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*Journey of 25 Years*



**Butterflies**

*Protecting and empowering children since 1989*



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2002

Butterflies School of Culinary  
& Catering launched

2001

Children's Development  
Khazana is born

1998

Alliance & Children's  
Clubs formed

1996

Children's Media initiated

1995

Child Health Cooperative begins

1993

Butterflies Resilience Centre  
& Night Shelters Founded

1989

Butterflies journey begins with  
the street education programme

# Journey of 25 Years

2005

Butterflies begins working in  
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Mobile Education  
launched

2008

Right to Play  
Campaign Launched

2010

Chakhle Dilli begins

2013

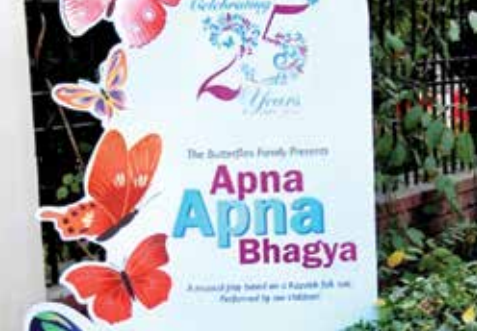
Intervention with Children  
in Conflict with Law

2013

Child Social Protection Committee  
Programme begins

2015









# Silver Jubilee Celebrations Gallery





## From the Executive Director's Desk

### New Directions, Same Goal

Dear Friends,

If you ask anyone to describe home in one word they will often respond with either “comfortable” or “safe.” No matter where you live in the world, home is the place people long to be. And that is the mission we at Butterflies have been striving to achieve over the last 25 years. Ensuring children have a caring family and home.

This year as we conclude our silver jubilee celebrations, with another musical play performed by our little masters, we have had chances to relook at our mission that has kept us going all these 25 years.

The call for innovation and creativity while dealing with children has never been as pressing as in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. With rapid socio-economic changes, they bring with it more and more complex problems.

We have made progress in our programmes, launched a new programme and expanded our work to more areas through the establishment of Children's Development Centres in 5 different areas of Delhi.

Central to our programmes is the question of how we can nurture our children to bring out the best in them. One way to do it is to provide a diversified curriculum and multiple learning pathways, so that students of different aptitudes, abilities and interests will be able to exploit their own potentials to the full. This is why we are constantly introducing new education interventions for our children, and proposing new teaching methods.

Our vision is that all children in the communities we serve are able to reach their maximum potential and time and again it has been proved that having children at the decision making table is critical for the success of any intervention.





In an increasing globalised and technologically advanced world, new challenges have cropped up. We need to develop innovative programmes to protect our children from new kinds of threats emerging from a technologically advanced world.

It is not easy, but I am confident that if we share the same vision and commitment when we started, we can always be one step closer to our goal.

My Colleagues. Many of you have made invaluable contribution to the organisation's mission over the years. You may not realize how, as part of the Butterflies family, you have impacted and will continue to impact the future generations of children. Each one of you has made a significant difference, and are continuing to do so. I look forward to your continuing support.

Along the way we have lost one of our dear supporters and board member, Ms. Kathleen Gerardi. A woman of compassion and a great soul with a heart full of empathy. Kathleen will be greatly missed but her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever.

We are ever grateful to our Board members who helped us refine our mission and vision statements, and established some core beliefs that will guide our future work.

We are grateful to all our supporters and every one of our staff and volunteers who devote their valuable time each year to help us fulfil our mission.

Butterflies looks ahead with great optimism & inspiration and I appreciate you taking the time to read our report.

Thank you to all our donors for your trust in us, generosity and commitment to our work.

Sincerely yours,  
Rita Panicker Pinto

*"In a World  
Where  
Opinions  
Matter, Having  
Children at  
the Decision  
making table  
is critical for  
the success  
of any  
intervention"*



# Introduction



*"My 25 years at Butterflies has been a humbling experience, touching me deeply in being able to make a difference in the lives of so many children & families."*

**-CV Thomas**

## About Butterflies

Butterflies is a registered voluntary organisation working with vulnerable children, especially street and working children in Delhi since 1989. With a rights based, participatory, non-institutional approach the organisation endeavours to educate and impart life skills to vulnerable children so that they become self-reliant. Over the years Butterflies has initiated a number of innovative interventions in the field and partnered with various government and non-government agencies to garner support for the children.

The main programmes are Education, Children's Development Khazana (life skills programme teaching financial management), Child Health Cooperative (CHC), Children's Media (Butterflies Broadcasting Children), Resilience Centre and Childline (1098, 24-hour helpline for children in crisis), Night Shelters for homeless children, vocational training (Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering and Computer Education), Chakhle Dilli, Advocacy & Research Centre (ARC), Alliance Building and Right to Play.

Butterflies is also a member of Family for Every Child, a global alliance of local civil society organisations working together to improve the lives of vulnerable children around the world.

## We dream of a world where every child

Is loved and respected regardless of race, religion or caste  
 Is fed and clothed and housed within a caring family environment  
 Has free access to quality education and training in line with his or her abilities  
 Has free access to quality health care  
 Has free access to recreation and leisure  
 Has a voice and can speak out without fear of the consequences  
 Is free from exploitation and abuse  
 Is free from the direct and indirect effects of armed conflict and communal violence  
 A world where every child is free to be a child and has hope for the future.





Butterflies addresses the challenge of making the Indian Constitution and UN Convention on the Rights of the Child a reality, particularly of those children who are most vulnerable, neglected, abused and exploited. Butterflies is committed within its mandate, to work towards solidarity among NGOs, Government and all Civil Society organizations for addressing the concerns of all children.

## Our Endeavour

To listen to children and let our work be guided by their views, suggestions and feelings

To work in partnership with the government, civil society organisations and international agencies to raise awareness of the problems which affect marginalized children everywhere

To give vulnerable children a voice and tools to raise issues which have a bearing on their lives and to facilitate change which will enable them to become valued and productive citizens

To make sure that such children have the opportunity to reach their full potential, whatever that may be

To encourage today's generation of children to have the confidence, motivation and means to make the world a better place for themselves and for their own children, to influence the government policies which affect children and to ensure that child rights are an integral item on all government political agendas.

Butterflies' goal is to continuously find approaches and strategies for working with children in their efforts and struggles in protecting their own rights.



*"The space that Butterflies offers to every individual staff member to learn, grow and refine his/her knowledge and skills makes this organization different."*

**-JB Oli**

## The Reach

- *More than 2,000 children in Delhi through 13 contact points*
- *1,371 children in Andaman & Nicobar Islands*
- *553 children in Uttarakhand*

Through the Children's Development Khazana and Child Health Cooperative (Children's Cooperatives), Butterflies has a presence in 8 countries of South and Central Asia, Africa (Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Madagascar and Ghana). Within India, the Children's Cooperatives Programme is operational in ten states and Union Territories - Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Kerala, Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Rajasthan, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Maharashtra.



# Street Programme



*"What has made this organisation is that each one's opinion is valued which has given me the strength to carry on for the last 25 years"*

**-Satyavir Singh**

With its unique non-institutional approach Butterflies endeavors to empower street and working children in the city of Delhi. The street programme interventions are rooted in places like bus terminals, railway stations, market places, parks and so on, where children live and work. Butterflies works in 13 contact points in Delhi and reaches out to more than 2,000 children on a daily basis.

## Year in Review

- 1,340 children (861 boys and 479 girls) were in our network and part of interventions like education, monthly sports and life skill programmes
- 935 children (574 boys and 361 girls) were attending our regular education programme and all these children are part of the formal education system
- 765 children (423 boys and 342 girls) were attending formal government schools
- 170 children were part of the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)
- 350 young girls and mothers of children were enrolled in formal education through NIOS partner NGOs
- 181 children along with 30 staff went for the annual picnic in Rajaji National Park, Rishikesh.
- 3 special teachers were hired for teaching Mathematics, English and Science.





## NIOS Examinations 2016

- 186 students (134 girls and 52 boys) from Butterflies and 15 other partner NGOs cleared all the subjects in NIOS exams and moved to the next level
- 22 representative staff from NIOS partners participated in the Annual meeting of NIOS partners in the month of May 2015
- 31 teachers from NIOS partners agencies attended a training programme on “New Teaching Methodologies”
- 16 representative staff from NIOS partner’s agencies participated in the Annual meeting of NIOS partners in the month of February 2016



*“Since I also study with my daughter, she now sees me more like a friend than a mother.”*

– A mother from Okhla Mandi, enrolled in Butterflies’ NIOS Centre

## Education Awards 2015

### Kathleen Gerardi Memorial Awards

A special award for meritorious children was constituted in memory of Late Ms. Kathleen Gerardi, a Butterflies USA board member and a great supporter of our work. The award was given to 7 children by Mr. Manojit Sen, Butterflies’ Board Member, at the musical play organized as part of the International Human Rights Day.

- 59 children/mothers from Butterflies and 15 partner organizations were awarded for outstanding performance in education at the Education Awards Ceremony held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015
- 5 adolescent children from Butterflies were selected for the Advance Computer Course (ACC) at Habitat Learning Center
- 18 children and adolescents from Butterflies participated in the Youth Festival held in February 2016, organized by the Department of Art, Culture and languages, Government of Delhi.
- Nisha from Okhla Mandi was rewarded by Shri Venkaiah Naidu (Minister of Urban Development, Government of India) at the



HUDCO Painting Competition for the second consecutive year she got the award

- Important days like Holi, Id, Christmas and Republic Day were also celebrated at all contact points
- Awards were also given to the outstanding performers of each contact point for their punctuality, regularity and sincerity towards their education



The sports teachers, as per their schedule, regularly conducted various activities at contact points such as Badminton, cricket, football, carom, chess

and other types of fun games. The monthly sports days draws in more than 300 children who participate in sports and traditional games. In addition Butterflies' girls football team also participates in external events like the Delhi Youth Girl's Football League.



**Children's participation** is the heart of our programme. We encourage children to express their views/ideas, share their problems and look for solutions. For this children's council meetings (Bal Sabhas) are organized every month at the contact points called as Small Bal Sabhas. The unresolved issues are discussed in a larger meeting called as Big Bal Sabha, held every month, in which 3-4 children participate from each contact point. Children themselves select their Convener and Secretary for these meetings.





Children raised issues like maintenance of cleanliness in the community, drinking water problem in the community, employer abuse, cleanliness of toilets in the school, and took decisions and formed action groups to resolve them. The main issues were related to the environment, education and their needs. Children suggested some changes in our interventions. Some of the decisions taken in the meeting have already been incorporated in our programmes and actions have been taken with the involvement of the children as per their needs.

**12 Big Bal Sabhas and 12 Small Bal Sabhas organized**

### Family and Community Intervention

Butterflies sees families and communities as important agents in protecting and safeguarding children's rights. Meeting children's parents is an important part of our programme. These meetings provide opportunities for direct communication between field staff and the parents. The main purpose of the meeting is to actively involve the parents in Butterflies programme to ensure the progress of the children, provide information, discuss their issues and connect with Butterflies. These meetings are not only to discuss children's academic progress but to also find solutions to academic or behavioral problems.

Number of parents also started visiting their children's schools to discuss issues of their children with the school authorities and enquire about their children's educational progress. Witnessing the positive change in their children some mothers were inspired to continue their education and assisted by the CRA enrolled themselves in the National Institute of Open Schooling.

### Family Support

*Family therapeutic intervention programme aims to identify and work with disrupted families.*

**1,034 parents participated in 60 meetings** held throughout the year at all Children's Development Centres and Street Contact Points.

**29 government schools have Butterflies Staff and Parents as Members of SMCs.** Active participation of parents and Butterflies staff in SMCs pushed schools to start remedial classes for children who were weak in studies.





