

Vimukti Trust: Annual Report: April 2010 – March 2011

A significant occurrence during this year is the receipt of Harriet Tubamn International Freedom Award given by Free the slaves (FTS) towards the end of the year. This entailed some preparatory as well as follow up actions.

FTS team consisting of Ginny Baumann from Washington DC and Surpiya Awasthi from New Delhi visited the field level involvement in March. They spent some time with the core group members and some taluk coordinators and then visited the activities in HD Kote. After the visit, the award was confirmed. VT was also told to work out a plan for the use of award money for two years from June 2010, though it was left totally to VT's discretion on how to use the fund.

FTS filming unit led by Peggy Callaghan visited VT in April. They took the required shots in VT's office in Bangalore, in Bangalore city and in HD Kote. Belur Sudarshan, a prominent media person was roped in as translator. He was fully appreciative of the work of VT. He later wrote a story on bonded labour and Jeevika in a Kannada magazine.

The filming unit was accompanied by a philanthropist and ambassador for FTS, Katie Ford and her daughter Eelizabeth. After the receipt of the award, Katie Ford started communicating with VT and voiced her desire to support Jeevika.

Award money consisted of Rs. 18 lacs each for two years. The money was released even before the award ceremony to be held on 7 November in Los Angeles. VT decided to use the money to support work on bonded labour in the new areas, though its current involvement in 20 taluks was very much under budgeted. In the 18 new districts and 7 new sub divisions, contacts were being established since December 2005, first to revitalise the Vigilance Committees on Bonded Labour in each of the then 27 districts and 52 sub divisions with active dalit and moolnivasi youth and leaders. Each of these new units was adopted by the activists in the 20 old taluks and contacts were kept up regularly. Since December 2009, another round of intense mobilisation was taken up in all the new areas, this time to sensitise the dalit and moolnivsi youth on the Karnataka Government's Action Plan on Bonded Labour, approved in July 2007 but printed and promulgated only in September 2009. The announcement of the Freedom Award was received during the course of this mobilisation in January 2010. The entire team of VT decided to use the award money to strengthen involvement on bonded labour in the new areas of Karnataka covering almost the entire state. One leader was identified for each of these 25 units and some minimal support was worked out from August. These units were monitored by activists from the 20/17 old taluks and were to be visited by them once a month. The leaders from the new areas were to meet in Bangalore once in three months – March, June, September and December.

Freedom award was given on 7 November in Los Angeles. Shivanna, the first two term state president of the Union of Bonded Labourers and Agricultural Workers in Karnataka was also invited to attend the award ceremony. VT negotiated with FTS for a specific monetary grant to Shivanna. Though it was not part of the award, FTS agreed to donate Rs. one lac by way of meeting his wages for the 15 days of travel to and from Los Angeles. FTS also arranged exposure visits to four states in US where work on modern forms of slavery was being taken up – Florida, New Orleans, Washington and New York. In Katie Ford personally took Kiran and Shivanna to visit the Statue of Liberty. While in New York, Kiran took the opportunity to visit New Paltz, the home town of Jonathan Fax, the founder of Playback Theatre. Shivanna and he were with him for a couple of days. They also took part in some of the PB performances of Hudson Valley PB Theatre company.

There were three other Freedom Awardees – Anne, Tina and Roger Plant. Roger Plant, a former ILO Director on Bonded Labour, donated his award money to Jeevika in memory of his father, Dr. Arthur Plant. VT proposed to use the money to help 13 former bonded labourers who had not received any rehabilitation grants from the government and who were actively involved in the Union so that they could buy some self supporting asset. The grant was called 'Adhara Koduge', to rhyme with the name of the donor's father and also signify the purpose of the grant.

The two funding partners, Action and CCFD continued their support during the year.

