Evaluation of Rural Libraries

Concurrent evaluation of MGNREGA Crèches

Convergence of Gram Panchayats and Self Help Groups

Gram Arogya (Public Health)

Promotion of Sports activities in Gram Panchayats

Institutional strengthening of Social Audit Unit

CRISP
Deliberate. Design. Deliver.

Karnataka Team

Summary of projects on hand

Presented at the Governing Body Meeting
September 5, 2023

Crèches

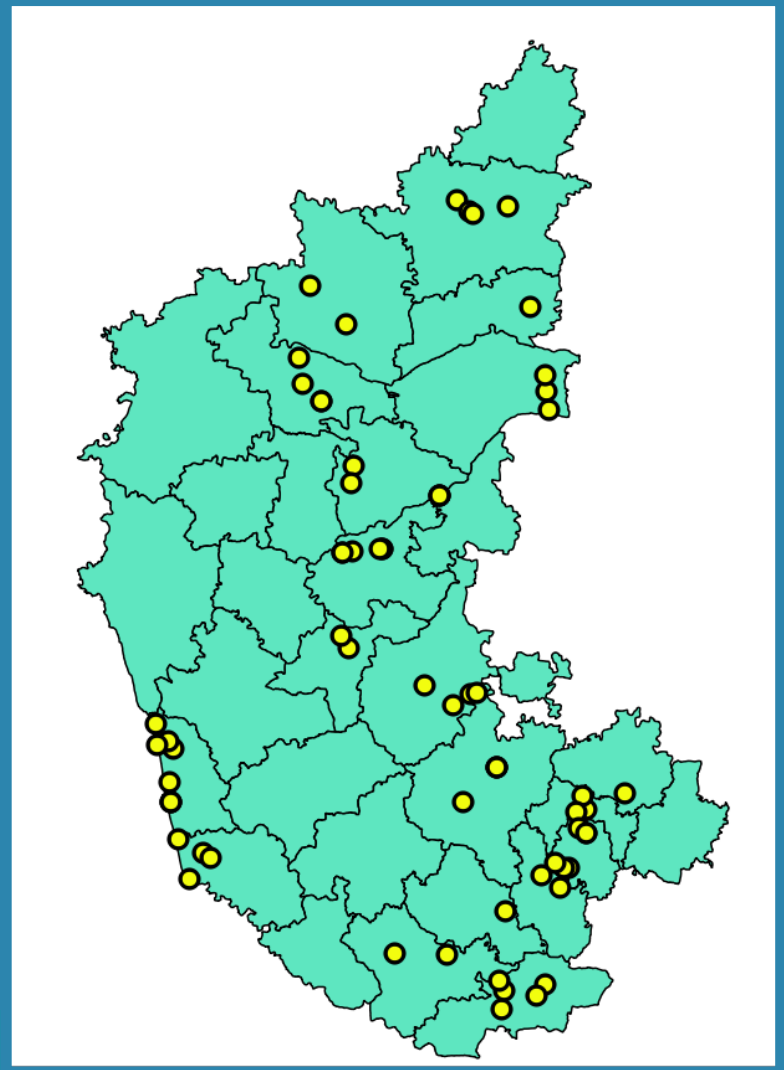
Libraries

SWM

Field Visits – A Critical Learning Tool for the Fellows

- More than 90 Combined Field work days (3 Fellows plus State Lead) in 5.5 months (does not include the six weeks of election code of conduct)

- Our aim: all should have knowledge of all the projects in our portfolio
  - Each may have a main project and 1-2 other secondary projects at a time



