



A step towards Nation Building

HCL GRANT GRANULE



Pic: Government Boys Middle School,
Mal-Manchhama, Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir,
one of the intervention schools of the project by
Bal Raksha Bharat,
HCL Grant Recipient, 2020, Education Category

HCL Grant Edition VIII

HCL Grant has completed its 4th stage of "Field Level Due Diligence" for HCL Grant Edition VIII. 51 organizations (17 in each category) were selected in Proposal Review round which went through an audit exercise of field visit by HCL Grant Subject Matter Experts. Alongside, detailed due diligence is conducted by the Governance partner. The two teams undertook a joint review of the applications and basis each other findings 30 organisations (10 in each category) were selected for the 5th stage Sub Jury round.



HCL Grant consolidated its field level due diligence round, wherein Subject Matter experts came together with HCL Foundation team in the presence of Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson HCLTech; & Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President (Global CSR) & Director HCL Foundation; to select the top 10 NGOs under each category – Environment, Health & Education.

In the process to identify the best NGO for receiving the HCL Grant, the eminent experts travelled over 1,00,000 kilometers to visit 51 NGOs in 61 districts of 22 states to understand their work and present their cases for the Sub-Jury round. More than 3,000 hours have been invested in this stage of the selection process.



Partnerships Bulletin

Mental wellness: A need for community's wellbeing!

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2022, the first mental health course of HCL Foundation was launched in partnership with Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental health, HCL Grant Finalist 2022, Education Category.

The diploma course is in Tamil for grassroots level community workers which will enable them to:

- a) Understand self and community well-being, mental health and social welfare measures
- b) Promote positive mental health practices in community
- c) Prevent and manage outpatient treatment approaches for mental illness.
- d) Practice community based rehabilitation methods



HCL Grant at Partnering for Change 2022 - The Next Decade in Action!

Partnering for Change 2022 witnessed the participants from 17 HCL Grant NGO partners on November 9-10, 2022.

She Hope Society for Women Entrepreneurs, HCL Grant Recipient 2019, Health Category, and Keystone Foundation, HCL Grant Recipient 2018, Environment Education, were the proud recipients of the Best Governance Award - 2022. India Health Action Trust, HCL Grant Recipient, 2021, Health Category, is a proud recipient of the Best Poster Presentation Award, 2022.



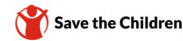
Safe Schools for a happy childhood!

Two days' state level training of Nodal officers of State Council of Education Research and Training from 10 districts of Jammu and Kashmir on School Safety and Security was organized by Save the Children, HCL Grant Recipient, 2020, Education, at Srinagar on 9th and November 10, 2022.

Participants included officials from Directorate of School Education Kashmir, Head of Institutions and Teachers. The objective was to discuss about the significance of school safety plan and hazard management in schools. Participatory group work exercises were conducted on identifying risk, understanding hazard and risk children face in and around schools.



PEACE EDUCATION



Training of HOI's and Teachers On School Safety and Security 12 November 2022

School as a Zone of Peace, Safe and Secure School, Hazard / Vulnerability Mapping and Online / Offline School Safety Disaster Management Plan Format for data collection has been key Programme attraction of a day long training workshop.

In continuation to the two-day training workshop held on 9,10 Nov 22, on school safety with all district Nodal officers and SCERT officials where Dr Tassaduq Hussain Mir (Director DSEK - Kashmir), Mr. Ata Ul Muneem Tak (Personnel Officer DSEK - Kashmir) inaugurated the workshop by throwing insights on importance of school safety and management plan, a day long training programme was organized with more than 60 Teacher's and HOI's from 30 intervention school of district Budgam at Hotel Golden Leaf - Hyderpora Srinagar on 12 Nov.

Personnel Officer (DSEK) inaugurated the workshop with his inaugural speech on Importance of school safety and Plan. He further addressed participants with various examples of Harzard incidences took place in schools of India and within Kashmir division were due to lack of proper planning the vulnerabilities had severe adverse effect. Head UT & Ladakh Save the Children Mr. Sharif Bhat talked about School Safety initiatives save the children have taken particularly during Kargil War and in Leh during emergency responses. He further emphasised saying school safety is a process through which multiple challenges and steps are to be taken to have safe school environment which will lead to School as Zone of Peace.

