

# ANGUL BASELINE SURVEY REPORT for Rakshyak



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## Introduction

Project **Rakshyak**, identifies, rescues and reunites the runaway, **missing, abandoned and abducted** children at three major Railway Stations of Odisha viz. Bhubaneswar, Berhampur and Puri. Rakshyak focuses on the immediate rescue of children who are at high risk of trafficking and supports them **with necessary care (food, cloth, first-aid, etc) and counseling at the counseling center**. Efforts are then made to trace their address to reunite them with their families, who are otherwise put on institutional care with appropriate involvement of government's juvenile justice system.

## Angul In Brief



The District of Angul situated at the heart of Odisha **remained a** part of Undivided Dhenkanal District till early March 1993, but for the administrative convenience, Dhenkanal District was **further** divided into two parts i.e. Dhenkanal and Angul vide State Government Notification No. DRC-44/93/14218/R. dated 27 March 1993. Angul District came into existence as a separate District on April 1, 1993. The District is surrounded by Cuttack



& Dhenkanal on the east, Sambalpur & Deogarh on the west, Sundargarh & Keonjhar on the north and Phulbani on the south. Covering an area of 6232 sq.km, Angul District is located at Latitude 20.50 North to 85.00 East Longitude. The altitude of this place is 564 to 1187 mt (District Portal Angul, Government of Odisha). The last decade has witnessed a tremendous improvement in the industrial scenario of Angul District. Many public sector undertakings have setup up plants and offices here, like National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited (MCL), National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Talcher Thermal Power Station (TTPS). One of the major coalfields is the Talcher coalfield, which contains huge reserves of power grade non-coking coal. Engineering Units, Rice Mills, Hotels, Fly Ash Brick units, Stone Crushers, Service Units, Bleaching units, Bread and Bakery units, Tyre Retreading units, Flour Mills and Spices Grinding units etc. are some of the small scale industries functioning here.

### Angul Railway Station At-A-Glance

**Angul Railway Station** is about 6 kilometres (3.7 mi) from [Angul](#). Satellite station is Talcher road. Angul railway station has an electric loco shed of East Coast Railway. Angul railway station developed during the expansion of industrial carriageway and corridor of NALCO Aluminium Plant, FCI and NTPC. Angul railway station has over 5000 passengers traffic daily and more than 10 trains UP/DOWN pass through the station. Angul Puri Fast Passenger originates here. It is situated on the Barang Sambalpur section of East Coast railway line which is a major route connecting Mumbai to Bhubaneswar of India. Angul is connected to Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Surat, Pune, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Nagpur, Vishakhapatnam, Amritsar, Raipur, Cuttack, Puri, Sambalpur.



### Objective Of The Survey

- ❖ To know the inflow of freshly landed runaway and missing children at Angul Railway Station.
- ❖ To understand the issues associated with old children staying in and around at Angul Railway Station.
- ❖ To rescue all the children in need of care and protection who come in contact with us during the survey and resettle them with help of Angul CWC and local NGOs and CCIs.
- ❖ To create awareness and sensitization among the stakeholders as well as passengers regarding the child issues at platforms.
- ❖ To understand the situation of Child Labour and Child Trafficking disseminated due to industrialization of the belt.

## Duration Of The Survey

In order to know the situation of missing, runaway and old children at station, we conducted 4 days survey at Angul Railway Station from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017. The survey was carried out in two shifts of 8 hours each i.e.

- A. First shift (6AM -2PM)
- B. Second shift (2PM -10PM)

## Grounding for The Survey

- ❖ Permission was taken from the Station Manager of Angul Railway Station and the Railway authority. At the same time we also took the permission of Local Police, Angul CWC member as well as from DCPU.
- ❖ CWC of Angul was intimated regarding our work and initiation of Project Rakshayk in Angul seeking their cooperation and support.
- ❖ An orientation meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 among SOCH team as well as participating volunteers for understanding the survey objectives.
- ❖ Two teams were formed with 6 members each lead by 1 shift In-charge respectively.

