

Bridging the Digital Divide Final



Location:

Bangalore, India

Duration:

1 month

Youth coordinator:

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Achieve Universal primary education

Background:

The computerisation project was aptly titled the 'Bridging the digital divide project' because in the Bangalore rural district region where the project was located, there is an enormous disparity of access to computers, ICT and the internet in favour of Urban students against rural students.

Beneficiaries:

Geographical Areas covered and student beneficiaries:

1. Thatguni rural primary school, Thatguni village, Kanakapuram Main Road, Bangalore rural district - 25 students covered, 6 teachers
2. Kagglipuram rural secondary school Kagglipuram village, Kanakapuram Main Road, Bangalore rural district - 50 students covered, 9 teachers
3. Binny Mills School (Binnypet) - 20 students, 3 teachers
4. Banjarapalya rural primary school, Banjarapalya village - 28 students, 3 teachers
5. Kengeri village rural secondary school, Kengeri village, Kengeri Hobli, Mysore Road - 41 students, 12 teachers



6. Doddabele village rural primary school, Doddabele colony village, Kengeri Hobli, off Mysore Road - 15 students, 2 teachers.

Sustainability:

The training covered Three months into the project and the teachers of the six schools. Basically, it boiled down to the individual interest of the teacher, and the team discovered that 80% of the 18 teachers covered under the project responded very well to the training.

Mentor Note:

Arivu and Peace Child India jointly collaborated to provide students from 6 different rural schools with teaching materials, updated technology and basic infrastructure to impart information technology education to Dalit (oppressed communities) students of the rural schools.

Jeetendra and Francisco led the project. Harish, Arun and Nisrine Khaderbhoy helped them. All of them had full time jobs, but volunteered in the evenings and over weekends to successfully implement the project.