Field Visits – A Critical Learning Tool for the Fellows

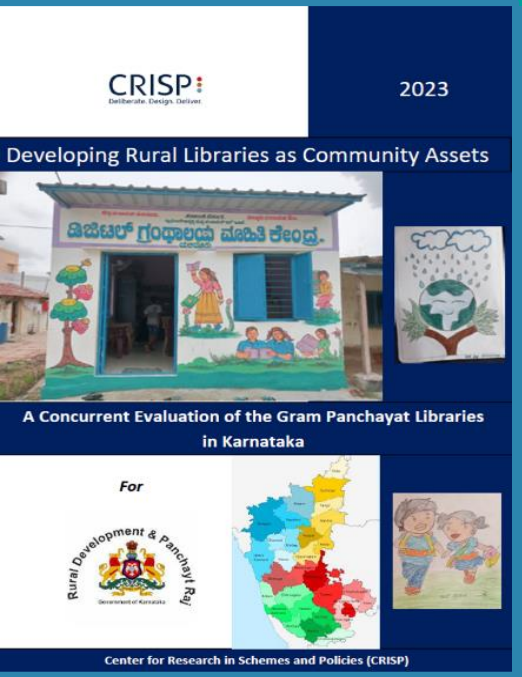
- The team visited:

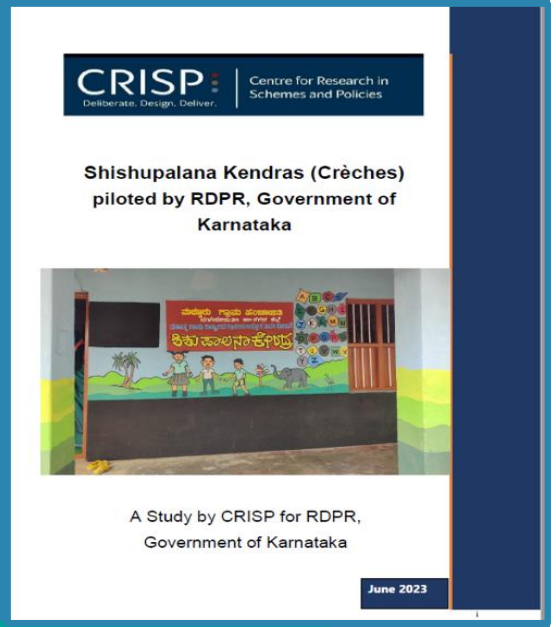
- 21 Districts | 39 Taluks |67 Gram Panchayats

35 SWM Teams

16 Crèches

51 Libraries





Field Visits – A Critical Learning Tool for the Fellows

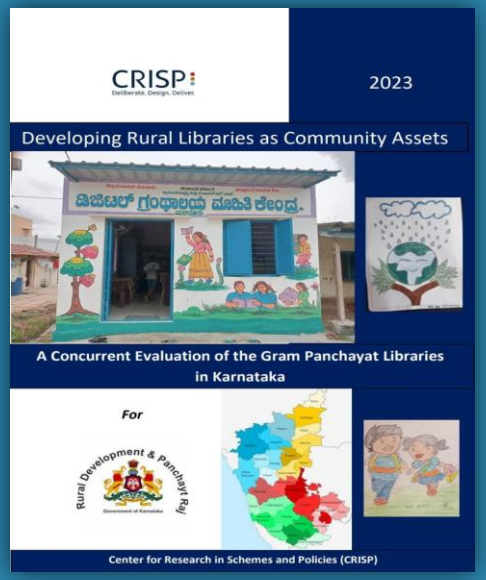
- Learnings from the field are reflected in the reports produced by the team
  - RDPR is operationalizing some of the recommendations based on field level findings
  - Now commissioned other smaller evaluation projects

Weekly Meetings / Mentoring

Gratitude

- The Karnataka Team thanks our mentors for their continued and in-depth engagement with the team on all aspects of our work
- They are available not just on the weekly meetings, but any time we want to run an idea or a situation by them for feedback and advice.

