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# Founder's Note

Dear Friends and Well Wishers,

With your support and encouragement, SOCH team has helped 943 children from various difficult situations in the year 2017-18. Notably our friends Malcolm, Uschi, Linda, Jimmy, Karen, Kate, David, Chrissie, Christopher, Shiela, Michele and Bill Voss have been very supportive and encouraging. Without their support, this would not have been possible.

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SOCH staffs and volunteers have worked really hard with full zeal and dedication throughout the year in order to help so many children.

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We have a long way to go, we are planning to expand our rescue operations to other needy railway stations and wish to set up a rehabilitation centre for street connected hard behaviour children and family connected repeated runaway children. We need many like minded individuals and corporations to join our hand to help more such needy children. Please visit us, know us and join our hands.

I guarantee to spend your each rupee wisely for saving lives of the children in need and maintain complete transparency with our all supporters.

With many thanks and regards,

Manoj Kumar,  
Founder SOCH

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# CHAPTER - 1

## ABOUT SOCH

### **Vision**

To create a just society, where all children are living happily, enjoying all their due rights.

### **Mission**

To realize the rights of deprived children and ensuring their rehabilitation.

### **Aims and Objectives**

1. To rescue and rehabilitate addicted and hard behavior street children through de-addiction and behavioral modification camp.
2. To provide health care service for children.
3. To give safe and nurtured environment for orphan children.
4. To give safe and nurtured environment for physically and mentally challenged children
5. To encourage foster parenting and alterative care for children in need of care and protection.

### **SOCH Values**

**Trust:** Means SOCH will be always abide by its commitments for the society. It also means the faith entrusted by the supporters and partners. Trust is the reliability build upon the unprivileged children and youths. Trust will bring in a self assessed effort by the team towards the objective.

**Freedom:** Mean a just and free society where all children are sound in health and wealth. It also means our free ideas, expressions and commitments towards the society. Freedom means go and get the work done. It also means we welcome all criticism and suggestion for an improved and better approach. Freedom is for the team to perform and persevere.

**Transparency:** For SOCH all income and expenditure should be righteously shared with the supporters and partners. Our open transaction policy has nothing to hide when it comes to the utilization of funds and resources. They are available at beck and call of our supporters, partners or any legal process.

**Accountability:** SOCH is accountable to all its Supporters and Partners who have believed in the cause. It also believes for the timely and accurate execution of the task. It also shoulders the responsibility of the outcome.

**Innovation & Creativity:** SOCH encourages innovative and creative ways of finding solution to social issues irrespective of the source from which it has been generated. All value adding inputs are of top priority.

**Dedication:** SOCH is a dedicated Team with an objective to establish that equal rights and opportunities are there for all to relish. For those who fail to do so will soon do so with SOCH's devotion.

**Collaboration:** SOCH is a firm approver of collaborative approach towards the resolution of any problem statement; be it collaborating as a volunteer or as a funder or through some critical inputs as a critical appreciator.

## **OUR INTERVENTION, STRATEGIES AND PROJECTS**

Society for Children (SOCH) has established itself as an Organization sensitive towards safety and security of children. The Govt. Authorities and the Stakeholders are convinced and convinced more so as it has shown a very structured and professional approach in addressing the children issues. SOCH believes children are the building blocks of any nation and they are the seeds of the social structure. To wait for misfortune to touch them and then working for a solution would hardly do any good to them and the social framework. Hence it intervenes at a very primary stage of any anticipated mishap with these little angels.

A lot of strategic thinking has gone into the design and implementation of all SOCH projects. Be it choosing the right area for operation or setting up a place for the support team or designing operational procedures or delivering to the target beneficiaries, everything was planned and tested before actualization. Strategically SOCH chose to operate in the Major Railway Junctions of the State as Train is the most convenient mode of commutation for the runaway children, traffickers, etc. and SOCH not just believes in rescuing a child it aims at a complete resettlement of the child and the resettlement doesn't end at settling the child at a shelter home it continues after that by an effort to understand the situations and reasons leading to it. The analysis has escorted in the design of a camp module for the street connected and family connected difficult behaviour children.

Registered under Society Act XXI of 1860, bearing Registration No-23515/51 at IGR Cuttack, Odisha, SOCH was established in July 2012. RAKSHYAK, PUNARJIVAN and PANKH are the three Projects of SOCH which works for the welfare of the children and youths. To see these projects in brief:



Project "Rakshyak"; (as it suggests in Hindi language) is the savior for children in need of care and protection. Project "Punarjvan"; (as it suggests in Hindi language) is giving new life to children who lost their way or are misled to adverse situations. And Project "Pankh"; (as it suggests in Hindi language) gives wings to fly to the youths coming from economically challenged background. The three projects complete a full circle in a strategic approach to curb on the safety, resettlement and mainstreaming issues of the children and youths of our society.

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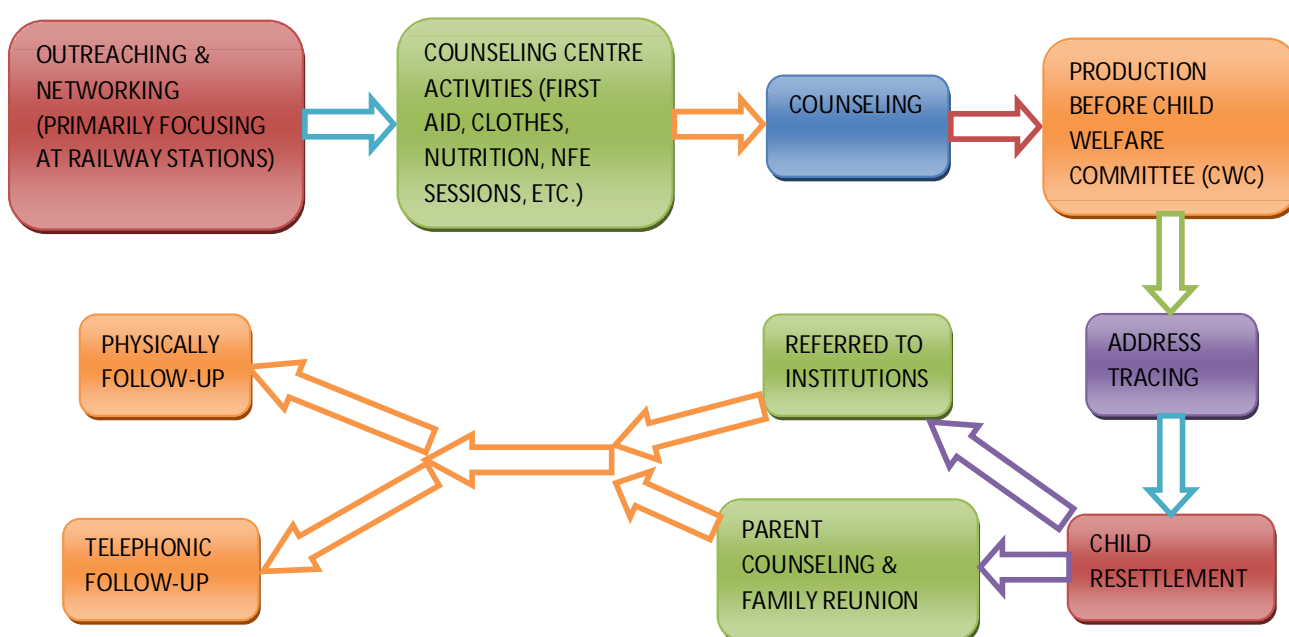
### PROJECT RAKSHYAK

Project "RAKSHYAK" is all about rescue and resettlement of runaway, missing, abandoned and abducted children majorly focusing at railway stations. Rescued children are brought to a temporary shelter for necessary counseling, food, fast aid and cloth support. Due efforts are made to trace the family address of the children as SOCH believes family is the best place for a child's overall growth and development. It is followed by a comprehensive analysis of the real reasons behind running away or missing. Then children are either reunited with their families or put on institutional care with appropriate involvement of government's juvenile justice system. It is currently operational in three locations of Odisha, viz. Bhubaneswar, Berhampur and Puri Railway stations. It initiated with establishment of SOCH in July 2012.

#### Project Objectives

- To rescue and resettle runaway, missing, abducted and abandoned children. First priority will be given to family reunion and last option for Institutional care.
- Provide immediate support to the rescued children in form of cloth, food, first aid help, etc.
- Provide Counselling support to the rescued children.
- Tracing family address of the rescued children.
- Provide Counselling support to the parents of the reunited children.
- Family reunion of the rescued child with proper involvement of Juvenile Justice System.
- Institutionalize Orphan or semi-orphan children for care and protection and education with involvement of Juvenile Justice System.
- To develop child centric community through awareness and sensitization meetings.
- To conduct and participate in studies, surveys, seminars and work shop connected with children's issue.

Conducting follow-up and extending necessary support to the reunited children.



## **Outreaching & Networking**

Once a child leaves home and is exposed to the dangers of the outer world, it becomes easier for the predators of children to take control of the child and make them their easy prey. Train stations have been found to be a major port for the runaway children, missing, abandoned and trafficked. SOCH rescues the children from the railway platforms and works toward their re-settlement. The rescue process is cascaded into Platform Intervention by reaching out to the children, Rescue and Network Building. The outreach process includes platform intercession, observation, handling crowd situation, first point of contact with the child, motivating the child to come to the safe place and providing the rescued child's information to RPF and GRP. Along with this, the outreach team also organizes and conducts awareness meetings with all the stake holders.



## **Platform Intervention**

Platform intervention plays a major role in the outreaching process. It is a major activity where the outreach workers will cover all the platforms of the Railway Stations. This is a process of observation and identification of potential child in need of care and protection. Along with rescue of the vulnerable and runaway children in the station platforms the Platform Intervention will also include building of a good rapport with the key-stakeholders i.e. the Railway Authorities, Railway Employees, Vendors, Hawkers, Coolies and Cleaning Staffs etc. A regular contact with the Stakeholders ensures that they become an integral part of the Child Reference System. This is type of involvement with our stakeholders is on regular basis, where we aware them about run away child conditions and how as a stakeholders they can take progressive step to save the life of a child.

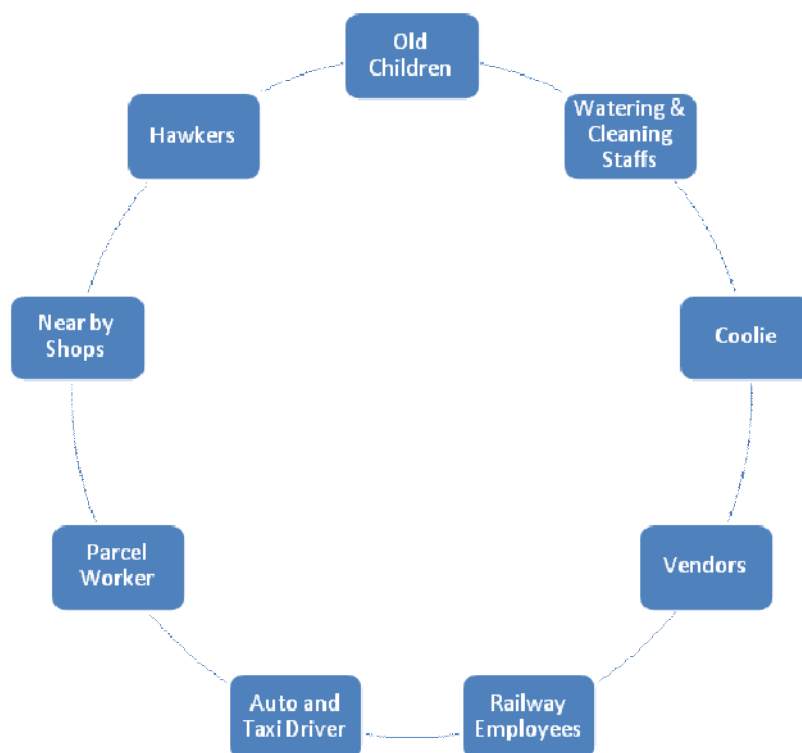
## **Rescue**

The outreach worker will identify the children who are vulnerable to be victimized by the predators, or being trafficked by the traffickers. It will start with a general interaction with the potential victim so as to build rapport as well as to verify if the child is actually a case of child in need of care and protection. On confirmation of the child in need of care and protection the outreach worker rescues the child and coordinates with the GRP and the RPF for Govt. formalities followed by the child being brought to the Counseling Centre for further action.

## **Network Building**

A good network with the Stakeholders ensures that maximum runaway children benefit. We should aim at creating "child friendly stations" through active engagement of the Stakeholders. So, Network Building plays a very important role in "RAKSHYAK" project. Networking with the key Stakeholders maximizes the reach to runaway children in the Railway Stations. Within the realm of Network Building, sensitizing activities among the Stakeholders are undertaken through awareness meetings and information sharing regarding the disadvantage of platform life for the vulnerable children for the Stakeholders.





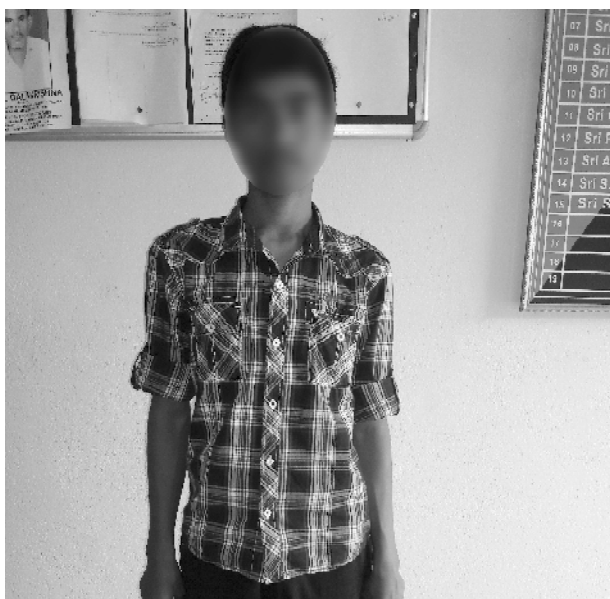
To create “child friendly stations” through active engagement of the Stakeholders and to keep them updated about SOCH activities awareness meeting are organized on a regular basis. The details of the meeting with stakeholders are as follows:

**Awareness Meeting Details**

SL No.	Key Stakeholders	Bhubaneswar	Berhampur	Puri	Cuttack	Total
	SOP (Standard Operating Procedure)	00	01	00	00	01
	RPF	00	00	02	00	02
	Cleaning Staffs	08	02	08	00	18
	Watering Staffs	04	00	02	00	06
	Vendors	04	03	04	00	11
	Parcel Workers	02	02	01	00	05
	Auto/Taxi Drivers	04	01	06	00	11
	Coolies	03	02	08	00	13
	Hawker	01	04	00	00	05
	Near Shops	04	04	04	00	12
	TTI	04	00	01	00	05
	Group-D	03	00	00	00	03
	Rickshaw Puller	00	00	01	00	01
	Mechanical Staff	02	00	00	00	02
	Food Track	00	01	00	00	01
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>96</b>

## CASE STUDY – TECH SAVVY JITENDRA RISKS EDUCATION AND LIFE FOR WORK & MONEY

<b>NAME:</b> Jitendra Mahanta (name changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 2th December 2017; 12:15pm
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 15 Years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 1 Elder Brother
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Standard	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-Khordha, Odisha
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b> Father is a Electrician & Mother is a Housewife	



In this age of smart phones, online games and social networking sites, parents and guardians have their work cut out. Technology has its merits and demerits, and to draw the line, is a mind-boggling task. On one side it helps in staying connected with your near and dear ones and on the other hand it has become an element of distraction for the students. At times such distractions lure small children especially teenagers to such extent that they compromise ethics and values.

It was 12:15 PM when SOCH outreach workers and volunteers were policing on the railway platforms of Bhubaneswar railway station. Suddenly a boy comes to one of the freshly appointed volunteers and asks the way to get a ticket for Chennai. The Volunteer (as he was new) without giving much thought and with an intention to help the child suggests the boy to go to

the Ticket Counter. But as a rule SOCH always has its regular and experience staff around the freshly appointed staff to guide and support them in need. Hence fortunately one of the regular staff was observing the conversation from a distance and intervened as soon as the boy was about to leave for the ticket counter. The regular staff then asks the boy some basic questions like “why he wants to go to Chennai” “And who are with him”, etc. But the child became nervous. By this time the Counselor reaches the spot and takes charge of the situation and starts an informal talk with the child to relax him. The child seemed to be morally down and was unable to narrate much. And suddenly he comes up with a reply that he was buying this ticket for his elder brother that he could not justify.

