

# COMMUNITY SPEAKS

## HCL-F Supported SOCHARA's CWASH Project



### Foreword

The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the importance and preventive power of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) to human health and well-being. But with the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks, hand washing matters more than ever. This month, the team SOCHARA (Bangalore and Chennai) observed 'Global Handwashing day' and designed creative ways to encourage community on hand hygiene in this critical time. The theme for this year's celebration being 'Our Future is at Hand – Let's Move Forward Together', the team engaged the community members and Police club children in various activities and reinforced the importance of handwashing as an easy, effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives!

Besides, the team also significantly progressed and identified WASH facilities related needs in the Project schools, Bangalore and Chennai. As a part of spreading awareness through the burst of colors on a withered wall, the team Chennai had identified wall painting needs in the Schools we work involving the stakeholders to encourage covid appropriate behaviours and good WASH practices.

Taking forward other WASH related activities, the team Bangalore continued with the waste management campaign and milk cover collection drive. With the observations from the previous month, the team constantly encouraged Anandapuram and Mayabazaar community members on waste management practices conducting awareness sessions, making door to door visits and monitoring the daily waste collection through a tool designed by our team members.

We are thankful for the enriching support as always and in a true sense of working together, looking forward to building upon the gains achieved so far along with the community in the days ahead too!!

*Judy angel*  
Project manager,  
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### ACTIVITIES

- 62 black spots were cleaned in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram communities, Bangalore.
- Conducted 7 waste segregation and management awareness programmes in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram, Bangalore. (119 Participants)
- 2 Community volunteer meetings were conducted in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram altogether.
- A three-day handwashing campaign was conducted in Mayabazar and Anandapuram communities, Bangalore.
- 46 community members of Maya Bazaar benefited from the Sonehalli PHC Health Camp supported by C-WASH.
- Number of Milk Packet collected this month - 2466
- Regular monitoring of segregation and management of waste activities in Maya Bazaar and Anandapuram, Bangalore.
- HCL-F Finance and Communication team had an official visit to the Maya Bazaar Community.
- SOCHARA's technical staff attended a workshop on 'Child protection policy' and 'Self Audit Tool' at HCL Technology Campus, Jigani.
- Conducted need-based assessment for project schools in Anekal
- Awareness programme as a part of Global handwashing day in 6 Police clubs - Kodambakkam, Saidapet, Perumbakkam, Chintadripet, Muthialpet and MKB nagar Police club, total of 86 participants
- Pre and Post Assessments regarding the Global Handwashing day campaigns
- Minor repair work related needs assessment in Project schools, Chennai
- Wall painting related needs assessment in Project schools, Chennai
- Infrastructure development related field visit to Saidapet and MKB nagar Police club

# Handwashing Campaign

Aadira Stephen

A Three-day handwashing campaign was organised by SOCHARA's C-WASH project supported by HCL-F. The campaign focused on making the community understand the importance of handwashing through engaging activities and making them imbibe it as a habit in their day to day life. All three days were assigned with a theme and the activities conducted were in line with it.

## Day one - 'Unfurling the need of the hour'

The training of the community and selected children on the 6 steps of handwashing was covered on this day. The activity was demonstrated through an engaging glittering game.





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## Day two - 'Let's move forward together for a noble cause'

A Rally was organised in collaboration with the BBMP Sanitation workers, Marshals and Community Members. The message of the importance of hand hygiene was conveyed through the medium of placards, banners, badges, slogans and songs.



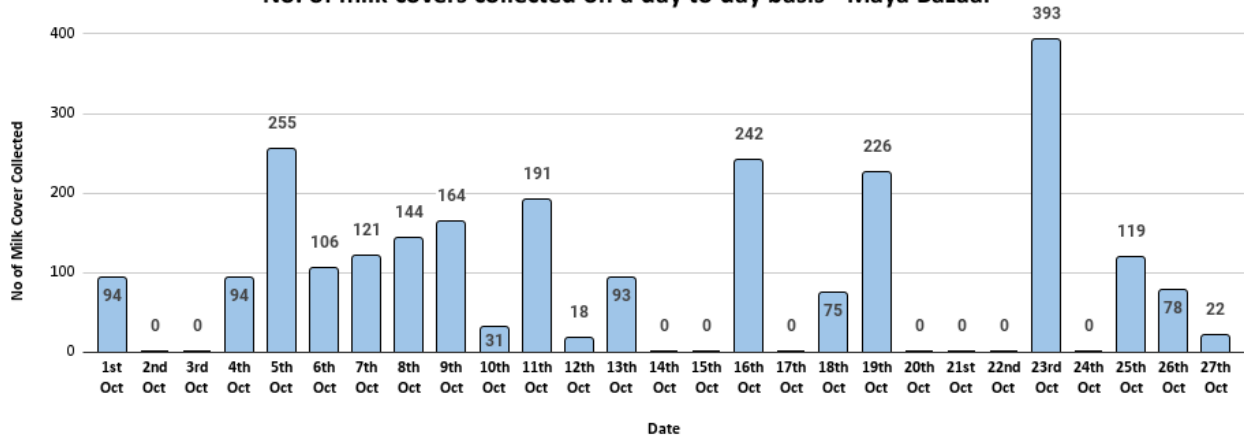
## Day three - 'Moulding young minds on the significance of Handwashing'

The final day was wholly dedicated to the children of the community. Being the coming generation of our country, it is our responsibility to train them to become conscious citizens. Keeping this in mind fun engaging activities such as quiz games, pick and speak, flashcard games, a poster competition was organised to deliver the message in an entertaining manner.

