

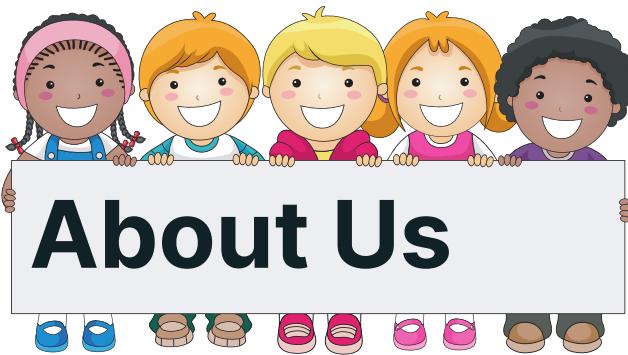
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A big bright smile, a twinkle in the eye, a high-pitched THANK YOU - brings about the realization that we make some dreams come true. Realising the dreams and needs of children is a daunting task; However, with continuous support of a large community of patrons and donors, Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT) has nurtured countless dreams.

"If there is magic in our work, it lies in the fact that the simplest of provisions can transform injured souls into soaring lives"



An average 100 children arrive daily in the National Capital from across the country. The reasons are many- some have run away from physical abuse, some from sheer neglect and others in search of bright lights and hope for a better life. Each of them comes from difficult and dysfunctional circumstances in search of spaces which hold promises of happier times.

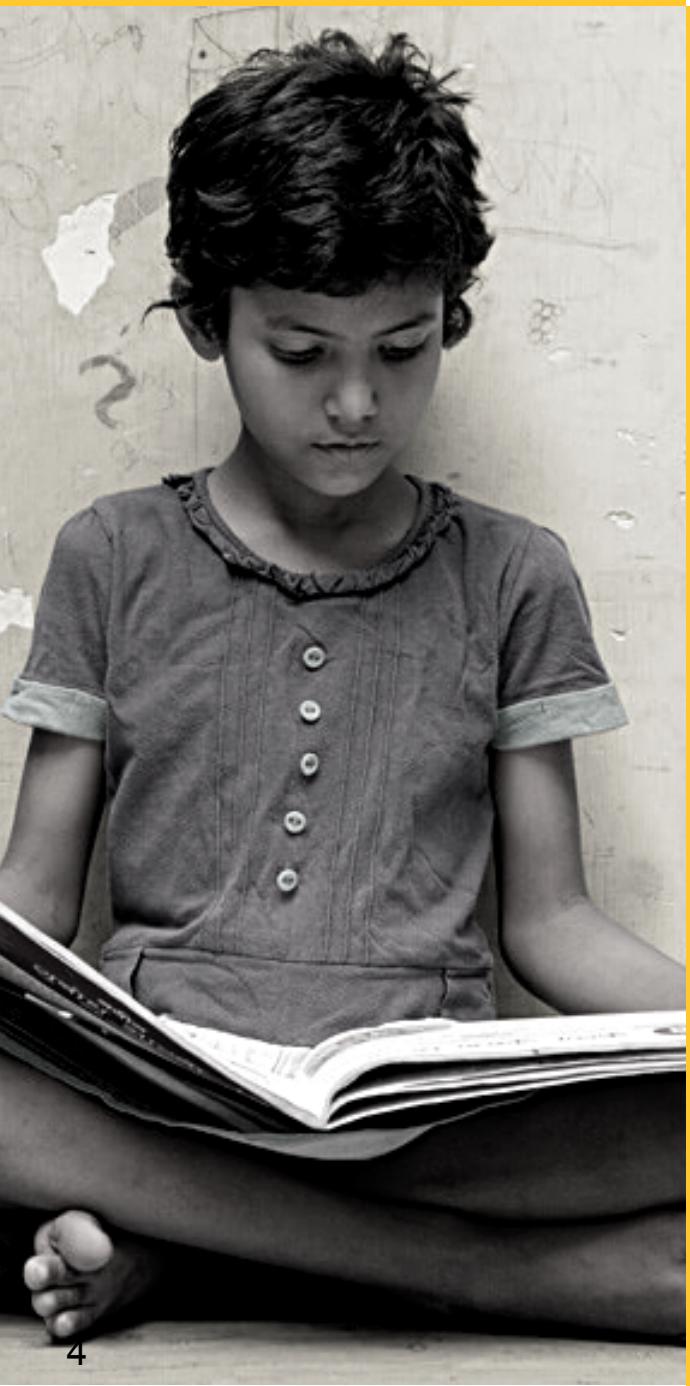
Living in the underbelly of the city, children from street situations become vulnerable to risks - sexual abuse, economic exploitation, violence or drug abuse is the norm. Their needs of love, care, affection, quality education, nutrition and health remain distant dreams. We, at SBT, work towards fulfilling these needs - of giving children their rightful access to food, clothing, schooling and safe spaces. Under the umbrella of Theatre Action Group (TAG), Nukkad, a street-based intervention programme; began working with street connected children in and around New Delhi Railway Station in 1987, which expanded into Salaam Baalak Trust once we registered it.

The Trust was established in December 1988 and provides support services for street and working children in National Capital Region.

Salaam Baalak Trust (Delhi) translates literally to a Trust that 'Salute a Child'. Saluting the indomitable spirit of the street children without any discrimination based on gender, religion, caste, colour or nationality lies at the heart of our work. Girls and Boys under the age of 18 years, living and working on the streets are welcomed at our centres. We 'salute' their resolve to live a life of dignity by providing them with the care and love, along with health, nutrition, education and vocational training facilities to fulfil their dreams.

Mission

SBT provides a sensitive and caring environment for street and working children, and those in difficult circumstances. It seeks to provide a platform for children to realise their full potential, their right to a safe and secure space, education, health and nutrition.



Vision

SBT aims at creating a nurturing environment that can foster the physical and mental growth of street and working children in difficult circumstances. The mission is to help children experience their childhood in a safe environment and turn their dreams into reality.

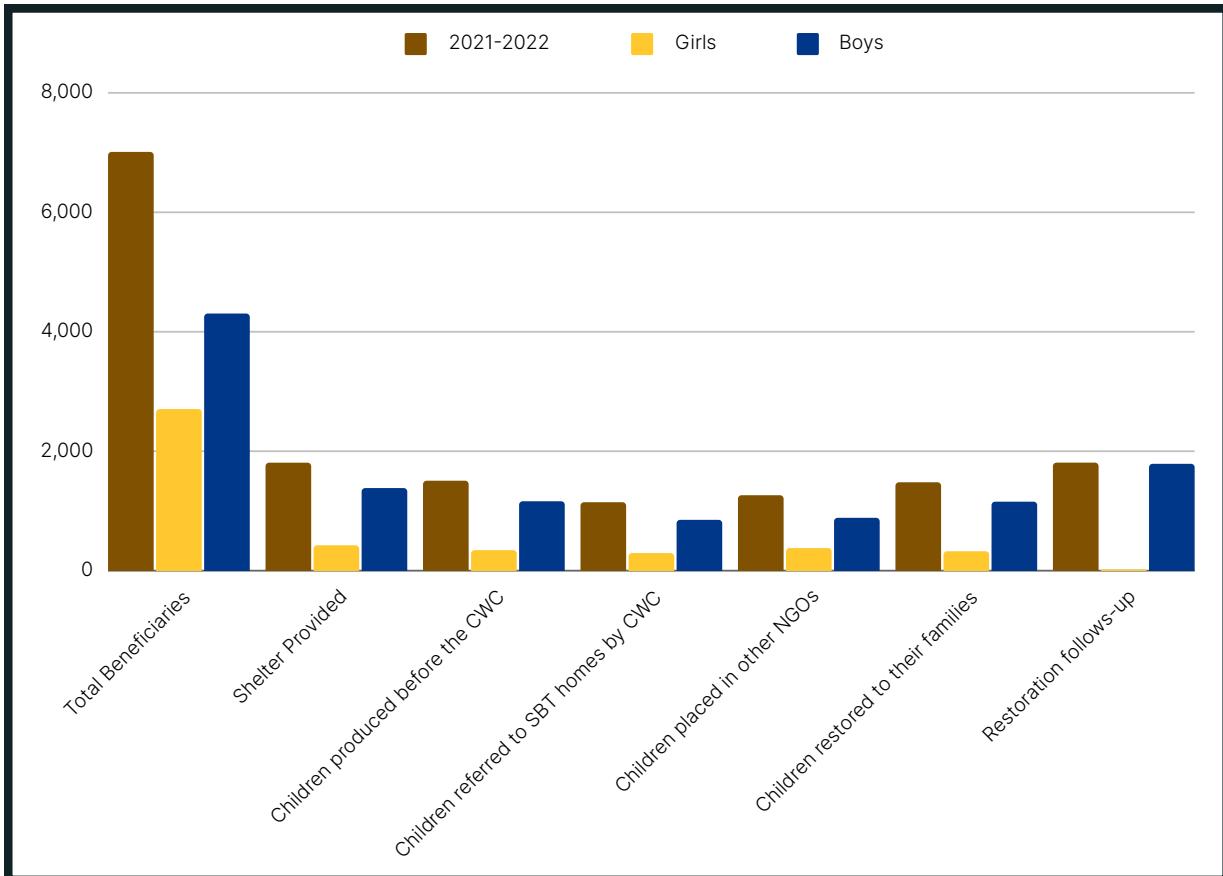


Numbers at Glance

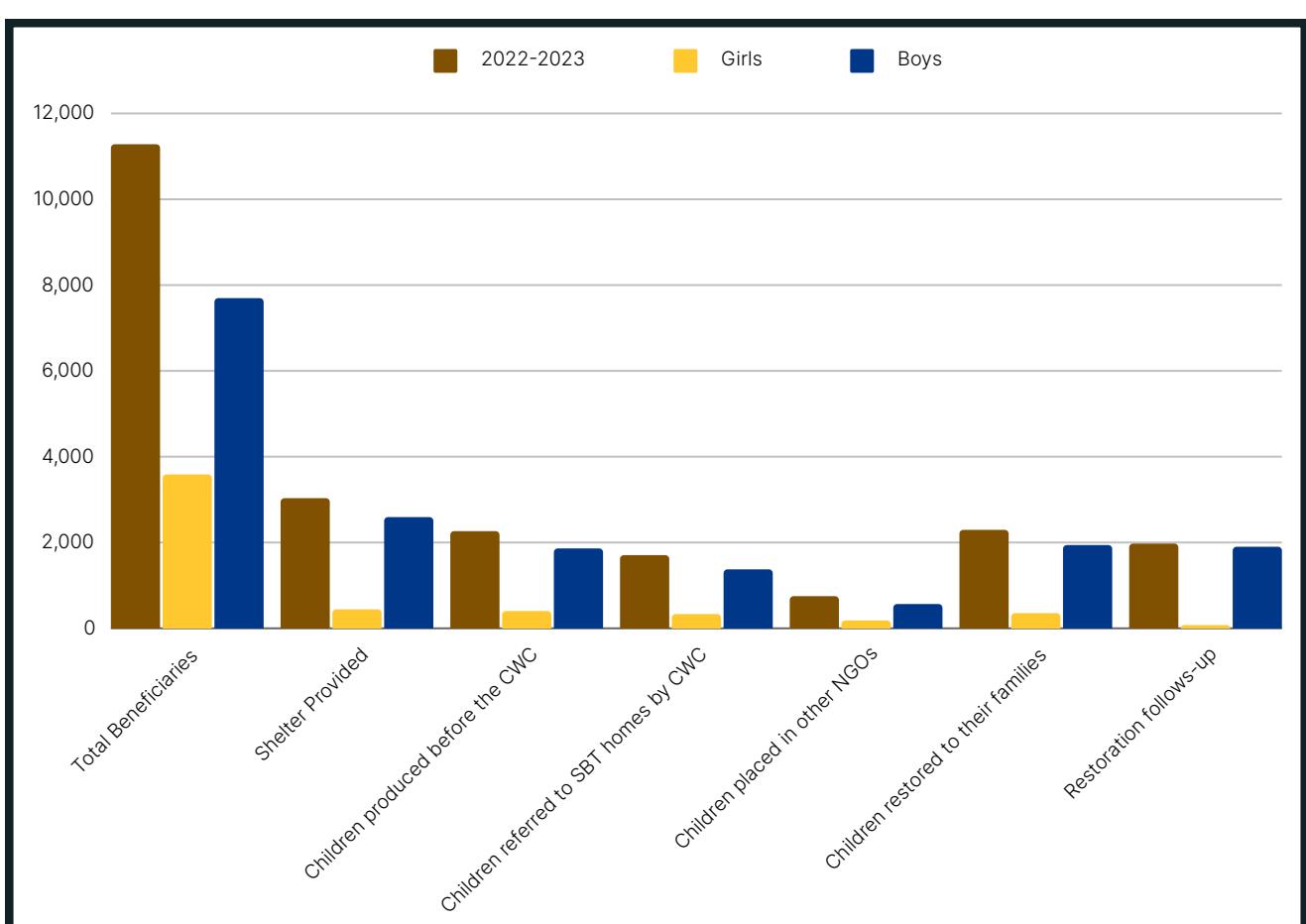


	2021-2022	Girls	Boys	2022-2023	Girls	Boys
Total Beneficiaries	7011	2706	4305	11283	3587	7696
Shelter Provided	1808	425	1383	3033	441	2592
Children produced before the CWC	1506	344	1162	2265	403	1862
Children referred to SBT homes by CWC	1146	295	851	1706	332	1374
Children placed in other NGOs	1263	378	885	749	183	566
Children restored to their families	1480	325	1155	2295	354	1941
Restoration follows-up	1809	20	1789	1975	74	1901



