



Annual report April 2018-March 2019



“Always dream higher and higher in life”

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

[Based on the report prepared by Sr. Crescence's staff, slightly revised and reformatted by Saskia Raevouri]



General Information of the Organization

Title of the Project	Bridge Course Program
Name of the organization	Fakirana Sisters Society
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Location of the project	Bridge Course Sacred Heart Convent, Bettiah of West Champaran districts of Bihar
Project Duration	Ongoing
Reporting Period	1 st April 2018 to 31 st March 2019

Introduction and background of the program

The Bridge Course program is a free residential program for girls, which is conducted by Sacred Heart Sisters and their teams. The Bridge Course primarily aims at choosing young girls having inborn talents but due to poverty are deprived of education. The Bridge Course works to bring out their talents, ultimately to prepare them as young leaders for the betterment of their existing society. After completing the Bridge Courses program the girls find positive changes within themselves and feel inspired to be an active instrument for the change of their society.

The duration of the Bridge Course program is one or two years. Members of the Bridge Course staff go into the internal areas of different villages and choose the girls, after the receiving the permission of their guardian. In this program, eighteen seats are available annually for the poor girls. After taking the exam, eighteen girls are selected. We provide all the necessities such as books, school supplies, food, living rooms, good education, etc., totally free of cost for one or two years.

Location of the project



The Bridge Course Program is operated in a separate building and office within the premises of Sacred Heart Convent in Bettiah.

Activities implemented during April 2018-March 2019

Identification, selection & enrollment of children

Having these in mind we went to villages in search of such girls. A long process of meeting, motivating, dialoguing with parents and an interview of girls for selection of suitable girls took place in the villages we visited.



This entire process has enhanced the authenticity of the candidates. Eighteen girls were selected from different villages for the year 2018-2019. We were happy the group seemed so promising. The session began with full vigor. We selected girls between the ages of eleven and fourteen. The group seemed to be more mature and receptive in the class.



Young teachers and leaders are being prepared. The girls are given opportunity to demonstrate lessons to the other girls in front of the teacher. This practice helps them to have self-confidence and become good teachers in future. This year we experienced extraordinary achievement. At the end of the year, out of eighteen girls, two were prepared for 9th class, eight joined

class 8th, and the rest joined 7th class. They are all doing very well. Practically all girls are ambitious to become something.

The syllabus included training in art and physical training for the deployment of healthy body and healthy mind.

Stage performance was also major part of the syllabus, where they were taught for public appearance on stage by song, drama, caricature and debate. Throughout the year they presented many programs on the stage which have been highly appreciated by the audience. A child deployment officer stated, "I can hardly believe that these girls are from remote villages. Their talents







are never less than the girls of town.” The secretary of the Red Cross Society said, “I am amazed to see the transformation of the village girls.”

During the year our focus is not only on the girls, but also on the parents and guardians of the girls. They are invited for inspiration to cooperate with the Bridge Course program, and to plan for better education of the children they are given messages by the director, Sr. Crescence ,from time to time. After every vacation the parents have to submit their evaluation of the child and her activity in holiday.



At the completion of the year every child receives a certificate according to merit, and as a memento each child receives a gift from the director.



Key achievements

The Bridge Course develops the ability of leadership in the girls and also develops their learning skills, so that they can present themselves as well-mannered and with a good altitude in front of society. Each girl who has passed from the Bridge Course gives lots of thanks to the Bridge Course's founder and their team because, due to this program, her life has become heaven. Now they are filled with confidence and they have the potential to achieve anything in their lives. Besides academic teaching, the Bridge Course program develops the girls' inner talents, such as leadership, art of dance, eloquence, presentation, etc. At the end of the course a remarkable change is clearly visible in the girls.





Summary in short

In 2018-2019 eighteen girls altogether successfully completed one year Bridge Course program. Two girls joined class 9th, eight girls took admission in class 8th, and the rest went for class 7th—the first time we have achieved—such a creditable result!!!! Now all of them are counting their studies and are ambitious to reach the zenith of success according to their capacity. Thanks to God and thanks to all the staff. The girls too feel grateful at the end of the year by seeing the change in themselves. They offer their thanks to God and to all our benefactors who finically help these girls. God's name be praised.



Details of girls joining regular school after completion of Bridge Course Program

Sr. No	Name	Parent's Name	Address	Current status
1	Alka Kumari	Jagatnarayan Sharma	Khairwa Tola	Studying in class 8 th
2	Jyoti Kumari	Ramdev Paswan	Mauje Tola	Studying in class 8 th
3	Puja Kumari	Ranjeet Paswan	Awariya	Studying in class 8 th
4	Kriti Kumari	Ranglal Singh	ITI Parkash Nagar	Studying in class 9 th
5	Khusi Kumari	Suresh Das	Dusaiya	Studying in class 8 th
6	Pinki Kumari	Parmod Patel	Banuchapper	Studying in class 8 th
7	Jyoti Kumari	Kapildev Ram	Bakhriya	Studying in class 8 th
8	Sushma Kumari	Baliram Sha	Bakhriya	Studying in class 7 th
9	Milli Kumari	Parbhu singh	Bhatha	Studying in class 9 th
10	Shivani Kumari	Surendar Sha	Briyariya	Studying in class 7 th
11	Priya Kumari	Lallbabu singh	Kokladih	Studying in class 7 th
12	Riya Kumari	Rajbabu singh	Kokladih	Studying in class 7 th
13	Nagma Khatun	Jalauding Ansari	Lalgarh	Studying in class 8 th
14	Priyanka Kumari	Nakched Ram	Tiwari Tola	Studying in class 7 th
15	Rinchu Kumari	Banhu Ram	Awariya Tola	Studying in class 7 th
16	Jyoti Kumari	Lalan Ram	Awariya Tola	Studying in class 8 th
17	Nandani Kumari	Gayani Ram	Awariya Tola	Studying in class 7 th
18	Sambha Kumari	Nandlal Sha	Awariya Tola	Studying in class 7 th

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