



## Education to Odia Migrant Children Activities Report – March 2018

### Enrollment of Children in Regular Schools:

With the support of Rachakonda Police Commissionerate, 1350 migrant children in the age group of 0-14 years were identified from 92 brick kilns in two districts ( Rangareddy, & Yadadri Bhongir). So far we were able to enroll 869 children into the local schools and provide education through 16 educational Odia volunteers. In five locations, children were taught in local government schools while in one location, we set-up a worksite school for children in the brick kiln itself.



### Educational Volunteers Training:

A 3 day orientation program for the 16 educational volunteers was arranged at MEO Office of Choutuppal. An SCERT expert from Odisa state trained these volunteers on various teaching methods. Special focus was giving to orient them on ways to overcome cultural and linguistically challenges. This program has helped the teachers to understand child psychology at destination areas and issues of care and protection at brick kiln were given high importance in the teaching.



### Celebration of Intl Women Day:

In view of the International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March, we were able to convince and garner support of facility owners to declare half-a-day leave to all the women workers in brick kilns on 7<sup>th</sup> march. The women were sensitized on the importance of Women's day, various forms of exploitation and self – defense methods. Focus was given on



orienting adolescent girls to protect themselves from strangers and in case of emergency, approaching police by dialing 100.

**Celebration of World Hearing Day:**

We celebrated World hearing day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March with migrant children. A screening was organized at all the schools to identify children with hearing issues. We were able to identify 5 children with hearing disability. Post this; we are in the process of facilitating referral services to AYJNIHH – Secunderabad for further audiometric evaluation for these children. This will help the children and their parents to understand the loss of decibel and arranging hearing aids for the children.



**Distribution of Shoes :**

The children studying at Peddakonduru of Choutuppall mandal were distributed shoes by Toms Shoe Company. This has been facilitated by the MEO with support of Aide et Action volunteers locally. A total of 146 children were gifted with shoes by the company.



విద్యార్థులకు బూట్ల పంపిణీ చేస్తున్న ఎంఈవో

పోటుప్పల్ రూల్డ్ : మండలపరిషత్లోని పెద్దకొండూర్ ప్రాథమిక పాఠశాల విద్యార్థులకు సోమవారం ఉచితంగా బూట్ల పంపిణీ నిర్వహించారు. ఆమెరి కాకు చెందిన దాత బామ్మ పూ కంపెనీ అధినేత డ్రేక్స్ మైకోపన్నీ ఎంపీ శ్రీంజీ పన ఆధ్వర్యం కార్యక్రమం చేపట్టగా ఎంఈవో భోమగిరి రాములు, పాఠశాల ఉపాధ్యాయులు, శ్రీంజీపన ప్రతినిధులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

**A story of Baijyanthi**

Thirteen-year-old Baijyanthi, an Odia girl from Scheduled Caste community, doesn't remember going to school in the last ten years. Every year she migrates from her village in Bolangir district to other states where her parents work in brick kilns for livelihood. She would help her parents in preparing house courses.

This year her family migrated to Peddakondur village in Telangana state. Unlike the past years, this year was a turning point in her life. She was enrolled in Vth class at the Peddakondur government primary school with the support of Brick Kiln owners association and Rachakonda Police Commissionarate. She is being taught in her native language by an Odia volunteer, who is specially trained by Aide et Action. Though initially, she was unable to read and write, gradually she started reading and can write simple words in Odia. The volunteer has been taking extra care and teaching age-appropriate pedagogy to children like Baijyanthi to reach a basic level in reading and writing. The good mannered girl, Baijyanthi wears the school uniform and reaches the school by the 7-seater auto, both of which are provided by the brick kiln owner.



Once the migration season ends, Aide et Action will ensure to enroll her in the school in her village and help her continue her education without disruption.