

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHITHRA - DON BOSCO – 2012-

2013

CHITHRA-DON BOSCO

CHITHRA i.e. Center for Human Intervention and Training in Holistic Rural Action is the social action wing of The Chitradurga Don Bosco Society which is registered with the Registrar of Societies and Firms (NO. S.O.R. 283 / 1997-98 dated 1st December 1997). It is also registered with the Commissioner of Income Tax and has received the PAN Number (AAATT3081 E dated 06 March 2000). The Chitradurga Don Bosco Society is also registered with the Home Ministry of India under the F.C.R.A (094490016 dated June 20, 2000). Since 15 years CHITHRA Don Bosco a development wing is serving the poor women, farmers, destitute women, youth and children over 98 villages and 25 areas in the town of Chitradurga.

This Year CHITHRA i.e. Center for Human Intervention and Training in Holistic Rural Action has been registered separately with the Registrar of Societies and Firms (NO. S.O.R. 582/2011-12 dated 30th March 2012) as THE CHITHRA DON BOSCO SOCIETY.

VISION FOR CHITHRA

“To Accompany, Enable and Empower the most marginalized and the exploited poor without any distinction of Caste, Creed or Gender, both rural and urban, to develop themselves economically, socially, educationally and culturally, and to educate and train them to manage and regenerate the natural resources available in the villages in the district of Chitradurga.”

STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE THE VISION

- ❖ Organization of the Exploited and marginalized poor into SHGs/ CBOs
- ❖ Trainings and Capacity Building of NGO Staff and SHGs and CBOs
- ❖ Informal and Formal Education
- ❖ Awareness programmes and Campaigns
- ❖ Linkages
- ❖ Skill Acquisition and Up-gradation
- ❖ Creating awareness and Skill development in Management of Natural Resources

ACTIVITIES TO REALIZE THE VISION

- **Formation, Nurturing and Developing of Quality SHGs/CBOs**
- **Formation of Youth Clubs**
- **Formation of Puttani Sanghs,**
- **Youth SHGs**
- **Supervised Evening Study Centres**
- **Hostels for Potential School dropouts**
- **Rehabilitation of Agricultural Child Laborers**
- **Vocational Trainings,**
- **Net-working of NGOs**
- **Bank and Government Linkages**
- **CHINTHANA Training Center**
- **CMRC's**
- **Child Labour Special Schools**
- **Young Farmers Clubs**
- **Missing Child Bureau**
- **Skill Training hand in hand with Ministry of Rural Development & Don Bosco TECH, India.**
- **Solar Powered Mobile Computer Awareness Programme**

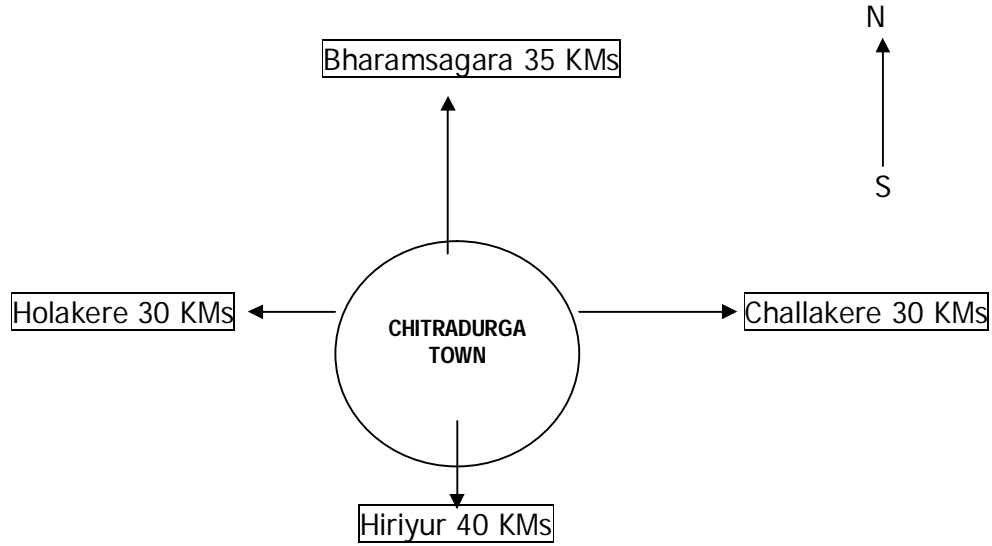
AREA OF OUR PRESENT OPERATION

We work in the district of Chitradurga and in this district in the 2 Taluks of Chitradurga and Hiriyr.