**48 children (34 boys and 14 girls) and their families** who were at risk were provided psycho-social and legal support facilitated by Child Protection Officers (CPO's).

### Night Outreach Programme

Fortnightly Night Outs are an important feature of our street programme where teams explore the area around the contact points by sensitizing people, children, shopkeepers, parents on our programmes and also providing immediate help to any child in need. These night outs are useful in getting children to rejoin our programmes, identifying new locations. More night outs are carried out in the winter season to help homeless children access night shelters from the chilling weather of Delhi.

**Radhika** is a 10-year-old girl who lives with her mother and elder brother at the banks of the Yamuna River in a temporary shelter. She regularly attends Butterflies education programme and also studies in a formal school in grade 6. Her family migrated to Delhi from the neighbouring state of Uttar Pradesh fifteen years ago. Her father's death two years ago forced her mother to take up his job of a street vendor but failed. Radhika's grandparents who live close by support them sometimes and the mother does odd jobs to look after the family. In spite of all these difficulties Radhika never misses a day to come to the Butterflies contact point to study. She performed excellently in all the examinations conducted at the contact point scoring an overall 87% and is also an active member of Children's Development Khazana and Child Health Cooperative and also motivates other children to become members of these children's cooperatives. In addition to studies Radhika is also a good football player and regularly attends football coaching given by Butterflies' sports teachers. Her mother's dream is to make Radhika independent and move ahead in life and Radhika believes that only through education can she fulfill her mother's and her own dreams.





# Mobile Education Programme

*"If the children cannot come to the school, let us take the school to them"*

## Delhi

Butterflies' Mobile Education Programme, known as Mobile Learning Centre (MLC) reaches out to children in the remotest areas of Delhi to bring out of school children in the education net by providing quality education till the last mile. 2 mobile schools equipped with laptops and big LCDs continued educating children through digital aids in four locations of Delhi viz., Sadar Bazar, Okhla Mandi, Kashmere Gate and Chandni Chowk.



*"Butterflies gave me the wings to fly higher in the sky of knowledge."*

**-Moushumi Baruah**

## Year in Review

- 215 children were enrolled in our regular education programme
- 440 children benefited by accessing services of these mobile schools
- 189 children are enrolled in formal school
- 13 community meetings and 3 campaigns were organized to sensitize parents and other stakeholders on essential parenting skills required for children's wellbeing.
- Seven children got an opportunity to be a part of the Team Swachh campaign launched by the International Cricket Council (ICC), Cricket for Good and UNICEF in partnership with BCCI during the ICC WT20 Host City Tour at Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in New Delhi.



*Computer education is a popular and motivating factor for children to regularly attend the education programme. Children complete their basic computer course at the mobile schools and later with our assistance are enrolled in other computer institutes to learn advanced computer courses.*





*The library in the mobile schools has helped in cultivating a healthy reading habit among the children.*

- 103 children (76 boys and 27 girls) were given basic computer education.
- Seven children have been nominated for an advanced computer course run by Habitat Learning Centre.
- 104 children (53 boys and 51 girls) were active members of the library taking books home regularly and returning them on time. An interesting outcome of our mobile library is that children chose stories that inspired them to enact it at the cultural afternoon.
- 58 children participated in the Sports Mela (fair) organized on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 on the occasion of Human Rights Day at East Vinod Nagar Sports Complex, Delhi.

### Child Rights Clubs in Government Schools

5 child rights clubs were formed in government schools to improve the teaching-learning process. Butterflies' staff conduct life skills sessions with children in these schools were invited by the school administration to facilitate the parents-teachers meeting as well.

## Uttarakhand

Butterflies under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Uttarakhand State Government Education Department (Sarva Shikshya Abhiyan) runs a government programme called Sapno Ki Udaan. The programme reaches out to children in





the remotest areas of Uttarakhand to bring out of school children and children affected by disasters in the education net by providing quality education till the last mile. Two mobile schools in Uttarakhand are operational in 3 districts of Uttarakhand (Udham Singh Nagar, Haridwar and Dehradun).

### Year in Review

- 553 children (288 boys and 265 girls) were enrolled in government schools, after initial educational support through the multipurpose van
- 22 children (13 boys and 9 girls) have been enrolled in upper primary classes
- 531 children (275 boys and 256 girls) have been enrolled in primary classes
- 705 people (400 mothers, 200 fathers, 85 stakeholders and 20 government officials) participated in 27 parents / community meetings at our contact points
- 693 children (367 girls and 326 boys) participated in 24 bal sabhas conducted on a monthly basis.
- 21 children participated and won prizes in the Sapno Ki Udaan programme organized by the Sarva Shikshya Abhiyan, Department of Education, Uttarakhand Government
- 100 children in Haridwar district have started receiving the Midday Meal from the government









# Children's Development Khazana (CDK)



Conceptualized and initiated by Butterflies in 2001, as a vehicle to empower street and working children, Children's Development Khazana (CDK) is a life skills education programme, educating children and adolescents democratic values and financial management. Children between the age group of 9-18 years are the members of CDK which is now present in six countries in the South and Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India) and two countries in Africa (Ghana and Madagascar). In India it is operational in 16 cities and rural areas (Leh, Delhi, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Puri, Mayurbhanj, Muzaffarpur, Purnia, Ranchi, Jaipur, Mumbai, Thrissur, Sulthan Bathery, and 3 islands in Andaman and Nicobar Islands).



*"Poverty can be eradicated through equitable economic growth; and this growth is only conceivable when today's children learn to manage their money and finances well"*

**-Dr. Vishal Massey**

## AT A GLANCE

- 235 Branches
- 8 Countries
- 10 International Associates & 13 National Associates
- 15,117 members (8,362 boys & 6,755 girls)
- \$68,369 savings

## International Associates

Associates	Country
Kantha Shakthi	Sri Lanka
Rural Women's Front	Sri Lanka
Aschiana	Afghanistan
Child Welfare Scheme Nepal, Pokhara	Nepal
Voice of Children	Nepal
Youth Society Nepal, Chitwan	Nepal
"Putnik" Children's Centre Public	Kyrgyzstan
Munis	Tajikistan
ONG Manda	Madagascar
Challenging Heights	Ghana



## Indian Associates

Associate	State or Union Territory
Butterflies, Delhi	New Delhi
Butterflies, ANI	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Leh Nutrition Project	Jammu & Kashmir
Hope Kolkata Foundation	West Bengal
Mahila Development Centre	Bihar
Pratigya	Jharkhand
Open Learning Systems	Odisha
Unnayan	Odisha
JKSMS	Rajasthan
Hamara Foundation	Maharashtra
Salaam Baalak Trust	Maharashtra
Centre for the Study of Social Change	Maharashtra
Shreyas	Kerala
ACMI Devamatha	Kerala

## Year in Review

### 10<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on CDK and CHC, Kerala, 2015

Children from 8 countries at an interaction shared how Children's Development Khazana (CDK) and Child Health Cooperative (CHC), both cooperatives managed by children have helped them and their families. The interaction was part of the nine day International Workshop on CDK and CHC from 31<sup>st</sup> August - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Wayanad, Kerala organized by Butterflies and Shreyas. The workshop had interesting sessions where children were trained in communication and counselling skills, team work, democratic values, running their Khazana on a practicum basis among others.



### Directors Meet 2015

In order to discuss the progress of the CDK Programme and develop strategies for its further development, an International Meet of Directors of CDK Associate organizations was organized on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in New Delhi. The consultation which was also an opportunity to revisit the credo, vision, mission and goals of CDK witnessed Ms. Rita Panicker, Director, Butterflies sharing children's own vision of CDK and how it impacts their lives as presented by them during 10<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Children's







Cooperative. She emphasized on the need for focusing on children's participation, life skills education especially financial management and democratic values in children. Use of children's accounts tracking sheet was also stressed in the meet to strengthen the financial management systems of CDK programmes located in various parts of the world. Associate wise targets of savings and projected advances were also discussed. The associates also deliberated upon strategies for expansion, mainstreaming of non-school going children, checking substance abuse and gambling among children.

**Monitoring and Evaluation Visits** were made to Shreyas (Wayanad), ACMI (Thrissur), MDC (Muzaffarpur), Pratigya (Ranchi), Salaam Baalak Trust, Hamara Foundation and CSSC in Mumbai.

**Young Managers at Yes Bank:** As part of the exposure and learning visits, a Bank Visit was organized on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 for newly elected Child Volunteer Managers and Assistant Child Volunteer Managers of different CDK branches in Delhi. The visit which took place at the Bhikaji Cama Branch of Yes Bank witnessed the participation of almost 23 CVMs/ACVMs from 10 CDK branches in Delhi.

The excited children were given a warm welcome by all staff members of Yes Bank and were introduced to the bank and





## Training to Become Entrepreneurs

its operations by Ms. Radhika Dutt, Manager and her team. Staff from Butterflies also introduced Children's Development Khazana to the staff members of Yes Bank who were pleasantly surprised to hear about its operation and ownership by children themselves.

**A workshop on the "Basics of Making a Business Plan"** was organized for Children's Development Khazana (CDK) members of Delhi. The objective of the workshop was to imbibe business and entrepreneurial skills among adolescent members of CDK and introduce them to the basics of business planning. Sessions were taken on topics like generation of business ideas, development of a business plan, marketing, profit calculation, breakeven point and financial analysis.



## TOUCHING LIVES

### Tarun an Entrepreneur – CDK Delhi, India

Something that catches your attention about 16-year-old Tarun is his laughter. Tarun has a sense of humour and is talkative. He is popular with his friends and was recently selected by the members of Children's Development Khazana (CDK) to be their Child Volunteer Manger (CVM) of Haathi Park CDK, Delhi. He has completed his 12<sup>th</sup> grade school examinations.

His father works as a security guard in a nearby school and his mother is a home maker. He lives in Chandni Chowk area of old Delhi, one of the business districts of Delhi. Tarun was inspired by Sonu a former Children's Development Khazana member, who had taken an advance from CDK to start a business. Today at 21 years of age Sonu has a successful candy store. Tarun spent his free time with Sonu to learn from him about how to start a business and key elements that make a business click. Sonu told him that he needs to have a bright innovative idea. An idea that makes good business sense.

Tarun had a goal in life to be a successful entrepreneur. He had numerous conversations and discussion with his educator-social worker about his vision, the pros and cons of becoming an entrepreneur. The educator could sense his passion; in Tarun's words "doing a 9 to 5 job that would fetch me a fixed low wage and after a point become dull and boring with no passion to create, is not what I would like my life to be".





He first took an advance of Rs. 3000 from Children's Development Khazana and Rs. 2000 from his father in October 2015 to put up a temporary stall to sell candles, earthen oil lamps for the festival of lights (Diwali). He made a profit of Rs.12000. Tarun repaid his father and gave back to CDK a portion of the advance. As he had negotiated with the Advance Committee members (all members are children) that he would repay the loan over a period of six months. Tarun invested Rs. 4500 in a new business. He had done a survey of mobile accessories shops in the market area and found there were not too many shops selling mobile accessories. Furthermore, he discovered they were over charging. He decided to open a mobile accessories shop; a shop that will sell products at fair prices. He was able to make profit, create a niche for his business in the market and be able to withstand the competition.

Tarun is very enterprising, has good marketing skills. He was one of the first persons to register with Butterflies to participate in a workshop on how to develop business plans and marketing skills.

Today, his business is doing reasonably well as he is able to earn a profit of about Rs. 6000 each month, which is not only providing an additional income to his family but also helping him to continue his education. He opens his little shop in the evening after he does his school studies at Butterflies study center in the afternoon. *In the month of May 2016, when the results of senior secondary examinations were released, Tarun was one of the students who passed the examination in first division, in other words he scored above 75% marks.* He opens his little shop after he does his school studies at Butterflies study center in the afternoon.



