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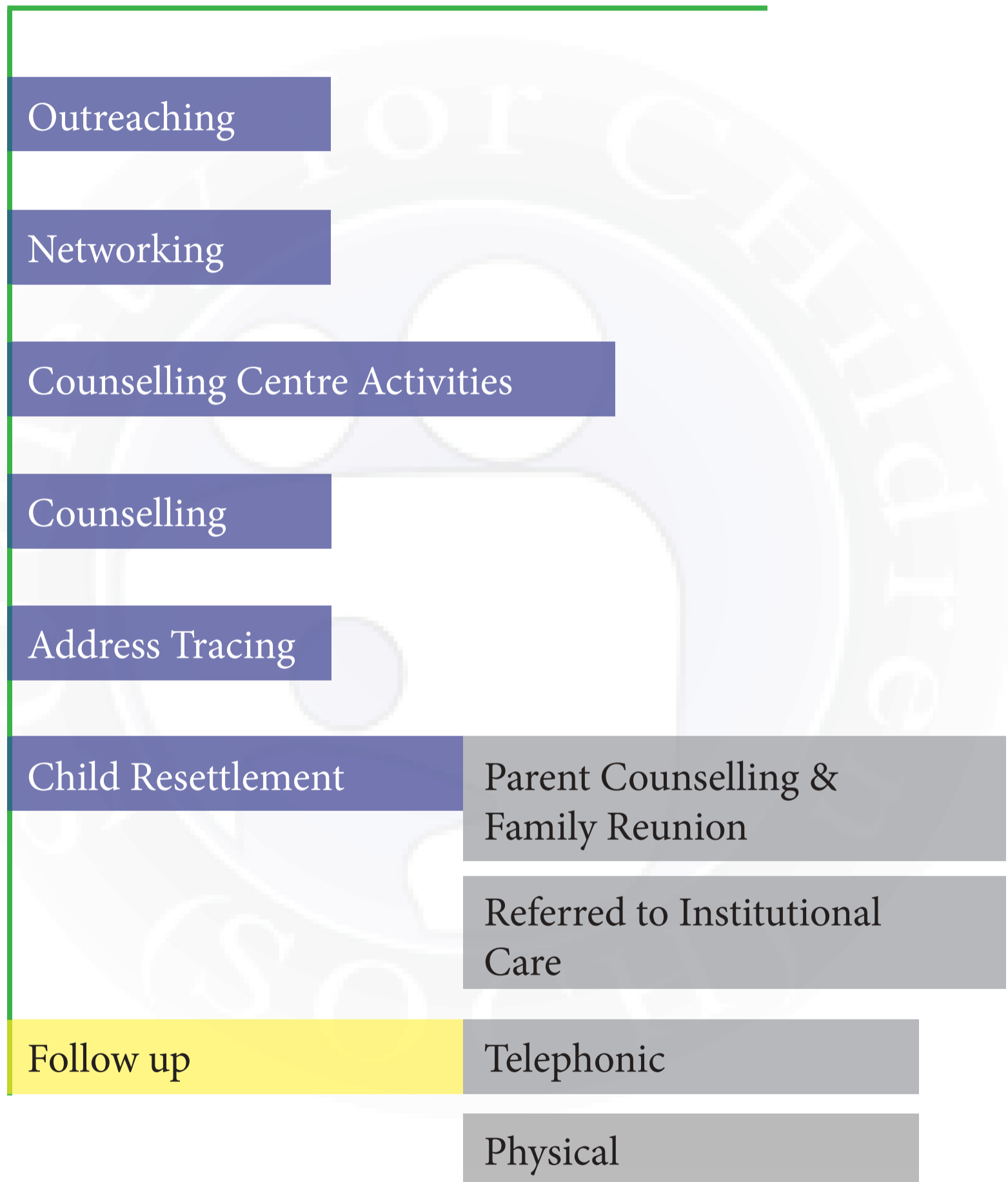
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SOCH is a non-profit Organization Registered under Society Act XXI of 1860 with the [Registration No-23515/51](#) at IGR Cuttack, Odisha. Established in July 2012, SOCH is currently operational in four locations viz. Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Khurdha 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.

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Henry Ward Beecher

# PROJECT RAKSHYAK PROCESS FLOW



# RESCUE & RESETTLEMENT

## In March 2020

- 24 children rescued from all the 3 locations
- 21 children reunited with their respective families

## Since inception Till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

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

## FOLLOW UP

The rescued children are a part of SOCH family. Our relationship with them doesn't end with their reunion with family. The responsibility of the SOCH team doesn't end with the reunion of the child with the family or settlement of the child with institutions. One-time telephonic follow up is taken from the institutions where the children are referred to.



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.

