



# COMMUNITY SPEAKS

## HCL-F SUPPORTED SOCHARA'S CWASH PROJECT

January 2023

### ACTIVITIES

#### Bangalore

- 6 Awareness sessions were conducted in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram altogether.
- 10 community meetings were conducted in Maya Bazaar and 3 were conducted in Anandapuram.
- 7 volunteers meeting were conducted in Maya Bazaar and 1 in Anandapuram
- 2049 milk packets were collected in the Maya Bazaar Community and 9759 milk packets were collected in the Anandapuram community.
- BESCO, BWSSB and BBMP offices were visited by our field coordinators to address the challenges faced by the community.
- Trained the field coordinators and volunteers on the new monitoring tool using tally

#### Chennai

- Awareness sessions on Hand Wash, Stop Covid, Waste segregation, Child Line - sexual abuse and WASH challenges at the community level.
- Trained Police Club Volunteers on WASH specific topics

### Foreword

One of the main contributing factors to the various health issues in urban poor areas is the lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitation. SOCHARA team members conducted a survey in the Anandapuram community and discovered that approximately 50% of the households there lacked adequate safe sanitation facilities. The majority of these households were using community toilets built by the BBMP many years ago, which lacked basic water facilities like doors and toilet basins (which are often broken). Our team met with the local MLA, PA, and explained to him the need for WASH. They then asked him to take action by renovating community restrooms and replacing UGD pipelines. The local leader agreed to the proposal, and the BBMP immediately began the work.

The Bengaluru team's collaboration with the Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram communities is ongoing, and preparation for the next stage has already begun by holding numerous community gatherings and focus group discussions (FGDs) to ascertain WASH requirements. Members of the team visited a number of urban disadvantaged areas and identified a small number of places to focus on in the upcoming years.

The Chennai C-WASH team successfully located 5 community volunteers and trained them in various WASH modules. The team also began working with the Chennai Municipal Corporation AEE and asked AEE to support the SOCHARA team in mobilising the community to train sanitation workers and the community in WASH Modules.

Seven modules were created and translated into three languages in preparation for the project's next phase, which would involve conducting an awareness programme for the local population and kids using IVR technology.

We appreciate the continuous support from the HCL-F team, the community, schools, police club kids, and other stakeholders for the project's effective implementation.

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# Capacity Building: Training Police Club Volunteers on C-WASH

-Uma Chaitanya

While building the capacities of the volunteers we were keen to go with the first two objectives of SOCHARA initially.

- To create an awareness regarding the principles and practice of community health and
- To promote & support community health action.

This is to mainly build collective perspectives on C- WASH. As this approach focuses on the community, this helps in building rapport with the communities to further work along with the communities to achieve the desired outcome. We encourage volunteers to visit government institutions, use these experiences while communicating with the communities, and reflect in guiding police club students.

Initially focussing on:

- To give overall support to the well-being of the individual through community participation.
- To increase the utilisation of public health service
- Importance of adequate attention to Primary health care





