WWD-2019- Sri Vidhyalaya School, Kollengode, Kerala - Summary Report Sponsored by- Rivers of the World Foundation, Crofton, Maryland USA

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Background: The Sri Vidhyalaya School, Kollengode, Kerala began their water awareness program for the past two years as the Rivers of the World Foundation (ROW) extended various supports to teach water awareness to the local people residents through Dr. Prabhakar Puth as the primary coordinator. In February 2019 Dr. Prabhakar Puth, the founder of the Society for Rural Improvements (http://sriprojects.org) invited Mr. Subijoy Dutta, Founding Director of the ROW Foundation to visit the Sri Vidhyalaya during their 4th Anniversary on February 16, 2019. During the visit Subijoy Dutta provided an water awareness talk and conducted water testing of the local streams to evaluate the status of local water quality and create a water awareness amongst students and teachers of the Sri Vidyalaya. The event itself was the beginning of the World Water Day (WWD) 2019 activities for the Sri Vidyalaya. Since that time the students and teachers conducted a number of indoor events in March to celebrate the WWD 2019 since it was too hot for the children to be out during extremely hot weather from mid-March to early May until the onset of Monsoon rains. Some of the WWD 2019 activities by the Sri Vidyalaya students and teachers are summarized below.

Objetive:

- To promote a more conscious and healthier relationship with the environment
- To highlight the fragile beauty of nature and our dependence on it.

Programme:

World water Day was celebrated indoor on March 22nd with arts, painting and discussion on the conservation and protection of water. **150 students** were educated on the importance of minimizing the use of plastics; saving water and encouraging the motto of United Nations Water Program for this year 'Leaving No One Behind'. The following activities followed during the day and week of March 22-24.

- Conducted special morning assembly in which a skit and placard display of water and its importance was presented. A speech on the importance of caring for Mother Nature was also done.
- Conducted an awareness program on 'Leaving No One Behind' to the students of classes III and IV Students, who listened to the issues related to the water and got inspired to do something for water conservation.
- They also visited the rain water harvesting sump and understood its function.

Some of the pictures and clips from the event is provided below:



Students learning about Rainwater Harvesting and Painting





Students in their respective classrooms with the teachers.



Subijoy Dutta, ROW Foundation USA visiting and training water testing to the teachers



Visit to the School Class IV by ROW Foundation Director, Subijoy Dutta from Maryland, USA along with the Founder of Sri Vidyalaya, Dr. Prabhakar Puth on Feb 16, 2019.

The WWD 2019 activities and pictures were forwarded by Dr. Prabhakar Puth and compiled by the ROW Foundation with help from Sucharit Dutta, ROW Coordinator, Kolkata/India. For further information on the local World Water Day activities in Kollegode, Kerala, please contact Dr. Prabhakar Puth by email: sriproject@sancharnet.in.