Apart from successfully managing his business and doing reasonably well in studies, Tarun is also regarded as an efficient Child Volunteer Manager and is loved and respected by all members of his branch.



## Child Health Cooperative (CHC)



*"Empowering children with the tools to take control and improve their health is the foundation of a healthy community and a healthy nation."*

**-Subroto Chatterjee**

Child Health Cooperative is a unique initiative and forms one of the main components of the Butterflies Health programme. Since its inception in 1995, Butterflies has been running the Child Health Cooperative, for street and working children where they discuss their health problems and chalk out strategies to combat health problems. The cooperative is open to any street and working child and is based on the principle that children can collectively advocate for quality and timely health care services. It also has the primary role of educating its members and their communities on issues of nutrition, hygiene and prevention of most illnesses. CHC consists of Preventive, Promotive and Curative components.

### AT A GLANCE

**8 Countries**

**10 International Associates & 12 National Associates**

**8,688 members**



### Year in Review

**CHC Members Present Findings of a Survey on Water and Sanitation:** Children of Child Health Cooperative (CHC) conducted a survey on Water and Sanitation and other civic amenities in three areas of Delhi, INA, Nizamuddin Dargah and Okhla. The findings of the survey were presented to the Mayor of South Delhi, Mr. Subhash Arya in his office. The findings

were earlier collated at a children's consultation on 15<sup>th</sup> March and was divided into areas that were functioning well and areas that need improvement. The children presented issues such as





the presence of antisocial elements in parks, deplorable sanitation and hygiene facilities in their areas, children being charged to use public toilets etc. The Mayor and his team carefully listened to the children and assured them that immediate steps would be taken to address these issues. The Mayor also promised that he would contact government school officials and arrange regular health camps for children.



Despite their initiatives for cleanliness in their communities through street plays and poster making, there still existed some gaps in civic amenities in the areas of sanitation and hygiene. To address these gaps children drafted a letter to the MCD councilor informing him of the local conditions and

demanding basic civic facilities such as fixing dustbins at public places, regular cleaning of public toilets and a proper drainage system in the area.

### **Children Lead the Way in Dengue Prevention and Sanitation Awareness:**

In order to spread awareness on Dengue and the importance of sanitation and hygiene, children initiated a Dengue Awareness Campaign in their localities using posters and street theatre. The drive began

at Yamuna Bazar, Delhi with children pasting colorful posters in common places and distributing pamphlets among community people, followed by a street play on the issue. The campaign organized on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti was also organized in Okhla Mandi, Nizamuddin Dargah, Sadar Bazar, Kashmere Gate and Jama Masjid areas of Delhi. The drive sensitized people on diseases caused by stagnant water and improper sanitation and hygiene practices. It also highlighted the importance of using mosquito nets, wearing full sleeves clothes and fogging among other preventive cures. The campaign implored community members to demand fogging in their areas from their municipality officers. The campaign boosted the morale of the children who resolved to continue this campaign on their own in their own communities.





**Butterflies' Children Part of Team Swachh Clinics in Delhi, teach cricketers Yuvraj Singh and Pawan Negi how to properly wash their hands:** Building up to the ICC World T20 in India, the International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket

for Good and UNICEF in partnership with BCCI launched the Team Swachh clinics during the ICC WT20 Host City Tour at Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in New Delhi. Team Swachh is an integrated nationwide initiative that aims to build a social movement for sanitation and toilet use thereby leading to an open defecation free India. The ICC Trophies were paraded through the streets of Delhi on a specially designed Nissan vehicle along with cricketers Yuvraj Singh, Pawan Negi and Butterflies' children on a specially designed double decker bus. During this campaign, CHC members were invited to interact with Yuvraj Singh and describe their cooperative to him.

**67 New Child Health Educators (CHE) Trained:** 67 new Child Health Educators (CHE) were trained on basic first aid and in counselling and communication.

**Yoga for Health and Better Concentration:** Child Health Educators (CHE) and Child Health Cooperative (CHC) members took part in a Yoga Camp organized at USO House by Devi Prasad a professional yoga teacher. The children were taught new breathing exercises, brain gym and eye exercises which will help them improve their concentration levels. The trained Child Health Educators will now take these new learnings and teach their peers in contact points and Children's Development Centres in Delhi.

**1,206 Medical Cases were handled by Child Health Educators**

**344 children were part of Health Camps** availing services like general health checkup, dental checkup, diabetes checkup and eyes checkup. 112 children were identified for dental follow ups and 15 children were identified for eye follow-ups. All follow-ups will be done at Jamia Dental College and Shroff Eye Hospital for children free of cost.





**48 children were administered Hepatitis B immunization** supported by the Delhi Commonwealth Women's Association Medical Center, New Delhi.

**343** health cases were addressed by the Health Post where children were provided with medical care and dietary food along with visits to the hospital for review check-ups.

**2,808** medical cases were addressed through the Mobile Health Van which visited all contact points on a weekly basis to provide medical treatment to children in need. Children who needed additional intervention were referred to the health post or the hospital.



#### **455 Children Provided with Nutritional Supplements**

**everyday:** Recognizing the lack of a daily nutritious diet, children across all contact points of Delhi were given nutritional supplements every day.



Regular health cooperative meetings were conducted at different contact points which discussed issues like the roles of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, importance of budgeting for health, health problems, school health programmes, sensitizing neighbouring communities to keep their area clean. The government's School Health Programme was discussed in all contact points and children were sensitized on different aspects of the programme. Children themselves developed a child friendly monitoring tool to review the progress of the programme.



## Right to Play



*"Here every moment is precious, full of learning, sharing and fun. Especially the moments with children which remains with you forever."*

**-Ritu Mishra**

Sports has been an integral part of Butterflies Education Programme. We, at Butterflies feel that play is central to the development of children and it is important for adults to give children the encouragement and space to play. With this idea the campaign 'Right to Play' (RTP) was launched in 2010. The activities that were organized as part of the RTP campaign during this year focused on building a momentum for the campaign and a space for dialogue among different sections of society including researchers, academia, NGOs, media and Government through workshops, Public Interest Litigations and advocacy.

### Year in Review

**Children Demand Their Right to Play-Conduct Signature Campaign Demanding Their Right to Play-** On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 almost 250 children and staff from 20 child rights



organizations in Delhi distributed leaflets demanding their right to play and collected signatures endorsing their demand from the public at 40 metro stations of Delhi. The event which began in the morning concluded at Rajiv Chowk metro station gates in Connaught Place

at 4:00 pm where all the children came together to distribute kite shaped leaflets and collected signatures endorsing their demand from people at Connaught Place. The aim was to collect





25,000 signatures which along with a memorandum will be submitted to the Chief Minister of Delhi, Shri Arvind Kejriwal.

### **On Children's Day Children Demand Their Right to Play-**

**Almost 200 children and staff from 20 child rights organizations in**

Delhi participated in a poster making competition at India Gate lawns on the theme Children's Right to Play. Children are demanding that families should allow every child including girls to come out and play.

**Children Meet Dy. Chief Minister of Delhi, Shri Manish Sisodia, Submit Signatures Endorsing their Right to Play at the 1<sup>st</sup> Sports Mela-** Almost 1,200 children and staff from 20 child rights organizations and schools in Delhi submitted a memorandum and 35,000 signatures endorsing their demand for their Right to Play to the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Shri Manish Sisodia. Children who participated in the poster making contest on children's day were also felicitated by Shri Manish Sisodia at the 1<sup>st</sup> Sports Mela held in Delhi.



## Children's Media



**Butterflies  
Broadcasting  
Children**

A Butterflies Initiative



*"It's truly encouraging to witness the journey of our children, our Butterflies, from tiny cute caterpillars to colourful butterflies, bold, beautiful and confident."*

**-Jovin George**

Butterflies children's media is an alternate media programme to educate children with the new media technologies and as a life skill education to express themselves through different media platforms. This media programme gives space to children to create their own media productions and train them to bring out their unheard voice into the general public. The children's media comprises of Butterflies Broadcasting Children, Children's Theatre and Children's Newspaper. The objective of the children's media programme is to provide children with a platform of communication, to equip them with the practical knowledge and skills in the new media technologies, and make them self-confident and articulate in expressing their own ideas and views in the general public, as a life skill education and path way to find their own field of interest.

### Year in Review

**19 children participated in a puppet workshop** facilitated by Mr. Anand Kumar a professional puppeteer. The 8-day workshop consisted of the different aspects of puppet making





and manipulation of puppets. Children learnt how to make puppets from waste material, manipulate them to tell a story and make script and storyboard. Children were also taught the history of puppetry.

**35 children participated in 3 Public Story events**

held in different locations across Delhi. Each of the event had an average crowd of 250 people from the public, families and local government officials. Story telling is an ancient form of art which brings words and worlds to life and stimulates the imagination and creativity building a bond and community among the listeners and story tellers.



**200 children on an average participated in the monthly cultural evenings.** The programmes range from recitation, songs, skits, plays, dance – semi classical and thematic, puppet show, mono acts and so on.



**45 children were trained in performing arts** and are part of a theatre group which also promotes folk dances.

**5 digital stories were made by children and facilitated by programme staff.** Digital stories are multimedia movies that combine photographs, video, animation, sound, music, text, and often a narrative voice. Once completed, these stories can easily be uploaded to the internet and can be made available to an array of people. As an organization dealing with the issues regarding children, we used this tool to probe children and their experiences within their families across varied socio-cultural-political contexts.

**8 children were part of a forum theatre.** The children put up their play which was based on the issue of children leaving their family before their community consisting of almost 80



people which helped children improve their self-confidence. Forum theatre also known as the theatre of oppressed is a type of forum to teach people how to change their world.

**25 children participated in a video screening session** at the mobile learning center to educate children on the importance of trees and environment.

**18 children participated in a workshop on communication and journalism** facilitated by Mr. Rince Rajan a freelance journalist in visual media and Jovin George, Butterflies' Media coordinator. The workshop covered the basics of radio programme production, the basics of collecting news and writing for the news. Children were also introduced to citizen journalism in which children themselves report on issues and problems. Short videos produced by children were also screened at the workshop.

**66 children participated in photography workshops** where they were taught the functions of a camera, framing and composition followed by a practical training on photography and video recording.

**67 children participated in theatre workshops** where they learnt the basics of acting, the history of theatre and also presented and reviewed their own plays.

**85 children brought out yet another sparkling performance in a musical play "Adbhut Gaatha John Ki"** organized on 19 December 2015, at LTG Auditorium, New Delhi. Organised as part of the International Human Rights Day, the play adapted from a world famous Hungarian poem by Sandor Petofi and





directed by VK and Kirandeep Sharma of Khilona was a story of an abandoned, orphan child named John the Valiant, and how he overcomes the odds and sufferings of life through sheer hard work, sincerity, faithfulness and valour. Most of the scenes and dialogues of the play were created by children themselves. The event began with the graceful lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by a short introduction of the programme. A special award for meritorious children was also constituted in memory of Late Ms. Kathleen Gerardi, a Butterflies USA board member and a great supporter of our work with children. The Butterflies family fondly remembers her valuable contribution and cherishes the time spent with her.

**35 children put up a stupendous performance at the Delhi Youth Festival 2016**, organized by the Department of Art, Culture and Language, Delhi Government and Sahitya Kala Parishad. The dance performance based on the theme, Jashn e Azadi (Celebration of Life) was portrayed with a medley of songs of the versatile Kishore Kumar. Our little stars from Nizammuddin Dargah, Okhla Mandi and INA took the audience to the glorious times of Indian cinema with their stunning performance.