Evaluation of Rural Libraries



Link to Report

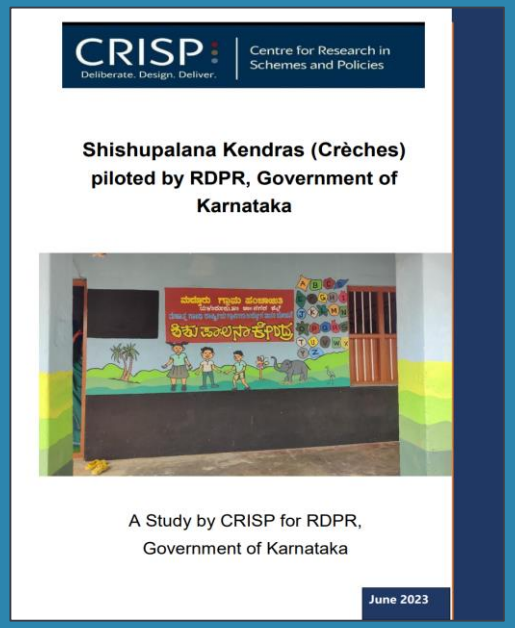
- Submitted the Concurrent Evaluation report in July.
- Discussed with Commissioner
  - Signs of implementing recommendations

- NGO tie ups being planned for some key recommendations like:
  - additional libraries in smaller villages to mitigate distance and transport issues
  - librarian upskilling and,
  - replenishment of books.

Evaluation of Rural Libraries

- Larger Outcome evaluation (mentioned in the MoU) is in the works.
  - Theory of Change and Logframe submitted for internal review
  - Draft Questionnaire undergoing revisions.
- Concurrent evaluation of Digital Libraries (implemented by Sikshana Foundation with Dell Foundation Grant)
- We are currently working on this – focus is on field level insights to inform scale up

Evaluation of NREGA Crèches



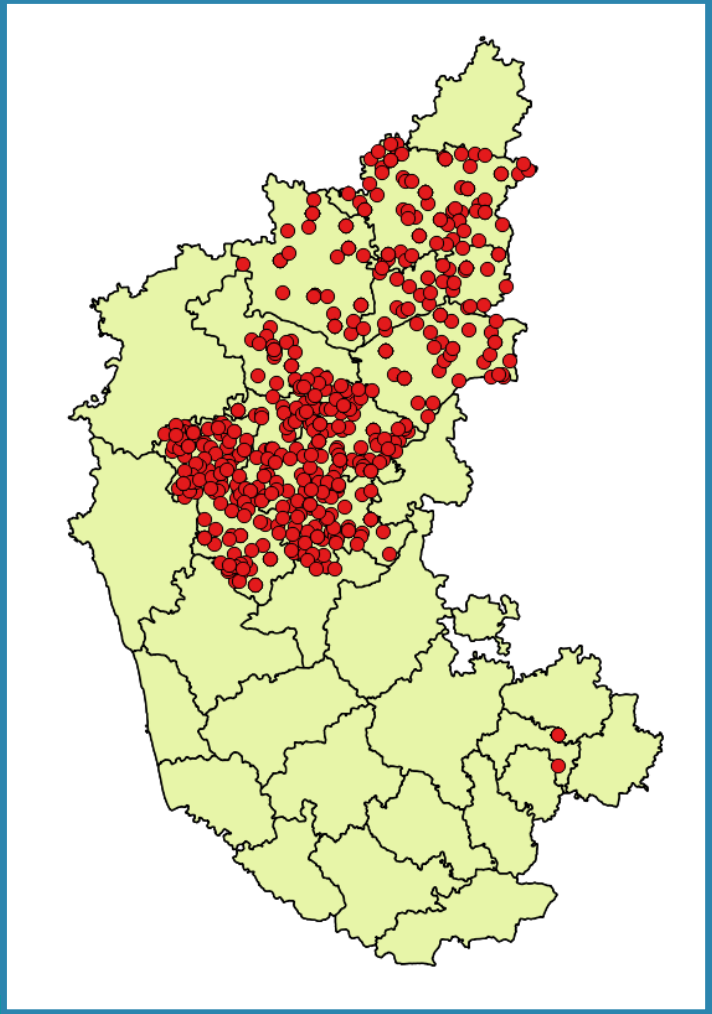
Link to Report

- RDPR launched Pilot Crèches in 2022 (two in each district)
- Field insights on how the pilot crèches were functioning.
- Not all were functioning; we visited 16 and reported to the department in June
- The findings will inform the current roll out of 4000 crèches (in four phases).