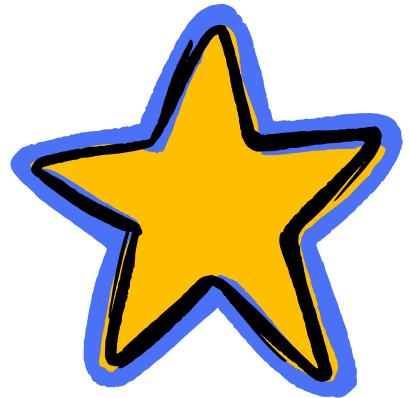


2021-2022



2022-2023

SBT's achievements at a glance



Here are the key highlights of the activities and achievements of SBT during the year:

- Reached out to 11,283 children
- 3,587 girls (31%) were beneficiaries
- 31 children (22 girls) pursued higher education
- 204 children (148 girls) were admitted to vocational training and skill programs
- Placed 52 children (25 girls) in jobs
- Linked 42 new children to formal education through our mobile school initiative
- Rescued 278 children from various forms of exploitation
- Worked with 312 volunteers from around the world
- Provided support 267 children who were restored to their families in various cities of India
- Benefited 1,898 children through children in street situation (CISS project)
- Conducted 408 City Walks with 2019 visitors
- Organized a 5-day educational tour program in Sattal, Nainital for 350 children.
- Presented the annual theatre production "IKIGAI" with 7 shows in Delhi, Gurgaon, and Ghaziabad
- Salaam Baalak Trust has been selected as one of the 16 teams for the Street Children World Cup Cricket 2023 in Chennai
- Children rescued from child labor and other difficult circumstances: 278 children (54 girls)
 - 1 girl rescued from child marriage
 - 45 trafficked children rescued at New Delhi Railway Station
 - 34 Children rescued from child begging.
 - 189 children rescued from child labor.
 - 9 children rescued from drug abuse.



New Initiatives



The Old Delhi Food walk-

The Old Delhi food walk is a unique English-guided tour, led by former street children and alumni of Salaam Baalak Trust. Our passionate team members undergo thorough training to become excellent local tour guides of the area around Chandni Chowk fabled for its street cusine. This program allows them to further develop their communication and soft skills too.



The walk is an unforgettable journey through the heart of Old Delhi, where our guests not only savour the delectable delicacies and culinary delights but also immerse themselves in the rich history of our vibrant city as our young guides walk them through the lanes of old Delhi.

The Food Walk culminates at the Jama Masjid Contact Point, which is one of Salaam Baalak Trust's dedicated day-care centers and thus serves to shed light on how children at risk in Old Delhi are supported by SBT.



Project - Children in street situation (CISS)

Nearly 70,000 children live on the streets of Delhi at any point of time. Of these, more than 40,000 children are engaged in begging, rag picking and selling knick-knacks on the streets. Their work is unrecognised and exploitative and they barely week out a survival on the unsafe environment of city streets.

They are deprived of adequate and appropriate adult protection, education and health care. To add to that, they face the persistent threat of trafficking, physical violence, substance abuse and sexual abuse on the streets. All these factors push these children to the bottom most layer of social hierarchy leaving them in a highly vulnerable position.



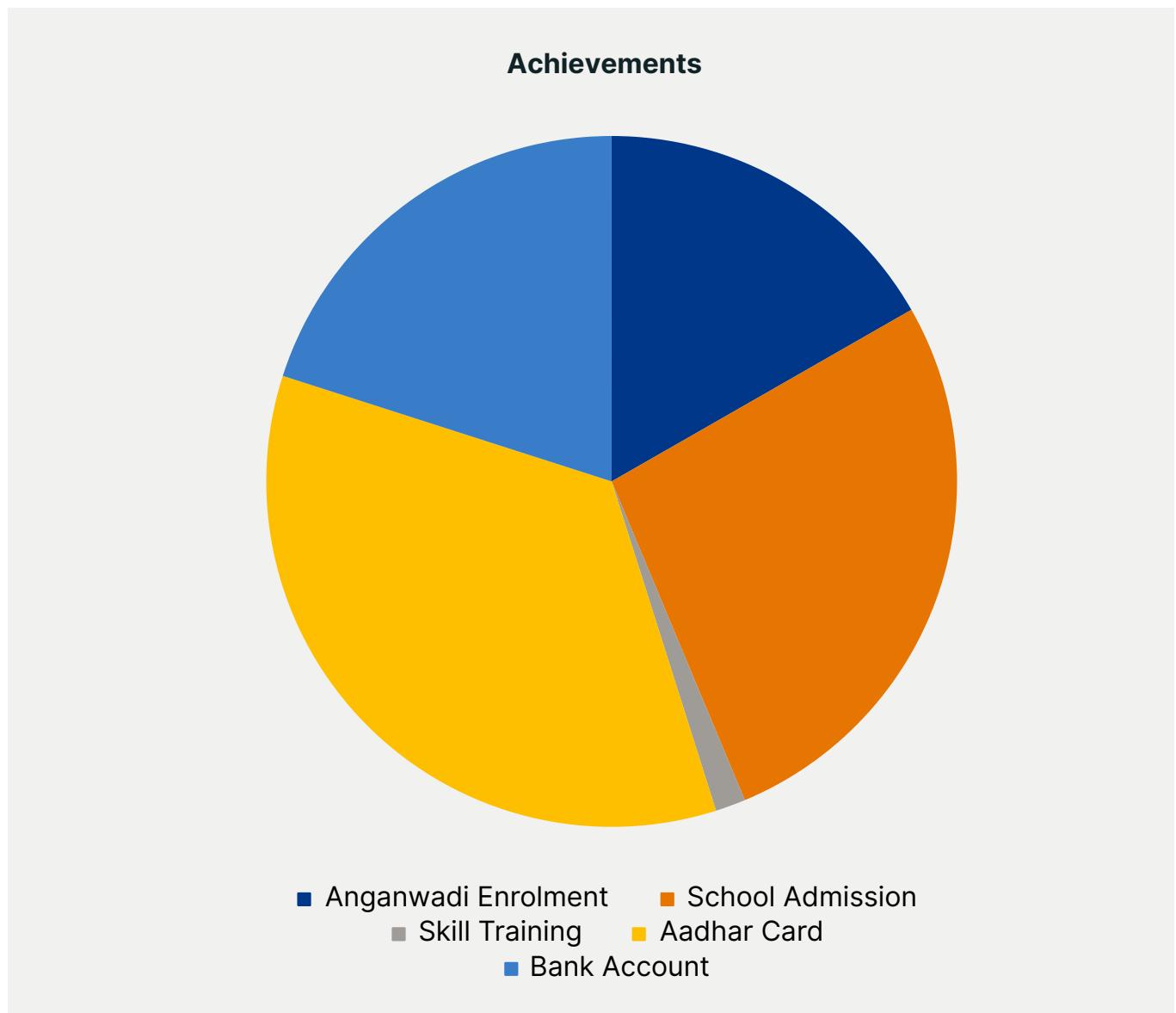
Salaam Baalak Trust in collaboration with The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR), Youth Reach and PVR started a project, 'Rehabilitation of Children in Street Situations' with a mission to rehabilitate maximum CISS cases in a span of a year. As a part of the project, dedicated district-wise Project Officers have been deployed to identify and rehabilitate Children in street situations (CISS) in Delhi.

These Project Officers work closely with the CWCs and District Child Protection Units for ensuring the appropriate rehabilitation of these children and that each child in street situation is financially supported and is linked to already existing governmental schemes. We are currently working in North-East, South Delhi, South East and West Delhi district of Delhi.



Details of the achievement of Social Protection schemes under the CISS project are as below

	No. of beneficiaries
Anganwadi Enrolment	532
School Admission	858
Skill Training	45
Aadhar Card	1108
Bank Account	638

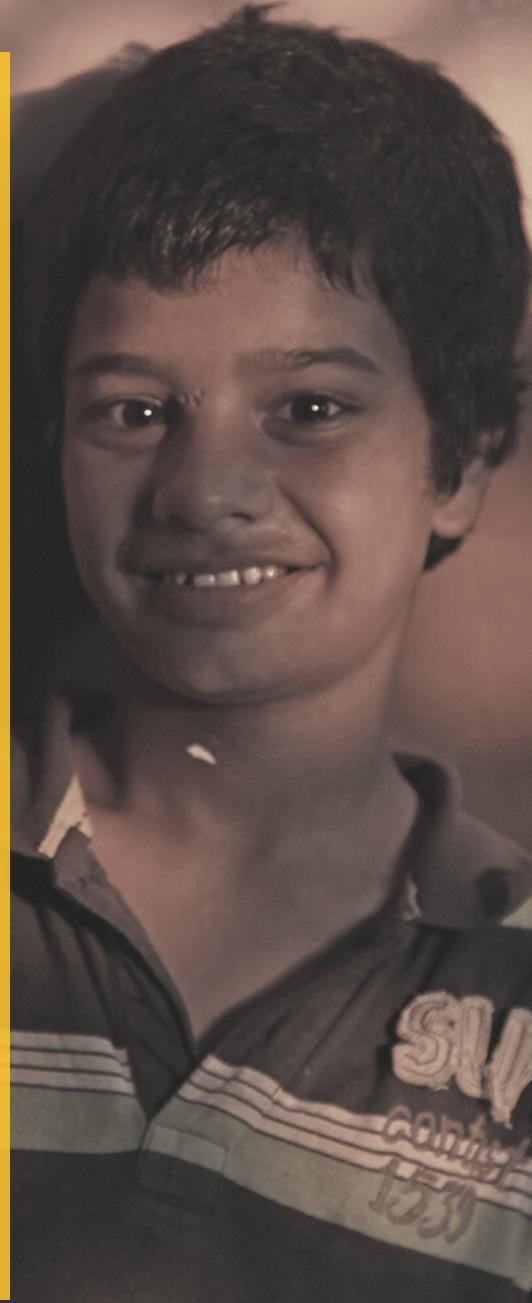


35 years of Salaam Baalak Trust

Salaam Baalak Trust celebrated its 35th anniversary this year, marking a journey that has been nothing short of transformative for 131012 children. We have had the privilege of guiding the narratives of countless lives.

Throughout these remarkable 35 years, we have encountered a whirlwind of emotions, experiencing the highs and lows. Each day brought us new challenges and triumphs, further strengthening our resolve to make a difference.

A beautiful coffee table book documenting these wonderous 35 years was released. Mr. Anurag Kundu, Chairperson of DCPCR was present with us on this joyous occasion. This book serves as a touching testimonial to the tireless efforts of the Trust and showcases the numerous heart warming stories of transformed lives.



Visit by the Australian Education Minister

The Australian Education Minister Mr. Jason Clare, along with the Vice Chancellor of Queensland University and 25 foreign delegates, visited DMRC Children's home. They had the opportunity to interact with our bright and promising alumni, many of whom are now enrolled in higher education via scholarships accorded by the Central Queensland University. The event showcased the exceptional growth and achievements of the children who went on to do higher education with their support.



**A Year of Impact:
Salaam Baalak Trust's Journey across Delhi-NCR's
7 Residential Centres, programmes, 10 Contact Points,
and 3 Childlines.**

Empowering minds through Education

The SBT program emphasizes education as an essential component for the holistic development of children. It extends beyond traditional classroom learning and incorporates activities such as sports, theatre, dance, and music. The primary goal is to educate children and equip them with the necessary skills to become productive members of society. All children, except those requiring emergency support only, are engaged in some form of education, including non-formal education, formal education in government or recognized private schools, or enrollment in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

A total of 1,012 children attended formal schools in the year 2022-23. Additionally, 4,090 children received non-formal education. Among them, 65 children were enrolled in National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

Furthermore, there are 31 children, including 22 girls, who are pursuing higher education and opted for streams such as B. Tech, Hotel Management, Graphic designing.

