

# MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING-BANGALORE CHAPTER, RIGHT TO FOOD CAMPAIGN KARNATAKA.

VENUE: CIVIC OFFICE; 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011

The monthly meeting of Bangalore District Chapter of Right Food Campaign (RFC) was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at CIVIC office.

Participants

The following members participated in the meeting:

1. Praveena, CFAR.
2. Aruna Margan, Wards.
3. Licy Jolly, Wards.
4. Narasimhappa TV, ActionAid, Bangalore.
5. Manjula KN, Bridge Network.
6. Gayathri K, Sadhana.
7. Srikantha P, PAC.
8. Kathyayini Chamaraj, civic.
9. Ramamurthy KV, civic.

The following are the minutes of the meeting:

## Review of Last Month Activities:

- ✓ Meeting with Food & Civil Supplies Commissioner: Ramu from CIVIC to fix appointment and communicate with everyone. **Not done**, due to delay in preparing report of Public Hearing. **To be fixed next week. Also send report to India Secretariat-RFC.**
- ✓ Prepare a standard grievance redressal format for PDS and ICDS related grievances and use the same in all RFC members' field area: **Srikanth will send to Ram. It is to be shared with network partners.**
- ✓ Create a group email id for Bangalore District RFC members: **Ram to do it.**
- ✓ Prepare annual plan for RFC-Bangalore District. **It is decided to prepare the outline of annual plan for Bangalore urban district, which will be finalised after annual plan is prepared by RFC-K.**
- ✓ Public hearing on 25<sup>th</sup> May at Jai Bhuvaneshwari Nagar. **Done-report shared with network.**
- ✓ Follow up on PDS cards for homeless. Discussions to be held on urban homeless survey. Also include HIV affected community where they are facing problems in getting cards. Dr. Balasubaramaniam-SVYM has requested that the problems faced by this community should be recorded and sent to him: **This will be done in coming days.**
- ✓ Further it was decided that Bangalore District RFC should be made into a model campaign with all the facilities and information available here. In order to become a model campaign the following activities were proposed:
  - Survey of PDS Vigilance Committees at Bangalore district level with cooperation from RFC members: **RTI applications on vigilance committees have been filed. As soon as info is received, Ram will share it along with a questionnaire on vigilance committees for a state- level or district-level survey.**

- Hold regular ahara adalats from the campaign side in the project area of members. For this Ramu from CIVIC will file an RTI application enquiring the following:
  1. How many adalats have been held in Bangalore?
  2. How many are yet to take place?
  3. What is the 2011-12 budget and plan for holding adalats?
  4. What are the names and designations of concerned officials?

**Done. After information is received, an action plan will be prepared.**

- ✓ Training and capacity-building workshops need to be organised for SHG unions, networks and grassroots workers.
- ✓ Attendance and participation of members in monthly meetings should be strictly maintained and followed. Members should take care to be on time.

### **Annual Plan: Outline of plan.**

- ✓ Survey of Vigilance Committees. Prepare questionnaire - Ram
- ✓ In reply to an RTI application, Commissioner's office wrote that issuing BPL cards is a regular, on-going activity. But a deputy director has replied that BPL cards are issued only upon orders from the Minister. It was decided to file a case in the Consumer Court on applications submitted by the poor for BPL Card being rejected by the F&CS Dept. RFC members decided that members should send the list of applications that have been filed by people, in the areas where they are working, to file a case. Responsibility to be shared by all.
- ✓ Meet MPs: It was decided to meet all MPs belonging to Bangalore District to discuss the Right to Food Bill and the issue of cash transfers and lobby for RFC recommendations. (RFC-K decision).
- ✓ RTIs on Adalats: Conduct campaign to press the department to conduct Ahara Adalats as per Government Order.
- ✓ Conduct a Public Hearing (people's tribunal) on PDS-related issues.
- ✓ RFC-B to continue awareness workshops on food-related schemes and support all member organizations. List resource persons. RFC-B to request these persons to conduct the awareness workshops as and when requests come from member organisations.
- ✓ Survey on ICDS: RFC-K initiated a survey on ICDS Scheme to submit case studies on the situation in Karnataka. RFC-Bangalore Chapter decided to support the survey and ask member organizations to submit case studies. From Bridge Network, Manjula of IPDP, and Ram of CIVIC took the responsibility of preparing the list of areas for the case studies.

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