## Child Protection



*"The greatest reward for the work you do is the opportunity to bring a smile to a child's face."*

**-Nikita Tiwari**

Butterflies Resilience Centre is a licensed shelter home for boys licensed under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000, as amended in 2006. It has a capacity to accommodate 15 children who stay 24X7 in the Resilience Centre until their restoration with parents or transfer to long-term children's home. Since its inception, the Resilience Centre has been providing care, protection and restoration service to a number of children in distress. The Resilience Centre also houses the CHILDLINE (1098), which is a national toll free helpline for children in crisis supported by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. Psychosocial, medical and legal support are also provided to children in crisis. Considering the Child's Right to Family as imperative, maximum efforts are made by the team to link the children with their families. A high number of children are restored from the resilience centre every year after home study/social investigation.

### Year in Review

- 145 children were provided shelter, care and protection in the Resilience center
- 100 children out of these were restored to their parents and 44 children were transferred to age-appropriate shelter homes
- 13 children were escorted to their native place for restoration as their parents were unable to come to Delhi

### Emergency Helpline Services

#### Child Line 1098

**Butterflies resilience center through the CHILDLINE service intervened in 769 cases.** Out of the total 769 cases, the highest number of cases were related to protection from abuse i.e. 291 cases (38%) followed by 82 cases of parents searching for missing children.



Types of Cases Reported	Total Cases
Medical help	26
Shelter	37
Restoration	6
Rescue	61
Protection from abuse	291
Death related	3
Sponsorship	3
Child lost	77
Parents searching for missing children	82
Emotional support	72
Information and referral	22
Did not find/intervene	87
Unclassified	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>769</b>

- 313 children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee for appropriate directions under the Juvenile Justice Act
- 79 FIRs relating to child rights violations were filed by Butterflies Childline
- 14 children (13 boys, 1 girl) were rescued from child labour during a rescue operation conducted in Okhla and children were rescued from child labour in the month of September 2015
- 41 court hearings were attended by our staff members as prosecution witnesses ensuring justice for children

Apart from restoring lost and found children, Butterflies Resilience Centre also provides immediate psychosocial, medical and legal support to children rescued from abusive situations. The children are engaged in fun-learning activities and life skills training programme covering personal hygiene, dental

care, seasonal diseases, self-awareness, etc. The sessions help children develop healthy habits like taking a bath every day, brushing teeth, combing hair, grooming well etc. The children

**New  
Childline  
Office  
Begins in  
Nizamuddin  
Railway  
Station,  
Delhi**





*"Reuniting children with their families and linking them with the government system is central to our success as an organization over the past 25 years."*

**-PN Rai**

also regularly visit nearby parks to play and are taken for a number of exposure visits and picnics. National festivals were also celebrated with children this year coupled with special meals.

## Night Shelter

Butterflies runs a permanent night shelter in Daryaganj for children from homeless and displaced families. The shelter is conveniently located and easily accessible for children who live and work in the area. At the shelter, facilities like Education, Medical Aid, Healthcare and Food, Entertainment, Yoga and Counseling, Restoration and other essentials like blankets/quilts, mattresses, lockers and items needed for sanitation and hygiene are also provided to children. Butterflies night shelter is not just a place to sleep. The objective is to provide safety to vulnerable children and also create space for an array of activities for their overall development.

Through the night shelter Butterflies provides protection and opportunities for development to almost 100 street and working children on a daily basis.

- 64 Children accessed the shelter during the year
- 48 Children were enrolled in formal school
- 48 children are regularly receiving computer education and training
- 16 children were restored to their families
- 53 children were regular members of Children's Development Khazana saving a total of Rs. 49,435
- 48 children were regular members of Child Health Cooperative
- 64 children were treated at Butterflies Health Post
- 48 children were part of Butterflies cultural programmes
- 48 children were part of the sports for development programme
- 16 children were part of Butterflies' Musical Play Adbhut Gatha John Ki
- 85 children went to Picnics in Old Fort, Parliament House and Nehru Tara Mandal
- 48 children were part of Bal Sabhas
- 48 children were tutored by volunteers from Sapient
- 12 guests from countries like United Kingdom, USA, Norway, Russia and other countries visited the night shelter





## Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering

A one-year vocational training programme in food preparation and catering for teenagers, Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering (BSCC) has proved to be a great institution wherein teenagers above the age of 15 years quickly learn important skills like decision making, leadership, teamwork, management, entrepreneurship, communication, etiquette and discipline. Our expert training involves teaching different cuisines, nutrition, packaging, distribution and marketing and financial management skills. In addition, we also impart life skills to holistically enable these teenagers enter the hospitality sector as complete professionals, comparable to graduates from world class institutes. BSCC focuses its training on imbuing students with entrepreneurial qualities so that they get good jobs in leading hotels or even start their own ventures. Our school has all the basic necessities for practical training, a centre head, professional nutritionist, trained chefs from premier hotel management institutes, a supervisor/instructor and NIOS educators.



*"Seeing our alumni working in five star hotels gives us an unparalleled satisfaction in being able to help families exit the cycle of poverty & illiteracy."*

**-Sonish Joy**

### Year in Review

#### Academic and Health Education

- 36 trainees (12 girls and 24 boys) are currently enrolled in Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering (BSCC).
- Regular tutorial classes were conducted on a regular basis by Butterflies' teachers.
- Doctors and nurses regularly visit BSCC to attend to trainees health needs.



33,885 packets of subsidized nutritious food were provided to the poor and homeless people in Old Delhi area.





Chakhle Dilli catered meals for children in the night shelter, at the health post and also provided lunches and refreshments for Butterflies' programmes like sports day, cultural evening, health camp, workshops, training programmes etc. BSCC regularly catered for different organizations like IGSSS, Embassy of Ireland,

Aam Aadmi Party Office, Haq, National Law University, Modicare Foundation, Aspire NGO, CBGA, National Law University.

### Exposure Visits

18 trainees and 5 staff had an exposure visit to JW Marriott, a leading five star hotel in New Delhi. They were introduced to departments starting from the front office, kitchens, cutting and preparation section, bakery, restaurant, laundry, food and beverages, administration and human resource department, etc. The trainees were oriented to the management, kitchen, grooming and hygiene, human resource management, accounts and administration, etc. They were assigned with one staff from the hotel who taught them for three hours. Later they were asked to demonstrate their learning. The excited trainees claimed that the visit was a first of a kind for them and was a good opportunity for them to learn new things in such a short time.

### Job Placement

11 trainees were placed in hotels and fine dining restaurants like JW Marriot (Bangalore & Pune) Cocoberry, Anglo Eastern Maritime Academy, Café Jerry House, Foodsab and Swiggy.



# Alliance



NATIONAL ALLIANCE  
OF GRASSROOTS NGOS

## Delhi Child Rights Club

The 'Delhi Child Rights Club' was initiated by Butterflies on Human Rights Day 10 December 1998. Butterflies invited children associated with NGOs working with children in Delhi for becoming members of the club. With adult's failure to protect children's rights in Delhi, the children took it upon themselves to ensure action to promote and protect their rights. Children pledged to form a citywide "Delhi Child Rights Club" as one mechanism whereby they could work together towards creation of a child safe and friendly city. This Club enables children in Delhi to meet together to find ways to increase awareness and action about children's rights. Moreover, the Club seeks recognition as a forum of children who should be consulted whenever city policies or decisions are being made that affect them. DCRC has a core group, which has three child representatives from each DCRC member NGO. This core group meets once in a month to share their issues and plan their activities. Through discussions, workshops, drama, songs and games DCRC members share their experiences, plan and undertake actions (awareness campaigns, rallies and programmes) which promote their rights. DCRC members also conduct studies on issues concerning their lives and share it with decision makers and the media.



*"Reflecting on the last 25 years at Butterflies gives me a sense of gratefulness of being able to be a part of children's lives."*

**-KK Tripathy**



**11 children's meetings were organized** and on an average 40 children (along with their accompanying adults) participated in each of these meetings.

**11 DCRC member organizations participated in a football tournament** organized at the Commonwealth Village Football Stadium-Delhi.





## Delhi Child Rights Club Members

Angaja Foundation	Institute of Social Service - Prabhat Tara
Alamb	Jamghat
Asha Deep Foundation	Navjyoti India Foundation
Bal Sahyog	Salaam Baalak Trust
Butterflies	Udyam Trust
CASP Delhi Unit	YWCA of Delhi - RDP
Chetanalaya	YWCA of Delhi - UDP
Deepalaya	Udayan Care
Delhi Brotherhood Society	Don Bosco Ashalayam

**28 children from 14 organizations participated in a Creative writing workshop** organized on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014. In this workshop through various exercises children were involved in thinking and writing creatively and critically.

**250 children participated in an Advocacy Campaign on Right to Play organized on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015** at 40 Metro stations of Delhi. At each metro stations children distributed handbills and took signature of the citizens of Delhi on a butterflies shaped cloth panel sought their support to reclaim the play spaces and their right to play. After collecting 25,000 signatures these children met the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi and submitted a memorandum on their Right to Play along with these signatures with a request to make children's right to play a reality for all children in state of Delhi.



**Delhi Child Rights Club (DCRC) Directors' Meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015** at Indian Social Institute, Delhi.

**Almost 65 members from DCRC and NIOS partners participated in a training programme on Child Sexual Abuse, Masculinity and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act) on 20 & 21 May 2015** in

Delhi. The programme was conducted by Dr. Mrinal Satish, Associate Professor, National Law University (Delhi) and Mr. Rahul Roy, a well known documentary maker and social activist.



**Almost 36 children and their facilitators from 12 DCRC member organizations participated in a capacity building workshop on Journalism & Print Media organised in Delhi on 28 July 2015.**



**Almost 30 members from 15 DCRC & NIOS partner organisations participated in a Workshop on Poverty and Migration organized by Butterflies on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 in New Delhi. The workshop had important resource persons like Mr. P T George, Mr. Vipul K., Mr. Jamal Kidwai, Dr. Vasanthi Raman, Ms. Rita Panicker, Mr. Sadre Alam, Mr. Dunu Roy and Mr. Chandana Das.**

**30 children from 15 organisations participated in a digital story telling workshop organized on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**

**Six issues of Delhi Children's Times were brought out between April 2015 to March 2016 and shared with NGOs, municipal corporation offices, police officers, central and state government officers, school teachers and civil society.**



## National Alliance of Grassroots NGOs (NAGN)

National Alliance of Grassroots NGOs (NAGN) is a network of grassroots organizations committed to the protection of children's rights. NAGN is based on a shared vision and common understanding on the issues concerning children to build solidarity for the cause of children and move forward unitedly to ensure effective action at the grassroots level for the protection of children's rights. One organization in each state takes responsibility of the state level coordination as State Convener of the Alliance.

### NAGN Members

<b>Andhra Pradesh-</b> SKCV Children's Trust	<b>Kerala-</b> SHREYAS Social Service Centre
<b>Assam-</b> Snehalaya Centre for Child Rights	<b>Maharashtra-</b> People's Institute of Rural Development, Salaam Baalak Trust, Hamara Foundation
<b>Bihar-</b> Mahila Development Centre, Sarthi, Amar Trishala Seva Ashram	<b>Orissa-</b> Centre for Public Health & Environment Education (COPHEE), Open Learning Systems, Research Academy for Rural Enrichment (RARE), Sadbhabana, UNNAYAN
<b>Delhi-</b> Butterflies, Don Bosco Ashalayam, Salaam Baalak Trust, Alamb, Udayan Care	<b>Rajasthan-</b> Gareeb Navaz Mahila Avam Bal Kalyan Samiti, Jan Kala Sahitya Manch Sanstha
<b>Gujarat-</b> Centre for Development	<b>Uttar Pradesh-</b> Diocesan Development and Welfare Society(DDWS), J.N. Bal Nikunj Samiti, Satyakam Manav Seva Samiti
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir-</b> Leh Nutrition Project, Koshish	<b>West Bengal-</b> Hope Kolkata Foundation
<b>Jharkhand-</b> Adarsh Sewa Sansthan, Lok Chirag Sewa Sansthan, Pratigya	<b>Karnataka-</b> ECHO

**4 issues of the NAGN e-newsletter** were brought out and disseminated among alliance members from April 2015 to March 2016.

