



Project Title: - Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

Time period: - (January 2021 to March 2021)

Project Area: - North Goa

I) To prevent gender biased sex selective elimination

a) Street Play

On International Women's Day, Children's Rights in Goa (CRG) organized a Street Play in Collaboration with Viscount of Pernem High school. The key points of this drive were 1. Importance of saving the girl child, 2. The future implications due to a decrease in the child sex ratio. Sixteen Students (8Girls and 8Boys) were active advocates in the community engagement activity. The distribution of 250 handouts on the PCPNDT Act was also archived.

S.No	Location in Pernem Taluka	Audience's present
1.	Virnoda	60
2.	Chandel	65
3.	Casarvanem	130
4.	Warkhand	70
5.	Querim	58
6.	Paliem	50
7.	Mandrem	110
8.	Dhargal	80
	Total	623

Testimonials

Virnoda Panchayat

Sarpanch Mr. Mangaldas Kinlekar and Panch Mamber – Mr. DevendraParab expressed that the street play helped them get sensitized on the gender issue and on the future implications resulted due to drop in child sex ratio.

Chandel Village

Ms. Muskan Naik, from DRDA mentioned that discrimination based on gender should be eliminated from the society. Women & girls need to have an equal excess to their rights including the right to survival and safe environment. She also mentioned that the street play inspired her to do her role for Beti Bacho Beti Padhao more efficiently.



b) One to One interaction

Fifteen Panchayat members, 12 CRP, and 2 Aganwadi workers were approached for one-to-one interaction with a motive to sensitize them about the future implications caused due to decreases in child sex ratio. The total locations covered under this activity were Virnoda, Chandel, Casarvanem, Warkhand, Querim Paliem, Mandrem, Dhargal, Korgao, Ozarim, Arambol, and Morgim.

II) To ensure survival and protection of the girl child

a) Group Discussion/Activity

Group discussions were organized in two parts on 18th and 23rd February keeping in mind the locations & current restrictions. Interactions were initiated in 20 panchayats & 1 municipality aiming to cover the whole Pernem taluka. Panchayat members, CRP's and Aganwadi workers actively participated in this Group Discussion. The discussion was moderated based on the following points 1. The cause of decline in the child sex ratio, 2. The consequences of the decline, 3. Community based solution

The discussion highlights

- Child SEX Ratio at a rise in Pernem as per Aganwadi Data (2020- 21), slight drop noted in Chandel Hasapur area.
- Dowry system, expense of marriage and education is worrisome for the family
- Families opting for late marriages, single child as well as facing fertility issues tend to be selective
- Male child considered as a family heir with rights to perform the last rituals and be a support system at the old age.
- Having a future family may be difficult with the unbalanced gender ratio
- Females may be exposed to exploitation with increase in Rapes and Child Marriages
- Awareness on schemes (Mamata, Sukanya Samruddhi Yogana) benefiting the girl child need to be increased
- Focus group discussions, Campaigns need to be organised at panchayat levels to get public known to the future consequences of decline in child sex ratio.
- Importance needs to be given to girl child education
- Strict implementation and monitoring of PCPNDT Act
- Caste based discrimination needs to be demolished



- Girls and Women need to be made aware of their rights through panchayat involvement
- Panchayat & Aganwadi should celebrate the birth of a girl child at village levels

List of Representatives present for the Group Discussion

S.no	Name of the Location	Representative present				
		Panchayat/Municipality	Aganwadi workers	CRP	BRP	Mukhya Sevika
1.	Arambol	1	2			
2.	Corgao	1	2		1	
3.	Virnoda		2			
4.	Chandel - Hasapur	1	2			
5.	Casarvarnem	1	1	2	1	
6.	WarkhandNagzar	1	3	1		
7.	Querim- Terekhol	1	1	1		
8.	Paliem	1	3	2	1	
9.	Mandrem		3			
10.	Dhargalim	1	3	2		
11.	Morjim	1	2	1		
12.	AgarwadaChopdem	1	2	1		
13.	Parcem	1	2	1		
14.	Khajnem- AmerePorscadem		1	1		
15.	Torxem		1	1		
16.	Allorna		2	1		



17	Ozarim	2	2		1	
18	Tuem	1	1	2		
19	TamboxemMopa-Ugavem	1	1	1		
20	IbrampurHankhane	1				
21	Municipality		2			1
		16	37	17	4	1
Total						75

III) To ensure education and participation of the girl child

1. Balika Munch (Girl child empowerment clubs)

A) Orientation

Online orientation for members of Balika Manch & the link teacher was organized for 26 schools in Goa, aiming to empower the girl students to voice out their views. The programme focused on introducing the students to their rights to equality & safety. Especially attention was given to Right to Education. It also encouraged the students to be voice for the voiceless by being young advocates working towards rights-based advocacy. A total of 156 students and 26 teachers were part of this orientation. As an outcome of this orientation, the limited excess to products for better menstrual hygiene as a result of low family income was highlighted.

