

Schools facilitated the training. The AEEO Mr. K. Illangovan honored the program. The participants felt that the training is the need of the hour. It gave them some new insights to bring changes in the class rooms.

- **Training on street theatre**

Training on Street Theater program was organized at BEDROC from 18th to 20th May, 17. 16 enrolled children have actively participated in three days training. They were trained on Folk dance and kits on various issues affecting the children. The children learnt the skills and they are now confident to perform the program in schools and in the community. Children are the change agents to carry the message forward.



**Outcome of street theatre training program**

- ✓ **"VIDIYAL" Children's cultural troop** performed a cultural program at Keelapattinacherry and Samanthanpettai Govt. Middle school. They highlighted the importance of being a literate in a family and in the community. The message was clearly brought out through street play.

- **Summer camp**

Summer camp program was organized at Peace of Garden School, Vellore on 28.04.17 to 29.04.17. 30 enrolled children have participated in the camp for 2 days. The program agenda included Yoga, discussion on child parliament, music therapy, visit to Vellore fort, Mountain trekking and orientation on small scale entrepreneurship and basic of accountancy. Mr. Santhosh (Head of Peace of Garden school), Ms. Vimala & Ms. Cecilia conducted all the sessions for two days.

This is the great opportunity for the children to learn and experience yoga, organic oil extraction through traditional



methodology and musical therapy. The motivational sessions on self-confidence, communication skills and the effective functioning of Children Parliament have inspired them. For the children who always look at the sea, cannot forget the new experience on mountain trekking in their life. The rich experience at the Garden of Peace will be always lingering in their mind.

- **Quiz competition at CRC level**

Organized quiz program at 7 CRC villages in the month of Mar-17. Children from other villages also came to the CRC for this competition.

Totally 180 LS2 children have participated in the competition at CRC. Participant prizes were given to all children who participated in the competition. Winners got special prizes.



- **Celebration of Samathuva Pongal & Rangoli competition**

We organized Samathuva Pongal celebration with rangoli competition at 5 villages such as Keelapattinacherry, Thideerkuppam, Chandrapadi, Samanthanpettai & Boothangudi. Children from nearby villages also participated in the celebration along with their families. Totally 223 enrolled children with their families have participated in the celebration. The whole community was fully involved and many parents from other villages came to the venue with their children and



participated in the rangoli competition. Participant prizes were given to all children who participated in the competition. Our enrolled children enjoyed the pongal celebration with lot of happiness and it was a joyful experience.

- **Children's day celebration**

Children's day celebration was conducted on 15th November, 2016 by BEDROC in Nagapattinam. Different guests were invited to grace the function. BEDROC took the pride of honoring Mr.Balu, Head Master, Govt. Primary School, Keechankuppam who got the best teacher award from the President of India this year. The President of Rotary Club, Nagapattinam, Director SOS children's Village, Director - DMI Children's Home, Director, Kalai Aruvi Bharatha Natiyam Center - were honoured during the celebration. This program was jointly organised by BEDROC and Rotary Club Nagapattinam Mid - Town. The day was more colourful with different competition like Drawing, Dancing and Miming.





## YOUNG SCIENTIST – BAIRAVI. Case Study

Name – S. Bairavi

Case No – 304

Village - Keechankuppam

***"I tell young people to reach for the stars. And I can't think of a greater height than you could possibly get than by inventing something"*** - Stephanie Kwolek.

The Author, Stephanie Kwolek must be happy if he happens to see or hear the innovative effort taken by Bairavi from Keechankuppam, Nagapattinam District. Today's world is filled with millions of people all over, but there are few who have strong passion to think, feel and work for the disadvantaged section of the community. Bairavi is one among them who looked at the needs of physically challenged people around her.