**Important insights on the status of education & care and protection in schools in 10 states of India were shared at the National Consultation on Education & Care Linkages, 21-22 September 2015.** The consultation organised by Butterflies &







National Alliance for Grassroots NGOs (NAGN) was inaugurated by Ms. Rina Ray, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India who also solicited NAGN's inputs on the New Education Policy.

**NAGN General Body meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2015** at the YMCA International Conference Centre, New Delhi.

**NAGN Members Comments on Draft JJ Bill 2015** was shared with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.



## Advocacy and Research Centre



*"In Butterflies, quality matters more than quantity and this approach makes our work credible and empowering at the same time."*

**-Sakshi Manocha**

The Advocacy and Research Centre (ARC) at Butterflies performs a support function for the organization through its documentation, publication, research and advocacy. It works to contribute towards the fulfilment of Butterflies' goals through strategic research, documentation, publication, dissemination and advocacy. A dedicated Library on Child Rights also functions under ARC with several hundred new books on a variety of topics added every year. The relevance of ARC has been recognized by the numerous requests from government departments, research and training institutes, and NGOs for data and documents.

### Research Papers and Training Manuals

- **Formats and Training Manuals of Foster Care:**

Ms. Rita Panicker of Butterflies was appointed the Coordinator of a Working Group constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to review forms used under Foster Care Guidelines and also to develop training modules for different stakeholders. The Training Modules would be a guideline for the stakeholders in the proper implementation of Foster Care in 29 states and 7 UTs in India.

- A background paper on the theme **"Current Scenario of Children in India: Response of the Government and NGOs"** was prepared for a National workshop on Children in Bhopal in which Ms. Rita Panicker was a key resource person.
- A paper on **Quality Education: A Reality or Dream for Children**, was prepared for the National Consultation on Education and Care. The paper was an attempt to find out how alliance members can intervene in the Implementation of RTE Act.
- A background paper on the **'Current Scenario of Children in India'** was presented in the Training programme for police on POCSO Act and JJ Act at the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Civil Lines, North District.



- **Mapping and Review of the Standards of Child Care Institutions in Delhi:** Butterflies' Advocacy and Research Centre was appointed the State Coordinating Agency (SCA) by ChildLine India Foundation and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) for the Mapping and Review of the Standards of Child Care Institutions in 9 districts of Delhi under the Juvenile Justice Act and other homes. Under the review process - which would help to bring the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) under the ambit of Juvenile Justice Act - a total of 90 Child Care Institutions (CCIs) across 9 districts of Delhi were reviewed which helped gain an understanding of the existing institutional care facilities in Delhi and also to create a database on Child Care Institutions (CCIs).
- **Survey of Civic Amenities by Child Health Cooperative (CHC):** ARC along with the Child Health Cooperative (CHC) is also conducting a survey of Civic Amenities in Butterflies' intervention areas. The findings of the survey will be shared with MCD officers in an interface with government officers to sensitize them on the situation of civic amenities, water and sanitation in their respective areas.

## Publications and Journals

Publications are the mouthpiece of an organization.

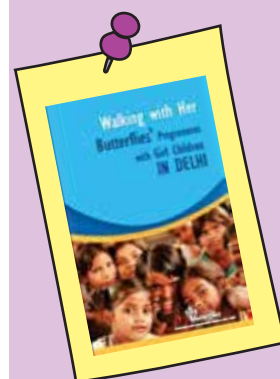
Butterflies brings out different publications and research papers on various issues of children which are disseminated among government agencies, civil society organizations, colleges and also academicians and practitioners who work with children.

- **Walking with Her - Butterflies Programmes with Girl Children in Delhi**

This study is an attempt to make out the impact of the interventions made by Butterflies in the lives of girl children and changes in the outreach of the organization over the years.

- **Situation of Children and Child Rights in India**

The purpose of this study was to assess the situation of children and child rights in India through a comprehensive desk research. Using information collected and collated from secondary and tertiary sources, the study attempted to assess the situation of children and child rights in India entailing information revolving around rights to survival, rights to development, rights to protection and rights to participation.







- **‘Children in News’ is a half yearly journal of Butterflies.**

Butterflies has been collecting information about children for sometime. We felt the need to put this information together and make it available to other organizations working with children, concerned ministries, academicians, practitioners, people in the field and each one of us who is concerned and interested in knowing more about the existing state of children. Theme based topics are shortlisted and all news related to the topic are incorporated into each volume of children. This year the following volumes were published.

- **Children in News, Vol. XXIV, 2015:** This volume of Children in News is on the issue of Homelessness. It is an attempt to highlight the causes and characteristics of homelessness.
- **Children in News, Vol. XXV, 2015:** This volume of Children in News is on Education and Care Linkages. It is an attempt to highlight the important relationship between proper education and care of children.

## Looking Ahead

### **Ignite – Butterflies’ In-House Publication**

Advocacy and Research Centre (ARC) and Communications Department is bringing out an In-House Publication of latest research articles on children around the world.

### **My Name is Today - A Journal on Children and Society**

Butterflies is launching an annual academic journal title ‘My Name Is Today’ with an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN). We hope to publish academic research papers on wide range of subjects related to children and society. Unfortunately, dominant discourses and papers on these issues in India are informed by the CRC angle. With the help of this journal, we attempt to make a break through and move beyond the framework of UNCRC. We would like to publish papers from diverse social sciences including law, psychology, psychiatry, medicine, literature, sociology, education, social work and so on to look at society and children. Besides academic papers, we would also like to include papers from practitioners about their work and experiences of working with children. This journal would be incomplete without the voices of children, so, we would like to have a section on children’s voices that will carry life stories, experiences and journeys of children where the authorship of these stories will remain with children.



## Intervention in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Andaman & Nicobar Islands, a Union Territory of India, is an archipelago of 572 islands of which only 36 are inhabited. In January 2005, just after the Tsunami, Butterflies began its mission in Andaman & Nicobar Islands (ANI) with the objective of fulfilling the right of every child to access the best health & education and empower children to protect their rights and participate in the development of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. At present Butterflies intervention in ANI reaches out to 26 villages in 15 Panchayats situated in North, South and Little Andaman with the support of Centro Italiano Aiuti all'Infanzia (CIAI), Italy.

**1,371 children (749 girls and 622 boys)** regularly frequented 26 Child Development Centers accessing quality education support, vacation camps, medical camps, health education, sports, life skills education, their right to play, the health cooperative workshops, children's club meetings, Bal Sabhas (children's council), drawing and quiz competitions, picnics, street plays, Children's Development Khazana (CDK) and sensitization on child rights and responsibilities among others.

**Village Network Groups** of adolescents against "Gender Violence" were formed in 26 villages of Little, South and North Andaman with the objective of reducing child marriages and child abuse and protection of girl's rights.

**260 village network group adolescents were trained** on legislations like Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO 2012) Act and Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006 by Shri. Mohammed Aslam, Dy.SP, South Andaman, at Carmel School auditorium on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015.



*"Our effort is to ensure that all children in the communities we serve are able to reach their maximum potential."*

**-Sino Kurian**

**1,371  
children  
receive  
care &  
support**



**15 Child Abuse & Child Marriage Cases were addressed and prevented** by the Village Network Group and Gender Network Group.

**250 adolescent girls/boys participated in 3 Career management workshops** organized in Little, North and South Andaman with the support of WAKEUP, a Kerala based training and consultancy company.

**156 children opened their accounts in Children's Development Khazana with savings totalling to Rs. 1,48,721.**

**300 children from villages of Little Andaman and Port Blair participated in an Awareness Campaign on International Girl Child Day** organized at Little and South Andaman on 11<sup>th</sup> of October. The campaign was based on the need for empowering the girl child and promoting gender equality in society, creating awareness among children and general public on empowering adolescence girls and ending the cycle of violence with girl child.

**Almost 500 children participated in Children's day celebrations** organized on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in collaboration with Carmel Senior Secondary School, CIAI, Italy and the Department of Police. The programme was inaugurated by Shri V.K. Bidhuri, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman at Carmel Sr. Secondary School auditorium and concluded with a cultural event on 15<sup>th</sup> evening which





was graced by Smt. Miati Biswas, Adhyaksha SA, Superintendent of Police, CID & South Andaman and Sr. Reshma, Principal, Carmel School.

**1,232 children participated in 96 life skill education sessions organized in 26 villages** of project area. The major topics covered were communication, personality development, interpersonal relationship, time management, sex and reproductive system, health & nutrition etc.

**520 children and community members attended 12 medical camps** organized in collaboration with Coast Guard, Hut bay station. Out of them, 22 patients suffering from serious health problems were referred for further treatment.

**52 children participated in 9 Child Health Educators Training** organized at South, Little and North Andaman. Children were taught to administer basic first Aid, avoidance of Swine flu and personal hygiene.

**153 Child Health Cooperative meetings were organized in 26 villages** to discuss health related issues in villages and spread awareness on health related issues among children and communities. As part of the meetings, house visits were also made to 440 families and 152 children and community members were administered.



**650 children participated in the Inter-island Sports/ Cultural programme Competition** organized in Port Blair, in collaboration with Carmel School on the Occasion of "International Child Rights Day" (20<sup>th</sup> November 2016).

**821 children (381 boys and 440 girls) participated in 4 Vacation Camps** (DOSTI - 2015) organized at Little, South and North Andaman in association with the Department of Police, Panchayat Samithi, Coast Guard and other Government Departments.

**1,371 children participated in 258 Children's Club Meetings**



organized every month discussing topics like the monthly extracurricular programme planning, issues on child abuse, school related or community related issues, CDK related matters etc.

**1,161 children participated in 29 Bal Sabhas** organized in the project areas.

**78 children participated in 6 Editorial Meetings of Andaman Nicobar Children's Times (ANCT)** discussing topics like the role of Newspaper in our daily life, roles and responsibilities of editorial team, collecting and preparing effective news for ANCT. As the part of training, the editorial team had an exposure visit to Daily Telegram (a leading daily), where the children got an opportunity to witness procedures starting from collection of the news articles to printing of the newspaper.

**298 children (137 boys, 161 girls) participated in 27 street plays (nukkad nataks)** performed in villages and communities of North, Little and South Andaman in order to spread awareness on different child related issues like child abuse, child marriage, child labour and girl child discrimination.

**326 Adolescents participated in 37 Advocacy Meetings with Stakeholders** (police, PRIs, SMC, education department, transport authority etc.) and shared issues like child marriages, child abuse, poor infrastructure and poor quality of drinking water in schools, need for proper bus services during school timing etc.



**304 police constables, head constables and traffic police were trained on Child Protection related legislations.** The sessions covered topics like child abuse, how to deal with juvenile crime at police stations, and child-friendly treatment methods under “Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012”.

**480 parents/adolescents girls participated in 12 community sports events** organized for parents and adolescents in different villages of Little Andaman.

**996 parents participated in 26 Parents Meetings** organized in the year and were sensitized on issues like child marriage and child abuse, the Protection of Children from sexual Offense Act 2012, Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006. The interactive and participatory sessions also clarified the legal procedures of child abuse and child marriage and other common issues faced by victims.

### **A Brave Fight Against Early Marriage**

Devoshree Roy, a 16-year-old girl, is the eldest child of her family. Studying in the 9<sup>th</sup> standard she lives with her family in Little Andaman and has 2 younger brothers. Although from a very poor family, Devoshree is good in studies. However, one day she stopped going to school, wouldn't talk to her friends and started to wear sarees (traditional Indian dress worn by women).