District: Chitradurga.

Taluks: Chitradurga
Hiriyr

The Activity area of CHITHRA-DON BOSCO starts from Emmehatti near Baramsagara on N.H.4 Highway towards Davengere 38 Kms from Chitradurga in the North. It extends up to Aimangala, which is about 25 Kms on N.H-4 Highway towards Bangalore direction to the south. On to the East and West from the highway it extends to about 12-15 KMs on either side of the highway. The total area comes to about 900 Sq. Kms. The Head Office is situated at Kelagote in Chitradurga, which is 200 km away from Bangalore, the capital city of Karnataka. It has 6 Branch Offices, one in the town; second one at Sirigere Cross, the third one at Baramsagara and the fourth one at Koverahatti, fifth one at Hireguntanur and sixth one at D.S Halli.



We are working and implementing various developmental and empowerment programmes and improving the livelihood systems in the following villages:

In the Taluk of Chitradurga

Gram Panchayath	Villages
<u>Baramsagara</u>	Emme Hatti, Kolhalu, Baramsagara, Baramsagara Gollarahatti, Hampanur, Heggere, Issamudra, Alagawadi
<u>Chikkabennur</u>	Hirebennur, Hirebennur Gollarahatti, Chilangi, Chikkabennur Hatti, Chikkabennur, Kariammanahatti, Kalkunte, Byalalu, Gaurammanahalli, Chilangi Gollarahatti, Kalkunte Gollarahatti, Shivankere, Bedereshivankere
<u>Doddalgatta :</u>	Obavvanakthihalli, Doddalgatta, Chikkalagatta, Voddarasiddavvanahlli, Obavvanakthihalli Gollarahatti, Sirigere
<u>Lakshmisagara</u>	Sadarhalli, Lakshisagara, Vijapura, Vijapura Gollarahatti, Kittadatti, Neelaiyanahatii
<u>Aiyanahalli</u>	Kathral Thimmappanahalli, Beeravara, N. Baligatte, Siddavvanadurga, Kathral Ballakatte
<u>Hireguntanur</u>	Kodagavalli, Thirumalapura, Bommenahalli, Katehalli, Megalahalli, Hunsegatte
<u>D. S. Halli</u>	D. S. Halli, Kyadigere, Muvatharahatti
<u>J N Kote</u>	Nerenal, Sajjinakere, Pallavagere
<u>Ingaldal</u>	Ingaldal, Lambanahatti, Kunchigenal, Kurumadikere, Gandhinagar, Kennadlu
<u>Mattadhahatti</u>	Medahalli

In the Taluk of Hiriyur

<u>Burujanaroppa</u>	Burujanroppa, Salahunse, Lambanighatti, Koverahatti, Old Chikkasiddavvannahalli, Hosanayakarahatti, New Ckikkasiddavvanahalli, Ho. Chi Borainahatti, Karobayanatti, Palavvanahalli
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In the Town of Chitradurga

<u>Chitradurga Town</u>	Kammanbhavi, Gandhinagar, Burujanahatti, Kavadiyarhatti, Mattadahatti, Chelugudde, Anaibhagilu, J.P. Nagar, Municipal Colony, Kelagote, Housing Board, Horapet, S. P. Office side, Jogimatti Road Area, Karuvinakatte Circle, Bhemappanaika Bhadavane, I. U. D. P Layout, Jain Colony, Thippa Reddy Nagara, Sihineeru Honda, Kumbhara Bheedhi, Medhehalli Road, Garehatti, Nehrunagara, Jogeshpalaya, Kabiranandanagara, Medahalli Gate, Maruthi Nagara,
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Dynamics & Methodology:

The methodology we use is the Participatory Strategic Planning Process Method in Planning, Formulation, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Process in the various socio-economic and Empowerment activities. As we plan to have any socio-economic and developmental and empowerment programmes in any sector in the villages and in the slums, we do an initial baseline survey in the concerned proposed area. This is preceded by the Inquiry Process with the village and local leaders and the elected representatives of the area as to what are the needs of the locality and the target population. Then a Need Analysis is done so that the interventions will be need-based and need-specific. Then we do the Participatory Strategic Planning and also the Appraisal. Once these steps are followed, we do the Proposal Formulation which is again put back to the people for information and evaluation and feasibility study. After that the Proposal is sent to the concerned funding Partners and Activities are taken up.