Hence he was taken to the Railway Protection Force (RPF) office to do the formalities. Then the child was nourished with some food. This boosted the confidence of the child with SOCH and he regains the courage to share the facts. He discloses that he has run away from home because of a “mobile phone” he bought from the money (Rs. 10,000/-) he stole from his mother’s account. When this matter came to his father’s notice, he got angry to the extent that he severely thrashed the child and instructed him to get the money back anyhow, as that money was saved for the child’s mother’s operation. This is why the child planned to leave home and go to Chennai and earn money so that he could return it back to his father.

Here the counselor guides the child about the hazards he could incur following his impulsive decision. The child was also educated about the importance of education and parents in any individual’s life. Thus the child realized his mistake and agreed to go back home, and shared his father’s contact number. His father was immediately contacted and informed about their child’s safety and the child was referred to “Childline” through the RPF on the same day i.e. 12th December 2017 for further care and protection.

## CASE STUDY – ABANDONED BY ALCOHOLIC FATHER A FOUR YEARS OLD BABY RESCUED BY SOCH

<b>NAME:</b> Gulu Panda (name changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018; 11:30am
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 4 Years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 1 Elder Sister
<b>EDUCATION:</b> NA	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-Ganjam, Odisha
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b> Father is a Auto Driver & Mother is deceased	



Alcohol has caused disintegration of many families across the globe. Especially in India and in a State like Odisha, it has been the major element behind many criminal offences and antisocial activities. Once such story is of Gulu Panda who was in the first place, so unfortunate to have lost his mother before he could realize motherly love and affection and then to have got an alcoholic father.

Gulu was referred by an Auto Driver Ajit who found him abandoned in his Auto rickshaw. Ajit had brought the child to Berhampur railway station contact point. Gulu was uncontrollably and inconsolably sobbing. He was just a 4 years old baby who could hardly speak and narrate. Gulu was then helped with some nutrition and some game materials. This has some positive impact on him and he pacified gradually.

Looking at the right opportunity he was counseled by the SOCH Social Worker cum Counselor. But the challenge lied with Gulu's inability to explain. But the

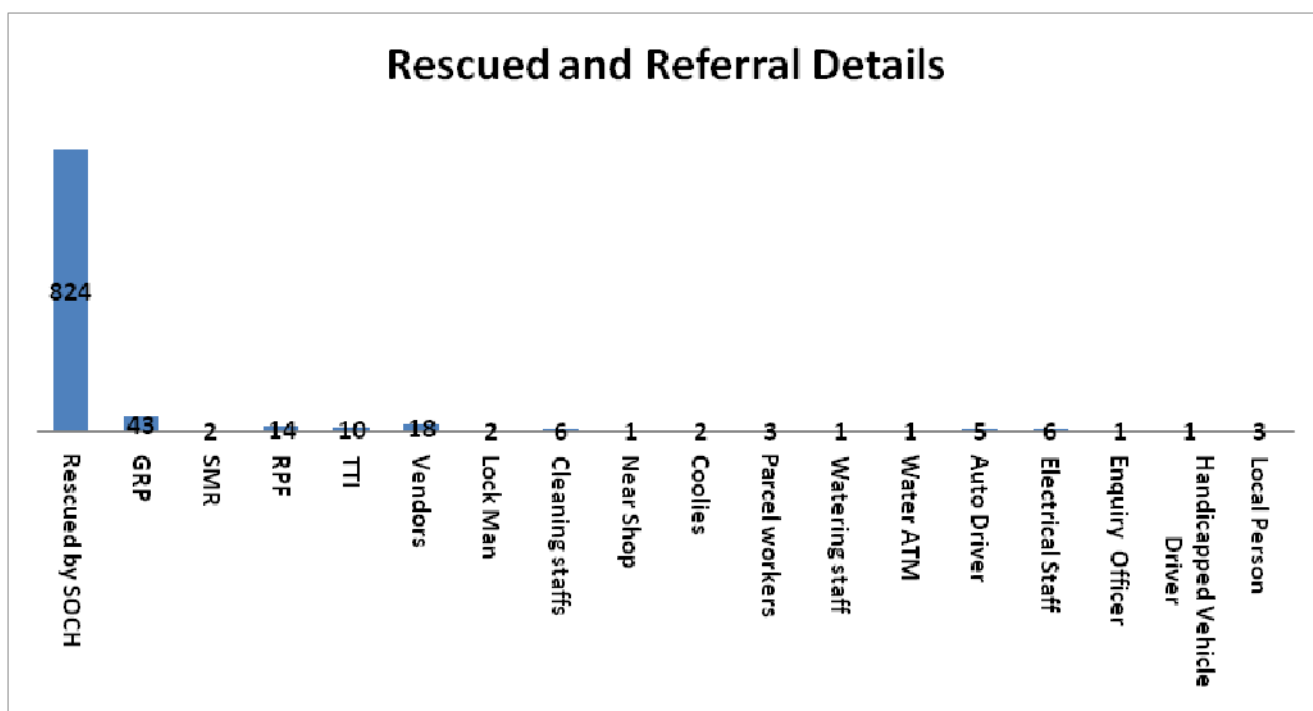
staff persisted with him and finally some information could be retrieved that Gulu's father was an Auto Driver who was constantly under the influence of alcohol. And unable to bring up the kid in absence of mother his father had abandoned him. He had to be constant kept engaged through some means (by showing cartoon movies on mobile) or other as he didn't stop searching for his father and crying.

Gulu was then produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) post station formalities with the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Govt. Railway Police (GRP) and some cloth and food support. The CWC decided to send Gulu to Open shelter for his further care and protection. This was a secondary solution. The best solution could have been if Gulu's father would have realized his mistake and received him and taken care of him as there is no substitute for Parental Love.

**Details of Children Helped**

	Contacted by SOCH	Helped			Referral from stakeholders																Total Children Helped by
		Helped (Under CNCP)	Helped ( Not Under)	GRP	SMR	RPF	TTI	Vendors	Lock Man	Cleaning staffs	Near Shop	Coolies	Parcel workers	Watering staff	Water ATM	Auto Driver	Electrical Staff	Enquiry Officer	Handicapped Vehicle Driver	Local Person	
Bhubanes	461	307	9	2	0	1	5	8	0	4	0	1	3	1	1	0	6	0	1	0	349
Berhampur	451	273	14	39	1	6	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	340
Puri	341	215	1	1	1	7	5	7	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	248
Cuttack	05	05	00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	06
<b>Total</b>	<b>1258</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>943</b>

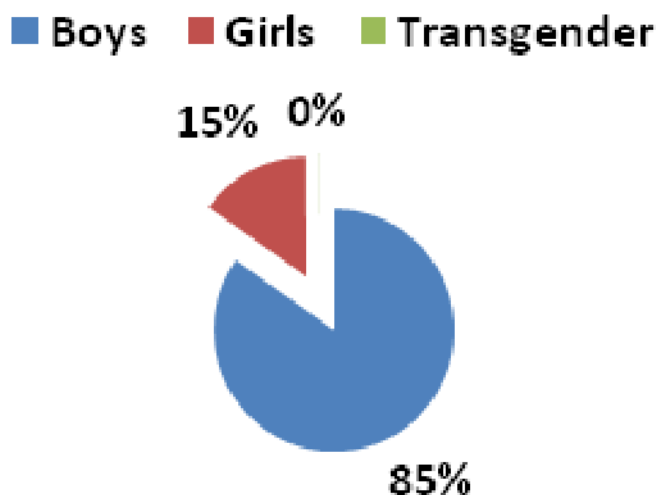
**Rescued and Referral Details**



**Gender-Wise Rescue Distribution of Children Rescued**

Gender	Bhubaneswar	Berhampur	Puri	Cuttack	Total
Boys	303	282	210	05	800
Girls	46	58	37	01	142
Transgender	00	00	01	00	01
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>943</b>

## Gender Wise Distribution



### Counseling Center Activities

SOCH has been working towards rescuing children from difficult situations. While living at the platform, they are subject to recurrent violence, abuse, and exploitation that can further lead to a life of abandonment and social alienation.

Counseling Centre Activities become essential as not every child opens up on the first go. They need some time and their confidence has to be won to extract facts. It also comes handy when child is rescued in a very precarious condition suffering from starvation and deprivation. Since they are found in unhealthy conditions, they are brought to Counseling Centre, where they are engaged in Indoor games, Music, Entertainment, Drawings, Food and Fast aid before counseling. This helps them relax and ward off all the stress they have been through. Further it builds trust and leads to a friendly relationship between the rescued child and the Counselor. Here the children get a safe and protective environment. Further it builds trust and leads to a friendly relationship between the rescued child and the Counselor.



**NUTRITION:**

children who are helped by the SOCH staff are found to have been starving since days. The counselling center provides them food all throughout their stay at SOCH counseling center.



**CLOTH SUPPORT:**

Children who are found in dirty clothes are provided cloths by the SOCH team



**FIRST AID:**

Due to the harsh life style of the street life, the children are sometimes found injured. SOCH helps such children by providing First Aid to them.



**NON FORMAL EDUCATION:**

In case when children have to stay in the counseling center for more than 6 hours, they are engaged in non-formal education.



**RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Play therapy is used to make the children comfortable in the temporary shelter home through the use of indoor games like puzzles, carom, painting etc.

**Counseling**

Every age has its own challenges but Childhood is not as an easy, carefree time. Children do have their own share of problems. The transitional events like separation of parents, violence among parents, alcohol-use, barriers to education, and the financial restraints in the family can lead to emotional trauma among children. Under such circumstances, children are more likely to need special attention and help. Families play a big role in providing this support system. In case the children need more help, counseling by a professional counselor becomes important.

SOCH understands the vitality of counseling for children and thus, provides counseling to rescue children by professional and experienced counselor. Starting from the initial day of contact, counselors in SOCH help the children to get in touch with their feelings and help in minimizing their anxiety about

being lost/ or of a bleak future. They are made aware of their life space so as to build a meaningful future through self-determination of meaningful and realistic goals. Since the children might have eloped and feel that their family members might not accept them back, many times, they keep their family details a secret. The counselors provide a non-judgmental environment to provide for an amicable resolution of such thought processes. Moreover, children who display various behavioural or adjustment issues, these counselors work towards building of constructive behaviour among such children. The primary counseling starts with the first point of contact to a child in station, where rapport and trust building is done to encourage the child to have faith on the SOCH staff. After coming to the shelter, necessary counseling is done in accordance to the child's needs.

**CASE STUDY – FAMILY DISCORD AND UNREQUITED LOVE LEAVES TEENAGE GIRL PERPLEXED AT STATION**

<b>NAME:</b> Khusbu Sahoo (name changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 09 <sup>th</sup> November 2017; 10:00am
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 16 Years old Girl	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 3 elder Brothers
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Standard	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-TATA Nagar, Jharkhand
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b> Father a Labourer & Mother is a Home Maker	



Khusbu's aspirations got wings when she met a boy from the neighborhood of her mother's home in Bhubaneswar. She dreams of marrying the boy and starting a family with him. But fate willed otherwise. She was left stranded at Bhubaneswar railway station waiting for the boys who never turned up. This is when she was identified by the SOCH volunteer on 9th November 2017 while she was wandering alone on platform no-1. She had been away from home since last three days without anyone's knowledge. But her first reply to the Volunteer inquiry about why she was alone was, she has come to meet her step father. The reply wasn't convincing enough to be accepted. So she was forwarded for the station formalities with the RPF & GRP.

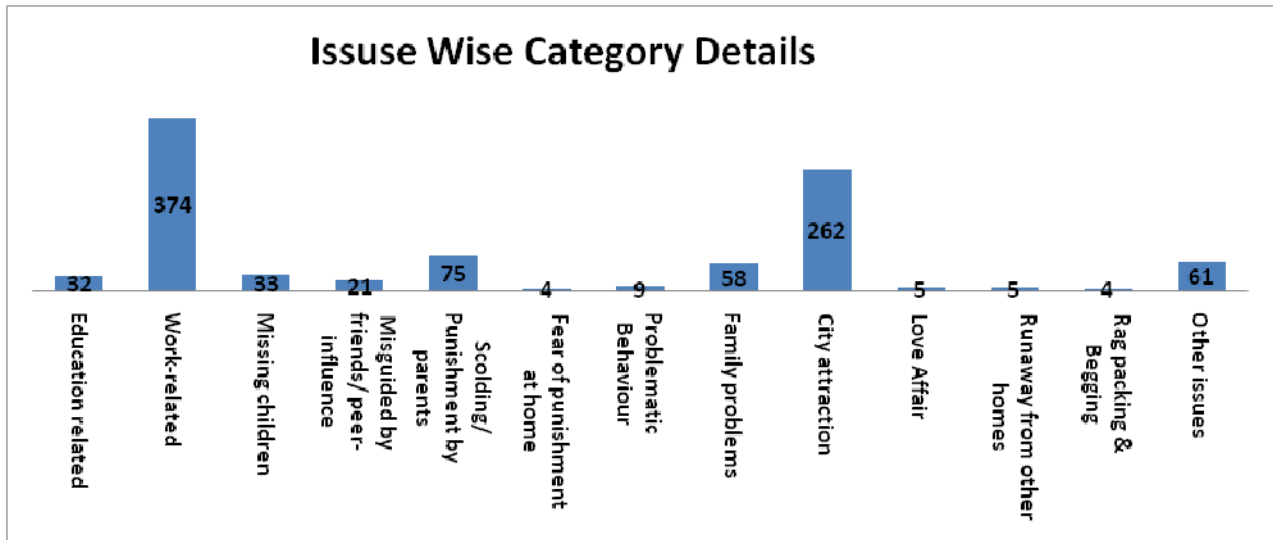
After few minutes of break she was counseled again and then she revealed the real story. Her mother was separated and had remarried but Khusbu along with her brothers was staying with her biological father. She used to often visit her mother in Bhubaneswar which was not very appreciated by her step father. Gradually she had started falling for a boy staying in her mother's neighbourhood. Her love for the boy had intensified and she had come to meet the boy on this occasion without informing anyone at her home. But as bad luck would have it, the boy ditched her and she stood clueless about what to do next as neither she had neither money nor the contact no. of her parents.

Luckily she came to SOCH Volunteer's notice. She was then educated about the perils of travelling alone to unknown places and blindly believing to anyone's words. She realized her mistakes and promised not to repeat it in future. She was then referred to child line through GRP for further care and protection on the same day i.e. 9th November 2017. And from there by the help of local police her address was traced. Finally on 11th November 2017, her father went to child line and Khusbu was happily reunited with her father with the knowledge of Child Welfare Committee. Her father was expressed his heartily gratitude towards the SOCH staff for the help.