**Training Akash Police club volunteer.**

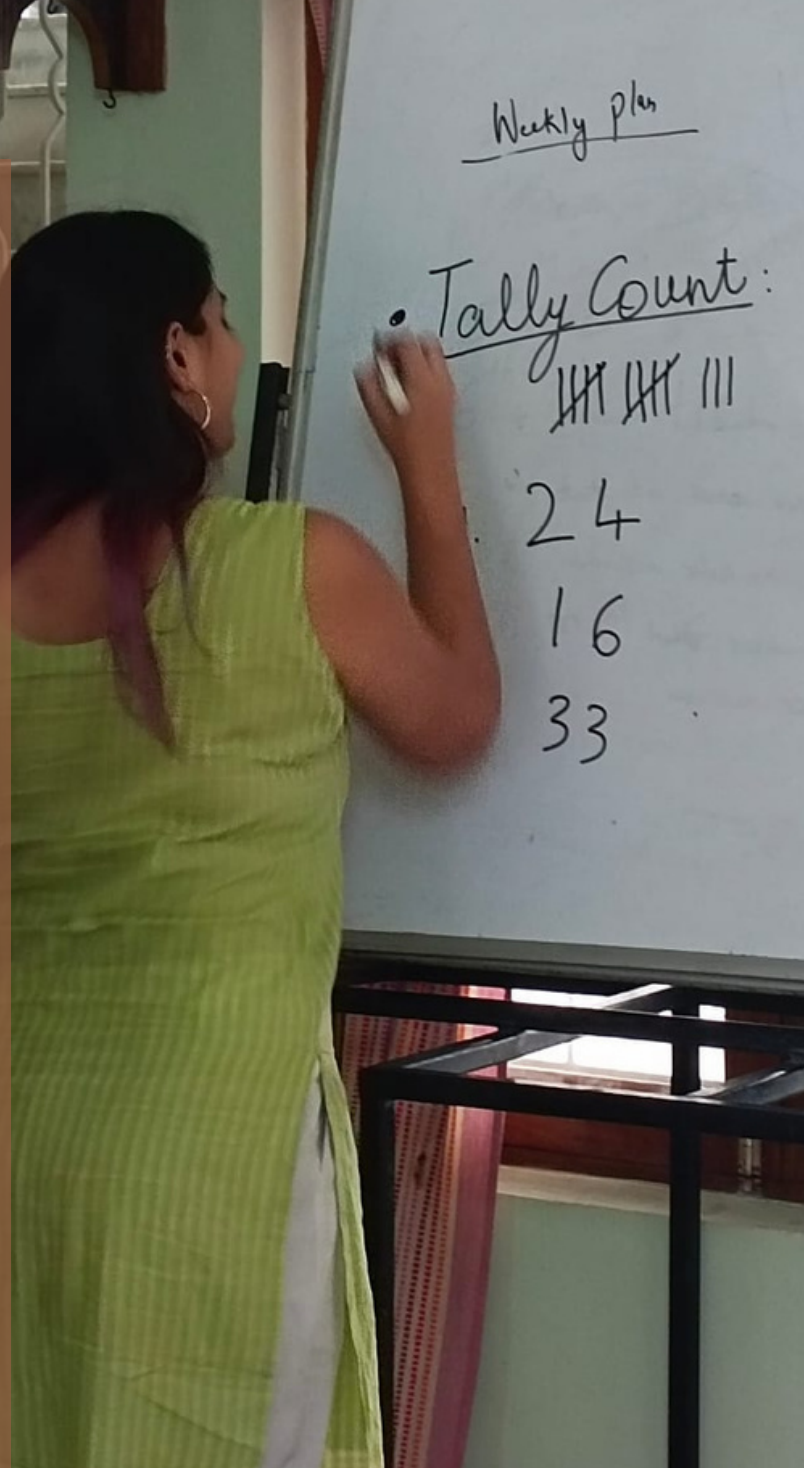


**Discussion with students of TVK Nagar police club on COVID**



**Awareness session on Waste Segregation.