Description of the Activities of CHITHRA - DON BOSCO 2011-2012

01. Community Managed Resource Centre (CMRC)

The process of forming SHGs into Federations were done and being continued this year too. The usefulness of the Federations are being questioned more and more and we are thinking how to make it more functioning of the On the one hand the formation process of SHGs and Federations has to continue. On the other, we needed to make them more independent and self sustainable, the next step is Community Managed Resource Center(CMRC). This is to bring together the Federations into one unit and empower them to run all the affairs of the SHGs and also the Federations on their own.

The CMRCs also imparted SHG Leaders' Special Trainings for 50 members sponsored by DBAL.

SI No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007
1.	CMRC	05	05	05	06	05	03

01.1 Concept Trainings of SHG and Federation at CMRC Level

SI No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010 - 2011	2009-10	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007
1.	Training of SHG's	05	483	Training to all 460 SHG's	Training to all 450 SHG's	Training to all 420 SHG's	Training to all 345 SHG's
2.	Training of Federation	25	38	Training to All 38 federation	Training to All 38 federation	Training to all 32 federation	Training to all 17 federation
3.	Training to CMRC BODs	12	6	6 centers	6 centers	5 centers	3 centers

01. 2 International Women's Day

The International Women's Day Celebrations were held in all the CMRCs. The women themselves were asked to come forward to organize and execute the programme for the day. There was a good response. In Rani Chennamma and Margadarshi CMRC the women placed an request to the local leaders for a place to build a CMRC.

SI No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010 -2011	2009-10 CMRC	2008-2009 CMRC	2007-2008	2006-2007
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				Level	Level		
1.	International Women's day participants	1000	1550	4500	3000	7465	5000

02. Formation, Nurturing and Developing of Quality SHGs

We have been able to retain and continue our services towards 333 quality SHGs of poor rural women who are living below the poverty line as well as those in vulnerable situation. The number of families that are covered through these SHGs is 6000 families. These are spread over in the villages and in the slums. The numbers have dwindled due to the presence of Micro-Financing Companies, who have disturbed much the community based development works, esp. the women SHGs.

Follow-up is regularly done through weekly meetings and our staff visit them every fortnight. The leaders' meet every month. The necessity and functional benefits of the Federations are questioned.

Sl No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007
1.	SHGs	333	483	460	450	420	345

03. Supervised Evening Study Centres

Supplementary Education programmes in **25 villages** are being conducted for the children in the villages and in the slums as the coaching in the school is very poor and also to make sure that there is reduction in school dropout rate. It has an attendance of **1200 children from 1-7th standard**. The local Government schools in the villages have been very encouraging in this initiative of ours.

Sl No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007
1.	Tuition centers	30	30	36	35	32	25

03.1. Formation of Puttani Sanghs

To increase and instill the saving mentality into the children particularly the girl children and to make them take the responsibility for their own education, we have started the Puttani Sanghas, with a minimum saving of Re. 1/ and maximum of Rs. 5/ per week for 8 to 9 months. This money accrued throughout the year is given back to them with a 25% increase to their saving at the beginning of the Academic year. The children are encouraged to set apart this money for their educational stationeries.

Collected	Our Interest	Total Given Back
Rs. 30,066	Rs. 7,519	Rs. 37,585

03. 2 Children's Day

We have 30 evening tuition centers and on behalf of these poor children every year in the month of November at our children convenience fix a day for the one day children's day celebration. Every year there will be more than 850 children for the children's day from the different tuition centers of the villages.

SI No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010 - 2011	2009-10	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007
1.	Children's day	1100	1223	850	800	750	700

03. 3 Summer Camps

Summer Camp is one of the main activities of CHITHRA Don-Bosco. The camps were conducted in villages where we have our evening study centers and also in other places where we are not actively present.

