

Annual Report 2015-16

From the Secretary's desk.....

Another eventful year in the life of ACT passed with great joy and difficulties. We have been able to keep our existing projects running along with starting a few new ones. Thanks to our partners, funders, members and well-wishers. But thanks a lot...and a lot to our able team of workers and volunteers, whose invincible efforts and smiling faces have made this journey possible. Team ACT..... keep it up.

This year has proved that resilience and perseverance can overcome the biggest of difficulties. But, we need to try hard now to become financially more strong. So, all our members and well-wishers, just pull-up your sleeves and Raise Funds. My best wishes to all of you.

.....**Gurpreet Kaur**

List of Activities:

1. Waste to Livelihood :

ACT has started a Waste Recycling project at Lakkarpur Village (near Badarpur Metro station). Hand-made



papers are produced here from tetra-packs, cotton rags and other paper based materials. Machines & training are sponsored by Tetrapack company through Development Alternatives and TARA Machines. Carry-bags & envelopes are being made from the paper sheets produced. Plastic carry-bags are collected and woven into mats in hand-loom. Fancy bags are being made from the mats. Poly-al & other multi-layered plastic are collected and attractive Baskets are being handcrafted from them. As these wastes are not recyclable by nature, they pose great threat to the environment. This innovative and environment saving project is heading to provide regular income to at least 30 families soon. We have started generating awareness in the

neighbourhood colonies to separate these wastes from other wastes.

2. Computer Center :

Our Basic Computer Learning center in Lakkarpur Village is providing Digital learning to school going and College going youth . This center has 8 PCs along with a Inverter to accommodate power cuts. It remains open from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. 50 young girls and boys have been trained this year on Computers in the BASIC Computer course.

3. Celebrations :

ACT has celebrated Independence Day, Dipawali, Basant Panchmi, Children's Day and New Year's Day with child labourers in Faridabad to inculcate culture and harmony in the community. Our efforts are to make our children understand the Value of being an Indian..... the land of coherent diversity.

4. Awareness Generation :

We are organising meetings with local RWAs to spread awareness on segregation of household waste. Segregated waste is a Resource and we are trying to show the same by making paper from Tetra Pak and trying to generate livelihoods through these recycled paper product selling . This activity is also being done with Schools .

5. English Speaking Classes:

ACT has been running English Speaking Classes in collaboration with Times Foundation (Teach India) and Panasonic (through FIF).



Teach India project:

Unique project has been created by Times Foundation to enhance employability of youth by promoting their English speaking skills. TOI also arranges Job Fairs for the students. 37 students completed classes for 3 months. 37 students of different age group benefitted from these classes. 12 got employment at Teach India Job Fair.

Spoken English Classes

:Panasonic has found the

importance of English language at the corporate work process in India and the vacuum in English teaching quality in many schools in NCR. This hinders an otherwise school/ collage graduated youth's chances of getting employed at a good place/ position. The corporate also face huge difficulties to recruit people knowing very little English (esp. for the lower cadre). They have since roped in Family India Foundation to enhance knowledge of English (speaking, reading & writing) through this project. This is an Interactive audio-visual course with excellent modules. 59 students joined this year. There has been great change occurred in the community after we have completed the first classes (esp. for school students). We thank FIF and Panasonic for choosing ACT as a partner and congratulate them for creating such an enthusiast set of volunteers.

6. Tailoring Classes:

Our tailoring classes are running very well. 59 young girls & women have completed the course this year. We have provided hand operated as well as motorised sewing machines. We have even provided 1 Fashion Maker type machine. Most of the students are really hardworking and many of them have started earning also by using the skills learnt. Best wishes to all of them.

7. Networking:

ACT has successfully networked with ToyBank, New Delhi Institute of Management (NDIM) and Parivar Sewa Sansthan for various activities to improve the quality of lives of the poor people of the community.

(a) Toy library initiated Toy Library at Action in Community and Training (ACT), Lakkarpur Village.

As observed by Toy Bank.....

It was a big fun start to the toy/games library at ACT, Faridabad on 6th Oct, as 6 of our Delhi Toy bank volunteers turned up to play with around 75 kids. We had around 40 board games, craft kits, chess, blocks and quiz sets that we opened and played. It was challenging in the beginning due to the ratio of volunteers to children, however, with the help of the ACT teachers, the room was soon divided up into smaller groups. Most of these children were seeing such board games for the first time and even though the instructions etc were in English but with little help from the volunteers, they were able to crack them!

Here are some experiences from the volunteers, who made this event possible :)

Richa Jain: (Deloitte, Gurgaon)

About the experience on Saturday, I would say had wonderful time with kids. Teaching and playing with them was a learning experience for me also. The way they were helping each other to play the correct cards and shared the games, it was very encouraging to see them. All of them were great listeners and learners and grasped the games very soon. All in all very-very enriching experience.

Deepak Soni (IBM, Noida)

It was a wonderful and totally different experience, it's first of kind experience for me. I like work being done at the grass root level. Playing with kids, helping them understand games / puzzles and the way they respond back was very joyful.

(b)NDIM sponsored Special Day for Children:

Volunteers from NDIM delighted our children at Lakkarpur Village center by their empathy. They provided the poor children many games materials and a nice lunch. But, more than that they gave the children Time.. playing and interacting with them. Our children will remember for long long time.

