

# ANNUAL REPORT



**2021-22**

## THE COMEBACK YEAR

For the world, 2021-22 was a year it learnt to look beyond COVID-19. At Sampark too a sense of normalcy kicked in late 2021 and here's a look at what we've achieved since.



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# LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Greetings from me and Sampark's ever growing team, to all our stakeholders and supporters!

Like last year, this year has been a landmark year too. After the way the Sampark team stepped up during the pandemic, we have received enormous support from all our stakeholders. The pandemic is definitely more than a health crisis and its impacts are multi-dimensional and present wide-ranging social and economic challenges for the vulnerable communities in the country. The pandemic has been a phase of learning for all in understanding the gaps in our society. Sampark has contributed to bridging the divide between the most marginalized and the mainstream, in more ways than one.

The Savings and Credit groups in Koppal and Varanasi continued to operate well, with high accountability. Young women showed greater interest in becoming book writers and leaders and also came forward to take part in digital literacy programmes, and become more digitally aware and savvy. The depth of our livelihoods work increased with establishment of a spices production unit in Varanasi.

Sampark continued to work with over **12,000 migrant workers**, and the cumulative enrolment of workers in the Karnataka Construction and Other Workers Welfare Board is 11,000. Sampark's impact increased as the workers' access to the schemes of the Board increased manifold. The workers union that Sampark fostered three years ago, the Karnataka Kattada Shramikara Sangha, now has over **2,000 members** and are keen to offer support to other construction workers. Sampark continued its work in strengthening its Board and resource persons, over 20 leaders and coordinators. We began to use technology better in our own organizational systems, and upgraded our migrant support line with IVR (Integrated Voice Response) and integrated with enhanced impact monitoring system.

This year, the number of creches increased from 18 to 21 and supported **1,941 children** and mainstreamed **172 children** in government schools. Women's day celebration was attended by over 250 women from Bangalore and Koppal brought excitement, sharing and learning together.

# LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



The efforts taken by NGOs, and sponsoring individuals, foundations and private sector businesses is a testament to the collective articulation of social responsibility towards the citizens of the country. Sampark is not alone in this and emerged stronger from COVID-19, with strengthened partnerships made with multiple stake-holders.

Sampark's commitment and hard work was recognized by the **Chief Minister of Karnataka** who acknowledged us for our contributions during the pandemic. Sampark was included in two state level forums for supporting the vulnerable during the pandemic: one was an online group led by the government, and another an online forum organized by the judiciary, the State Level Legal Services Authority of Karnataka, chaired by a retired judge of the High Court of Karnataka. **Guide Star India** also honored Sampark with **Gold certification**.



Sampark's long term partners have also imposed faith in our objectives and quality of work. Mobile creches made a new partnership, not only retaining Sampark as an implementation agency, but also recognizing Sampark as a resource agency for the state level scale up of the Early Childhood Care model.

With the support of our donors and partners we will strive to keep the good-work going and reach out to more vulnerable communities!

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# 2021-22 IN REVIEW

**INR 1.36 crores**

of benefits received  
in  
Workers Resource Centres

**INR 1.3 crores**

in Koppal SHG  
Savings  
and 1.18 crore in Loans

**INR 30 lakhs**

in Varanasi SHG Savings  
and 23 lakh in Loans

**2**

Digital hubs opened,  
one each at  
Varanasi & Bangalore

**981**

Creche children  
immunized

**172**

Creche children  
mainstreamed into  
govt schools

**INR 2 lakh**

of employment from  
production and sales of  
Kashika Masalas

**50+**

devadasis gain awareness  
of their entitlements

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Toll-Free Helpline Launched  
for Workers  
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# PROJECT REVIEW



# DEVADASI PROJECT

KOPPAL, KARNATAKA

## GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

This project had the main effect of energizing the Devadasi community in Koppal in North Karnataka and building their links with stakeholders from Sampark as well as the government. This is a key result since they are invisible, marginalized and often do not have trust in any form of institution. The project increased organizational understanding of the Devadasis' most pressing issues in the current day and brought out clearly the Devadasis' own priorities and aspirations for themselves and their children, which is essential to design any long-term, in-depth intervention strategies. It also created a crucial awareness in government functionaries about the presence of a large number of vulnerable beneficiaries who require support, and this awareness can be effectively catalysed into ensuring that the beneficiaries receive their due.

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- 100+ devadasis surveyed during the project
- 50+ Devadasis part of awareness workshops on livelihood schemes, Government Insurance schemes and Gram Panchayat schemes for scholarships to devadasi children
- 10 devadasi women set up their own businesses



Hanumawa from Muddaballi village had not received her pension amount for 6 months. Sampark took note of her concern and visited the Devadasi Rehabilitation Nigam Koppal Taluk Officer. Sampark helped Hanumawa submit required documents such as a bank statement and a copy of the Pass Book. After months of her patient wait, Hanumawa received her due pension.

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Sampark helped 10 women apply for government livelihood schemes. These women set up the following businesses:



Other businesses included - Provision Store - Huligawa, Belur  
Chilli Powder Mill - Huligemma, Mundaragi





# DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECT

VARANASI, U.P & BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

## GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

As the COVID-19 pandemic took firm hold, lockdown led to a blanket closure of schools and colleges and online education became a norm. Amongst the many groups adversely affected by this policy were the students, particularly girls from low-income families, for whom the chance to be educated was the result of hard-won battles against gender discrimination and social pressures. In April 2020, the Malala Fund estimated that 10 million girls in secondary education in low and lower-middle-income countries would be at risk of dropping out because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



As per the report of the 75th round (2017-2018) of the National Sample Survey (NSS), household-level statistics reveal that only 4.4% of rural households own a computer as compared to 23.4% for urban households. In terms of access to the internet, 42% of urban households have access to the internet while the corresponding figure for rural households is only 14.9%

Girls in vulnerable households face challenges to access online education either because of inadequate access to the internet and gadgets or because the male child and his teaching are prioritized.