SI No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010 - 2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007
1.	Tuition children Camps	21	20	14	12	10	8

04. Formation of Youth Clubs

In the empowerment and developmental process, we have reached out to the children and the women in the villages. As the youth will be taking the responsibility for the development of their own villages in the future and also the decision making group, we thought that we need to form, train and motivate the youth in this process. Hence we have facilitated the formation of youth clubs in all the villages where we work. Presently there are 10 Youth Shgs Functioning.

SI No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007
1.	Youth SHG's	10	42	40	37	32	15

04.1 One Day Youth Camp

We did have a One Day Youth Camp in the month of August 2011 in preparation for the coming of the Relic of Don Bosco, wherein 80 youth participated and benefitted from it. Youth from Don Bosco, Hospet and Davangere participated in the youth camp. The sessions were handled by Fr. John Peter and Mr. Raju. The nearby MoRD trainees joined the camp.

05. Rehabilitation of Agricultural Child Laborers

Though child labor problem is not rampant in the district, there is subtle existence of Child labor in the town and especially in the villages in the agricultural sector. To prevent and or to rehabilitate the real as well as potential child laborers we have in our hostel the child labor rehabilitation programme for the child laborers in town and villages. We concentrate more on the rehabilitation of the child laborers in the agricultural sector. We also welcome for rehabilitation the child laborers from our institutions especially Don Bosco Davengere and Don Bosco, Yadgiri.

Sl No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010
1.	Savio Boys	72	80	-

06. CHINTHANA Training Center:

In this whole process of development and empowerment, a great stress and emphasis on the training component is laid. The need for a conducive training center facility was felt and it is felt even more today when the departments want to have a bigger and better equipped training centers. **From the time DBTech programme came in (Nov 2010) it was used as a hall cum computer training center. Now (June 2012) it is been used as a dormitory for the Savio Boys.**

07. Child Labour Special Schools

We have been working from the very beginning for children and young at risk. The govt. administration has officially recognized our work for the young at risk. **The Deputy Commissioner had and has entrusted us with a Child Labour Special School. Now presently we are having it in our campus, in which we have about 25 children though the capacity is for 50. The concerned department is not very proactive and locating the children, convincing the parents and motivating the children has been a herculean task. The School has officially started from January 2012 and we have admitted all the children who were with us even before the Department had given us to the nearby Adopted school and a few have returned to their home.**

Sl No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008
1.	Asha Kiran	32	35	42	45	64

08. Farmers Clubs

To organize the young farmers who will carry forward the developments agricultural and environmental practices at a faster and sustainable speed we have in collaboration with NABARD and PGB 13 Farmers Clubs in around Chitradurga. These young farmers meet regularly, discuss on latest developments in agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry and adopt these practices in their own lands. They also have credit activities.

Sl No.	Particulars	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2007-2008	2006-2007
1.	Farmers Groups /Watershed Associations	-05-	-	-	76	60

09. Missing Child Bureau

To assist in finding out the missing children Government of Karnataka has entrusted BOSCO Bangalore to create district cell. CHITHRA Don Bosco is the district cell of Missing Child Bureau. It has been making steady progress. 40% of the children missing were able to trace out through our intervention. The police and the district Administration has been very cooperative and appreciative of our work. We had been regularly updating with the required data to the State Office. The State-Co-ordinator had paid his visit to the centre and had given us technical support. But there has been no Financial Support for this project, yet we are giving our support and updating the web with complaints when received.

10. Solar Powered Mobile Computer Awareness Programme

Computer Knowledge has become a must everywhere and with this idea we have started the Mobile Computer Awareness Programme for the Children of the Government Schools in the villages. We started the programme of 30th January 2012. It's basically an Awareness Drive for the Higher Primary School Children. **By the end of 3 months we had reached out to 1200 children in both the town of Chitradurga and villages.** The Bus was also used during the summer camps in the villages. There has been an enthusiastic welcome by the local school Headmaster/Mistresses of the Schools. They express a lot of gratitude and appreciation. Our plan is to reach 10,000 children by 3 years time.