**Formal
Schooling**

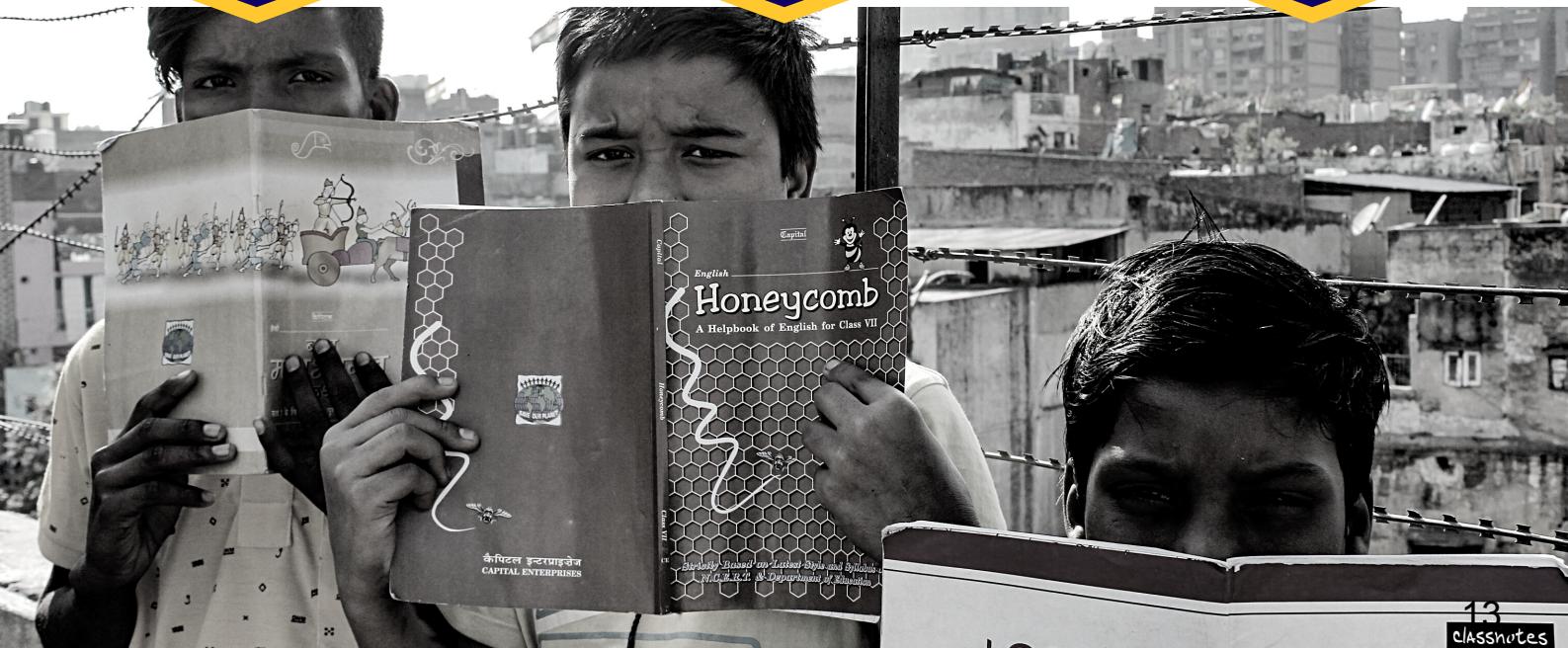
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**Non-formal
Education**

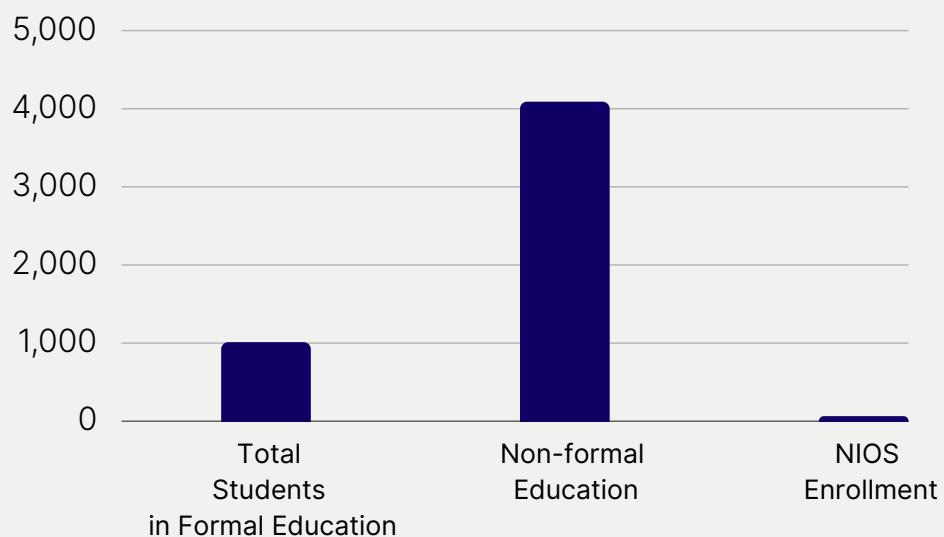
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**Pursuing Higher
Education**

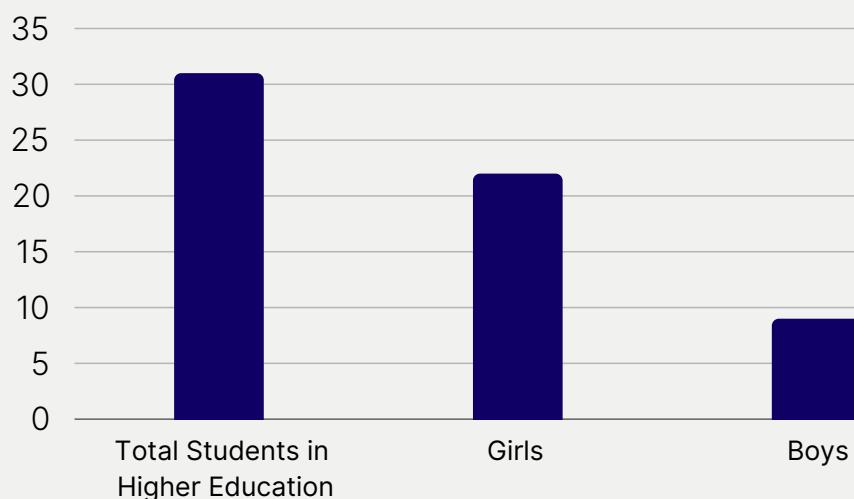
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School Education



Higher Education



Children in higher Education

Every year, we ensure that children with an inclination towards higher education receive unwavering support to pursue their desired courses and fulfill their dreams. We prioritize empowering these children to make informed choices and provide them with the necessary resources to excel in their chosen fields. Details of the programme are as below-

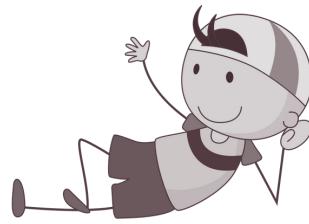
Sr.No.	Name	Course	Institution	Center
1	Krishna Kumar	Engineering	Delhi skill entrepreneurship university	DMRC
2	Sheetal	IHM, Hotel Management	IHM, Shimla	Udaan
3	Priya	Diploma in IHM	IHM, Jodhpur	Udaan
4	Luxmi	Diploma in IHM	IHM, Jodhpur	Udaan
5	Teena	BBA-Travel and Tourism	ITTM Noida	Udaan
6	Roshni	Law integrated	Amity Univ.	Udaan
7	Luxmi	BBA-Travel and tourism	IITM	Udaan
8	Serena	Bachelor in Hotel Management	IHM, Chandigarh	Arushi
9	Sabrina	Bachelor in Hotel Management	IHM, Ahmedabad	Arushi
10	Karuna	BBA (CAM)	IP University, Delhi	Arushi
11	Barkha	BA (Psychology)	G.D. Goenka University	Arushi

Sr.No.	Name	Course	Institution	Center
12	Madhu	B.A	D.U	Kishalaya
13	Bilal Ali	B.A	IGNOU	Kishalaya
14	Minakshi	B.A	SOL, D.U	Kishalaya
15	Kajal	B.A	SOL, D.U	Kishalaya
16	Karishma	B.A	SOL, D.U	Kishalaya
17	Vanshika	B.A	SOL, D.U	Kishalaya
18	Vaishnavi	B.A	SOL, D.U	Kishalaya
19	Nandni	B.A	SOL, D.U	Kishalaya
20	Nargis Khatoon	B.A, Beauty therapy	DSEU	Kishalaya
21	Rahul	Graduation in Interior Designing	Amity Univ.	After Care
22	Yash	B.A in Graphic designing & VFX	Arina animation	After Care
23	Arman	B.A in Urdu	DU	After Care
24	Kajal	B.A	IGNOU	After Care
25	Rohit Paswan	BCA	IGNOU	After Care
26	Jyoti	MBA	Symbiosis	After Care

Sr.No.	Name	Course	Institution	Center
27	Chanda	B.A in Pol.Sc.	St.Scaloysius, Bangalore	After Care
28	Ajay	B.A	IGNOU	After Care
29	Zakira	B.A	DU (SOL)	Mob.School
30	Mantasha	B.A	DU (SOL)	Mob.School
31	Rihan	B.A	DU (SOL)	Mob.School



Vocational Training and Skill Building



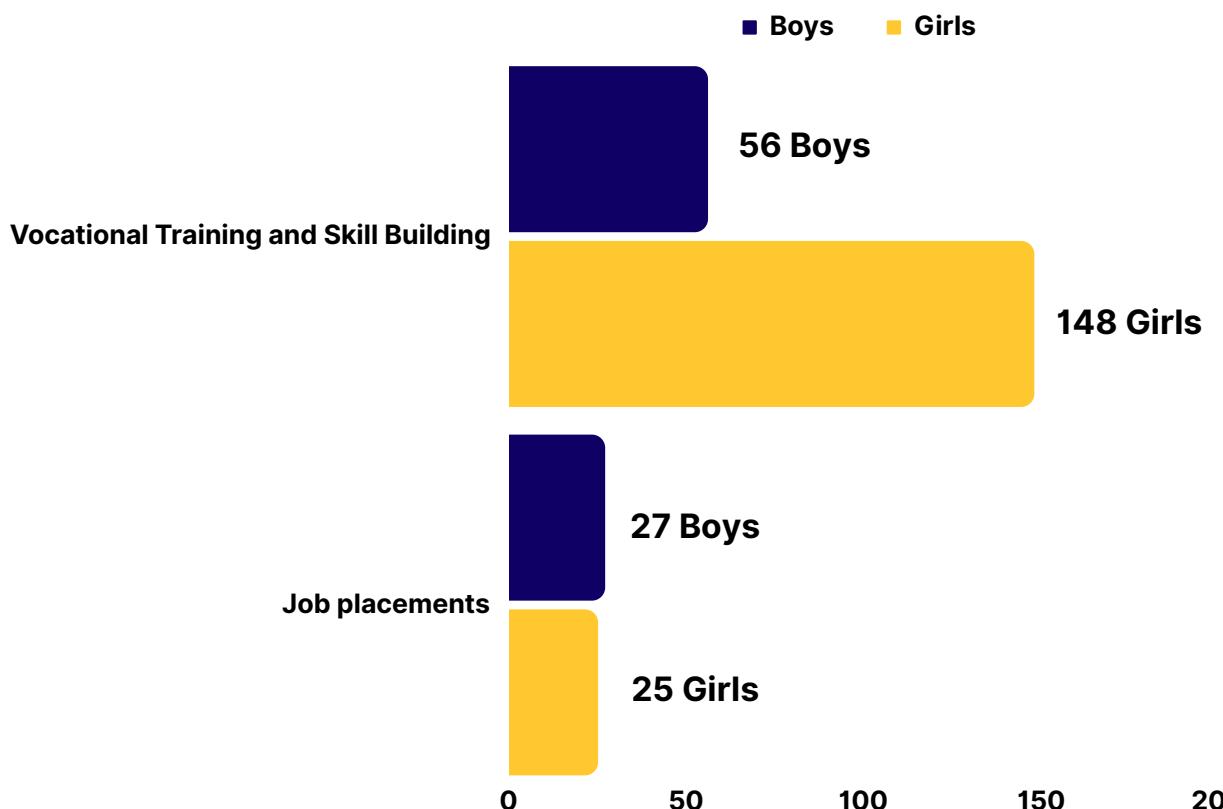
Our vision is to make children independent and self-reliant upon leaving our shelter home at the age of 18, we have an inhouse program that includes career counseling. This program assess the children's interests and provides them with the necessary skills and guidance to pursue a career path that aligns with their strengths and aspirations.

Once the children reach the age of 16, we initiate the career counseling process. This involves conducting individual assessments and discussions with each child to identify their interests, aptitudes, and goals. We take into consideration their academic background, personal preferences, and any previous experiences or skills they may have acquired.

Our aim is to empower the children to make informed decisions about their future and equip them with the necessary skills to succeed in their chosen fields.

This year, 204 children were enrolled in vocational training and skill building courses, including drawing and dance classes. Among them, 148 were girls.