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- 160 underprivileged students supported with laptops
- 1 Digital Literacy Training collaboration with White Hat Jr
- 2 Smart Hubs opened at Varanasi & Bangalore field office

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## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Sampark in collaboration with Lady Shri Ram College Alumni conducted a **donation drive** and procured 160 laptops for girls from vulnerable backgrounds enrolled in undergraduate programs of The Lady Shriram College. This was done to enable them to access online classes and exams. These girls came from families where parents were running tea shops, selling vegetables or working as electricians or families underwent tough times and their income had considerably reduced in the pandemic. The college took the responsibility to identify the students and an alumni-run support group conducted the due diligence and coordinated with the students to identify the place of delivery. Sampark identified suitable vendors, procured the laptops and coordinated with them to ensure timely delivery of laptops to girls.

For rural girls, Sampark followed the **hub model**, laptops were set up in the Sampark field office, where girls from nearby villages came to learn and practice. Sampark partnered with **White Hat Jr** and conducted online training sessions for the students. Online classes were provided two days a week and students enjoyed the learning. The concept of online classes was new for them, and they were thrilled to attend, talk to teachers and interact. They came to the office on non-class days as well to practice on the laptops. Sessions conducted in Hindi and Kannada helped the students to learn easily. Teachers gave time to practice the theory taught and guided them. Basic digital literacy for students who are new to computers, features of word, excel and ppt, how to write a formal email/ letter, and creation of email account, were also included to offer girls rounded learning.



Advanced digital literacy courses were offered to urban college students identified during the process of laptop distribution under the digital inclusion initiative of Sampark. Forms were rolled out to identify interested students to learn how to work in Canva, make a powerful PPT, Google forms, sheets and word, advanced features of excel, resume making, sessions on how to speak with confidence, how to appear for an interview etc.



## A ray of hope for Ritu

Ritu Rai, a 20-year-old wannabe entrepreneur who hails from Dinapur village in Chiraigaon block of Varanasi. She is the oldest of 5 siblings and has completed her 12th grade. She couldn't continue her studies due to her family's financial condition. Ritu's parents grow flowers on a leased piece of land and earn about Rs.30,000 every year which is not sufficient to manage their 7-member family.

Ritu's mother is a member of EKTA MAHILA SAMOOH SAMPARK and has been saving for the last 4 years. When Ritu came to know about computer classes at Sampark's Smart Hub, she wished to join. She proved to be a highly motivated and competent student.

Ritu feels that the knowledge of computers is very essential in present times and has started helping Sampark to maintain data in excel sheets and has gained tremendous confidence. Eager to become independent and earn an income to support her family, she shared "I know how to work in excel now and will maintain a sheet to track my income and expenses when I start my dream beauty parlor"!





# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

VARANASI, U.P

## GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The overall goal for the Varanasi project is to establish and build the capacities of women through the mechanism of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and to support around 900 women across 12 villages in the Chiraigaon block of Varanasi district, with the aim of socially and economically empowering these women.

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- 50+ women attended PRI training workshop
- 50+ women benefitted at health camp by Ramakrishna Mission
- Financial Audit of SHGs for FY2020-21 completed
- 28 Book Writers for SHG Account keeping identified
- INR 2,00,000 of employment from production and sales of Kashika Masalas this year
- Kashika Masalas are now a permanent feature at Vikas Bhavan



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# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## **PRI Training**

The objective of the training was to familiarize participants with the concept of Gram Panchayat and introduce the idea of good governance.

Overall 50 women attended the workshop from the villages Rajapur, Tatepur, Salarpur, Khalishpur, Kamauli, Kotwa, Danipur, Lakhrao, Raipura, Bhabhanpura, Hanumanpura, and Nevada and learnt concepts about Gram Sabha, Gram Panchayat, the roles of various office bearers and the role that women can play.

## **Health campaign by Ramakrishna Mission**

A health camp was organized at Sampark's office, Sarai Mohana, in association with the Ramakrishna Mission. 50 women from 12 villages benefited from the health camp. The objective of conducting the health camp was to create awareness of general health among the village women, provide general health care services, and counsel them on basic healthcare and hygiene. It included an -



- Awareness session on TB, Menstrual hygiene, Covid-19
- Different exercises & home remedies for common problems like joint pain, headache, backache, menstrual cramps etc.
- Awareness on nutrition and different types of food options for pregnant women, breastfeeding women, and women who faced miscarriage

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# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Telemedicine Pilot

Sampark started facilitating access to good doctors through telemedicine, through a tie-up with a Varanasi-based platform named ECURE. Sampark set up a pilot unit in Singhwar village, which is run by women from the Sampark SHGs.