## Details Of All Contacted & Resettled Children

<b>Total No. of Children contacted</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total No. of Children rescued</b>	<b>03</b>
No. of children produced before CWC	<b>03</b>
<b>No. of Children reunited with families</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>Providing Institutional Care</b>	<b>00</b>

*On 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 the communication Officer and an outreach worker of SOCH went to Angul to take permission from the authorities for conducting survey at Angul station. While returning after taking the permission the outreach worker rescued one child (boy) from railway station who was 15 years old. It was a child labour case. He was being taken to Tirupati by one of his fellow villager and a known person who promised his parents of a work in some road side hotel. Without doing any kind of research the parents of the child agreed to send him with the person for sleek of money. After rescuing the child we produced him before the Angul CWC and with the knowledge of CWC the child was reunited with his family. Our outreach worker also did a parents counseling where he made his family understand about child labour and child related issues. Our one small step saved one child's life which was going into wrong hands.*

## Details Of All Rescued Children During Survey

Sl no	Name	Age	Gender	Reason for leaving home	Out of home duration	Place	State	Type of Resettlement
01	Deepak Ku. Mohapatra	15	Male	City Attraction	1 day	Angul	Odisha	Hp by parents
02	Sakti Ray	12	Male	City Attraction	1 day	Angul	Odisha	Hp by parents
03	Jogesh Ray	16	Male	City Attraction	1 day	Angul	Odisha	Hp by parents

## Details Of All Contacted Children

### Reason for runaway of the children:

Sl. No.	Reasons	No of children
1	Work related	01
2	City attraction/visiting purpose	11
3	Begging purpose	00
4	Missing child	00
5	Family problem	00
6	Peer group influence	00
7	Punishment of parents	00
8	Other silly reasons	00
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

### Age wise category:

Sl. No.	Age	No of children
1	Less than 6 year	00
2	7yr to 10 yr.	00
3	11yr to 14yr.	02
4	15yr to 18yr.	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

### Educational details of the children:

Sl. No.	Standard	No of children
1	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>	00
2	4 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup>	01
3	8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>	08
4	Nil	01
5	Intermediate	02
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

**No: of time runaway:**

Sl. No.	No. of time	No of children
1	1 <sup>st</sup> time	02
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> time	07
3	Above 4th	03
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

**Out of home duration:**

Sl. No.	Out of home duration	No of children
1	1days to 2days	11
2	3days to 6days	00
3	1week to 1 month	01
4	More than 1 month	00
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

**Parental status of the children:**

Sl. No.	Parental status	No of children
1	Both alive	11
2	Single	01
3	Orphan	00
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

**District wise category of the children:**

Sl. No.	District	No of children
1	Khurda	00
2	Angul	11
3	Cuttack	00
4	Puri	00
5	Unknown	01
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

**State wise category of the children:**

Sl. No.	State	No of children
1	Odisha	11
2	Jharkhand	01
3	Bihar	00
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

**Mostly children contacted from the platforms:**

Sl. No.	Platform No	No of children
1	1	12
2	2-3	00
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

## Rescue time of the children:

Sl. No.	Timing	No of children
1	6am-9am	00
2	9am-12pm	00
3	12pm-3pm	03
4	3pm-6pm	04
5	6pm-10pm	05
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

## Slum Visit

One of our outreach staff and one volunteer went to nearby slum area situated in Angul to get a brief understanding about condition of child and youth over there. They visited mainly two slums called- Tamitri Colony and Munda Sahi. We tried to interact with the counselor of the slum without success. But our outreach worker contacted few of slum dwellers to know about child related issues and the problems that youth are facing. As per some of the slum dwells 70% of boy children go for work among them 30% children go outside of Angul district. Slum dwellers also mentioned about child trafficking cases over there. There had been cases where some outsiders have trafficked children with false promise of giving work from there but later with the help of police the children were rescued and got back to home.