Out of the total, 52 children (25 girls) have secured employment as receptionists, housekeepers, cooks, and similar positions. The remaining children are continuing their vocational courses which were of a higher duration as they have not reached 18 years of age yet.



Medical Programme



SBT provides comprehensive healthcare services to children living and working on the streets. These services include:

Nutrition:

SBT ensures that children receive well-balanced and hot cooked meals at residential centers and contact points. The meals are prepared in a hygienic manner under the supervision of staff members. Children with special nutritional needs, such as those suffering from diseases like Tuberculosis and malnutrition, receive specialized nutrition. This may include protein supplements, extra servings of fruits, and milk as recommended by the doctor.



Regular Doctor Visits:

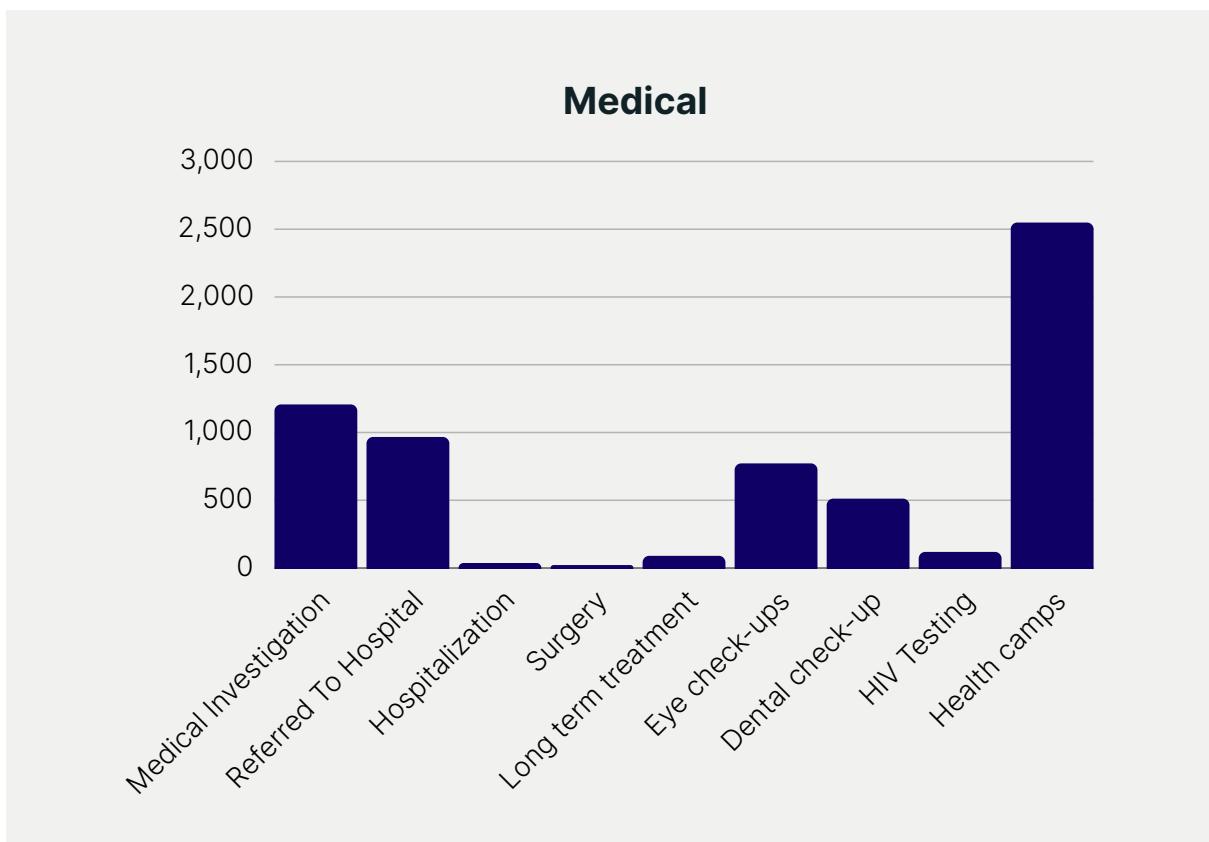
SBT has a committed medical team that includes a full-time physician. The homes and contact points where the children live and work receive regular monthly doctor visits. This allows for the identification and treatment of any health issues or concerns that the children may have.

Need-based Care and Treatment:

Children receive need-based care and treatment as required. This means that they receive appropriate medical attention and interventions based on their specific health conditions.

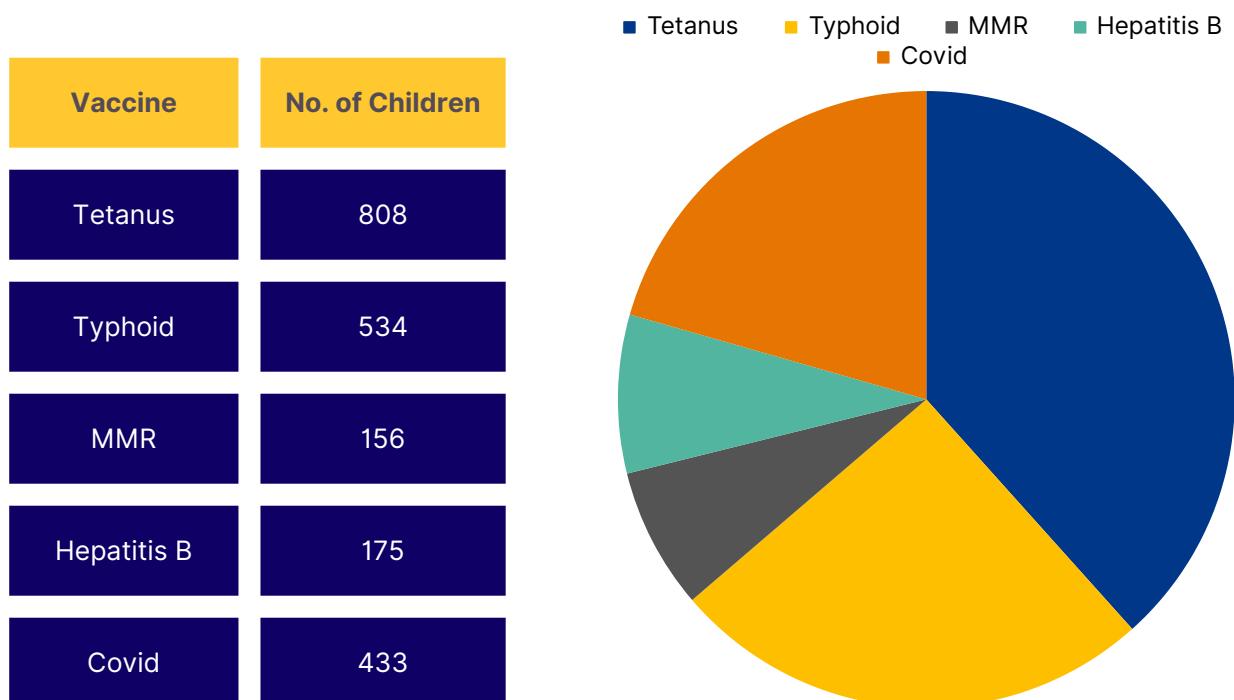
Healthcare Services	No. of Children
Medical Check-ups	4400 children (14986 times)
Medical Investigation	1207
Referred To Hospital	967
Hospitalization	37
Surgery	22
Long term treatment	90
Eye check-ups	772
Dental check-up	512
HIV Testing	119
Health camps	2549





Vaccination:

SBT recognizes the importance of vaccination in preventing various diseases. Therefore, they ensure that children receive necessary vaccinations on time.



Special Medical Cases April 2022 to March 2023

In addition to providing regular check-ups, there is a significant number of children who require long-term treatment due to various health challenges they face. These children have specific medical conditions that demand ongoing care and attention.

Sr.No.	Name	Problem	Hospital	Center
1	Suhani	Knee surgery	LHMC	Udaan
2	Jyoti	Seizures disorder	AIIMS	Arushi
3	Mausham	Skin problem	AIIMS	Arushi
4	Sheetal	Heart surgery	APOLLO	Arushi
5	Priya	Psychiatric problem	AIIMS	Arushi
6	Anmol	GDD/ Acute Malnutrition	KALAWATI	Aasra
7	Raju	T.B (MDR)	DOTS Centre	Apna Ghar
8	Latesh	Ear Surgery	LHMC	Arushi
9	Santosh	Dehydration/Typhoid/ Anemia	KALAWATI	Apnagarh
10	KamreAlam	Heart surgery	G.B.PANT	DMRC
11	Raunak	Abscess/Warts Surgery	KALAWATI	Apnagarh
12	Alkananda	Eye surgery	SHROFF'S	M.S.Park
13	Shoba	Cornea problem	SHROFF'S	Udaan

Sr.No.	Name	Problem	Hospital	Center
14	Akram	Eye Surgery	SHROFF'S	Jama Masjid
15	Aahil	Eye Surgery	SHROFF'S	Mobile School
16	Shivam	Eye Surgery	SHROFF'S	Aasra
17	Manisha	LUPUS	PGI ROHTAK/ RML	Arushi
18	Mahesh	Neurological issues	LHMC	After Care
19	Rajeev	Heart Surgery	SRI SATYA SAI SANJEEVNI (PALWAL)	DMRC
20	Ansh	Heart Surgery	DO	DMRC
21	Sagar	Severe Anemia	KALAWATI	Apna ghar
22	Ashu	Hip problem	SAFDAR JUNG	Aasra



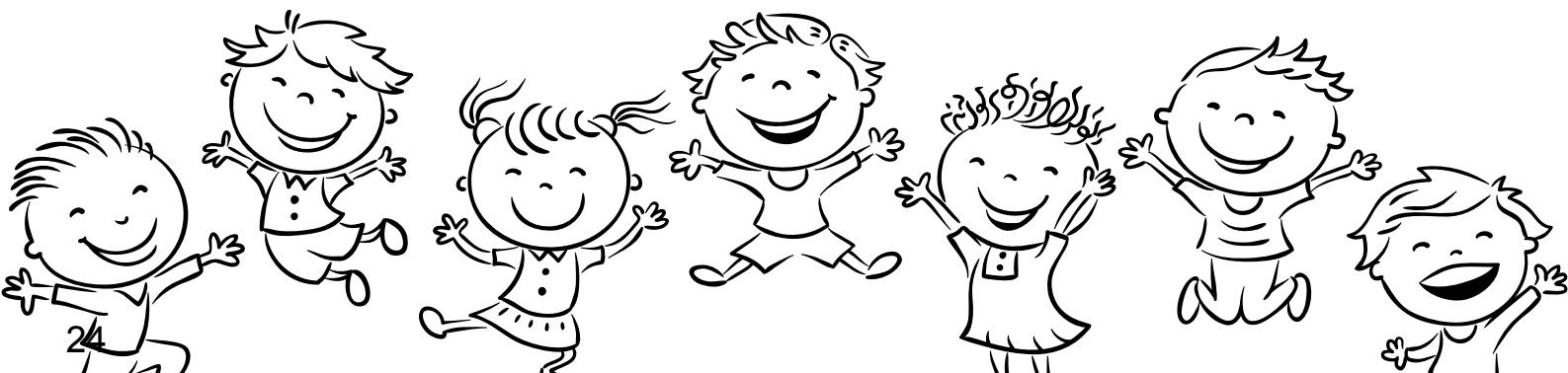
Mental Health Programme-

In 2003, SBT implemented a comprehensive Mental Health Programme (MHP) led by Dr. Amit Sen, a renowned child psychiatrist. The MHP team consists of qualified counsellors dedicated to addressing the psychological needs of children both in the children homes and at contact points. We have a team of 10 qualified psychologist and 3 consultant Psychiatrists.

The programme incorporates a referral system, where staff members refer children experiencing emotional and psychological difficulties to the counsellors. The referred children undergo thorough clinical and psychological assessments. Specialized therapies like cognitive behavior therapy, art-based therapy, play therapy, and group therapy are used to help children dealing with serious issues such as trauma or depression. Additionally, regular sessions are conducted with each child, not just limited to referred cases.

47 individuals were referred for mental health issues including depression, interpersonal issues, ADHD, Autism, and other related conditions. Additionally, 38 children were referred for drug deaddiction services.

Intervention	No. of sessions
Referral sessions	894
Psycho social sessions	4141
Individual sessions	2359
Group sessions	222
Career counselling sessions	39
Life skill education sessions	212



Salaam Citywalk



The Salaam Baalak Trust City Walk offers a distinctive and meaningful experience for visitors in Delhi. Unlike typical guided tours, this initiative is led by former street children who have undergone comprehensive training to become local guides. The primary goal of the City Walk is to enhance the communication and speaking skills of these adolescents while allowing their stories to be heard and providing a glimpse into their world through their perspective.