## Auditing

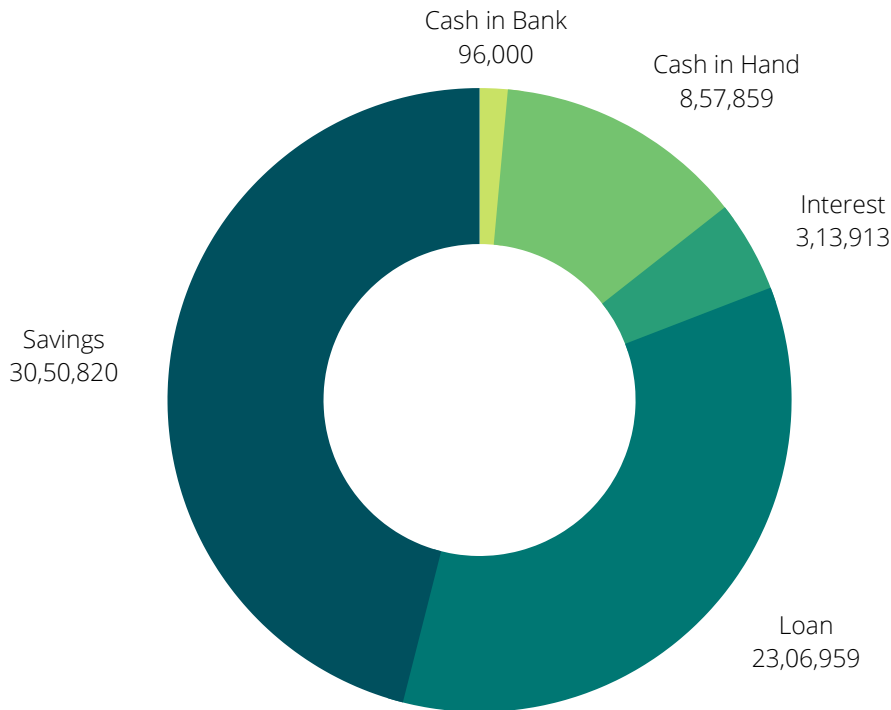
SHG audit for the financial year 2020-2021 was conducted in the month of April, and May 2021. The financial audit was conducted in each of the SHGs in the 12 villages. The study provides an insight into the accounts, maintenance of balance sheets, saving loaning, and understanding of the women members.



## Capacity Building of Book Writers

Sampark has identified 28 book writers and trained them on the basics of reading, writing and calculations.

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF SHGS 2021-22



Financial Details of SHGS, in INR

### Bank Linkage Initiative

Sampark connects women to the banking institutions by helping them to open bank accounts. Sampark helps SHG women to make their PAN cards, which is essential for bank linkage.

### Livelihood Plan Initiative - Kashika

Sampark is working toward improving the livelihood of SHG women by providing them with different employment opportunities. The Sampark spice unit in Varanasi has generated around INR 2,00,000 of employment from production and sales this year. Whenever a woman works for the whole day(8 hours), she is paid a minimum wage of INR 300, which is not the case anywhere else in the informal economy in UP. The project will have generated nearly 750 person-days of work this year 2021-22, of which nearly 90% is self-sustaining. Overall, since the beginning, the project has generated nearly INR 5,00,000 of employment which will significantly increase in the coming year.





### Saras Mela

The Saras Mela is an initiative by UPSRLM (Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission), Varanasi to provide a platform for SHG women to market their handmade products. The SHG women obtained a stall this year. The women made a total sales of Rs 16,000 from the Saras Mela. SHGs were identified to set up the stall. The team provided hand-holding support to SHG women for setting up the stall.



### Village events

Village events were conducted to generate awareness of the spice unit, adulteration-free spices and opportunities for women to engage with the unit as producers or sellers.



### Shop in Vikas Bhawan

The UPSRLM was impressed with our product and participation in the Saras Mela, and has given us a permanent spot for a shop in the Vikas Bhawan, the government office next to the High Court in Varanasi. The women who sit here have moved out of their village for the first time for work.







# KOPPAL COOPERATIVES PROJECT

KOPPAL, NORTH KARNATAKA

## GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

With the aim of addressing the needs of lower-income households in rural Karnataka, Sampark initiated small and informal associations of women from the region on principles of self-help and collective responsibility. These informal groups, later evolved as SHGs, provide an opportunity for the women to access credit facilities from within and other institutions and also enable them to create small savings, which was otherwise a distant dream. By building communities that are self-reliant and economically stable, Sampark aims to act as an instrument in relieving the women from the clutches of moneylenders while simultaneously empowering and enlightening the women on social, economic and political fronts.

In Koppal Taluk, Sampark has been continuously involved in forming these self-help groups and collectives over the years.

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Rs. 1,30,57,300 total saving amount in SHGs
- Rs. 1,18,33,174 loan outstanding in SHGs
- Cooperatives tasted success with businesses such as cloth and grocery during pandemic



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Loan outstanding - INR 1,18,33,174

### Success with diversified business ideas

Two cooperatives have successfully diversified from their credit business.

1. Eshwar cooperative has started a ready-made cloth business. During the lockdown, members sold saris, suits and petticoats within the cooperative. After a successful pilot run, they started selling to outsiders and earned a profit of Rs. 30000 so far.
2. Gavideshwara cooperative has started the business of providing daily use rations to the SHG members who come to the cooperative for meetings. They sell sugar, jaggery, food oil, soap to wash clothes, masala, haldi powder and tea. So far they have earned a profit of Rs. 20000/-.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**Cooperative members have taken individual loans for:**

Bakery	Dairy	Handlooms	Vegetable Selling	Bidi Making
Roti Making	Chicken Cutting	Cloth Shop	Bengal Shop	Rice Papad Making
Tailoring	Beauty Parlor Shop	Sleeper Shop	Pan Shop	Printing Press
Sheep & Goat Rearing	Stone Cutting	Horticulture	Bricks Making	Carpentry
Egg Rice & Egg Sales	Flower Selling	Chicken Kebab	Pani Puri	Gobi Manchurian
Juice Center	Ice Creams	Idli & Dosa Stall	Pickles	Poultry Farming
Chilli Powder Making	Saree Making	Doll Making	Fruits Making by Clay & Wood	Khanavali
Flower Necklace Making	Garage	Flour Mill	Rice Business	Provision Stores
Utensil Sales	Hair Business	Iron Shop	Shamiana Store	Cycle Repair Center
Papad Making	Centering	Construction	Agriculture	