Evaluation of NREGA Crèches – Baseline Study

- This year, RDPR hopes to roll out 4000 crèches in rural areas
- Baseline study in a sample of the Gram Panchayats slated for the first phase of roll out shortly
- Theory of Change and Questionnaire are ready and have been discussed internally and with the Commissioner

Evaluation of NREGA Crèches – Baseline Study



Sampling procedures

- The first thousand crèches will be in the Kalyana Karnataka region
  - Appropriate sampling procedures planned
  - Mode of data collection – Potential to use students from RDPR University, Gadag
  - Ideal to do two districts first, to enable course corrections if required. Still being discussed

Evaluation of NREGA Crèches – Implementation

CRISP Involvement:

- If department asks for monitoring, team can help with continuous monitoring and reporting on implementation (will need dedicated resources)
- Support the department in roll out – Review of GO and circulars
- Recommend and implement digital record keeping at the crèche level.

SHG - GP Convergence

Solid Waste Management (SWM)

- By far, the most challenging project on our list
- Extensive field visits to study SWM through SHGs
- Key observations relate to:
  - Whether the initiative enables an enterprise or entrepreneur model for the SHG women
  - Whether they are able to monetize the waste collected
  - Whether citizens will pay for the waste collection service
  - Infrastructure needed for waste processing

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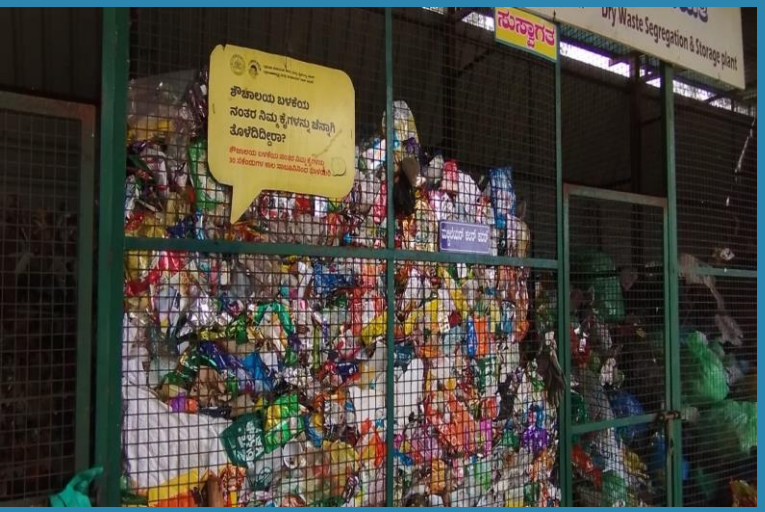


Solid Waste Management (SWM)

- In the next six months:
- Team will select 2-3 “Resource Clusters” – GPs where some interventions can be tried out:
- Work with GPs for formally authorizing women to collect user fees. Achieve higher user fee collection
- Mapping of local scrap dealers for decentralized management of waste
- Explore additional income-generating activities for women around waste management

SHG - GP Convergence

Solid Waste Management (SWM)

- In the next six months:

- Nurture leadership among the women involved in SWM
  - Recommend a Supervisor role within the SWM group

- Develop templates for record-keeping and train the women to use them
  - Amount of user fees collected, by month and user
  - Amount of waste collected
  - Amount of waste sold; earnings
  - Explore digital record maintenance through an app

- Greater engagement with public for sensitization on proper handling of waste

Strengthening Grama Arogya

- Formerly known as Gram Panchayat Arogya Amrutha Abhiyana (GPAAA)
- Grama Arogya focus – NCD testing, TB screening, Anaemia screening, mental health counselling and awareness raising on child marriage and menstrual hygiene
- GP Health management kits distributed, health camps are conducted

Strengthening Grama Arogya

Team focus:

