# One Good Step Activity Report 2019-2020

Dear friends,

In 2019-2020, we crossed a milestone; a hundred good steps!

And the journey of One Good Step continues....

As we continue our work in these unpredictable times, here is a flashback of the ground we covered from Apr 2019 to Mar 2020, before corona took over the world and wreaked havoc on individuals, countries and economies alike.

We began our work with children, with the belief that each child is precious and deserves to be nurtured. Staying strong in this commitment, we have continued to humbly serve children in slum communities, rural and urban government schools and in supporting higher education for deserving students.

Our specific focus on eye-care as a significant healthcare initiative has expanded in reach and scope. Taking this effort to Yadgir and Gulbarga , which are the most under-developed districts of Karnataka, we have touched the lives of thousands of children who had never had a health check before and provided timely medical intervention to all those who needed it.

Running in parallel our community interventions, in Nelamangala, Mandya and Chikkaballapura districts, have been instrumental in performing sight saving surgeries for scores of seniors, thereby greatly improving their quality of life.

Pushing the envelope forward, we are dipping our toes into diverse healthcare efforts and welfare initiatives for the differently abled. We have piloted initiatives which will be developed further as we gain knowledge and expertise.

Despite every challenge and obstacle that we have encountered, the gratification and satisfaction derived from our work done is immense. Every step forward is a product of the dedication of our team, efforts of volunteers and collaboration with our partners, all of whom stay committed to serve in the future too.

As we head into this year, we are faced with a new set of challenges in the wake of the pandemic and the consequent migrant crisis in our country. We commit to staying the course and doing our best in every initiative we undertake.

All of this has been made possible by the unstinting support of our contributors and supporters. We are deeply grateful for all the faith and encouragement!

Many thanks! Stay safe!

Amitha .R . Pai

# Journey of Good Steps Continued....

# Good Step#71 : Streets to School Project, Pragathi school operations - Kempapura

In the fourth year of collaboration with Pragathi Charitable Trust, the **Streets to Schools** project is an effort to bring out-of-school slum children into mainstream education. This is done at two slum locations Kempapura, Hebbala and Sumanahalli.





After having turned around these schools over the first two years of our operation, from being at a point of closing down to thriving and robust learning centres for these children, we now play a support role while Pragathi manages the day-to-day operations.

Children are taught basics of health and hygiene, civic sense, basic literacy and numeracy over a year and then guided and admitted into mainstream government schools.

This year **53 children were admitted to the Kempapura center** and introduced to education.





This year 23 children were admitted to the Sumanahalli centre and introduced to education.

#### **Good Step#73** Volunteering at Pragathi by Infinera staffers



On the final day of their school year, children at Pragathi bridge school interacted with a group of enthusiastic volunteers from Infinera who came to their school for a visit.

The volunteers organized games and played along with the children. Useful materials like lunch boxes, stationery materials were distributed to children who would go on to mainstream schools in the next academic sessions.

Sharing lunch with the children, playing games and enjoying toys, laughter and happiness; these will be cherished memories for the children and the volunteers alike.



Good Step # 74 MRVP camp at Hasiruvalli, Nelamangala on 27-May-2019 & 24-Jun-2019

The Mobile Resource Vehicle Project in collaboration with Sankara Hospital operates an onwheels fully equipped mobile eye-care unit that goes into poor communities and villages to perform on the spot diagnosis and treatment (for refractive errors). Patients who need surgeries are encouraged to undertake the hospital visit and provided surgical treatment for free with the contributions of our supporters.

This year we focused on Gram Panchayat (GP) s in Nelamangala Taluk of Bangalore Rural district covering 12 out of the 24 GPs in the taluka.

Total OPD treatments at site: Hospital visit pass given to: Cataract surgery recommended: Cataract surgery performed: Spectacles distributed:



#### Good Step # 75) Government High School Division, Peenya -Sewing machine unit

A tailoring training unit at GHS Peenya has been set-up from scratch to train students in this useful life skill. This request had come from the students

themselves. Most of them come from impoverished backgrounds and are likely to drop out after 10th std. Initially 40+ girls and a few boys were initiated into the training and this was gradually scaled up to offer the opportunity to any interested student in this school of 800+ student strength.





