

November 2022

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

HCL-F SUPPORTED SOCHARA'S C-WASH PROJECT

Activities

Bangalore

- 8 Awareness sessions on MHHM, Waste Management and Vector-borne diseases etc were conducted in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram altogether. (233 participants)
- 4 volunteers meeting were conducted in Maya Bazaar and 1 in Anandapuram.
- 1972 milk packets were collected in the Maya Bazaar Community and 5285 milk packets were collected in the Anandapuram community.
- Global Toilet Day was celebrated in the Anandapuram and Maya Bazaar communities. (396 participants altogether)
- Children's Day was celebrated in the Anandapuram and Maya Bazaar communities. (78 participants altogether)

Chennai

- 8 Awareness meetings on MHHM, Waste segregation and water conservation and cleanliness were conducted with participants at Perumbakkam, Saidapet, TVK Nagar, Ambattur Girls Campus, MMA Pallavaram and Chintadripet.
- Trained Police club volunteers about conducting awareness programmes.
- School Visits to meet Principals to discuss on awareness sessions and improved WASH practices
- Police club monitoring visits
- Need Assessments in Schools and Police clubs and Police club area Chintadripet.
- Meeting with ITK Volunteer, Councillors of Chintadripet and Lakshmipuram about the Sanitation workers and developmental activities and SDMC incharge of Tamil Nadu Educational Department for the Thiruvallur area.

Foreword

As another month goes by, we are glad to present to you the HCF-F supported SOCHARA activities in Bangalore and Chennai. Meeting so many diverse partners from across India at the Partnering for Change conference held in Delhi launched us into the month of November, feeling reinvigorated and inspired. With the focus on providing adequate WASH facilities to all, we inaugurated the newly constructed gender segregated toilets in the Sarjapura High School in Bangalore. Street Plays emphasizing the need and use of toilets were performed at multiple locations within the urban poor communities on Global Toilet Day.

Our team in Chennai organized a cleanliness drive in the Chintadripet area to sensitize students of the police clubs and local communities on the need to maintain clean surroundings to lower the risk of disease.

We will stick to our commitment of building healthier and more resilient communities by empowering them and keep up the work that is needed to reach this goal.

