

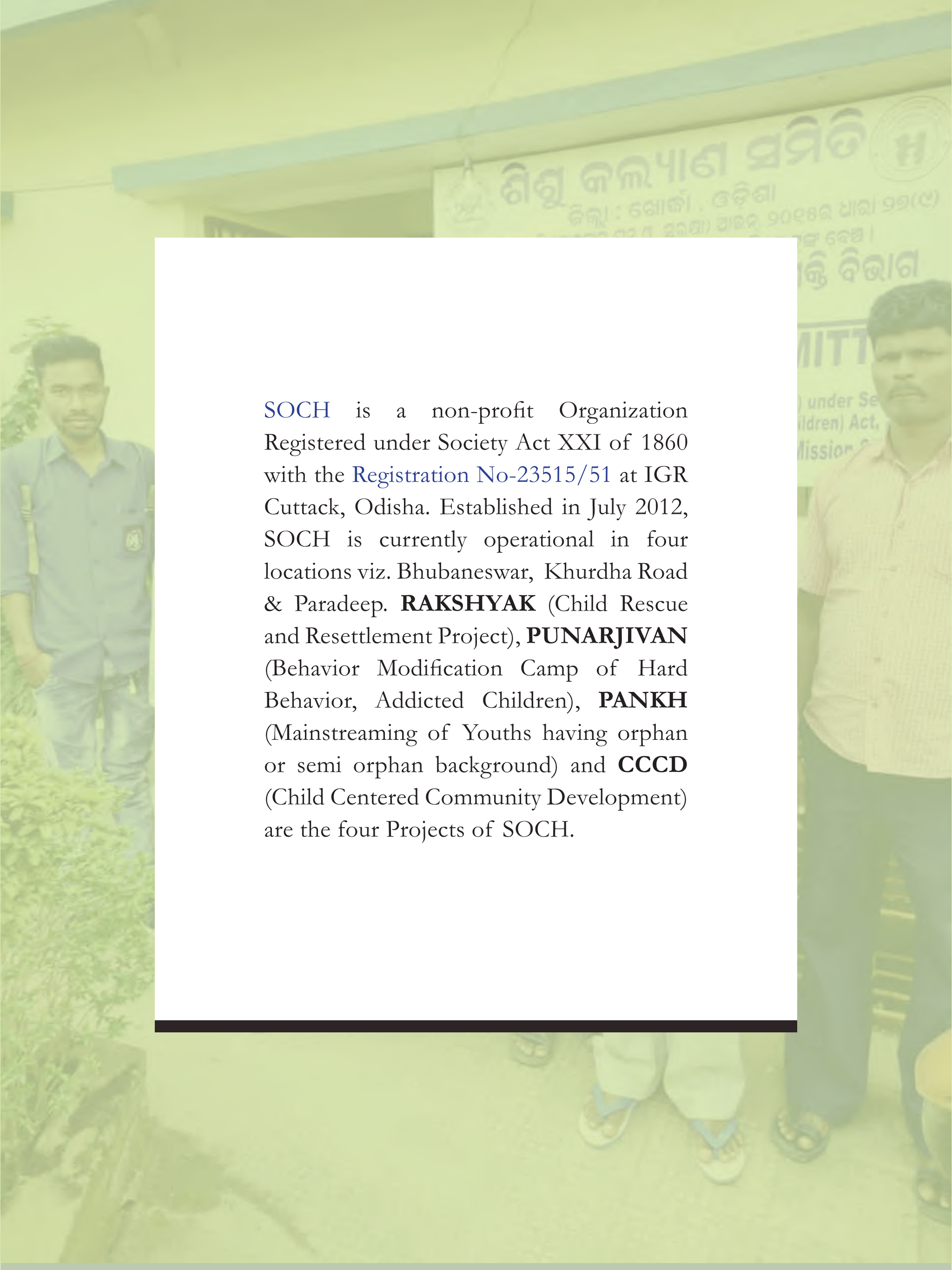
THE GREATEST GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE YOUR CHILDREN ARE THE ROOTS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND THE WINGS OF INDEPENDENCE

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Society for Children (SOCH)

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The background image shows a building with Odia text on its facade. The text includes 'ଶିଶୁ କଲ୍ୟାଣ ସମିତି' (Shishu Kalyan Samiti) and 'ନିକା : ଖୋର୍ଦ୍ଧା, ଓଡ଼ିଶା' (Nika: Khordha, Odisha). There is also a circular logo with the letter 'H'. In the foreground, two men are visible: one on the left in a blue uniform and one on the right in a light-colored shirt. The overall image has a greenish tint.