**Good Step # 76** MRVP camp at Maralakunte, Nelamangala on 10-Jun 2019 & 08-Jul-2019

Gram Panchayat: Marlakunte Total OPD treatments at site: 168 Hospital visit pass given to: 54 Cataract surgery recommended: 37 Cataract surgery performed: 9 Spectacles distributed: 88



#### **Good Step # 77** GMPS Byadarahalli school water filter

This school Govt. Middle Primary School (GMPS) Byadarahalli faced an acute water problem due to the absence of a means to purify a local source of water. Consequently, the staff and older (6th and 7th std) students needed to fill and carry 20 cans of water daily from nearly a km away from the school to fulfil the water requirements of 749 students in the school. Installation of a RO unit within the school kitchen has solved their everyday struggle for a fundamental need of clean drinking water.





# Good Step # 78 GHS Rajavanthi e-shala

GHS Rajavanthi, is a remote school in Pavagada which is one of the most impoverished districts in Karnataka. The schools here are plagued by a lack of deputed school staff and poor academic performance.

Installation of solar powered e-shala (digital school curriculum) from this academic year, in this school, has sought to address the acute student need of ensuring that their instruction is good and most importantly uninterrupted.

We are grateful to our supporter Statkraft Solar solutions for recognizing and funding this initiative in such a far flung place to help out these kids! A group of volunteers from the organization also went out of their way and travelled the distance and interacted with the students in the school, which was an amazing experience for the students! The interaction has served to motivate and create aspiration among the students.



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Good Step # 79 Good School Project, GHPS Nelagedaranahalli classroom revamp

The Good School Project" is our undertaking

- to develop essential infrastructure in govt schools (at least the bare minimum needed for the school to be a positive learning space for children)
- running programs to address poor academic performance.

This is the third year of operation of this project. Schools are identified in collaboration with the government education department of Karnataka as part of an MOU for the same. Specifically the following are the areas we seek to address through the contributions of our supporters.

#### **Educational Infrastructure**

#### **Educational Outcomes**



Govt Higher Primary School (GHPS) Nelagedaranahalli classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).



Before

After

Student strength impact: **110** No of girls: **46** No of boys: **64** 

# Good Step # 80 Dhanyosmi Bharatnatyam dance performance event

Fusion comes in many forms. This one was unique.

At Dhanyosmi, Padmalaya Dance Foundation's flagship annual Bharatanatyam student performance event, the academy invited and warm-heartedly welcomed the students of Govt High School, (GHS) Peenya to give a music performance at the start of the session.

#### These girls were trained as part of our music class setup at GHS Peenya done last year.



#### **Students of GHS Peenya**

#### **Students of Padmalaya**

This was the first time ever that the girls of GHS Peenya had got an opportunity to perform on stage at an event, first time in an auditorium and also the first time they got to witness a Bharatanatyam concert! It was also the first time some of their parents got to see them perform. It was thus a unique and beautiful experience for all of them.

On the other hand, mingling with these gritty students who come from very difficult backgrounds was also a great eye opener for students of the academy who are privileged to have access to these opportunities. Gratitude and giving back are powerful lessons for young minds! This event was organized as a fund-raiser for furthering their art education. The funds raised were used to incorporate dance classes at GHS Peenya.

#### Good Step # 81 Good School Project, GHPS Kamakshipalya classroom revamp

Govt Higher Primary School (GHPS) Kamakshi classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).





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Student strength impact: **89** No of girls: **50** No of boys: **39** 

#### **Good Step # 82** Good School Project, Hegganahalli classroom revamp

Govt Higher Primary School (GHPS) Hegganahalli classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).



Student strength impact: **239** No of girls: **100** No of boys: **139** 

#### **Good Step # 83** Good School Project, Byadarahalli classroom revamp

Govt Higher Primary School (GHPS) Byadarahalli classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).



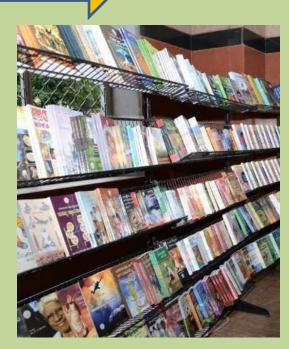
Before



After

Student strength impact: **146** No of girls: **78** No of boys: **68** 

#### **Good Step #84** Good School Project, Library set-up at GHS Peenya



Reading beyond their academic curriculum is the best way to expand a child's horizons and exposure to worlds beyond their own.

