

**AUGUST  
2020**

**PRETTY MUCH ALL  
THE HONEST TRUTH  
TELLING THERE IS IN  
THE WORLD IS DONE  
BY CHILDREN**

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**Society for Children (SOCH)**

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**SOCH** is a non-profit Organization Registered under Society Act XXI of 1860 with the **Registration No-23515/51** at IGR Cuttack, Odisha. Established in July 2012, SOCH is currently operational in three locations viz. Bhubaneswar, Khurdha Road & Paradeep. **RAKSHYAK** (Child Rescue and Resettlement Project), **PUNARJIVAN** (Behavior Modification Camp of Hard Behavior, Addicted Children), **PANKH** (Mainstreaming of Youths having orphan or semi orphan background) and **CCCD** (Child Centered Community Development) are the four Projects of SOCH.

## UPDATES OF PROJECT RAKSHYAK

PROJECT “**RAKSHYAK**” operates at major Railway Stations in Odisha, viz. Bhubaneswar and Khurda Road railway stations. It identifies rescues and reunites runaway, missing and abandoned children in need of help. Rescued children are provided with counselling, food, cloth and first aid support. Due efforts are made to trace the family address of the children. Children are then reunited with their families or put on institutional care with appropriate involvement of government’s juvenile justice system.

Since inception

Till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

- 5401 Children rescued
- 3923 Children reunited
- 519 Referrals received

## UPDATES OF PROJECT PUNARJIVAN

After rescuing and resettling thousands of children. SOCH Team realised that there are hundreds of children running away from home repeatedly, addicted to substance abuse, school dropouts, involved in petty crimes, begging, etc. In order to help such children, Project **Punarjivan** itself means “**REBIRTH**”. It was conceptualised to implement in below mentioned three categories.

Category	Given Facility
Family Connected Children having issues with addiction repeated runaway and other behavioural issues.	3 weeks residential camp
Street Connected Children having issues with addiction, repeated runaway, begging and other behavioural issues.	4 weeks residential camp
Children dropped out of schools for long time and not having issues with addiction or other behavioural problems.	12 weeks residential educational-bridge camp

## TILL 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020

**05**

Behavioural  
Camp  
Conducted

**98**

children have  
been involved  
in Camp

**84**

children have  
been reunited  
& rehabilitated

**14**

children have  
been provided  
Institutional Care

## A DIRECTION TOWARDS GOPAL'S HAPPINESS THROUGH EDUCATION

The corona virus disease pandemic (COVID-19) has triggered an unprecedented global health, humanitarian, socioeconomic and human rights crisis, which has spread to over 215 countries and territories. The related economic crisis is pushing more and more people into extreme poverty and continues to put significant additional pressure on already overburdened social and health service delivery systems which threatens to reverse decades of hard-won development gains for children.

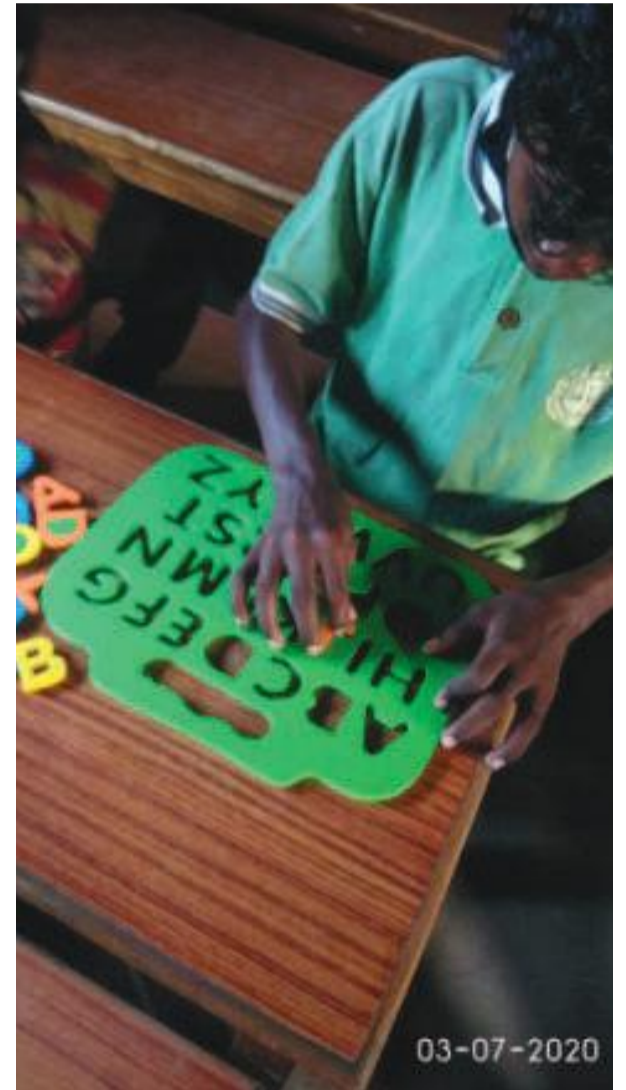


Ongoing lockdowns and other restrictions are exacerbating the vulnerabilities of children and their families globally. Children continue to be disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic that has disrupted everything that we know is critical for children's social, physical, mental and emotional development, learning and well-being.

After going through the 3 weeks behavioral modification residential camp, children were returned to their homes and while they set their mind and behavior to continue their education but as the lockdown period started and took over all of us, it clearly created a very bad impact upon children like Gopal (Name Changed) as they again started taking the help of substance to satisfy the needs of their body. During strict lockdown our volunteers never lose hope and they did continuous follow up, which resulted that Gopal regularly coming to remedial class. He is now able to read & write Odia & English alphabets, he can spell numbers, rhymes. He feels so happy to answer to each questions & Gopal is not in to any addiction right now.