11. MoRD – DB Tech

The Youth Empowerment through skill training did see its wonderful phase at Don Bosco Chitradurga. It stood first regarding Providing of Facility, Training and Placement. 3 batches of ITES, ISMO & S&M were under funded MoRD and 4th, 5th & 6th Batches of S&M were funded under Accenture. Quest Alliance, an NGO partnered to provide the content for the S&M training. The MoRD project officially concluded in June 2012. Under this project we completed 6 batches and have successfully placed **423+95** candidates of BPL category in gainful employment.

12. N.G.O Net working

In N G O networking we are actively involved in the formation and running of the various NGOs working in the District through a registered society. We make our presence felt whenever a meeting is called. There has been some kind of internal issues due to which the meetings and not held regularly. Whenever held there has been useful sharing of information and decisions taken. Collaboration towards its strengthening from our part is ever present.

13. Staff Trainings

For the development and sustainability of rural areas we have 14 full time well experienced and committed staff members. In order to equip them with a latest trainings and to update we had various training programmes like

- CMRC Management
- Good Governance – Fr. Veeresh
- 2 days Self Analysis Workshop – Fr. Julian
- 2 days Project Planning and Implementation – Fr. Julian
- 1 day RBM – Fr. Julian
- CMRC Strengthening – Mr. Monis

Regular staff meetings were held wherein the need for quality and result based service was very much stressed.

STAFF DETAILS

SL. NO	Name of the Staff	Male/ Female	Years with NGO	Specialization
01	Rev. Fr. Jose Churavrikudilil	M	14 Years	T O T
02	Rev. Fr. Jude Anand	M	1 st Year	T O T
03	Rev. Fr. Tomy Chirakal	M	1 st Year	T O T
04	Rev. Fr. Maria Julian	M	1 st Year	TO T
05	Fr. Manu Johnson	M	3 Year	TO T Community Coordination
06	Mr. Jagadeeshwar	M	1 Year	T O T
07	Mr. Anthonappa	M	13 Years	T O T Community Animators
08	Mr. Manjunatha	M	13 Years	T O T community Animators
09	Mr. Barnabas	M	11 Years	T O T community Animators
11	Mr. Sannalingappa	M	13 Years	T O T community Animators
12	Mr. Thippeswamy	M	3 Years	T O T Community animators
13	Mr. Onkarppa	M	12 Years	T O T community Animators
14	Mrs. Sunanda	F	10 Years	T O T community Animators
15	Mr. Raju	M	9 Years	T O T community Animators
16	Mr. Manjunatha	M	8 Years	T O T community Animators
17	Mr. Shanthakumar	M	5 Years	T O T Community Animators
18	Mr. Jayanna	M	12 Years	T O T community Animators
19	Mr. Mahanthesh	M	9 Years	T O T community Animators
20	Mr. Anthony	M	10 Years	Village Animators and Tuition Teachers
21	Prakash	F	12 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
22	T. Kavitha	F	5 Year	Village animators and tuition teachers
23	Rathnamma	F	4 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
24	Dharmavathi	F	2 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
25	Pavithra	F	2 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
26	Nagalakshmi	F	2 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers

27	Sudhamani	F	3 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
28	Meghana	F	4 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
29	Mallamma	F	5 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
30	Shamshed Begam	F	5 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
31	Jayalakshmi	F	5 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
32	Deepa	F	4 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
33	Rekha	F	7 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
34	Nishad Unesa	F	5 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
35	Asha	F	5 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
36	Mallamma	F	5 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
37	Veeresh	M	5 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
38	Gangamma	F	4 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
39	Ambhika	F	4 Years	Village animators and tuition teachers
40	Asha	F	1 Year	Village animators and tuition teachers
41	Heena	F	1 Year	Child Labour School
42	Sandeepa	M	1 Year	Child Labour School
43	Lakshmi	F	1 Year	Beautician Trainer
44	Shruthi	F	2 Year	Computer / Tailoring Teacher
45	Anjum	F	5 Year	Computer Teacher
46	Mamatha	F	6 Year	Tailoring Teacher
47	Mr. Javeed Muqthat	M	2 Year	Computer Trainer (DBTech)
48	Mrs. Jayashree	F	2 Year	ISMO Trainer (DB Tech)
49	Mr. Patil SataGouda	M	2 Year	S & M Trainer (DB Tech)
50	Mr. Christopher Regan	M	2 Year	English Trainer (DB Tech)
51	Mr. Lingaraj	M	6 months	ITES Trainer (DB Tech)
52	Mr. Nagaraj	M	6 months	Child labour Teacher
53	Miss Sheela Kumari	F	6 months	Child Labour Teacher
54	Mrs. Ashirvada	F	1 year	Child Labour Warden