Thanks to the thoughtful gesture of an avid reader who contributed towards the setup of a library we were able to create one at GJC Peenya.

A wide variety of publications across genres, fiction to science, history to biographies, geography to selfimprovement, were procured to boost a limited collection of titles that they had, to create a fullfledged library.

Many students keenly took up the books and we hope that it contributes to their learning beyond textbooks.

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#### Good Step # 85 Good School Project, Laggere classroom revamp

Govt Higher Primary School (GHPS) Laggere classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).



Before

After

Student strength impact: **171** No of girls: **84** No of boys: **87** 



Enabling mobility can go a long way in improving the quality of life of people who have sustained irrecoverable spinal injuries/illnesses. This is our first effort to help such individuals. This pilot conducted in Arashinakunte Grama Panchayat Nelamangala.

#### Six patients received wheelchairs in this pilot.

Going forward we will look to serve the differently abled within the villages where we have a presence through other programs.



Good Step # 87 Good School Project, Siddenahosahalli classroom revamp

Govt Higher Primary School (GHPS) Siddenahosahalli classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).



Before



After

Student strength impact: **283** No of girls: **142** No of boys: **141** 

## Good Step # 88 Good School Project, Chokkasandra classroom revamp

Govt Higher Primary School (GHPS) Chokkasandra classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).



**Before** 



After

Student strength impact: **400** No of girls: **197** No of boys: **203** 

#### Good Step # 89 CTEV footwear for mobility disabled



CTEV or more commonly known as club feet is a congenital defect where the legs are abnormally formed.

While early correction can produce significant results, many families are either unaware or unable to give this treatment to the child. Uncorrected the wearer will eventually require special footwear customized to the feet.



In this pilot effort we provided for this little boy and intend to help other children like him.

The craftsman who makes these is himself differently abled. Determined to be self-sufficient and help others like him he has honed his craft to such an extent that hospitals contact him for their most difficult customized shoes. This effort benefits him and boosts his spirit of self-reliance

#### Good Step # 90 Nanna Kannu

**"Nanna Kannu" (My Eyes)** is a comprehensive, diagnosis-intervention-remedial program, designed to serve the ophthalmic health needs of under-privileged children, who have limited or no access to basic healthcare. The objective is to prevent childhood blindness and progressive vision loss. This is executed through volunteer screening at impoverished government schools.

The program is conducted in collaboration with Sankara Eye Hospital and Samarpan, volunteer group of Infosys, Bangalore DC

This year the school camps were conducted at Yadgir and Gulbarga, despite multiple challenges

- Located in highly remote areas, these districts are quite underdeveloped areas in Karnataka and most lagging on all human development indices. Mobilizing volunteers to give their time to travel this distance and perform the primary screening has been the most significant achievement that was instrumental in the successful execution of the project.
- Grass-roots logistics were challenging as the level of co-operation from local bodies was limited, despite repeated communication from the education department. Intense co-ordination helped to overcome this challenge and cover even the remotest of the widely spread out schools.

Execution was successfully completed despite these challenges through the following five mega-camps

# First Volunteering Camp at Hunasagi Hobli, Shurpur taluk, Yadgiri district on 20th July 2019

**Reached 49 Schools** 

- Screened 8,425 Children
- Identified 863 Children with eye abnormalities
- 42 Volunteers participated



#### Good Step # 91 Nanna Kannu Second Volunteering Camp

#### At Kodekal Hobli, Shurpur taluk, Yadgiri district on 3rd Aug 2019

- Reached 52 Schools
- Screened 8,617 Children
- Identified 624 Children with eye abnormalities
- 32 Volunteers participated



#### Good Step # 92 Nanna Kannu camp 3

**Floods in the North Karnataka area in early August caused significant disruption in the area**. Dealing with aftermath of the same, involved participation in relief efforts and re-drafting schedules for the Nanna Kannu project after resumption of schools.

