



# Society for Children (SOCH)

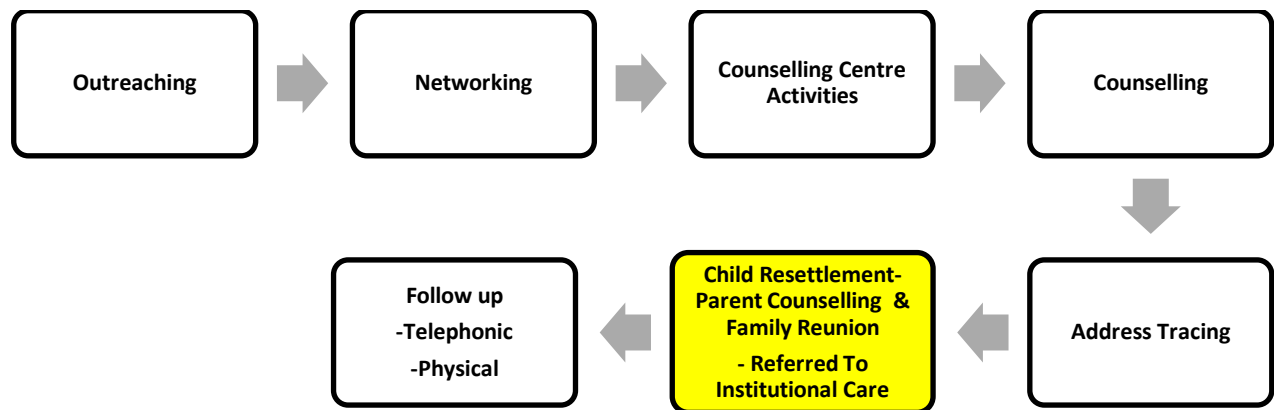
*"Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow." - APJ Abdul Kalam*



**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 four locations viz. Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Khurda 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.

Achievements	Special Thanks to the Committed Donors	Other Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rescued <b>42</b> children from all the three locations in <b>February 2020</b>.</li> <li>• Reunited <b>31</b> children with their respective families in <b>February 2020</b>.</li> <li>• Total <b>5377</b> Children have been rescued since inception till <b>29th February 2020</b>.</li> <li>• Total <b>3902</b> Children have been reunited since inception till <b>29th February 2020</b>.</li> <li>• Total <b>519</b> Referrals have been received by all locations since inception till <b>29th February 2020</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Samarendra Sahu Prof. Namita Pattnaik Ms. Julie Mishra Mr. Nirmal Kumar Behera Lion Meenakshi Das Mr. Yagyansis Mohapatra Ms. Pragyan Paramita Nayak Mr. Parshuram Pandit Mr. Nandan Kumar Kar Mr. Nrusingha Prasad Pattanayak Lion Sanjukta Patri Lion Rasmita Sahu Binod Textiles IDAX Consulting &amp; Research Friends of the Children of Orissa, UK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Circulated Monthly Progress Reports among the Railway Authorities at three operational locations.</li> <li>✓ Attended orientation of NGO/CBOs on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao at Sarba Siskhya Abhijan Conference Hall, Chhatrapur.</li> <li>✓ Participated in State Level Consultation with Non-Gov.Organisation/INGOs on Child Protection at Mission Shakti Bhawan, BBSR</li> <li>✓ Visited Bhitarkanika Mahostav with Adolescent girls of Paradeep.</li> </ul>

## Project Rakshyak Process Flow



## 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 and proper care is taken to trace the family address of the children. It is supported by parent counselling. In case, reunion is not possible, they are settled in the Institutional Care.

**Parents' counselling:** Children don't exist in vacuum. They are affected by their family as much as they affect the family as the life of children is nested in their family life. It helps in Identifying the triggers that had led to fleeing of the child, the parents are counselled about minimizing the triggers. Thus, parents' counselling will bridge the gap between the child and the parents through reflection of the process of parenting and help the parent in giving a positive environment to the child to develop. Education of the child is of primary concern for his/her bright future. So, parents are also counselled regarding this.<sup>3</sup>

**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 sensed of identity. Therefore, family reunions are the times of rejoice. They are the times when the efforts of SOCH seem to be successful. Counselling 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



**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 counselling 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 counselling by the CWC members or the organizations. It is set up by the professional counsellors of these organizations in collaboration with the child.

## Updates of Project Punarjivan

SOCH organized a 3 weeks behavioral modification camp at its "The Pat & Del Page Memorial Rehabilitation Centre" in Jatni, Khurda. The camp initiated on 11th Jan 2020 and worked towards reforming the difficult behavior children staying with families under "Project Punarjivan". The children were sent by their parents for a 21 days camp with a consent letter.



Accommodating 21 children (aged between 10years - 13years) from three different slums like Bauriapalanda slum, Balijhara slum of Paradeep, Patharabandha slum - Vani Vihar, Narayana slum-unit 8, Dehuri slum-unit 8 and Kedarapalli slum of Bhubaneswar, the Camp commenced with an orientation to the children and their parents about the schedules and activity plan for the 21 days. Following the daily schedules the camp was facilitated by resource persons with different expertise.

This 21 days camp concluded on **5th Feb 2020** with camp ending ceremony and workshop for parents on effective parenting.

## Updates of CHILD CENTERED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CCCD) PROGRAMME



Under the Child Centered Development, SOCH organised children meetings, distributing of water bottles for water bell campaign, inaugurated first smokeless chulha at Mundapada in Balijhara slum as well as organized Phenyl, Namkeen and Agarbatti making training session in our project areas.

## CASE STUDY

<b>NAME-</b> Jayaprasad Behera(Name changed)	<b>RESCUE DATE &amp; TIME-</b> 12-03-2019 ; 5:00pm
<b>AGE &amp; GENDER-</b> 12 years old ; Male	<b>RESCUE LOCATION-</b> Khordha Railway Station
<b>EDUCATION-</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Standard	<b>ADDRESS-</b> Kamandalu Patna; Dist- Khordha; State – Odisha.
<b>PARENTAL STATUS-</b> Father- Auto Driver Mother- Home-maker	

It was around 5 in the evening when the SOCH staffs, caught hold of a boy who was seen wandering on platform no 3 of the Khordha Railway station. After analyzing a lot, the SOCH members decided to approach the boy. After much convincing, the child finally revealed that he had run away from his school without informing his parents or teacher. He claimed that he had a fight with his friend and as a result of which, his friend's father scolded him a lot. Out of fear, the boy decided to run away from his school. He was studying in Kamandalupatana U.P. School Balugaon and was currently in 7th Standard. He was around 12 years old. And claims to be a resident from Balugaon, Khordha.

After conversing with the child, the team decided to call his parents. From the call, it was known that the parents were searching for their child in the village. It was also revealed that the child belonged to a poor family. His father was an auto driver and mother was a home-maker. The SOCH staff took him to the GRPF and the next day he was produced before the CWC. The parents came to the CWC and reunited with the child. Currently, they are a happy family and Jayaprasad has been graduated to 8th Standard. The SOCH team has been successful in helping another needy family like always.

***On behalf of SOCH Family "Thanking You All... for being supporting the Cause & keep spreading the work & Value of SOCH".***

### **Be a Part of SOCH**

<b>Contribute Your Time Be a SOCH Volunteer/Teacher/Trainer and many options...</b>	
<b>Contribute Your Money</b>	
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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