**

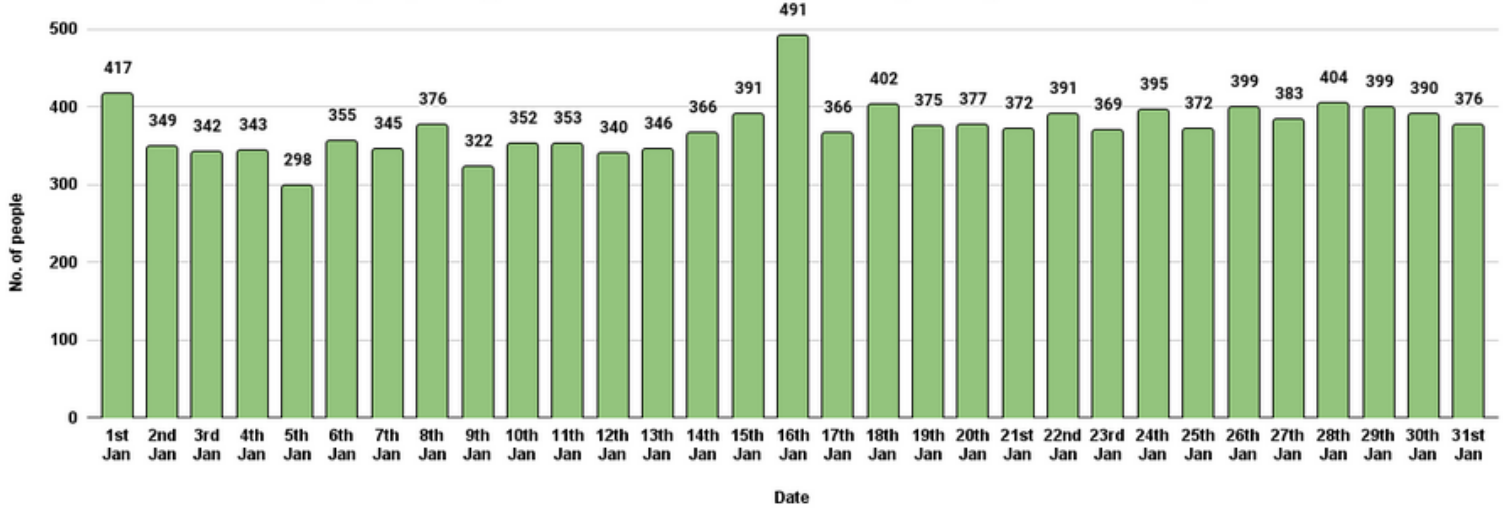
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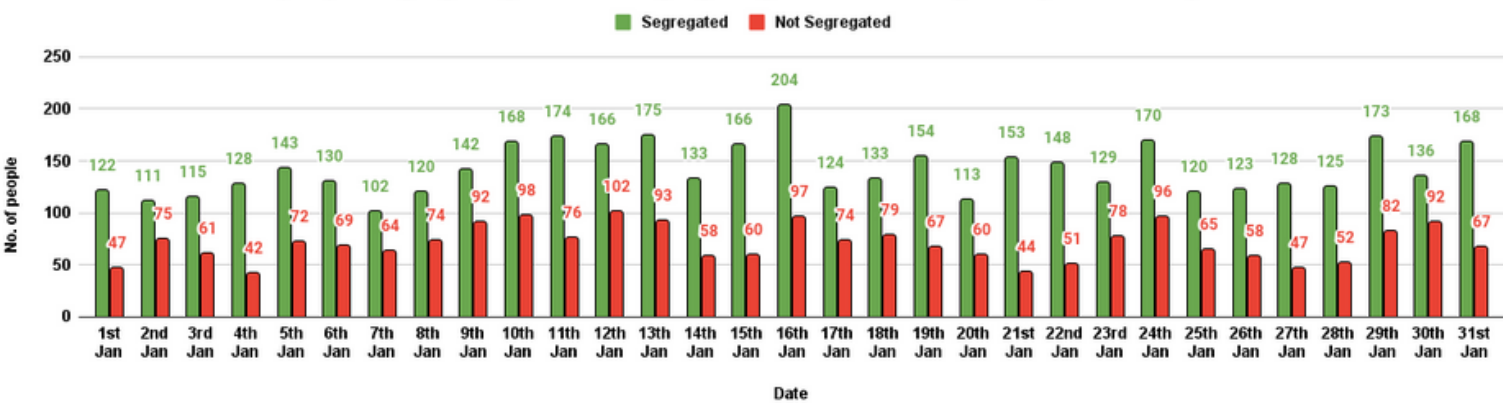
**Training community volunteers on the New Monitoring Tool using Tally**

