

Vowels of the People Association

Work Report (July to October 2018)

We are glad to inform you that, our newly registered organization 'Vowels of the People Association' has completed four months of its journey. We have received immense support from all of you. There are two main objectives for this endeavor. First is to strengthen the social organizations working in deprived regions. The second one is to bring thought clarity and nurture constitutional values among youth aspiring to work in the social sector.

Highlights:

- 1) The mandatory legal processes including bank account and company registration are completed. Our website is also operational.
- 2) The office place is acquired in Kothrud area (Pune) with the help of Mr. Pramod Mujumdar.
- 3) Basic things in office like a printer, soft board, table, and chairs are acquired for our office.
- 4) It is decided that the focus of work would be on youth and organizations in Marathwada (Maharashtra).
- 5) Work has been started with few organizations – Sondara Gurukulam, Snehalaya English Medium School, Dnyansampada English Medium School, ML Dhawale Memorial Trust

Detail report

Project NISHAD – Strengthening Social Organizations

1) Sondara Gurukulam (Beed)

This residential school is situated in Domari village, in a hilly area near Beed. Initiated for children of sugarcane laborers in that area, this school aims for the development of the Marathwada region.

VoPA helps them in improving school management systems and teachers' capacity building, fundraising, and social media and branding.

Number of beneficiary staff – 20 **Number of beneficiary students** – 200 **VoPA visits** – 6

Activities/ Session conducted-

1. Annual Planning Workshop (25th May to 1st June)
Assisted in annual planning, goal setting, setting systems and processes, putting monitoring systems, ideation in academic subjects, inputs on inclusivity, critical thinking, film watching etc.
2. Monthly training workshop (7th to 9th July)
Introduction and training for *VicharSabha* (Student Assembly and different committees), Training on planning skills for 8th – 10th students, Assistance to management team and Principal
3. Monthly training workshop (13th to 15th August)
Training about conducting interactive class, live lesson demonstration, assistance to management team and principal, guidance about the problems of teachers
4. Monthly training workshop (13th to 14th September)
Guidance on preplanning of a lesson, filmmaking as a teaching medium, assistance to the management team in fundraising proposals
5. Monthly training workshop (8th to 10th October)
Importance and development of lesson plan, live lesson demonstration, preparing demo lesson plan and format, assistance to management team and principal

6. Fundraising and branding – Assistance in writing the funding proposals, designing brochures, creating social media presence.

Work Output:

All the organizational work for this educational year is properly planned and being executed effectively and efficiently. Teachers training is being organized regularly and students are getting better educational experiences. Effective use of social media is helping the Sondara in branding and also well-written funding proposals are helping in fundraising.

2) Snehalaya (Ahmednagar)

Snehalaya is an institution which works for women, children and LGBT communities, who have been affected by HIV and AIDS, trafficking, sexual violence, and poverty. VoPA is working for Snehalaya English medium school by providing support in the annual work plan, time and work management skills, teachers training, staff training (value education), educational content development, building environment for effective learning and developing research-based approach in work.

Number of beneficiary staff – 30 Number of beneficiary students – 125 VoPA visits – 2

Activities/ Session conducted-

1. Understanding the School (24th to 26th July)
Study of culture, history, work, school environment, SWOT analysis of school, Meeting with Snehalaya trustees, school Principal, teachers
2. Baseline Data Collection (29th October)
Basic data about teachers were collected through a questionnaire and Likert scale.

Work Output:

A document on schools current situation is prepared by analyzing its Strengths, weakness, threats, and opportunities. And detailed action plan is prepared for the next three years for teacher's capacity building.

3) Dr. M.L. Dhawale Memorial Trust (Palghar)

We are working with Dr. M.L. Dhawale Memorial Trust's center at Bhopoli in Palghar district. This is a Homeopathic hospital in the tribal area. Along with health center works in different fields like Education, Employment generation, women empowerment through Self Help Groups (SHGs), and Agriculture We are providing services like staff training for capacity building and developing efficiency, supporting for resolving management issues.

Number of beneficiary staff – 30 VoPA visits – 2

Activities/ Session conducted-

1. Assessment of Organization (5th to 6th September)
Understanding the culture, history, work of the organization, SWOT analysis, Meeting with senior leaders, FGD with various departments, understanding data keeping formats and reports
2. Feedback sharing about observations (29th October)
Shared our observations of the last visit with all staff, planning for further intervention

Work Output:

A document on schools current situation is prepared by analyzing its Strengths, weakness, threats, and opportunities. And detailed action plan is prepared for next one year for efficient management systems and capacity building of staff.



(Training Sessions at Sondara Gurukul, Beed)

1. Vichar Sabha (Student Assembly) Training
2. Group Activity
3. Discussions with teachers
4. Role play during the session
5. A relaxed moment during a training session
6. Student group activity
7. Interactive classroom – demo lecture
8. Preparing lesson plan

4) Dyansampada English Medium School (Ahmednagar)

It is an English medium school in Ahmednagar. We have started teachers training sessions with the help of educationalist Mrs. Hema Honwad.

Number of beneficiary staff – 30 Number of beneficiary students – 600 Our visits – 2

Activities/ Session conducted-

1. 20th September – Lesson observations and giving feedback for improvement
2. 5th October – Mathematics teachers' training, idea explosion and mind mapping (methods, objects, places, attributes)
3. 23rd October – Science teachers training, idea explosion and mind mapping (methods, objects, places, attributes)
4. 31st October – Guidance on preparing effective lesson plans, Developing a template of the lesson plan

Work Output:

Teachers are getting benefitted from training sessions conducted and students are getting better educational experience.

VoPA also conducted sessions for NGOs in Pune - SWACH and Mashal.

1. **SWACH, Pune –**
SWACH is waste pickers organization working with Pune Municipal Corporation for Solid Waste Management. VoPA conducted one day workshop for SWACH staff on team building.
No of Participants – 150
2. **Mashal, Pune –**
VoPA helped Mashal in conducting an activity based learning session for students in a slum area in Hadapsar, Pune.
No of Participants – 80

Youth Development Project

Under this program, VoPA shall conduct educational training and sessions with youth. We are collaborating with few institutions in Beed. Training sessions will start in November.

Activities:

1. Meeting with Prof. S. N. Kulkarni from Sawarkar Vidyalaya, Beed
2. Meeting with Mr. Datta Nalawade, Founder of Sanstruti Vidyamandir, Beed
3. Meeting with Prof. Lala Jadhav from Navgan KSK College, Beed

Some moments of joy:

- We are happy that VoPA is helping our friends who are working in the social field. e.g. Ashwin Bhondve, Sunil Chavan.
- It is motivating to see the support and appreciation from senior social change makers like Dr. Anil Avachat, Sanjivani Kulkarni, Hema Honwad, Girish Kulkarni, Pramod Mujumdar, Anand Karndikar, Sudam Bhondve.

Regards,
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