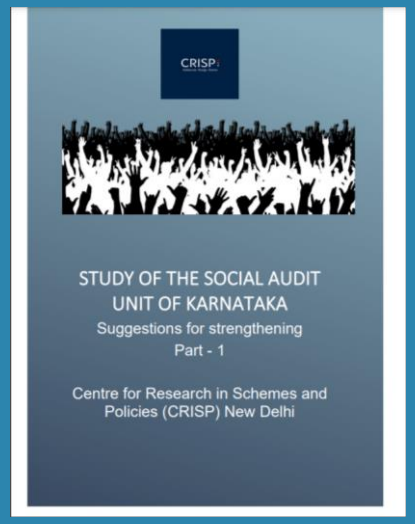
- Scoping visits to Grama Arogya camps in Bagalkote and Dakshin Kannada districts
- To study the processes, data management, extent of GP involvement, coordination between GP and Health providers at the GP level
- User interaction to probe improvement, if any in the health-seeking behaviour of the people

Strengthening Grama Arogya

Next steps:

- More visits to camps – sample to cover more districts
- Interview camp attendees to study health-seeking behaviour / follow up after camp
- Interview of PDOs and CHOs
- Data analysis
- Preparation of concurrent evaluation report

Strengthening the Social Audit Unit



- External team of experts commissioned by CRISP to conduct an evaluation of the Social Audit Unit
- Test audit in two Gram Panchayats to assess quality of Social Audits in Karnataka
- Final Report with findings from the Test Audits submitted to the government

  (Prepared by external team)

Proposed: CM's Rural Development Fellowship

- Proposed: 51 Fellows will be recruited for deployment at Taluk level in the Kalyana Karnataka Region.
- With mentors' guidance and inputs, prepared a concept note on the Commissioner's request.
- Commissioner has called for a meeting to brainstorm and lay a framework for the Fellowship
- CRISP will assist the government with recruitment of Fellows and program management through a PMU.

Other projects / tasks assigned by RDPR

Centre for Child Responsive Local Governance

- Our team wrote the proposal to UNICEF and prepared the budget
- Prepared Job Descriptions for the Consultants and Young Professionals that were hired for the Centre
- Created the Results Matrix
- Put in sports as an important indicator of child responsive governance

Other projects / tasks assigned by RDPR

Proposals for Funding for Rural Libraries

- Team members wrote 6-8 proposals for funding of Rural Libraries
  - Preparatory work
  - Research
  - Budgets
  - Revisions based on feedback
- Assisted the Minister's office to develop CSR proposals for funding

Other projects / tasks assigned by RDPR

Document Preparation

- Team members participate in:
- Government Order Preparation
- 1 or 2-day long “WriteShops” for various documents and project specifications
- Coordination with NGOs assisting the Government with the above

Other projects / tasks assigned by RDPR

Review of NGO Proposals to the Department

- Commissioner asks CRISP to evaluate NGO proposals to the Department for various initiatives:
- Assess service offered by the NGO
- Evaluate the proposal on various parameters
- Assist the department in discussions with the NGO on implementation

We started an excel sheet to document tasks given to us by the Commissioner's office or the ACS.

Tasks done for the department

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Sl no	Task	Done by	Supported by	Start date	End date
1	Preparation of budget for Essential Assistive Devices	Daksha			
2	Checking BIS Standards for Assistive devices	Daksha			
3	Translation of GOs from Kannada to English	Daksha		25.07.2023	26.07.2023
4	Uploading of circulars to the departments website	Hashir		24.05.2023	12.06.2023
5	CSR proposal for Libraries	Hashir		24.05.2023	31.05.2023
6	Application for Rajaram Mohan Roy Foundation's Library Award	Hashir		21.07.2023	14.08.2023
7	Application for Nexus of Good Awards	Lalita ma'am			
8	Preparation of proposal for UNICEF's CRLG	Lalita ma'am			
9	Preparation of Job description for YP/Consultant position for CRLG	Lalita ma'am	Rekha Daksha		
10	Vetting of CVs for CRLG Consultant Position	Lalita ma'am	Rekha Hashir Daksha		
11	Presentation of Results Matrix in CRLG workshop	Rekha			
12	Documentation of CRLG workshop	Rekha			
13	Preparation Training schedule for librarians by Azim Premji University	Hashir		26.07.2023	27.07.2023
14	Preparation of CSR proposals for Libraries, Creche and SWM	Hashir		25.07.2023	12.08.2023
15	Preparation of PPT Presentation for Commissioner for Bihar ACS Meet	Hashir		10.7.2023	17.7.2023

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