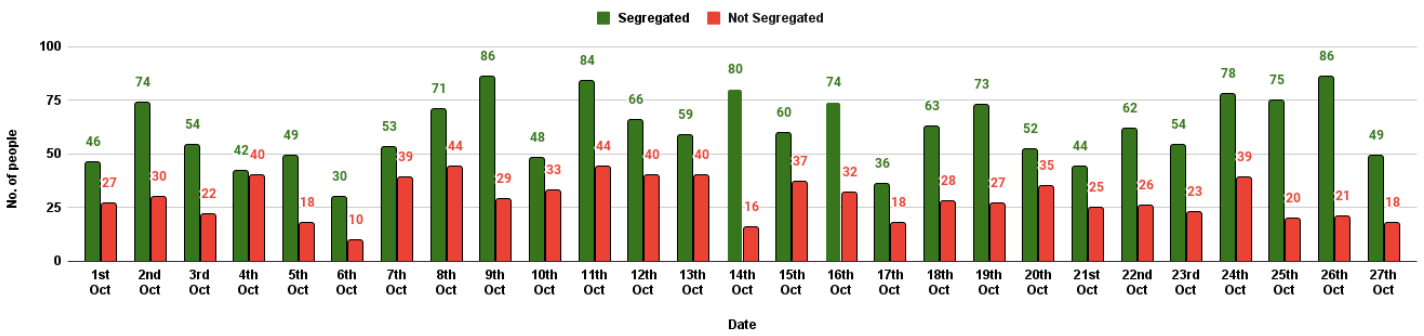


# Graphical Representation of the Regular Activities - October

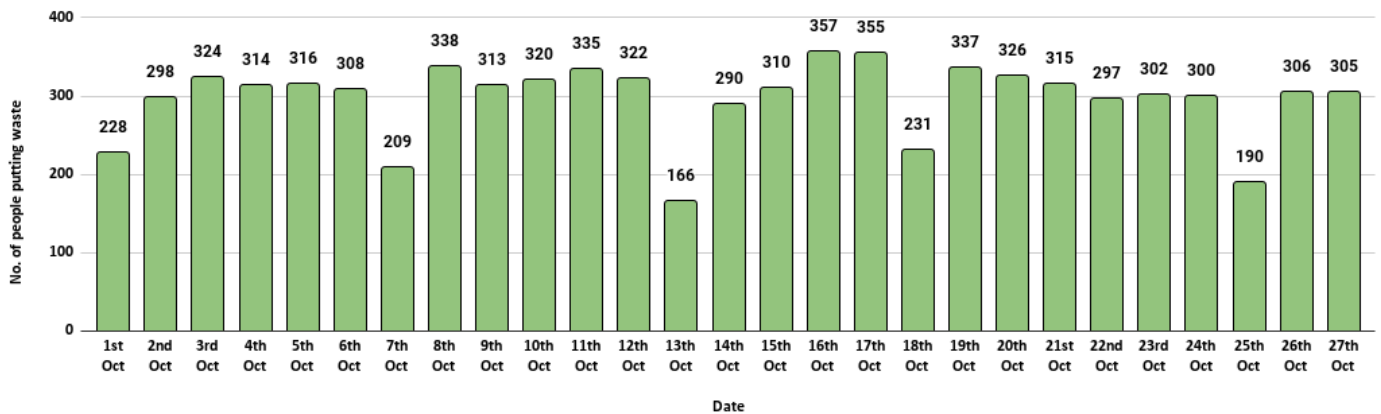
No. of milk covers collected on a day to day basis - Maya Bazaar



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



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





# All about Hand Hygiene : Global Handwashing day Campaigns and Assessments

*Sri Lakshmi Santhosh*

C-WASH Team Chennai Kick Started the activities for Global Handwashing Day, with Awareness programmes consisting of several interactive and fun sessions with Police club club children. The team conducted the awareness campaigns in 6 police clubs - Kodambakkam, Saidapet, Perumbakkam, Chintadripet, Muthialpet and MKB Nagar with a total participation of 86 children. To accommodate all the children while also maintaining safe social distancing and other covid protocols, a charminar was installed in the club grounds to conduct the activities.



Children had a fun time learning about hand hygiene and safe practices through the sessions facilitated by our team. The first segment of the session consisted of an energizer game followed by a 'True or False' game with visual aids. The team also conducted a quiz session by dividing the children into 2 teams. Children took part in the games and reiterated the Hand hygiene messages and learnings with great enthusiasm. The team had developed KAP Assessments to assess attitudes and understandings of the children pre and post the awareness sessions.



# Understanding the Infrastructure Needs and Developments

Sri Lakshmi Santhosh (Chennai)

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Through rigorous field visits and meetings with the stakeholders of the community and schools, SOCHARA CWASH Chennai team initiated active conversations and developments regarding minor repair work needs and other infrastructure needs in schools and police clubs. The team had several visits to the schools with the resource personals for identification of spaces for wall painting. Wall paintings on Schools regarding safe WASH practices and other Covid protocols makes learning visually appealing to the children and serves as a constant reminder.

CWASH Bangalore team with the coordination of the team and school authorities conducted a field visit to ten schools to assess the need and plan the interventions required accordingly. During the visit the gaps like need of infrastructure, repairment to existing sanitary facilities, display of IEC were identified.



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