# EMPOWERMENT OF MIGRANT WORKERS

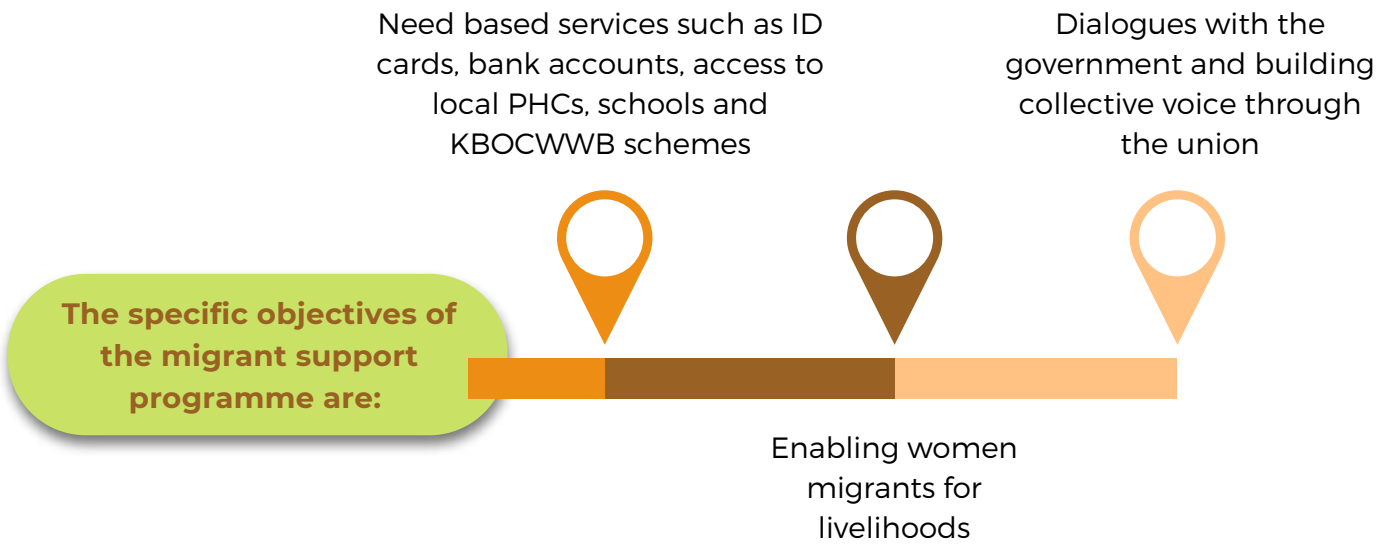
BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

## GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

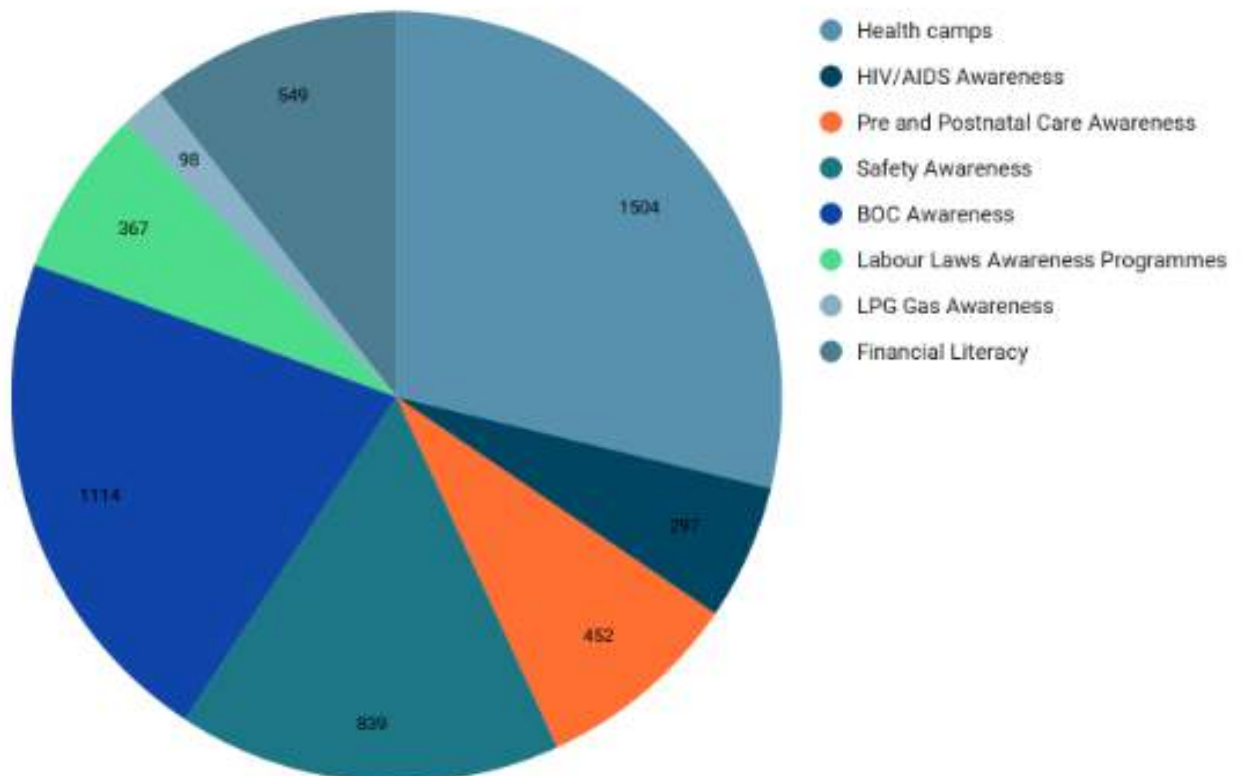
Karnataka is one of the states in India with high economic growth. Bangalore is the largest city and the capital of Karnataka, with a sizable base of IT employees who come in from different parts of India. Due to the increase in the number of employees in the IT sector, there is a strong demand for housing in the private sector and for infrastructure development, such as the construction of flyovers, metro and new International airports, etc. The boom in the construction sector created a demand for construction labourers in Bangalore. As a result, the construction industry in Bangalore is being sustained by almost 8-10 lakh migrant workers who migrate from Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, UP, Bihar, Orissa, Nepal, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and other parts of Karnataka. These inter and intra-state migrant workers face several challenges at the destination. The 'Empowerment of Migrant Workers at Destination for their Sustainable Livelihoods in Bangalore' project (henceforth referred to as 'the project') was implemented to spread awareness about their entitlements and help them access services like health, education, financial and social security, and legal aid etc.

