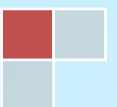




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Base line survey at Cuttack Railway station

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ABOUT CUTTACK RAILWAY STATION

Cuttack railway station is situated closed to the city. It is also one of the big stations in Odisha. It's having 5 platforms. Approximately per day 25 to 30 trains are crossing through by the station. One of the Ngo named as Basundhara is working there in a different concept and no any other organization is working there for child rescue and their rehabilitation. There is no slum area adjunction to the railway station. Rather there is a big depot near by the railway station. This station has two exit gates; one gate is open to market side whereas another one is open to depot side. By studying the situation SOCH has conducted a baseline survey by followings....



Objective of the survey.

- To know the inflow of fresh and newly landed children at Cuttack Railway station.
- To understand the main issues of runaway children at Cuttack railway station.
- To identify the status of old children and know the issues associated with old children staying in and around of the railway station.
- To create good rapport with Railway authorities and stake holders.
- Developing a feasible plan of action for helping the children, together with support from all related authorities.

Duration of survey: 4days (22nd, 23rd, 24th 25th January 2014)

Steps towards Preparation for survey:-

- Permission was taken from the station manager of Cuttack railway station and the other railway authorities. At the same time we also took the permission of Cuttack CWC member as well as from Basundhara organization.
- An orientation meeting was held on 22nd Jan 2014 in the premises of Cuttack railway station to explain the objectives and methodology of the survey to the surveyors (what data to collect and how to collect)
- Work (Survey) was divided in two shifts.
- Shift one- 8 am to 1pm (5hours)
- Shift two- 2 pm to 6pm (4hours)
- We covered 9 hours presence per day from that station.

Survey team composition:

- Six member of SOCH.
- Five volunteers From VISWASS College.
- Two volunteers from NISWASS College.
- One volunteer from CSSR College.
- Two members from Basundhara Organization.

Acknowledgement

- ❖ Society for children (SOCH) is very thankful to Cuttack railway authorities like station manager, GRP, RPF, and CTI teams for their support & cooperation for carry out this base line survey.
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- ❖ We would like to thanks Mr.Narayan Shukla (coordinator of Cuttack child line), Mr.Bijay sir (coordinator of Basundhara open shelter) and other child line members of Cuttack dist.for their fully support during the survey time.
- ❖ We are also thankful to NISWASS; VISWASS & CSSR College Volunteers for participated and succeed this survey.
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Details of all contacted children

Age wise category

Sl.no	Age group	No of children
1	Less than 6yr.	0
2	7yr to 10yr	6
3	11yr to 14yr	12
4	15yr to 18yr	13
Total		31

Educational details of the children

Sl no	standard	No. of children
1	1 st to 3 rd	4
2	4 th to 7 th	13
3	8 th to 10 th	9
4	Nil	5
Total		31

No of time runaway

Sl no	No. Of time	No. of children
1	1 st	25
2	2 nd & 3 rd	2
3	Above 4 th	4
Total		31

Out of home duration

Sl no	Out of home duration	No of children
1	1days to 2days	17
2	3days to 6days	2
3	1week to 1month	5
4	More than 1month	7
Total		31

Parental status of the children

Sl.no	Parental status	No. Of children
1	Both alive	28
2	Single	3
3	Orphan	0
Total		31

State wise category of the children

Sl no	States	No. of children
1	Bihar	4
2	Chhattisgarh	1
3	Odisha	23
4	UP	1
5	WB	2
Total		31

Reason for runaway of the children

Sl.No	Reasons	No of children
1	Work related	14
2	City attraction	6
3	Education problem	2
4	Family problem	1
5	Begging purpose	1
6	Scolding/Punishment at home	1
7	Other problem	6
Total		31

Mostly children contacted from the platform

Sl.No	Platform no.	No. of children
1	1	14
2	2 -3	11
3	4-5	6
Total		31

Rescue time of the children

Sl no	Timing	No. of children
1	9am to 12pm	13
2	12Pm to 3Pm	9
3	3pm to 6pm	9
Total		31

Major findings:

- We were contacted 31 children during the time of 4 days survey.
- Out of 31 children we were eligible to rescued 9 children and out of 9 children we referred 4 children to Basundhara organization for further care & protection whereas we provided food support to five children.
- Maximum children are comes under the age group of 11 to 14 & 15 to 18.
- Maximum of the children are belongs to Odisha State.
- Most of the children were contacted from the platform no 1 because it is the entrance gate of that platform and most of the passengers are comes by that plat form.
- Majority of the children left their home due to work related purpose.
- Most of the children came to station for first time.
- Most of the children were runaway from their homes for first time only.

Details of rescued children during the time of baseline survey

Sl.no	Name	Age	Reason for leave home	Out of home duration	place	state	Type of support
1	Chandan Singh	13	Work related	3month	Balesore	Odisha	Food support
2	Kailash Mohanto	15	Work related	3month	Mayurbhanj	Odisha	Food support
3	Bhubaneswar prasad	11	Work related	1day	Jangirchampa	Chhatisgarh	Referred to Cuttack child line
4	Babu Sen	17	Work related	5day	Ashadula Mulla	North 24 Pragana	Food support
5	Arjun Sahoo	10	Family problem	1year	Patna	Bihar	Referred to Cuttack childline
6	Bijaya kumar Das	12	Work related	1day	Bhadrak	Odisha	Referred to cuttack childline
7	Sahil Ali	12	Work related	2day	Jagatsinghpur	Odisha	Referred to Cuttack chilline
8	Bhima Singh	13	Education problem	1day	Mayurbhanj	Odisha	Food support
9	Mangol Singh	12	Education problem	1day	Mayurbhanj	Odisha	Food support

Old Children Status

There is a huge group of old children; it is a group of approximately 25 children including both boys and girls. Out of 25 children majority of the children belongs to Odisha state while some are belongs to other state. Majority of the children comes under the age group of 10-15. Although the RPF and GRP members restricted them but they are not ready to change their places and their habitual life style, as they are staying at station since one to five years and they are totally addicted with the injuries substances like; Gutka, solution etc. They engaged themselves in odd jobs like cleaning the trains, sweeping platforms, Begging as well as the rag picking activities. They also used to roaming around station to station and also the cities during the day time but they spent the night in that station only. We could collect the information of 20 children out of all.



Conclusion

We got whole hearted support from the station manager, police inspectors of RPF and GRP, chief ticket collector, vendors and coolies at the same time we also got fully cooperation from Basundhara organization for achieved the goal of the Cuttack base line survey. From the above mentioned details signifies that there is a huge group of old children are living in that station including both boys and girls. Although Basundhara organization took many actions for their proper rehabilitation but still they are not ready to change their life style. As per our observation it will be better if SOCH will organize a de addiction comp for them.

Another thing was observed by us that the flow of new and fresh children is very less in comparison to Bhubaneswar and Khurda railway station. As per our conclusion it shows that the flow of children per day is approximately 2.
