

April 2022

Community Speaks

HCL-F SUPPORTED SOCHARA'S CWASH PROJECT

Foreword

We are happy to present you the April 2022 newsletter for the activity supported by HCL-F and SOCHARA team from Chennai and Bengaluru. We began meeting with the community, partners, and other stakeholders this month to plan for upcoming activities for this financial year. We are pleased to see progress in our regular waste collection, segregation, and monitoring activities at Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram communities. The field team reported behavioural change within the community on waste segregation and disposal, and we also discovered that 38 percent of individuals (monthly average) segregate waste at the household level, which was very low previously. The SOCHARA technical team and the finance team visited Huskuru and Harogadde to observe the completed school toilets and had a discussion with the school teachers on toilet usage. Team members from Chennai and Bengaluru are working on developing an Operation and Maintenance plan for schools and police clubs and also planning to strengthen SDMC (School Development, Management and Committee) and child cabinet. Keeping the sustainability of the project in mind SOCHARA team will be working closely with the government institutions to strengthen their activity collaboratively for this year.

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Activities List

- Regular monitoring of Segregation and Management of waste; in Mayabazar and Anandapuram communities, Bangalore.
- 3 community volunteer meetings were conducted in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram.
- 68 Black spots were cleaned by Sanitation workers; in Mayabazar and Anandapuram.
- SOCHARA HCL-F staff visited Huskuru GHS for observation of new toilet construction.
- Construction work for Huskuru High School toilets is in progress.
- Regular monitoring of milk cover collection drive in Mayabazar community- 2104 packets collected
- Field Coordinators interacted with PHC, police station, and BBMP supervisors to create awareness for the community through their collaboration.
- 4 Non-functional street lights were replaced; at Maya bazaar.
- WASH Infrastructure development related follow-up visits to MKB Nagar and Saidapet Police clubs
- Situational analysis and needs assessment in General campus - Ambattur ITI
- Wall painting needs assessment in MKB Nagar and Saidapet Police clubs





Towards building a healthier community

Judy Angel

Motivated by the enthusiasm and the support from the local community & in-charges of police clubs and with the understanding of what could be done, the team marches ahead mitigating several field challenges in consultation with the concerned officials, bringing a cleaner and safer environment for better sanitation practices.

The team along with the contractor has taken forward the construction of community toilets in MKB Nagar and Saidapet Police clubs. The MKB Nagar toilet construction is at its fastest pace and nearing completion whereas the infrastructure development at Saidapet Police club has restarted and is ongoing. Therefore, the team is making continuous visits, monitoring and evaluating the progress.

As a part of spreading awareness, the Chennai team had rethought to use art and the burst of colors on a withered wall for canvassing awareness and change. The team identified wall painting needs involving the stakeholders to encourage good Health and Hygiene practices among the students in the Schools/Police clubs.

Besides, the team also significantly progressed to identify WASH related needs and conducted baseline Assessments in Ambattur ITI Campuses. We analyzed their current sanitation facilities and systems in the campus. With several discussions held with concerned authorities on the plausible infrastructural developments, we look forward to taking these WASH initiatives in the upcoming quarters.