While interacting with group of youth we came to know that many of boy children start working just because their family economical condition is poor and also they don't get facility to continue their education. Youth also mentioned that there is no awareness on importance of education and child related issues. They said that even youth face issues when it comes to employment. They need support to develop their education, skill and give them career counselling so that they can earn money and can live their lives with dignity.

## Observations

1. Most of the children were identified mainly between 12pm-3pm and between 3pm-10pm.
2. All the children coming in contact were from platform no 1(as during the survey 2&3 number platform was under construction).
3. Many children contacted from local areas tied to fool and create confusing among the outreaching staffs with some very silly explanations like visiting to station premises, watching the trains, playing with friends etc.
4. During the survey due to cancelation and late arrival of trains, chaotic situation occurred, which to some extent affected the survey.
5. Full support and cooperation was extended both from railway authorities and CWC members during child rescue and resettlement process that helped us achieve our objective.
6. We also found some boy children taking weed at station premises; they appeared like drug addicts.

## Major findings

- ❖ Total **12** children were contacted during 4 days of survey.
- ❖ Out of the total **12** children 11 children belonged to Angul district, and 1 is not known his district respectively.
- ❖ Out of **12** contacted children **3** children were rescued.
- ❖ Out of **3** rescued children, all were produced before CWC and from there they were reunited with their families.
- ❖ **Basing on the total rescue of 3 children in 4 days the average flow estimates to 1children per day.**
- ❖ 3 boys were also contacted who were drug addict and spend their night at railway station.
- ❖ The average age group of the rescued children was between 15years -18years.
- ❖ Most of the contacted children had a complete family background with both parents.
- ❖ Most of the children came to station for visiting purpose.
- ❖ 2 children were 1<sup>st</sup> time runaway cases; 7 children were 2<sup>nd</sup> time & 3<sup>rd</sup> time run away cases whereas 3 children were runaway for the 4<sup>th</sup> time.
- ❖ Most of the contacted children had been run away from home since 1-2 days. But no action has been taken for them.

## Case Study

On the first day of our survey we have contacted 3 boy children who were wondering here and there at the railway station. Our outreach worker observed them for few minutes and then contacted them. In the first interaction they said they are going to meet their relative in Cuttuck but after some deep conversation and counselling they reviled that they had come down to the station as an outing and to explore. They also said that their parents don't know about it. Their home was quite far from the railway station as per their residential address. Possibility of these children

planning to go out somewhere alone cannot be ruled out. These children could have been potential targets for traffickers had they not been contacted by SOCH. So before they could have planned anything beyond what was explained by them and gone into such wrong hands our outreach worker recognized and rescued them and with the help of RPF they were produced before the CWC. Then the CWC called their parents and by that time our counselor made the children realize about the bad impact of station life. After listening to the thoughts of our outreach worker the children understood their fault and promised not repeat this act in future for their safety.





## Conclusion

Children are always vulnerable due to their age, gender, caste, religion and crime which are going against them. There are many categories of children who are vulnerable due to different reasons. Children connected to Railway premises one of them. So before this children got into wrong had or become a potential for getting associated with any crime we rescue this children and by following government Juvenile Justice System we help



them to go back to their safe lovely family. To expand our work in Angul after getting a brief idea about Angul we have conducted this baseline survey. We have rescued 3 but contacted 12 children among them 4 children were also potential to rescue.

We got the whole hearted support and cooperation from the Station Manager, Inspector In charge of Local Police and RPF, Vendors, Coolies, Auto drivers and from other Stakeholders. Along with this we also got support from the CWC members who supported us in resettlement of the rescued children there by helping us to reach the objectives of this baseline survey. The above mentioned details indicate that there are many children who come to the station for visiting purpose due to watching the trains and playing with friends as the station was lonely for the many times. Another thing was observed by us that the flow of new and fresh children is very less. Hence, we can conclude that the flow of children per day is approximately 2.

