

NEWS LETTER

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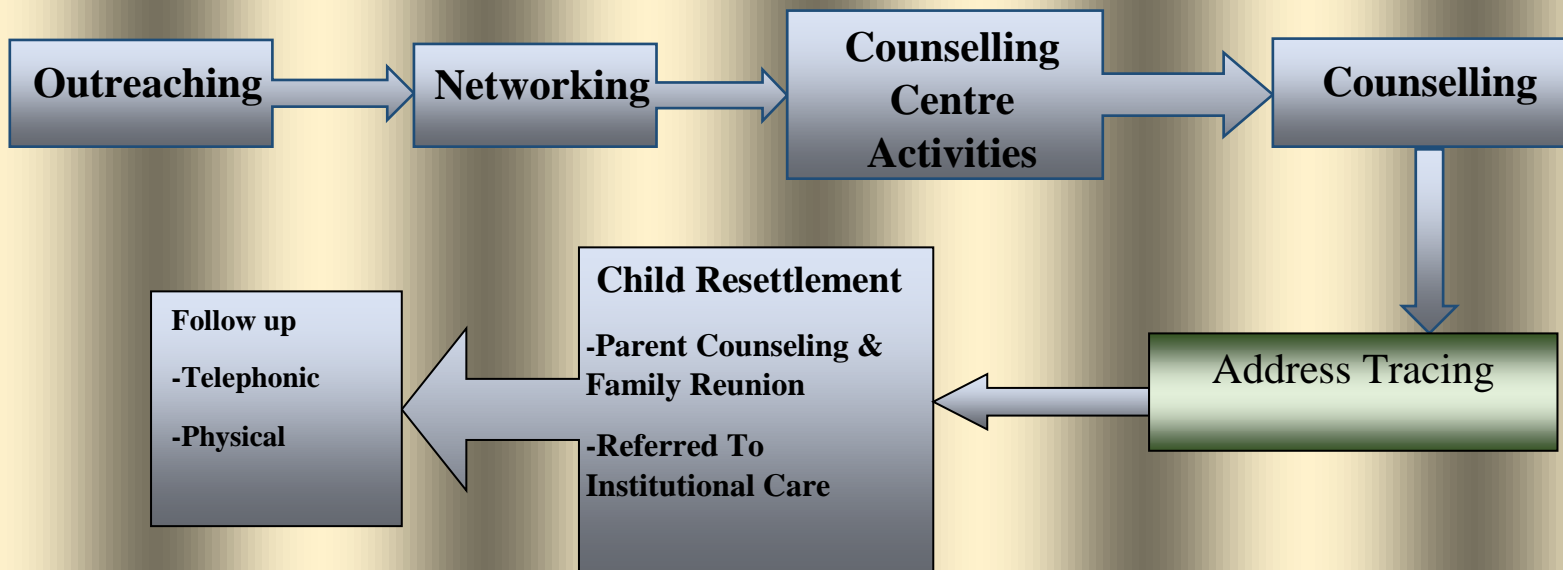
Society for
Children (SOCH)



“A child is a curly dimpled lunatic.”-Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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.

PROJECT RAKSHYAK PROCESS FLOW



ADDRESS TRACING

Top priority of project Rakshyak being family reunion address tracing become the key activity. It starts with counselling where the child shares information about the family. Based on the information received and with the help of online tool, local police and local NGOs the exact address of the child will be established. The authentication of the address details as given by the child might take days and sometimes months. During this period the child will be counselled 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 counselling process- phone numbers, house number, temples, nearby hospitals are taken note of.



Sometimes, when the children can't verbally express the landmarks, in such cases they are encouraged to draw landmarks or maps so as to 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 staff along with the child will be 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.

If during the process of counselling, the address details of parents couldn't be found, the children will be kept in the temporary shelter for counselling purpose and then handed over to the nearby NGO and produced before the CWC (Child Welfare Committee) and CHILD LINE.



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ACHIVEMENTS

Rescued 55 children from all the three locations in January 2020.

Reunited 50 children with their respective families in December 2019.

Total 5315 Children have been rescued since inception till 31st January 2020.

Total 3871 Children have been reunited since inception till 31st January 2020.

Total 511 Referrals have been received by all locations since inception till 31st January 2020.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Circulated Monthly Progress Reports among the Railway Authorities at three operational locations.
- Circulated 3rd Quarterly Report at Local Police Stations at three operational locations.
- Gave presentations about SOCH Work in TCS, Bhubaneswar.
- Felicitation of Trainees of Self Defence at Shishu Pratibha Mela.
- Worked on the prototype of a smokeless Chulha at Paradeep for major health benefit of women.
- School Shoes for Camp Children donated by Goonj.

PUNARJIVAN PROJECT



Accommodating 21 children (aged between 10 years – 13 years) from five different slums of Bhubaneswar & paradeep, which are Pathara Bandha slum, Dehuri slum & Narayana Slum (Unit-8), Kedarapalli slum, Bauriapalanda & Balijhara Slum (Paradeep).

The camp commenced between 11th Jan 2020 to 5th Feb 2020 at Jatni Campus and worked towards reforming the difficult behaviour children staying with families. The children have been sent by their parents for a 21 days camp with a consent letter.



Following the daily schedule the camp was facilitated by Resource persons with different expertise Session on Value of hobbies in life by Ms. Bhanvi Sharma, Child Rights session by Mr. Rilu Parida , "VISION BUILDING" by Mr. Bipin Mohanty, Importance of goal setting in life by Mr. A K Panda , Tobacco free childhood by Mr. Md Imran Ali (Deaddiction expert) , Fun & Learn activities by Ms. Soumya Patnaik , Importance of education in life by Ms. Namita Patnaik .



Water Cooler donated by Canara Bank for Project Punarjivan



The Washing Machine donated by Lions Club of Bhubaneswar Lotus for Project Punarjivan.



By organising Shishu Pratibha mela, we rewarded and acknowledged the merit, and hardwork of 18 all round achiever students. We chose to reward them with School Lights: that would help them continue their studies, even in situations of a power cut.

CASE STUDY- DRUG THAT RUINS LIFE

NAME- RAMAKANTA KISKU	ADDRESS- PARADEEP
AGE & GENDER- 10 YEARS OLD BOY	PARENTAL STATUS- Father- BABULI KISKU
EDUCATION- NOT SPECIFIED	Mother- KUNI KISKU

Ramakanta, a ten year old boy, was chosen by SOCH to be a part of the Punarjivan camp. He was living with his parents & three brothers & a sister in Paradeep. He seemed completely lost & forlorn. The volunteers tried their best to make him comfortable for him to speak up & communicate his problems. He was assured of a quality life. Subsequently he confessed that things were pretty difficult for him at home. His father was an alcoholic & used to entertain people at home to pursue his bad habits. He even forced Ramakanta to indulge in the same. Slowly he started talking drugs. He was leading a miserable life already & did not have a clue to get free from the clutches of these vices. SOCH team workers promised to help him provided he had the determination to change. He was put under a discipline to have good habits, eat food on time. He was taught to learn alphabets which he picked up fast as he had the inclination to learn. He learnt dancing during his leisure & proclaimed to be a good dancer one day. Hence, the twenty one days at the camp was extremely fruitful & Ramakanta was a transformed personality altogether by the constant care & concern of SOCH volunteers. The team is in touch with him in a regular basis so that he can lead his life in the right way as the motto for SOCH has always been for **SAVING LIVES AND BUILDING FUTURE.** *NAME HAS BEEN CHANGED

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