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- 2481 workers registered with with the KBOCWBB: 755 women, 1726 men
- 2637 workers footfall through the year; 207 women, 2430 men
- Awareness sessions about social protection schemes had max. participation of over 1100 members (almost equal number of men & women took part)
- Re. 1.36cr worth of social protection schemes received by workers
- 3 successful skill training batches on tailoring
- 319 workers linked to Anganwadi linkages
- Toll-free Helpline - 08068972050 for Legal and Health issues
- Developed web-based IVR systems to maintain data of migrant workers
- Union members are supporting Sampark team in scale-up of activities of WRC

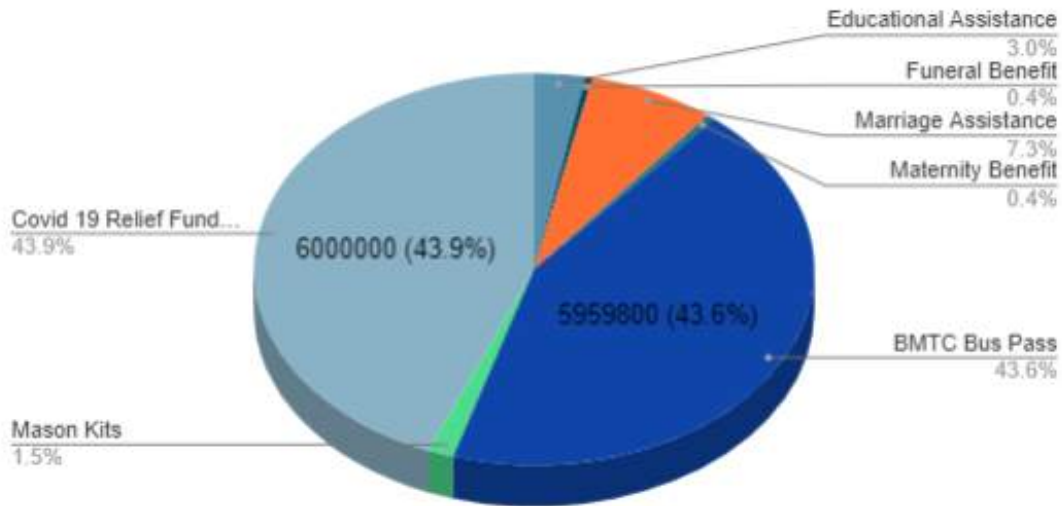


### Participation by WRC Members



**Total Benefits: 1.36 cr** 

Benefits received by the WRC members 2021-22 (in INR)



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

### Capacity Building of Staff

During the reporting period, the WRC team and child-care workers were trained on how to develop training material to create awareness about the safety protocol to be followed to prevent COVID-19, how to identify COVID-19 care centers and how to coordinate with zonal officers of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to send patients who are COVID-19 positive to the COVID-19 Care Centers (CCCs). Sampark’s WRC team participated in several workshops and training on decent work, grievance redressal and health and shared their experiences of working with migrant construction workers.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



### Capacity Building of Shramik Mithras

The team conducted awareness programmes about financial inclusion, awareness about social protection schemes from the Karnataka Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board (KBOCWBB), Concept of a Union, Labour Laws and exposure visits. Shramik Mithras helped other workers to go to KBOCWBB and get masonry kits which were provided by the respective area labour officer.

Shramik Mithras also learnt to -

- Use an oximeter and a thermometer and check for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Facilitate KBOCWBB registrations by collecting documents on Whatsapp.

Sampark's WRC organised an exposure visit to Bijapur, Karnataka, 34 workers participated in the exposure visit and they visited two Unions, namely the Bijapur Construction Workers Union and the Eshwara Lingeshwara Plumbers Union.

### Awareness about Social Welfare Schemes

The WRC team formed WhatsApp groups of workers from 45 labour colonies and shared videos of the various social welfare schemes of KBOCWBB and how to apply for them.



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Health Camps

During health camps the main focus was given to providing awareness about the importance of vaccination for Covid 19 area-wise vaccination centers. This resulted in 85 to 90% of workers receiving vaccination either in local PHC or vaccination drives conducted by Sampark in collaboration with builders and developers and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). Along with this, Shramik Mithras helped identify symptomatic COVID-19 patients and keep them in isolation either in the labour colonies or in COVID-19 care centers.

