

Volunteer Report for August 2011

Riverkids Foundation

Department of Volunteer
Volunteer Coordinator

I. Department Summary

- Coordination of three foreign and two local volunteers.
- Coordination of 25 members' team from Korea and other visitors.
- Coordination of two training programs - "How to avoid fire" for children at Blum and Compassion House.

Sign-off by Department Head



II. Advocacy Walks

Reporting:

Staff in charge of report: PANG Sina, Volunteer Coordinator

Highlights

1. This month there was only a group of visitors attending the advocacy tour. During their four days visit at Riverkids Foundation (RKF), the group did the following activities; day 1 - they attended the advocacy tour with Soklee; day 2 - they came to RKF office to observe and evaluate the Get Ready program. The last two days were spent on interviewing two groups of families – six from Baby Room and six from RKF slums.

2. In addition to the above mentioned activities, the group also made some donations against the RKF programs.

Challenges

None mentioned

Evaluations

None Due

Yes, attached as _____ (file name)

Next Month

Next month there are two volunteers who will help the foundation with research. Currently one of them is conducting a small research project on Food and Nutrition and the second volunteer is going to conduct a research project on Reporting Abuse.

Walks this month

Activity	Date	Participants	Guides
- Advocacy walk - Monitor and Evaluation - Interview with the families	3 rd -7 th Sept	Deborah and Gabriel	Soklee

III. Mural Paintings

Reporting:

Staff in charge of report: PANG Sina, Volunteer Coordinator

Highlights

None mentioned.

Challenges

None mentioned.

Evaluations

None Due

Yes, attached as _____ (file name)

Next Month

A group of about 8 to 10 students are expected to join for mural painting activity at RKF.

Murals This Month

Murals	Date	Participants	Children
None			

IV. Visitors and Volunteers

Reporting:

Staff in charge of report: _____

Highlights

1. Three volunteers; Jennifer M., a primary school teacher from Australia, Syota N. from Japan; and Lucy B. from Belgium visited and assisted with Riverkids projects. Jennifer helped us design our English curriculum at a basic level and Syota worked with Riverkids children for a month.
2. Two local volunteers have been recruited to help students with English language. The department has shown complete cooperation with the Department of Education.
3. A 25 members' team from Korea volunteered to help our children. They took up several activities during this time. They divided the children in four groups where the first group comprising of 20-25 children were taught how to make soup; the second group of 20-30 children were taught about basic health care; the third group of 40-50 children learnt about making parachute and the last group of 20-30 children were taught how to make toys. All the activities proved to be fun for the children. During this time the team also donated some material and money for the children.
4. Coordination of two training programs, by AFIRE for the children in two training centers, were taken up. The training focused on how to avoid fire in the community; actions to be taken up during the mishap and how to survive at the time of fire. The first training was conducted at Compassion House with about 100 children from the community and the centre. The second training was held at K6 which saw an attendance of 115 children. After each training, the event organizer provided certificates of appreciation, posters, booklet and a T-shirt to each trainee.

Challenges

1. Difficulties in finding suitable local volunteers
 - Volunteers are not committed to their work.
 - Experienced volunteers are not interested in teaching at RKF; while those who are interested are not experienced enough to teach the language.
2. The foreign volunteers consider their volunteering time as their holiday.
 - Some of them are not really committed to their work.
 - Some volunteers do not attend or come to the centre on regular basis, though they notify the department before hand about their absence.
 - Some of them are not useful; therefore, it is very important to make a decision whether we should allow such volunteers to RKF or not.

Evaluations

None Due

Yes, attached as _____ (file name)

Next Month

Activities This Month

Name	Arrival Date	Departure Date	Activity	Notes
None				