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The various issues that lead to disconnect of the child from the family can be:

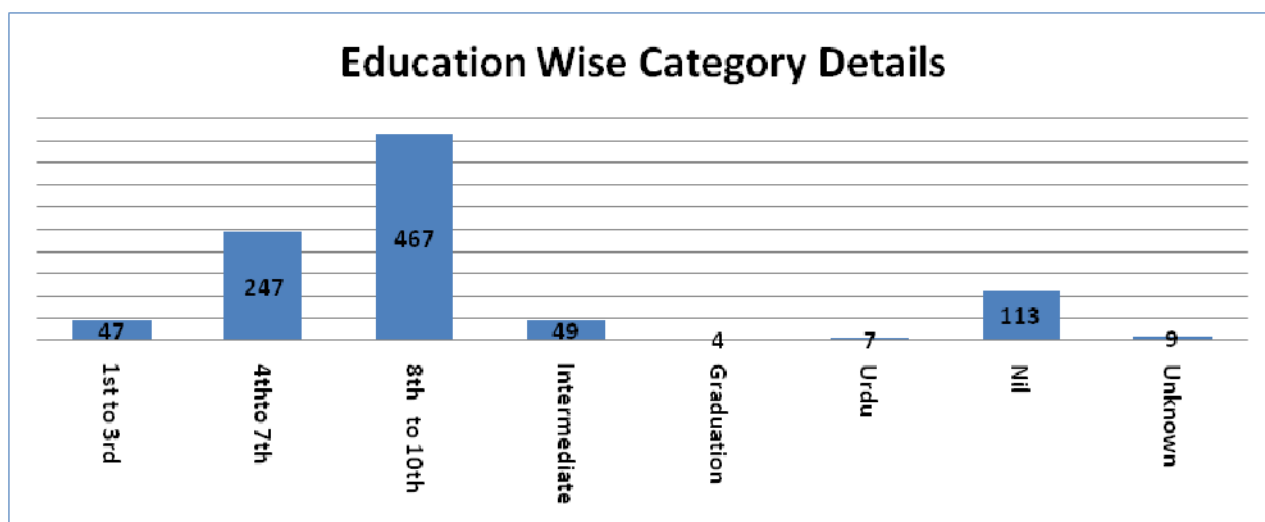
Issues of Reunited Children	Bhubaneswar	Cuttack	Berhampur	Puri	Total
	16	00	05	11	32
	105	04	234	31	374
	09	00	06	18	33
	13	00	06	02	21
	41	00	00	34	75
	02	00	01	01	04
	06	00	00	03	09
	35	01	15	07	58
	90	00	66	106	262
Love Affair	00	00	00	05	05
Runaway from other homes	05	00	00	00	05
Rag packing & Begging	04	00	00	00	04
	23	01	07	30	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>943</b>



### Education wise category Details:

Clusters	1st to 3rd	4th to 7th	8th to 10th	Intermediate	Graduation	Urdu	Nil	Unknown	Total
Bhubaneswar	17	100	164	15	00	01	52	00	349
Berhampur	11	70	201	23	04	00	23	08	340
Puri	18	77	99	11	00	06	37	00	248
Cuttack	01	00	03	00	00	00	01	01	06
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>943</b>





**CASE STUDY – OUT OF THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE, ASHIT DECIDES TO WORK**

<b>NAME:</b> Ashit Kumar Padhi (name changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018; 05:00pm
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 14 Years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 1 Elder Brother
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Standard	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-Ganjam, Odisha
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b> Father is a Welding Worker & Mother Worker at Sweet Factory	

Alcohol! Alcohol! Alcohol! How often and for how long will this liquid bring liquid into the eyes? When Ashit was approached and inquired about his whereabouts by the SOCH staff at Berhampur railway station he very smartly answered that he is locality and was travelling to Mumbai for visiting purpose. But we cannot allow any child to travel alone without a proper verification and ensuring his/her safety. Hence he was brought to the child assistances centre to know the real reason of his travelling alone. Here he was very comfortable and confident while sharing his name and family detail.

His father has two wives and Ashit was the Son of his first wife. Again his father was alcoholic and his step mother was bad tempered. His father under the influence of alcohol and some instigation of the step mother, used to beat both of them (Ashit and his mother). It had become a daily farce so much so that 8 months before his father set Ashit’s books ablaze and chased them out of home (both Ashit and his mother).

Nowhere to go, both of them took shelter at his maternal uncles place. But the situation was no better here as his uncle was also alcoholic. His uncle also used to fight with his grandmother in a drunken state. Similarly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 his uncle started shouting out side home in drunken state. This forced everyone not to open the door to him for which his uncle became furious and shouted loudly at everyone and asked Ashit to leave the home. Sensing no respite his mother handed Ashit some money and asked him to go to Mumbai to his uncle’s elder son place and look for a work



there. Ashit left his uncle's home immediately. He then goes to the theatre to watch movie and then came to the station to go to Mumbai alone, And this is when he was spotted by SOCH staff.

After hearing to all these SOCH Social Worker cum Counsellor enlightened him about the hazards of travelling alone and then proceeded for station formalities with the RPF and GRP. He was then produced before the CWC on the next day i.e. 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018. CWC ordered a short term placement at the Open Shelter for his further care and protection. He was then reunited with his mother on 26th February 2018.

### **Address Tracing**

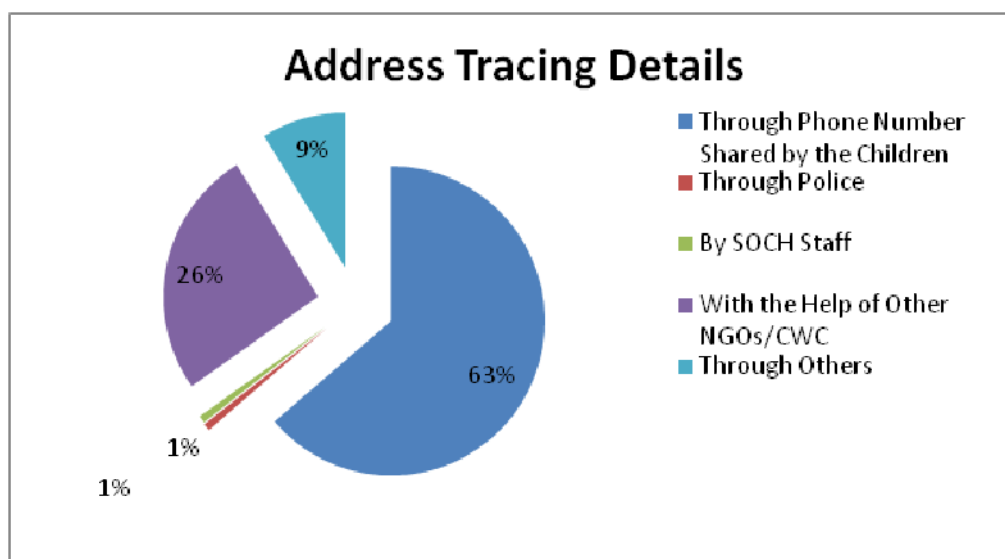
First priority of project Rakshyak being family reunion, address tracing become the key activity. If during the process of counseling, the address details of parents couldn't be found, the children are kept in the temporary shelter by the SOCH staff for counselling purpose and are handed over to the nearby NGO and produced before the CWC (Child Welfare Committee) and CHILDLINE.

At times the address tracing is undertaken with the help of Stakeholders like the local police, Railway Protection Force (RPF), and local NGOs. Their help, along with tracing of address with the help of internet in accordance with the landmarks shared by the children during conversations is one of the major works undertaken by the SOCH team to reunite the child with their family.

The authentication of the address details as given by the child might take days and sometimes months. During this period the child needs to be counseled regularly so as to get more details about their address, and to protect them from further emotional distress while in the shelter home or in NGO's. Since it is unfair to expect the child to give accurate address, each input during the counseling process- phone numbers, house number, temples, nearby hospitals are taken note of. Sometimes, when the children can't verbally express the landmarks, they are encouraged to draw landmarks or maps so that the SOCH team can get a superficial understanding of their home address at the least. In case, the family members can't be contacted through any means, a physical visit by SOCH staff along with the child is undertaken to the identified localities of the child so as to aid in restoring the child's well-being by reuniting him/ her with the family.

### **Details of Address Tracing**

Cluster	Through Phone Number Shared by the Children	Through Police	By SOCH Staff	With the Help of Other NGOs/CWC	Through Others	Total
Bhubaneswar	82	02	00	93	06	183
Berhampur	245	03	05	39	23	315
Puri	92	00	00	34	29	155
Cuttack	00	00	00	05	00	05
Total	419	05	05	171	58	658



**Child Resettlement**

No child should ever be forced to live alone and at risk on a Railway Station. Hence family reunion becomes the top priority for which sincere efforts are made and proper care is taken to trace the family address of the children. It is supported by parent counseling. In case, reunion is not possible, these children are resettled in the Institutional Care via CWC.

**Family Reunion**

Children have a right to lead a happy and safe life. Home restoration is the best way for ensuring safety for runaway children. We, at SOCH, believe in reintegration of the children into their family as soon as possible. Given the context of India, where familial bonds are the threads which regulate a child's sense of belongingness. This sense of belongingness is an integral part of the child's sense of identity. Therefore, family reunion are the times of rejoice. They are the times when the efforts of SOCH seem to be successful. Counseling the children about their future dreams and how they are going to establish their future course with their families are of necessity before they are reunited with the family. This helps in collaboratively setting down future goals with the child and minimizes the risk of the child attempting another run-away from home and all these activities are processed by CWC.

**Referral to Other Institutions**

Every home is not safe. Not every child will be happy in his/ her home. More than driven by the aspect of reuniting the child with their family, SOCH is driven by the spirit of restoring happiness of the child and ensuring the child's safety. There are few stories that don't have a happy ending after being reunited with the families. There are certain situations wherein it becomes impossible or is unfair in the part of the child to reunite them with their families.

Homes where the child is exposed to regular emotional trauma through abuse, violence or separation of parents; or is forced into child labour due to the financial condition of the parents; the children are referred to different Government Sponsored Shelter Homes and Child Care Institutions. These institutions provide them shelter, education and professional counseling during times of distress.

Since SOCH runs by the policy of 'CHILD COMES FIRST', the decision of going back to the home rests on the child. The goal of reuniting with the family or being handed over to any institution is set up during the process of counseling by the CWC members or the organizations. It is set up by the professional counselors of these organizations in collaboration with the child.

### CASE STUDY – BEGGING IS NOT ALWAYS A PROFESSION BUT A COMPULSION

<b>NAME:</b> Bilasini Satapathy, Abanti Satapathy, Nirupama Satapathy (All names changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 16th December 2017; 12:15pm
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 5 Years, 7 Years, 4 Years respectively (All Girls)	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 2 Sisters each
<b>EDUCATION:</b> NA	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-Khordha, Odisha
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b> Father not known & Mother Begging	

“Begging is one of the most serious and burgeoning social issues in India. Odisha is one of poverty-driven state, which is also leading to the growth of beggars in the state in spite of several efforts made on socio & economic growth”.

It is a very common site for the commuters to see small children, half naked, in untidy condition, singing, dancing, acrobat and asking for money. Similar was the scene at Berhampur railway station when 3 small kids under a bonded life, wearing half naked dirty clothes were screaming, raising their little hands before strangers to fill empty stomach. But passenger turned their backs by saying. SOCH Outreach team reached to those children. More than our money, these little beggars expect compassion towards their tragic lives so that they could be rescued from this vicious circle of poverty and pain. The team spoke to them, they directed towards their mother, who was carrying a tiny baby boy. Mother blames it all on her husband, who she alleges of torturing and forcing out of home, due to his illicit affair with another lady.



A beggar’s life is far more tragic than we can imagine. A further inquiry into their life discloses about her mental disorder and paralyzed left hand. She is a localite in Berhampur. Before making the station their abode they resided on the footpath near the New Bus stand of Berhampur. The SOCH team then informs the Railway authorities; SMR, RPF and GRPF studied the case. It was a very kind gesture on behalf of the Station Manager (SMR.), Mr. Manoj Kumar Lakra, to have helped in institutionalizing the mother and the youngest son at Marry Marcy home on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017. And the 3 girl children were referred by RPF to CWC who in turn ordered a short term placement at SOCH temporary shelter on the same day. Those 3 children were taken care by our lady staff, provided sheltering, nutrition, cloth and involved them in various games and entertainment like watching movie. Children acknowledge beneficiary and became closed with team members. A couple of days later CWC restored the girls at Dhorakote CCI. All’s well that ends well.

**CASE STUDY – CHILD RISKS LIFE AND TRAVELS ALONE TO MEET WORKING MOTHER**

<b>NAME:</b> Rahul (name changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017; 10:30am
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 14 Years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 3 elder Sisters and 1 elder Brother
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Standard	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-Kalahandi, Odisha
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b> Father is a Contractor in Kalahandi and Mother works for a Private firm in Cuttack	

This seems to have become very common these days with working parents. We all must have come across numerous such cases, but we will keep on sharing every single such story with a hope, till it instills a work-life balance among the working parents.

Rahul was rescued by SOCH Outreaching staff from Platform No. 1 of Bhubaneswar Railway station. Being the youngest Son of a middle class family, Rahul was pampered so he became nervous when contacted by SOCH staff. It wasn't difficult for the SOCH Staff to win his confidence and motivate him to come along to complete the formalities at the GRPS. After the formalities and an brief interval Rahul opened up during the counselling session. He came back to home during his vacation to find all family members but his mother. He inquires about her whereabouts with his father who assures she is tied up with her professional responsibilities. But Rahul was beyond consolation and decides to see his mother. As planned he then leaves home without anyone's knowledge for Cuttack and without any knowledge of his Mother's contact address.

Though he possessed a Mobile but the battery was drained out. He reached Bhubaneswar and was wondering confused and nervous which is when he was rescued. As deemed responsible he was educated about the dangerous repercussion of such act by the Counsellor which he realizes and vows not to repeat it in future.

He shares his parents contact details following which his parents were informed about the safety of their son. He was then forwarded to Childline for further care and protection.

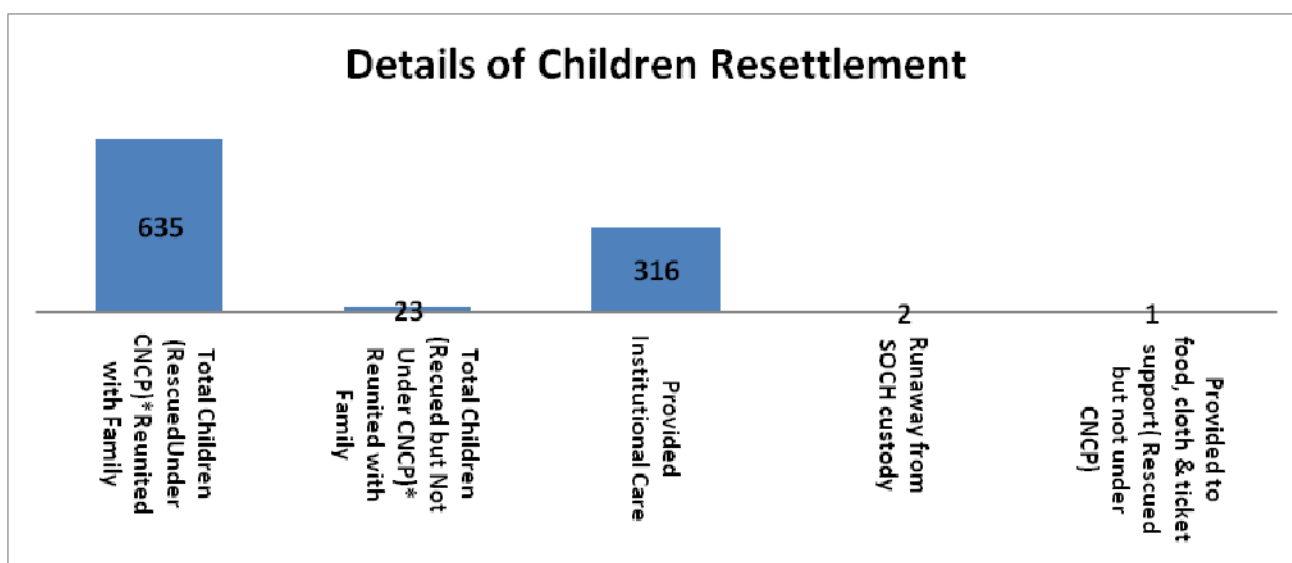
On 25th April 2017, finally Rahul Nayak was happily reunited with his Mother with the knowledge of Child Welfare Committee. His Mother expressed her heartily gratitude towards the SOCH for good work and support.