Mr. Nisar Ahmed (Cultural Coordinator DSEK) facilitated the whole one-day session with school safety plan presentation followed by presentation and partial use of disaster management plan format in online/offline app using KOBO toolbox.

The next plan of action is to capacitate technical officers at zonal level on the school safety disaster management plan format across 10 districts of Kashmir division and create resource pool to sensitize teachers on school disaster management plan format, it's dissemination and implementation.

WE ARE
BAL RAKSHA BHARAT

An Event Organized By: Save the Children in Collaboration with Directorate of School Education Kashmir. Supported by HCL Foundation



This Children's day giving wings to a child's dream to fly high with "Ban Patang"!

Child Rights and You, under the HCL Grant project "UDAAN-Breaking Barriers and Rebuilding the Lives of Bedia girls in 2 districts of Madhya Pradesh" collaborated with Youth and Sports Welfare Department of Madhya Pradesh and Samvedna for celebration of World children's day by arranging Ban Patang, a two days residential sports program event in which total of 220 children out of which 116 children (42 girls and 74 boys) of Bedia community between the age group of 14-18 years participated in sports including Kabaddi, athletics and carom. The event was inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Pradeep Singh Rawat, District Sports Officer, Vidisha and Ms. Rusha Tambat, under-18 National Karate player, joined as chief guest to encourage children.



Stories of transformation: Reaching the Unreached



Environment

Under the Mango Tree Society

Be friends with bees!

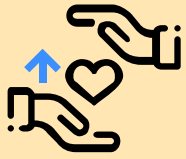


I want to pass-on my knowledge about bees and beekeeping to my children not just because ours is a family of farmers, but because I would want to sensitize them about pollinators in general and their role in conservation.”

Rohini Kalingade, 35 years,
beekeeper from Palghar district, Maharashtra.



Trained in 2021, she took great interest and lead in understanding and learning intricacies of beekeeping. She shares, **“With the handholding support being extended I don’t find beekeeping difficult at all. A striking difference observed while handling bees is, that they don’t sting (most of the times) if handled carefully. This has boosted my confidence further.”**



Health

Association of People with Disability
Run when you can, walk if you have to;
crawl if you must, just never give up.

Like any other youngster, Bhimambika, a resident of Lebgeri, Village, Koppal district, Bangalore wanted to compete in the running events at her school's sports day. It was difficult for her to accept that she would always have to walk with the support of crutches after three amputation surgeries in a successive five years ago due to a non-healing infection. It was definitely difficult for her to embrace herself physically. It was when she was on the verge of losing hope that her right leg would ever again be a functional part of her body, the Centre for Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation and Research and the Assistive and Adaptive Technology Department of Association of People with Disability, HCL Grant Recipient, 2022, Health Category equipped her with a prosthetic limb.



I was skillfully taught how to handle myself with my new, lightweight leg by the team of rehabilitation professionals from APD. They also enabled me with the opportunity to engage in para-sports and obtain support for my career and livelihood. I was so thrilled to hear my family and friends tell that Bhimmambika is walking again and will soon learn to run as well."

Bhimambika



We never imagined she would pick up the sport of para-badminton and para-basketball so quickly and with such proficiency."

Renukha, Bhimabika's mother



Education

Child Rights and You

A resident of Barkheda Village, Guna District, Madhya Pradesh, Savita (name changed) is a drop out from class 8th. Savita's father does not contribute much to the family income like rest of the Bedia men and her mother is a homemaker and is mentally challenged. Savita was under constant pressure from her family to enter in commercial sex to support the family financially like one of her aunts. She had only two options like other girls of her age, either to marry or go ahead for sex work. She had almost given up to her fate and was in the verge of entering into the traditional sex work when she came in contact with the team of Child Rights and You, HCL Grant Recipient, 2021, Education Category. After continuous

counselling and home visits, the team was able to convince her family and more importantly Savita herself to join the Kishori Group (Adolescent Group) and gradually she was involved in the activities of the group. She started attending the meetings regularly which helped her to change her mind. She chose to continue her education and was facilitated to get admission in Govt. Higher Secondary School, Maksudangarh. Currently, she is a student of 9th standard. The team is continuously in touch and doing regular follow-ups with her to ensure that she continues to follow the path she chose for herself.





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Pic: HCL Grant Field visit to Kerala

