

Annual Report 2007 - 08



RUCHIKA SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATION

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS YEAR

- ▶ 3000 children received primary education
- ▶ 900 children received preschool education
- ▶ 164 youth received job oriented skill training
- ▶ 113 of them have been rehabilitated / placed in jobs.
- ▶ 1329 children have been mainstreamed to formal schools
- ▶ 245 families adopted small family norms
- ▶ 1192 children, women & road accident victims received emergency services
- ▶ 247 children and women were provided with shelter services
- ▶ 146 children were restored to their homes.
- ▶ 500 street & slum adolescents, 5000 community members & 882 auto drivers were made aware of HIV and STIs issues.
- ▶ 336 differently abled children have been helped with necessary services and equipment of which 138 have been mainstreamed to schools.
- ▶ 3000 slum children and 10,000 community members have been made aware of sanitation and safe drinking water.

VISITOR'S COMMENT

"Extremely dedicated work of the organization inspiring for others"

-A . Beuria , IAS, (Retd.) President, Sorvodaya Movement, Orissa.

"Excellent work . I really praise dedicated team effort. All the best for future"

- Rajesh Kumar, Vibha, New Delhi

"Thank you for allowing us to come and film the valuable work you do with the children of Orissa. We hope that our film will be shown in the UK and show people how generous & important your programme is"

Rebecca Wearn , Journalist , UK

"A truly inspirational programme of work heartening in its optimism and a belief in change"

Chris Elliott, Concern Worldwide , Dublin

RUCHIKA SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATION

What must life on the streets be like for children in Bhubaneswar? Over the past 23 years Ruchika Social Service Organization has found the answer to that question. Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, Founder, together with over three hundred employees fight to improve the lives of children every day. Through a number of innovative

strategies, Ruchika works to transform the lives of the over 5,000 street, slum and railway children of Orissa.

Transforming lives through Education

Through education it targets children in the streets, slums and railway stations through the simple act of locating schools where the children are and staffing these with

The schools provide a nucleus for other, much needed services. Mobile health care, supplementary nutrition, water and sanitation resources, HIV and STD intervention, community care services, services for children and women in crisis - this supports is available to families through the one room school shed and railway platform schools in different locations in Orissa.

Ruchika imparts preschool services, alternative education for slum children and functional education for

Education Programs	No. of centers	No. of teachers served	No. of children served in 2007-08	No. of children promoted	No. of children were sent to govt. schools
Platform schools	17	18	525	450	26
Alternative schools (EGS)	42	46	1875	1875	465
Alternative schools (AIE)	21	21	645	645	401
Street education centers	05	10	250	220	12
Mobile schools	02	02	80	60	Nil
Balwadis	42	84	1500	1500	350
Creches	06	12	180	180	75
TOTAL	12	193	5055	4930	1329



23 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO GIVE THE CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SMILE

street and railway children. 42 of them are supported by Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) and 21 by Alternative and Innovative Education (AIE) under "Education For All" programme of Government .z

Nutrition

We serve 3000 children with supplementary nutrition provided by the government and support agencies. The children of the EGS and AIE Centers (the Sarva Sikhya Abhiyan) and street education centers are served cooked food and the children of other centers are served dried grains with milk powder mixed with water.

Health Care

The health care component is an integral part of the education program. Doctors, both allopathic and homeopathic, visit the children once a week and conduct health checks. All 3000 children are covered in a mobile medical program. Medicines are dispensed. In addition health education is imparted to their parents.

Health Service

Health Services Provided	Children	Adult	Total
Allopathic Medication	11912	5776	17688
Homeopathic Medication	3766	61	3827
Family Planning Operation	0	72	72
Other Contraceptive	0	168	168
T.B. Leprosy Treatment	0	42	42

Skill Training For Slum & Street Youth

Street and slum youth are trained with basic skills and job placement/rehabilitation services. Tailoring, hotel utility, waiter and cooking training are provided at the vocational training center. In addition, the youth are also linked to both private and government skill training programs. These youth are helped to be rehabilitated or placed after training. This table will give an idea of the training program this year.