# Graphical Representation of Regular Activities

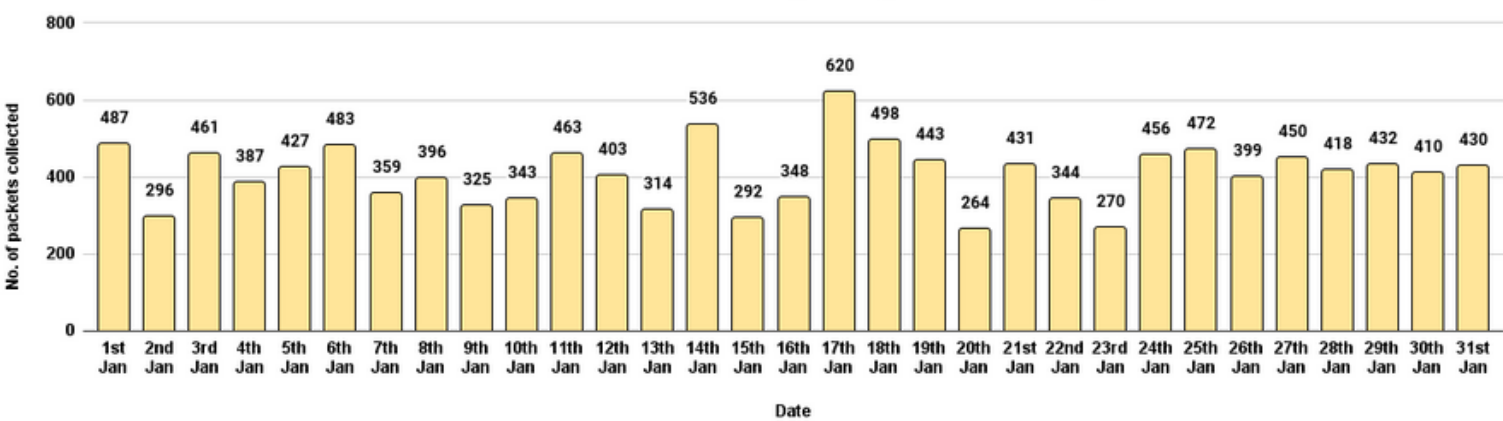
## No. of people putting waste in BBMP vehicle on a day to day basis - Anandapuram



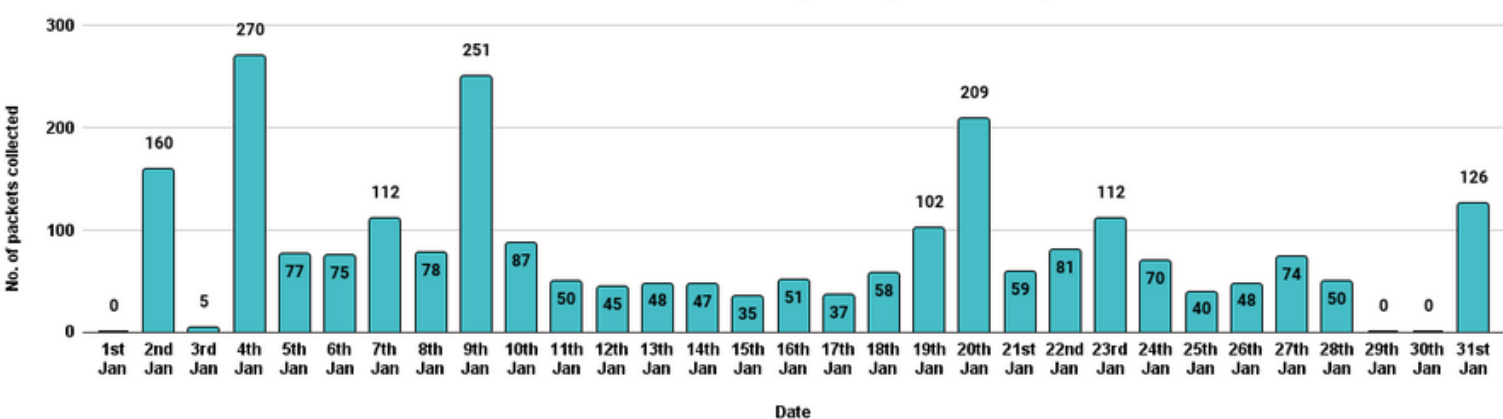
## No. of people segregating and not segregating waste on a day to day basis - Maya Bazaar



## No. of milk covers collected on a day to day basis - Anandapuram



## No. of milk covers collected on a day to day basis - Maya Bazaar



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