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**CEDE IMPACT this quarter**

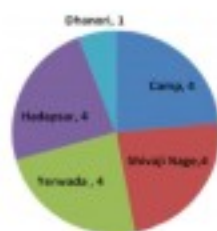
- Launched *CEDE Magic* newsletter in December 2013.
- 'Parent Empowerment Workshops' conducted in 17 schools, 31 Jan.-15 March '14. 270+ parents participated.
- Introduced CMCA Plus module with 57 volunteers for module 'Me and My Health & Hygiene' in 17 schools. Program conducted from 21-28 February 2014. CMCA (Children's Movement for Civic Awareness) is a Bangalore-based NGO.



CEDE completes 8 months and almost a complete academic year – 1300+ students across 17 schools reached! The challenges we faced were immense, but the learning has been an amazing experience for us all - the CEDE team and our partners – students, their parents, school staff and administration, as well as for our volunteers.

**FACTS & FIGURES**

| Medium  | No of Schools |
|---------|---------------|
| Marathi | 11            |
| Urdu    | 4             |
| English | 2             |



Our students from grades 2 and 3 in all schools looked forward to the CEDE sessions. The strong bonds our Change Managers developed with their students, the innovative teaching methodology, grit and dedication, have in great measure been responsible for the progress seen in the overall development of the children and the interest they have been taking in coming to school and in learning. Our aim is to reduce the dropout rate in the municipal schools, and we are already seeing a difference.

The feedback we have collected has been heartening! It shows progress in (1) the overall academic performance of the children, (2) greater interest shown by parents in their children's academic development and in self-improvement (through the empowerment workshops we held for them) and (3) use and adoption of the CEDE methodology by teachers of these schools.

We will however need to increase the scope of the program each year by taking it to the next grade for those students who have taken it this year. Otherwise, it would defeat the purpose of the program.

Our volunteer programs have also had excellent feedback. We partnered with Symbiosis College under their Service Learning Centre (SLC) projects for management students. Some corporates have shown positive interest in our work and have already begun to support us in different ways. Looking forward to making more magic through CEDE...

- Farzana Engineer, Director - CEDE

| Zone          | Volunteers | No of hrs. |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Camp          | 3          | 27         |
| Shivaji Nagar | 17         | 51         |
| Hadapsar      | 12         | 72         |
| Yerwada       | 21         | 63         |
| Dhanori       | 4          | 12         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>57</b>  | <b>225</b> |



**Special Thanks to**

• Our zonal sponsor



- Nitin Mahankale (Professor at Symbiosis University), Pradeep Chakraverti, Rahaab Rehimtulla
- All school authorities of Pune Municipal Corporation
- Sakal Times

"Our second and third standard students are fortunate to be getting this kind of high quality school education at their age."

- School In-charge, Sane Guruji Primary School (62G), Hadapsar.

"The Inspection committee reported that our second and third standard students were far better than others in their English pronunciation and behaviour - this is thanks to the CEDE program."

- Principal, Sane Guruji Primary School (32B), Hadapsar.

"The CEDE program is very good, effective and helpful to the students. You should also conduct this program for 4-standard."

- Teacher, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar School (61G), Shivaji Nagar.

"The CEDE program becomes more effective when you are teaching the students on LCD. Every session is new for the students and the students are eagerly waiting to participate in the study session."

- Teacher, Bantar Girls School, (87G), Hadapsar.

**C****E****D****E****Magic!**

*"If kids come to us from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job much easier. If they do not come to us from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job more important."*



This is one helluva ambitious program that Peepal Foundation has embarked on, and one that I hope would change the face of education in municipal schools.

- Shailendra Yashwant, Trustee, Peepal Foundation



I have been seeing and feeling the change being quietly, steadily and miraculously wrought by the CEDE program. Each one involved has been touched in so many ways - even those of us who are not directly involved are honoured to bear witness to this wonderful transformation in education.

- Purnima Joshi, Member, Core Committee



Parents in rapt attention at the empowerment workshops

"My daughter has improved a lot. She used to throw her school bag anywhere, but now she doesn't. Also, she helps her younger sister in studies."

- Parent of 3rd std student, Baburao Sanas Primary School, Mangalwar Peth.

"Your organization is doing very important work for the students. I have seen the change in students, and would like to support you."

- Parent of 3rd std student, Rajmata Jijabai English Primary School, Kasba Peth.

"My son shares everything about CEDE. He has improved."

- Parent of 3rd std student, Shantabai Ladkat Primary School, Nana Peth.



### VOLUNTEER SPEAK

The CMCA Plus module had an activity titled 'Me and My Health & Hygiene' that was conducted in 17 schools. 225 volunteer-hours were spent by 57 volunteers who participated in these activities. Here is what some volunteers have had to say :



"This was my first experience volunteering to teach and interact with underprivileged children and I must say that it was one of the most memorable moments of my life. The children made me feel like a celebrity and enjoyed the activity as much as all the volunteers.

I wish to continue volunteering for Peepal Foundation's activities in future too. I'm glad that I could contribute towards the cause in my own way."

- Aunkan Mandal, Student - Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies, Viman Nagar.



"Working with Peepal Foundation was an awesome opportunity for me. I had a really nice time teaching kids at Primary School. All of my volunteer colleagues were a pleasure to work with. I will definitely look forward to working with Peepal Foundation again."

- Riyaz Razak, Student - Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies, Viman Nagar.

### FUTURE PLANS

- Fund raising
- Visibility campaigns
- Increase volunteerism
- Capacity building
- Program evaluation and assessment
- Empowerment workshops
- Experts' Sessions



### YOU CAN SUPPORT US

- Through sponsorships and corporate partnerships
- Adopting schools or child education annually
- Volunteering
- Share expertise through special workshops

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The volunteering activity was a post-assessment conducted in the form of a fun activity with the help of volunteers.

The purpose of this activity was to check the children's observation skills and knowledge through pictorial representation of topics that were taught to them over the year in Communication and Health & Hygiene.

The students as volunteers enjoyed the activity a lot.

The scores were recorded by the Change Managers and used for internal analysis.