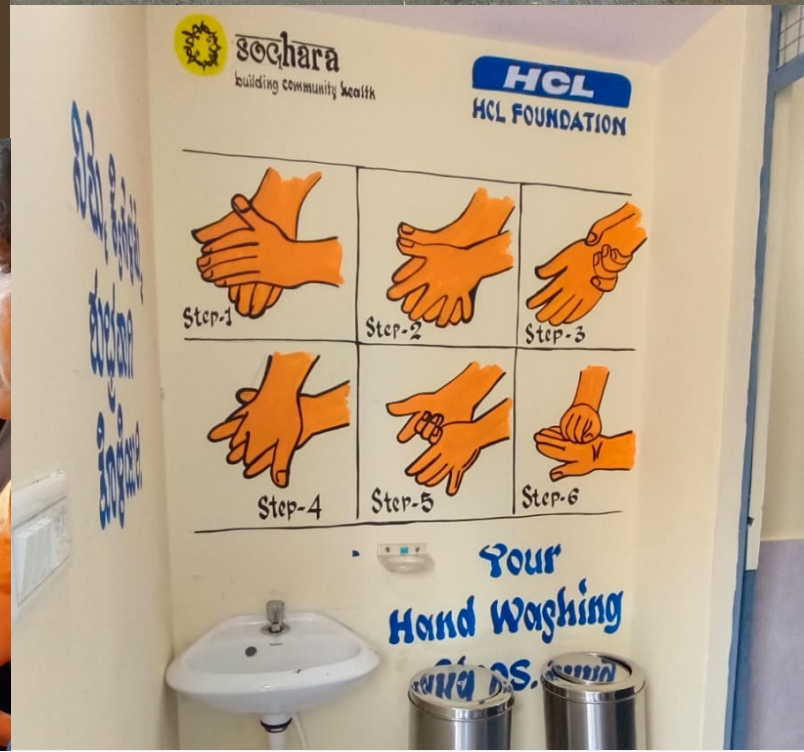
–Sugandha Chandra



Steps towards building a healthier community

-Aadira Stephen

This month, Sarjapura High School received the keys to its newly built toilets. Students, staff, and the SOCHARA team all participated in the activities and heartfelt remarks to commemorate the program. The program began with a lovely prayer song performed by the students, and Mr. Prahlad then spoke about the importance of this kind of initiative for fostering a healthy community. Additionally, he emphasised the importance of toilet maintenance in the coming days and the part that students play in it. The school's headmaster pledged strong support for future toilet maintenance and regular inspections. The program came to a close with a vote of thanks from the school staff, who thanked SOCHARA and the HCL Foundation for taking this step which will contribute towards building a healthier community.