### **School that shaped Bairavi**

Bairavi is studying in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Panchayat Union Middle School, Keechankuppam which has received the Kamarajar Award for its performance from Government of Tamil Nadu. The Head Master of the School Mr. Balu has received the Best Teacher award twice from the Honorable President of India. No doubt, Bairavi has been groomed by the Head Master and the school teachers. She is very studious and very regular to the class. Her father is a fisherman and she hails from a poor family. Now she is the school pupil leader providing support to the Head Master and the teachers in maintaining the school. She also actively participates in all the competitions conducted at school level.

### **Empathy towards the Vulnerable:**

When she goes to the school she has seen some of the differently able students come with the support of their parents / siblings to the school. With empathetic heart, she has started realizing the pathetic situation of those students and the family members who are coming to the school to drop and pick them up from the school. How can I help my friends.....? This question often comes to her mind. Inventing a new model wheel chair could be a better solution to this problem. This was her dream.

She discussed with her friends and they supported her idea. But making a wheel chair is not a simple matter as one thinks. It involves money and hard work. She was willing to offer her time and energy, but getting the financial support was a challenging one. She discussed with her parents and they came forward to provide the financial assistance to this noble cause.

In our culture, most of the family celebrates puberty of a girl child. It is one of the happiest occasions for the family members. They will come with lot of gifts to wish the girl and her parents. Bairavi also had the same celebration with her family members and she was able to save Rs.15000/ from the celebration. Her parents kept that amount in a bank for her future. But when they heard the ambition of their daughter, they came forward to give the money. The Head Master and the teachers came forward to donate some amount for this purpose.

### Dreams Came True:



Bairavi started her mission of making a wheel chair. It took nearly one month and she had to spend Rs.25000/. Her class mates also joined with her in making the chair. This wheel chair can be operated by the movement of the head and not with the help of someone else. Finally she succeeded and she has become a young Scientist. Her invention was presented at

1. **24<sup>th</sup> National Children's Science Congress – 2016**, Nagapattinam and she got the award

2. **Science Exhibition for all schools** conducted at Our Lady of Health Higher Secondary School, Velankanni. She got the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in all school levels and 1<sup>st</sup> in Government school level.
3. **Science Day Competition held at A.R.C.K, Mat. Hr. Sec. School**, Mayiladuthurai. She was honored as **YOUNG SCIENTIST** with lot of prizes and shields.



A man's first duty is to be ambitious. The noblest ambition is that of leaving behind one something of permanent value. We feel happy and proud to see that Bairavi has done something for the vulnerable and we wish the young Scientist to come up with more innovations.

LIVELIHOOD

**Program Goal**

Sustainable Livelihood for the youth leading to dignified life

**Project Objectives**

70% family income of youth and their families will be above Rs. 5000 per month

**Target locations and groups**

18 villages in Nagapattinam and karaikal district

**Impact Group:**

- 231 youth with 80% enrolled (185) and 20% youth from non-enrolled family (46)
- Male – 92 female – 139 and 20 young widow mothers of enrolled children.

**Target Group:**

- Placement Agencies
- Private Companies/Skill training Centers
- Financial Institutions

**Rationale:**

Nagapattinam and Karaikal districts are greatly affected by cyclones, floods, and tsunami, which seem to be increasing in frequency by the year. In a year, as many as five to six cyclones or floods hit these areas along the south-eastern coast of India, two-three of them of severe intensity. These natural disasters have a devastating effect on the economy and lives of the people — public infrastructure is damaged and development programmes in the area are set back. Especially vulnerable are womenfolk of the families of workers and owners of boats, women fish venders and auctioneers, and daily-wagers, especially from the Dalit and minority community, who depend on the fishing economy. Promoting the livelihood of the youth and the families to lead a dignified life is the need of the hour.

According to 2011 census, Nagapattinam district had a population of 1,616,450 with a sex-ratio of 1,025 females for every 1,000 males. There were a total of 671,994 workers, comprising 54,329 cultivators, 216,353 main agricultural laborers, 7,925 in household industries, 207,721 other workers, 185,666 marginal workers, 13,153 marginal cultivators, 128,704 marginal agricultural laborers, 3,630 marginal workers in household industries and 40,179 other marginal workers. Most of them are working as daily coolies and they don't get adequate income to meet both the ends. Similarly in the fishing community, they prefer to send their wards for fishing after completing 10th or 12th grade.

