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Society for Children (SOCH)

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Organization Introduction

Society for Children (SOCH), is a non-profit organization registered under society registration act, 1860. SOCH has been running Child Rescue Project at major railway stations in Odisha for runaway, missing and abandoned children since 2012. Currently Child Rescue Project has been functioning at Bhubaneswar, Khurda and Brahmapur railway stations. As per the figures till 31st March, 2015, The project has rescued and resettled 1079 children from various difficult situations.

Child Rescue Project Introduction

Child Rescue Project identifies runaway, missing and abandoned children majorly focusing at railway stations. Project rescue the children are in need of help. Rescued children are brought to a temporary shelter for necessary counseling, food, shelter and cloth support. Due efforts is being taken to trace the family address of the children. Children are being reunited with their families and put on institutional care with appropriate involvement of government's juvenile justice system.

Activities at Station and shelter



Rescue and Resettlement Details

Bhubaneswar

No. of children rescued: 32
Rescued by SOCH staffs: 28
No. of children getting referrals: 04
No. of children reunited with their families: 21
No. of children Referred for institutional care-11

Khurda

No. of children rescued: 25
Rescued by SOCH staffs: 25
No. of children reunited with families: 16
No. of children referred for institutional care-07
Escaped from Bhairabi Club-02

Berhampur

No. of children rescued: 17
Rescued by SOCH staffs: 15
No. of children getting referrals-02
No. of children Referred to other NGO through GRP-13
No. of children reunited with families through GRP and SMR-04

Out of 74 children:

- ✓ A large majority i.e.43 children belongs to the age group of 11-14 yrs.
- ✓ 54 children were from Odisha and 6, from Bihar, 4 from WB and other 10 children from AP, MP, Chhatisgarh and Jharkhand.
- ✓ 60 children were such who ran away from home for the first time only.
- ✓ A large majority of children ran away from home due to work purpose, city attraction. Education problem etc.

Awareness meetings



It is very important for the stakeholders to be able to observe and identify these children in need, since they are the ones who come in primary contact with the children in regular basis. Therefore, there is a need to have regular meeting with them in order to sensitize as well as educate them about the ills of living on the platforms and its impact on a child's life. Their participation in the rescue of a child is extremely important and valued by SOCH. So, various meetings were held with the stakeholders in the month of June, 2015.

Case study of Sita

***Sita** swain is 17 year old girl belongs to Surya Nagar Berhampur ,Ganjam district of Odisha was found at Berhampur railway station when she was crying lonely at the platform number -2 on date 1st June ,meanwhile she started requesting for a passenger by showing piece of a paper. After observation staff went her to know the matter. There, she also requested to SOCH staff for see her result on internet. Then staff politely discussed the matter and assured her to see her result and brought her to Govt. police station for further process.

At GRP, staffs gave her some time for calm down and provided some food. Then she was again counseled by SOCH counselor. Sita Shared that' she is the younger daughter of Lt.Arun Kumar Swain and her mother Mrs. Saraswati Swain working as a cook in a Hostel. She has two elder brothers those are working in out of state and taking care of all expenses of whole family as well as her study. In this year Sita has finished her examination of class 12th, but unfortunately her result is showed zero marks in all subjects due to some reason. Apart of this her marriage was also fixed. Therefore, fear from scolding by her elder brothers and her marriage can break if she failed. This erroneous step was taken by her. After listen the entire matter SOCH counselor discussed the case with GRP IIC and it decided that to do physically home placed to this child.

After that, as per the address of Sita SOCH staff and one of the member of GRP visited to child home and shared all the matter with her mother as she is very disturb after runaway of Sita .After seeing her daughter she became very happy and thanked to SOCH team. Child was counseled about hazardous situation for being alone at the station and understood that leaving home is not solution for this reason. After finishing all the formality the Sita was happily reunited with her family on same date.

We did telephonic follow up of child, as her result was not finalized so she is again preparing for +2 exam and will take admission in this academic year.

