

## Hanur Taluk Higher Primary Schools, Chamrajanagar District

### Background and Context

The state governments in India have done a lot for primary schools (1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> standard) in rural parts of the country, pouring in investments in school buildings, trained teachers, text books etc. The state government in Karnataka has already invested the following in each rural school (other than school buildings and teacher salaries)

1. Mid-day meals for every school child
2. 500 rupees per teacher for teaching aids and materials
3. 45,000 rupees per school for maintenance
4. Text books for every child and 3 note books and school bag for each SC/ST child
5. Daily newspapers
6. 2,800 books for the library
7. Bicycles for 8<sup>th</sup> standard students
8. Geometry boxes in 7<sup>th</sup> standard
9. Radio & TV to run educational programs aired by the government daily

However, children passing out of these schools have gaps in many areas such as handwriting and math skills. These gaps are higher in rural areas (i.e. farther away from the main cities). The following are the identified areas of gaps along with interventions that could help reduce each of these gaps

Area	Deficiency	Suggested Intervention Mechanisms
Basic Amenities		Plates and glasses for midday meals Benches and desks in the classroom
Skills	Handwriting Indigenous Knowledge Sports Education Creative Arts General Knowledge Debating/ Quizzing Science and Math Skills Health Education Water Hygiene Experimental Science Music Peer Learning Communication Skills Computer Training Competitive Spirit Fun Days Adventure	Copywriting Books, Pencils, Erasers, Stencil Sets Silk Rearing Models, Books on Sericulture, Industry Visits Football, Cricket Set, Etc Coloring Books, Origami books, Crayons, Paints Encyclopedia, GK Books, Atlas, Globe, Charts Competition Conducted by Volunteers and Teachers <sup>1</sup> Science and Math Kits, Nature Models First Aid Kit, Health Charts Water Filters Lab Equipment, Chemicals Music Equipment Consultant Based Training Consultant Based Training Computers Gift Book Sets Picnic, Movie Day Summer Camps like Trekking, Industrial Visits

Our aim is to provide supplementary materials that could enhance the skill sets of children passing out of these schools (into high school). We selected Hanur Taluk (sub-division of Chamarajanagar District in Karnataka State) since it is primarily rural (200 Kms away from Bangalore) with very few NGOs active in the area.

Hanur Taluk has 3 Hoblis (sub-divisions of a Taluk which in turn are sub-divisions of a district) with the following higher primary schools, i.e. schools with 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> standard classes (HPS) and student populations:

<b>Hanur Taluk Sub-Division ("Hobli")</b>	<b>Number of Higher Primary Schools (HPS)</b>	<b>Total Number of Students</b>	<b>Average Students per School</b>
Hanur	17	3,043	179
Lokkanahalli	14	2,168	156
Ramapura	46	7,151	155
<b>Totals</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>12,362</b>	<b>160</b>