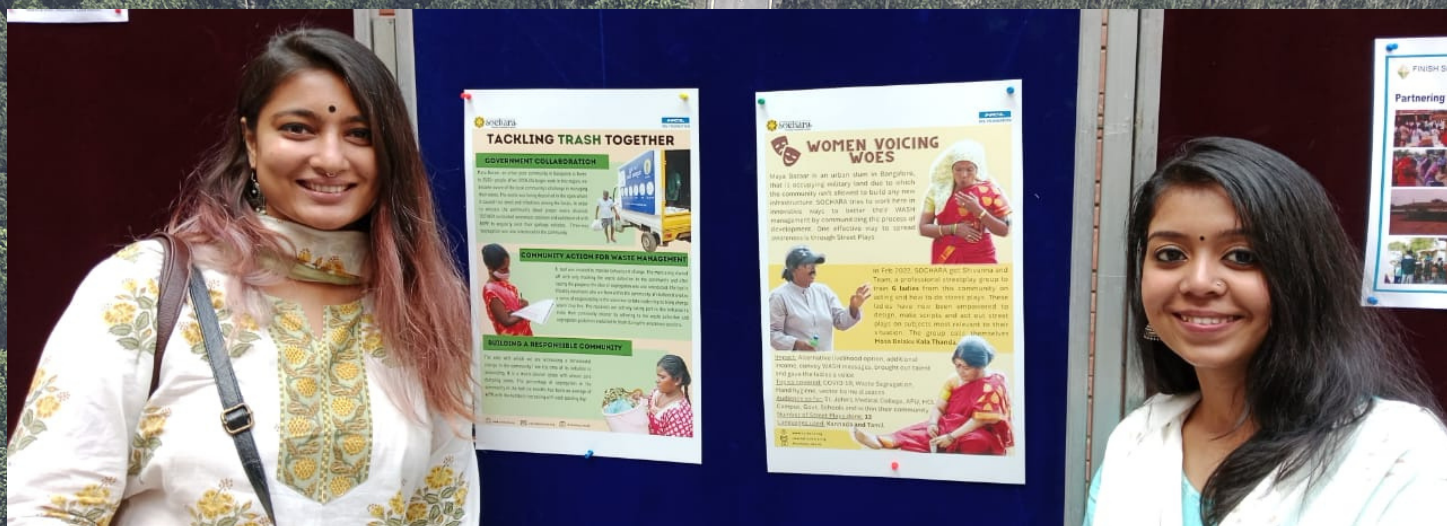


Cleanliness Drive

- Uma Chaitanya

Thooimai lyakkam which translates as Cleanliness Movement incorporating the theme of plogging was conducted on 27th November 2022. This Thooimai lyakkam was organised by SOCHARA in partnership with HCL Foundation and Chintadripet Police Boys and Girls Club. Participants registered as they reached the Police Boys and Girls Club and were given a T-shirt with branding papers. From the Police Club volunteers moved towards the Police booth and At 3 PM around 80 volunteers gathered at the police booth of the Chintadripet area. Police Club Incharges', Scout Masters', Volunteers' from other police clubs, Teachers' of police Club, Community Volunteers', DBAI Coordinator and Field coordinator, Community members were all gathered along with students. Inspector G. Rajaram and Sub Inspector Rahamathulla addressed the group and Gloves were distributed. Local steel utensils vendor Raj Chowdari donated 70 steel glasses to the club as for this Cleanliness drive we tried to refuse and reduce the plastic waste generation. Uma Chaitanya spoke about developing healthy habits and which in turn helps us to be active learners. As the programme flagged, a group of volunteers who were about to collect waste led the way and Students and scout students marched through the streets of Chintadripet and volunteers also followed the group to collect dry waste with the waste collecting bags as the students gave slogans on cleanliness and to keep surroundings clean. Sub Inspector Rehamathulla was monitoring the group all throughout the drive. The group reached and gathered at the police club after marching through the streets of Chintadripet. Samosa and cake were distributed in reusable steel utensils. Volunteers and children spoke about their experience participating in the drive. Appreciation certificates were distributed to the students who participated. Children wished for more events to happen. Police Club Incharges', Scout Masters', Volunteers' from other police clubs, Teachers' of police Club, Community Volunteers' were all empowered and The Cleanliness Drive ended with a group photo.

Photo Gallery - Bangalore



Poster Presentation at Partnering for change, Delhi



Global Toilet Day Celebration in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram



Children's Day Celebration in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram

Photo Gallery - Chennai



Cleanliness Drive conducted on 27.11.2022



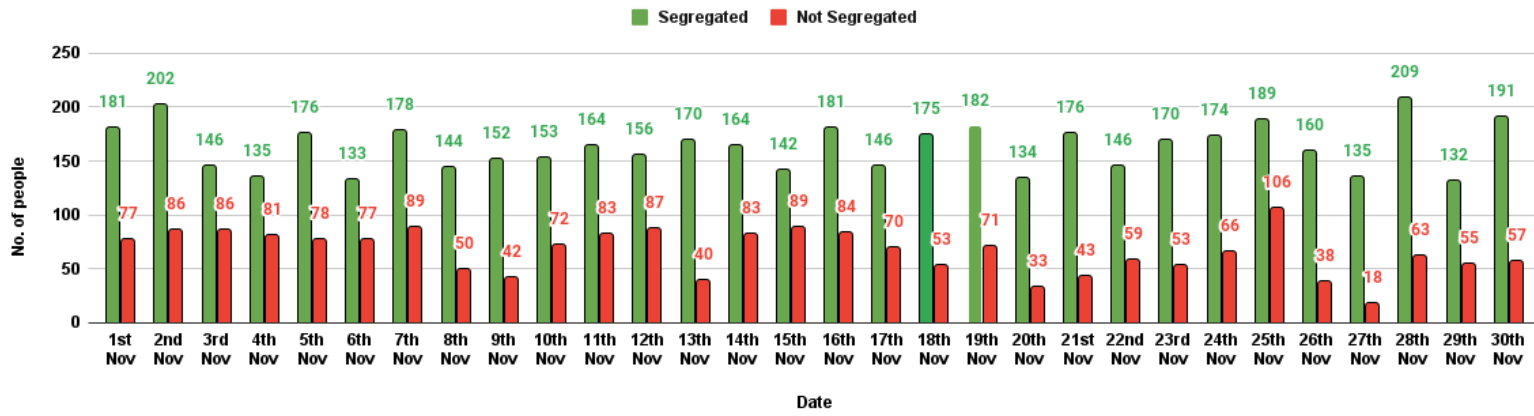
Need-Based Assessments in Schools and Police Clubs