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Cluster	Beginning of the year	Total Children Rescued	Total Children (Rescued Under CNCP)* Reunited with Family	Total Children (Rescued but Not Under CNCP)* Reunited with Family	Provided Institutional Care	Runaway from SOCH custody	Provided to food, cloth & ticket support( Rescued but not under CNCP)
Bhubaneswar	15	349	174	09	181	00	00
Berhampur	10	340	301	14	33	02	00
Puri	09	248	155	00	101	00	01
Cuttack	00	06	05	00	01	00	00
	34	943	635	23	316	02	01

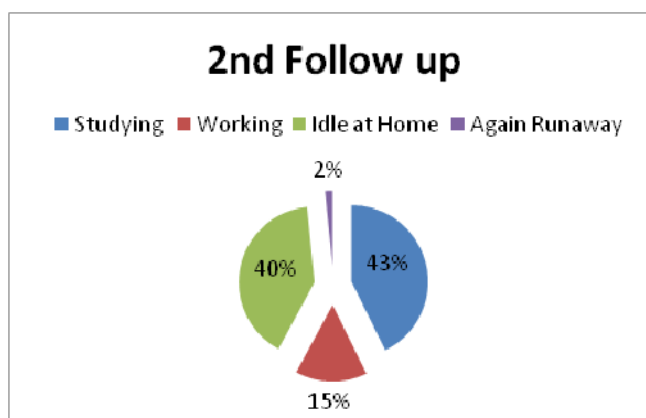
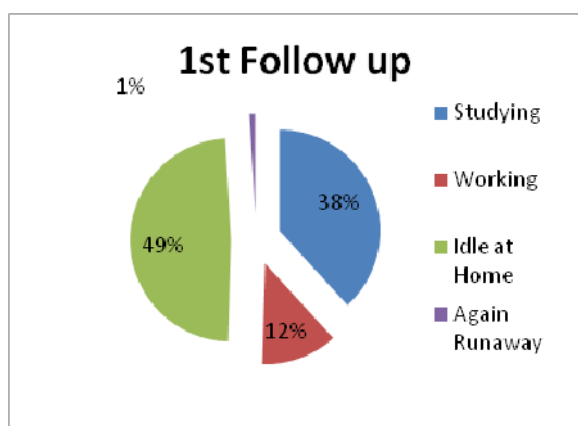
\***CNCP:** Child in Need of Care & Protection under JJ Act.



### Follow up Support

The rescued children are a part of SOCH family. Our relationship with them doesn't end with their reunion with family or settlement of the child with institutions. A *telephonic follow up* is done after one-month and then a subsequent follow-up after three months of reuniting the child with the family is taken. In some cases, a *physical follow-up* visit is done to establish the reliability of the telephonic follow up information. The below telephonic follow up details is from January 2017 to December 2017.

Cluster	Studying		Working		Idle at Home		Again Runaway	
	1st Follow up	2nd Follow up	1st Follow up	2nd Follow up	1st Follow up	2nd Follow up	1st Follow up	2nd Follow up
Bhubaneswar	33	36	5	6	29	21	0	1
Berhampur	46	53	30	40	125	99	3	3
Puri	49	46	6	2	9	8	0	1
Total	128	135	41	48	163	128	3	5
Total (%)	38%	43%	12%	15%	49%	40%	1%	2%



### **Home Visit**

Resettlement and telephonic follow up are not sufficient for the children to support them and their family. Sometimes SOCH team makes home visit to the resettled children to verify their recent physical status. This process provides them physical and moral support to grow. SOCH also provides some financial and material support to the children. Study material dress and monetary support are provided to create excitement within the children to focus on study and have a bright future. SOCH team also provides counselling to the children and parents for better living and for bright future of the children.

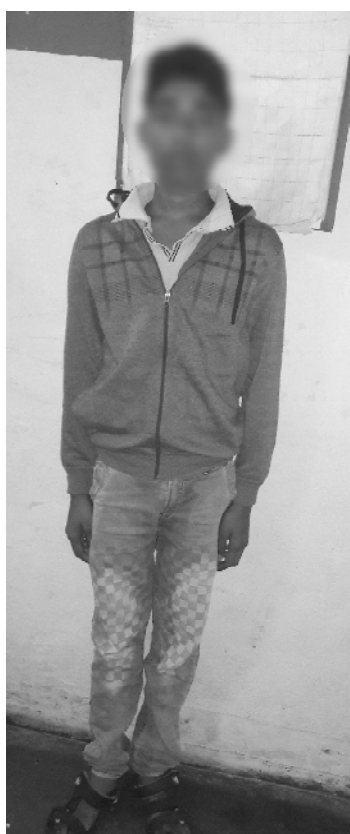
Every month SOCH conducts minimum 2 home visit programmes. In this year 2017-18 SOCH has conducted 43 home visit programmes in all clusters Cluster.



## CASE STORIES

### CASE STUDY- DISTURBED OVER FALSE ALLEGATION CHILD DECIDES TO LEAVE HOME FOR WORK

<b>Name:</b> Bulu Behera (changed)	<b>Date &amp; Time of Contact:</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2017; 01:00 Noon
<b>Age &amp; Gender:</b> 15 Years old Boy	<b>Siblings:</b> 1 Younger Brother
<b>Education:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Standard	<b>Address:</b> Dist.-Nayagarh, Odisha
<b>Parental Status:</b> Father is a Mason & Mother is a Housewife	



Bulu was spotted wandering alone on platform no-3 of Bhubaneswar Railway Station by the SOCH outreach worker. During the initial interaction he reveals that he came to Bhubaneswar in search of work as he was being regularly beaten by his father. But this was just a part of the story. After being assured of help the child agreed to come with the staff for completing the platform formalities at the GRPS. The child was allowed some time and space to relax after being given some food.

Now when the child gained confidence in the rescue team and was prepared to talk, the counseling session commenced. He shares that he belonged to a poor family where his father is a mason and his mother is a housewife. He is the elder son of his parents and has one younger brother. But his father is a drunkard person, and some time he scolds and beats to Bulu for small reasons. He also said that in spite of their poor financial condition, he and his mother saved Rs-6000/- in their bank account but his father has withdrawn that amount without the knowledge of his mother and spent that money in drinking alcohol. For this also his father, blamed to Bulu and thrashed him. As a result Bulu lost temper and left his home for working purpose without concerning anyone in the family. While he landed at Bhubaneswar Railway Station in search of work, he was contacted and rescued by the SOCH.

After listening to him, the staff has made him understood about ill impact of platform life and importance of education as well as family in his life.

Then Bulu realized his mistakes and promised not to repeat such mistake again. Then he shared his father's contact number. Through that number his family members were informed about his safety. From here the child was referred to Childline through GRP for further care and protection on the same day i.e. **17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**.

On **30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**, his father came to Child line and Bulu was happily reunited with his father with the knowledge of Child Welfare Committee. His father expressed his heartily gratitude towards the SOCH for such good work and support.

During 1<sup>st</sup> follow up on **12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**, his father told that the child is continuing his study properly.

On **15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**, as per promise SOCH staff reached at his home on a surprise visit to see the child's present status. As per the observation and after the interaction with the child and his father and mother, the staff got to know that, now the child is interested to continue his study but in this year as he had wasted lots of time. So, he will join in school in next year and now he is continuing his study at



home only. He also promised to obey all the instruction will given by his parents. The staff gave some study materials to the child to encourage him towards. The staff also had a counseling session with his parents, especially with his father and requested hi to quit alcohol for the sake of a better family life and future of the children. He assured he will definitely try to. All's well that ends well.

**CASE STUDY – CHILD SEE PEACE IN WORK THAN STAYING WITH FAMILY**

<b>NAME:</b> Babula Mallick (name changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017; 10:00am
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 15 Years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 2 younger Brothers
<b>EDUCATION:</b> Drop out	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.- Ganjam, Odisha
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b> Father is a Wood Cutter & Mother is a Home Maker	



Very few children find themselves lucky to be loved by a lady whom they call mother but who is not their biological mother. Babula was no exception. He also belonged to the ill-fated group.

Babula was found standing in a group on the platform 01 at Berhampur railway station. He was standing out among the group members and this attracted the notice of the SOCH Outreach worker. The outreach worker went to him and initiated a talk with the child in a very friendly manner to know more about the child. Babula claimed to be an orphan, and there was nobody to take care of him, for which he was going to Mumbai to find a work for his survival. The SOCH staff tried to educate him about ill consequences of child labour and convinced him to come to the Counseling Centre for further care and protection after completing the station formalities.

Customary to regular practice the Counseling Centre activities involve helping Bahbula with nutrition inddor game, NFE sessions and entertainment by showing movies. This helped in wining Babula’s confidence and he became friendly with the team. Now Babula was ready for counseling.

During counseling he shared his family background and stated that, he was going to Mumbai for the first time along with the relatives for working purpose, because he had no interest in study and he was beaten by his mother. His biological mother had passed away 10 years ago and now he was staying

with his step mother. In the beginning his step mother used to like him and take proper care of him, but since she had her own baby she started disliking him; even to the extent that she stopped his schooling and forced him into domestic chores. His father is alcoholic and is not at all concerned about the Babula. These all stressed Babula and he would constantly look for ways to leave home and lead a peaceful life.

On 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017 he left home and reached the station to move to Mumbai and find some work along with his fellow villagers. After knowing all these, parents were contacted through the contact details provided by the child. His parents were rather happy to get the news of his safety. While they came to receive the child, they were also counseled by the team as to they should support the child and leave all bad habits. His step mother also agreed to restart Babula’s education and both of them promised to change themselves for betterment of the child. Babula was reunited with his parents on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017 with the knowledge of CWC, Ganjam.

**CASE STUDY – 14 YEARS OLD TEEN RUNAWAY TO LEARN DANCE FROM BOLLYWOOD STAR “TIGER SHROFF”**

<b>NAME:</b> Alok Ku. Swain (changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2017; 01:30pm
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 14 Years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 3Elder Sisters
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Standard	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-Ganjam, Odisha
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b> Father is a Labour & Mother is a Farmer	

Our current story is about a boy who was smart enough to flee from Ganjam to Bhubaneswar for visiting to Mumbai without the concern of his parents. He was fortunate enough to be spotted by our staff at Bhubaneswar railway station. Otherwise the consequences could have been grave if he would have fallen in to any evil traps.

Alok was spotted wandering alone on platform no-6 of Bhubaneswar Railway Station by the SOCH outreach worker. During the initial interaction he reveals that he was on his way to Mumbai to meet with his Uncle. But this statement was totally false. After being assured of help the child agreed to come with the staff for completing the platform formalities at the RPF. The child was allowed some time and space to relax after being given some food.

Now when the Alok gained confidence in the rescue team and was prepared to talk, then counseling session started. Alok told us the real story that he belongs to a very poor family where his father is a labourer and his mother is a farmer. He has three elder sisters. His father, despite their poor economic conditions, always aspires to see his sons educated and capable enough to stand at their own feet. His father aware of the shortcomings of being uneducated always wanted to see his sons to be educated. In the other side Alok has no interest in study rather he has interest in dancing and for that he has always told to his mother to go to Mumbai and there he will join in the dance group of a Bollywood actor named as Tiger Shroff. But always his mother had denied for that and told to him for concentrating in the study. One day Alok was decided to run away from home for visiting to Mumbai to join in the dancing class but he has not any single idea about Mumbai. And all the things were happened without the concern of his family members. With this confusion he was wandering alone at Bhubaneswar railway station and meanwhile he was rescued by SOCH staff.

After listening everything from the child, the staff tried to make him educate about the negative Impact of platform life as well as value of education and importance of parents in his life. Also give some idea and the consequences of an alone child in the outside state He was realized his mistakes and promised that not will repeat such mistake again in life. But he was unable to remind his parents contact number.

By looking forward the situation, the staff referred the child to child line through RPF for further care and protection on the same day i.e. 6th October 2017.

On 13th October 2017, his mother went to child line and Alok was happily reunited with his mother with the knowledge of Child Welfare Committee. His mother was expressed her heartily gratitude towards the SOCH staff for such good work and support. During 1st follow up on 26th September 2017, his father told that the child is continuing his study properly.

## CASE STUDY – COMPULSIONS AND FAMILY OBLIGATIONS PUSHES SCHOOL DROPOUT TEENAGE GIRL INTO CHILD LABOUR

<b>NAME:</b> Lisa Naik (changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018; 12:30pm
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 16 Years old Girl	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 3 Sisters
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Standard	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-Ganjam, Odisha
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b> Both Father & Mother are Farmers	



Human beings are servant of time and situation. Sometimes in some situation human has to skip their dream for their family and relatives. And sometimes the role and responsibilities forces human being, to work beyond their limit. Even some small children are forced to work for the survival of their family. Within this period the teen-age child forgets her ambition and her happiness.

Hailing from a poor farmer family background, Lisa Naik (Name changed) is 16 years old and is the second daughter among her 4 siblings. Domestic needs and other compulsions forced her to drop out of school after class 8th and take a job in Kerala. She would often miss her schooldays and family times but they needed to be buried under the load of family responsibilities. The only motivation lied in the fact that her sacrifices have given a chance to her sibling to study.

Though she had a job at hand but her young age barred her from getting the right remuneration. This dissatisfaction accounted her to leave the job and come back home from Kerala after 5 months.

Back home the financial situation depleted due to her joblessness. This is when she came in contact with a lady who promised young girls jobs again in Kerala with remuneration of Rs 7000/- per month. Lisa's restlessness and anxiety was creeping up as she was witnessing few girls preparing. This influenced her thoughts and she finally accompanied the group. But to the good fortune of all the youths travelling the journey was cut short at the Berhampur Railway Station with the intervention of SOCH Social Workers. During the initial round of interaction, the lady who had influenced all to engage her in Kerala, managed to escape and other girls returned back to their village.

After the rescue formalities with the Govt. Railway Police (GRP), Lisa was supported with some food and time to relax after which she shared her story of compulsion and financial need. Then she was produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), who then forwarded her to Utkal Bala Ashram for further care and protection on the 09th March, 2018 from where she was reunited with her family on 12th March, 2018.

### CASE STUDY – A HEART TOUCHING STORY OF DIBAKARA SAHA 13 YEARS OLD MATURED BOY

<b>NAME:</b> Dibakar Saha (changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018; 11:15am
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER:</b> 13 Years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b>
<b>EDUCATION:</b> ___Standard	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-, Odisha
<b>PARENTAL OCCUPATION:</b>	



As per the still persisting norms of the Indian society, Father gives identity to their sons and daughters. Mother's selfless love, care, and affection make a human body as a social, rational animal with conscience. But if, father snatches the identity of his own son and mother become selfish for her happy and comfortable life, the childhood of the children becomes a day dream, which never come into reality.

It was 6th February 2018 11:15 AM, SOCH Bhubaneswar, Dibakara Saha (name changed) a 13 years old boy came in contact of SOCH Outreaching staff at Platform No.1 of Bhubaneswar Railway station. The child had no baggage or food or money with him. He used to live a Platform life along with the orphan gang at Howrah Platform. Once while returning with his peer group of children from Chennai to Kolkata, he is separated. This is when he was rescued by SOCH. Though SOCH Staff told him about the bad impact of Platform life and trafficking of children the child shows such confidence about his living style that puts the staff in awe. But this confidence was being fuelled by some painful past as narrated by Dibakar; the child forced to live like an orphan.

When Dibakar was 9 years old his father left his mother and his two sons and married another woman. When he was 11 years old his Mother did the same thing as his father and married for the second time and asked Dibakar to go to his father's house, as she thought him as a possible black ship in her new happy family. But his father also denied taking care of his him. This is how Dibakar was left on his own at a very tender age. He decided to survive alone in this world. While struggling for food at various places of Kolkata, He came in contact with the street connected group at Howrah Station, who provided him food and living place. Gradually he made himself comfortable with the situation and started fighting for survival. Before 3 months his peer group left Howrah for working in a hotel at Chennai. While returning from Chennai, he got down at Bhubaneswar. And this is how he got separated from his mates.

He requested SOCH staff either to drop him at Howrah or to provide him a ticket from BBSR to Howrah. SOCH staffs assured him to send him to his house. But this enraged him. And just to divert his mind when he was asked about his dress, his answer was a shocker. He told "He wears the same dress as long as it lasts. And after this he begs dress from nearest house. When being provided with a packet of bread, Dibakar put it in his pocket after eating only 2 pieces, though he was hungry from last night. His reason was that he will have to manage next day with this.

The staffs marked the tears in the cute eyes of the Child while he was narrating about his parents. They marked anger while they suggested him to get back to his parents as if he holds both the parents could be hold equally responsible for his misery.

He shoots back array of question in reply to why is he not willing to go back to his parents? "Whom should I go back to; to my father or my mother? What if they will not accept me? What shall I do?"