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, 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 31st May 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 31ST MAY 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

IMPACT OF BEHAVIOURAL CAMP: RAMU GOT MEANING OF HIS LIFE !

Ramu Murmur, a 12-year-old boy from the slums of Patharbandha in Bhubaneswar, used to study in a boarding school, stay away from his parents in a hostel. His parents both were involved in jobs on the construction site and had to spend long hours at the site, so for them, sending away Ramu to a hostel was the best way. But Ramu didn't like staying in a hostel.



It was found out that Ramu was suffering from TB and had to drop out from school after third Standard sadly. He had taken proper medication and had recovered from the disease, but his fear of going back to the hostel remained. When SOCH volunteers intervened, they decided to bring him to Punarjivan camp with the consent of his parents. They tried talking to him and got to know why Ramu didn't like going to the hostel. Ramu revealed that some of his seniors once bullied him and it had affected his mental health adversely, giving rise to a phobia of hostels. He also told the volunteers about how he wanted to be a scientist one day showing his interest in knowing and learning things.

While he was at the camp, certain other things were also noticed about Ramu. He was very short-tempered and used to get irritated quickly. He was lazy in some instances, but when he started, he wouldn't stop and learn things quickly. The volunteers also observed that he had excellent handwriting and was better than his peers in drawing as well. He did reasonably well during the duration of the camp, but he still didn't want to go back to the hostel.

Understanding his feeling, the volunteers decided to counsel his parents as well and let them know about the needs of their child. During the closing ceremony of the camp, when his parents came to take him back, they were told about Ramu's problems and what should be done to deal with them. They were suggested that they should get him enrolled in another school because Ramu had an interest in studying, and that shouldn't go in vain due to specific unfortunate incidents. His parents agreed to it.

During follow up it was found out that Ramu was studying from home now and also developing things that were taught in the camp. A positive change was also observed in his behaviour.

NAME- RAMU MURMUR (NAME CHANGED)

AGE & GENDER- 12 YEARS OLD, MALE

EDUCATION - 3RD STANDARD

ADDRESS- PATHARBANDHA, BBSR

PARENTAL STATUS- RUPA MAJHI (FATHER)

JOBAMANI (MOTHER)

AFTER COMPLETION OF OUR BEHAVIOURAL MODIFICATION CAMPS, HERE SOME PICTURES OF CHILDREN WHILE FOLLOWING UP BY THE PUNARJIVAN TEAM



Creating awareness among the children about COVID-19 and how they will sanitize their hand and not stay at home



Children were engaged in studying at their home



Interacting with the child how he will stay at home

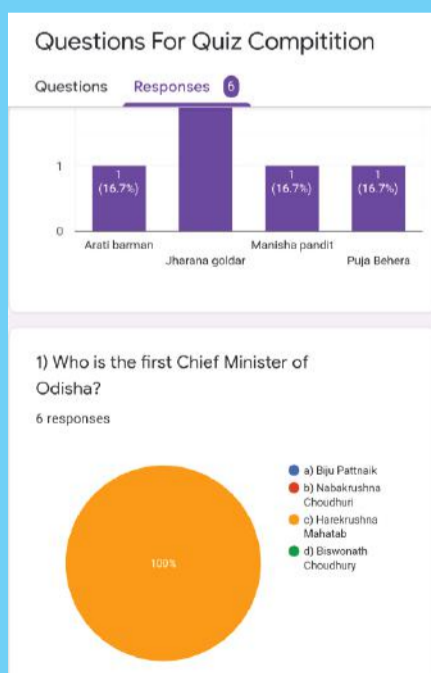
UPDATES OF CHILD CENTERED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CCCD) PROGRAMME

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

Awareness and Empowerment



Conducted online quiz competitions for the Adolescent girl and declared the winner among themselves.