Trade	No. of youth trained	No of placement	support for rehab.
Tailoring	57	32	12
Hotel Utility	22	15	15
Waiter Service	15	15	15
Cooking	15	05	-
Home Nursing	14	14	08
House Keeping	12	12	12

A Home Away From Home

A large number of children experience family problems they are unable to solve: e.g. alcoholism, child abuse, unemployment and poverty. Runaway children who wished to study/work but were not allowed to or who



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wanted to combine the two options are given an opportunity to attend school at times suited to their work timings. Some of the children who had no housing facility were accommodated in Asra and Sradha Bhawan- the shelter homes. These shelters are also used as transit homes for children and women until they are restored to home or rehabilitated.

Stories Of Change

Ashis found a livelihood - Ashis, an eighteen years slum boy was completely lost after his high school examination. It was very difficult for his family to survive with a small earning of his father who was working in a road side eatery. He was brought to our vocational training unit where he received hotel service training. Presently Ashis is working in Hotel Suryansh, a five star hotel and earning enough for his family to live a dignified life.

Yasoda became a flautist - Yasoda a 7 years old girl was studying in our slum school where her potential was identified. She was referred to a reputed music teacher Sri Mohini Mohan Pattanayak who took the responsibility of training her to be a flautist. Presently she is studying in a reputed government Music College and giving performances in the television and radio.

An Aspiring Doctor !

Giridhari is aspiring to be a doctor. Eight years back he was found struggling for survival at the



Bhubaneswar railway station. A victim of the centuries devastating super cyclone, he was separated from his family and the station was the only means for him to live. He was brought to the shelter by the Platform School teacher and was admitted to a government school. This year he passed High School examination with 78 % marks and is studying + 2 Science.

Children with Disabilities

Bhubaneswar has 3.33 % differently abled people. This figure is higher than other cities in India. In search of a dignified childhood, the Inclusive Education Program was started by RSSO with the blessings of Dr. Herman Koppers in 2001. To date, 336 children with disabilities have been identified. 138 of them have been mainstreamed into schools, provided with aids and appliances and helped to procure government documents necessary for receiving special services.



Potable Water And Sanitation For All Children

With the goal of providing universal access to potable water, sanitation and hygiene services among the slum dwellers of Bhubaneswar, the project was initiated in 2004. It builds an awareness and knowledge base of better sanitary and hygiene habits and effective management of assets by a trained community. The following assets listed in the table have been created in the slums with a special mention of child-friendly latrines and dissemination of messages through child parliaments.

Assets/ Programme	No
Sanitation blocks	06
Child friendly toilets	Nil
Rain water harvesting points	10
Compost pits	07
Installation of tube-wells	12
Household Latrine	600
Restoration of tube-wells	24
Support to SHG	04

Emergency Care & Crisis Intervention

We have observed that within 30 minutes of arrival on the Bhubaneswar railway platform, a vulnerable child is approached by persons who seek to exploit him or her. Childline addresses the issues and challenges faced by children in crisis with a 24 hour telephone outreach rescue service. It also links children with long term rehabilitation options. Helpline is a similar resource whose mission is to support women in crisis. In addition, Helpline reaches out to victims of road accidents in Bhubaneswar. The emergency intervention project staff are trained in rescue operations, counseling and communication. It's staff works both day and night in the spirit of helping those in need. An ambulance is engaged 24 hours a day for the service. The table indicates the services provided during 2007-08.

Service Provided	CHILDLINE	HELPLINE	TOTAL
Medical	263	75	338
Shelter	209	198	247
Counseling	84	33	117
Missing	58	05	63
Legal Aid	0	45	45
Restoration	146	0	146
Road Accident Support			76
Total	760	356	1192



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Targeted Intervention To Prevent HIV

India has 2.5 million HIV positive cases to date. The Red Ribbon Friends (peer educators) are now taking leadership in the community to reach the adolescent population with strategies for prevention through seven centers. These centers also provide recreation and craft training. The table indicates RSSO statistics for the year.

Major Services	Street /Slum Adolescents	Slum communities	Auto Drivers
Individual Intraction	5142	3960	1575
STI Treatments	241	168	49
Peer educator	35	30	32
Support to SHGs	-	10	-
Balika Mandals	6	-	-
Livehood Training	42	-	-

Mobile Toy Library – A Dream Fulfilled

Giving toys to young children who live in the slums and those who live on the street was one of the dreams of Mrs. Khurana. The Toy Library on Wheels was initiated in 2007. The first of its kind in Orissa, this library housed in a brightly painted bus, travels to the most remote slums with a variety of toys for children and has reached over 1200 children this year alone! .

