Centre for Social action (CSA) Community Development: Unnati SHA Project, Jamkhandi, Bagalkote District, Karnataka. Child Rights Awareness Training – May 2023

CSA has been implementing the Unnati SHA project in partnership with Kindernothilfe, Germany since 2015. Unnati is a Self-help Group Approach community development project reaching out to devadasi community and other marginal communities at 11 villages of Jamkhandi Taluk in Bagalkote district of Karnataka.

The Child rights awareness training was conducted on May 25th, 2023 Alagur village, Jamkhandi Taluk, Bagalkote district, Karnataka, participated by 102 children from the target villages. Dr. Anthony C, Director of Anthyodaya Social Service centre has been the resource faculty to facilitate the training.

The children were helped to understand about the



'Child Parliament' at village level, block level, district level, and State level to sensitize the children. The children were facilitated to play a game 'cow-goat- tiger-fort', which represented children as cow/goat, tiger as violence and fort as protector. This game has helped them to understand the violence being faced by the children these days. The children were made to be aware of 'Child Rights Protection Committee' at the district level, UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, Child help line (1098) and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 (POSCO Act) that are contributing to ensure child rights and to facilitate measures that the children are free from violence. Various examples on prevention of child marriage, child abuse, and child dropouts were

discussed with the children. During this discussion, the participants also shared about successful stories in their villages about preventing child marriages, and school dropouts in their villages. The children were also sensitized on 'the Convention on the Rights of the Child', explaining about the four main pillars – the right to survival, the right to protection, the right to development and the right to participation.



Through this training the children have learnt about functions of child parliament, child rights protection committee, national and international agencies working on child rights, child help line, POSCO Act, and the convention of the rights of the child. This learning will help them in strengthening their activities in future through child parliaments and child protection committees at the village/project level.

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