



KERALA, INDIA

# MONTHLY ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

APRIL 2016

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## OBJECTIVES

- 1) Increase women's opportunities in Kerala
  - a) Increase child advocacy and decrease the rate of child abuse in Kerala
    - i) Support DiISe in the construction and upkeep of their child advocacy centre
    - ii) DiISe in assisting them with their child sexual abuse awareness program

## SUMMARY

One in five children in India are subject to abuse, which has serious implications on health and opportunities in later life. To increase children and women's opportunities GVI has been creating child advocacy capacity within NGO's, schools and care-centres in Kochi. Since 2014 GVI Kerala has been partnering with local child advocacy centre and registered NGO DiISe on a variety of efforts. Recently GVI Kerala and DiISe developed a child protection policy and child safety curriculum geared specifically for use at primary schools in Kerala state.







## REPORT

DilSe is a child advocacy centre and walk in clinic that provides counselling and legal advice for victims of child sexual abuse. The centre and its social workers also take on rehabilitation cases of juvenile sex offenders. Dr. Janaki, an esteemed psychiatrist with extensive links within the local communities is currently managing the centre together with some very committed and distinguished experts in the Indian social work field.

A successful DilSe led intervention after reports of abuse at a local government school where GVI supports opened the road to further collaboration. GVI has direct and indirect involvement in 14 local schools in the Kochi area. None of these schools have any form of child safety awareness or child protection protocols in place.

In April 2016 GVI Kerala and DilSe developed a child protection policy and child safety curriculum geared specifically for use at primary schools in Kerala state. The new child protection and child safety in schools programme targets teachers and parents but also students directly. It aims to create awareness and address issues concerning the definition and identification of child sexual abuse, how to read the signs that a child has been abused, what to do if you know a child has been abused and who to contact. Developed classroom materials include a no-inappropriate-touching song with accompanying gestures and instructions and for instance posters on recognising signs your body could tell you that you are not feeling safe such as; sweaty palms, goose-bumps, butterflies in your stomach etc. The team also created a game that would encourage students to tell a trusted adult if they "had a touching problem".

Over the course of 6 weeks GVI Kerala supported NGO DilSe in the development of a child protection policy and child safety programme for primary schools in Kerala. There is now a comprehensive curriculum specific for the Kerala coast area. The curriculum is being presented to local schools and police stations as a first stage to be thought in the course of 2017.



## ABOUT GVI

We're a family-run organisation with an amazing culture and an awesome team of people across the world who are passionate experts in their chosen field and will make your experience a truly unforgettable one (in a good way).

Our award-winning projects receive over 2000 participants every year, and we're proud to say that the vast majority of them describe their experience with us as 'life changing'. Our approval rate from over 20 000 participants since 1997 is over 95%.

A key component of the success of our community development and conservation projects is the participants who join our programs. Opportunities include high impact volunteering from one week and up, internships for those looking for career development opportunities, Challenges that allow a one week adventure all for a good cause and a range of programs for school groups and younger volunteers.

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