Children As Change Agents

Our children have proven that they can be the best change makers if given the opportunity. Child parliament, children assembly, Balika mandals, peer educators are some of the examples of children empowered to bring change to the community. .

Building Up A People’s Movement

It has been understood that education, community empowerment, change in the gender norms, and equality

awareness should become mediums to bring about improvement in these fundamental inequalities, which have been victimizing our civilization for generations. In the meantime, the most vulnerable members i.e. women and children also need tools that would enable them to protect themselves from travails of life. The people, especially the women are empowered to bring about a sustainable change in the community through self-help groups, health committees, education committees, community peers etc.

Honours And Recognition

In recognition of her work on behalf of children, Mrs. Inderjit Khurana received the “Shining World Leadership Award” 2007 from the Supreme Master Ching Hai International Association, Singapore and the “World of Children”, USA, Humanitarian Award. Mrs. Khurana was a presenter at the Clinton Global Initiative, New York..



Toy Library on Wheels



Education: The Most Effective Strategies for the Most Vulnerable Children
Mrs. Inderjit Khurana discussing with Gary Knell in Clinton Global Initiative Meeting 2007 in USA

We are growing with the contributions of the following donors

Agencies - Ministry of Women And Child Development, India, Central Social Welfare Board India, Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan, Orissa, State Transport Authority Orissa, American Jewish World Service, USA, Indians for Collective Action, USA, ASHA- Silicon Valley Chapter, USA, Vibha, USA, Global Fund For Children, USA, Global Giving, USA, VJW Ruchika Thomas For India, Belgium, Mirman School, USA, Empower USA, Concern Worldwide, India, Water Aid India, Helping Hand, USA, Grassroots

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We comply With credibility alliance norms

A member organization of the credibility alliance we are trying to build up public trust by enhancing our accountability and transparency.

SALARY STRUCTURE OF THE STAFF

<i>Amount</i>	<i>No. of staff</i>
< 500	21 (Part time)
501 – 1000	123 (Part time)
1001 – 5000	82
> 5000	04

Lowest paid staff = 400/- (part timer)

Highest paid staff = 12,500/-

N.B: Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, Secretary does not receive any remuneration in any form from the organization for her services.

TRAVEL

Mrs. Inderjit Khurana visited the USA to attend the Clinton Global Initiative. Her travel and other expenses were supported by the organizing body. Mr. R.P. Dwivedy visited Bangladesh by air and New Delhi by air. His travel and other expenses were also supported by the Water Aid, India. Mr. Benudhar Senapati participated in a training program at Ahmedabad. Mr. Sisir Kumar Mallick participated a training program in New Delhi. Their air fare and other training expenses were borne by Concern Worldwide.

Auditor : S. N. Adalakra & Co, Chartered Accountants, Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India.

Bankers : 1. State Bank of India, Main Branch, 2. State Bank of India, Old Town Branch, 3. Canara Bank, Bapuji Nagar Branch, 4. H.D. F. C. Bank, Main Branch



Some of our donors

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Late Lt. Col. Surinder Singh Khurana
(13.08.1928 – 13.10.2007)

Administrator

Ruchika Social Service Organisation,
Ruchika High School & Ruchika Preschool

“As a tribute we make a promise
to the lost Jewel of the Crown;
That we will always keep up your
tradition and never let you down”

We the children, staff and members of the
organization are deeply saddened by the
sudden demise of our beloved uncle

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Accountability and transparency have always been the guiding principles of RSSO. All the money contributed to us is well spent and accounted for. RSSO believes that it is the custodian of public funds, and is therefore totally accountable to the wider public for its efficient usage.

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2008

PARTICULARS	CURRENT FIN YEAR (07-08)		PREV. FIN YEAR(06-07)	
	Amount (Rs.)	%	Amount(Rs.)	%
Assets				
Fixed asset	64,00,000	15	66,84,289	17
Investment	00		00	00
Loans disbursed	15,00,000	04	12,07,872	3
Deposit & advances	2,70,00,000	66	2,28,71,757	57
Current assets	63,00,000	15	88,49,332	22
Income & Balance	00		2,43,409	1
Total	412,00,000	100	398,56,659	100
Liabilities				
Corpus/Endowment	1,31,50,000	31	11671435	29
Earmarked Fund	00	00	00	00
Loan / Borrowing	2,50,000	01	11671435	01
Current Liabilities	2,75,15,000	67	27783886	70
Income & Expenditure	2,85,000	01	00	00
Total	412,00,000	100	398,56,659	100

