

Don Bosco Navajeevan (DBNJ)

- An intervention for the Young at Risk (YaR)
- (An initiation of The Mariapruam Don Bosco Society, Regd .no 1406/94)

Don Bosco Navajeevan, a not for profit organization, ensuring the standards and working for equal opportunities for survival, development, protection and participation rights to all children since 2004 in Tri-cities of Warangal city and rural parts of Warangal District. It is run by the Salesians of Don Bosco (Don Bosco Mission Complex, Mariapuram – Bollikunta Warangal) and other collaborators who share a vision of a society in which children do not have to bear the burdens of deprivation and unhappiness.



Vision

“A child friendly society - where all children and young enjoy their rights” Right to Survival, Right to Protection, Right to Development and Right to Participation, as enshrined in the United Nations’ convention on the rights of the child, practicing non-discrimination and ensuring the best interest of the child.

Mission

“To ensure rights of “Young at Risk (YaR)” through micro and macro level efforts to rescue and rehabilitate children in vulnerable situations through community based action, capacity building, advocacy and lobbying”. “Making sure – No Child is Left Behind”

Objectives

- Improved access to education for children of the target communities
- Improved access to livelihood means and social security schemes/public facilities
- Improved emotional well being & physical health and nutritional status for children
- Access to effectively functioning protective mechanisms at village, Mandal and District levels for preventing violation of child rights and address such violations.
- Promoting child friendly initiatives – Child Friendly Cities, Child Safety Net through awareness, advocacy and lobbying.



Glimpse of DBNJ Services:

- Day Care Shelter (Street Presence, Rescue & Rehabilitation through CWC)
- Day Bridge School (Day Care, Education and Educational Support)
- Family Counseling (Motivation of Parents & Children's Barefoot Counseling)
- Medical Assistance at Center & Slums
- Evening Tuition Centers
- Skill Training for Neighborhood Women (Tailoring & Computers, Empowerment & Awareness)
- Advocacy & Networking (Strengthening Local Action Committees, Networking with Line Departments/Stakeholders for Child Friendly Initiatives)
- Running Shelter for Urban Homeless with Government (MEPMA & Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation – GWMC)



Activities at Don Bosco Navajeevan

Day Care Shelter (Street Presence, Rescue & Rehabilitation through CWC)

Through our street presence in tri-cities of Warangal, Kazipet and Hanumakonda, formed Caring Communities/Good Samaritans, who inform DBNJ about the child in distress. The team has been building up good rapport with all line departments, Caring Communities since 2012. During this period, DBNJ could contact more than 1000 children from the streets and vulnerable situations.

Don Bosco Navajeevan plays a catalytic role in terms of rescue, rehabilitation and placement. The children are placed back in their families or in a safe place with the help of CWC (Child Welfare Committee) after through counseling. The emotional deprivations and insecurity that they suffer at home/out on streets/work place are catered to by a process of counseling and 409 children have been placed through a process with the help of Childline, Dist. Child Protection Committee and CWC.

S.no	Home Placement		Vocational Training		Educational Placement		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
2012	7	2	0	2	2	1	14
2013	11	0	16	0	14	15	56
2014	6	1	1	0	11	4	23
2015	19	9	2	0	16	13	59
2016	6	3	2	0	13	9	33
2017	0	0	1	0	13	11	25
2018	0	0	0	0	03	08	11
2019	0	0	0	0	11	08	19
2020	0	0	0	0	06	01	07
2021	0	51	0	0	08	03	62
2022	0	0	0	0	24	20	44
2023	0	0	0	0	20	17	37
2024 (Aug)	0	0	2	0	13	19	34
Grand Total	49	15	24	2	188	131	409



Day Bridge School (Day Care, Education and Educational Support)

In DBNJ's effort to encourage children to continue their education, DBNJ sponsors and enrolls them in formal schools to further develop their education. 30 such children are supported with Rupees 10000/- (INR) as annual support. But, in the case of children who had been out of school for several years, it is difficult to bring them up to the level of the other children attending school. This is a challenging task.

To raise the level of learning and skills of the children who have been out of school for a long period or those who have never been to school, DBNJ has an exclusive non – residential Bridge School. The initiative offers informal classes, accommodating the needs of children from families predominantly comprised of daily wage workers and rag pickers. The child-friendly curriculum at Bridge School supports these children so that they enhance their understanding of the curriculum.

After successful completion of the Bridge School program, children are enrolled into regular schools for further education. Thus, Bridge School improves the child's academic level so that they can work towards a more promising future.



Year	Total no. of Children contacted and placed in the DBS	Year	Total no. of Children contacted and placed in the DBS
2012	86	2018	11
2013	126	2019	19
2014	76	2020	7
2015	92	2021	62
2016	91	2022	44
2017	38	2023	37
Total - 701		2024	34

The bridge school in DB Navajeevan Warangal consists of three groups with the age group ranging from 4 to 14 years.

S.no	DBNJ Bridge School /Group	Age group	No: of children		Total
			M	F	
1.	Little Champs	4- 7 years	16	9	25
2.	Navajeevan	7- 11Years	14	12	26
3	Bosco	11-14 Years	4	8	12

Evening Tuition Centers (ETCs):

The whole strategy of strengthening the existing 'Child Safety Net' – Child Friendly City concept lies in this evening Tuition Centers. It is a well organized institutional form of strengthening the children in their own community/slum and their rights.

