affected. AID INDIA also helped to rebuild huts and re-constructed homes for families in villages.

7. Eureka Tab Labs

Eureka Tab Lab centers were piloted in a few villages this year. These centers offer children advanced skills in English, Math, Science and Tamil. Using technology (video lessons and mobile apps), these 'Tab Labs' provide a quality learning environment for children. Volunteers from cities add value to these centers through web enabled classes, as well as other initiatives like sports and art.

8. Other Events

Daan Utsav: AID INDIA organized several events to promote the spirit of giving in Chennai as part of **Daan Utsav**, the festival of joy of giving celebrated throughout India in October each year. In collaboration with Chennai Metro rail's 'Un-Crush a dream' at CMRL stations, AID INDIA volunteers conducted fun activities to raise awareness and collect stationery materials for Eureka village children. They also helped paint murals at several Chennai metro stations. 'Wish Trees' were set up in Decathlon centres in Padur and Poonamalle to collect sport materials for children studying in Eureka Superkidz after school centres. Similarly wish trees and boxes were set up at companies to collect stationery kits for children in villages.



Eureka Run and Kidathon: The 7th Edition of the Eureka Run was conducted on Saturday 12th November 2016 at the Marina Beach. This year, a Eureka 'KIDATHON' - especially for kids - was also organized. More than 800 adults & 250 kids participated to show their solidarity & support for educating rural children. Hundreds of Corporate employees and many other individuals participated in the run. Children got a cap and a memento along with a certificate at the end of their Kidathon run. Tanish, age 9, from Tirutanni, said "I felt very happy to run today to help ensure that children in villages learn better".



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AID INDIA Financial Report

April 2016 – March 2017

Consolidated Income Expense Account (Provisional)

Expenses	Amount (Rs.)
By Project Expenses	
Education Project Expenses	2,38,78,873
Rural Development Expenses	1,85,532
Relief & Rehabilitation	2,57,87,341
Administrative Expenses	29,51,496
Total	4,98,51,746
Income	Amount (Rs.)
To Project Grants	
Projects Grants Received	6,78,22,177
General Donations Received	4,64,646
Total	6,82,86,823
To Others	
School Fee & Starter Pack Fee Received	20,99,400
Interest from Bank and Investments	84,98,508
Total	7,88,84,731
Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,59,27,356

Consolidated Balance Sheet for the year ending March 31st, 2017

Particulars	March 31st,2017	March 31st,2016
Liability	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
Corpus Fund	1,282,044	1,282,044
Reserves and Surplus	157,347,036	131,415,839
Staff Reserve & Project Sustainability Fund	2,696,187	2,965,181
Eureka Education Research Center Fund	29,196,049	29,196,049
Current Liabilities	3,799,000	3,799,000
Total	194,320,316	168,658,113
Assets		
Fixed Assets	36,258,387	36,258,387
Cash and Bank	94,833,117	70,739,689
Deposits	56,612,783	52,157,762
Project & Office Advances	6,616,029	924,775
Closing balance of flood relief goods donated		8,577,500
Total	194,320,316	168,658,113