## Skill Training

Inauguration of tailoring training centers: Sampark and women (trainees) and trainers together inaugurated the two centers on 1st November 2021, and tailoring training sessions were started. Out of 20 women, 18 were domestic workers and the remaining 2 were construction workers. In CLPD 12 women and 8 women in TR Rajan labour colonies are participating in tailoring training sessions.



## HIV /AIDs Awareness and Pre and Post-Natal Care Programmes

The project conducted awareness programmes about pre and post-natal care and HIV/AIDS.





## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



### Women's Day Celebration in Bangalore

Awareness programmes about social protection schemes and pre and post-natal care were organised along with the Women's Day Celebration on the 20th of March 2022 at Kammanahalli, Bangalore. 182 female construction workers participated in the event. The event also saw the participation of women leaders from Bangalore and Koppal.

During the programme, the Sampark team provided awareness about social protection schemes from the KBOCWBB, pre and post-natal care and family planning methods. Beneficiaries also shared their experiences of accessing social protection through the support of Sampark.

All these awareness programmes are conducted by using pictorial diagrams so that even illiterate workers understand the content of the awareness programmes.

Sampark team inaugurated the Shramik Shayana Vani helpline number: **08068972050** which is going to be useful to reach out to migrant construction workers from different parts of Bangalore.



Mrs. Shivallela, one of the SHG members from Koppal shared her experience about how she became socially and economically empowered through interventions and training from Sampark's team. Within 10 days after completion of the event, one of the migrant women (Mrs. Padma) purchased a Jowar roti-making machine paying Rs 25,000 and going to start roti-making business and selling them to the bachelor workers. She is selling at the rate of Rs 8/roti and each day is able to sell 50 to 60 rotis and earn about Rs 400 to Rs 480 a day.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Sampark team also undertook activities for children of migrant workers, which is extremely crucial. Early childhood is a critical period where children need the right nutrition, immunization and education, and Sampark ensures that the children receive timely inputs. This also ensures that their mothers are able to engage in income-generating activities.

### Karnataka Kattada Shramikara Sangha – Union of Migrant Construction Workers

Union completed its 2nd year of auditing with memberships of 2193 (males 1609 and females 584). Union supports migrant construction workers to register with the KBOCWWB by providing them with a 90 days occupation certificate. During Covid times Union members supported the team in the distribution of dry rations and took care of health issues of migrant workers in 50 labour colonies.

#### Early Childhood Care and Development

##### Nutrition

Sampark set up the crèche keeping in mind that children's nutrition should be given utmost priority.

**As per WHO standards, 76% of the 1,941 children had normal growth; 24% of the children were identified as undernourished (216 girls and 244 boys) and put on a special diet.** The special diet

helped to improve the nutrition grade of 67% of undernourished children – 147 girls and 156 boys. This shows that 66% of the undernourished migrant children improved their nutrition grades even during the pandemic. This is apart from the 76% of children who maintained normal growth and could have become malnourished, if not for Sampark's timely intervention.

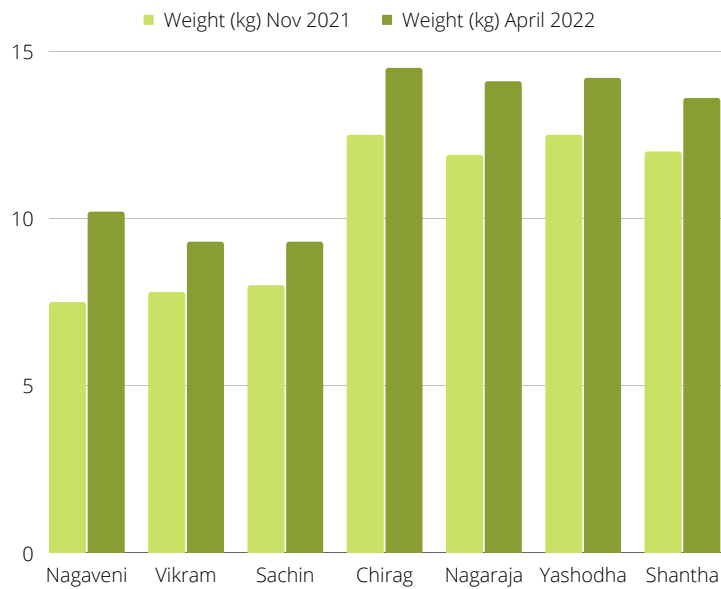


The team monitored the height and weight of children who are aged below 5 years (crèche and balwadi category) regularly and are made to follow a strict diet plan. A special diet is provided to these undernourished children. A sample of evidence-based results of 08 children who were identified as undernourished during the last six months was shown in the figure below. The team monitored 8 children's growth from 1st Nov 2021 to 30th April 2022 and they have improved due to special diet and health care. This growth of 8 children is shown in the Figure below.

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



## Improvement in children's weight



One of the main challenges of improving the growth of undernourished children is that children in-between go to their village for about 10 to 15 days during that time it is not possible to give nutritious diet to these children. This gap makes them reduce their weight and needs more time to increase their weight again when they come back to the creche from their villages.



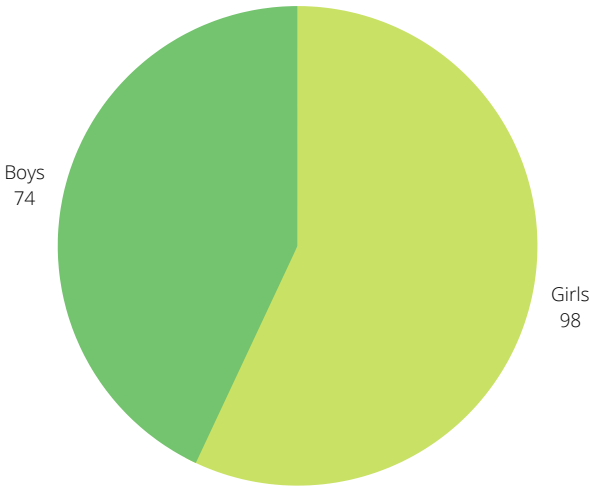
**Out of the total 1941 children, 460 children had special dietary needs (2 out of every 10 children)**

Four children (two boys and two girls), alumni of Ibbaluru creche completed 12th Standard with first-class marks.