The tour takes approximately two hours and explores the streets of Paharganj and the surrounding area near New Delhi Railway Station. As the guides themselves were once living and working on the streets, the tour holds a special and personal significance to them. Participants of the City Walk can expect to venture beyond the usual tourist spots and discover lesser-known attractions in Delhi even as they learn about the survival instincts of street children and the hardships they face.

The Citywalk has garnered popularity among tourists and its economic viability has ensured its continuity. By participating in the tour, visitors not only gain an unforgettable experience but also contribute to empowering and reintegrating several children into mainstream society. This year, there were 2019 visitors from across the globe who took the walk.

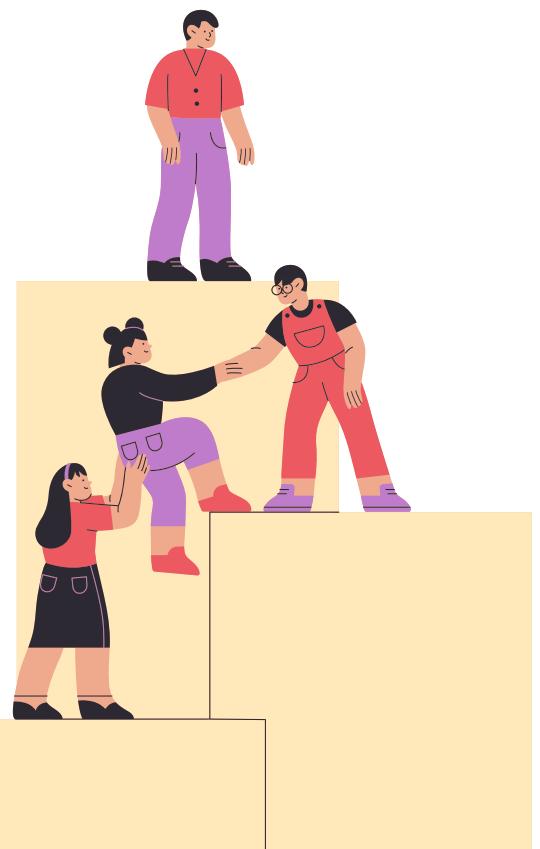


After Care program

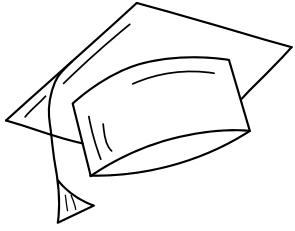
After reaching the age of 18, a child's association with SBT doesn't come to an end; it continues with ongoing support and care. Legally a child moves on to being an adult at 18, but they are far from being equipped to lead an independent life. We extends financial support to individuals to pursue further education and provide housing facilities in our After care home.

Last year, 15 boys who turned 18 were offered residential support in our aftercare home.

Even after rehabilitation, regular communication is maintained with the young adults through monthly telephonic contacts to understand their current needs and provide any required assistance.



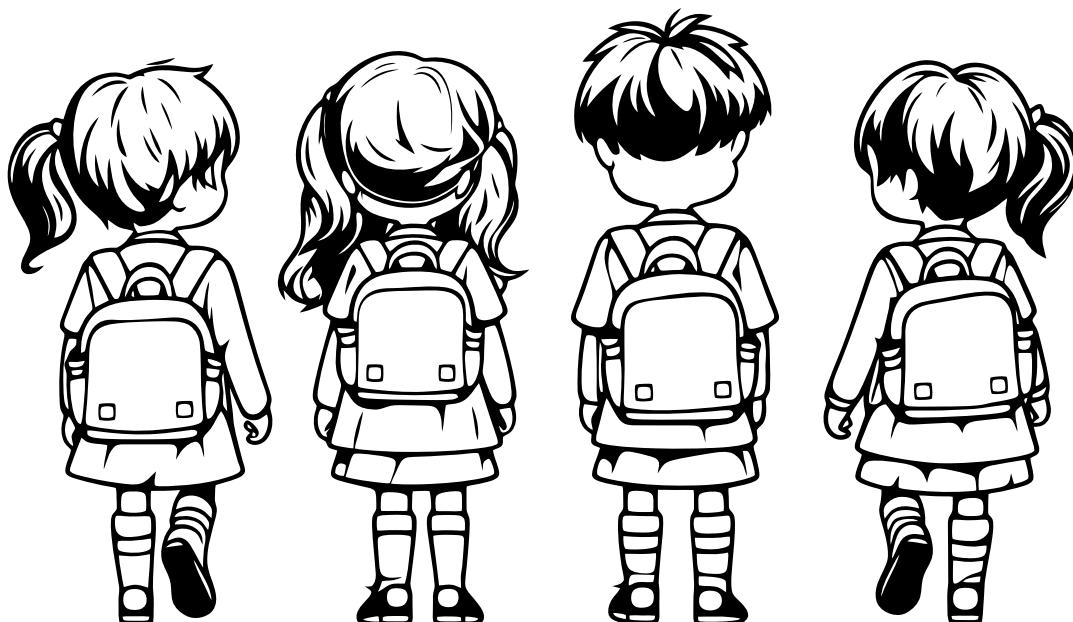
Children's Achievements



Let's embark on a journey through the remarkable accomplishments of our children across diverse fields, including arts, education, and more.

Academics:

- Tina and Laxmi achieved commendable results in class 12th, scoring 73% and 70%, respectively. They also qualified for the All-India level BBA-Travel and Tourism entrance exam and are pursuing the course.
- Roshni, Neha, Shabnam, Saba, Anu, Seema, Fatima, and Shikha cleared class 10th from CBSE board, while Arati cleared the same from National School of Open Learning.
- Krishna Kumar scored 65% marks in 10th board exam and is now doing Mechanical Engineering at DSE University Delhi.
- Sarena with 78.6%, Sabrina with 84%, Karuna with 83%, and Barkha with 83% in their 12th-grade examinations.
- Divya earned a prestigious scholarship to Lawrence School, Sanawar, and is studying in 6th standard.
- Sheetal (Kishalaya contact point) received an appreciation award from Education Minister Mr. Manish Sisodia during the Homeless Day programme.



Sports:

- Gaurav (DMRC Home) qualified for the National Karate Championship.
- Aasra's kickboxing team, comprising 10 boys, excelled in the sport and won multiple medals.
- Aasra's chess team secured top positions in a tournament held in Delhi.
- Kishalaya, Udaan, and students from DMRC participated in the Street Child Cricket World Cup, which took place in Chennai in September 2023.

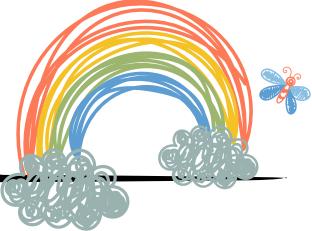


Arts:

- The feature film "Gulmohar" had our young actors Angad, Sahil, Bhola, and Deva from DMRC home. It was directed by Rahul Chitella and featured Manoj Bajpayee and Sharmilla Tagore.
- Vansh was selected for the web series "Munna"
- Rajkumar was chosen for the film "Khufia" produced by Vishal Bhardwaj Rekha Bhardwaj
- Geetanjali achieved 3rd place in a state-level drawing competition organized by Arushi.
- Sanjana from Udaan completed a one-year diploma from ITI, Maharanibagh, and is currently working with renowned artist Mr. Probir Gupta at his pottery studio.
- Jissu from Apna Ghar secured the 3rd position in a World Environment Day poster making competition held at the District Magistrate's office.
- Children participated in a Dance and Play program organized by SDM as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration and won the first prize.
- Two children took part in the film "Weight of Light," and twelve children participated in the movie "Braid."



Homes



The Trust strives to provide a safe haven for children in Delhi-NCR, with a total of seven residential homes, five for boys and two for girls.

Each home serves a unique purpose, catering to the specific needs of children. Three of the homes are open shelters for boys, offering them a short-term stay, providing care and support. On the other hand, the remaining four homes are children's homes, offering long-term living arrangement, giving the children a loving and stable environment to call their own.

These spaces are more than just shelters; they are opportunities for children to experience joy, safety, and care while they embark on their journey to a brighter future.

In these homes, children find not just a roof over their heads, but also compassionate mentors and caregivers who nurture their growth and well-being. Salaam Baalak Trust embraces each child's unique story, providing them with a chance to heal from past traumas and build a foundation for a better life.



Aasra Children Home for Boys

Aasra Children Home for Boys, located at Najafgarh, Dwarka, is an inclusive center that can accommodate up to 50 children. The center provides essential services such as education, mental health support, and medical facilities to ensure the well-being of the children.

Statistical Overview of Aasra Children Home for Boys

Total beneficiaries	77 children
Restore back to families	11 children
Restoration follow-ups	11 follow-ups

Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	43 children
Received non-formal education	31 children
Received education through NIOS	3 children
Admitted to Vocational training	5 children

Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	71 children (2240 times)
Medical investigation	43 children
Ref. to hospital	22 children
Hospitalization	2 children
Operated	1 child
Long term treatment	12 children
Eye checkup	9 children
Dental checkup	50 children



Tetanus-injection	56 children
Typhoid vaccination	18 children
Covid vaccination	39 children
HIV checkup	4 children
Ref. to drug de-addiction	2 children

Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	310 sessions
Referral sessions	270 sessions
LSE sessions	15 sessions
Group sessions	40 sessions
Ref. to mental health	4 children
Individual sessions	8 sessions



Achievements

- Two children, Vishal and Abhay Nirmal have found employment in the housekeeping department in a Hotel in Bangalore.
- Two children with special needs named Anuranjan and Ishant have been enrolled in vocational training.
- Families of two children with special needs have been located with the assistance of Aadhar cards.
- Three new children have got Aadhar cards, and 14 existing Aadhar cards have been updated.



DMRC Children Home for Boys

The DMRC Children's Home, located in Tis Hazari, is the largest home being run by SBT and can accommodate up to 120 children. This home provides a safe and secure environment for the children, equipped with all the basic facilities they require. Additionally, the home features amenities such as a library, computer rooms, and a playground, ensuring a well-rounded experience for the children.

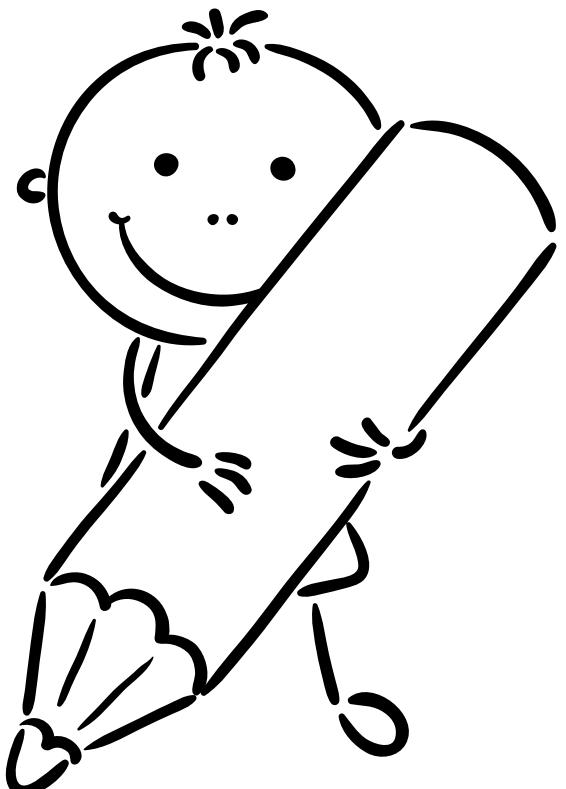
The DMRC took the initiative to establish the DMRC Children's Home when they felt the need to help alleviate the hardships faced by the children living on the streets nearby. During the construction of the Delhi Metro in the Tis Hazari area Mr. E. Sreedharan, the former Managing Director of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), was deeply impacted on seeing so many kids on the streets. In line with DMRC's commitment to corporate social responsibility, they took built a child-friendly home and handed it over to SBT to run.

Statistical Overview of DMRC Children Home for Boys

Total beneficiaries	709 children
Restore back to families	280 children
Restoration follow-ups	Comprehensive

Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	77 children
Received non-formal education	378 children
Received education through NIOS	15 children
Admitted to Vocational training	13 children
Children in higher education	1 child
Placed in various job opportunities	3 children



Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	309 children (766 times)
Medical investigation	318 children
Ref. to hospital	401 children
Hospitalization	11 children
Long term treatment	34 children
Eye checkup	162 children
Dental checkup	148 children
Tetanus-injection	238 children
Typhoid vaccination	113 children
Covid vaccination	98 children
HIV checkup	13 children
MMR vaccination	20 children



Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	1620 sessions
Referral sessions	148 sessions
LSE sessions	15 sessions
Group sessions	30 sessions
Ref. to mental health	10 children
Individual sessions	1592 sessions
Career counseling	30 children
Ref. to drug de-addiction course	2 children

Achievements

- In a recent initiative, a life skills training program was launched, enrolling 72 children.
- Three children, namely Kamre Alam, Rajeev, and Ansh, underwent successful heart surgeries at G.B Pant Hospital Delhi and Shri Sathya Sai Sanjivani Hospital Palwal.
- Gaurav-II and Rihan achieved medals in a Karate championship.
- Furthermore, 115 children obtained new Aadhar cards.