CCFD during the last quarter of the year proposed to VT to get into three year agreements after supporting VT on a yearly basis since the middle of 2005. An agreement was drawn up in December for the three years of 2001-2013. At the beginning of the year an external evaluation has been held as also a similar exercise at the end of the project period in 2014. For the initial evaluation, CCFD proposed Samuel Chelladurai and Samy of Areds. VT proposed Prof. Manohar Yadav, head of the Sociology Department, ISEC, Bangalore. The ToR was drawn up in February –March and the evaluation was to be carried out in April.

VT introduced a new programme, called JaHoSa, acronym for Jagrati (conscientization), Horata (agitation), Sanghatane (organisation). It consists of carrying out a street theatre performance on an evening in a selected and prepared village. The following day early morning, the activists go round the entire village eliciting villagers' opinion on street theatre performance and on problems in the village. The villagers are gathered together to a common place at around 8 am and village mapping is done together with the villagers. Other important exercises of PRA are also carried out. At around important officials from taluk and GP levels are welcomed and presented with the finds of the various PRA exercises. During the previous few days, the activists would have met those officials and ensured their participation in the programme. After listening to the problems in the village, the officials are asked to respond. At the end of the programme, a committee of nine villagers with two student representatives and with a gender balance, is selected to follow up with officials on the assurances given by them.

This activity was devised in response to a desire to assess the effectiveness of the Union samitis in the villages. The programme has found tremendous impact on the villagers and with the officials. Most of the officials attending the programme have been saying that they were unaware of the problems faced by the villagers and were thankful to VT for carrying out such a programme. The villagers were emboldened to come face to face with the officials and get the aura surrounding them being dispelled. The nine member committee ensured collective follow up action in addressing their problems. Each of the 17 taluks were to carry out once such programme in a month.

Other regular activities were carried out throughout the year. The village samitis of the Union and SHGs met regularly every week. Periodic programmes on Bonded Labour Day (January 26), International Women's Day (March 8), Dignity Day (April 14), Child Labour Day (June 12), Jeevika Day (September 16), Bonded Labour System Awareness Day (October 25), Jeevika Day (September 16), Dalit State Level Cultural Day – Minchu (December 13) were celebrated with appropriate programmes. Minchu was held in Madduru with the release of a souvenir. Various trainings have also been conducted (see Table III).

Union Samitis in Villages (see Table I): There were totally 969 samitis in so many villages. The total membership was 13,637, of whom 4,395 were former bonded labourers and 9,242 were agricultural workers. The presidents of the village samitis met once in two months in the taluk headquarters. The taluk presidents met once a month at the state level in Bangalore during the first day of the monthly meeting of the activists.

Self Help Groups (see Table II): There were in all 585 SHGs with a membership of 8536. All these SHGs were of women.

Benefits from various Government Schemes (see Table IV): Total amount of the various benefits from various government schemes totalled to Rs. 2,54,20,000. Of these, Rs. 65,94,400 was for constructing houses and getting other benefits on the houses for 118 families; Rs. 44,76,100 were procured in terms of various pensions for 245 persons; Rs. 1,25,67,600 for 242 persons were procured under various schemes of poverty alleviation; Rs. 18,20,000 were procured for various community facilities.

**Table I: Union of Bonded Labourers and Agricultural Workers in Karnataka
April 2010 to March 2011**

SN	Taluku	Villages	Samitis	G.P	Hobli	Bonded labourers		Agricultural laborers		Total	
						M	F	M	F	M	F
1	Anekal	-	-			-		-		-	
2	Hosakote	36	36			36		462		468	
3	Magadi	45	45			45		495		540	
4	Channapattana	54	54			28		556		584	
5	Maddur	68	68			455		726		1181	
6	Bangarpete	76	76			61		914		975	
7	Chikkballapura	56	56			121		777		898	
8	Gudibande	56	56			117		708		825	
9	Gowribidnuru	44	44			314		280		594	
10	Bagepalli	96	96			1000		919		1919	
11	Chinthamani	54	54			393		417		810	
12	Shidlaghatta	52	52			141		411		552	
13	H.D.Kote	87	87			612		543		1155	
14	Madhugiri	44	44			141		325		466	
15	Pavagada	100	100			730		410		1140	
16	Yadagiri	57	57			30		872		902	
17	Bailahongal	36	36			156		322		478	
18	Maluru	-	-			-		-		-	
19	Kolar	8	8			15		105		120	
20	Sindhanur	-	-			-		-		-	
	TOTAL	969	969			4395		9242		13637	