The CDC network group noticing her absence visited her house and came to know that Devoshree is about to get married to a 37-year-old man. The network group immediately informed Butterflies field staff about this situation and along with the staff visited her house again. The team spoke to her mother and found that her husband is alcoholic and abusive who neither cared for the children nor financially supported the family. Often facing the abuse meted out to her by her husband, the mother wanted her daughter to be safe and hence accepted the first marriage proposal that came for her daughter.

The adult facilitators and network group explained her the implications of an illegal and punishable offence such as child marriage. With the support of our field staff, her mother filed a police complaint against her husband for domestic violence who was then severely warned by the police and also kept under observation. This led to Devoshree's marriage plans being dropped.

Devoshree has rejoined school and is again focusing on her studies, thanks to the timely intervention of the Gender Network Group.





## Building Community Capacities and Participation to Prevent Violence against Children



*You may not realize how, as part of the Butterflies family, you have impacted and will continue to impact the future generations of children"*

**-Saju Parackal**

Since 2015 supported by Human Dignity Foundation, Butterflies is running a new Child Protection programme which focuses on children from homeless and vulnerable families with the aim of ensuring that children are safe at home and in the communities. The objectives of the programme are to establish a system of child social protection with participation of children and community members at the grassroots level; help children and their families access education, health care, life skills, recreation, sports and other facilities for children and young girls in marginalized and economically vulnerable communities in order to reduce the risk of multiple forms of violence; build evidence-based knowledge on the prevailing situation, strengthen advocacy in child social protection issues and provide a viable model for child social protection; and scale up knowledge and capacities of stakeholders and grassroots organization working in the area of child rights to advocate in prevention, detection and response towards violence against children. The programme will ensure that children and stakeholders are involved and enabled in creating a safer environment for children in their communities.

### Year in Review

**Baseline Survey conducted in 750 households:** In order to establish a system for child social protection with the participation of children and community members at the grassroots level, a baseline survey was conducted to develop profiles of the target group – children and their families; understand the existing level of access to and benefit from welfare schemes and services meant for children and vulnerable families; assess the understanding of key stakeholders on violence against children; and explore the effectiveness of the existing mechanisms for preventing and dealing with violence against children.



**5 Community-based Child Social Protection Committees (CSPCs) have been formed** with all the five target communities. Each committee consists of 15 members with representatives from parents, children, shop keepers, anganwadi workers, Municipal Ward Councillors, police personnel, representatives from Corporation health department, Teacher/Madrassa teacher and Community Pradhan/social activists.

**5 Children's Development Centres (CDC) were established in 5 localities** of the five target areas viz., Sadar Bazar, Jama Masjid, Yamuna Bazar, Nizamuddin Dargah and Okhla Mandi. Each CDC has been equipped with facilities such as furniture, computers, learning materials, clean drinking water, library books, Gym equipment, sports goods, health facilities including first aid, medicines, service of doctor/nurse etc. The activities in the CDC include: educational programmes, life skill education including the co-operatives (Children's Development Khazana and Child Health Co-operative), vocational education, computer education and recreation through sports and cultural events. Apart from the regular education and life skills programmes, the CDCs also involve children in activities like arts and crafts, and newspaper reading.

**462 children (280 boys and 182 girls)**, mostly of the age group of 8 to 14 years are accessing the services of all 5 CDCs.

**358 children (191 boys and 151 girls)** from these CDCs are enrolled in Butterflies' education programme.

**278 children (141 boys and 137 girls)** are studying in formal

**5 Children's Development Centres (CDC) Established**



schools and 39 children are enrolled with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) at different levels.

**184 children (115 boys and 69 girls) are attending computer classes** held at each CDC. The centres are equipped with multiple machines and computer time is allotted to students.

**20 children have been enrolled in vocational training programmes** at the Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering and Advanced Computer Education at the Habitat Learning Centre (HLC).

**157 children are members of Child Health Cooperative (CHC)** and are availing the services of the mobile health clinics.

**Therapeutic family interventions for families in distress- 299 house visits were made** across the five communities which helped regularise children's attendance in the education programme and identify and address 3 cases of abuse (2 sexual abuse and 1 domestic violence).

**25 Parents Meetings were held with almost 450 parents** addressing topics like parenting, domestic violence, child abuse, behavior problems, substance abuse, helplines and the concept of CSPC and CRC. The meetings also discussed issues such as absence of PTA meetings in schools, membership in School Management Committees, problems of schools in the community, behavior problems of children and violence in the community.



**44 police officers participated in a training programme** organized to sensitise them on the situation of children in India and Delhi; to familiarize them with the key provisions of the legislations for children - JJ Act and POCSO; and to highlight the gaps in the implementation of these legislations.

**40 participants took part in the training programme for CSPC Members** held to review the activities undertaken by various CSPCs;





educate new members about CSPC and the roles and responsibilities of the members and make an action plan for the future.

**55 representatives from the media and leading mass communication colleges** participated in a consultation with Media Personnel and Academia. Facilitated by Mr. Kannan Krishnaswamy the consultation revolved

around topics like Media's role in influencing the discourse on building the society into a safe place for children, ethical frameworks on reporting on children's issues, the importance of hearing children in matters affecting their lives among other pertinent topics.

**35 Bal Sabhas conducted to address children's issues** like some children not allowed to go to school by parents, sanitation and hygiene problems in the community, lack of proper facilities in the school like water and toilet facilities, absence of PTA meetings in schools, absence of teachers in schools, behavior problems of children, indiscipline of some children at CDC and discussion on their requirements for learning.

**10 Sports days were organized for children's mothers** who were happy to be relieved even for a day from the household chores and challenges they face daily.

**35 Children from all five CDCs participated in a two-day training programme on child protection** on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Various topics such as child labour, child marriage, discrimination, neglect, trafficking, illegal activities, domestic violence and child line services were discussed during the various sessions. Childline service was introduced to them as a protection mechanism.

**259 children (259 boys and 154 girls) are members of Children's Development Khazana (CDK)** with savings totalling upto Rs. 2,23,890.

**CHILDREN'S  
DEVELOPMENT  
KHAZANA (CDK)**



**Libraries of almost 150 books each have been established** in all CDCs and almost 40-50 children are using the library in the CDC on a regular basis.

**68 life skills sessions were held** with an average of 40-50 children on topics like time management, gender, career planning, respecting elders, good sanitation and hygiene practices etc.



**75 children from all the five CDCs participated** in a training programme on children's cooperatives which explained to children the concept, process of becoming members, its functioning and the benefits of becoming members.

**73 children participated in training programmes on media and theatre.** The training was focused on photography wherein the children were familiarized with different cameras, their operation and tips for taking good photographs.

**490 children and adults participated in health camps** facilitated by a medical team of 3 doctors along with 3 nurses and Child Health Educators.

**3 volumes of the community newsletter, Apni Batein** were brought out and disseminated to children, parents and other members of the CSPC.



## Our Engagements

### At Events

#### Butterflies on Star Plus -

Ms. Rita Panicker, Founder Director of Butterflies was honoured by Bollywood Star Shri Amitabh Bachan in the new Star Plus show- Aaj Ki Raat Hai Zindagi- for her work with children and in setting up of Children's Development Khazana (Bal Vikas Khazana), a life skills programme in 2001. Aaj Ki Raat Hai Zindagi is an Indian entertainment talk show, which premiered



on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015 on STAR Plus. The series is an adaptation of the British series "Tonight's the Night" and revolves around common people who have accomplished something extraordinary for the society.

#### Butterflies' Children Part of Team Swachh Clinics in Delhi -

Building up to the ICC World T20 in India, the International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket for Good and UNICEF in partnership with BCCI launched the Team Swachh clinics during the ICC WT20 Host City Tour at Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in New Delhi. The ICC Trophies were paraded through the streets of Delhi on a specially designed Nissan vehicle along with cricketers Yuvraj Singh, Pawan Negi and Butterflies' children on a specially designed double decker bus.





**Picnic with German School** - Almost 30 children from our mobile school excitedly participated in a picnic organised by German School. It was truly an encouraging sight to witness children enjoying playing with children from German School and the food served.



## In Workshops

### Capacity Building of Stakeholders

1. On 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015, a police training programme was organized at KM Pur police station with the help of the SJPU (South). Mr. Asif Ali (Head Children Development Programme) and Md. Usman (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies were the resource persons to conduct the training programme.
2. On 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015, a police training programme was organized at the Lodi Road police station with the help of the SJPU (South). Mr. K.K. Tripathy (Head Alliance) and Mr. Ramesh Kumar (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies were the resource persons to conduct the training programme.
3. On 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015, a police training programme was organized at Vasant Vihar police station with the help of the SJPU (South). Ms. Ravinder Kaur (Head Resilience Centre and Coordinator Childline service) and Mr. Kishan Singh (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies were the resource persons and they addressed the queries of the police personnel regarding the handling of cases involving children.
4. On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015, a police training programme was organized at Vasant Kunj police station with the help of the SJPU (South). Mr. Asif Ali (Head Children Development Programme), Mr. Satyam Kumar and Mr. Kishan Singh (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies were the resource persons to conduct the training programme.
5. On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015, a police training programme was organized at Mehrauli police station with the help of the SJPU (South). Mr. K.K. Tripathy (Head Alliance) and Mr. Niraj Sharma (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies were the resource persons to conduct the training programme.



6. On 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015, a police training programme was organized at Fatehpur Beri police station with the help of the SJPU (South). Mr. Zaved Nafis Rahman (Director Programme) and Mr. Kishan Singh (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies were the resource persons and they discussed with the police officials regarding the JJ Bill and its probable effects on the children and the system.
7. On 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015, a police training programme was organized at Malviya Nagar police station with the help of the SJPU (South). Ms. Ravinder Kaur (Head Resilience Centre and Coordinator Childline service) and Mr. Kishan Singh (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies were the resource persons and they addressed the queries of the police personnel regarding the handling of cases involving children.
8. On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015, a police training programme was organized at Saket police station with the help of the SJPU (South). Mr. Zaved Nafis Rahman (Director Programme), Mohd. Ikram (Coordinator - Case Work & Life Skills Education) and Mr. Kishan Singh (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies were the resource persons and they discussed with the police officials regarding the JJ Bill and its probable effects on the children and the system.
9. A training for health personnel was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Eight participants representing various hospitals participated in the training programme. The sessions were handled by Doctors and experts in the field of child protection. The sessions touched upon topics such as Communication, POCSO and STD.
10. A training for police personnel was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015, to educate them on the situation of children in India and Delhi; to familiarize them with the key provisions of the legislations for children- JJ Act and POCSO; and to highlight the gaps in the implementation of these legislations.

### Capacity Building of Butterflies Staff

1. On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Ms. Ravinder Kaur (Head Resilience Centre and Coordinator Childline service) attended a meeting at Shastri Bhawan to witness the signing of an MOU between the Ministry of Women & Child Development and Ministry of Railways towards implementation of Railway Childline Pilot Project with the help of Childline India Foundation.
2. On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Ms. Ravinder Kaur (Head Resilience Centre and Coordinator Childline service) participated in a workshop on “Missing Children” at India Habitat Centre.