Elderly Care



Able to conduct Psychological Counseling of 20 elderly people through door to door intervention and visit, the main objective was to enable them to deal with these pandemic risk factors and make them able to cope up their mental health problems like depression and anxiety.

Environmental Care



Over a matter of 3 months our intervention has made an open dumping place into a beautiful kitchen garden. It's blooming with flowers of pumpkin, with help of volunteer and our Community Mobilizer, the banner was fixed again to create more awareness among the people.

RESPONSES TO COVID-19 IN MAY SO FAR!

As we are all aware now not only Odisha but all over the World we are facing a major crisis in the form of COVID-19. On the outset of this unfortunate situation caused by the outbreak of Corona Virus and followed by the state/national lock down, some categories of people like; the daily wage labourers, the migrant people from other states, the beggars, the hawkers, the homeless peoples are severely facing a lot of difficulties in having access to food security, all over the country. SOCH is working hard to be able to support the marginalized groups in different slums at our Project Areas : Bhubaneswar and Paradeep.

PARADEEP COVID-19 RESPONSE WORK AT-A- GLANCE:

To avoid the massive panic situation and food scarcity among the poor vulnerable, differently abled & elderly sections and migrant labourers from the two slums and other necessary places, SOCH has distributed the daily use dry ration kits at following places at Paradeep and patrolling Unit of Paradeep Police was also help in the distribution the materials.



- 475 Dry Ration Kits supported by the Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) and distributed at two slums; i.e. Balijhara & Bauriya Palanda at Paradeep and one blind school at Bhubaneswar and still continuing.
- Distributed face mask to the frontline workers like; ASHA, AWW, Hamlet Leaders, who are dealing directly with people.
- As a response to fighting Covid19 from the frontlines, the SOCH team at Paradeep undertook Distribution of masks and soaps, with help of local volunteers. The team started distributing in all hamlets of Bauriya Palanda in 4 troops each troop consisted of a SOCH member and local volunteer. We visited door to door for the same. We also showed the correct usages of the mask, and where to use them.

EK CHOTA SA AASHIYAAN – THE STORY OF BUILDING A HOME

This lockdown forced upon us by an unknown virus may have taken away a lot of freedom, and restricted our lives but it did make us all realise the importance of a home, and of staying around loved ones. From privileged people who are working from home and staying with their loved ones, to the famished migrant labourers walking thousands of kilometres, everyone wants to be safe at home. But one must wonder and especially after a cyclone the size of Amphan has washed away so many homes, how many people have no homes at all? For those who have no blood relations, who makes a family?

This is the story of a single woman, who has seen the worst hurdles that life could throw at her, and yet here she is, with a toothless smile, standing taller than many of our spirits. Rani Murmu (Name Changed), left her native village in Mayurbhanj with her brother almost 40 years ago and came to Paradeep for livelihood. Gradually her brother found work at Bhubaneswar and Rani stayed at Paradeep, finding work in some households. She never chose to marry as she was happy, and still is, the way her life is. Going against such societal norms is not easy for a single woman. However, she did. On an unfortunate day, her brother passed away in Bhubaneswar and in just a day, she was left with no family. She continued to work in Paradeep and stayed wherever she found a roof. Eventually one of the houses that she worked for, gave her a little space in Bauriya Palanda Slum before they migrated elsewhere, and Rani set up her abode there.

As time wears us out, so it has worn out Rani too but only physically. In spirits, she is as strong as ever. On that piece of land, she was living under some plastic sheets and a few bamboo sticks. She gets Rs 500 only, as a pension. Most of us spend that much on pizza, while an elderly single woman with no family to take care of her survives solely on that. Wearing her tattered pink saree, she tells us that she spent one month's pension on buying 2 bamboo sticks. Just 2! And she would be spending another two month's pension on some more.