We have well experienced Male staffs = 25

We have well experienced Female staffs = 29

14. Project Blossom

For the last 12 years we have been trying to make a difference in the lives of poor children particularly the school dropouts and child laborers, both rural and urban in Chitradurga and especially the Girl Child. We call them BUDS to bloom into full human beings and responsible citizens of our country by sponsoring their expenses on a monthly or yearly basis.

CHRONOLOGICAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES – 2011-2012

These activities are other than our daily works and regular activities.

APRIL 2011

- 1st MoRD 3rd Batch commences
- 1st Summer Camps Begin
- 9th and 10th Bosco Kids Programme
- 30th Ranichenamma Auditing

MAY 2011

- 2nd One day Camps begin
- 7th Youth Camp for Computer and Tailoring students
- 9th PUC and Degree students camp
- 24th Fr. Julian takes charge
- 24th to 28th IT training in Mysore
- 28th Tuition Teachers Meeting

JUNE 2011

- 12th Anti child labour day Rally
- 20th and 21st Staff Training and Send off to Fr. Anil
- 23rd Tuition teachers meeting in Onake Obava CMRC
- 25th Tuition teachers meeting
- 30th Concept training in DS Halli
- Child Labour Survey and Identification of Children for Child Labour School

JULY 2011

- 7th Mr. Marion Claude and Sophia Claude Visit CHITHRA and Child Labour Centre
- 30th Tuition teachers meeting

AUGUST 2011

- 2nd & 3rd Andheri Hilfe – Mr. Monis Visits
- 8th & 9th Good Governance and Right Based Approach Training
- 14th Rangoli Competition organized by Onake Obava CMRC at CHINTHANA
- 15th Independence day CMRC level
- 15th Independence day at CK Pura Adopted School
- 21st Youth Meet in view of Don Bosco's Relic's Visit

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 1st Don Bosco's Relic Visited Chitradurga
- 5th Teachers day celebration
- IInd Child Labour Identification Survey

OCTOBER 2011

- 13th Hasiru Programme by OnnakeObavva CMRC
- 25th Staff Training – PEST Analysis

NOVEMBER 2011

- 20th YaR Day, CHILDREN's day Celebrations and Nine Is Mine Campaign

DECEMBER 2011

- 1st - 3rd RBM Training at CROSS, Bengaluru
- 8th YaR Child Policy Consultation Meeting – Provincial House
- 17th & 18th National Human Rights Commission Meeting at Vikas Soudha on Child Labour, Bonded Labour and Child Marriage.
- 17th & 18th DBAI – Organic Farming at Kankpura, Bengaluru – Mr. Barnabas, Sannaningappa and Jayanna.
- 23rd Christmas Celebration
- 27th Dn. James Paul's Ordination

JANUARY – 2012

- 1st New Year Celebrations at CMRCs
- 3rd Self Motivation Staff Training at CHITHRA
- 15th – 19th Seymour College – Sarvodaya Tour, Australia visit
- 25th Working On MCB by Mr. Binu and Mr. Bosco
- 26th Republic Day Celebrations at CK Pura Adopted School
- 30th Solar Powered Mobile Computer Awareness Programme Begins
- 31st Don Bosco's Feast

FEBRUARY 2012

- 5th Bosco Kids Annual Celebrations
- 6th & 7th SMSSS Training on RBM
- 10th Child Labour Survey II – Meeting with Thasildhar.
- 14th Planning Meeting for International Women's Day and Summer Camps
- 24th Child Labour Evaluation and Implementation Meeting with DC Mr. Vipul Bansal.
- 25th Tuition Teachers Training for Summer Camps
- 26th & 27th MCB Meeting and Status Evaluation. – Mr. Manjunath HC