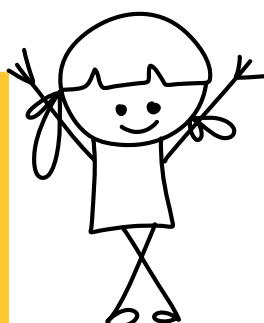
Aarushi Children Home for Girls

Aarushi Home, located in Gurugram, Haryana, is our residential center specifically designed to cater to the safety and security needs of girls who find themselves living on the streets or are abandoned or abused. Its establishment aimed to provide a nurturing environment and address the challenges faced by these girls. The dedicated staff at Arushi Home forms a tightly-knit team that works tirelessly, around the clock, to ensure the well-being and protection of the girls who have been rescued from difficult circumstances.



Statistical Overview of Aarushi Children Home for Girls

Total beneficiaries	89 children
Restore back to families	33 children
Restoration follow-ups	36 times



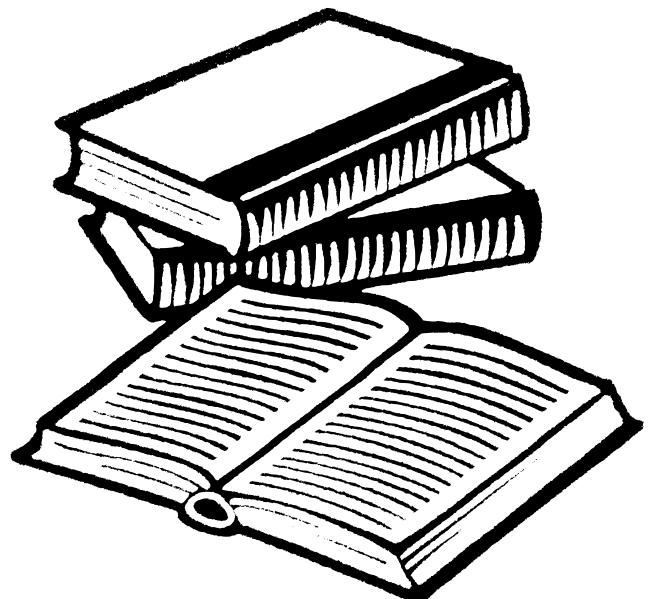
Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	32 children
Received non-formal education	48 children
Received education through NIOS	9 children
Admitted to Vocational training	8 children
Children in higher education	4 child

Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	89 children (170 times)
Medical investigation	114 children
Ref. to hospital	112 children
Hospitalization	6 children
Operated	3 children
Long term treatment	7 children
Eye checkup	17 children
Dental checkup	54 children
Tetanus-injection	11 children
Covid vaccination	13 children
HIV checkup	7 children



Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	451 sessions
Referral sessions	336 sessions
LSE sessions	25 sessions
Group sessions	42 sessions
Ref. to specialized counselor	7 children

Achievements

- 3 girls, Akriti, Sheetal and Tamanna were placed in different jobs

Udaan/Rose Children home for girls

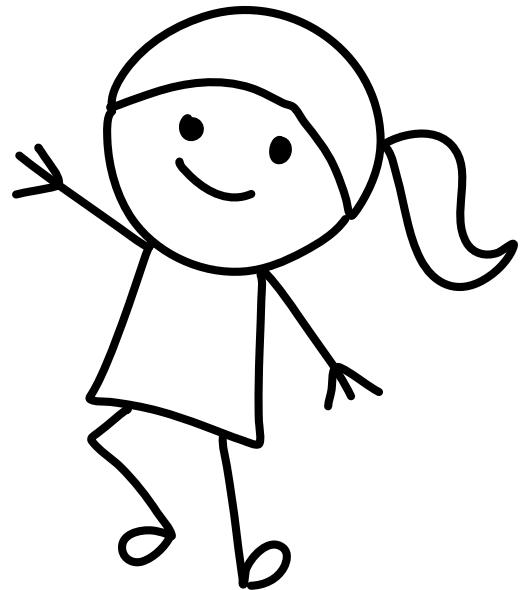
Situated in Kamla Nagar, New Delhi, Udaan Home serves as our second residential facility, offering a nurturing environment for approximately 60 girls at any given time. With a dedicated and well-trained team, we strive to provide the girls with the highest quality of care and access to excellent facilities within the home.

Statistical Overview of Udaan/Rose Children home for girls

Total beneficiaries	452 children
Restore back to families	172 children
Restoration follow-ups	98 times

Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	47 children
Received non-formal education	197 children
Received education through NIOS	11 children
Admitted to Vocational training	85 children
Children in higher education	6 children
Placed in various job opportunities	6 children



Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	243 children (751 times)
Medical investigation	174 children
Ref. to hospital	226 children
Hospitalization	7 children
Operated	4 children
Long term treatment	23 children
Eye checkup	24 children
Dental checkup	11 children
Tetanus-injection	101 children
Covid vaccination	18 children
HIV checkup	4 children
Hep 'B' vaccination	40 children

Achievements

- Laxmi completed her diploma in hospitality. She has been offered a job at Grand Mercure, Bangalore
- Muskan and Roshni are presently working at West side in Bangalore and Puja is working as an attendant at Lemon Tree, Gurugram

Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	377 sessions
Referral sessions	92 sessions
LSE sessions	13 sessions
Group sessions	24 sessions
Ref. to specialized counselor	3 children
Ref. to drug de-addiction course	1 child



Apnaghar Open Shelter

Apna Ghar, established in 2003, is situated in the heart of Paharganj. This centre serves as a temporary haven for children in need, offering a safe space for their short-term stay. With the capacity to accommodate up to 35 children, Apna Ghar extends its support to those who have fled from various cities to Delhi or have been rescued from exploitative circumstances such as child labor or trafficking cases. Children find solace within these walls, where they can reside for a maximum duration of six months, as they receive the necessary care and assistance to rebuild their lives or go back home.



Statistical Overview of Apnagar Open Shelter

Total beneficiaries	529 children
Restore back to families	455 children
Restoration follow-ups	92 follow-ups



Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	46 children
Received non-formal education	428 children
Admitted to Vocational training	12 children

Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	372 children (1489 times)
Medical investigation	180 children
Ref. to hospital	53 children
Hospitalization	4 children
Operated	3 children
Long term treatment	4 children
Eye checkup	42 children
Dental checkup	66 children
Tetanus-injection	228 children
Covid vaccination	54 children
HIV checkup	3 children
Hep 'B' vaccination	21 children
Typhoid vaccination	49 children
MMR vaccination	10 children

Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	575 sessions
Group sessions	57 sessions
Ref. to specialized counselor	7 children
Ref. to drug de-addiction course	8 children
Individual sessions	72 sessions
Career counseling sessions	5 sessions

Achievements

- One child was selected as a child reporter for the news letter brought out by Butterflies (NGO)
- Children won 3 Silver and 3 Bronze medal in the inter SBT Kickboxing competition
- 6 Children got a total of Rs.155000/- as compensation under the Child Labour Act
- Welfare officer Mr.Nujeeb got an award from the WCD department for a Rescue Drive

ODRS Open Shelter

ODRS Open Shelter, situated near Mori Gate in close proximity to Old Delhi Railway Station, serves as a refuge for vulnerable children, offering them a secure environment for temporary accommodation. This facility plays a crucial role in assisting runaway children who are directed to the shelter by the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). The primary objective of ODRS Open Shelter is to facilitate the reunification of these children with their families, prioritizing the restoration process.

Statistical Overview of ODRS Open Shelter

Total beneficiaries	903 children
Restore back to families	307 children
Restoration follow-ups	297 follow-ups

Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	1 child
Received non-formal education	320 children
Admitted to Vocational training	1 child

Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	169 children (497 times)
Medical investigation	18 children
Ref. to hospital	14 children
Hospitalization	1 child
Operated	1 child
Long term treatment	2 children



Dental checkup	23 children
Tetanus-injection	29 children
Covid vaccination	43 children
Typhoid vaccination	15 children



Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	245 sessions
Group sessions	14 sessions
Ref. to drug de-addiction course	13 children
Individual sessions	245 children

Achievements

- 17 children were registered and got their Aadhar cards
- 13 children were referred for drug de addiction
- One child was restored to West Bengal through a home visit



Uday Open shelter

Uday Open Shelter, established in January 2018, is located near Ghaziabad Railway Station, which has become a new hub for traffickers and runaway children. Due to the increased focus on child protection services at New Delhi and Old Delhi Railway Stations, these individuals now choose to disembark a few stations before reaching their original destinations. Consequently, Ghaziabad Railway Station has emerged as one of these recent hotspots for such activities.

Statistical Overview of Uday Open shelter

Total beneficiaries	259 children
Restore back to families	198 children
Restoration follow-ups	727 follow-ups

Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	18 children
Received non-formal education	229 children

Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	164 children (923 times)
Medical investigation	59 children
Ref. to hospital	59 children
Long term treatment	3 children
Eye checkup	2 children
Dental checkup	3 children
Tetanus-injection	20 children



Covid vaccination	22 children
HIV checkup	16 children
Hep 'B' vaccination	16 children
Typhoid vaccination	45 children
MMR vaccination	23 children

Achievements

- The district administration has appointed a government school teacher to provide remedial education support to the children at Uday Open Shelter
- Uday OS has done follow up of restored children very well and supported them to link with social protection schemes

Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	182 sessions
Referral sessions	36 sessions
LSE sessions	19 sessions
Group sessions	44 sessions
Ref. to specialized counselor	5 children
Ref. to drug de-addiction course	2 children



Contact Points and Community Outreach

At SBT, our work extends beyond the confines of homes as we actively engage with strategic locations in Delhi, including New Delhi Railway Station, Hanuman Mandir, and the communities of Seelampur and Shastri Park. These areas are critical touchpoints where vulnerable children often seek refuge after running away from home or facing challenges in accessing education due to limited community support.

Our unique approach to each contact point and community outreach involves tailored interventions to address the specific needs of the children and communities we serve.



Kishalaya (Hanuman Mandir)

Contact Point

Kishalaya, located near the Bangla Sahib Gurudwara at Connaught Place, serves as a contact point for various community services. One of their primary initiatives is a day care center that caters to the educational and medical needs of children living on the streets or residing in rain baseras (night shelters). In addition to providing a nutritious lunch, the center also strives to enroll these children in formal schools.

Encouraging parents to send their children to school poses a significant challenge, as many parents rely on their children's income from selling balloons to support the family. However, the dedicated team at Kishalaya consistently works at gaining the trust of these parents. They understand the importance of education and work tirelessly to convince parents about the long-term benefits it can bring to their children's lives.

Furthermore, Kishalaya also tackles the issue of drug addiction among children. Helping children overcome this addiction demands great perseverance and determination. The team at Kishalaya engages with these children, providing support and guidance to break free from the grips of drug addiction. They employ various strategies to rehabilitate these children, acknowledging the immense challenges involved in this process.

Overall, Kishalaya is committed to transforming the lives of vulnerable children, providing them with essential education, healthcare, and a chance to break free from the cycle of poverty and addiction. Through their unwavering dedication, they strive to create a brighter future for these children and their families.



Statistical Overview of Kishalaya (Hanuman Mandir) Contact Point

Total beneficiaries	362 (Boys- 171 Girls- 191)
Restore back to families	1 child
Restoration follow-ups	1 follow-up

Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	91 children
Received non-formal education	277 children
Received education through NIOS	7 children
Admitted to Vocational training	40 children
Children in higher education	9 children

Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	148 children (653 times)
Medical investigation	98 children
Ref. to hospital	25 children
Hospitalised	2 children
Eye checkup	88 children
Dental checkup	67 children
Tetanus-injection	10 children
Covid vaccination	53 children
HIV checkup	72 children
Typhoid vaccination	79 children
MMR vaccination	15 children



Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	79 sessions
Referral sessions	8 sessions
Group sessions	28 sessions
Ref. to specialized counselor	1 child
Ref. to drug de-addiction course	2 children

Achievements

- Children participated in Women's Day celebration, they got appreciation trophy by the District Magistrate
- Supported rescue operation, in which 21 children were rescued
- Organized Typhoid vaccination camp (79 screened), Eye camp (88 screened), Dental camp (67 screened), and Investigation camp (98 screened)
- Bank account open for 30 children in Union Bank
- Account of 8 girls was opened in Post Office for Sukanya Yojna
- Organized Adhar camp- 35 children and 20 adult received Adhar card



GRP and Platform Contact Point

GRP is located at the bustling New Delhi Railway Station. This railway station acts as a central hub for children who have run away from their small cities, arriving in Delhi with dreams of starting a new life filled with hope and optimism. However, the stark reality often differs from their initial aspirations. To address this issue, our outreach team begins their work early in the morning, diligently visiting the trains and searching for children who have either run away from home, been abandoned, are lost, or are victims of trafficking.