Our team was more inspired than anything else at the grit and determination of this young lady. Yes, she's very young at heart! Then started the arduous task of building her house, first came a simple design and then we realised that this would be an uphill task given that right now no services are easily available due to the lockdown. We started with a call for volunteers in the Bauriya Palanda area, to help us build the house. We got overwhelming support from the youth. Rani had been living alone for a long time, with no resources, and the community support to help her out was spontaneous and most pure! A local leader, with his fellows, joined in this venture.

With the help of Paradeep Phosphates Limited, we procured some bamboo sticks, and we started to dismantle the home taking out all her belongings and completing starting the structure from scratch. The process involved a lot of physical labour from all team members present and the community volunteers. Bamboos were to be cut to fit the shape, the ground was to be levelled and the raw frame was needed to build the house. Although these tasks need a lot of expertise, our volunteers picked up the skill with some guidance and we were able to build something.

The news of Cyclone Amphan being a super severe cyclone had also put us on a ticking clock. Having started the construction there was no way we could have left it incomplete, and the most minor flaw could lead to severe repercussions in such a strong cyclone.

While we were busy building her house, Rani did not once leave the site. She didn't ask anyone else for help, to cook her meals given that her chulha was demolished too. She said that she lived alone far too long to ever need anyone. If self respect had a face, it would be hers. With the generous help of community volunteers, local leaders and the determination of our team, we managed to build Ek Chota Sa Aashiyaan for Rani. Cyclone Amphan has caused havoc and many lives were lost, but Rani and her Aashiyaan were safe.

We live in a fast-paced world that leaves us hardly any time to look around us. There are many elderly people to the likes of Rani, who live by themselves, and they could always use a smiling face and a helping hand. In these times of uncertainty, we need more and more community support.



BHUBANESWAR COVID-19 RESPONSE WORK AT-A- GLANCE:

- 1122 Dry Ration Kits supported by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI) and distributed at various slums; i.e. Radhakrushna Upara Sahi & Akshaya Kendra Basti, Unit 6 and Kali Mandir Basti, Governer House Square, Bhubaneswar . Raghunath nagar – Dumduma, Subashnagar Basti, phase 2-Dumduma, Ani house Square, Near Lingaraj Temple and Maa Tarini Basti, Near Satya Sai women’s college-Pokhariput, Sadaka Sahi Basti, Phalikia Basti, Near railway station, Reddy Basti, budhha nagar, Kukuteswar Basti, Tati Basti, near unit-1, Kalinga Basti, near adivasi exhibition basti, Akhandalamani Basti, Palasuni Basti, Kalyan Sahi Basti, Gadakana, Haladipadia, Mandap sahi Basti, near Aditya aswini hospital, Salia Sahi, Near Loyala school, Adivasi Sahi, Near Gopinathpur, primary high school, Jatni. The beneficiaries were daily wage labourers, some abandoned senior citizens & differently abled persons. The beneficiaries list was prepared in advance from the leaders of the community.



- 110 Dry Ration Kits supported by SBI Officer Wives Club, has distributed at Narayan & Dehuri slums, of Unit-8, Bhubaneswar.



Dry Ration Kit Donated by SBI

Contains of one Dry Ration Kit

During the ration kit distribution

- SOCH has partnered with I-PAC for cooked food distribution in Bhubaneswar area to needy individuals and families, 500 cooked food packets distributed in Patharabandha slum, BBSR with the help of Sahid Nagar, Police Station Staffs.
- We also able to mobilized some kits for few needy people like rickshaw pullers, drivers and maid servant by some local supporters.