MARCH 2012

- 11th Women's day celebration at Onake Obava CMRC
- 15th Women's day celebration at Kannadambe CMRC
- 16th Women's day celebration at Rani Chennamma CMRC
- 17th Women's day celebration at Margadarshi CMRC
- 18th Women's day celebration at BharathMathe CMRC
- 28th Br. Kristuraj Dominic Arrives to Help Out in the Camps
- 30th **CHITHRA DON BOSCO Registered as a Society.**

APRIL 2012

- 2nd TWO DAY Summer Camp Begins
- 26th – 29th - 7th Karnataka State Bosco Youth Convention, Tumkur
- 30th SPIN – SKDRDP and its impact (Shri Keshtra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project)

MAY 2012

- 1st TWO DAY Summer Camps End
- 2nd ONE DAY Summer Camp Begins
- 10th Shifted the OnakeObavva CMRC

Future Plans

01. Strengthening the CMRC's, Federations and SHG's

The thrust this year concerning Women Empowerment will be to strengthen the SHG's by calling all of them for meetings at each Field Staff Level in the CMRCs.

02. Qualifying the Community Managed Resource Centers.

There are 5 CMRC's to coordinate the activities of CHITHRA Don Bosco, though the BoDs meet regularly, there has not been any profitable income. Many SHG members and groups have not paid the memberships. The plan is to demand membership amount for the CMRC to function and meet its daily running expenses. The Concept of Federation is still not very much understood and the women in many places do not find it useful. Also thinking is on to make and attract more people towards the CMRCs.

03. Training programmes for the Staff members:

There was a sense of not sufficient (financial backing) for the staff and we have struggled to meet its demands. Further on, they need to be entrusted and demanded to produce results, which needs more qualified personnel on the top and also asking them to get qualified themselves in related studies. Along with this ask a few to go for trainings arranged by other NGOs and make exposure visits.

04. Training Center with Residential Facility:

This has been a long standing desire of CHITHRA, though we have a full fledged high tech Training Center, we are not able to provide good residential facility to the participants as well as the Resource Persons. Hence we have proposed to a training center with residential facility for the CHINTHANA Training Center with space for Trainees and Faculty persons.

05. Long-term Training Courses:

We are now capable of conducting trainings for duration up to 5 days. However we are planning to design and conduct trainings for 15 days, 1 month, 6 months, 1 year and finally to 2 years and 3 years leading to Bachelor's and Master's degree in Social Work and Sociology with Research. Towards this we have already bought 15 ac of land for this purpose and if it is thought best it could be given on lease for Agricultural Use.

06. Research and Documentation:

We need to develop and strengthen further the documentation process and to publish the success stories and to do research in the development field and to share the findings and experiences with others in the development field and those who can affect the policies towards the real development of the poor who will have decent and sustainable livelihood options and opportunities.

07. Project BLOSSOM

As part of the community being encouraged to be involved and gradually leading to community rehabilitation of the hostel children who are poor potential and actual child laborers and school dropouts, we have formulated after getting the opinion of prominent and willing people the Project BLOSSOM. Initially each sponsor will sponsor one or more BUDS as the children are referred to in the project Blossom. The sponsors will be informed of the progress made by the children periodically and they will keep in touch with the children 3 or 4 times in a year. This project was inspired by 2 children who were studying in international schools and who were willing to help with finding sponsors. This also makes the community at large to take up the responsibility for providing opportunities for the less fortunate children in honor of their own children for whom they provide everything in life.

08. Setting up of Multi-Disciplinary training programme for employment

After being in the number One spot under MoRD Project we want to make our rural youth who are unskilled to have a Multi-Disciplinary programme on a permanent basis. This will enable the youth to have technical qualification in different short term courses and trades and help them to get employed or start self-employment programs.

09. Child Labour Special Schools

This year the concerned authorities did give us the permission to start the school. We found children on our own and started the school. The amount of the previous project which closed in Nov 2009 was settled in the month of April. Now the present situation and plan is to identify and gather more children to the school. Efforts are on to make the children get all the opportunities and follow-up to make themselves better as persons and also bring forth their academic and extra-curricular talents.