After listening everything from the child, one question strikes to SOCH staff that the story seems like a script of any Bollywood movie and the child may be framing it. So, they asked in humour, "Do you watch movies?" The child answered "what is this?" When they again asked, "Have you watched TV?" He answered "Yes, Sometimes at platform". Dibakar has been referred to Childline with the help of GRP for future care and protection.

**CASE STUDY – DELUDED BY APPREHENSION AND FEAR SANJUKTA TAKES A WRONG TURN**

<b>NAME:</b> Sanjukta Nath (Name Changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
<b>AGE/GENDER:</b> 16 years old Girl	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 04
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 7th Class	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.-Balangir, Odisha
<b>PATRENTAL STATUS:</b> Father is a Farmer & Mother is Daily Labour	



Anything done at the right age and the right time bears the right fruits. In the haste of experiencing and experimenting or under peer influence the teenagers at times jump the limits and commit grave errors. Very often we come across the teenage love stories where the lovebirds have eloped fearing resistance to the fulfillment of their reverie. The wonderful feeling of teenage love knows no boundary and crosses all limits. Here is when the parents and guardians need to be attentive of their progeny and help them to decide between the right and wrong or good and bad.

Native of Balangir district and being migrant daily labour, Sanjukta's parent travelled places for work. Their current location of work was Hinjilikatu. They travel in groups and their proximity to the other members of the group brought Sanjukta and one of her neighbour close. This closeness with the passage of time translated to love and much more. In the mean while the affair comes to the knowledge of both the families and gets a strong disapproval from

both sides.

Apparently Sanjukta's lover had to return to Balangir in search of more work and this is when Sanjukta was apprehending pregnancy. Curious about her future and with all the restrictions imposed, Sanjukta decides to flee the home and go to her lover in Balangir. On her way, she halted at Behrampur station and was waiting for the train to Balangir when the GRP notices her sitting alone at Platform No. – 01. As a good practice, GRP inquires the whereabouts of all girls found alone on the railway platforms. Not convinced with her answers, GRP informed SOCH about the girl. And in spite of being a Sunday (off day for field staffs) the SOCH team responds and sets-off to the railway station.

After some light conversation SOCH staff begins the counseling session where Sanjukta was honest enough to open up and postulate the fact at one go. She feared that she might be pregnant at that point of time and fearing the ill consequences she thought of meeting and informing her lover. She also sufficed her parent details and contact nos. following which her parents were informed about her safety who had been looking for her all around.

Simultaneously Sanjukta was enlightened about the love and affection of her parents for her who have been searching so desperately for her. She was educated on how to build a friendly relationship with them and share everything with them as parents always think the good for their children. Then she was forwarded to Utkal Balashram where she was reunited with her parents

**Follow-Up Status:** The monthly follow-up status suggests, Sanjukta realized her mistake and her apprehension about being pregnant was a mistake. She is now an obedient girl.

**CASE STUDY – COMPULSION AND SOCIAL EVILS FORCES A 12 YEARS OLD CHILD TO BEG**

<b>NAME:</b> Prabin Kumar Moharana (name changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2017, 11:30am
<b>AGE/GENDER:</b> 12 years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 2 Younger Sisters
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Standard	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist. – Raipur, Chhattisgarh
<b>PATRENTAL STATUS:</b> Father has Honey Business & Mother is Home Maker	

There is a very thin line between Belief and Superstition but a polar difference in the outcome of both. Belief is power whereas Superstition is inability. This is where the comen see an opportunity.

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2017, SOCH Puri:** A 12 years old boys is spotted begging at Platform No. 8 of Puri railway station by SOCH outreach workers at around 11:30 AM. He was not among the regularly seen platform children. He seemed to be a new face. This prompted an initial discussion with the child by the SOCH staff which made the child nervous and he started crying and was inconsolable. He calms down after being assured of help by RPF and few other Stakeholders. He had a Hindi dialect with few belongings that carried a letter in Odia dialect. He shares his roots to Raipur District of Chhattisgarh State. On being asked as why he was here begging, he answered, he wants to support his family; a family where his father has a honey business and mother is a housewife and he has two sisters younger to him.

With few observations and no further questions the child was brought to the SOCH Counseling Center to relax and refresh. It took a while for the child to get into a comfort zone and open up. It was as if he had adopted silence as a self defense mechanism. Engaging him with some indoor activities and casual talks worked. His nerves were at ease now and he shared when, how and what made him take up this work.

It was a year ago when he started begging to meet the ends for his family as his father's income was not sufficient. And it was just a week before from the day that he arrived at Bhubaneswar where he met with a stranger who gave him a letter and advised him to start begging in the villages which he followed obediently. Finally the answer to the initial observation about the Odia letter was achieved. It read that "This child has killed a calf by fastening it with a rope. So please help him get rid of the curse." which according to the child was not true and he stood by his initial statement of supporting his family.



He was then educated about the hazards of begging and importance of education and parents in life and forwarded to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for further care and protection on the same day.

Who was at fault? Is it the child who had his reason for begging later to be exploited by a conman for self benefit or is it his parents who did not bother to stop him when he took such a bold decision with an eye of supporting them or is it the conman who saw an opportunity in the compulsion of the child and exploited him or is it the society that is yet to come out of age old superstitious methodology of compunction?

**CASE STUDY – CHUNU’S RUN AWAY ADVENTURE**

<b>NAME:</b> Chunu Barla (name changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017, 11:30am
<b>AGE/GENDER:</b> 14 years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 2 Younger Brothers
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> standard	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.- Khunti, Jharkhand
<b>PATRENTAL STATUS:</b> Father is wage labourer & Mother is Home Maker	

It’s been several years the SOCH has been religiously of rescuing lost and runaway children from various localities in different districts. Once the counseling is over the child is generally handed over to CWC for further care and proceedings and later reuniting him/her with his/her family. Follow up reports is a regular process where we make sure the child is doing well back home and we do follow up for three to five times for our own satisfaction. The present story is about a boy who has already been rescued by an organization based in Rourkela and again he ran away from home. Here the parent’s role is crucial who has to take the sole responsibility of their kid, because it is not always the fortunes who send organizations like us to rescue or rehabilitate or for that matter to counsel.



14 years old Chunu Barla was noticed by our volunteer when he was at Puri railway station. Through the intervention the staff came to know about his family background that his father is a wage labourer and mother is a house maker. He has two younger brothers and he was well aware about his surroundings and has basic knowledge of places and people around. As a 9<sup>th</sup> standard student he knew his limits and prerogatives well. He looked dirty as if he had not taken a bath for long or had changed his clothes. He was hungry so he was provided with a stomach full meal at the station and indulged in a long conversation with him to know more about him. The child was reluctant at first but after our staff assured him of sure help he started opening up a little. He revealed that he had run away from home seven days back but he was reluctant to share the reason of doing so. Then he was brought to the SOCH counseling session after all the platform formalities with CRPF.

He was super nervous at the first place but our staff knew the trick to make him comfortable. Enough time was given to build up a rapport which gradually made the child reveal his story. He belongs to a lower middle class family who survives on wage labour and has livestock for more earnings and Chunu has the responsibility of rearing the cows and goats the whole day. One day somehow a goat went missing and due to that he was scolded by his father and even beaten up by him. Chunu angrily left home in search of work and landed up at Rourkela. However he was fortunate enough to be rescued by a ChildLine staff of Rourkela who have reunited him with his parents after all the procedures. But, he was again scolded and beaten up as he ran away from home. As a result, this forced him to run away again after some days. During this time he started begging at stations for his daily meals and simultaneously searching for works but not fortunate enough to get one. He was not willing to go back to his parents.

Having listened to this the child was produced in CWC for further care and protection on the same day.

## CASE STUDY – CHUNU’S RUN AWAY ADVENTURE

<b>NAME:</b> S. Raj (name changed)	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF CONTACT:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2017, 11:30am
<b>AGE/GENDER:</b> 15years old Boy	<b>SIBLINGS:</b> 1 sister (elder), 1 brother (younger)
<b>EDUCATION:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> standard (drop out)	<b>ADDRESS:</b> Dist.- Krishna, Andhra Pradesh
<b>PATRENTAL STATUS:</b> Deceased	

15 years old Raj was spotted by our outreaching staff on a warm summer afternoon in platform no 6 of Puri railway station while he was roaming around aimlessly. He looked dirty and unhealthy and confused at the same time when our staff approached him. Our staff failed in extracting any information from him, he was total silent on asking anything. Lastly our staff showed him his id card and informed him about SOCH and the work we do and assured him of sure help then he started talking a bit. He only shared that he belongs to Andhra Pradesh and came to Puri for begging purpose, and did not really bother to share the reason he choose beggary as his earn for living. In the course of our interaction it was felt that he was getting demotivated and for that reason he was not ready to share any of his personal information to us. He was then taken to SOCH shelter home for further counselling after completing all the platform formalities with RPF.

At the counselling center the child was given enough space to open up and for that matter he was first provided with some food and then few indoor games with the inmates to make him more comfortable and relax. Still he was not opening up during counselling so our staff did follow some different techniques which can be termed under secondary counselling session. He finally started sharing his story that he was only 11 when his parents passed away in an accident and he was taken care by his elder sister who was married long before the incident. He had to discontinue his studies due to this incidence and moved to his sister’s house. There he stayed over 4 years and due to many reasons his sister expelled him and suggested him to go out to different city and earn for himself as her sister’s financial condition was not that good. Before the rescue he was already out for seven days in search of work and unable to find a suitable one in his locality. Then he decided to beg and sweep the train coaches for a living. Not satisfies with his earnings he decided to shift to Puri as Puri is famous for Jagannath temple as he had the idea that there he can find a suitable job for himself. Therefore, he had landed in Puri in search of work. He also told that he is not willing to go back to his sister’s place and want to stay here in Puri and search for a good job. After listening to his side of story, the staff explained the hazardous impact of platform life as well as the issue of child trafficking. Soon after, the child was referred to CWC for further care and protection on the same day.





## **CHAPTER - 3**

### **PROJECT PUNARJIVAN**

#### **A brief Introduction on Project Punarjivan**

Project "Punarjivan" is a one month Behavior Modification Camp working for the difficult behavior children, who have a habit of running away regularly or have been separated from their family for a longer duration. Here children separated for a longer duration of time or fallen prey to addiction/beggary/child trafficking/child labour or children having difficult behavior connected with family, under the supervision and guidance of professional teachers follow a structured and planned daily schedule that brings about a change in their behaviour and attitude. These children undergo a change in their behavior and attitude during their stay in the camp through a structured schedule which includes of Spiritual, Counseling, Educational, Games and Entertainment activities under the guidance of professional teachers. The address tracing is pursued simultaneously. At the end of the camp, most of the children are happily reunited with their families at the Camp Ending Ceremony and others are referred to various child care institutions for long term care and protection. It initiated in 2016

#### **Project Objectives**

- To transform the lives of the run-way, difficult behaviour children with substance use.
- To make the children aware of the negative consequences of a Platform/Street life.
- Equipping the child with necessary life-skills.
- Developing a realistic future orientation
- To aim at a fuller and happier life for the runaway, difficult behaviour children by ensuring safe resettlement of the children.
- First priority will be given to family reunion and last option for Institutional care.
- To encourage foster parenting and alternative care for children in need of care and protection.
- To develop child centric community through awareness camp and necessary support.

#### **Camp done under project Punarjivan**

Conceptualized in 2016 Project Punarjivan has organized two Behavior Modification Camps. First one in February 2016 with 20 Hard Behavior Street connected children. SOCH understands the harmful effects of children living on the railway platforms or streets. Children, who have a history of repeated running away from home, are addicted to substances and display hard behaviour, are selected for the purpose of attending the PUNARJIVAN camp. These children are mostly found wondering around in the platforms, streets and slums. There are also few children staying in CCIs.

The second camp was organized in March 2018 with 17 Hard Behavior Family connected children. Children who have a history of repeated running away from home, are addicted to substances and display hard behavior, are selected for the purpose of attending the camp. Most of them had dropped their study after primary education. Even they are very weak in reading and writing in vernacular language and arithmetic. Such children are included in camp with their parents concern.

As the camp was conducted at Association for Voluntary Action (AVA) campus with their mutual partnership so some children from the CCI of AVA also participated in this camp for behavioral changes.

#### **Camp Schedule**

The camp was organized by three to four able and well skilled SOCH staffs who undertook the following schedule for the benefit of the children. One of them functioned as the Camp Teacher while the other are assisted him during various activities. The various activities in camp are as follows:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Freshen-up	6:00am-7:00am
Physical exercise, Yoga and meditation	7:00am-8:00am
Breakfast	8:00am-9:00am
Bathing and cleaning	9:00am-10:00am
Non-formal education/Special life skill education by research persons/ health checkup and social mapping skill.	10:00am-1:00pm
Lunch	1:00pm-2:00pm
Rest	2:00pm-3.30pm
Games	3.30pm-5:00pm
Evening snacks	5:00pm-5:30pm
Evening prayer	5:30pm-6:00pm
Cultural practice/Drawing class/potential analysis through game/ Computer and vocational training	6:00pm-7:00pm
Moral Story	7:00pm-8:00pm
Dinner	8.00pm-9.00pm
Children's meeting and experience sharing	9:00pm-9:30pm
Jyoti Programme	9:30pm-9:45pm
Staff meeting & individual counseling	9.45pm-10:30pm

**Camp Activities**

Camp activities are very professionally and structurally designed. It is based on a very successful model worked out by SATHI (a National Level NGO) working on similar theme as SOCH. Supervised by One Camp teacher and assisted by three to four assistants there is activity packed day schedule running continuously for a month. Counseling being the primary activity, Physical Exercise, Yoga, Meditation, Moral Story Classes, Non-formal Education, Games, Children Meeting, Jyoti Programme, etc. would be among other activities aiming at inducing discipline among these children who had displayed hard behaviour. Breakfast, lunch, evening snacks and dinner; apart from providing nutrition, the camp also aim at inculcating the values of community living among them. Apart from a healthy food for a better physical health, the children in camp would share a great bond and friendships during these meals.

**Physical exercise**

As they say it "healthy body, healthy mind". The physical health and mental health of a child go hand in hand. Therefore, the children in the camp compulsorily take part in physical exercise on daily basis under the supervision of the Camp Teacher and assistants.

**Yoga and meditation**

Yoga and meditation has been acclaimed worldwide as a mode to bring focus in life keeping it away from all malicious thoughts. They also help in cure of many mental and physical ailments. It brings an unprecedented calmness into us and enhances our acceptance. Hence it is a 30mins daily session aimed at the holistic well-being and development of the Camp children.

### **Non- formal education**

This is the basic education classes for the Camp children where they are thought to identify English alphabets, birds and animals. Special efforts are made to manage the classes where children from different backgrounds could be absorbed.

### **Moral Story class**

Moral Story classes are scheduled to induce certain values in the children through story telling sessions. The stories are related to four important domains. Each story domain is for one week time to be told to the children, discussed among them and to counsel them on the aspects that might have led to emotional distress among them. The four domains are:

#### **Good environment and bad environment**

Having been exposed to the worst adversities of life due to the unsafe and unprotected environment that they have faced during their stays on platforms and streets, it is necessary to talk to them about the difference between the good and bad environment. These sessions help children develop the insight about the differences in these two environments. Along with insight building, these story telling sessions facilitate the individual counseling sessions with the children.

#### **Difference between the lives of school going child, platform child and working child**

Stories that would help the children to identify the differences between a school going child in contrast to the child who has run-away and is leading an unsafe life in the railway platforms. The issues of addiction, child labour, child abuse would be main point of discussions in these sessions to allow them to introspect about the consequences of running away from their homes.

#### **Your Favourite God**

The third domain aims at developing a positive impression about parents and caregivers among the children which is followed by the individual sessions that helps in address tracing of the children.

#### **Your future Goal**

The children, who have adopted a street life, were out of the protected net of their parents for months and years. They might have lost track and gone astray. So it was necessary to develop a realistic and constructive future orientation among them wherein they can plan and work towards a better future.

#### **Games**

Along with various programs, there would be one hour for their leisure when the children would be allowed to play various indoor as well as outdoor games for entertainment. Along with leisure, the games are a great source of relaxation and incorporating friendliness among the children.