#### Third Volunteering Camp at Chincholli taluk, Gulbarga district on 17th Aug 2019

- Covered 12 Schools
- Screened 2004 Children
- Identified 235 Children with eye abnormalities
- Chincholli, Ainalli Clusters
- 22 Volunteers participated



#### Nanna Kannu camp 4

#### Fourth Volunteering Camp at Chincholli taluka on 7th Sept 2019

• Covered 41 Schools

Good Step # 93

- Screened 6999 Children
- Identified 530 Children with eye abnormalities
- Chincholli, Degamadi, Miriyam and Ainalli Clusters
- 32 Volunteers participated



### Good Step # 94 Nanna Kannu camp 5

Fifth Volunteering Camp at Chincholli taluk, Gulbarga district on 23rd Nov 2019

- Covered 81 Schools
- Screened 7312 Children
- Identified 1,087 Children with eye abnormalities
- Ainapur, Rummanguda, Chimanchod, Salgur Basanthpur, Gadilingadali, Chengta Clusters
- 60 Volunteers participated



In total across five camps we covered:

- **Reached 235 Schools** •
- **Screened 33,357 Children** •
- Identified 3,339 Children with eye abnormalities for secondary screening •
- 983 children received spectacles in the secondary screening
- 31 children were surgically treated to prevent/restore vision loss



Sl .No	Taluk Name	No.of Schools Screened	No. of Children Screened	Secondary Screening	No. of Spectacles distributed	No. of Surgeries Performed
1	Surpur Taluk, Yadgir District	49	8425	863	418	24
2	Yadgir Taluk, Yadgir District	52	8617	624	282	6
3	Chincholli Taluk, Gulbarga District	134	16315	1852	283	1
	Total	235	33357	3339	983	31

#### Good Step #95 OpenText volunteering at Hegganahalli

On 8th August 2019, 32 volunteers of opentext performed the primary screening at GMHPS and GHS Hegganahalli, putting in over half a day of effort for the cause.

1699 students were screened at these two schools. Of these 443 students were shortlisted for secondary screening.

36 students were prescribed and given spectacles on-the-spot during the secondary screening.



55 students were referred to the base hospital and were treated by Sankara's doctors at the hospital.

# Good Step # 96 Classroom revamp GMPS VV Puram

Govt Model Primary School (GMPS) VV Puram classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).





Student strength impact: **244** No of girls: **110** No of boys: **134** 

#### Good Step # 97

#### GNPS Ravuthahalli classroom revamp

Govt Model Primary School (GMPS) Ravuthahalli classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).



Before

After

Student strength impact: **107** No of girls: **48** No of boys: **59**  Good Step # 98 MRVP camp at Arishinakunte, Nelamangala on 19-Aug-2019

Total OPD treatments at site: Hospital visit pass given to: Cataract surgery recommended: Cataract surgery performed: Spectacles distributed:



#### Good Step # 99 MRVP camp at Budhihal, Nelamangala on 21-Oct-2019

Total OPD treatments at site: Hospital visit pass given to: Cataract surgery recommended: Cataract surgery performed: Spectacles distributed:







Good Step # 100 MRVP camp at Narasipura, Nelamangala on 20-Jan-2020

Total OPD treatments at site: Hospital visit pass given to: Cataract surgery recommended: **21** Cataract surgery performed: Spectacles distributed:



#### **Good Step # 101** Hearing aids for impaired girls

From the last bench to the first bench, these girls suffered with increasing frustration over their progressive hearing loss. Hearing aids though very sophisticated these days are also expensive and unaffordable for most low income families. This was our first attempt to help such students regain their quality of education and life. The pilot was successful and helped us gain the knowhow of helping more such students in the future.



Good Step # 102 MRVP camp at Arebommanhalli, Nelamangala on 11-Feb-2020

Total OPD treatments at site: Hospital visit pass given to: Cataract surgery recommended: Cataract surgery performed: Spectacles distributed:



### **Good Step # 103** Wheelchair distribution at Chikkaballapura

Mobility aids significantly improve the quality of life for patients with spinal cord injuries. For some it means an opportunity to pursue some income generation activities. For all such patients it means reduced dependence on care-givers. This distribution of wheelchairs was done for 15 patients with spinal cord injuries in Chikkaballapura, in association with Gramaantara Trust who helped us identify them and organized the distribution.



