

| Fieldwork Report M.A. Women's Studies, Goa University | |
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Name and Profile of the Agency: - Children's Rights in Goa

The agency work for the better life of the children's and making Goa a safe place for all children. To work along with the Government, schools and Village Child Committees in order to stop child abuse which are taking place.

Aims: - To help the children's who are underprivileged with education and spread awareness about all forms of exploitation for example, child labour, sex-based tourism. Etc.

It is a non-governmental organization.

Members of the C.R.G are:

- 1) Snehal Salgaokar (Director)
- 2) Namita Parulekar (Child Right Facilitator)
- 3) Philomena Mascarenes (Accountant)
- 4) Rupa Gaad (Data Entry)
- 5) Venicia Fernandes (Stam Coach)

When I joined the organization at very first day I was not been given that much of work but only given some notes to read about Tourism Code which was meant to safeguard the life of the children's in the tourism field. All the staff members are very polite and kind. Most of the times I was given the work which I was capable of doing and never forced on me. In order to implement the code of tourism, I have been given the work of noting down the names of the near by hotels to know if they are having any security for children in their policy. The following initiative was needed to take in order to make the children live safe in the tourism field. As there are many children's below 18 years who work on beach sites and hotels-restaurant for their livelihood so to protect those this initiative was planned to form.

Another work was planned to visit the Mangala Basti and River of joy Basti to take down the height and weight of the children for BMI. Their height and weight was required to calculate their BMI to know their health level. In simple words to know if the child is healthy or not. I was coordinated by two teachers from the organization that is Namita Ma'am and Jaya Ma'am. The children from basti had no proper hygiene and was not taken care by their parents. There are some children's who smoke and consume alcohol. They get these addiction by looking at their

parents. CRG is been very helpful to such children's. To give proper life to them, they are doing their best.

On my third day of the fieldwork I was taken to the Dhargal Village Panchayat for a session on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. The session was held for the Sarpanch, Aganwadi workers and Community Resource Person. Most of them were women's. They were the targeted group because These were the people who come in contact with the people largely and they can aware the villagers properly. Various activities were held for the audience. To identify whether there is presence of declining sex ratio of female child in their village or state and also told to note down the causes and solutions for the declining sex ratio of female child. The session was really good because there was large number of audience who have participated and was sportingly giving their view points on the issue. Most of them answered that there is presence of some people who still don't wish to have girl child and prefer having boy child. There are still people who thinks that girl child is a burden for the family. Most of them also suggested to have such session with the old aged people because they are the one who are able to change the mindset of the family that both, boy and girl child are equal.



My next fieldwork days were not any site visiting but working on the schemes which initiated for the children in Goa. I was given the work to note down the schemes which are related to the children. I found many schemes which are formed by the Government. Schemes like Integrated Child Development Schemes (ICDS). This scheme is centrally sponsored and implemented in the state through the office of the Child Development Project Officers in all 12 Talukas of the state. There are other sessions also which were held by the C.R.G on Menstrual Hygiene which I couldn't able to attend.

Through out my fieldwork I observed that all the members from the agency are very good. The way they handle the situation of a particular child and the way they try to give them a good life is very appreciating. During the visit at Mangala Basti, when there was one child who was very violent and in that situation when he hurt Namita Ma'am, she didn't reacted that much where people do react in reverse. She handle the situation very softly without hurting the child. I also observed during the session that how people are interested in taking part and they do know that issues like killing girl child still exist.

From my fieldwork I learned that how there are so many underprivileged children who are lacking behind in their life and are surrounded by so many difficulties. These children are required to give a good life and most importantly education through which they will be able to learn the things which are good and bad for them. Also learned about many schemes for children. Through the session I also learned that there is existence of killing of girl child even in our Goa. For the session on the same issue at Dhargal Village Panchayat, I found that through the awareness, in Pernem Taluka the sex ratio of girl child is greater than boy child.

I would really like to recommend the future students to do visit this organization because though I was not able to have many site visits but within the office I learned a lot of things from the staff. The way they treat and are so polite that is the reason why C.R.G is having success in achieving its aim. Its really difficult to deal with children but this organization is very much informative to make you learn them and help them. They are not stressful and do their work patiently.

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