10. DB TECH - Skill Training – MoRD Project

We have successfully completed 6 batches under this project. We were able to train and place 540 students in jobs. There are 4 staff members, three concerned with the particular domains of Industrial Sewing Machine Operator (ISMO), Sales and Marketing(S&M), Computer Training (ITES), and 1 staff for Communicative English. The cluster coordinator was from our center. We have tried to provide the best infrastructure, staff and well-equipped lab requirements for training and meeting up with the expectations in the concerned industry where the trainees are placed for job. The center has stood First in project implementation for all the three batches in PAN INDIA. Presently there is a tie-up with LIST (Landmark Institutions for Skill Training), hope it continues and we would like to continue our collaboration with BREADS in this regard.

11. Youth Groups

This year we are planning to start another 6 youth SHGs and have them get Registered and have an affiliation with CHITHRA and Nehru Youth Services. Of course we need funds to organize them and organize programmes for the youth.

12. Andheri Hilfe – Women Empowerment Project

The Andheri Hilfe – Women Empowerment Project officially got closed in March 2012. Andheri Hilfe started supporting us through funds from 2000. We started receiving the funds due to the recommendations of Bishop Gerald Isaac Lobo. They have gone beyond their stipulated years of funding a organization which is only 6 years, due to the goodness of Bishop Gerald Isaac Lobo and the results and further-on proposals, they continued funding and March 2012 was official closure of the project. Of course according to the project we have to keep looking at the impacts and report for 2 years after the completion of the same.

In Conclusion

CHITHRA Don Bosco has been hosting varied empowerment activities with the basic thought of benefitting the poor and the marginalized; it is taken the Province ventures and contributed its share of results. The impact that we have brought about especially in the poor and marginalized, the hope that we have given them is something which we appreciate ourselves for. At the same time we have not reached up to the expected target or result that we had envisaged.

We had planned much and tried to execute all the plans that we have had especially in strengthening the staff members, the SHG women and making aware to the beneficiaries that its time that they too start contributing towards their own growth. In the pursuit to strengthen CHITHRA we have Registered under Registrar of Societies. Internally all are not accepting and owning up CHITHRA as another face of Don Bosco Chitradurga in matters concerning Development of the poor and marginalized and I learn that a lot of funds were moved from CHITHRA to strengthen and build the Educational Institution. Of course, Don Bosco Chitradurga has been presenting to the province at large, the Holistic Nature that we need to have in our presences. We cannot just have an Educational Institution but along with it we need to have Social Development and move out to the needy. As mentioned earlier and as we complete the Women Empowerment Project by Andheri Hilfe, looking for funds to get the running costs of permanent staff of CHITHRA DON BOSCO has become a major concern. In this regard I wish a clear policy be drawn towards sustenance of CHITHRA DON BOSCO, especially supporting the staff members with due and dignified remuneration. Thus, re-emphasizing the only option, to serve the poor and marginalized. Along with Financial requirement, the centre needs to proceed ahead with new initiative and ventures, which of course needs strong guidance and parallel to this we got to make sure that the other regular grass root activities are happening with even more efficiency towards the beneficiaries.

We are thankful to the Almighty for inspiring our good benefactors and Agencies who keep supporting our need. We were blessed with a good some of financial help towards purchasing of equipments and gadgets for the training centre and sadly we are not able to buy it because we do not have a place to install and start training. Thus, bringing to the floor the urgent need for a Training Centre cum Social Development Centre for the people of Chitradurga with the

concerned Academic Institution. The success of MoRD – DBTech at Chitradurga has also proven this aspect.

There is a great satisfaction to hear from the beneficiaries that we have brought about cheer and light in many peoples' lives and on the other hand the need to attain sustainability and greater effectiveness is also felt. The lack of qualification and staff empowerment has been an internal concern, measures and plans are drawn to make them seriously think about this issue and get to real result based contribution.

There is also a felt need for a visionary for CHITHRA DON BOSCO which functions based on projects. It has been an honest search for the last one year and I find it is not a work which one person can handle and produce results, mainly because each and every activity is people oriented and we need to spend a lot of time with people, informally educating and helping them to participatively decide the required outcomes and work towards it. Hope you'll find suitable persons and make decisions which shall have its positive impacts in the years to come.

Finally, we need projects and we are trying to find some locally, and we ask the Province Development Office BREADS to support us especially with the much awaited Training Center so that Academics and Social Development can go hand in hand.

Thanking the Almighty for His Guidance and Protection I close this report for the year 2011-2012