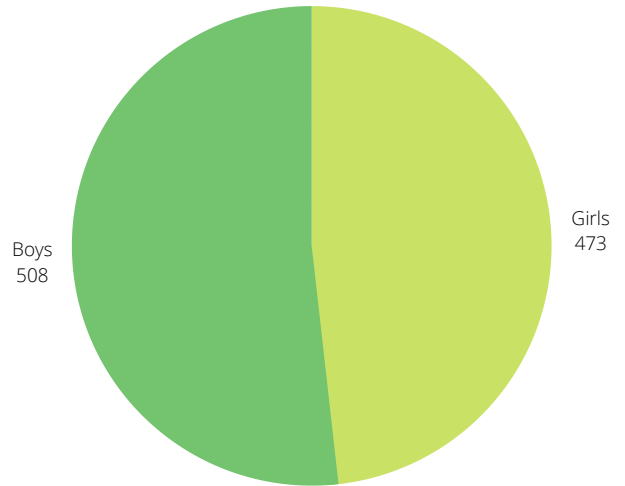


# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## No. of children linked to govt. schools



## Immunization Record



### Health:

Every month, a nurse from the local Public Health Centre (PHC), visits crèches and provides age-appropriate immunization. Creche teachers coordinated with PHC nurses to visit labor colonies and provide age-appropriate immunization and ensured 981 children received their immunization



### Learning activities:

Crèche caters to children under 3 different categories:

- Creche: Children above 6 months to 3 years,
- Balwadi- Children between 3 - 6 years and
- Non-formal education for children above 6 years.



Activities related to overall development such as cognitive and physical development were implemented on the children in the creche. The age-appropriate curriculum is used to improve the learning of children in the local language (Kannada), math and environmental science. Based on the curriculum the teachers developed several teaching and learning materials. The children engaged in learning activities are shown in the pictures below:



**Linkages with Anganwadi centers:**

Fifty-three pregnant women were linked with Anganwadi centres to get mother cards which would help to access required immunization for mother and child. Though it was difficult during Covid time, the team made efforts to link 319 children with Anganwadi centers, who received age-appropriate immunization.

# IMPACT: WHEN PURPOSE MET ITS GOAL

 **Progress made by a child at Sampark creche**



## IMPACT: WHEN PURPOSE MET ITS GOAL

### Basavaraj and his family received multiple benefits from the BOCWWB

Basavaraja and Gangamma, along with their three children (one girl and two boys), migrated from Yadgiri, Karnataka to Bangalore. From past 8 years the couple worked at TR Rajan construction site, Bangalore. In 2019, the couple registered with Karnataka Building and Other Construction Welfare Board (KBOCWWB). They came to know about students' **scholarship benefit** during an awareness drive. Thereafter, they collected required documents and with the support of field officer of WRC, managed to submit form to avail scholarship for their 12 year old child.

They conducted marriage of their second male child, working as a company supervisor, at the eligible age of 21 years. The application for **marriage benefit** of their son was processed and Basavaraj received an amount of Rs. 25,000 and another Rs. 25,000 was provided as Fixed Deposit Bond which matures after 3 years. Basavaraj thanked the Union Members, Sampark and especially the field officer for the continuous follow up with KBOCWWB.

Along with scholarship & marriage benefit, the couple got **free bus passes** due which they were able to save Rs 24,000 per annum. These benefits motivated Basavaraj and he became a member of the Union and created awareness among other new workers to register with the Union and KBOCWWB.



Gangamma receiving Free Bus Pass from KBOCWWB

### Three children are relieved from severe skin diseases

Shyad Ali and Santhai Bibi migrants from Assam were part of labour colony in the JMC – PLRG project in Subramanyapura Utharahalli. Shabnam, their 8 year old daughter had a severe fungal infection in her palms. As she could not eat with her hands, she stopped eating and became weak. The same fungal infection spread to other two children as well as it was a communicable disease. Due to this, they stopped coming to the creche. This led the creche teacher to talk to the childrens' parents. The field officer discussed about the disease with the parents and took them to Victoria hospital and made them consult a dermatologist. 10 days after taking prescribed medicines, all the children got cured of the skin disease and started coming to the creche regularly. The children's parents are so happy to see that their hands are now fine, that they can have food themselves. In one of the parents' meetings, the field officer made them aware about the importance of cleanliness and personal hygiene in-order to avoid such skin related diseases.

## IMPACT STORIES: IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY HELP



Madhu & Deepa received timely help from Sampark & Ayushman Bharat Scheme

Madhu worked as a labourer at TR Rajan construction site, Bangalore. He married Deepa from Yadagiri, Raichur district. They had a healthy daughter Pavithra. Madhu continued to come to Bangalore for work. Soon, Deepa was pregnant with her 2nd child. In one of the scans during the pregnancy, a problem was detected in the left kidney of the baby in the womb. She was advised by the doctor that until the baby was born nothing could be done. Post delivery, they were advised to get treatment done in Bangalore. Since Madhu had a job in Bangalore, he, along with his wife, daughter and newborn son, moved to Bangalore. However, the expenses that they would have to incur for the treatment were worrying the couple.