TABLE – II: WOMEN SELF HELP GROUPS – 2010 – 11

Sl. No	Taluku	No. Of Villages	No. Of Groups	No. Of Members	Total Savings	Loans Given	Loans	Loans Outstanding	Bank Loans	Revolving Funds
1	Anekal									
2	Hosakote		27	450						
3	Magadi		53	604						
4	Chennapatna		32	419						
5	Maddur		25	340	3					
6	Bangarpete		48	777						
7	Chikkballapura		32	455						
8	Gudibande		33	435						
9	Gowribidanuru		22	280						
10	Bagepalli		37	505						
11	Chinthamani		38	562						
12	Shidlaghatta		21	299						
13	H.D.Kote		43	1015						
14	Madhugiri		34	438						
15	Pavagada		34	424						
16	Yadagiri		65	965						
17	Bailahongal		29	424						
18	Maluru									
19	Kolara		12	144						
20	Sindhanur									
	Total		585	8536						

Table III: Trainings, Programmes, Meetings - April-2010- march 2011

SN	No. of Taluks	Trainings to union leaders	Trainings to SHG Leaders-Women + Health Trgs	Cultural Programmes	Playback	Protests Performances
1	Anekal					
2	Hosakote	08	0	0		
3	Magadi	04	01	0		
4	Chennapatna	06	02	0		
5	Madduru	02	01	0		
6	Bangarpete	08	02	6		
7	Chikkballapura	10	2+1	6		
8	Gudibande	12	05	2		
9	Gowribidanuru	06	02	2		
10	Bagepalli	11	04	4		
11	Chinthamani	06	04	1		
12	Shidlaghatta	08	01	0		
13	H.D.Kote	24	10	10	3	
14	Madhugiri	11	02	0		
15	Pavagada	09	02	2		
16	Yadagiri	06	01	1		
17	Bailahongal	08	00	0		
18	Maluru					
19	Kolar	03	00	0		
20	sindhanuru	00				
	Total	142	39+1	34	03	