BEDROC has been implementing the Child Development Project in 18 villages in Nagapattinam and Karikal district. There are 256 children and under LS 3 and among them

90 are from the age of 18 – 25. On the whole there are 1870 youths in our working villages from the age group of 18 – 24. 80 % of these children are engaged in fishing and the remaining 20 % goes for some other works. Now a days even going for fishing involves very much risk due to Srilankan border issue. It has become a perennial problem which affects the livelihood of the entire fishing community in Nagapattinam District. Hence this is the high time to motivate the younger generation not only on fishing but also fish related activities to earn their livelihood.

### Major programmatic intervention and Achievements

- **Cell Phone Mechanism**

Organized training on Cell Phone Mechanism to the dropout children in collaboration with Sriram Educational Institute, Nagapattinam. Five boys have actively participated in the training. It was inaugurated by Mr. Kanagaraj, Director IOB RSETI. Provided Cell phone mechanism tool kit to all the participants to start their own business



- **Solar Mechanism training**

Training on Solar Mechanism was organised by BEDROC at Nagapattinam. Students who are very much deserving and some of the young widows attended the training. Dr.Aramudan, HOD &Associate Prof, Perunthalivar Kamarajar Institute of Technology from Karaikal was the Chief Guest. It was an enlightening program for the youth. 20 youth have participated in the solar training program and provided solar mechanism tool kit to all the participants to start their own business.



- Youth Resource Centre

In youth resource centre, tailoring class & Basic computer class training were regularly conducted for one year in two batches.

- **Training on Tailoring** was given to the youths. The tailoring training consists of Stitching of School uniform, Chudidhar and Blowse stiching. This year two batches of students were trained in tailoring. 1st batch consist of 15 members and 2nd batch consist of 11 members. Each batch has the duration of 6 months. Now youth were excelled in the training and they are able to earn on their own by work at garments. 5 youth out of 11 from 1<sup>st</sup> batch got job in Mahalakshmi garments and now they are earning more than Rs.5000.



- **Basic computer class**

Now a day's computer operation became basic criteria for job interviews so Youths were given training on basic computer operation and on MS office. Through this training youth obtained the knowledge on functions of computer, MS Word, MS Excel and MS Power point. 28 youths got benefited out of this training.

- **Fish preservative training**

Organized training on Fish Processing and Preservation for the fish vending mothers and dropout children on Feb17. 15 youth & mothers have participated in the training for three days. This program was held with the support of Fisheries University, Nagapattinam. The participants were trained in making fish soup, cutlet, bakkoda, fish fingers, fish vadai etc. By this training, the participants will enhance their livelihood by adding value to their work they are doing.





- **Orientation to youth and families on government welfare schemes, small scale industries and bank linkages**

Conducted a consultation meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct-16 on government welfare schemes and creating linkages for livelihood for the youth and the mothers of our enrolled children. The District Social Welfare Officer ( DSW) Mrs.Jeya Meena, District Disable Rehabilitation Officer (DDRO) Mr.Chandra Mohan, Director St. Joseph's Community College, Fr.Kulandaisamy, Manager Bajaj Insurance Company Ltd Mr Balachander were the guests of honor for the meeting. It was an opportunity to understand about various schemes that are available. The interaction was helpful to the youth and the parents.21 youth & parents were benefited through this program.



- **Job Fair**

Organized job Fair at BEDROC office on 26<sup>th</sup> March-17. The campus was fully packed with youngsters. More than 310 youth came for the event and 120 candidates were shortlisted by 11 companies. BEDROC will follow the companies to ensure the job placement for these candidates. All the companies and the people thanked BEDROC for taking this wonderful initiative of creating a platform between the job seekers and job providers. It was a wonderful experience for all of us. Hope the dreams of these youngsters will be materialized with the support of these companies.