#### **Children meeting**

This would be an activity where the Children would be given free hand to talk about themselves and their grievances in the Camp. Simultaneously helping the children to assert themselves as a distinguished part of the camp where they can talk about their needs. More than everything this acts as a review and feedback mechanism.

#### **JYOTI program**

The JYOTI program is incorporated as a value imparting program where a candle is placed in front of the children and they vow to give up one of the many inherent vices every day. Discussions regarding a better future without lies, obedience, regarding and respecting elders and parents will be adopted. At the end of the program, the children pledge to implement the discussed positive value in their life.

### **Medical attention**

Special attention is given to children's health. Medication as per their requirement is imparted to all the children. Moreover, a special time for medication is allotted so as to build consciousness among the children regarding their own health.

### **Child Counseling**

A daily dose of counseling helps the camp children to relax as they are already in stress for the Camp in its initial phase act as a bondage to them. They all had an habit and free will of roaming around. Confining them within a boundary would definitely show some resistance. Counseling sessions eases off such stress. Further it brings about clarity about the past events of the child's life that again can help in address tracing. Counseling helps in designing child specific approach for their modification. Hence frequent child counseling by professional counselors are scheduled.

### **Family Address Tracing**

Address tracing of the children starts as soon as the child starts revealing landmarks related to his parents or home. A dedicated Team would be engaged in the process of tracing the family members of the children. Along with the frequent Counseling sessions the moral story sessions on the Favourite God has a very critical role to play on the children and efforts will be made to contact their parents and reunite them. Help of other local NGOs and local Police would be taken as and when needed.

### **Effective Parenting Workshop**

As it is expected from the Camp children to realize their mistakes and work toward rectification, similarly parents need to work effectively on their understanding and liberalization of the aspirations of their children. They need to sensibly deal with the critical issues. Hence to help them have a better understanding of effective parenting a Workshop is conducted for the parents traced and identified before handing over their children to them.

### **Camp Ending / Family Reunion Ceremony**

Post the "Effective Parenting Workshop" a Camp Ending Ceremony is organized to celebrate Home going for family connected children or the reunion of the separated children with their traced families, in presence of the Govt. Authorities, DCPU, supporters and other guests.

### **Other Institution Intervention**

Children, whose addresses couldn't be traced or were found to be orphans are referred to various institutions for a safer life. But for children whose narratives show some directions regarding their address the address tracing continues.

### **Follow-up Support**

The modification doesn't end with family reunion or referral to other institutes only, rather it extends to follow-up. A telephonic follow up is done after one-month and then a subsequent follow-up after three months of reuniting the child with the family is done. In some cases, a physical follow-up visit is done to establish the reliability of the telephonic follow up information.

### **Special life skill education by Expert Trainer**

SOCH invited 8 Resource Persons on various days. Among them were Psychologist, who counseled the children and showed them a new approach towards life; a Yoga teachers have also joined and conducted Yoga class for the children. There were 5 life skill trainers, who had taken special class and taught the students various skills through games and other activities. We were fortunate to have JOY from London who taught Basic English to the children.

### **Computer class**

In the modern era life without computer and internet technology is out of imagination. So the Camp team was involved in imparting basic lessons on use of computers to these children.

### De-addiction Class

A special class on de-addiction was taken by Md. Imran Ali (a renowned social worker in the field) for the de-addiction of the children. He garnered the session with some videos and documentary films on the bad impact of drugs abuse.



### Drawing classes and competition

To enhance the artistic potentiality within the children the Camp team conducted drawing and painting sessions. And to motivate them further a competition was also organized that was rewarded with some prizes.

### Education through cultural activities

To find out the potentiality within the children there were cultural programmes in the evening. The children were made to dance, sing and do mono acting. There was "Antakshyari" competition among them. The cultural programmes were most happiest and entertaining moment. Mrs. Jayanti Rout an expert and artist supervised it to teach dance and acting to the children.



### Campus cleaning and environmental awareness

Good environment is not only need for good physical health but also for complete growth and development it's a basic need. Human beings themselves can create a good healthy environment. Within the camp period, Camp team organized campus cleaning programme inside AVA campus premises. The main objective behind this was to create environmental awareness within the children and to aware them about the need of good healthy environment. Another objective was to create a good hygienic environment for the camp.



### Picnic and children outing

The children were given chance to visit Barunei hill the historical place of Khurda, and Jatani. At Jatani there was of DAL and PET page memorial rehabilitation centre foundation stone laying ceremony. There the children participated in drawing, music chair, lemon race, cricket and dance competition. Lunch provision was also made to ensure the outing as complete package of fun and feast.



**Achieved Milestone:**

CAMP DATE	NO. OF CHILDREN REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILY	NO. OF CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE	TOTAL NO. OF CAMP CHILDREN
FEB, 2016	11	9	20
MAR, 2018	12	5	17

**Case Study – Litun a habitual runaway child became obedient**

Litun Sahu (Name Changed) had lost his mother when he was just 2 years old. His father was alcoholic and every night he came to home in drunken state and tortured his mother. His mother became weak with the passing days by abandoning food, because all the income of his father was wasted for alcohol consumption. One fateful night, as usual, when his father returned home drunk and thrashed on his mother, the next day morning, his mother didn't wake up, because she had committed suicide.

After the death of his mother his maternal aunt (mother's sister) adopted him as her own son. The family members of his uncle's house tried their best to fulfill all the basic needs of the Litun and excuse all his mischief, because they didn't want that the child to feel the absence of his parents. But on the other hand due to too much love, care and affection Litun was becoming disobedient. He started affraying with his friends and when his uncle aunt or anyone tried to convince him, he was threatening them that he will run away from home.

Two times he had run away from home and rescued by the social workers of SOCH and Childline rescued him once at Puri railway station. Once when he had was rescued by Childline team, his matriculation exam was going on and he had left home without informing his family members. So he could not attain his 10<sup>th</sup> exam. His family members were despaired to control him. Many times he had escaped from his family for the purpose of visiting Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad also.

Finally his uncle requested SOCH to put Litun in "Punarjivan-behavioral modification camp". When he came to camp, first two days training team observed him. He was shy but very smart. He was good in studies, but weak in mathematics. On the third day he complained regarding breakfast and told that he was no more interested to participate in camp. If trainers will not leave him he will escape from camp. But the trainer of camp counseled the child personally. And finally he was convinced to participate in camp activities. Trainers tried to catch his weaknesses and tried to solve the conflicts within him. After some days it was found that he was doing better in mathematics and other subjects also. He was also a good football player. But he was not getting special support for study and playing games. On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of camp he demanded to leave him again. But the trainers convinced him to stay for one night only, that night the trainer of camp counseled the child again. He shared about his life story. When he was asked what did he do after run away from home? The answer was very strange. Most of the time he came to Bhubaneswar and there he stays with a women staying at Bhubaneswar platform. The woman basically picks plastic bottles from rail station and she had no one with her. Litun had come in contact with the lady a year before. The lady offers Litun food and money to attract him. She had also offered the child one mobile phone. That's why he escapes from home to meet the lady.

After knowing the reason of runaway the camp trainers provided the child special psychological session to the child by keeping him in strict observation. They tried their best to engage the child in various activities to draw his attention. Finally on the end of the camp when the child returned to his home he became good in study and he also realized his mistakes. The good result of camp was realized by the trainers when he asked a question Sir "how I can give my 10<sup>th</sup> exam?" The exam of this year was finished, so he had to wait for next year. Now he was focusing on his study and has not runaway again. He was obeying his uncle, aunty and elders of his family. It was the answer of his maternal uncle when SOCH team made follow up to the child's family.

### **Case Study – Ritesh realized the value education**

Problems in reading writing are commonly found among some children. Below par quality of teaching, heavy syllabus, conventional teaching-learning process and improper guidance are major reasons because of which the children avoid education and dropout of school. Parents and guardians only pressurize the children, humiliate them and call them names when the child do not meet their expectations; rather than knowing his/her interest, strength and weakness; so much so that many a times children also commit suicide.

Ritesh(name changed) a 16 years old child who avoids school because he was not interested towards education. His family members and school teacher always humiliated him before other children. Once he was found in the Bhubaneswar platform. When the social worker of SOCH tried interacting with him he kicked him and escaped from platform. But latter he was again rescued by the social worker after some time. He shared about his difficulties in reading and writing. After some months he was again founded in Bhubaneswar platform. At that time he had bunked the school and runaway from the way to school. So he was enlisted into the potential candidate for the Punarjivan Camp by SOCH team.

He was put in the Punarjivan-behavioral modification camp with the concern of his parents. On the first day of camp itself it was observed that he was not interested towards education, because he had problems in reading writing in English and Odia. He was also weak in mathematics. But he was fond of playing football. When he was asked about his aim of life, he told that he wants to join Indian Army.

Trainers tried to catch the weakness of the child and put him under special observation. He was very polite but the problem lied with absence of a Mentor. He shared that his brother lives in Cuttack for his higher study for which his family members send him to the field to learn farming. Here again he comes in contact with some dropout children and leaves home again. Now it had become his habit and family members failed couldn't have control over him.

During one of the training sessions where an Ex-Serviceman had come to conduct a special class as a child psychologist, he was very much inspired by the Army man. That night he realized the need of education to join Indian Army. After this session, Ritesh was found interested towards knowing new things. Trainers taught him basic mathematics and gave him some tasks daily. He was sincere in completing all the tasks. In the end of the camp it was found that he had developed his skills in mathematics and was also doing good with reading and writing English.

In the End of the camp he was very much emotional. He was crying and requested "Sir, can you include me in any Child Care Institute, So that I can study well and do well?" But the trainers said him about the importance and value of Family care also. He returned to home with a new ray of hope of achieving his goals.

## **CHAPTER – 4**

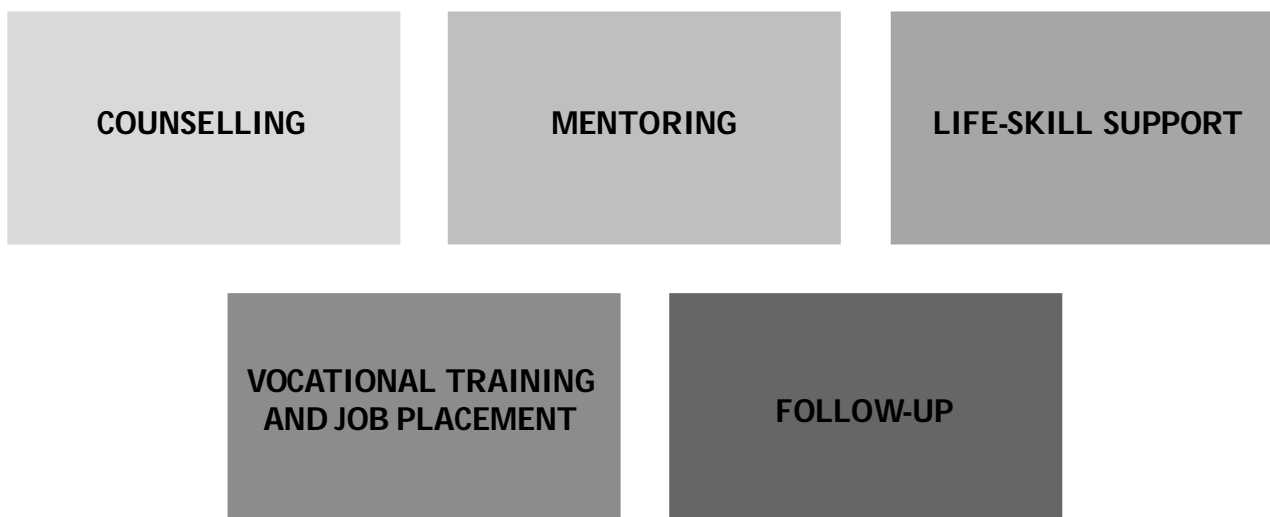
### **PROJECT PANKH**

Today, a considerable amount of youth in our country fall victim of homelessness and stateless due to the baffling and knotty family situation which eventually impels the child to leave home. It is disgraceful to find that almost 20 million children in India have fell victims of social orphanage wherein the families have abandoned them and amongst which only 0.3% fall under real orphans. The young age from the child takes direct responsibility of their sustainability is heart wrenching.

Our government today at various levels, as well as civil society organizations has been working on various endangered kids and their developmental outcomes, they have been dynamic in their own ways but it has been rare for these entities to synergize concrete sustainable impacts. Most institutions or children's home present in India today bid farewell to a child once he/she attains the age of 18 without gauging on the how the child would sustain itself with minimal or no educational standards or professional expertise. Hence for further initiative, project "Pankh" was introduced for the complete social, psychological, spiritual and economic development of these lost souls, and most importantly imbibing a sense of responsibility by creating a value system that would not only help them develop as responsible citizens but also as a righteous human being in the future.

Project "Pankh" was conceptualized and initiated in 2015. It works for mainstreaming the youths from Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and communities having a difficult family background. The five components that drive the project are Counselling, Mentoring, Life Skill Training, Vocational Training and Placement assistance starting from the age of 14 years. The project has been running on a trial and experimental basis as

#### **Major Component**





**Counseling**

Counseling plays a major role in identification and transformation of issues and complications of any individual’s life. More than this it become a mode of sharing and expressing limitation and probable solutions. It helps in getting an insight into the background of the occurrence and also in creating a conducive atmosphere for the subject. It also helps youths to identify their real interest areas and strengths and weaknesses.

**Mentoring**

It is a personal developmental relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person. Children in various child care institutions grow up with less individual attentions. Most of the children don’t have friends outside the child care institutions. Most of them have no Idea about the world outside the four walls of the institutions. So it is important to link up the youths with interested mentors living in the mainstream society for mutual benefit.

**Life Skill Training**

Life skills have been defined as “the abilities for adaptive and positive behaviour that enable individuals to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life” (WHO). ‘Adaptive’ means that a person is flexible in approach and is able to adjust in different circumstances. Youths in various Child Care Institutions are living with less interaction with mainstream society. Due to this they lack in building certain skills, which the children growing up in mainstream society have gained through their socialization. So, it is very important to provide life skill training to the youths growing up in institutional care for building their skill and confidence to adjust in mainstream after 18 years of age.

**Vocational Training & Job Placement**

This component aims at helping youths gain skills and get placements to stand on their own feet. In collaboration with various vocational training institutions Pankh helps in building extensive network for those youth who need to come to mainstream society and find a suitable livelihood for them. The youths are linked to trainings only after a thorough counseling and determining the core interest areas of every youth.

**Follow-up**

Any task or project is incomplete without a systematic follow-up plan in place. Follow-up ensures a correct and accurate accomplishment of a task. For a home placed child it means he/she does not runaway again and for a Youth undergoing training and placement it means he/she is performing and satisfied with the profile.

**Project Pankh Work Update**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Target groups</b>	<b>No. of Youths</b>	<b>Total</b>
Youth Data Collection	Community	16	16
	CCI	00	
No. of Youth Counseled	Community	17	17
	CCI	00	
Youth Enrolled in vocational Training Center	Community	02	02
	CCI	00	

**Case Study-Bimala Nayak**

Name-Bimala Nayak	Age-32 years old
Husband's Name-Subala Kumar Nayak	Education-9 <sup>th</sup>
Family Members-6 members (3 children (2 daughters & 1 son) & Mother-in-law)	Language Known-Odia & Hindi
Address-Behera Sahi,Patharbandha Slum,P.S.-Sahid Nagar,Dist.-Khurda,Odisha	Aim-Self Employed



In Indian society when you have 2 daughters growing up among the 3 children, it becomes a real financial concern for the parents, especially for those coming from marginalized background. Such is the case of Bimala Nayak who has a family of 5 members but only one earning member, i.e. her husband Subala Kumar Nayak, a driver by profession. All her children are continuing their education.

This is when Bimala thought and sought her husband's permission to contribute to the family income by doing some work. She was very keen on learning car driving, so she thought of making her interest into professions. She started getting hands on with car driving through her networking. But she was not convinced and satisfied with the scope and pace of learning. Then she was enlightened about the new venture by

SOCH during one of the visits of SOCH Volunteers to the slum for a community meeting.

