

JUNE 2022

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

HCL-F Supported SOCHARA's C-WASH Project



Foreword

We are happy to present our newsletter for this month and make you all a part of this journey. The team with the support from the community which keeps us going forward and upon building gains towards 'Health for all' has come up with multiple activities. This month, the Bangalore and Chennai teams observed 'World Environment day' through context-oriented awareness campaigns and celebrations. The team Bangalore indulged in conversations and activities on awareness and action in the young minds to protect the environment. The team Chennai painted the school and police club walls urging the younger generation to sustain and protect mother nature for the greater good ahead.

Prioritising the focus on building community health, our team in Bangalore and Chennai handed over the completed toilet infrastructure at school and police club by which means encouraged appropriate WASH behaviour and provided access to sanitation facilities in the community.

From the observations of the previous month, the team constantly encouraged Anandapuram and Mayabazaar community on safe menstrual hygiene practices. Taking forward other WASH-related activities, the team continued with the waste management campaign and milk cover collection drive in the community.

With a commitment to building healthier communities - Let us stay together and continue to mask up, maintain a safe distance and follow all COVID-appropriate behaviour for a safer future!

Judy Angel
Program Manager
SOCHARA, CHENNAI

Activities List

Bangalore

- 5 Community Volunteers meetings were conducted altogether in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram.
- World Environment Day was celebrated in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram with a total of 162 participants.
- Follow-up sessions on MHHM were conducted in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram. (Participants- 49)
- Regular monitoring of Segregation and Management of waste in the communities.
- 56 Black spots were cleaned by Sanitation workers in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram.
- Regular monitoring of milk cover collection in the Maya Bazaar community. (Total Collected - 1819 packets)
- 13 community awareness sessions have been conducted in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram.
- On 25th, We organized an Awareness program in collaboration with BBMP Marshals on waste segregation for the Maya Bazaar Community.

Chennai

- Wall paintings and writings on good hygiene practices, waste management practices and conserving the environment at Saidapet Police club and Lakshmiapuram Government High School.
- Follow-up visits to MKB Nagar and Saidapet Police club for inspection of the completed toilet infrastructure
- Handing-over of completed toilet infrastructure of Saidapet Police club



World Environment Day - 'Only One Earth'

BY SUGANDHA CHANDRA



This World Environment Day being a Sunday, we celebrated it with the BBMP Boys High School students the next day, i.e, Monday the 6th June 2022 and the Anandapuram Community on the 7th June 2022.

The school strength being 150, we could not have engaged them all in a single activity, so we divided them in two groups. One group of boys participated in the Nature Art Collage making competition, which required them to get creative and use things from their surroundings, like leaves, flowers, twigs, sand, wrappers, etc. to make a 3D collage with the theme of Only One Earth in mind. This was done in subgroups of 4 boys each, to promote team effort. The three groups that won the competition then presented their ideas and posters to everyone.

The other group played a Game of Snakes and Ladders on the Flex mat that had messages of keeping the environment clean. The groups seemed to enjoy both activities.

These were followed by a combined session on Waste segregation by the SOCHARA field coordinators and volunteers, and concluded with an informal Quiz on the same topic.

The same set of activities were conducted in the Anandapuram Session to make the community understand that we only have one earth and how little things by the community can help in big contribution towards saving our planet.

HCL-F Partner's Meet

A Meeting was conducted in Maya Bazaar Office by HCL Foundation to meet other HCL partner NGOs working in the Bangalore area and try to find points of convergence.





A Step towards Better Health

BY MATHIVANAN

The newly constructed sanitation block of Saidapet Police Boys and Girls club was handed-over this month. The programme was celebrated by the community and the organisers alike with fun activities and hearty messages. The attendees were HCLF Mr Sam, HCL Technologies Mr Sivaram, DBAI Anbu illam Director Fr.Andrew Stephen Raj and team, Police club incharges - Sub inspector of Police - saidapet Mr Ramachandran, Scout master Ms Geetha, Police club children.



While Sam spoke on the necessity of such an initiative to build a healthy community, Father Andrew stressed on the necessity of maintaining the sanitation block in the upcoming days and furthering the awareness on personal hygiene. Inspector promised unwavering support to the project and further activities within the club. After the keynote address by the invited guests, the keys were handed over to the Sub-inspector Ramachandran, Scoutmaster Geetha and Children in the club. The programme ended with a vote of thanks from Scoutmaster Mrs Geetha who expressed gratitude to all the stakeholders for making this little step in their community.

Awareness by BBMP Marshals in Maya Bazaar Community

The BBMP Marshals along with our field coordinator, Jyoti created awareness by visiting the lanes of Maya Bazaar on how to keep the community clean.





Taking steps towards building a healthier community

BY MALLESH K.M

The C-WASH team attended the handing over ceremony at Huskur Government High School of the newly constructed toilets by SOCHARA supported by HCL Foundation. Also present were three representatives of HCL Foundation and SDMC members apart from the school staff and students.