3. Mr. Kishan Singh and Mr. Sareet Kumar (Child Protection Assistant) regularly attended the monthly District Task Force meetings at DC office (South, South-east and South-west) to discuss child labour cases and the follow-up action needed from the Labour department.
4. Mr. Mohd. Usman, Mr. Kishan, Mr. Dansingh and Ms. Mamta attended a RWA meeting at PS Sarojini Nagar, organized by SHO PS Sarojini Nagar.
5. On 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Mr. Asif Ali, Head of Children's Development Centres, attended a training programme on PR and Communications conducted by Mensentock Communications.
6. On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015, Ms. Ravinder Kaur (Head Resilience Centre and Coordinator Childline service) attended the launch of "Khoya Paya", a website by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
7. On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Ms. Soubam Bidyarani (Child Protection Officer) and Mr. Kishan Singh (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies attended a meeting organized by Childline India Foundation to discuss the opening of a Childline office in South-east Delhi.
8. On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Mr. Kishan Singh (Child Protection Assistant) from Butterflies attended a meeting organized by Childline India Foundation at DRM office, Baroda House to discuss the opening of Childline at Railway stations.
9. Ms. Rita Panicker, Mr. Sujay Joseph and Ms. Ritu Mishra participated in a workshop on child protection organized by Butterflies and ChildHope in Bangkok, Thailand.







10. A two-day workshop on report writing was organized for all staff of Butterflies at Hotel Amaltas and facilitated by Mr. Khilesh
11. Mr. Satyavir Singh, Head of Street Programme and Mr. Sino Kurian, Programme Manager, attended a five-day workshop on Leadership in a changing world organized by Common Purpose and American Express from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
12. On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Ms. Rita Panicker took a session with the staff of Butterflies on the Child Protection Policy of Butterflies.
13. On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, Ms. Aparna Bhatt and Ms. Tanimia (advocates of Supreme Court) took a session on legal aspects of child protection (especially JJ Act & POCSO Act) with the staff of Butterflies working directly with the children at field level.



## With The Media

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Towards a better tomorrow

• *Amal Kumar*



Special arrangement facilitating the public at the event

The perspective of juvenile offenders was put forward at a recent event at BHJ.

Recent awareness about the sorry state of juvenile rehabilitation centres and special homes for juvenile delinquents, a consultation on "Efforts and Rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law" was organised at India International Centre recently by Butterflies, an organisation working with the most vulnerable groups of children.

The consultation witnessed participation of experts like Bharti Sharma, Senior Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee and Rita Pandey, Director of Butterflies. The main highlight of the event was testimony of the children who gave a first-hand experience of the environment prevailing inside the Juvenile Justice System. One of them was allegedly falsely accused of stealing diamonds by the police and was sent to the Observation Home for Boys (OHB) where he stayed for two months before meeting the members of Butterflies.

After the authorities could not prove his guilt, he was released and started training at the Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering. The other child, a victim for substance abuse was locked at the TBW (Tomb) but he was sent back to his family, who refused to accept him knowing about his sordid condition. He was found by one of the child rights activists of Butterflies in a public institution at Delhi's Nizamuddin Station.

Butterflies is against the Juvenile Justice Bill proposed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development that seeks to lock up all juveniles in adult jails. Explaining the reasons for opposing the proposed Bill, Rita Pandey says, "All juvenile offenders are treated as hardened criminals and adults. Explaining the reasons for opposing the proposed Bill, Rita Pandey says, "All juvenile offenders are treated as hardened criminals and adults. Explaining the reasons for opposing the proposed Bill, Rita Pandey says, "All juvenile offenders are treated as hardened criminals and adults."

The consultation is concluded by a presentation by all participants, that suggested ways to reform the current scenario of OHB and Juvenile Rehabilitation centres along with suggestions to improve the system to be able to take better care of juvenile delinquents.

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Juvenile crimes up 100% in 10 years, finds study

• *Kavita Sharma Subudhi*

Study reveals, for most crimes, it is a near tripling of the number of the juvenile justice Act

A study by a non-profit organisation has revealed that there has been almost a 100 per cent rise in the number of crimes committed by juveniles in the last 10 years.

The data compiled by Butterflies shows that in 2003 the number of incidents where juveniles were involved was 27,153, which is a 100 per cent rise in the total number of crimes that took place that year, the number went up to 54,306 which is a 100 per cent rise in the juvenile justice Act.

According to the study, one of the reasons is lack of proper rehabilitation facilities for the children once they are out of the juvenile homes. In order to study the reasons in greater details, the organisation conducted a study of juvenile homes in four States including Delhi, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Orissa.

The study found out that for most of the centres, it was a near tripling of the number of the juvenile justice Act. As per the findings, it seemed that the reforms were not expected with the real intent of reforming and rehabilitating the juveniles.

"Most of these children, unfortunately, are in various situations of neglect, deprived of their childhood — education, health, food, shelter and clothes, consequently, these basic needs and rights not being fulfilled," the study said.

"The detention centres lack facilities in holding age-appropriate capacity education, exposure of children. None of the observation homes and special homes provided any worthwhile vocational training programme," it added.

The organisation also suggested steps for rehabilitation for children. "Education and Vocational training should be linked to the certified courses of the government and should be followed up and supported even when they are out of the detention centres," one of the suggestions said.

"Appropriate interventions and treatments as per the assessment by the inter-disciplinary team should be provided at the centres and should be followed up even when they are out," it added.

The study also pointed upon the need of having better "other care" homes for these children once they are out of juvenile homes.

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# 'Biased society pushes juveniles into crime world'

By Amal Kumar

NEW DELHI

For nearly 70% of juveniles who get into the crime world, it is not a choice to be a part of it.

Through intervention with law enforcement, rehabilitation centres of juvenile justice and after the juvenile justice system, the juvenile justice system is not a choice to be a part of it.

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# Street children take the lead

Initiate a dengue awareness campaign using street theatre

By Amal Kumar

NEW DELHI

With the city facing its worst dengue outbreak in over six years, street children have now pitched in to spread awareness about the disease and the importance of sanitation.

The dengue fever has already claimed over 30 lives (most of them children) and infected over 6,000 people.

Children of the Child Health Cooperative (a Butterflies initiative) initiated a dengue awareness campaign using posters and street theatre.

The drive began at Yama Bazar here at 11:30 pm on Thursday with children putting colourful posters and distributing pamphlets, followed by a street play on the theme.

The campaign will now travel to other parts of the city including Okhla, Mandi, Nizamuddin Dargah, Sadar Bazar, Karamnagar and Jama Masjid.

This unique drive sensitises people about diseases caused due to stagnant water and improper sanitation practices. It also highlighted the importance of using mosquito nets, wearing full-sleeved clothes and fogging, among other preventive measures.

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Street children have pitched in to spread awareness about the vector-borne disease and the importance of sanitation. PHOTO: AMAL KUMAR

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Mr. Chatterjee added that the campaign, organised by Child Health Cooperative, was a unique initiative and one of the main components of the Butterflies health programme.

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Mr. Chatterjee added that the campaign, organised by Child Health Cooperative, was a unique initiative and one of the main components of the Butterflies health programme.

"Over the last decade we have been running the Child Health Cooperative, a forum of street and working children where they discuss their health problems and chalk out strategies to combat them. The cooperative is open to any child and is based on the principle that children can collectively advocate for quality and timely health care. It also has the primary role of educating its members and their communities on issues of sanitation, hygiene and prevention of diseases," he added.

The campaign will now travel to other parts of the city including Okhla, Mandi, Nizamuddin Dargah, Sadar Bazar, Karamnagar and Jama Masjid.

This unique drive sensitises people about diseases caused due to stagnant water and improper sanitation practices. It also highlighted the importance of using mosquito nets, wearing full-sleeved clothes and fogging, among other preventive measures.



THE TIMES OF INDIA

### 30% juvenile offenders never been to school

New Delhi: Even though Rajya Sabha has passed the amended Juvenile Justice Act, a survey of 182 youngsters lodged in the capital's observation homes between last year and early this year reveals a story of childhoods scarred by abuse, poverty, illiteracy and lack of parental care.

'Why Children Commit Offences', a study on children in conflict with the law by Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) in collaboration with NGO Butterflies dwells on the factors that trigger delinquent behaviour. It cautions that "reforms mechanisms" must be a focus area if the original intent behind the JJ Act is to be achieved. The findings were released in June.

The study found over 57% of the children involved in offences related to theft, dacoity and robbery. 'Offences related to person (murder and attempt to murder) and sexual harassment (including rape) constituted 21.9% and 11.5%. These figures are those of accused and not of those found guilty. Reports of children accused of rape suggest that of the 21 rape cases reported 11 were either consensual sex or false accusations by the parents of the girls who did not consent to their relationship,' the study says.

The study also says that those taking to crime early are likely to grow into hardened criminals than those who start late. But 90% of the surveyed children were late starters, turning convicted their first crime above the age of 14, and were therefore less likely to repeat it. Data also showed that 70% were unaware of the consequences of their acts. Also, 58.8% of the offences were committed in groups, and in 90% of these cases, the groups were of friends. This shows how peer influence works.

Almost 30% of the juveniles had never been to school and over 29% had only studied up to primary school. Only 24.2% had moved to upper primary. The dropout rate was also pretty high of the 182 kids, only 43 were still studying when apprehended.

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PORT BLAIR • FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 27, 2015

### 'Butterflies' trains village net work group to protect girls' rights



PORT BLAIR, NOV 26: A group of 26 village net work group members from 10 villages of Little, South and North Andaman Islands, along with the village net work group members, child abuse and protection officers, were trained by Butterfly's on the importance of protecting girls' rights.

The group will play a vital role in disseminating the information regarding child marriage and child abuse to the community through various awareness campaigns.

Mr. Subashant Anand, 1787 South Andaman, recently trained village net work group members on the importance of protecting girls' rights.

Work Group children from the village net work group were trained with the help of Butterfly's. The children were trained with the help of Butterfly's. The children were trained with the help of Butterfly's.

### നാളെയുടെ വാഗ്ദാനങ്ങൾക്കായാരുകാൻ കൂട്ടികളുടെ രാജ്യാന്തര ശിൽപ്പശാല



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# ANDAMAN Chronicle

The Daily Diary of the Islands

PORT BLAIR, SUNDAY, MARCH 05, 2016

## Butterflies Launches Child Development Khazana in Diglipur

PORT BLAIR, March 5: Butterfly's, a voluntary organisation, has launched a Child Development Khazana (CDK) in Diglipur. The CDK is a community-based organisation that aims to improve the lives of children and their families. It provides a range of services, including health, education, and social support.

100 branch of CDK in Andaman was launched in Diglipur on 28th Feb, 2016 at Durgapada New Fisheries Colony by the President of the Panchayat, Diglipur. The programme is continuing to the month end 2015. Continued on 74

## Butterflies Launches Child Development Khazana in Diglipur

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On the occasion, Shri Lata Figue, RAO, Diglipur, highlighted the concept and objectives of Child Development Khazana. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Siro P. Kaur, Programme Manager, motivated the children to develop the habit of saving to meet better health and education needs. Shri Sohi, Zilla Parishad Member, Shri Anil Saini, Samiti Member, Shri Prasanna Rao, Field Coordinator and Shri Upa were among others present on the occasion.

### Global Workshop Underscores 'Catch them young' Maxim

Express News Service

Sudhan Bathery: The International workshop on 'Catch them young' was held in Bathery, Kerala, on Saturday. The workshop was organised by the International Child Development Khazana (ICDK) and Child Health Cooperative (CHC) to highlight the importance of saving for the future. The workshop was attended by children and adults from various countries, including India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. The workshop focused on the importance of saving for the future and the role of the ICDK and CHC in providing financial support to children and their families.

CDK and CHC were started in 2001 and 1995 respectively by a Delhi-based non-governmental organisation 'Butterflies'. And both are cooperatives run by children themselves.

CDK has life skill education programmes, which help in children and adolescents the need for democratic values and financial management in life.

The children from urban and rural areas of the countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Ghana and Madagascar manage a virtual bank - 'Khazana' - where they credit money under the guidance of adult facilitators. All the money credited by the children are put into a common bank.

"CDK has taught us to be self-reliant, improved our communication skills and confidence and it also taught us to learn the importance of saving for the future," said a child participant.

The total savings of the children from various countries came to Rs 1.45 lakh.

