

Eureka SuperKidz News

12 Districts, 49 Blocks, 42000 Children



Eureka - Lighting up Children's Lives

Chennai Floods

The floods in Tamilnadu in the month of December affected four districts. AID INDIA and its volunteers worked hard to bring immediate relief to many flood affected families from all socio-economic backgrounds: rescuing stranded people (with some homes flooded even up to the second floor), delivering cooked food and safe drinking water, clothes, sanitary products and medicines. The immediate relief work was more or less completed in the one week since the disaster reached its peak. AID INDIA has also been planning long-term relief and rehabilitation that is very essential for the community to get back on its feet

With over 15 years of experience in providing disaster relief and rehabilitation across India, AID INDIA recognized that **rural areas require a stronger push to restore normalcy**. Disasters reverse years of efforts to improve livelihoods, education and agriculture, that exist in a delicate balance and are easily upset with economic losses.



AID INDIA Flood Rehabilitation project will concentrate its efforts 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.

The project will involve reconstruction of huts into pucca houses, repairs of existing houses, providing pure drinking water to the village and supporting children's education in the affected areas



Eureka Run

Eureka Run is our flagship event conducted every year in November to raise awareness about the quality of education for the less privileged children in Tamilnadu. The run also 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 Kollywood celebrity Reshma Menon, founder of AID India, Dr. Balaji Sampath and Deputy General Manager of CanFin Homes, Mr. Rm. Veerappan.



More than 500 people between the ages of 6 and 75 braved the inclement weather to run, jog, walk for our cause at 6 am on Sunday 22 November along a 5-km stretch on Old Mamallapuram Road. Despite the unpredictable weather, many children, college students, corporate participants, and individuals, several above the age of 55,

showed solidarity towards quality education for underprivileged and ran with us.

The Run was covered by many TV channels and The Hindu -

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/for-educating-underprivileged/article7906965.ece>



Eureka SuperKidz Happenings

The rains caused the schools to be shut for the major parts of November and December. However, with the few working days in between the Eureka SuperKidz team was busy working on the field. The state team ensured that the time was utilized effectively by organizing a training at Yelagiri in December.

Skill Fest

Skill Fest, an event to showcase one's skill levels, was organised in all our government and private school centres. Young Teachers set up three "testing centres" or stalls - Tamil, Math and English in their classroom. Then their peers enthusiastically stopped at each of these booths to be assessed and get stickers that say "I Can Read !" or "I can Add and Subtract!" Every child with all 3 stickers was awarded a certificate. This helped us conduct evaluation real-time across all our centres and reward and recognize Young Teachers and their peers' skill levels. The children that didn't receive a certificate were given individual attention by Young Teachers and class teachers to improve their skill levels.



Lighting up children's lives!

The after-school centres of Eureka SuperKidz villages were lighted up with solar lamps, generously contributed by our volunteers. Due to lack of lamps have been extremely learning hours of these tutors, and the children have lamps. We are sure that this skill levels of our children. we also distributed blackboards for children to be comfortable while sitting and studying for longer periods of time.



individual donors and sustainable electricity, these beneficial in extending children. Both, our village been very happy using these will further help improve the Along with the solar lamps, and *taarpais* (plastic sheets)

Training of Master Trainers - Yelagiri - Dec 19, 20 2015

19 December - The training was attended by all Eureka Block Trainers and Field Coordinators. We began with a review session where participants were divided into small groups and a review based on the children outcomes, skill fest and lagging children in first quarter goals was conducted. The groups also discussed about how effectively the Young Teacher model can be implemented to maximize results. Post lunch sessions began with team building activities by Harsh and Srini in which all members participated actively.



This was followed by the English session in which the trainers were taught about sight words, pronunciation of words and trained on new goals for the upcoming term. The day ended with Math sessions and group discussions where everybody discussed various teaching practices, methods and diagnostics of learning problems. They also shared their experience in organizing Skill Fest in their blocks.

20 December - The day started with a Tamil session by Devi and Shyam. Participants were divided in small groups and were asked to come up with new ideas for Tamil materials. All the groups were involved actively in designing the new models to teach Tamil.



This session was followed by a discussion on the future of ESK and the new components that can be introduced in the next academic year. Ideas on scholarship to motivate kids to pursue higher studies, ways to involve the parents more in the education of their children were discussed and detailed.

The day ended with the launch of a new app which was designed to update information of every child's skill levels through tablets. Trainers were divided into small groups and demos were given on the usage of the app.



What's brewing in January ?

- Eureka Little Creators Event to bring out the creativity in children is being organized across all blocks
- Long-term rehabilitation work for worst-affected victims of the floods
- Eureka Homes construction work
- Dispatch and distribution of 3rd Quarter material to schools, including workbooks and worksheets

Call out For Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to

- Help with rehabilitation work
- Conduct evaluations
- Analyse evaluation data
- Teach English reading at the centres
- For setting up talks in your company

Please do get in touch with Selva aid.selva@gmail.com if interested in any of the above.