ABRIDGED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 08

PARTICULARS	CURRENT FIN YEAR (07-08)		PREV. FIN YEAR(06-07)	
	Amount (Rs.)	%	Amount (Rs.)	%
Income				
Self generated income	2,00,000	02	1,37,324	1.5
Received from national source	25,00,000	20	24,01,522	25
Received from International sources.	64,00,000	52	47,45,662	50
Others	32,00,000	26	20,39,019	21
Excess of expenditure over income			2,43,409	2.5
Total	12,300,000	100	95,66,963	100
Expenditure				
Education	47,69,000	39	27,99,893	29
Health, water & sanitation	33,00,000	27	30,72,641	32
Nutrition	12,25,000	10	10,74,996	11
Depreciation	7,21,000	06	7,50,680	08
Other	20,00,000	16	1,49,9104	20
Excess of income over expenditure	2,85,000	02		
Total	12,300,000	100	95,66,963	100

ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. S. M. Pattanaik	Former Chief Secretary, Orissa
Mr. Bhabani Charan Pattanayak	Freedom fighter & Ex. M.P. (Rajyasabha)
Padmashree Dr. D. P. Pattanaik	Professor Emeritus, Educationist
Justice Himadri Mohapatra	Member, State Human Rights Commission,
Ms. Jaggi Mangat Panda	Director, Ortel Communication
Ms. Vimaljit Dua	Vice-Principal, Ruchika Preschool
Mr. Rajeswar Hota	Advocate, District Court

GOVERNING BOARD

Our governing board is Managing Committee. It meets once a quarter. Meeting dates of the year 21.3.2007 , 2.11.2007 & 4.1.2008

Name	Designation
Prof. (Dr.) Jagannath Mohanty Prof. Emeritus, Former Principal of Teacher's Education College & Eminent writer	President
Prof. (Dr.) Narayan Rao, Former Registrar, Berhampur University	Vice President
Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, Director, Ruchika High School & Preschool	Secretary
Mr. R. P. Dwivedy, Program Manager	Member
Mr. Benudhar Senapati, Program Manager	Member
Mr. Balbir Singh Bhasin, Management Consultant	Member



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LIST OF ONGOING PROJECT & FUNDING AGENCIES

SI	Name of the program	Name of the Support agency	No of units	Target Group	Yr. of inception	Staff / Beneficiaries
01	Railway Station Platform School	Ruchika Social Service Organisation	17	Railway children	1985	20/600
02	Alternative schools under EGS	Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan, Orissa	42	Slum children	2000	49/1300
03	Alternative & Innovative Education Centres	Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan, Orissa	21	Slum children	2007	21/800
04	Street Children Project	Ministry of Women and Child Development	07	Street children	1998	17/350
05	Shelter for Street Boys	Ministry of Women and Child Development	01	Street / Run away boys	1998	3/40
06	Vocational Training Center	AJWS, USA	01	Slum children above 14 yrs.	2001	8/100
07	Balwadi	AJWS , USA	21	Children Below 6 yrs	2001	44/750
08	Targeted Intervention programme to prevent HIV/AIDS/STI.	Concern Worldwide - India	17	Street adolescents, slum community, auto drivers etc.	2002	19/3000
09	Slum Girls School Sponsorship	Ruchika Social Service Organisation	01	Slum girls	2007	1/80
10	CHILDLINE – for children in distress	Ministry of Women and Child Dev. Govt. of India	01	Any child in distress in the city	2000	13/800
11	Helpline – a crisis response centre	Global Giving	01	Women in distress and crisis	2004	11/500
12	Accident Helpline	Orissa Road Transport Dept. Govt. of Orissa	01	Road accident victims	2006	Same staff
13	Integrated Water & Sanitation program in Slum schools	Water Aid - India	30	Slum children	2004	8/3000
14	Health Care in Platform schools	EMPower, USA	17	Railway Children	2000	8/600
15	Inclusive Education program	VJW - Ruchika-Thomas for India , Belgium	01	Disabled children	2004	4/300
16	Health Care for EGS centres (Slums)	Concern Worldwide	63	Slum children	2006	4/2100



“We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love . There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread , but there are many more dying for a little love”