### Good Step # 104 Good School Project -Sabala

**Sabala** is a counseling initiative, by highly experienced student counsellor Mamatha R and team, for girls from challenging backgrounds.

Conducted at GHS Peenya, individual and group counselling sessions were undertaken over the year, to help 40+ girls in need of counselling intervention.

These girls have witnessed/experienced poverty,



domestic abuse (of parent), sexual abuse, alcoholism, drug abuse and other ills commonly prevalent in urban slums of Peenya.

These sessions were designed to counsel them one-on-one on their individual issues and group sessions on gender roles and rights, menstrual health, sexual abuse and life skills (beyond academics)

40+ girls in their crucial high schools years benefited tremendously from the experience of the counsellor and the knowledge/reassurance derived on various topics that affect their emotional and physical well-being.





Many among them have



shown a keen interest in vocational training following their school years. Some have taken a fresh interest in academics. All girls have indicated that they are more hopeful and confident about their futures and determined to get out of the poverty trap through sincere efforts.

### **Good Step #105** Good School Project, Confidence Catalyst

A collaborative initiative with i-point Learning, the program imparts English communication skills and confidence boosting interventions.



This is the third year of operation of this program, thanks to the unwavering support of Bhaskar C N (MD, ipoint) and the determination of Archana Harish (expert trainer resource), to see it through.

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Conducted this year for 170+ students of GHS Peenya, the program was well-received and assimilated by these students.

It has been successful in addressing the crucial students' mind-block towards learning the English language and boosted their confidence in attempting to communicate in English. The program has served as a platform on which students can build on, through their own efforts in the future.

### **Good Step #106** GT Nexus volunteering at Doddakannahalli



Contributing their time to get trained and perform the primary screening, GT Nexus (Infor company)

- Covered Govt High School, Doddakkanahalli
- Screened 614 Children
- 13 children were further treated for complex abnormalities at the hospital
- 43 children received free spectacles on site
- 13 Volunteers participated

#### Good Step #107; Gift of Vision (GOV) camp at KM Doddi, Mandya

Areas that have limited/no access to healthcare facilities and economically challenged communities see a very high-incidence of cataract related blindness among seniors. Most cases of cataract are easily treatable if detected early and post-operative quality of life and self-reliance greatly improves for such patients. We address these issues through Gift of Vision community camps.

In the community camps, once the patients are diagnosed with cataract, they are screened for medical fitness for undergoing surgery. If found fit they are brought as a group (along with one attender) to the base hospital in Bengaluru. In the hospital they undergo further screening and preparation for surgeries on the following day. All surgeries are performed over the course of a day and patients are taken back to their villages the following day. Follow-up at these locations (on-site) is done after a month, or as and when required by the patients (at the hospital).

#### KM Doddi, Mandya - Community camp conducted on 4-Feb-2020

Number of seniors screened: 154

#### Number of cataract surgeries: 35



Good Step #108 Infinera volunteering at Hoskote



Contributing their time to get trained and perform the primary screening, Infinera employees

- Covered Govt Boys High School, Hoskote, GHS Kadugodi and GUHPS Kadugodu
- Screened 1039 Children
- 27 children were further treated for complex abnormalities at the hospital
- 75 children received free spectacles on site
- 22 Volunteers participated

#### **Good Step #109** GHS Hasigala, computer lab repair and restoration





Presence of functional computers/computer labs is an essential infrastructure requirement in schools today. Yet most schools are lacking in this facility. Computers are not provided to all schools and wherever present there is no maintenance plan in place. As a result, following small repairs the systems go into disuse.

**Our Field Operations Manager, Ronil** Periera, (who has worked as a hardware expert in the past), has made a commendable effort to fix systems wherever possible and install new systems where systems are unavailable and guide staff on their use.

GHS Hasigala, systems were repaired and new systems added to create a functional computer lab for use by the students and staff in the coming academic year.

Good Step #110



#### **GHPS Dasarahalli, Computer lab setup**



GHPS Dasarahalli, systems were repaired and new systems added to create a functional computer lab for use by the students and staff in the coming academic year.