Our primary goal is to ensure the safety and well-being of these vulnerable children. For those who can be reunited with their families, we work tirelessly to facilitate their return. However, for those who cannot be immediately reunited, we collaborate with residential homes in Delhi to provide them with a secure and nurturing environment. These homes are designed to offer a sense of stability, care, and protection, along with access to education, healthcare, and emotional support.



Statistical Overview of GRP and Platform Contact Point

Total beneficiaries	1071 (Boys- 929 Girls- 143)
Restore back to families	308 children (47 girls)
Rescued	45 children

Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	20 children
Received non-formal education	945 children

Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	545 children (667 times)
Medical investigation	25 children
Ref. to hospital	45 children
Eye checkup	16 children
Dental checkup	28 children
Tetanus-injection	14 children
Covid vaccination	22 children
Typhoid vaccination	33 children
Hep 'B' vaccination	24 children

Achievements

- Conducted 24x7 rescue drive with the help of Railway, CWC, GRP, RPF for a week
- 10 children received Aadhar card
- 10 children, who were staying at Railway station from long time were placed in shelter homes.

Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	71 sessions
Group sessions	20 sessions

Mobile School

Every day at approximately 10 am, our bus arrives at Shastri Park, ready to embark on its outreach work and gather children from the community for non-formal classes. Our dedicated team is committed to teaching and motivating these children, with a particular emphasis on encouraging the education of girls and boys. Alongside this educational support, we also provide regular mental health and medical interventions, ensuring that a doctor and psychologist visit regularly.

In the second half of the day, our bus moves to the Seelampur spot, where classes commence. We have observed that a majority of the children attending these classes are girls, this reflects the positive impact of our continuous efforts. As a result of our interventions, numerous children from the community are now pursuing higher education. Additionally, we have facilitated the enrollment of children in vocational training programs, enabling families to take the first step towards an independent life.



Statistical Overview of Mobile School

Total beneficiaries

273 (Boys- 106 | Girls- 167)

Education, Vocational Training and Job Placement

Children in formal education	136 children (87 girls)
Received non-formal education	125 children
Received education through NIOS	4 children
Admitted to Vocational training	4 children
Children in higher education	2 children
Placed in various job opportunities	2 children



Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	120 children (1500 times)
Medical investigation	1 child
Ref. to hospital	2 children
Hospitalised	1 child
Operated	1 child
Eye checkup	1 child
Dental checkup	1 child
Group sessions	23 sessions
Individual sessions	71 sessions
LSE sessions	90 sessions

Achievements

- One girl opened her own beauty parlor after completing a course in beauty care
- A new project 'Cradle to Career' was started for the age group 3–6-year children
- 26 girls were supported to open accounts in the Sukanya Yojna
- 3 health camps were organized at Seelampur spot

Mansarovar Park Contact Point

The contact point situated in Mansarovar Park area focuses on assisting children who are involved in rag picking and begging. The dedicated outreach workers strive to encourage both the families and the children to prioritize education during the day. The primary objective is to inspire the children to pursue computer literacy and vocational training. As a result of these efforts, numerous families have started sending their children for education instead of begging.

Statistical Overview of Mansarovar Park Contact Point

Total beneficiaries	427 (Boys-168, Girls-259 girls)
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Education, Vocational Training and Job Placement

Children in formal education	136 children
Received non-formal education	149 children
Received education through NIOS	2 children
Admitted to Vocational training	12 children
Placed in various job opportunities	5 children



Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	60 children (927 times)
Ref. to hospital	1 child
Hospitalised	1 child
Operated	1 child
Long term treatment	2 children
Eye checkup	119 children
Tetanus-injection	70 children
Covid vaccination	35 children
Typhoid vaccination	94 children



Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	5 sessions
Referral sessions	2 sessions
LSE sessions	36 sessions
Group sessions	22 sessions
Ref. to specialized counselor	2 children
Career counseling sessions	4 sessions

Achievements

- 68 new school admission have been done
- 16 children got Aadhar card

Jama Masjid contact point

Located near Jama Masjid, our contact point serves as a pivotal hub where our staff commences their daily outreach activities at 10 am. Their primary objective is to identify and engage with children who have the potential to join us at the center for educational activities throughout the day.

Within this community, it has unfortunately been a prevailing practice for families to send their children for begging. This circumstance necessitates our staff to establish close working relationships with the community members in order to encourage them to reconsider this decision.

Statistical Overview of Jama Masjid contact point

Total beneficiaries	308 (Boys-127 Girls-181)
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Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	76 children
Received non-formal education	304 children



Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	111 children (1209 times)
Medical investigation	48 children
Eye checkup	181 child
Dental checkup	9 children
MMR vaccinated	57 children

Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	52 sessions
LSE sessions	3 sessions
Group sessions	39 sessions
Individual sessions	42 sessions

Achievements

- 4 children got Adhar card and 2 bank account open
- Now children are not going for begging
- Children are in practice of online School work



Praveen Contact Point

The Praveen Contact Point, situated in our Paharganj head office, caters to children from the nearby shanties, who face challenges in accessing education. Every morning, the center welcomes children who reach the centre to get ready for school, have breakfast, and change into uniforms stored here, since they lack proper facilities at home. In addition to supporting their immediate needs, we also provide non-formal education to those who are not yet ready to attend regular school. Our goal is to support their education.

Statistical Overview of Praveen Contact Point

Total beneficiaries	318 (Boys-179, Girls-139)
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Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	82 children (35 girls)
Received non-formal education	236 children

Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	48 children (205 times)
Medical investigation	24 children
Eye checkup	63 children
Dental checkup	16 children
Tetanus-injection	31 children
Covid vaccination	6 children
Typhoid vaccination	27 children
Hep 'B' vaccination	22 children
MMR vaccination	19 children



Mental Health

Referral sessions	2 sessions
Group sessions	23 sessions
Individual sessions	10 sessions

Achievements

- 9 new children admitted to School
- 8 children got Adhar card and one bank account open
- 1 child was placed in job



Yamuna Bazar contact point

Yamuna bazaar contact point is situated in close proximity to Peti market, which has had a history of being associated with drug sales. The outreach workers at this location play a vital role in supporting children who have unfortunately fallen into drug addiction. They actively provide de-addiction services and engage with these children, who are often involved in rag picking, pickpocketing, and begging.

The outreach workers work tirelessly to establish a strong rapport with both the children and their families. Their primary objective is to convince families to allow their children to spend a few hours at the contact point for educational purposes. Through persistent efforts, they have been successful in encouraging many children to attend the contact point regularly. Furthermore, these efforts have yielded positive results as a significant number of these children have now been enrolled in formal schools, giving them a chance at a brighter future.

Statistical Overview of Yamuna Bazar contact point

Total beneficiaries	411 (Boys-242, Girls-169)
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Education, Vocational Training and Job Placement

Children in formal education	88 children
Received non-formal education	325 children
Received education through NIOS	2 children
Admitted to Vocational training	14 children
Placed in various job opportunities	2 children



Medical

Physical Health

Medical checkups	276 children (776 times)
Medical investigation	41 children
Ref. to hospital	1 child
Eye checkup	43 children
Dental checkup	10 children
Covid vaccination	30 children
Typhoid vaccination	48 children
Hep 'B' vaccination	52 children

Achievements

- 39 new children admitted to School
- 20 children got Adhar card and 12 bank account open
- 59 children promoted to next class

Mental Health

Psycho-Social sessions	184 sessions
Group sessions	20 sessions
Ref. to drug de-addiction course	1 child



ODRS Contact Point

The ODRS contact point, strategically situated near the Old Delhi railway station, plays a pivotal role in working closely with communities where children are often involved in rag picking activities. Beyond just providing educational support, the dedicated team has extended their efforts to connect these children with essential government schemes, ensuring they have access to various benefits.

The ODRS contact point empowers them with access to healthcare, education, and financial support, which are crucial for their holistic development. This comprehensive approach ensures that these vulnerable children are not only given an opportunity to break free from the hardships of rag picking but also helps pave the way for a more stable and promising future.

Statistical Overview of ODRS Contact Point

Total beneficiaries	163 (Boys-93, Girls-70)
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Education and Vocational Training

Children in formal education	59 children
Received non-formal education	98 children
Admitted to Vocational training	6 children

Achievements

- Space (one room) arranged for the classes
- 25 dropout children admitted to regular School
- 20 children got Adhar card
- 5 children attached to Anganwadi program

Medical

Medical checkups	135 children (673 times)
Dental checkup	26 children
MMR vaccination	12 children
Typhoid vaccination	13 children
Group sessions	10 sessions



Established in 1998 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Childline stands as a pioneering 24-hour national helpline for children in distress. This initiative, in collaboration with Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT), provides immediate assistance to children facing risks. Whether it be abuse, exploitation, forced labor, or physical injuries, Childline-Salaam Baalak Trust is just a phone call away. Those affected children or concerned citizens can dial the toll-free number 1098 to seek help.

The Childline team promptly responds to these calls and intervenes in the most effective manner to assist the children in need. The service is available across Delhi, with three dedicated Childlines located in Central District, New Delhi District, and Old Delhi Railway Station. Through this vital helpline, vulnerable children receive the support and care they deserve to ensure their well-being and safety.

Overview

Central District Childline- 755 (Boys-490, Girls-265)

Rescue and restoration:

30 children (10 girls) restored to their families

45 Children rescued from child labor, begging, physical abuse, domestic child labour and trafficking

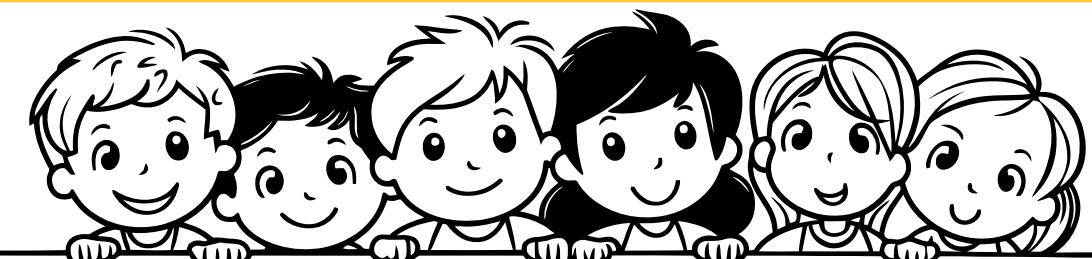
Medical

156 children have gone through medical check- up

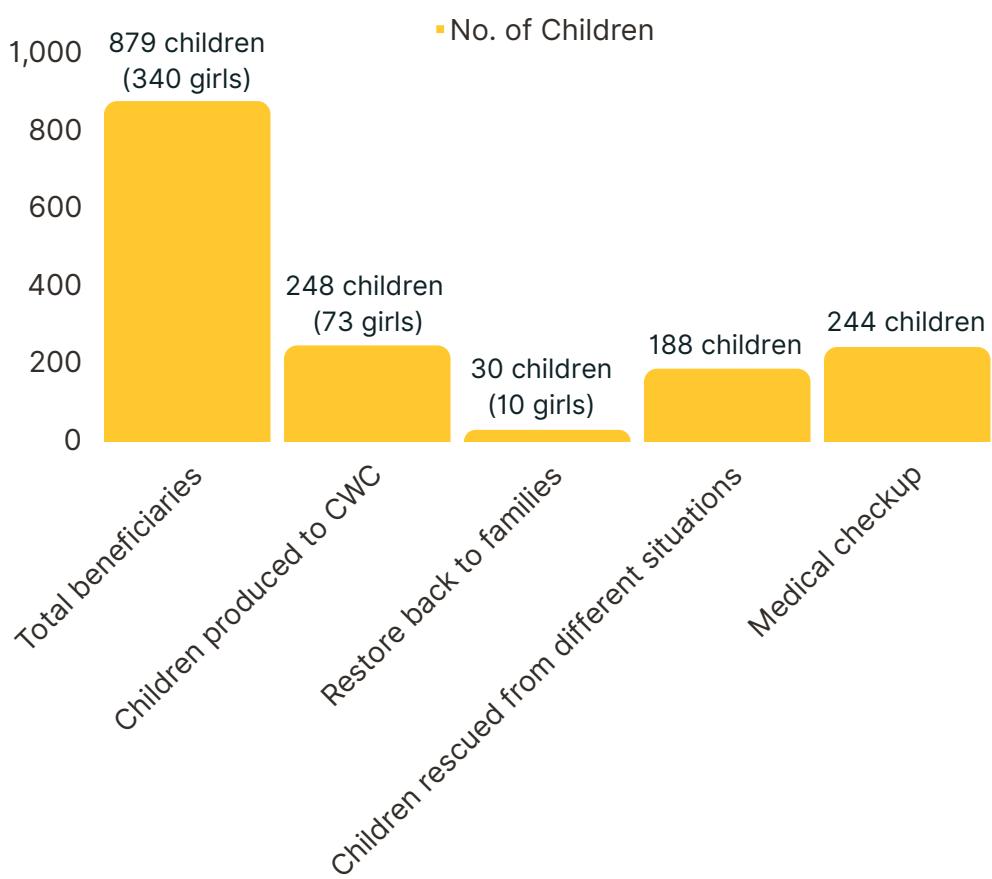
Achievements

Rescued 45 children and 6 children got compensation of Rs.360000/- in child labour cases