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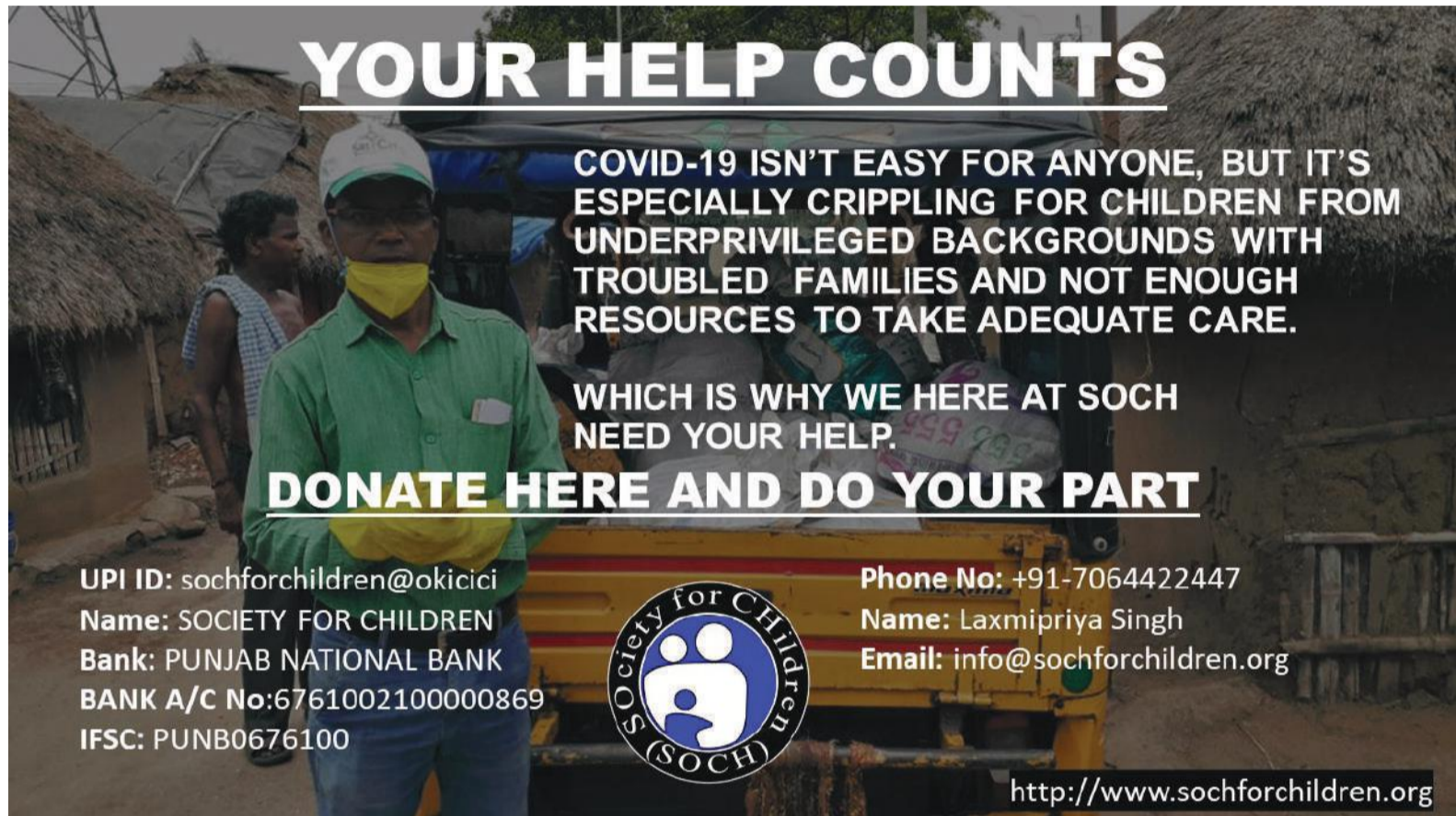
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ON BEHALF OF SOCH FAMILY

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

BE A PART OF SOCH



YOUR HELP COUNTS


COVID-19 ISN'T EASY FOR ANYONE, BUT IT'S ESPECIALLY CRIPPLING FOR CHILDREN FROM UNDERPRIVILEGED BACKGROUNDS WITH TROUBLED FAMILIES AND NOT ENOUGH RESOURCES TO TAKE ADEQUATE CARE.

WHICH IS WHY WE HERE AT SOCH NEED YOUR HELP.

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We have been distributing dry ration kits to ultra poor families based in slums in Bhubaneswar. You can be part of this philanthropic work in three ways.

- 1) Volunteering in packing and distribution.
- 2) Donate dry ration by purchasing your own.
- 3) Sponser a dry ration kit in just Rs. 750. We shall ensure purchasing and distribution.

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