#### Good Step #111 Gift of Vision (GOV) camp

#### at Hannur, Chamarajanagar – conducted on 23-Feb-2020

Number of seniors screened: 72

Number of cataract surgeries: 35



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Good Step #112 GHPS Kajihosahalli, computer lab setup





GHPS Kajihoshalli, systems were repaired and new systems added to create a functional computer lab for use by the students and staff in the coming academic year.

#### Good Step #113 KPS Nandagudi classroom revamp

Karnataka Public School, Nandagudi classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).



Student strength impact: **220** No of girls: **106** No of boys: **114**  Good Step #114 GMHPS Hoskote old bus stop classroom revamp



Govt Model Higher Primary School, Hoskote, classrooms were in a dilapidated conditions and lacked basic desks, benches and educational aids for the students. Revamp of their classrooms shown below (through "before" and "after" pictures).

Student strength impact: 224 No of girls: 113 No of boys: 111

					Total
SI#	School Name	Location	No of girls	No of boys	strength
1	GHPS Nelagedaranahalli	Blr North	46	64	110
2	GMPS Kamakshipalya	Blr North	50	39	89
3	GMPS Hegganahalli	Blr North	100	139	239
4	GMPS Byadarahalli	Blr North	78	68	146
5	GMPS Laggere	Blr North	84	87	171
6	GMPS Siddenahosahalli	Blr North	142	141	283
7	GHPS Chokkasandra	Blr North	197	203	400
8	KPS Nandagudi	Hoskote	114	106	220
9	GMHPS Hoskote Old Bus Stop	Hoskote	113	111	224
10	GHPS VV Puram	Hoskote	110	134	244
11	GNPS Ravuthahalli	Blr North	48	59	107
		Total	1082	1151	2233

**Good Step #115** MRVP camp at Kaluvanahalli Nelamangala – 10-Mar2020



Total OPD treatments at site: 145

Hospital visit pass given to: Cataract surgery recommended: Cataract surgery performed: **TBD (will be done after the lockdown)** Spectacles distributed:

### In summary the MRVP program

SI#	Camp Location	Date	Total OPD	RBH	Cataract surgery	Spectacles
1	Kodigehalli	23-Apr-19	0	0	5	0
2	Hasiruvalli	27-May19	68	15	8	33
3	Hasiruvalli	24-Jun-19	195	36	2	47
4	Maralakunte	10-Jun-19	88	23	6	39
5	Maralakunte	08-Jul-19	80	31	9	49
6	Arashinakunte	19-Aug-19	160	53	8	69
7	Budihal	21-Oct-19	130	21	3	52
8	Narasipura	20-Jan-20	114	34	7	56
9	Arebommanahalli	11-Feb-20	85	24	5	45
10	Kuluvanahalli	10-Mar-20	145	15	2	28
		Total	1065	252	55	417

## Good Step #116 GOV camp at Bagepalli

Number of seniors screened: 150 Number of cataract surgeries: 65





Community camps summary in February-March 2020							
Day		Tuesday	Sunday	Tuesday			
Date		04-02-2020	23-02-2020	12-03-2020	Total		
Location		K M Doddi	Hannur	Bagepalli			
District		Mandya	Chamaraja Nagara	Chikkaballapur			
No of noonlo	М	88	39	68	195		
No. of people screened	F	66	33	82	181		
sercencu	Т	154	72	150	376		
No.of Cataract	М	17	16	23	56		
Surgeries	F	18	19	26	63		
performed	Т	35	35	49	119		

At One Good Step, since our inception we have defined success

- In our intent, to keep integrity and humility always at the front and center of our service efforts.
- In well-planned execution, by our ability to make a meaningful (however big or small) difference to the people we serve
- In growing, our ability to constantly push the boundaries of our engagement with weaker voices of society.

Going by these standards 2019-20 has been a highly successful year for the organization.

While the numbers speak for themselves in terms of the impact we have created through various initiatives, the smiles and gratitude we are blessed with make every effort worthwhile.

2020 has brought with it unprecedented challenges to the world and the hardest hit have been those who had little to begin with.

In being responsive to the need of the hour, we have been taking relief efforts for migrant workers, poor villagers and waste management workers.

In continuing to play the role of a bridge between contributors and social development needs we look forward to your support to walk a few steps with us in this journey of good steps in 2020-21....

Thank you.

Stay safe!



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