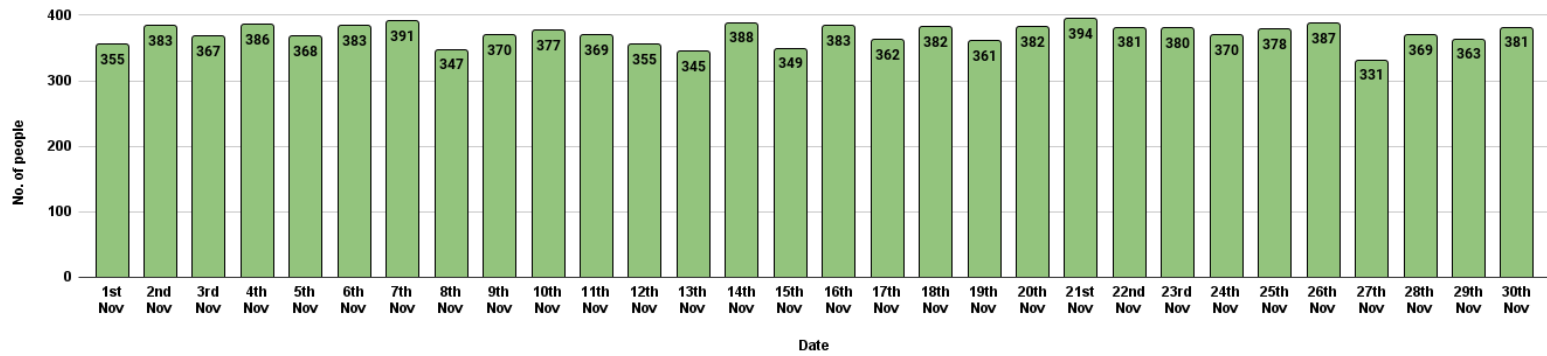
Awareness sessions on Waste Segregation and MHMM.

Graphical Representation of Regular Activities

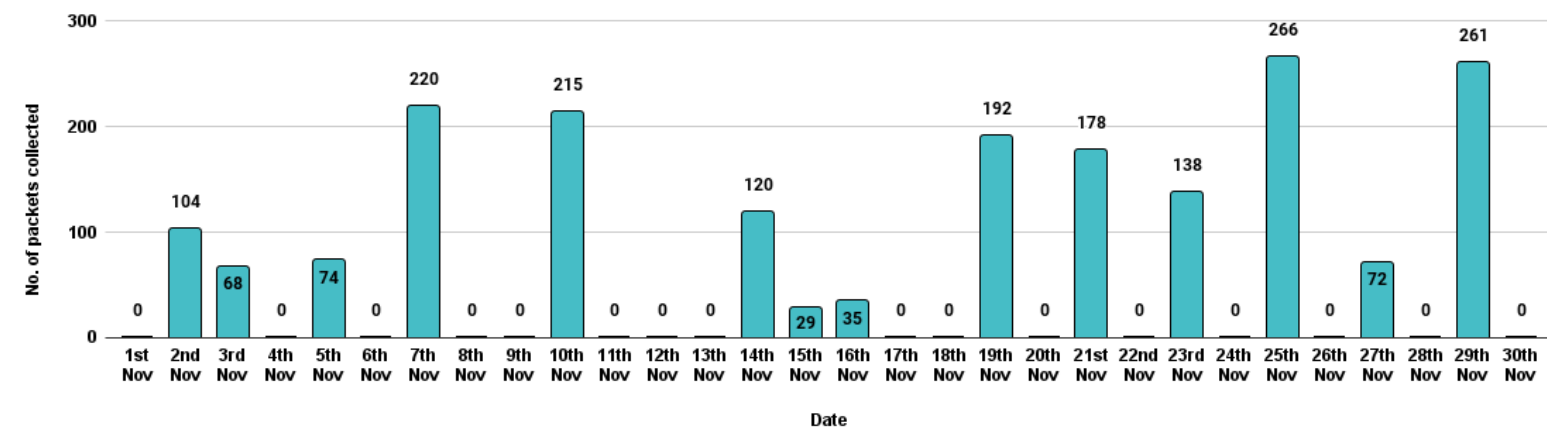
No. of people segregating and not segregating waste on a day to day basis - Maya Bazaar



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



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



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