It was as if Bimala's wishes got wings and she could see her dream of learning car driving come true. She did not give it a second thought and immediately joined the Driving Training and Placement Project of SOCH after a detailed consultation with the SOCH representatives. She could also see a solution to her financial worries as she was assured of placement after the training. Now Bimala is an Approved Commercial Cab Driver with Authentic Commercial Driving License that was facilitated to her under the project. It is just a matter of time now that she will be placed as a Lady Cab Driver under a revenue generating initiative by SOCH named Project "Pankh Travels" which will be run in partnership with OLA.

**Case Study-Gitanjali Rout**



Gitanjali always had an aspiration to study and be independent in life. But destiny would have it all, at the age of 13 years old, she had to migrate from her village at Balipatana Block of Khurda District to Patharbandha slum in Bhubaneswar. Poor financial condition forced her to drop out from her school and at a very early age of 16 years, she had to marry Radhucharan Rout (her husband). With the passing time she has two sons and family life responsibilities took over her. All her aspirations and dreams were subdued under the pressure of domestic responsibilities of being a daughter –in-law, a wife and a mother.

But the spark of being independent was still smoldering somewhere deep inside her. It motivated her to take up Vocational courses in Incense Stick making, Appliqué work, Phenyl making, Tailoring work and Doormat making. Gradually she mastered the art and started training others. But still somewhere she was craving for self satisfaction. On the other hand

due to some inability of her husband to earn, she had to shoulder the burden of the family expenses and all her earnings were exhausted in domestic expenses. To top it up both her sons are growing up.

Then during one visit of SOCH Volunteers to the slum she came to know about the Driving Training and Placement Project of SOCH. She was already hands on with driving and thought it could be an opportunity for her to resolve her financial burden to a great extent. She then joined the training after a detailed consultation with the SOCH representatives and has now become an Approved Commercial Cab Driver with Authentic Commercial Driving License that was facilitated to her under the project. It is just a matter of time now that she will be placed as a Lady Cab Driver under a revenue generating initiative by SOCH named Project "Pankh Travels" which will be run in partnership with OLA.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR AND SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Organized Thanks Giving and Stakeholders Sensitization Program:-

On 27th December 2017 we celebrated "Thanks Giving and Stakeholders Sensitization Programme" at Youth Hostel, Puri. To grace the occasion were present Honourable Chairperson of CWC and Secretary of SOCH along with the 50 stakeholders and few resettled children and their parents. The prime objective of the meeting was to thank the Stakeholders for their continual support and sensitize them further about the child issues in the Railway platforms. A small painting and drawing competition was organized for the children. The event concluded with recognition and gifts for both the stakeholders and the children. Lunch arrangement was also made for the visitors.



#### Diwali Celebration:-

On 19th October 2017 we celebrated Diwali at Puri Railway Station with the migrated children. During the celebration around 20 children were present. The objective was to spend good times with the children and try and build a good relationship with them and assure them that SOCH is always there to help them. They are a part of SOCH family. The event composited of lightening the Diyas and distributed some cloths, sweets and gifts to the children. It was heartening to see all the children reciprocating well and enjoying themselves to the fullest during the event.



#### Organized Friend's of SOCH (FOS) Group meetings:-

In an attempt to bring all likeminded supporters of SOCH to one platform "Friends of SOCH" (FOS) group was conceptualized. It was also visualized to give a forum to all supporters of SOCH to express their ideas and opinions on the work and procedure of SOCH. The platform has always encouraged critical appreciation and



participation of its members. It is ensured that it is an open forum where not just the team members and members express themselves but also a live platform for the reunited children to share their experiences and feelings with everyone.

There are two formats, FOS Induction Meetings; for member who were inducted newly into the group and FOS Regular Meetings; for old and regular members. This year also we had series of FOS meetings on 15th April 2017, 8th July 2017 and 23rd September 2017, where we had discussions and opinion exchanges of which few have been implemented. To take this group to the next level where participation and information sharing is not time or place bound a group was created on WhatsApp name "SOCH Friend's Group". It has helped us improve our communication and information sharing more effectively and in time. We take privilege to thank to all the members of the group for supporting the initiative.

### **Children's Day Celebration:-**

Children's Day celebration has now become an integral part of the SOCH activity list. All the operational location teams compulsorily organize the event at their level and ensure the participants not just celebrate and enjoy the occasion but also understand the history and importance of it.



14th November of each year is when SOCH celebrates the occasion with children staying at railway platforms, Open Shelters, Slums, etc. These events are graced by key Stakeholders, and Supporters. In Bhubaneswar this year it was organized at the

Railway Station premises with the nearby slum children. There were around 25 children present during the celebration. In this celebration Station Director Mr.C.R.Nayak and one of our supporters who is also a FOS member participated. Few games were conducted and gifts were distributed among the children who had participated in that celebration. Cloth donated by D.A.V. school (Pokhariput) was also distributed among the children.

### **Annual Day Celebration:-**

It is just an excuse to steal some fun time after a yearlong dedication. Also marked as an event to recognize talents and acknowledge them. Would be mean to say we are opportunist to share or market SOCH as a brand with all of our work and achievements of the year before an audience that comprises of key personas from diffident industries and sectors. And for fun and entertainment we have cultural items. It is generally observed during November for two reasons; one it is month of Children's Day, second it is the marked as the Month of registration of SOCH as a Non-Profit Organisation (13<sup>th</sup> November 2013). But this time we had to delay it till 21st December 2017.



SOCH celebrated its 5th Annual Function this year at IDCOL House, Bhubaneswar and the event was graced the by Shri Braja Kishore Nayak, Asst. General Manager (Public Relations and CSR) SBI, Odisha Circle, Shri Ambika Prasad Nanda, TATA Steel CSR Head, Odisha Shri. Prafulla Kumar Sahoo,

Chairman CYSD, Shri. Samrandra Sahu, CEO, IED Odisha. Many respected persons, stakeholders, guests, volunteers, rescued children and parents had joined the programme. Selected rescued children and their parents were also part of the show. Rewards Distribution and Cultural performances added colour to the event.

### **Pat and Del Page Memorial Rehabilitation Centre Foundation Stone Laid Ceremony Programme:-**



To take Project Punarjivan to the next level, SOCH acquired a land at Jatni, Khordha. It will build a Rehabilitation Centre at the location where in focus will be laid on the Behaviour Modification Camps for the difficult behavior street connected and family connected children. The land is an in-kind donation from Karen Mulville and Mathew Page who dedicated to their Parents after whom the centre has been named as **“Pat and Del Page Memorial Rehabilitation Centre”**. **On 20th March 2018** it was the **Foundation Stone Laid Ceremony** which was graced by Karen, Mathew, Malcolm Harper, Linda Deverell, Joe and the children undergoing behavior

modification at a **Camp in AVA organization at Delang, Puri**. The event commenced with Painting Competition, Plantation, Musical Chair, Cricket Match and concluded with Prize distribution and Lunch.

### **Rescue Drive at Berhampur Station:-**

Rescue Drive involves identifying children who are at risk of running into difficulties and providing them timely and effective support. Conducting regular rescue drive is an important aspect of SOCH activities since it helps to understand the status of the children at the Railway Stations as well as focus on its prevention in collaboration with stakeholders, which influence a child's life. Along with understanding the status of old and new runaway children in the platform, these surveys help in understanding the inflow as well as the timings of the children arriving at station.



It is an intensive program, in which all the staffs and the volunteers get involved from morning 7am to evening 8:30pm. SOCH organizes rescue drive at Berhampur Railway Station on regular basis.

### **Family Reunion Programme Brahmapur (31st July 2017) :-**

Society for Children (SOCH) with the collaboration of Society for Assistance in Difficulty Situation (SATHI) organized a Family reunion Programme on 31st July-2017 at Circuit House near Berhampur Railway station. The programme was chaired by Shri Nikhil Pawan Kalyan (IAS), Commissioner of Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BMC), Shri Manoj Kumar Lakra,



Station Manager, Brahmapur Railway Station, Shri B. Bairagi Patro, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Ganjam district. Shri S.N Behera ASI, Railway Protection Force, Berhampur Railway Station,

Shri Sarat Chandra Moharana, Protection Officer Institutional Care, DCPU Ganjam and Shri S.P Nayak, GRPS. Total 11 children were reunited with their family out of 21 children sheltered at SOCH Temporary Shelter, Berhampur. The remaining 10 children were forwarded to Govt. Shelter Homes for further care and protect through Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Berhampur. Brahmapur Municipal Commissioner graced the event as Chief Guest and announced that an unused night shelter which is being constructed by the BMC near Brahmapur old bus stand, can be given to SOCH to be utilized as a shelter for rescued children. An overly successful event; where the reaction and participation from the Govt. Authorities has been a morale booster for the team.

### **Courtesy meeting with various Stakeholders and Railway Authorities:-**

SOCH lives by the philosophy of transparency and clarity. This aids in further planning and direction of the organization. Hence monthly and quarterly reports are submitted to the various Stakeholders and other organizations which collaboratively work with SOCH. A copy of the report is submitted to Station Director, Station Manager, CTI, GRP, RPF, etc. at the Bhubaneswar Railway Station as well as IIC of Laxmisagar and IIC of Kharvel Nagar of the local police station, to keep the Stakeholders updated about the status of the ongoing activities of the organization. The procedure is similar at other operational location like Berhampur and Puri.

### **Work Review Meeting:-**

Regular review meetings are conducted by SOCH where management team and all SOCH staff staff compulsorily participate. The meeting is all about reviewing work, achievements, failures and issues of the previous month. Future course of planning and action are also a part of the discussion through presentation. Before review meeting in the cluster level we conducted the cluster monthly meeting, where the staff share the monthly experiences, case study of a child, challenges and take new responsibility to work. Staff capacity building training is an ardent component of the meeting agenda. The review meeting is followed by coordination meeting where only the senior management participates. This is more about discussing accountability, strategy, planning and sharing responsibilities for future course of actions.

### **Training Programmes:-**

International youth fellowship (IYF) seminar was held on 27th February, 2018 at Hotel O'Kareem, Berhampur from 10am to 6pm. It was attended by around 150 Youths in different. The main objective of the Seminar was how to develop will power and strengthen one's mind to deal with various situations at various times. This seminar was facilitated by Prof. Soo Yeon Kim, Director, IYF, India, Mind Specialist, IMEI and Prof. Mahaniam, Cyber Collage.



International Youth Fellowship (IYF) is a Christian-based global youth initiative of International Youth Fellowship Educational Foundation (IYFEF), a non-profit organization in the state of California. IYF is dedicated to the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth of young people around the world.

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I am extremely happy that SOCH is going to print the annual report. I am proud to be associated with SOCH which is a unique organisation working for the cause of children and most important part of one's life that is "Childhood."

To make childhood of every lost, depressed and aimless child a meaningful and show them the proper care and do a unique service of reunion with their family, dedicated array of volunteers of SOCH are a source of inspiration to me. I pray God that SOCH become a champion to fight for cause of childhood and bring laughs in the cheeks of all those lost, aimless and distracted childrens from platform of Bhubaneswar Station. I salute to all these dedicated volunteers working under the banner of 'SOCH'.

Thank you 'SOCH'

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SOCH is a voluntary organization functioning for rescuing missing and help less children from Railway stations. This organization is very helpful and courteous in managing the distressed children for better future survival. They are also contacting their family members and handing over the missing children, if possible. Otherwise keeping them in child shelters. They are in contact with social workers & NGOs for collecting information regarding helpless & missing children. This organization is no doubt a good organization for Railways as well as to the society. Thanks to volunteers of SOCH.

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BHASKAR HASTI  
SMR / ARL





"SOCH" is an organisation, very much concerned for the better future of the children of our society. The staff of SOCH are very much sincere and vigilant in rescuing the children promptly and dedicatedly. It is my pleasure to be associated with this organisation for a long 03 years at Brahmapur Railway Station with so many good memories of child rescue and their resettlement which has brought smiles to many children and their parents.

M. K. Laha.

स्टेशन प्रबन्धक  
Station Manager  
पूर्वतट रेलवे, ब्रह्मपुर  
E. Co. Rly., Brahmapur

MESSAGE BY TRINATH BEHERA-TE/PURI  
 SOCH is a unique NGO, whose  
 endeavour has served a lot of  
 needy and missing child to  
 realise their dreams. The devotion  
 and dedication of 'SOCH' staff  
 is commendable. The tireless  
 service by the said NGO has  
 saved the life of a lot of child  
 and also a solace to the family  
 members of the child. It is a  
 great contribution in the field  
 of nation building. Wish 'SOCH'  
 a great future and all success.

Trinath Behera-  
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 actively working in the puri  
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Thank you

Prasanta Sahoo  
 Medicine stall Puri  
 Ph-8917596687



SOCH. NGO has been working at Puri  
 Railway station for those children who are run  
 away from their homes. These Society we  
 helping those children. Volunteer are very  
 actively working in the Puri Railway  
 station.

Thank you

Avishek Parida  
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SOCH is a NGO which is working for the missing,  
 misleading & runaway children for rescue and resettlement them for  
 their bright future.

The staff working on BBS Station are very helpful,  
 helpful and friendly for the children and my staffs. I am fully  
 satisfied with them.

Thank You.

Manoj Kumar Saha,  
 Tech III,  
 CFW, BBS.



My experience for SOCH is very good. It gave me an  
 opportunity to work and allowed me as a volunteer. During  
 my work period, I have experienced about the organization  
 and its activities. It is one of the different organizations  
 in Odisha, which focus in rescuing the Runaway, missing  
 and abandoned children at Railway station. Though,  
 I felt it is doing effective work to provide a new life  
 as well as path to these children. Here I develop my knowledge  
 by doing some work as a part of the organization. It is  
 my pleasure to provide some opinion about SOCH.

BY  
 Pranamayeeshree Mishra  
 Institute of Media studies



**SOCH TEAM**

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1	Satyanarayan Mohapatra	MA (English), PGDJMC, Advance Diploma in HRM	Manager (Communication, HR and Admin)
2	Silpa Jaiswal	MSW	Communication Officer
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4	Surajit Udaysingh	B.Com	Accountant
5	Krushna Ch. Mohanty	B.Com	Asst. Accountant
6	Rashmi Moharana	B.Sc.	Admin and Account Asst.
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8	Rasmita Das	MSW	Cluster Coordinator (Puri)
9	Biplab Kumar Pradhan	MSW	Cluster Coordinator (Berhampur)
10	Soumyashree Dhal	MSW	Counsellor
11	Joshlin Panigrahy	MSW	Counsellor
12	Sarita Sahoo	MSW	Field Worker
13	Lipak Behera	MSW	Field Worker
14	Nrusingha Ghadei	MSW	Field Worker
15	Pankaj Ghadei	MSW	Field Worker
16	Niharkanta Kar	MRD	Field Worker
17	Sasmita Jena	MSW	Field Worker
18	Sunil Gauda	MSW	Field Worker
19	Sagarika Das	MSW	Field Worker
20	Sachikant Sahoo	MSW	Field Worker
21	Royalisha Sahoo	MSW	Field Worker
22	Ambuja Ghadei	BA (Pursuing)	Field Worker
23	K. Lavanya Yadav	B Com.	Field Worker
24	Sangeeta Nayak	Mcom	Field Worker
25	Nirupama Sahoo	BA	Field Worker
26	Gopal Krushna Dalabehera	BA	Field Worker
27	Uma Sankar Mahapatra	MA in English	Volunteer
28	Kumar Mohapatra	10 <sup>th</sup>	Cook cum Care Taker

**Volunteer Details**

Sl.No.	Name	School/College/University	Type of work Involvement	Project involvement
1	Pravamayee Behera	IMS college	Field work	Rakshyak Project
2	Harapriya Priyadrasani Jena			
3	Ashit Kumar Biswal			
4	Chandrika Kisan	NISWASS college		
5	Ribhati Swain			
6	Laxmipriya Patra			
7	Sanjib Kumar Jena			
8	Payal Priyadrashani Samant	BJP college		
9	Bishnupriya Dash			
10	Shobhana Mohanty	NMIMS College,Hyderabad	Documentation work	
11	Minakhi Das	JNU,Delhi		
12	Ghanashyam Prajapati		Angul Survey	
13	Sasmita Pradhan			
14	Jyotirmayee Rout			
15	Manoj Kumar Lima			
16	Sthitaprajan Das			
17	Braja Kishore Patra			
18	Snehanjali Nayak			
19	Bijay Kumar Sahoo			
20	Sanjib Kumar Jena			
21	Nibedita Priyadarshini			
22	Jharana Nayak	Berhampur University	Field work	
23	Subhagini Nayak	Berhampur University		
24	Bibek Kumnar Uthansingh	Civil Engineer		