The ETC is the door to enter in the community/slum and identify the areas that require attention and forming and strengthening the children to identify and work against the problems they are facing as a unit.

All the children attending Government schools and other schools are motivated to attend these centers. Great news about these communities is that parents got motivated and started sending their children to ETC's. The local community provided place to conduct the tuition points.



Parents' Meetings are organized bi-monthly along with some health and hygiene education for parents and children

Evening Tuition Center's

Tuition Points	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Bank Colony Slum	72	51	36	54	51	44	0	0	0	0	0	23	35
Under bridge Slum	59	42	38	62	58	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bollikunta Village Rural	28	32	24	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DB-Mariapuram	43	48	38	54	31	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chintal Slum	0	28	34	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BR Nagar Ursu	0	0	61	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maisaiah Nagar Slum	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	202	201	231	356	109	105	0	0	0	0	0	23	35

Medical Assistance at Center & Slums



The mission of the Don Bosco Navajeevan Health Care is to provide quality health care services to street and slum children and low-income groups in identified areas of Warangal city in the most efficient manner; promote equal access to health care, promote the growth of health care facilities; and review 'Medicaid' and other state health care programs to maximize utilization by these children.

Navajeevan Medical Assistance caters to the needs of sick children down with any disease or accident or injury and goes to any extent to treat the child. All the children with serious medical problems, beyond the capacity of internal infirmary, are taken to hospitals outside for Out-Patient consultation; if needed, they are admitted in the respective hospitals, as far as possible, Government General Hospital.

A special focus on Medical Outreach assistance; The outreach work has reached to a great

Center/Area	Description
Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per day 10 people get medical assistance in the targeted area. • 14 to 18 age group children get medical assistance in 4 targeted areas. • Targeted Areas: Railway station & Bus stand areas, Bank colony and under Bridge slums, local market area. • Children are gathered to attend the medical camp in DBNJ infirmary twice a month. • Mobile medical assistance team (field visit team) on two wheeler provided regularly on streets & slums points and offer on-the-spot first aid.
Special cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On an average 52 to 53 medical assistance cases are taken to outside hospitals for consultation. • Major cases are referred to MGM District Government hospital, Primary Health care center, Serva Prema Welfare society and other specialists.

importance, the children and parents are very grateful to the donors and Don Bosco for these services. Support by Don Bosco Navajeevan has reached at least 750 families in three major slums and DBNJ's shelter for homeless, where medical assistance by other sources is limited, sometimes not at all available.



Livelihood Advancement Skills Training for girls above 15 years –

hailing from various village/slum communities, Tailoring Beautician and Computers were initiated. Empowerment of girls above 15 Years & Young Women of the most marginalized communities/families

(marginalized communities & most likely fallen prey to street life, trafficking, sexual abuse, domestic violence, and other forms of violence through facilities for counseling, Livelihood Advancement Skills Training (LAST), Life Skills Education (LSE) and to make the target area free of child laborers/working children, ensuring the enrollment and retention of all children of school going age, especially those below 14 years.



These are hailing from various slum communities and rural areas. These skills training are very relevant as part of prevention of children/unmarried girls falling prey to early marriages. A few such courses are tailoring, Beauty Culture and basics in use of computers for sustainable livelihoods. A study in nearby slums revealed that four out of 10 girls discontinue studies after 10th class and 70% of them making beedies /working.



The Glance of training:

S. No	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Tailoring	32	178	189	146	123	113	95	61	0	0	21	0	0
Computer	30	41	45	36	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production Centre	0	18	90	43	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	62	237	324	225	159	141	95	61	0	0	21	0	0

Advocacy & Networking (Strengthening Local Action Committees, Awareness & Networking with Line Departments/Stakeholders for Child Friendly Initiatives)

The collaboration with local NGO's, CBO's, GO's, CWC, JJB, Observation & Children Homes, State and National YaR network to strive for the creation of a child-friendly environment.



Shelter for Urban Homeless in collaboration with Government

Greater Warangal had reached mile stone a historic place as has historic activity, by the support of National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), and Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC), Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA) started Shelter Home (Night Shelter) for urban homeless People, in Collaboration and support of Don Bosco Navajeevan Warangal, as organizing partner.



Apart from providing shelter to homeless, it also provides a community resource program that includes adult education, employment services, an assessment center, and access to medical assistance, counseling, and psychiatric services. The intervention provides supportive, safe, short-term, and mid-term shelter for homeless people

The centre was inaugurated by Smt. Konda Surekha, MLA East Warangal on 21/02/2016. She expressed her happiness about the shelter and support for homeless people by the Greater Warangal Municipal Commissionerate, the MEPMA department is also involved in the program.



A Glance of SUH this year:

Year	Average Daily Attendance	Homeless Contacted in a Year
2016	15	447
2017	16	486
2018	13	441
2019	14	380
2020	13	445
2021	13	385
2022	13	411
2023	13	331

Thank You

-for supporting in the intervention of Young at Risk (YaR)



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