## UPDATES OF CHILDREN DURING THIS PANDEMIC TIME

- Regular remedial classes for 2 hours with using TLM products & other basic literacy methods through which children can engage more at Paradeep.
- Pilot screening test for three months Educational Bridge camp, the test will enable us to understand if the child has a basic understanding of the subject and can proceed to preparation for class 6/7 or need to first clear more basic material.
- Curriculum finalization for standard 1 to standard 5 children, which is on process.



# UPDATES OF CHILD CENTERED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CCCD) PROGRAMME

The idea behind CCCD programme is to work on multiple facets of development in a specific geography, while keeping children at the focus. For the overall and sustainable development of children & their whole community.

## DOMAINS

- Education
- Child Rights
- Children with no parental care
- Health, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Awareness and Empowerment
- Livelihood Promotion
- Environmental Care
- Elderly Care

## EDUCATION

- **Started ASER survey:** ASER stands for **Annual Status of Education Report**. Its started in intervention areas. Through this survey, we find the child's interest level and learning level and after that, it will help us to plan each child's lesson plan.



- Conducted programme with Anganwadi workers for strengthening of Anganwadi Centers (AWC) and distributing Library kits specially designed by Bakul Foudation for Anganwadi children.



## HEALTH, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

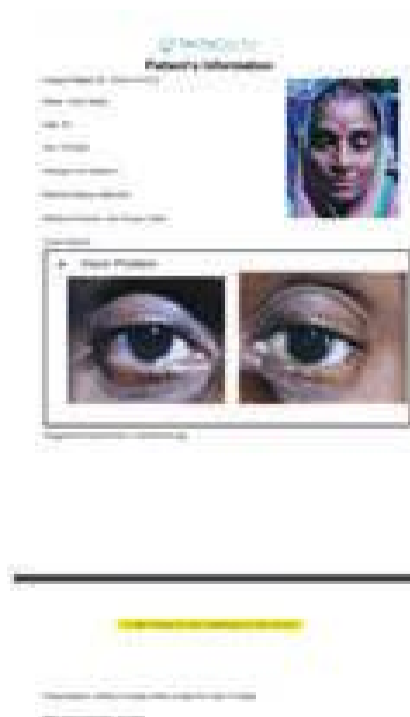
- SOCH has conducted the children meeting different slums at Paradeep and main objective was to create awareness on Personal Hygiene (brushing, hand washing, teething, use of toilets etc.) among the children. Also conducted games and prayer to make the group more energetic.



- SOCH has supported 10 families under Mother's Meal Programme through providing the Dry Ration Kits & this will continue in future also based on the availability resources.
- SOCH has launched 100 Days Nutrition Support for 62 Pregnant Women, in which we will be supporting them with nutritious supplement weekly.



- SOCH started a new initiative under the Techy Doctor Programme – as per the registered details a session with the Ophthalmologist Doctor was arranged, a patient who had some difficulty in her eyes gone through the online consultation. The doctor prescribed the medicines and the patient had it from the pharmacist. Thus we consider the trial to be successful.



## AWARENESS & EMPOWERMENT



Awareness Session with Adolescent Girls about menstrual hygiene. In the session two short videos were shown to the girls on safe menstruation practice like; the basic hygiene during monthly periods, disease happens for unsafe menstruation practice and important of biodegradable pad.



## LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION

SOCH started individual entrepreneur support programme and initially supported to two women with mushroom cultivation at Bauriapalanda slum of Paradeep. Both of them were very excited and eagerly awaited to see their production.



## ENVIRONMENTAL CARE



Conducted the Plantation programme and planted 100 plants on Independence Day and the aim behind this activity is to reduce the open defecation that happens in this spot. It was a fun activity with children planting and promising to take care of their plants. As the world is going through climate urgency, there's no better way to preserve the future of our land than conserving nature.

## ELDERLY CARE

Psychosocial Support to Elderly people - Family is the most vital non formal social security for the elderly and most emotionally satisfying place to live in their later life. But, in the present time, due to lack of such a caring system, taking care of the elderly has become a serious problem. They are staying at Old age home. Social isolation is one of the important risk factors for mental health problems like depression and anxiety in older people. So we tried to provide psychosocial counselling in our respective community. We have interacted with 5 elderly people in Santoshi Old age home at Paradeep. They were very happy to see us. Time spent with them is really very precious.



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“THANKING YOU ALL... FOR BEING SUPPORTING THE CAUSE & KEEP SPREADING THE WORK & VALUE OF SOCH”.

## CAN YOU FULFILL UNTOLD WISHES OF A CHILD?

BY SUPPORTING NUTRITIOUS FOODS, STUDY MATERIALS, SANITATION KIT ETC. THIS “DAANUTSAV” LET’S JOIN HANDS AND FULFILL THEIR UNTOLD WISHES BY CLICKING THIS LINK;

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To support a poverty-stricken family with some Dry Ration Kits	Rs- 500/-
Help a child go back home after runaway from home or being trafficked or from other difficult situations under Project Rakshyak	Rs- 6,000/-
Help a family connected repeated runaway or addicted child to go through our 3 weeks long residential rehabilitation camp	Rs-10,000/-
Help a street connected addicted child to go through our 4 weeks long residential rehabilitation camp	Rs-12,000/-
Help a school dropout child go back school after going through our 12 weeks residential educational- bridge course.	Rs-30,000/-

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