

MV Foundation

Innovation Summary

□ Context

- About a decade back the number of bonded labor children was monumentally high as the children's right to education was being grossly violated.
- There was indifference towards increasing levels of school dropouts and no governmental or private body was seriously engaged in fighting this societal scourge.
- The standards of living were not improving as the inter-generational cycle of illiteracy contributing to poverty continued.

□ Challenge/ Opportunity

- While some organisations were working with bonded labour children and addressing their education needs through non formal education centers , the need was for a comprehensive strategy was felt that would cover the entire universe of children in a given area.
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Innovation

Elimination of Child Labor and Universalization of Child Education

- ❑ MVF has also built local institutions such as Child Rights Protection Forums (CRPF) with a membership of 25000 in all its villages to take autonomous actions in favor of children's rights.
 - ❑ Government school teachers (around 2500) were organized into groups for reaching out to out of school children and improving the quality of education in schools. Over 10 lac children are monitored on a daily basis.
 - ❑ An 'area-based approach' was used to address the entire universe of children [both in schools and out of schools] in the 5-14 years age group while planning for abolition of child labor.
 - ❑ Children withdrawn from work were prepared for mainstream schools through Residential Bridge Course Camps (4 months to 16 months)
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Innovation Scorecard

□ Uniqueness

- The residential bridge course camp is a concept created by MVF to help out of school children catch up with the other children who are in school and therefore integrate into the formal school system in a class appropriate to their age.
- The CRPF acts like a watch dog in protecting child rights and also to prevent child marriages.

□ Impact

- Moved 350,000 children out of labour and mainstreamed them into full-time formal schools. **Data Source: As per independent report prepared and submitted by : Aditya Mukherjee / Urmila Sarkar / Ratna M. Sudarshan For HIVOS, in January 2005.**
 - Covered 6000 Villages in 13 districts in Andhra Pradesh. **Data Source: Same as Above**
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Innovation Scorecard

□ Sustainability and Scalability

- MVF has been working for the last 15 years and children mainstreamed have now completed their schooling. **Data Source : HIVOS report Jan,2005**
- The MV Foundation has helped with technical support when invited by Govt. or NGO's in AP, Maharashtra,MP , Orissa, Rajasthan, WB , TN and Assam. **Data Source : MV Foundation**

□ Leverage

- MVF today has the same funding that it had 12 years ago , when it was a much smaller organisation .IF anything , their resources to results ratio has only risen. **Data Source : MV foundation**
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