

PRAJA SEVA SAMAJ (PSS), KADIRI
Pre-School Centre
Story of need

BACKGROUND

Baba Colony is located far away from Kadiri town. There is no proper road connectivity to the Colony. The community of Baba colony is depending on stainless steel vessels, fancy items vending in and around Kadiri town for their livelihood. The parents go to livelihood work by early morning and return by afternoon. Until then, the under 5 children are playing in and around the house. Majority of the parents are illiterates.

RATIONALE

ICDS run Anganwadi Centre is located in Ameen Nagar, which is about 2 Kms. distance from the Baba colony. There is a railway track in between Anganwadi Centre and Baba Colony. Children have to cross the railway track to reach Anganwadi Centre. Hence, majority of the parents are unwilling to send their children to Anganwadi centre in view of children safety.

As the parents went for livelihood work, the children are wondering in the streets and unable to access ICDS AWC services such as supplementary nutrition and pre-school education. In turn they are academically backward even though they admitted in primary school. They struggle to learn basic fundamentals of education. As the parents are also illiterates, they are unable to teach / guide the children. Their safety is also a question until the parents return from livelihood work.

PROJECT INTERVENTION

In view of the above, the community requested to establish Pre-School Centre. PSS considered the request and established Pre-school centre, equipped with teaching, learning and play material. Liaisoned with ICDS for supply of supplementary nutrition at the centre itself. Now, the children are attending Pre-School regularly, accessing pre-school education besides play material and playing with co-children. The parents are atmost satisfactory as the children are under protective environment with proper care, nutrition and education.

TESTIMONIALS

Ms. Prameela, mother of enrolled child expressed her heartfelt happiness about the Pre-School running in the community. "Before running of pre-school centre, the children are wondering / playing elsewhere without protection. As most of the parents went for livelihood by early in the morning, the children are unhygienic and they never see the face of Anganwadi centre as it is far away from the community until they enroll in Primary school. They join in school without any foundation. Now, all of our children are accessing the pre-school education in a protective environment. The pre-school teacher is motivating the parents to send the children with proper hygienic condition. We express our heartfelt thanks to PSS for initiating to run pre-school in our area in view of children safety and development".

Mrs. Anitha, Volunteer shared that, “we brought forward the situation of children in our area to many persons, government officials. But, no one took the problem as serious issue. While approached with PSS, they responded positively towards the children well being and development aspect and running pre-school centre with all requisite material in a healthy atmosphere. We are happy for the provisions made by the project.