Table IV: Government facilities during April 2010-march 2011

S N	Taluku	House sites Houses & Housing facilities	Pensions, Educational & Medical facilities, rehabilitations	Certifi cates	Facilities& Trainings for BLs, Aws, Small farmers & Artisans	Community facilities
		I	II	III	IV	V
1	Chikballapur	B-8-522400	A-1-400, D-1-400, C-1-700, F-1-7000, L-1-10000	C-19, D-19	D-5-9000, E7-1-4000, G2-11-305000, G5-3-300000, G3-4-1340000, G-1-900000, J-4-600000	K-5-50000
2	Madhugiri	B-10-650000, D-2-20000	A-6-2000, B-3-2400, H-2-12500, C-3-5000, G-3-300000, H-4-19000	C-37, D-37	B-1-100000, C-2-90000, D-10-27200, E7-1- 25000, G-3-185000, G2-3-120000, J-2-50000	
3	Gouribidanur	B-3-120000	G-24-2400000, C-10-16100, L-3-30000, H-3- 9000, A-15-6000, D-2-800,	----	C-3-30000, D-6-13000, D4-1-7000, F2-1-50000, G3-4-200000, J-5-95000,	G-2-100000
4	Gudibande	B-4-260000	B-1-1000, A-2-800, H-1-5000	C-20, D-20	D4-2-5500, D-5-7500, E7-2-8000, G5-1-50000, G3-5-875000, G-2-75000,	F-1-200000, I-1-10000, C-1-400000
5	Chintamani	B-6-427000, C-1- 5000, D-3-8000	A-6-2400, B-8-6200, C-1-1000,	C-18, D-18	D3-1-1000, E7-2-3000, G-2-440000,	K-1-10000
6	Bagepalli	B-14-910000	A-3-1200		G3-1-300000, G-1-120000	
7	Shidlagatta	B-4-240000	D-11-4400, B-3-3000, A-4-1600	C-93, D-93	D-7-31000, D3-2-35000, E-2-8000, G2-1-10000,	
8	Pavagada	A-2-40000, B-2- 130000	B-1-400, G-2-200000	C-35, D-35	B-8-800000, F3-2-100000, G-4-300000,	
9	Chanpatna	B-2-223000,	A-11-4200, B-2-2000, G-2- 200000, D-1-400	C-12, D-12	B-1-100000, D4-11-840000, E9-1-450000, E6-1-1500, G-6-445000, I-5-114000, J-1-30000	H-1-50000,
10	Maddur	B-2-100000, C-3- 30000	H-2-6000, A-1-400, D-1-400, G-1-100000	----	D-1-1500, D4-2-60000, E-1-200000, F3-14- 685000, G-2-200000	L-1-200000
11	Magadi	A-1-200000	A-9-3800, D-5-2400, G-4-400000, C-5-10400, L-1-10000	C-21, D-21	D-7-3500, D4-3-110000, F3-3-75000, F4-5- 125000, G3-1-250000, J-3-15000,	F-1-500000, G-1-200000 K-8-80000
12	H.D.Kote	B-4-260000	G-3-300000, L-1-10000	----	D-1-600, G-1-240000, G3-1-240000, G5-1-70000, J-1-40000	
13	Bailahongala	B-12-545000	D-2-800, G-1-25000, A-8-3200, C-4-8000	----	B-2-200000, D3-3-11000, D4-1-1000, E7-1- 25000, E-6-22100, E7-2-12000, G3-2-425000, F3-1-70000, F2-1-60000	
14	Yadagiri	B-4-260000	A-4-1600, D-6-2400	----	G-1-50000, G2-1-100000	
15	Kolar	A-11-120000	A-9-4400, I-2-11000	C-20- D-20	B-1-100000, G-10-260000, F3-2-28000, G2-2-250000, G3-2-60000	
16	Bangarpet	B-4-260000	A-24-9600	C-37, D-37	G-2-300000	K-2-20000
17	Hosakote	B-16-1264000,	G-3-300000, A-2-800, F-3-9000, C-2-2000	C-26, D-26	D-7-3200, E-4-200000, F2-5-92000, F3-1-20000, G3-3-90000	
	Total	B-95-61,71,400, A-14-3,60,000, D-5- 28,000, C-4-35,000	A-105-42,400, B-18-15,000 C-26-43,200, D-29-12,000 F-4-16,000, G-43-42,25,000 H-12-51,500, L-6-60,000 I-2-11,000	C-338, D-338.	B-13-13,00,000, C-5-1,20,000, D-49-96,500, D3-6-47,000, D4-15-9,08,000, E-13-4,30,100, E6-1-1500, E7-9-77,000, E9-1-450000, F2-2- 202000, F3-23-9,78,000, F4-5-1,25,000, G-41-26,30,000, G2-18-7,85,000, G3-15- 35,80,000, G5-5-4,20,000, I-5-114000, J-16-2,90,000	K-16-1,60,000 G-3-3,00,000 F-2-7,00,000 I-1-10000, C-1-400000 H-1-50000, L-1-200000
	Grand total	118: Rs: 65,94,400	245: Rs:44, 76,100	676	242 Rs: 1,25,67,600	25 Rs: 18,20,000

I. House Facilities: (A) House Sites (B) Houses (C) Tiles (D) Walls , Roof (E) Electricity (F) Toilet

II. Pensions & Grants: (A) Old age (B) Disability (C) Maternity (1) janani suraksha yojane (D) Widow (E) Educational Facilities: (1) Books (2) Clothes (3) Hostel Admissions (4) Merit Scholarship (5) Talent Prize (6) Computer. (F) Health (G) Bagyalakshmi Bond (to girl child) (H) Rehabilitation to bonded labour. (I) Rehabilitation for drought. (J) Rehabilitation to atrocity, (K) Rehabilitation to devadaasi women. (L)rastriya badrata yojane. (M) Minchu grant.

