

improve the content of newspaper. ANCT is published once in two months. Until now, Butterflies has facilitated sixteen issues of ANCT. In the last project of six months three issues has been published.

The ideas that come from children and the manner in which they write is wonderful. Some of the cartoons made by children on rights & responsibilities make us feel proud. Children from all three islands write on issues of abuse, quality of education, lack of infrastructure in their village and other relevant issues that they felt strongly along with articles, stories, jokes, paintings and poems. They also write articles to eradicate the social evils present in the society like substance abuse, alcoholism, child labour, corporal punishment etc. This gives a space and opportunity to express their problems which they cannot say. Children who are not able to read and write make cartoons and pictures to express themselves. Editorial group is selected among children who during editorial meeting filter or edit the materials that children have collected for further publication in the Children's Times. This is then sent to the office at Port Blair where it is rechecked, selected and then sent for printing.

The newspaper is distributed to all the Children's Development Center, Private & Government Departments and Panchayat office. In fact, in couple of islands the articles published in the newspaper led to the administration taking action.

### **Child Led Plan:**

The Child led research-planning by children is a very significant part of the programme activities, where children participated jointly in identification of their problems, responsible duty bearers and probable solutions for action.

**Process:** Meetings were arranged with children at CDC level. The objectives of the child led research were explained to the children. They were given flash cards and sketch pencils and were asked to write down their most pressing problems they are facing in the villages and schools. This produced a list of shared priority problems, which were then followed by group interviews and focus group discussions with children. Later they were asked to identify the root causes of the problems identified and suggest solutions.

The objective was to influence stakeholders to incorporate the findings into village level planning. CLP has been shared in twelve panchayat /village/ tribal captains in South Andaman, four in Little Andaman and **seven in Car Nicobar.**