The Sampark team helped the couple to get a proper diagnosis at the Indira Gandhi Medical Hospital. **Due to the government-run medical scheme, BPL, Madhu had to only pay Rs. 250 instead of Rs. 2,500.** On hearing of the good work done by Sampark to help migrant workers, the authorities agreed to give a concession and the cost of MRI was brought down to Rs. 4,000 from Rs. 6500. **Sampark helped them get the Ayushman Bharat certificate on the day of the surgery and helped them find medicines. The expensive surgery was performed free of cost because of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.** The baby was discharged and the family went home to rest and recuperate.

### Woman worker sharing the experience of receiving dry ration kit

Greetings. My Name is Devamma. I am From Yadagiri, I work in CLPD. Thank you so much Sampark for giving us groceries at this Covid time. They gave us 1kg edible oil, Tea powder, 5kg Wheat, peanuts, Chickpeas, Turmeric powder, Jeera powder, Coriander powder, 2kg Sugar, Chilli powder, Salt and 10kg rice.

### Male worker sharing the experience of receiving dry ration kit

Greetings. My Name is Suraj. I 'am From Raichur. Thank you so much Sampark for giving us groceries in this Covid time. They gave 10kg rice, 5kg Wheat, Chickpeas, Tea powder, Turmeric powder, Jeera powder, Coriander powder, edible Oil, 2kg Sugar, Chilli powder, and salt.



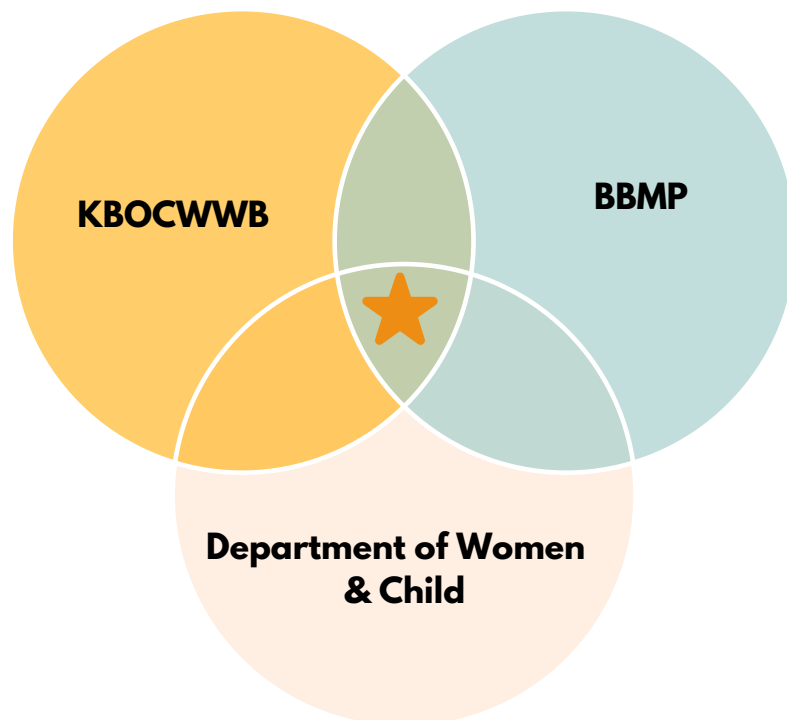
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# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## New Partnerships Developed:

Signed an MOU with the Department of Women and Child Development: In collaboration with Mobile Creches, Sampark signed an MOU with the Department of Women and Child Development to pilot test the upgradation of 170 Anganwadi centers as Anganwadi center cum Creches. For this, Sampark showcased its model of creches for the children of migrant workers. Sampark is going to train about 250 Anganwadi workers about Early Childhood Care and Development.

- KBOCWVB: Conducted 4 meetings, did advocacy with KBOCWVB and could get 14,010 dry ration and safety kits (separate safety kits for women and men) and distributed them to 14,010 workers.
- Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP): Sampark's team provided the details of workers in 45 labour colonies to BBMP. This helped 1000 workers (above 45 years old) get the COVID-19 vaccine.



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# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Special Interventions during COVID-19 Pandemic

Sampark, did advocacy and several meetings as mentioned above with the KBOWCCB and KSLSA to conduct the following interventions for the welfare of the construction workers. Based on these meetings and advocacy, Sampark was able to undertake the following interventions:

- Fumigation and sanitation of labour colonies
- Awareness creation on COVID-19 protocol and isolation centers
- Distribution of food and safety kits
- Linkages with government - cash transfers, compensation, isolation wards



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# GOING FORWARD

## Expansion: Realizing the Vision of the Sampark Team

The momentum created within the social impact space, gives us a great opportunity to scale-up Sampark's work to new states and reach out to people in the vulnerable sections. The models created by Sampark for the empowerment of women, migrant workers and their children have shown success and it becomes imperative to scale it up and deepen our work to achieve the holistic impact for the beneficiaries. The team has overwhelmingly stated its preference for expanding outreach. Sampark takes immense pride in sharing that our proposal for expansion won us a grant from the Grow fund, for investment in the growth of our activities, the team size, and in capacity building.

In the coming year, Sampark not only plans to expand its activities and locations, but also increase its engagement with its supporters, and its many stakeholders. We hope to make the organization more tech savvy and more visible as knowledge holders in the fields we work in. We will use professional support and attitudes to make the transformation from a quiet, steady and effective organization, to a large, visible and impactful one. We also aim to hand over the baton, progressively, to a new group of leaders, among the board and staff, who will take the organization into its next phase: of growth and prominence. We look forward to this new phase, and the support of all our constituents.



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