## UPDATES OF PROJECT PUNARJIVAN

After the successful completion of third behavioral modification camp on 5th Feb 2020 at “The Pat & Del Page Memorial Rehabilitation Centre” in Jatni, Khurda, the team’s responsibilities doesn’t end. The team doing it’s continues follow up, with parents as well as children. As we have contacted residential schools earlier, 11 girls were get their admission in Ramadevi Girl’s High School, where they are getting educational support ,food support & hostel facilities. Apart from this, some children are taking private tuitions provided by CCWD, BIEWS etc. at their locality. They will get admission in the local Govt. schools in the coming academic session.



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

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

- Conducted sports events like spoon marble, needles race, drawing, hitting the can, music chair etc. among the women from Ballijhara and Bauriapalanda communities and awarded the winners in the observation of International Women's Day on 8th March 2020. We also facilitated two model SHGs from both the communities which are very active in their work.
- Conducted a Session on Gender Equality with male at Balijhara community.
- Organized a Women's Rally for Poshan Pakhwada, to emphasise the importance of nutrition for women, in the community through different posters, slogans, placards etc.



## LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH

- Organized the exposure Visit of two SHGs to Bhubaneswar to create an idea about the micro, small and medium enterprises and start-ups like; IED, Coir Board etc.
- Successfully completed the registration of local youths for facilitating / linking in our future actions plans for their development.
- Installation of five Tailoring Machines at Bauriya Palanda and Ballijhara slums to continue the training tailoring among adolescent girls and women by specialized trainers from SHGs and strengthening the livelihood product making .especially women from SHGs.
- Successfully Launched two leaflets on women empowerment and livelihood promotions materials to update their knowledge over different schemes and programmes.



## HEALTH, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- Conducted three times Primary Health Check Up Camps at both the communities.
- Continued the Regular Fogging activities, 2 times in a month.
- Organized the Maternity Group meeting among the pregnant women and lactating mothers and installed digital weighing machines in all ten AWCs.
- Organized the field Cleaning & plantation Drive in the communities.
- Collectively organized the Swachhata Mission with the CDPOs and distributed the hand gloves to all the 10 AWCs at both the communities.
- Organized two training sessions like capacity building training and training on Sanitation and Hygiene among the Anganwadi workers & Helpers of two slums.



## EDUCATION

We have installed Library in Classroom Kits from Pratham Books in both our primary schools consisting both English and Odia books, for enhancing the reading abilities and introducing Stories as a medium of learning.



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## CASE STUDY

SOCH had recently organized the Punarjivan Camp, where a large number of girls had come to take part. There was this girl named Seema, who had come with her own share of story. She had interest in joining the Army; however the situation back home was not favorable for her which is why she had come to the Camp.

She claimed that her family was disturbed. Her parents kept fighting all the time, her father used to consume brown sugar and she used to stay with her grandmother and father only. Her mother used to stay away from them. Between 13-15 years, she used to work as a maid, catering service and dropped school in 7th standard. But, she got cheated from the people for whom she used to work for. They gave her Rs200 instead of Rs1500. Hence, she left the job. Life had been extremely unfair to her till this. To add more to her pain, later she also revealed that she had been physically abused for more than 10 times by her own uncles. In a world where, family should be the only one standing by you during odd times, here, her own family made her the subject of abuse, assault and sexual harassment. Even before coming to camp before 5-6 months, she had been raped by her near and dear ones. She was made the victim. Not only this but when she complained this to her mother, her mother scolded her and also bet her. Is anyone more trustworthy than a mother? If this response is seen from mother, what else can one expect from others? Since then, she trusts nobody in her family. After listening to this sensitive case, the SOCH team decided to give her a 'safe and unsafe touch' session. The girl even requested the team not to reveal all these to her mother as she wouldn't understand her and rather scold her again. She did not want to be a victim again.

Through the counseling session, it was discovered that she was an excellent painter and also enjoyed watching army related movies like 'Border'. During the camp also she has positively participated in the all events and activities. After the camp, she is sent back to her mother's house and within a few days, SOCH team able to get her admission in the Ramadevi Girl's High School which is a residential school and running by PUSS organization. Where Seema able to get the residential, Educational & food support and started a journey towards her goal and now she will be able to success her dream and wanted to join in an army training academy in future.

**NAME- SEEMA BARUA (NAME CHANGED)**

**AGE & GENDER- 16 YEARS OLD, FEMALE**

**RESCUE LOCATION- PUNARJIVAN CAMP**

**ADDRESS- UNIT-8 SLUM, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA**



## 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

### CONTRIBUTE YOUR TIME

Be a SOCH Volunteer/Teacher/Trainer and many options...

### CONTRIBUTE YOUR MONEY

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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