Let's talk periods

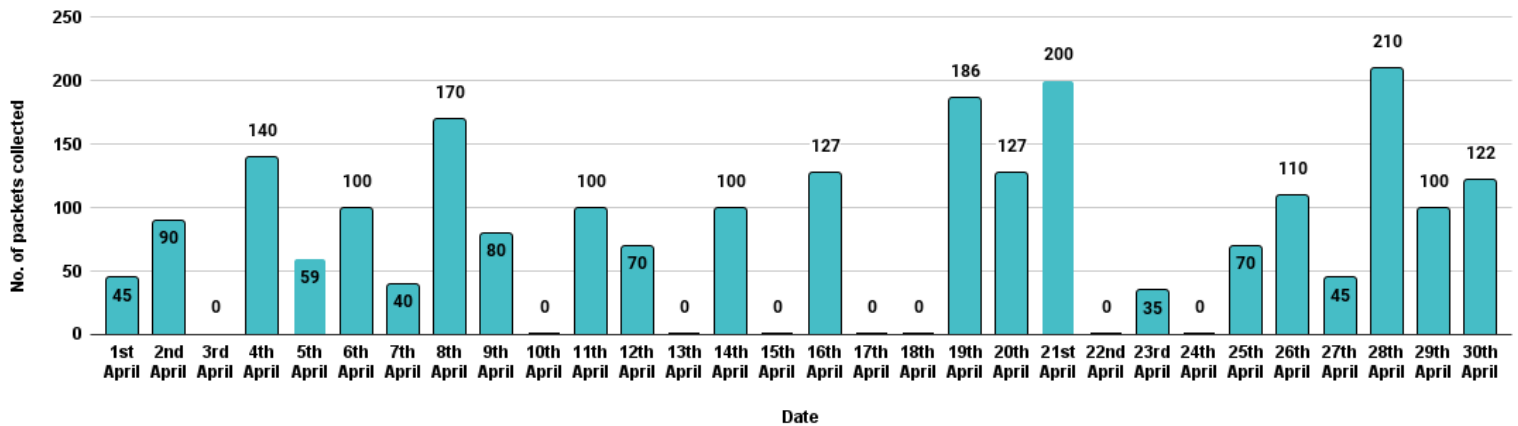
Sugandha Chandra

The WASH team at SOCHARA held two Focused Group Discussions on the theme of menstrual health and hygiene in the Maya Bazar and Anandapuram communities, with the goal of better understanding menstruators' present knowledge, attitudes, and behaviours in these urban-poor areas. For good age representation, we gathered 13 girls and women between the ages of 16 and 55 at Maya Bazaar and 9 at Anandapuram. We talked about the products the community uses to manage their menstrual flow. We also talked about government assistance, disposal mechanisms, knowledge about why women menstruate, different practices while bleeding, relevant health issues they face, discrimination, men and boys' attitudes toward the topic, water availability, etc. The conversation gave us a solid idea of the communities' current knowledge, attitude and practice, which we'll use to create suitable modules for the Menstrual Hygiene Management awareness programme for the community, to fill apparent gaps.

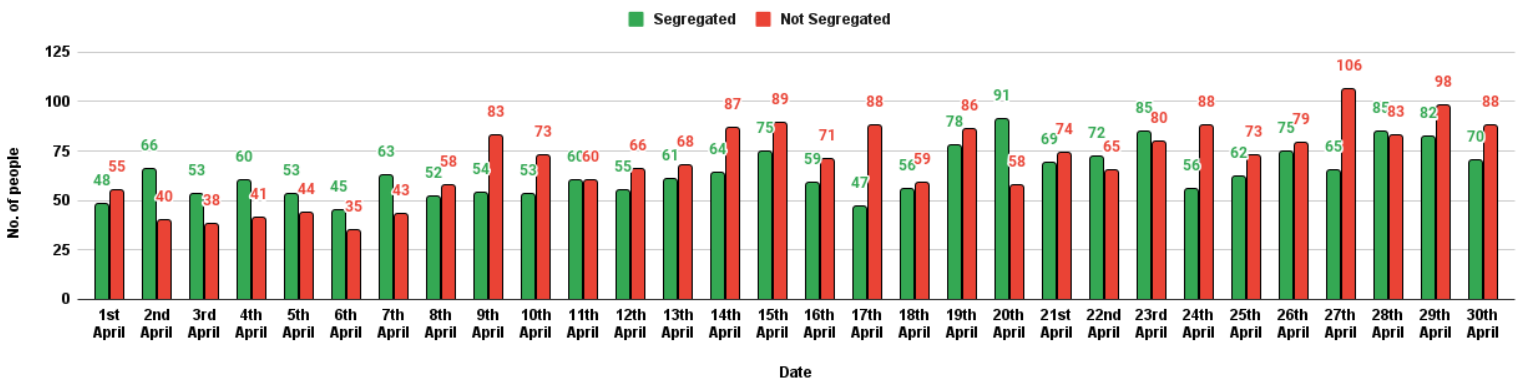


GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES - APRIL

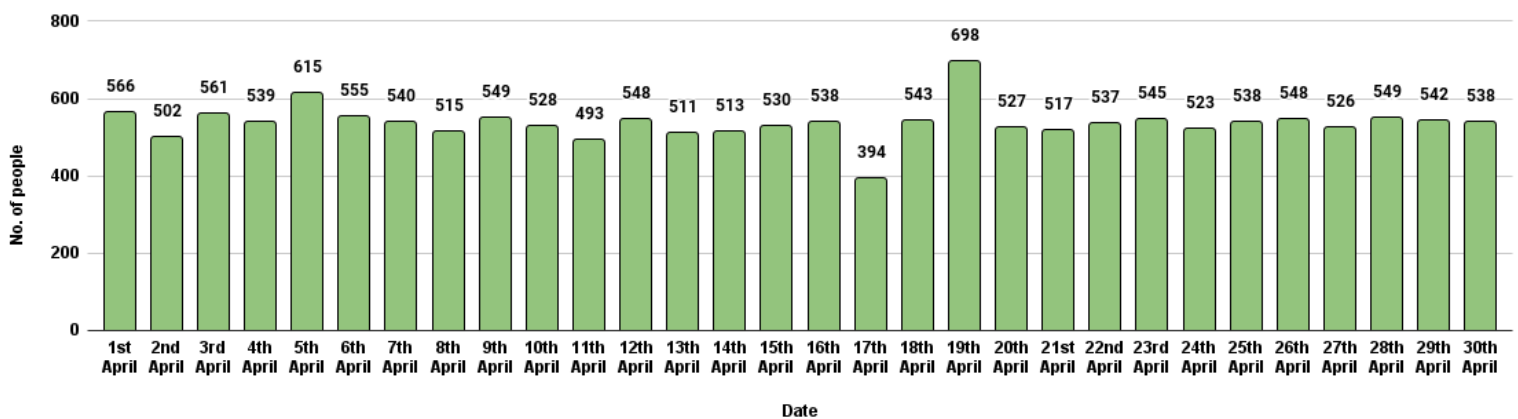
No. of milk covers collected on a day to day basis - Maya Bazaar



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



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



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