At the conference attended by 58 children hailing from across the world, it represented the tribal population in Wayanad.

Executive Director of the children's cooperatives, Rita Parikh, who had been to India, said that such initiatives would assist children from poor economic backgrounds to tide over crises and meet their basic needs without any financial support.

"The children, who are members in CDK and CHC and many other similar cooperatives, can fall back upon their savings and advance to tide over a crisis at home to lead a safe and healthy life," she said.

The conference is being held at Shreeya Social Service centre here, which is a partner in the cooperatives functioning under the leadership of Parikh. The conference will conclude on September 9.





## Our Supporters

### Interns and Volunteers

Butterflies welcomed several interns & volunteers from across the world to its programmes. Their stay ranged from 1 week to 1 year and they contributed in interesting ways like teaching different educational subjects & life skills, advising vulnerable group of families, helping children with difficult school subjects. During 2015-16 the following volunteers gave their time to Butterflies.

Mr. Johannes Wolf, Misereor, Germany

Ms. Meenu, MSW, IGNOU

Ms. Shivani, BSW, Delhi University

Ms. Esha, BSW, Delhi University

Mr. Dhruv Jyoti Regon, MSW, Pondicherry Central University

Mr. Mohammed Sharif, MSW, Pondicherry Central University

Ms. Shreya Dutta, MSW, TISS Guwahati

Ms. Aastha Sarma, MSW, TISS Guwahati

### Donors

#### Institutional Support

Misereor, Germany

Child Hope, UK

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Family for Every Child

Jamsetji Tata Trust, Mumbai, India

Social Initiative, Sweden



Shinnyo-en, Japan

Centro Italiano Aiuti all'Infanzia (CIAI), Italy

HSBC-Global Education Programme, UK

Butterflies USA Foundation, New York

Australian Volunteers International

Childline India Foundation (Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India)

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Department of Education, Government of Uttarakhand

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), Government of Delhi, India

Housing & Urban Development Corporation

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Hennes & Mauritz India Pvt Ltd, New Delhi

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Blink Brow Bar, UK

Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre

Coco Berry

Café Jerry House

### NGO Support

Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS)

Youth Reach, Saket, New Delhi

Social Ecological & Economic Development (SEEDS), New Delhi

The American India Foundation Trust, New Delhi

Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA), New Delhi

Aspire India

Shine Foundation

Embassy of Ireland



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Wieland Wagoner	Julien Freehette
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Arushi Singh Memorial Trust	Schmid Alexander
The German School, New Delhi	Presentation Convent School
St.Mother Teresa Church	Sandeep Singh
Sahodaya School	Fr. Agnel School

## Visitors

- Clowns without Borders, Germany visited our children and performed a show at the children's cultural afternoon



- Ms. Fumie Terahata, Japan visited Butterflies Resilience centre and taught the children with card making.
- Mr. Faisal Shareef from Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi visited Butterflies for orientation.
- Ms. Ankita Anirban, from New York gave a presentation on Gandhi in Butterflies Resilience Centre.





- Ms. Noopur came to Butterflies Resilience Centre and donated a big teddy and a pillow heart.
- Ms. Shilpi Rastogi and Ms. Kratika Agarwal from Institute of Home Economics, Delhi University visited Butterflies Resilience Centre for an orientation.
- Mr. Mayank and his friends celebrated his birthday with Butterflies Resilience Centre children and also donated stationery for the children.
- Ms. Pooja Verma from Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services visited Butterflies Resilience Centre.
- Mr. Satyanarayan, from Gurgaon, Haryana visited Butterflies Resilience Centre to know the activities of Butterflies.
- Ms. Gunjan, Ms. Devita and Ms. Rashmi from National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development visited Butterflies Resilience Centre.
- Ms. Nikita, Ms. Neha, Mr. Vikram and Mr. Arjun from Plan India celebrated their birthday with Butterflies Resilience Centre children.
- Mr. Matt and Ms. Cherry Zehrer from USA visited Butterflies Resilience Centre.
- Mr. Anjani Kumar from Childline India Foundation visited Butterflies to know the functioning of Childline.
- Ms. Ambica Batas and her team from Delhi Legal Services Authority visited Butterflies Resilience Centre.
- Ms. Riley Gallagher of the Butterflies USA Foundation visited Butterflies School of Culinary & Catering, the street contact points and the Butterflies Resilience Centre and donated toys and stationery to the children.



# Our People

## Board of Trustees



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# Financial Statements



**A P R A &  
ASSOCIATES**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

FORM NO. 10B

[See rule 17B]

Audit Report under section 12A(b) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961, in the case of Charitable or Religious Society or Institutions

We have examined the balance sheet of Butterflies, U-4, Green Park Extension, New Delhi, AAAAB0109L [name and PAN of the society or institution] as at **31-Mar-16** and the Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said society or institution. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above named society visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper Returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us subject to the comments given below :

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us the said accounts give a true and fair

- (i) in the case of balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named society as at **31-Mar-16**
- (ii) in the case of Income and Expenditure of the income or expenditure of its accounting year ending on **31-Mar-16**

Place: Delhi  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2016

For A P R A & Associates  
Chartered Accountants

Address : 379, AGGARWAL MIL  
TOWER-II, NETAJI SUBHASH  
PITAMPURA-110034  
FRN: 011078N

  
(C.A. Arun Kumar Gupta)  
M No. 089657



**BUTTERFLIES****BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31,2016**

	Schedule	As at 31.03.2016 Rs.	As at 31.03.2015 Rs.
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
Corpus Fund	A	29,00,000	29,00,000
Reserves & Surplus	B	3,07,02,081	2,67,17,703
Donor Reserve Fund	C	3,45,20,269	3,07,26,792
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,81,22,350</b>	<b>6,03,44,495</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>D</b>		
Net Block		2,12,03,305	1,99,07,247
		<b>2,12,03,305</b>	<b>1,99,07,247</b>
<b>Current Assets, Loans and Advances</b>	<b>E</b>		
Cash & Bank balances		4,45,47,417	4,05,49,520
Other current assets		76,37,429	50,32,473
		<b>5,21,84,846</b>	<b>4,55,81,993</b>
<b>Less : Current liabilities and provisions</b>	<b>F</b>		
Liabilities		52,65,801	51,44,745
Provisions			
		<b>52,65,801</b>	<b>51,44,745</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>4,69,19,045</b>	<b>4,04,37,248</b>
		<b>6,81,22,350</b>	<b>6,03,44,495</b>

**NOTES FORMING PART OF ACCOUNTS**

As per our report of even date attached herein  
 For A P R A & Associates  
 Chartered Accountants  
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For Butterflies Society




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Place : New Delhi

Date : 1st September, 2016



Ms. Rita Panicker  
 Director



Dr. Olinda Pereira  
 Chairperson

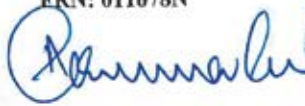



**BUTTERFLIES****INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE ENDED MARCH 31, 2016**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b><u>2016</u></b> <b>Rs.</b>	<b><u>2015</u></b> <b>Rs.</b>
Donation and Grants received	G	8,52,67,079	8,48,39,563
Other Incomes	H	57,61,085	50,88,119
		<b>9,10,28,164</b>	<b>8,99,27,682</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
Project and Administrative Expenses	I	8,13,54,937	7,09,50,828
Depreciation		20,32,857	14,06,121
Finance Charges	J	24,605	32,253
		<b>8,34,12,399</b>	<b>7,23,89,202</b>
<b><u>Excess of income over expenditure</u></b>		<b>76,15,765</b>	<b>1,75,38,480</b>
Balance transferred to Reserve & Surplus		<b>76,15,765</b>	<b>1,75,38,480</b>

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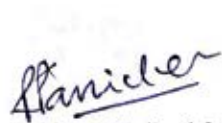



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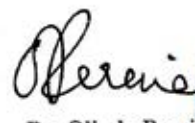
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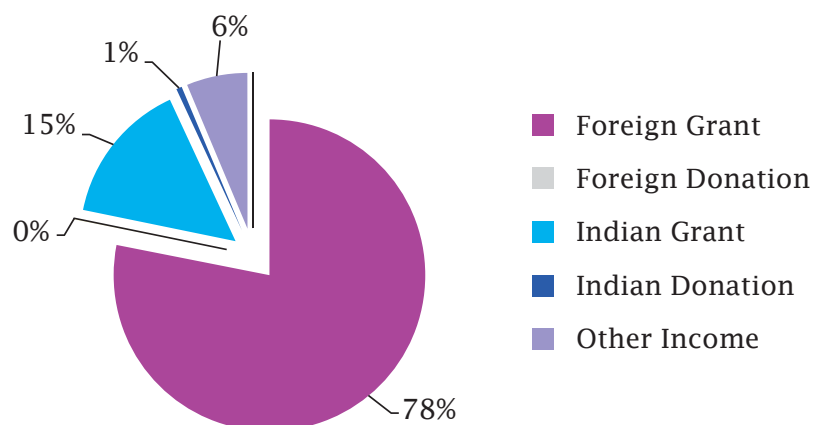


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 Chairperson

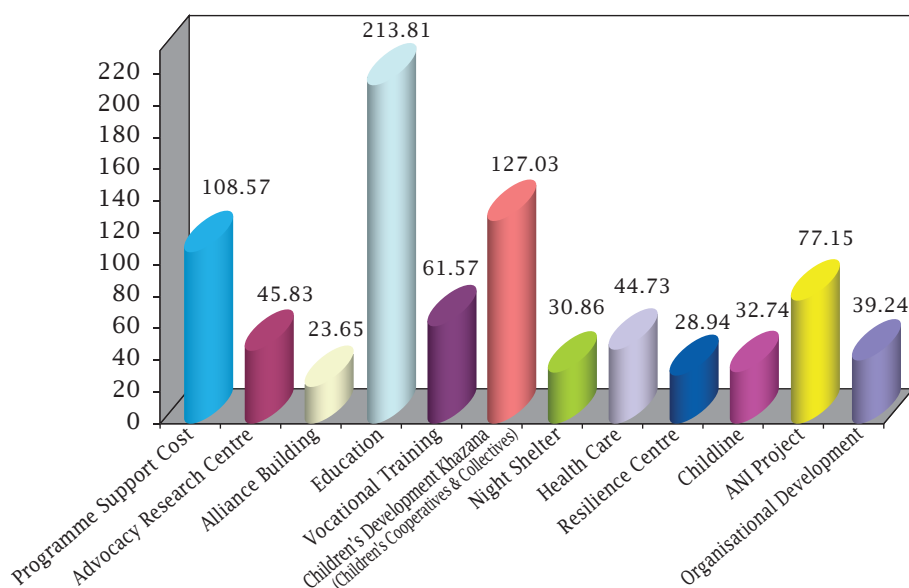




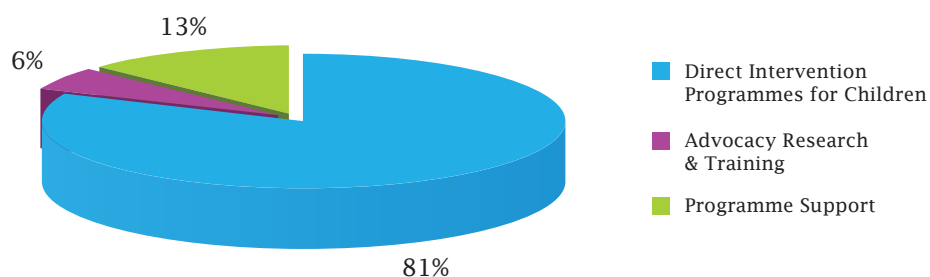
## Income 2015-2016



## Expenditure 2015-16 (Figures given in lacs in Indian Rupees)



## Expenditure 2015-16





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