

CONCERNS UNIVERSE FOUNDATION



ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT
April 2018 - March 2019

INTRODUCTION

Concerns Universe Foundation (CUF) was founded in the year 2001 and is strongly committed to contributing to the cause of the marginalized in the city of Bangalore. It attempts to identify and fill in the critical gaps to empower the disadvantaged and thus enable them to emerge economically independent and socially dignified. Concerns works in 20 pockets of urban slums with 5000 families in Bangalore city.

OBJECTIVE

- To help the community to understand the importance of education and to prepare the children of the community to enter formal schools and perform better academically.
- To prevent as opposed to cure. To work with children and adults to give them the information and education needed to prevent illness and death.
- To help women develop outside the domestic environment by training them in health, nutrition, computers, life and other skills to make them more independent and dignified.

VISION & MISSION

Vision

We envision a community where all achieve their educational, economic and social goals.

Mission

To realize this vision, Concerns works with the urban poor and provides opportunities for education through vocational training to enhance employability, improve economic status and promote the adoption of a healthy lifestyle.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the start of Concerns Universe Foundation in 2001, premises for our childcare centres, Community College and other activities have been rented. It has been a long-held ambition to open our own building, to house the college and a model pre-school, as well as office accommodation. We thank God, that in January this year we achieved that ambition and the Concerns Community Resource Centre was dedicated to the community on 14th January 2019. We are grateful to all who contributed to this amazing development, which we are appreciating every day.

During the year, which this report covers, we continued to provide vocational skills training both through the Concerns Community College and at Stitch Craft in Madurai.

The demand for learning to use computers/digital literacy continues to grow and we have taught many members of the community including school students, parents and teachers.

Our provision for children included five Childcare Centres for pre-school children and an education program for school-going children. This is designed to support them to do well at school as well as preventing children dropping out, while also running a back-to-school program for those who have already dropped out of formal education.

The community health and development work of CUF continues to reach out with health awareness, pre-and post-natal care as well as follow-ups for those treated for TB and other lifestyle diseases.

We also continue to encourage women to save for the needs of their families by establishing savings circles.

Further details of all these areas of our work follow.

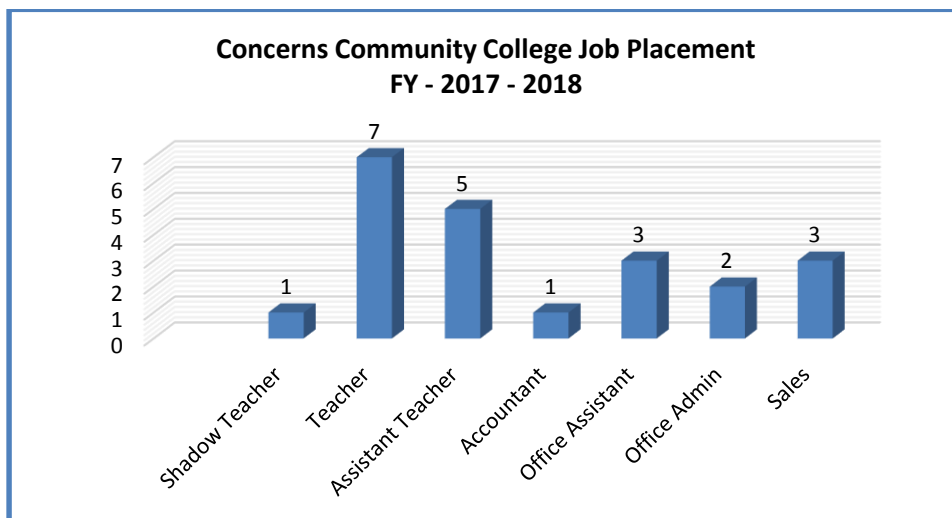
CONCERNS COMMUNITY COLLEGE- Hutchins Road

Fifty students enrolled in June 2018

- 18 Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE)
- 10 Office Management, Accounting & Computing
- 7 Beauty culture and hair care
- 15 Vertical mobility

Value added courses

- 18 Music Training conducted by the Bangalore School of Music for ECCE students
- 23 Logistics documentation assistant training certified by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- 8 Students enrolled aspiring to continue their education in National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)



STITCH CRAFT MADURAI

- 35 Women were trained in basic garment making
- 3 Women were trained in fashion technology