III. Certificates: (A) Ration Cards (B) Land Records (C) Caste Certificates (D) Income Certificates (E) Residential Proofs (F) Birth Certificates (G) Death Certificates

IV. Materials, Facilities & Trainings: (A) Land Distributed (Amt. / acres) (B) Irrigation Bore Wells (C) Sheds for Sericulture (D) Plants & Seeds: (1) Coconut (2) Mango (3) Ragi Seeds (4) Fertilizers (5) Nilagiri (6) Sapota (7)Banana (E)Tools: (1) Carpentry (2) Granit Breaking (3) Masonry (4) Musical (5) Spray Pump (6)Plough (7) Tailoring .(8) Tarpal (9)Car (F) Raw Materials & Cattle: (1) Bamboos (2) Cows (3) She-Bufferaloes (4) Sheep (G) Loans (1) NREGA (2) Udyogini (3) SJSY. (4) Crop loan (5)Linkage Loan(H) Trainings: (1) Fishery (2) Tailoring (3) Agarbathi (4) Basketry (5) Gem Cutting (6) Driving (7) Typing (8) Computer. (I) suvarna boomi yojane. (J) SCP

V. Community Facilities: (A) Street Lights (B) Drinking Water: (1) Bore Wells (2) Tanks (3) Taps (C) Community Centre (D) TV (E) Toilet (F) Village Roads (G) Drainage (H) Inter Caste Marriage (I) School (J) Suvarna grama yojane (K) SHG (Revolving Fund) (L) Milk Dairy

Table V: Audited Financial Statement

**Receipts and Payments Accounts of Vimukti Trust for the Year ended 31 March 2011
(Consolidated)**

Receipts	Amount (Rs.)	Payments	Sch.	Amount (Rs.)
To Opening Balances:	3,193,543.93	By Project(Endowment) Espenses		
“Specific/Endowment Funds Received From:		1. Action Aid Bonded Labour	A	1,755,277.00
1. Action Aid – Bonded Labour	1,656,716.00	2. CCFD Paris	B	3,087,712.13
2. CCFD Paris	6,872,585.00	3. Social Action Network - Honorarium	C	103,740.00
3. Social Action Network – Honorarium	103,740.00	4. Social Action Network – Cultural Action	D	175,712.00
4. Social Action Network – Cultural Action	176,100.00	5. FTS Training Expenses	E	718,342.00
5. FTS Training	1,870,422.42	6. Mary Good Melbourne	F	27,200.00
6. RPF Award	370,040.00	7. RPF Award	G	320,000.00
“Other Receipts:		“Payments Towards		
1. Receipt towards SSA	500,000.00	1. Jeevika Tarabethi Kendra Exprenses	H	157,800.00
2. General Contributions - FC 21885.43		2. Saravashiksha Abhiyan	I	478,974.00
Local <u>419801.00</u>	441,686.43	3. BSP Anekal	J	162,065.00
3. LIC Commission	4,048.00	“Closing Balances		8,254,490.65
4. Bank Interest: F.C 43417.00				
Local <u>9014.00</u>	52,431.00			
Total	15,241,312.78			15,241,312.78

For Vimukti Trust
Sd/
Secretary
Place: Bangalore
Date: 28.8.2006

Vide our report of evendate annexed
For Vittal Rao Kaliswaran & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Sd/
(L. Vittal Rao)
Proprietor