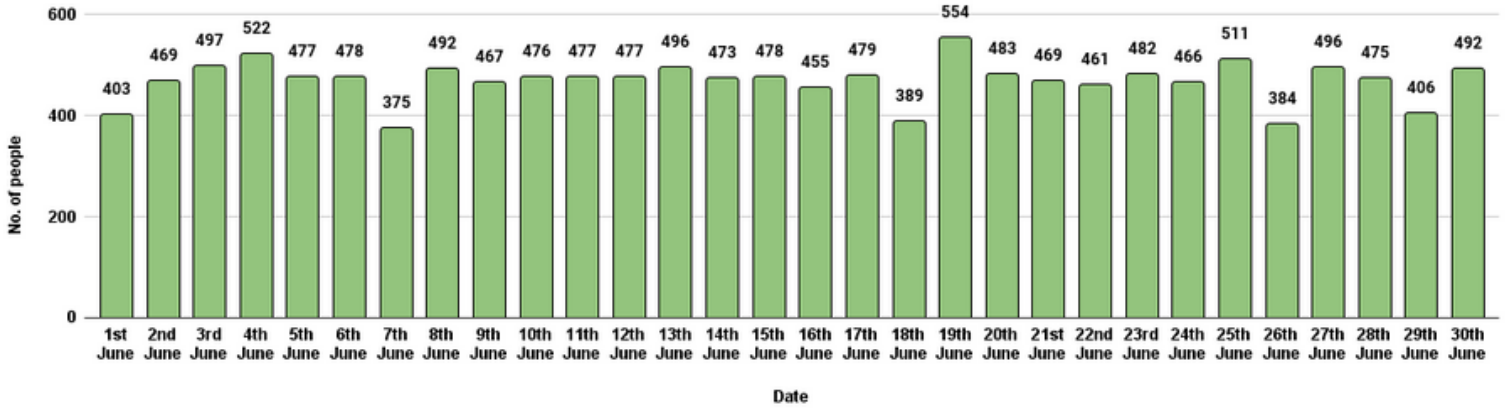
The event started around 12:15 PM with a beautiful prayer recital by the school choir led by their music teacher on the harmonium. This was followed by the welcome speech and lamp lighting. Members of the HCL Foundation, the Headmaster, the SDMC president and members of the Sochara team also spoke on the need for toilets and focused on the need to maintain the infrastructure. Following the speeches, the ribbons were cut signifying the inauguration of the gender segregated toilets which was accompanied by a huge round of applause from the students. Afterwards, saplings were also planted on the school grounds. The program ended with a vote of thanks from the teachers and a sweet song by the school students. Sweets were distributed to enhance the celebration.



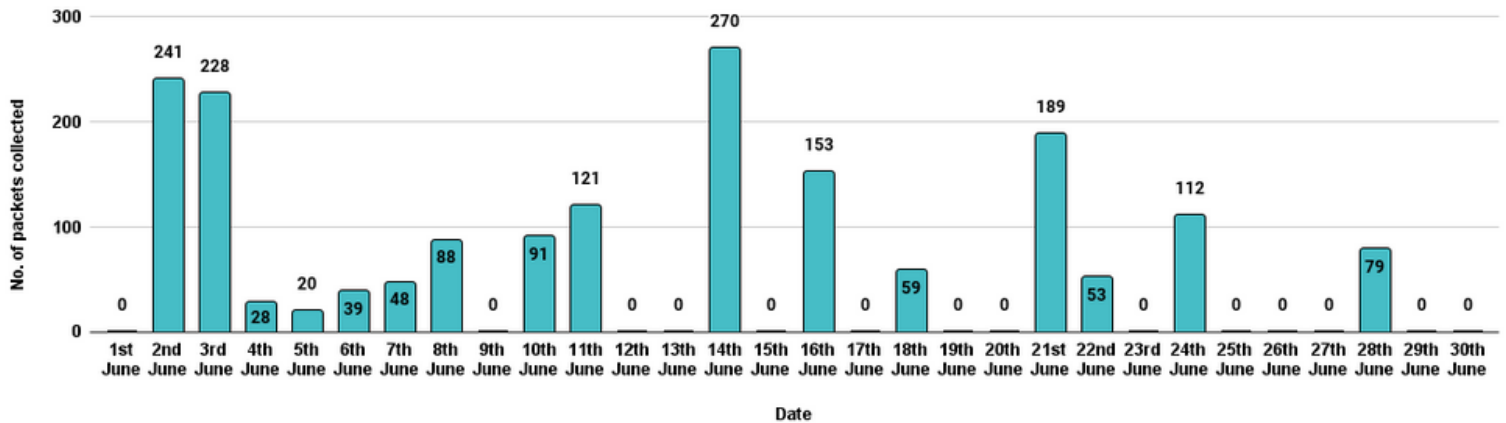


GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES - JUNE

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 people segregating and not segregating waste on a day to day basis - Maya Bazaar