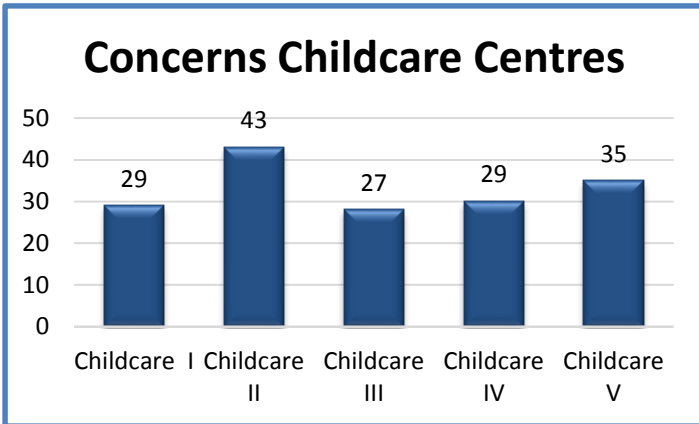
COMPUTER LITERACY PROGRAM- Microsoft

Enhancing Employability through Vocational and Skill Development Training among Women, Adolescent Girls, Boys and School Dropouts

- 52 Basic computer skills for community members
- 59 After school tuition & basic computers
- 48 Basic computer skills (with basic accounting & tally, Functional English, Life coping skills, health & personality development)
- 204 Introduction & basic computer skills for school students
- 55 Summer computer camp
- 17 Computer workshop & basic computer skills for teachers
- 53 Tally for community and pre-university (PU) college students
- 1175 Digital literacy for school students
- 46 Digital literacy for teachers
- 198 Digital literacy for parents of CUF beneficiaries
- 1180 Digital literacy for other community members



CONCERNS PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION: Total children-163



Developmental Progress in Pre-School Children

- ★ Pre-Test and Post-Test scores show significant changes in the children's overall developmental milestones.
- ★ Children acquired fine and gross motor skills and were able to participate in classroom activities.
- ★ Improved language abilities.
- ★ Consistent change in social & emotional development.
- ★ Ninety-eight children joined formal school.



EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN

- 70 Education Sponsorship Programme
- 54 Evening Tuition
- 55 Back to School Program (16 re-joined school)
- 30 Community Children's Sports (CIF)



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



- 53 Tuberculosis patients treated through PHC
- 344 Regular women's health education sessions
- 3736 Needs based advice
- 1455 New contacts
- 15 Tuition health awareness sessions

WOMEN and CHILDREN'S - HEALTH PROGRAM

- 479 Mothers were referred & used immunization services for their children
- 241 Mothers were referred & availed themselves of post-natal care
- 258 Pregnant women were referred & availed themselves of ante-natal care
- 3518 Referral services for education, jobs, health: families took advantage of birth/ death / ration card/ voter etc from the government
- 43 Education sessions for parents
- 70 Community members attended a health awareness session on preventative medicine given by Seventh Day Adventists
- 65 Community members attended an Alcoholic Anonymous session



WOMEN SAVINGS DISTRIBUTED FROM APRIL 2018 TO MARCH 2019

Details of money saved by the community women and distribution

- Jeevanahalli 62 community women saved Rs. 2,08,000/- in 4 different self-help groups

Details of existing saving

- Jeevanahalli 63 community women, monthly savings Rs.20,900/- in 4 different self-help groups

Bank accounts opened

- 105 SB & RD A/C opened for community women

CASE STUDIES

COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Deepa is a 35-year-old woman who completed the Xth standard in a Kannada medium school. Due to poverty in her home, she was married at 17 years and lost all opportunities in life, though she was intelligent. She and her husband, who is a lorry driver, have three children. Our social workers visited Deepa and motivated her to join the Community College. As she had grown-up children, she was very hesitant but she joined the Early Childhood Care and Education course. Since her schooling was in a Kannada medium school, she faced a lot of challenges studying in English. However, with the support of her family and her strong will-power, she worked hard and completed the course. Life coping skills helped her overcome her problems and take the right decisions in life. Deepa also enrolled in National Institute of Open Schooling and completed her higher secondary education. She interned in Tiny Tots School and was employed by the school as a Nursery Teacher earning Rs. 7000/-. Now she is working for Eunice English High School in Pillana Garden and earning Rs. 12000/-.



