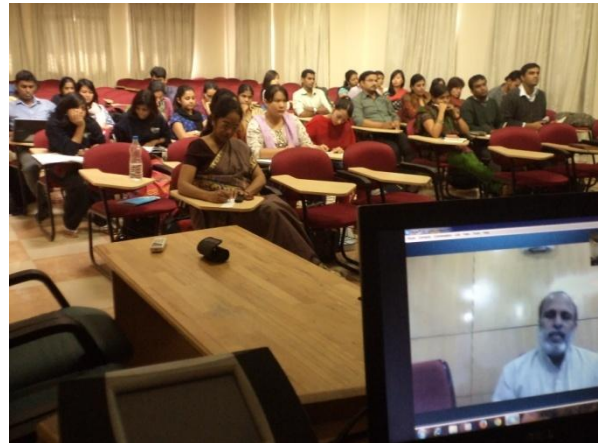


Virtual Panel Discussion with World Vision India

A Panel Discussion was held on 9th December 2013 with World Vision India. This discussion was attended by students of II year MSW. World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organisation working to create lasting change in the lives of children, families and communities living in poverty and injustice world wide.

Panel Members

1. Dr. Jayakumar Christian: National Director, World Vision India
2. Dr. Sanjay Bhattacharya: Manager- Organisational Development
3. Mr. Arun Thomas: Group Director- Public Engagement & Effectiveness
4. Mr. Chittaranjan: Group Director- Corporate Solutions
5. Mr. Anand Josua: Head, marketing Channels
6. Ms. Christopher



Specific objectives of the video conferencing were:

- Understand the development sector initiatives for community development and various challenges faced by the organisation
- Understand participatory approaches in development and use of participatory development models
- Familiarize with the programmes and approaches of World Vision for community development
- Understand the specific skills required for social worker in working with International development organisations
- Understand the best practices of world vision in terms of Disaster management, project planning and Management, Human Resource Management and Financial Management, strategic planning and policy development



The session started with introducing Christ University to the panel members by Dr. Victor Paul, the coordinator of Departments of Social Work, Sociology and CSA and department of Social Work by Dr. Bino Thomas, the Head of the Department. Students had an interactive session regarding the major aspects of the organizations namely: functions, responsibilities, organizational culture, employee engagement mechanism, corporate involvement strategies in different countries, disaster management as well as collaboration with different institutions for national and international level plans. It was a productive discussion and students were able to understand the functions and strategies of World Vision India, the biggest NGO in the country. Mr. Mathew CP expressed vote of thanks.

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