156 children referred to Shelter homes



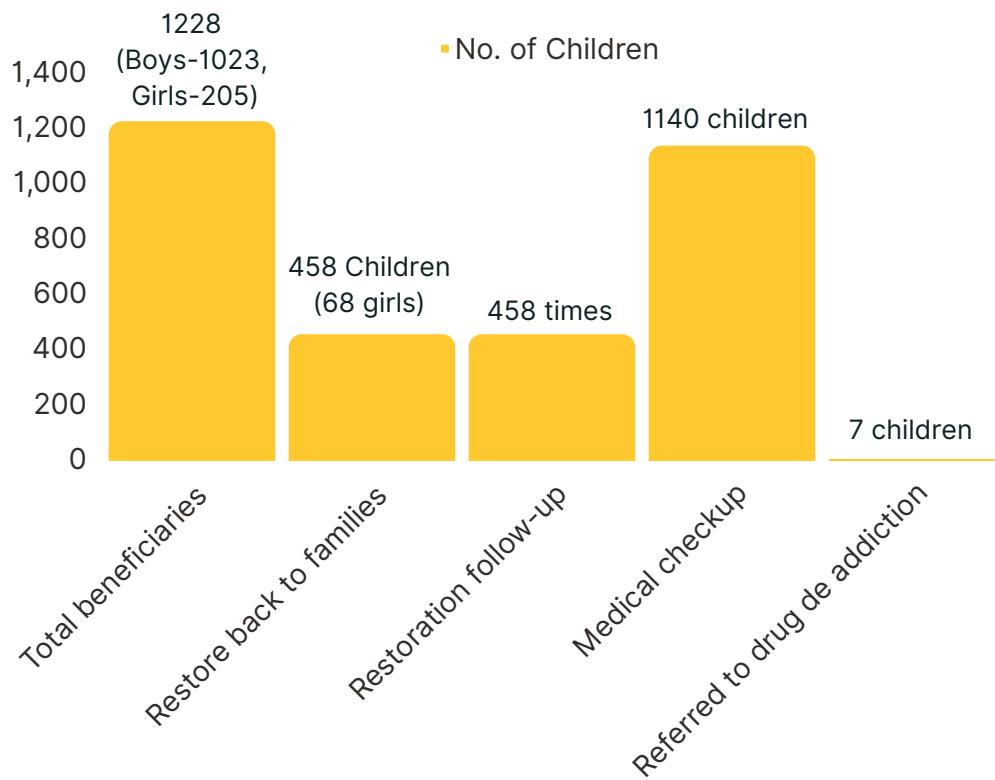
Childline (New Delhi district)



- 219 Children referred to Shelter homes
- 18 Police sensitization meetings and 73 awareness program organized
- 188 Children were rescued and provided compensation for INR 3514709 Under the child labour act.



Childline (Old Delhi Railway Station)



- 10438 People covered under Awareness drives
- 8 Children admitted to school from satellite unit
- 8 FIR registered under POCSO-4, Kidnapping-1, Trafficking-1 and Missing-2
- Childline 1098 announcement and video screening started from 2nd October 2022 at Old Dehi Railway station.



Policy and Advocacy (2022-23)

SBT actively engages in direct programs with children while simultaneously advocating for children's rights. Major advocacy efforts in the current year include the following:

- Executive Council Members and Azim Premji Foundation (APF) project coordinator and staff visited Patna, Bihar. It was a networking visit to better the restoration follow up program. They met with Director, Dept. Of WCD, District Child Protection Unit, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) and Child Welfare Committee.
- State level consultation and stakeholder meeting was organized at IIC in August 2023 with DCPCR and CWC.
- EC participated in a meeting organized for the project 'Children in street situation' at DCPCR.
- EC participated in a national level meeting on 'Compendium on family strengthening and alternative care program practiced across India in July.'
- Mr.Nageshwar Rao, Justice, Supreme Court and Mr.Gaurav Agrawal gave a talk on street children in India where members of a few NGO- Jamghat, Chetna, Haque, SBT and Butterflies were invited.
- EC attended the National consultation on child participation in care intervention, organized by Rainbow in Hyderabad.
- EC attended a National Director meet on annual review organized by CIF in March. • EC attended meeting on 'Safeguarding our children and their future' organized by Children International at Crown Plaza, Delhi in March.
- EC and a Coordinator visited Sathi and We live foundation in Bangalore on 18th March. More than 25 SBT children are associated with both the organization.
- State level resource organization meeting organized on 2nd March. Mr.Anurag Kundu, Chairperson, DCPCR, members from CWC participated.

Case Studies

Sana's journey of Resilience and Achievement

From the lanes of the Inderlok slum area to her current position as an executive in a Bangalore-based IT company, Sana (name changed) has traversed a remarkable distance. Her journey began in 2014 when she and her sister Muntasha, who was only 5 at the time, were rescued from a risky home situation after the untimely demise of their father and their mother's battle with HIV.

Despite the challenging circumstances, Sana displayed remarkable determination and resilience. Upon joining our organization, she and her sister were immediately enrolled in formal schooling. Throughout her academic journey, Sana has consistently excelled, proving to be a well-behaved and disciplined student. A significant milestone in her educational journey was her outstanding performance in Class X.

When she turned 18, there were challenges with her continued stay, but recognizing her immense potential and remarkable academic achievements, we decided to extend educational support to her. Currently, Sana is doing her Class XII exams via NIOS, while also working as an executive at a prestigious IT company in Bangalore.

Sana aspires to pursue a university education in Mass Communication. By next year, she hopes to make this transition and further enhance her knowledge and skills in the field.

We are proud to be a part of her journey and are confident that she will continue to shine brightly in her future endeavors.



From Dreams to Reality

Meet Khushboo (name changed), a determined 20-year-old girl residing with her family in Shastri Park. Life hasn't been easy for them, as her father works as an E-Rickshaw driver, and their financial situation is challenging. With three siblings, two of them studying in government schools, the burden on the family's finances was significant.

Khushboo had a desire to pursue higher education, but her family's financial constraints hindered her dreams. However, the mobile school team managed to convince her mother to consider further studies for Khushboo. Although her father was initially hesitant, a heartfelt conversation with him eventually led to his approval for her to pursue Vocational Training.

Khushboo decided to enroll in a Beautician's course. After completing the course, she envisioned running her own beauty parlor. With continuous support from the SBT team, Khushboo successfully established and now runs her thriving parlor.

Her efforts contribute significantly to her family's financial stability. Her determination and hard work have proven that with the right support and guidance, dreams can become a reality, even in the face of adversity.



Breaking Barriers

Harshit (name changed) comes from a family with six siblings, unfortunately, three of whom have passed away. His father earns a living as a rickshaw puller, while his mother collects garbage in Meena Bazar.

Life in Urdu Park is challenging for Harshit's family, especially during the rainy season when they have to cover their belongings with a tarpaulin to protect everything. To support their family financially, the siblings engage in the collection of junk and sometimes resort to begging.

Fortunately, an intervention by the staff of Parvaaz Jama Masjid has brought positive changes to Harshit's life. The staff found Harshit while he was collecting junk iron to sell and started talking to him and his parents about the opportunities available at their center. Initially hesitant, after consistent efforts and conversations, Harshit's parents agreed to send him to the center. Since then, Harshit's life has transformed for the better.

Upon joining the center, Harshit received basic education on maintaining hygiene and cleanliness. He was also enrolled in Non-Formal Education (NFE) classes to learn how to read and write. Additionally, he actively participates in various activities, including games and life skills education. Regular medical checkups have also been conducted to ensure his well-being.

Harshit has made remarkable progress and has developed a keen interest in learning, can read newspapers, and even performs basic math calculations. He has also started reading in English, showcasing his eagerness to acquire new skills.

The positive impact of the center's intervention goes beyond education. Through their assistance, Harshit was able to undergo an essential squint eye operation at Shroff Hospital. Moreover, with the center's guidance and support, Harshit has abandoned begging altogether.

Looking ahead, the process of Harshit's admission to the center for the upcoming year is set to continue his journey of growth and development.



Jyoti and Raja's Journey from Vulnerability to Safety

A few months ago, there were two vulnerable siblings named Jyoti (10 years old) and Raja (09 years old) who were found at New Delhi Railway Station (NDRS). These poor children were deprived of basic needs such as education, clothing, and shelter, and they were living on the streets, exposed to various dangers and abuses.

A dedicated team of SBT workers went to meet the children's mother, who was living in a desperate situation, resorting to begging to survive. She shared that her husband had abandoned her and the children, leaving them in dire circumstances.

The SBT team empathetically motivated the mother to consider sending her children to GRP for non-formal education (NFE) classes. Initially, she was hesitant and apprehensive about the idea, but as the children started attending the center and making progress in their learning, she began to feel a sense of happiness and satisfaction.

Gradually, the SBT team informed the mother about child care institutions. They sensitized her about the functioning of various CCI (Child Care Institutions) and how they could provide her children with a quality life and essential facilities for their overall development. Though she was worried about not being able to see her children again, the team assured her that the children

would be taken care of and that it was the best option for their future.

After many persistent efforts, the SBT team successfully convinced the CWC (Child Welfare Committee) to approve the long-term placement of the children at the CCI. On 14th September 2022, both the children were placed in a shelter home.

In the follow-up visits, the mother saw her children thriving at their respective shelter homes, where they were happy, playing, learning, and living in a safe and dignified environment, and was glad of the decision she had taken.



Meet Amar, the inspiring Project Manager at Decathlon, Delhi-N.C.R

Amar's early life was marked by hardships and adversity. At the young age of 7, he had to start working at a mechanic shop due to his family's financial struggles. To escape from the extreme physical and emotional abuse by his stepmother, he made the difficult decision to run away from his hometown, Raipur, and headed to New Delhi.

Life in the metro city was far from easy for Amar, and he resorted to working as a rag picker and pickpocketing to make ends meet. To cope with the hunger and difficulties, he turned to drugs. However, fate took a positive turn when an outreach worker noticed Amar at the New Delhi Railway Station and offered him a chance to live in a shelter home where he could receive education and support.

Excited about the prospect of getting an education and a safe environment, Amar eagerly accepted the offer and enrolled in class 5th at Apna Ghar open shelter. Despite facing a setback due to being diagnosed with Bone Tuberculosis, which took two years to recover from, Amar's determination to achieve his dreams remained unwavering. He persevered through all odds, studied diligently, and successfully cleared all his exams.

Amar's hard work and resilience paid off, and he is now working as a Project Manager for Decathlon in Delhi-N.C.R. Additionally, he is pursuing his graduation through distance learning while nurturing his aspirations to become an entrepreneur.

Amar's journey is a testament to the power of determination, resilience, and the transformative impact of education and support in overcoming life's challenges and achieving one's goals.

Our Shining Star

Meet Sajda, a remarkable 10-year-old girl from a slum near our Yamuna Bazar contact point. Her days were spent begging for a few rupees from temple-goers and wandering around the temple complex. However, fate took a positive turn when she came in contact with an SBT outreach worker.

The social worker encouraged Sajda's sister to allow her to attend the Yamuna Bazaar center regularly. There, she was enrolled in non-formal education (NFE) classes and participated in cultural activities. Little did anyone know that this encounter would change Sajda's life forever.

A stroke of luck came her way when a French production crew casting for their film, *The Braid*, met Sajda and saw immense potential in her. She was chosen for the lead role, and after obtaining the necessary permissions, Sajda embarked on a thrilling journey, shooting for the film in Varanasi and Mysore. Her talent and composure on the set made everyone proud as she embraced her new role with confidence.

The Braid (La Tresse), directed by Laetitia Colombani, showcased Sajda as the lead actress alongside Mia Maelzer. The production house was so impressed with her performance that they offered to sponsor her studies until she comes of age, providing her with a bright future.

Sajda's inspiring story proves that with the right opportunity, every child can shine and achieve unimaginable heights. Now, she is gearing up for her second adventure in the film industry, where she will be portraying the role of a girl living in a fictional slum, exploring important themes of labor, the global supply chain, and women's education. The team is excited for her journey, and they wholeheartedly support her every step of the way.

Sajda Pathan's remarkable journey not only gives voice to the right to education but also serves as an inspiration to countless others, showing that determination and opportunities can open doors to a future filled with possibilities.





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