Sarika is 23 years old and has completed her Xth standard. She is the first girl educated in her family. Her mother is a single parent and very protective of her daughter, as her husband used to drink and trouble them. Because of her alcoholic father, Sarika had a very troubled childhood and was not sent to college even though she had a strong desire to become a graduate. Due to financial problems at home, she worked as a tailor. She had a great desire to study, so she enrolled in the National Institute of Open Schooling and completed her higher secondary course. Our social workers visited her and introduced her to the college where she enrolled herself for the Office Management Course. Since there was a long gap in her education, initially Sarika found it very difficult to study. Also, to meet her financial needs, she started tailoring at home to earn a living. Sarika faced a lot of difficulties to work and study but with determination and hard work she did well in the course. She also enrolled for a Bachelors in Business Management through correspondence. Sarika improved her communication skills and even before she completed the course, she got a part-time job as receptionist earning Rs. 5,500/-. She completed the course and is now working as a full-time receptionist earning Rs. 15,500/-.

ATHLETIC TRAINING THROUGH CONCERN INDIA FOUNDATION



Sonikumari is 18 years old and lives in Old Baiyappanahalli. Her father works as a tailor and her mother is a homemaker. The family is from North India. Ten years ago they moved to Bangalore, and live in a rented house. She has four siblings, two younger sisters and two younger brothers. All five children were able to study in a private English medium school as their parents worked together in a curtain stitching company and earned well. However, when her parents lost their jobs, the children discontinued their education as they were unable to pay the fees. It was during this time that Concerns Universe Foundation motivated the family, and all the children except Sonikumari continued their education in another school. Unfortunately, Sonikumari had discontinued IXth std and could not continue her studies.

Around this time CIF organized NGO sports for the community students, Sonikumari participated and won many prizes. Since she won in many events, CIF allowed her to join athletic training for a year in 2017-2018 supporting her transport cost and training aids. During the training, she participated in many events and won prizes. As a result, CIF gave her another chance to continue her athletic training in 2018-2019.

During the training, she increased in strength and confidence, improved her running speed, became fit and started working hard to win competitions. She had difficulty breathing but after training, she feels better. She is grateful for her coach, Mr Krishnamurthy. Sonikumari is continuing her Xth standard studies through National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). Her dream is to become an athletic coach for students

Sonikumari's achievement in athletic training:

- 400 meter running – won thrice
- Long jump - won once
- State level long jump –won once
- 100 meter running – won once
- Budda competition- 1st in running and 1st in long jump.

MICROSOFT INDIA SPONSORED COMPUTER LITERACY PROGRAM



Veronica is 20 years old and lives in Janakiram Layout. She studied until 1st PUC. She got married very early, her husband works as an Office Assistant. Since she was a homemaker after marriage, she felt bad that she could not work outside and that her life was over.

Through a CUF social worker, she joined the basic computer class supported by Microsoft. She had a difficult time with the family about continuing the course. However, with lots of difficulties, she completed the course. After completing the course, she got a job as a promoter and works in the billing section in AO'

Smith Water Purifier and Water Heater in Pai International Company. She earns Rs.12,500/- per month. She is confident and wants to continue her higher studies through the National Institute of Open Schooling. She is happy and proud to support her family.

GOVERNING BOARD

Sl: No:	Name	Designation on the Governing Board	Age	Gender	Whether paid a remuneration or not
1	Mrs. Gnana Chitra	Executive Trustee	58 years	Female	Paid
2	Mrs. Vasantha Samuel	Treasurer	68 years	Female	Unpaid
3	Mrs. Rebecca Anbu Thomas	Member Trustee	43 years	Female	Unpaid

DISTRIBUTION OF SALARY

Staff Full - Time	Female - 9	
Part - Time	Female - 16	
Consultant	Female - 5	Male - 2

< Rs.5000/-	Female - 14	Male - 1
Rs. 5000/- to Rs.10000/-	Female - 9	Male - 1
Rs. 10,000/- to Rs.20,000/-	Female - 2	
Rs. 20,000/- & above	Female - 5	

ACCOUNTABILITY

- ♣ Concerns Universe Foundation is registered under the Deed of Trust on 11.07.2001 in Karnataka.
- ♣ Concerns Universe Foundation is registered under Act 1961 vide register no. DIT (E)/12A/Vol.I/C-581/W-1/03-04 Dtd. 29.04.2003.
- ♣ All contribution to Concern Universe Foundation is Exempted DIT (E) BLR/80G(R)/715/AAAAC1523H/ITO (E)-1/Vol 2009-2010.
- ♣ Income Tax Payment Account number on AAAAC1523H.
- ♣ Registration under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. Registration number 094421129.
- ♣ Accredited for minimum norms with Credibility Alliance register no. CA/26/2018 valid till 07/10/2023.

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