**ଝେସନରୁ ୧୪ ନାବାଳକ ନାବାଳିକା ଉଦ୍ଧାର**

ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର, ୩୦.୧୧.୧୮ (ଜମିପା): ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର ରେଳଝେସନରୁ ଗତ ଦୁଇ ଦିନ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ୧୪ଜଣ ନାବାଳକ ଓ ୧୪ଜଣ ନାବାଳିକା ମୋଟ ୧୪ଜଣକୁ 'ସୋଚ' କର୍ମକର୍ତ୍ତା ଉଦ୍ଧାର କରିଛନ୍ତି। ବୁଢ଼ୁଡ଼ାର ଶାନ୍ତି, ନୟାଗଡ଼, ଆସା, ପୋଲସରା ଓ ସୋରଡ଼ାର ଜଣେ ଲେଖାଏଁ ନାବାଳିକା ଉଦ୍ଧାର ହୋଇଥିବା ବେଳେ ସେମାନେ ସମସ୍ତେ ଚେନ୍ନାଇ ଯିବା ପାଇଁ ନିଜ ସମ୍ପର୍କୀୟଙ୍କ ସହ ଆସି ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର ଝେସନରେ ଟ୍ରେନ୍‌କୁ ଅପେକ୍ଷା କରିଥିଲେ। ସେଠାରେ ଏକ ସୂଚାକଳରେ ଜାମ କରିବାକୁ ଯାଉଥିବା ଜାଉନସିଲି ବେଳେ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଥିବା ଜଣାପଡ଼ିଛି। ଉଦ୍ଧାର ହୋଇଥିବା ନାବାଳକଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରୁ ଜଣମାନ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁରୀ ଥାନା ଅଂଚଳର ୨ଜଣ, ଗଂଜାମ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସୋରଡ଼ାର ଜଣେ, ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରର ଜଣେ ଅଛନ୍ତି। 'ସୋଚ'ର ସଂଯୋଜକ ଜ୍ଞାନପ୍ରସାଦ ନାୟକ, କର୍ମକର୍ତ୍ତା ଉତ୍ତର କରାଡ଼, ସଚ୍ଚିଦାନ ସାହୁ, ସଂଗୀତା ନାୟକ, କେ.କାବ୍ୟା ଯାଦବ, ଜ୍ୟୋତିଲ୍ଲ ପାଣିଗ୍ରାହୀ ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର ଝେସନର ବିଭିନ୍ନ ପୁରପର୍ମରୁ ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କୁ ଉଦ୍ଧାର କରିଥିଲେ।







## **COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATION**

Approach focuses on basic education, development, intervention, treatment, care and lot more. CHF showed interest in providing support to SOCH.

**Jivan Jyoti Seva Ashram:** As a Child Care Institution (CCI) at Khurda District, Jivan Jyoti Seva Ashram provides care and protection to the needy children after the instruction of CWC. Jivan Jyoti Seva Ashram has proactively helped SOCH with quick settlement of children in their institution.

**DCPU Office:** After the registration of SOCH (under society registration Act 1860, registration no 23515/51), the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) has been instrumental in helping SOCH to rescue more children to get a permission for open shelter. DCPO/DCPU has been very helpful with their suggestions and guidance to SOCH so that the organization can work in a better way.

**VJSS (Viswa Jivan Seva Sangha):** As the open shelter at Khurda District, VJSS provides immediate care and protection to the needy children after the instruction of CWC. Due to the good network with SOCH, VJSS has proactively helped SOCH with quick settlement of children in their institution.

**Child line:** It is a project operating directly through Government. Children whose address cannot be traced within a day need to be produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) through Childline or by the SOCH directly. Therefore, SOCH works in collaboration with the Childline to provide quicker assistance to the child as well as their families.

**Railway Authorities:** Starting from giving approval to operate at Railway Stations to referring children cases the railway authorities have been a strong support pillar to SOCH since its inception till date.

**Child Welfare Committee (CWC):** As per the JJ Act, all rescued children are bound to be produced before the CWC with 24 hours of the rescue (barring the travel time). Therefore, SOCH works in collaboration with the CWC for a quick and smooth resettlement of the children rescued.

**Utkal Balaashram:** Utkal Balaashram is recognized by Govt. for the purpose of helping children who are rescued from difficult situations. It runs under District Child Protection Unit (DCPU). SOCH works with them in a good collaboration at its different operational locations.

**SATHI:** It is a national level NGO working for missing and runaway children at major Railway Stations all over India since last two decades. It saves the life of children before going to other hand. SOCH in collaboration with SATHI, has been working at railway station for rescue and resettlement of runaway children. SOCH also works with SATHI for proper implementation of Project Punarjivan.

## APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION



SOCH Received "Best children Ngo" Award2015 at giving back, Mumbai on 23rd December 2015



Winner in CSR implementing agency challenge at India CSR summit 2016, Mumbai on 28th Sept 2016

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Recognize as one of the top 50 change agents of Odisha at be the change, Bhubaneswar organized by YES WE CAN on 23rd January 2017



SOCH received Punya Utkal Sanman from "Punya Utkal" for its work activities on the occasion of Odia New year i.e. 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017



Awarded 3rd Position in a 2mins pitching on Project PANKH TRAVEL (lady driver training & Placement) @ "TATA social enterprises challenge", a joint initiative with IIM Calcutta at XIM Bhubaneswar on 18th Feb 2017



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SL. NO.	Name	Date of Visit	Purpose of Visit	Discussion Points / Activities During the Visit
1	Friends from UK	25th March 2018	To explore as well as to know more on SOCH work and activities.	-Visited Puri and Bhubaneswar Railway Stations to observe and understand the field operations. -Interacted with Railway Authorities and other stakeholders.
2	Mr. Pranab Dash	14th April 2017	Explore SOCH and its work and activities	-Discussion on SOCH work & activities. -Post discussion he became a member of the SOCH FOS group.
3	Mr. Joju Varghese (Programme Officer, West-Central, Railway Children)	22nd June 2017	Explore and identify Child Protection issues with Bhubaneswar Railway Children	-Monthly Rescue statistics of SOCH. -Issues pertaining to child rescue. -Major Runaway reasons. - Visited Bhubaneswar railway station (to meet and interact with the Stakeholders).
4	Ms. Pooja Jena (NRI )	15th July 2017	Explore SOCH and its work and activities	-Visited Bhubaneswar railway station. -Interacted with Railway Authorities and Rescued Children. -Brief meeting with Director at Office.
5	Mrs. Minakhi Das ("Tehsildar" at Bhadrak District of Odisha)	25th July 2017	Curtsey Visit	-Discussion with SOCH team on Work and Procedures.  -Sweet distribution for her selection into Odisha Administrative Services.
6	Mr.Rajiv Agrawal (Psychologist)	21st August 2017	To Provide training on art therapy	-Visited to Bhubaneswar Railway station. -Interacted with station Director. -Took a session on Art Therapy.
7	Mr. Raj Sekhar, Programme officer, SATHI	22nd August 2017	To evaluate work activities of Berhampur Cluster	-Review of Documents and Records.  -Meeting with the Team.
8	Mr.Sukanta, Mr.Subhasis & Mr.Amit (Railway Children India)	24th August 2017	For Project Partnership	-Review and inspection of SOCH Policy, Documentation, Finance & Operations for Partnership.  -SOCH work presentation. -Visited Bhubaneswar railway station (to meet and interact with the Stakeholders) & Jivan Jyoti Seva Ashram (CCI for partnership prospects).
9	Railway Children Team	25th August 2017	To Know about Puri work activities	-Brief about Puri work and activities. -Visited Puri railway station.
10	DCPU, Puri	1st September 2017	For a general review and inspection	-Review of Documents and Records pertaining to Puri Operations.  -Meeting with the Team.
11	Mrs. Manjuprava Dhal & Mrs. Swagatika Parida from DCPU, Khurda,	13th September 2017	Review and Inspection visit against Open Shelter application by SOCH	-Reviewed the documents and records as per the need of open shelter application.  -Shelter Inspection as per the JJ Act Guidelines.
12	Volunteers from NISWASS	16th September 2017	Orientation visit to organization before Agency placement	-Had an orientation about SOCH projects, operational procedures and activities.

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13	Mr. Suresh Ch. Pati, President of North Branch of Bharat Bikash Parisad (BBP),	23rd October 2017	Explore SOCH and its work and activities	-Brief meeting with Director at Office. -SOCH work presentation.
14	Students from Institute of Media Studies (IMS)	27th October 2017	Observation Visit as per course curriculum	-Had an orientation about SOCH projects, operational procedures and activities.
15	Students from Biju Pattanaik College of Hotel management & Tourism	27th October 2017	Orientation visit to organization before Agency placement	-Had an orientation about SOCH projects, operational procedures and activities
16	Ms. Kruttika Krushnanjana,  Law student from Hyderabad	22nd November 2017	To explore issues on child protection	-Discussed SOCH work and activities in details. -Discussed children issues in general and related to railway children. -Discussed on probable measures to resolve such issues.
17	Volunteer from NISWASS College	7th December 2017	To prepare SOCH profile video	-Discussed SOCH work and activities in details.  -Sufficed with information and other related documents for reference.
18	Mr. Bikash Behera, Secretary of SAHAJYA	8th December 2017	To explore the details of a rescued child	-Staff interaction pertaining to status of the child.
19	Mr. Jayadev Sethi, Head guard, RPF Berhampur	8th December 2017	To explore the details of a rescued child	-Staff interaction pertaining to status of the child.
20	Mr. John Peter, Coordinator, SATHI, Vishakhapatnam	12th December 2017	To get updates on the Partnership Project at Berhampur	-Staff Meeting. -Meeting with Railway Authorities. -Meeting with CWC and DCPO. -Visit to Local Police Station, Gosani, Nuagaon.
21	Mrs. Archana Nambiar, Individual Consultant	12th December 2017	To get updates on the Partnership Project at Berhampur	-Staff Meeting. -Meeting with Railway Authorities. -Meeting with CWC and DCPO. -Visit to Local Police Station, Gosani, Nuagaon.
22	Mr. B. Naresh Kumar, Constable, Vizanagram	15th December 2017	To explore the details of a rescued child	-Staff interaction pertaining to status of the child.
23	Mr. Shali Basavaraj, Secretary, SATHI	21st December 2017	To evaluate work activities of Berhampur Cluster	-Meeting and interaction with Field Team, MIS, and Accounts Team.
24	Subodh Sadangi, DCPO, Ganjam	27th December 2017	Review and Inspection visit against Open Shelter application by SOCH	-Reviewed the documents and records as per the need of open shelter application.  -Shelter Inspection as per the JJ Act Guidelines.
25	Mr. Nagesh, Accountant, SATHI, Vishakhapatnam	27th December 2017	To review accounts and receive bills	-Meeting with Staffs. - Bills check and verification.
26	Mr. Jagannath Behera,  Jr. Tech Assist	31st January 2018	To renewal the safety building certificate	-Staff Interaction regarding the past certificate status and building status.  - Sketching the skeleton of the office.
27	CWC Members, Berhampur	Monthly Basis	To pass Escort Order for rescued children	-Counseling the rescued children. -Child Resettlement procedure.



## AUDIT REPORT

### Annexure - 1

**R.K. Sahoo & Co.**  
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### AUDITORS REPORT

1. We have audited the attached Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2018 and the income & expenditure account and Receipt and Payment Account of SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN (SOCH), Plot No. 657, F1, Sangam Niwas, Lal Bahadur Shastri Colony, Cuttack Road, Bhubaneswar, Odisha- 751006 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, together with the Schedule annexed there to, which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said institution. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.
2. We conducted our Audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement(s). An audit includes examining on a test basis evidences supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements, presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
3. We report that:
  - i. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
  - ii. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the above named institution visited by us so far as it appears from our examination of the books
  - iii. No personal expenses of management have been charged in the account
  - iv. All receipts and payments and all assets and properties and all known liabilities have been fully and properly accounted for in the books of accounts.
  - v. The location of assets is specified in the assets register.
  - vi. The fixed assets register is maintained at the organisation and all movable assets including equipments are record therein.
  - vii. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the information & explanations given to us the said Balance sheet, Income and Expenditure and Receipts & Payments Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation as on 31.03.2018 and of the Income and Expenses and of the receipt and payments for the year 2017-18 and of the closing Balance of the organisation as 31.03.2018.

Place: Bhubaneswar  
Date: 08/08/2018



For R. K. Sahoo & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
  
(Rajesh Kumar Sahoo, FCA)  
Proprietor  
M.No-056370

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### Annexure - 2

SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN (SOCH)  
 Regd. Office- Plot No. 349/3527, 3rd Floor, Behind Bhubaneswar Hotel, Cuttack Road, Bhubaneswar, Odisha- 751006  
 H.O.- Plot No. 657, F1, Sangam Niwas, Lal Bahadur Shastri Colony, Cuttack Road, Bhubaneswar, Odisha- 751006

#### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2018

Liabilities	Amount(Rs.)	Amount(Rs.)	Assets	Amount(Rs.)	Amount(Rs.)
<b>General Fund :</b>			<b>FCRA Fixed Assets :</b>		
Balance b/d			As Per Annexure 1 (A)		1,36,762.56
FCRA	1,71,447.86		<b>Non-FCRA Fixed Assets :</b>		
Non-FCRA	43,264.32		As Per Annexure 1 (B)		4,40,474.66
	2,14,712.18				
Less: Rounding amount deducted	0.06				
Add: Excess of Income					
Over Expenses	1,95,300.28	19,411.83	<b>Current assets, Loans &amp; Advances :</b>		
			House Rent Advance		60,000.00
			Security Deposit for Gas Cylinder		2,900.00
			Ortel Security Money Deposit		800.00
<b>Special Donation (Punarjiban Project)</b>			<b>Closing Balance :</b>		
<b>Utilized</b>			<b>FCRA</b>		
Land	2,00,000.00		Cash in Hand		
Pat & Del Rehabilitation Centre	30,695.00		Cash at Bank	12,535.25	12,535.25
	2,30,695.00		<b>Non FCRA</b>		
<b>Unutilized</b>	1,69,305.00	4,00,000.00	Cash in Hand	3,852.00	
<b>Current Liabilities Loans &amp; Provisions :</b>			Andhra Bank A/c- 1936	2,260.00	
Loan from Secretary		4,00,000.00	Andhra Bank A/c- 9129	2,814.00	
Audit Fee Payable		12,500.00	PNB A/c- 0869	1,69,513.36	1,78,439.36
		<b>8,31,911.84</b>			<b>8,31,911.83</b>

Place: Bhubaneswar  
 Date: 08/08/2018



For R. K. Sahoo & Co.  
 Chartered Accountants  
  
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 Proprietor  
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Secretary  
 Society for Children







## **FUTURE PLAN 2018-19**

**Expand / Replicate Program:** The need for rescuing children from difficult situations seems very high in many parts of the country. We at SOCH have gained the required experience to replicate our model in other needy locations. But due to lack of fund, we have not able to expand.

**Increase Beneficiaries:** We are also working to help child labour cases from various hotels and industrial sites in Odisha and their rehabilitation.

**Increase scale or scope of work:** We are building a rehab center for the rehabilitation of difficult behavior street connected and family connected children, where children can be kept for one month to three months of residential support for their proper rehabilitation.

## **FIND US AT**

<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.sochforchildren.org">www.sochforchildren.org</a>
<b>FACEBOOK</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/sochforchildren/">https://www.facebook.com/sochforchildren/</a>
<b>TWITTER</b>	@sochforchildren

### **Register Office:**

Plot No-349/3527 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor), Behind Bhubaneswar Hotel, Puri-Cuttack Road, Bhubaneswar Pin-751006 Dist.-Khordha, Odisha.

### **Head office cum Bhubaneswar Project Office:**

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