

CONCERNS CONNECT
JUNE – DECEMBER 2019

Dear friends,

Greetings from Concerns Universe Foundation!

We have settled in the CUF Community Resource Centre and the programs are progressing. We are grateful for your continued support and encouragement.

With Warm regards
Chitra & all at Concerns

Child Development Centres Updates

- *This academic year 2019-2020, 156 children enrolled in the child development centres; teachers decorated the centres with concept of colour and shape, alphabet, number etc. and planned the program timetable and daily schedules.*



- *Teachers conducted a pre-test to evaluate the children's language skills, cognitive skills, fine and gross motor skills and their general aptitude. Scoring was done based on their performance in various developmental areas.*
- *Health assessment and health check-ups was done. Using the growth chart teachers recorded the height & weight percentiles. Some of the health issues observed in the children are underweight, stunt growth, earwax, dental carries, malnourishment, Vitamin D deficiency and other issues. As part of the health intervention program, all the children were administered the first round of Albendazole an anti-worm medication and Vitamin A supplements, essential to support growth and combat infections.*



- *During the monthly parents meeting, teachers informed the parents about these health issues. For the children who are underweight and severely malnourished, the doctor recommended a high protein diet.*
- *Each month parents meetings was conducted on topics such as; programs of Concerns, the importance of nutrition and the consequence of malnutrition in children, awareness on dengue, and demonstration on making a high protein mix and prevention of anaemia.*
- *All the centres celebrated different festivals, children's day and also observed Independence Day.*



Community Health and Development Updates

- *The community health team started using digital devices to conduct health awareness sessions for the women groups in the community.*
- *The team conducted an average of 125 group health awareness sessions on prevention and management of Dengue and anaemia, in four communities covering 1300 community members.*
- *Weekly health awareness sessions have started among Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike workers (pourakarmikas- sweepers) and in the Government tailoring training centre in two communities.*



- *The community health team identified and motivated 34 school dropouts out of which 12 students re-joined school.*
- *The community health team are regularly following up and monitoring 32 tuberculosis and 3 HIV patients.*
- *An average of 50 children attend tuitions in two centres, they are assisted with academic work along with weekly health sessions, basic computer classes, art work and games.*

Concerns Community College

- *Fifty-three students enrolled in Community College in the academic year 2019-20 for Office Management, Early Childhood Care and Education, Beauty Culture and Hair Care courses and Vertical Mobility (completion of 10th and 12th standard).*
- *On 8th August 2019, a talent show was organised to encourage the students to express their potentials.*



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- On 14th August 2019, the Early Childhood Care and Education students observed Independence Day along with the children in the Child Development Centres.
- On 12th September 2019, Mr Alwyn from Toast Masters, Dubai shared his success story and motivated the students to have goal in life and work towards achieving it.
- On 27th September 2019, the students visited the LinkedIn Office for a workshop on Interview Skills. Students also created a LinkedIn profile. Ms Shreya, Trainer – Early Childhood Care and Education introduced the work of Concerns to the staff of LinkedIn.



- In October 2019, Early Childhood Care and Education students went for an observation visit to the Child Development Centres and the students of the Beauty Culture and Hair Care course did Bridal make-up classes as part of the practical learning.



- The Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education conducted a training on Logistics through the National Skill Development Council. 27 students enrolled and classes started on 11th November 2019.
- The Early Childhood Care and Education students went for internships from 25th November to 7th December 2019.
- Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education conducted a Life Coping skill training in Chennai from 25th November to 28th November 2019 and our Part Time Life coping skills trainer attended.
- The Office Management, Beauty Culture and Hair Care & Vertical Mobility (completing 10th and 12th standard) course students were taken on field visit the Metro Station, Post Office, Vidhana Soudha and Cubbon Park on 5th December 2019.
- Students prepared craft items like greeting cards, candles, paper bags for a Christmas sale at the Bangalore School of Music.
- Mid Term Exams were conducted from 17th to 19th December 2019.

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- *The college organised their Christmas celebration on 20th December 2019, students performed skit, choreography and sang carols.*

CUF Management Update

- *Concerns is in the process of enrolling with Dhvani Foundation for their Niranthara Program. As the fundraising situation is rapidly changing around the world, we have realised the need to raise funds within India and access CSR funds to support our work. To access these funds, NGO's need to be compliant on 161 indicators. The Niranthara program will handhold Concerns for a year and a half to ensure that all systems and processes are in place to be compliant. Chitra and Sangeetha attended the first orientation meeting on 12th December 2019. The first field consultation will happen on 23rd December 2019.*
- *Concerns participated in three exhibitions; two were in corporate offices and one in the Bangalore School of Music. We are grateful to our beneficiaries and volunteers who helped us prepare for the exhibitions.*
- *The CUF Facebook page is active and you can follow our work on <https://www.facebook.com/ConcernsUniverseFoundation/>. We have also started an Instagram account , you can follow us on <https://www.instagram.com/concernsuniversefoundation/?hl=en>*

To contribute to the work of CUF, please go to the following link <https://concernsuniverse.org/>