- **Empowering Sessions**

- i) Leadership (*Resource Person: - Ms. Aparajita Mandrekar- MSW, PG- Guidance and counselling-BSW*)

Conducted session for Balika Manch girls from 26 schools. Total 156 girls participated in the programme. The session was focused on different skills and qualities that are required to be a good leader. The message given to the girls were that leaders are not great because they have power, but they are great when they know to empower each other. During the session students were also informed that not all the problems have a quick solution but they should try to do their level best to come up with alternative solutions, they should use empathy often to understand their fellow group members.



ii) Career Guidance (*Resource person: - Ms. Venicia Fernandes, Secretary, Human touch Foundation & STEM coach*)
(Mrs. Karishma Prabhu B.A.M.S)

Career Guidance Session was organized in Old Goa Educational institute (School) for 46 students of Class IX. The resource person interacted with each of the student personal to know their interest in career lines. Guidance was provided on one-to-one bases to each student. A few of the career options expressed by the students were Army, Self-owned businesses, sports, Chartered Accountant and Dance. The resource person also focused on the significance of studies from VIII to XI standards in any competitive exams and encouraged students to get motivate and start working towards their goal.

B) Competitive platforms

i) Cooking Competition with Father/Brother

Objectives: - Sharing household responsibility

The competition was open to all the Balika Manch members with a criterion that the cooking needs to be done by the student with the help of her Brother/Father/Male Guardian. The response was very positive with 50 video entries for this competition. Students, as well as teachers, expressed that the idea addressed the gender gap in sharing the household responsibilities breaking the stereotyping in families.

ii) Poster Competition

Objective: - Introduction to The Right to Survival

The competition aimed in introducing the members to The Right to Survival & the concepts of infanticide and feticide. Teachers were oriented to guide the student on the topic. The student had to voice their opinion through Art. The Response was highly creative with 60 entries from 26schools. Each poster expressed different concepts & realities in the life of a female child.



Online Price Distribution

- The competition winners were announced by the Chief Guest, Ms. Deepali Naik, Director of Women & Child Development Goa. The first & second place winners were awarded a trophy & certificate followed by an appreciation certificate to all the participants.

2. Reducing drop -out at secondary levels

a) Extra classes in Science

Two schools in North Goa were covered under this initiative with a motive of reducing dropouts at the secondary level.

1. Government high school Alto – Betim total students benefiting 44 students

b) Motivational talk

(Resource person: - Ms. Venicia Fernandes, Secretary, Human touch Foundation & STEM coach)

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A motivational session for the 19 below-average students of Govt. High school Alto -Betim was organized by CRG. The session involved giving students a goal & encouraging them to continue their education irrespective of their background or financial constraint. Especial mention was made of the STEM-based careers to break the stereotype in most of the fields.

Online & Print Media outreach for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

Children's rights in Goa promoted their outreach work on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao through their social media handles, via Instagram, Facebook, Twitter & YouTube channels. Using digital posters on Gender Equality, Zero Discrimination, Right to Education, Voice to the Voiceless, International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation, National Girl Child Day & International Women's Day. A video made on The International Girl Child Day depicting CRGs work in Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was also a part of this outreach.

Print media engagements through press notes on the activities conducted under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao by Children's rights in Goa. •

S.no	Activity	Print Media
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1.	Online Price Distribution (Balika Manch)	Times of India/Goan Observer
2.	Group Discussions	Herald
3.	Street Play	Daink /Herald/ Bhaangar Bhuin/Pudhari/Gomantak/Times of India

Project Outcomes

A total of 698 people from the community were sensitized on The Right to Survival and equality through Street Play and Group discussions

The tertiary target group was made aware of its role in Beti Bacho Beti Padhao

Two testimonials were noted

Balika Munch members were empowered to highlight issues related to menstrual hygiene

Provided a competitive platform for the young minds to voice out through Art

Successful piloting of the extra classes in government school Alto Betim with zero drop outs at secondary level

Digital platforms were used to increase the outreach of the programme

Challenges

Delay in Permissions from the respective government departments to deputy personals for the activities consumed a lot of our time.

Code of conduct limited our street play outreach to 8 areas in Pernem

Dhargal Panchayat showed lack of involvement during the street play

It was a challenge to convince the locals believe that Goa has low child sex ratio