

AID INDIA

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2014-15



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 report gives an overview of the activities of AID INDIA in the year 2014-15.

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. Local participation and parent engagement are key aspects of the Program. Attractive learning materials and a strong outcome focus ensures that every child acquires the targeted skills.

Some key aspects of the Eureka SuperKidz program this year:

- **State Level Training Camp:** Intensive residential training programs were organized for all field teams and coordinators every quarter. Comprehensive training on English, Math, Tamil and Science for classes 3 to 5 and classes 6-8 was held by a team of content experts. Two training sessions were organized in the year. The sessions helped review the work on the ground and inspire the team to take it forward more effectively.



Events:

- **Eureka Science day:** More than 400 children from government schools in Anaicut block participated in the Eureka Science day celebrations. The children enthusiastically displayed science models and participated in a science quiz. The children were extremely excited to be a part of this event.



- **Annual day celebrations:** Annual day celebrations were held at many Eureka centers towards the end of academic year. Children attending the centres kept the audience entertained with various song and dance programs. The children were given certificates for achieving the skills of the term. The village leaders, parents and the community came together to see the progress of these children and appreciate the tutor's efforts.
- **Declaration Events:** In each village and school, at the end of each term ,a 'declaration event' is conducted to celebrate children's achievement. In the declaration event, 'I CAN' certificates were given to children who had acquired the targeted skills. Parents and local leaders participated enthusiastically.
- **Bridging the digital divide:** As a pilot program, we have been trying out **tablet** based teaching in some of our Eureka SuperKidz centers. The enrolled students learnt Math and English through apps on the tablets. These fun apps help the children improve their mental math, calculation speed and Spoken English. The children and parents were extremely excited to be part of this program.

2. Training Programs:

AID INDIA has been conducting several training programs for tutors of other NGOs as well as school teachers. Teachers and tutors are trained on the Eureka methodology , how to evaluation, focus on skills and using good techniques for teaching each skill.

Events:

Quiz for Children : A quiz event for children was conducted at different locations in Tamilnadu as a way of showcasing what children had learnt over the year. The quiz was unique in that it was not an oral quiz , but an 'activity based' quiz , which involved all participants. Activities such as dumb charades, sentence puzzles and maths puzzles captured the interest of the children.

Children and tutors took part as a team for the first time. The events generated a lot of excitement. Certificates and prizes were distributed to all participants as well as winners .



3. Eureka Schools:

Eureka Schools were founded in 2006 and have been running in 2 villages - Venkatrayanpettai and Parmeswaramangalam catering to around 300 village children each year.

Some key aspects of the Eureka School this year:

- **Math lab at Eureka School Koovathur:** A unique Math lab was inaugurated at Eureka School Koovathur. The lab has manipulatives and puzzles that encourage children's love for math. A Math mela filled with puzzle stalls was also organized by the children for over 50 parents and visitors who attended the event. Children from Classes 1 to 5 have been using the math lab once a week and enjoying the opportunity to use explore math concepts through dynamic materials.



- **English labs launched at both schools:** At both schools, English labs equipped with tablets loaded with English reading applications were set up. In addition, workbooks and activities for all children were provided. Children from LKG to Class 5 have been using the lab every day, and have shown very fast improvement in their reading levels.



- **New classroom block and toilet block at Eureka School Vembakkam:** This year, a brand new classroom block with 4 spacious, well-ventilated classrooms was constructed at Eureka School Vembakkam and inaugurated by local Village Panchayat Presidents and other well-wishers. Earlier in the year, a new toilet block with separate toilets for boys and girls was also constructed in Eureka School Vembakkam. Children have been using these new facilities.



Events:

- **Eureka School Math Fest:** Both schools celebrated a Math Fest –on the birthday anniversary of, Srinivasa Ramanujan. Children in classes 1 to 5 visited 'skill stalls' manned by volunteers and received star stickers of different colours on their tickets for every skill achieved. In both schools, 75% to 85% of the class achieved the expected outcomes. All children and teachers were given gifts in appreciation for their enthusiastic participation.

- **World Environment Week celebrations:** The week after school re-opened was celebrated as **World Environment Week** by Eureka School children and teachers. Teachers and Children worked on activities which helped them clean, respect and protect their school environment. The teachers and students committed to continue the activities through the rest of the school year.
- **Children's Day celebrations:** The highlight of the Children's Day event at Eureka School Koovathur was a visit by Mr. ZungHeng, an internationally acclaimed photographer. He made the children's day extra special by sharing his life experiences, taking lovely photos of the children and encouraging them never to give up. Every child also got a gift to take home!
- **Excursion to Chennai:** Children in Classes 4 & 5 from both Eureka Schools went on an excursion to Chennai. At the Regional Railway Museum, they had fun visiting railway exhibits riding in the toy train and playing in the Children's Park. Children got to watch the ISL football match live at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.
- **Kids' carnival in Chennai–InTerm-1,** students and teachers from Kids' Central School in Chennai had visited Eureka School, Vembakkam and expressed interest to help in content development. In Term-2, they invited our students to participate in 'Namma Chennai', their annual carnival. Students from Classes 4 and 5 had a lovely time at the carnival, participating in the storytelling session, puppet show, street play, glass blowing, clay modeling and basket weaving workshops.



4. Eureka Run

The fifth edition of the Eureka Run took place on 16th November at Gandhi Statue , Marina Beach, Chennai this year. It was flagged off by the Vijay TV anchor Ms. Divyadharshini , International Football player Gouramangi Singh and Mr.Rakesh Sharma MD & CEO of Lakshmi Vilas Bank. More than 1500 people participated in the run to support the cause of children's education in the run.



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AID INDIA Financial Report
Financial Year 2014-15

Consolidated Income Expense Account for the year ending March 31, 2015

Expenses	Amount(Rs.)
By Project Expenses	
Education Project Expenses	19089785
Rural Development Expenses	211000
Relief and Rehabilitation	235767
Health and Women's Empowerment Project	1100
Administrative Expenses	3057440
	Total
	22595092
Income	Amount(Rs.)
To Project Grants	
Projects Grants Received	4838642
General Donations Received	173350
	Total Grants
	5011992
To Others	
School Fee Collected	1195711
Transferred from Current Liabilities (Long Term integrated projects)	6000000
Interest from Bank and Investments	10919111
Miscellaneous Income	27677
	Total
	23154491
Excess of Income over Expenditure	559399

Consolidated Balance Sheet for the year ending March 31, 2015

Particulars	March 31st,2015	March 31st,2014
Liability	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
Corpus Fund	1282044	1282044
Reserves and Surplus	103736387	103176988
Staff Reserve & Project Sustainability Fund	3626274	4863157
Eureka Education Research Center Fund	29196049	29196049
Current Liabilities	3799000	9799000
Total	141639754	148317238
Assets	Amount (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
Fixed Assets	36,258,387	36,258,387
Cash and Bank	41,692,563	38,893,256
Deposits	63,280,091	71,501,416
Project & Office Advances	4,08,713	1,664,179
Total	141639754	148317238