



## Next Link funding update – February 2015 Baina Beach, Goa



Over the past two months, Magic Bus has begun groundwork in the Baina Beach community. We have conducted demo sessions and recruited one Youth Mentor from the community. We have received a good response from the community during the demo sessions - the community women have commented that they enjoy watching the children actively play and have mentioned that their play is now become more meaningful. We have also completed orientation for ten young people to introduce them to Magic Bus and also the role of a Community Youth

Leader (CYL). The young people are interested in becoming CYLs and we are finalising the dates for their basic training, tentatively to be held in mid to end April 2015.

We have planned a sports event in March for children, young people and parents in the community to give them an opportunity to participate in sport. We have noticed that the community is divided into smaller groups and we hope this event will work as an ice breaker to bridge the gap in the community. We are collaborating with other NGOs working in the area and Magic Bus currently conducts sport for development sessions for 30 children attending tuition classes at the NGO Nav Jyoti.

We have identified 70 children from the community to join the Magic Bus programme. This was achieved through a household survey which identified the number of children in the community and those who do not attend school. The aim of the programme will be to re-enrol them in school in the next academic year (June 2015).

