

DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2009 – 2010

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01. INTRODUCTION

The Salem Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society is the non profitable organization which works for the integral development of the youth who are at risk. It was started in the year 1988 mainly to work for the street children, working children and for marginalized youth who were in need of care and protection and for their well being through proper rehabilitation. After having worked about twelve years with the marginalized people at the grass roots level on 27th September 2000 it was registered as an independent social service society under Tamil Nadu Society Registration Act 1975. At present it has recognized by the district administration and by other non profitable organization as one of the leading child rights organizations in Salem district.

02. VISION

The vision of the organization is “Creating a just and equal society based on harmony and universal brotherhood where child rights are ensured”. To achieve this vision, the organization has an effective rehabilitation package such as shelter home, child line and home link for these vulnerable children namely, street and working children, missing and trafficked children and HIV/AIDS affected and infected children which comprises of their Rescue, Restoration, Rehabilitation and Reformation

03. MISSION

Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Salem is a catalyst organization that will increase the cooperation and collaboration of people's organization and empower the community by making sure equal and standard education for all, create employment through vocational training, create awareness and sensitization about the human rights and make people take part in governance through networking with NGO's and CBO's for the eradication of social discrimination among the people in order to create the just and equal society based on harmony and universal brotherhood where child rights are ensured.

04. CHILDREN WHOM WE SERVE

04.1 Street Children

- ❖ Rag pickers
- ❖ Runaway Children
- ❖ Pavement Children
- ❖ Prisoners Children
- ❖ Begging Children

- ❖ Any child in need of care and protection.

04.2 Working Children

- ❖ Children never enrolled in school
- ❖ Drop outs
- ❖ Children in Silver Chain making
- ❖ Children in weaving industries
- ❖ Children in Hotels
- ❖ Slum children
- ❖ Any child not in school

04.3 Missing and Trafficked Children

- ❖ Runaway Children
- ❖ Vagrant Children
- ❖ Unaccompanied Children
- ❖ Missing complaints
- ❖ Any child bought or sold for income

04.4 HIV/AIDS Infected and Affected Children

- ❖ Orphans
- ❖ Destitute Children
- ❖ Semi orphans
- ❖ Infected Children
- ❖ Discriminated Children
- ❖ Any Children affected or infected by HIV/AIDS

05. SERVICE WE OFFER TO THE CHILDREN

05.1 Rescue

- ❖ Child Line - 1098
- ❖ Child Right Protection center at Bus Station
- ❖ Tracking the children along railway tracks
- ❖ Anti trafficking committees
- ❖ Highway mobile committees
- ❖ Support groups at bus station and in railway station

05. 2 Restoration

- ❖ Child welfare committee
- ❖ Home placement
- ❖ Psychological Parents
- ❖ Sponsor Parents
- ❖ Village watch dog committee

05.3 Rehabilitation



- ❖ Shelter and recreation
- ❖ Counseling
- ❖ Formal and non formal education
- ❖ Supplementary education
- ❖ Vocational training
- ❖ Career guidance
- ❖ Job placement

05.4 Reformation

- ❖ Street Children Alumni Unit
- ❖ Children parliament network
- ❖ Federation for social justice
- ❖ Human/child right forums
- ❖ Positive Network

06. REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR STREET CHILDREN

06.1 Street Contact Centre



The Child Right Protection Centre is working for the rehabilitation of the runaway and trafficked children in and around Salem. We have two street contact centers one in new bus stand and another is in railway station and efforts have taken to establish another street contact center in the

old bus stand. Through these street contact centers nearly 620 children have been rescued and rehabilitated.

06.2 Shelter Homes

There are three shelter homes for the children. One is located at the foothills of Yercaud, another one is at Mulluvadi gate in Salem and the third is in Nilavarapatti which is 10 km away from Salem. The children referred by the child right protection centre and the child line and HIV/AIDS infected children are taken care by these homes by providing food, accommodation, clothing, medical aids, recreational facilities, formal or non formal education, spiritual and moral activities etc. The children are accommodated in the shelter home till they complete their formal or non formal education. At present nearly 100 children are given accommodation and other necessary facilities in the shelter homes.

06.3 Reception Home

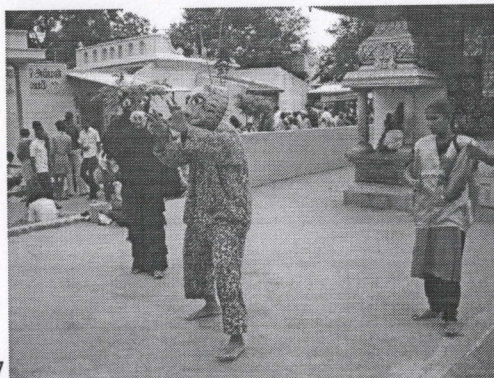
The State Government of Tamilnadu has recognized our organization as one of the fitting institution which works for children who are in need of care and protection and for their rehabilitation and given the legal permission to run the government reception home for boys in the district. In collaboration with CHILDLINE and Child Welfare committee 42 children were rescued and rehabilitated.

06.4 Childline

Salem Child line had travelled far and wide across the district to advocate its objectives and its services to the children who are in difficult circumstances so that any child/public can ring up 1098 and avail its services for their wellbeing across the district. With committed staff of CHILDLINE the following activities were carried this year for the wellbeing of the children who are in need of care and protection.

Details of the beneficiaries of the year

➤ Total Incoming calls	- 17,100
➤ Rescued children	- 420
➤ Offered shelter	- 176



- Home settlement - 157
- Rescued from danger - 46
- Sent to other organizations - 28
- Psychological Counseling - 13

06.2 Home Link

Home link is a unique website which was deliberately designed to create a link between the missing children and their parents and to serve the children better especially for those who are in difficult circumstances.

07. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

07.1 Drop out Centre

From our previous experiences we learnt that children from the group of 13 – 18 are the height rate in the drop outs. Since there was no alternative system to continue their education they find difficult to complete their studies and they start to earn for their livelihood. Hence, the drop out centre was established to provide opportunity for the drop outs to continue their education. Drop out children are enabled to write their 8th Std, 10th Std and 12th Std by preparing them to appear for their exams. At present there are about 32 are studying in this centre.

07.2 Night Schools

Getting quality education is the prime and fundamental rights of every child on earth. Due to negligence in the implement of the government schemes and the economical condition of the family children were denied their right to get quality education. Releasing the magnitude of the problem we have identified 12 slums and night schools are being organized to ensure quality education for them and to create an opportunity to study better and eventually to go for higher education. These night schools helped 486 children to study better and continue their education.



07.3 Vocational Training Centre

In our operational areas, we found that the majority of the youth are working for low wages, because of their unskilled nature. In order to empower the youth socially and economically vocational training are provided to them.

07.3.1 Tailoring

To empower the young women, tailoring course has been organized for them. Every year 120 young women are benefiting through this training. They have been provided cloth and other necessary materials for the training. After the training some got tailoring machine from the government and some are placed in different export textile unit for jobs and they get reasonable salary to maintain their family without any dependency.



07.3.2 Computer Skill Training



In today life situation accuracy and efficiency are spoken of much and given much importance. Obviously the semi and unskilled people are become inefficient due to lack of opportunities and find difficult to compete the other in business and in life. Aware of this complex situation that is exist in our operational area in net work with professional training centre we have initiated a short term job oriented computer skill training for the slum youth those who are interested and committed themselves to come up in life. This year 88 youth have been benefited from this training.

08. COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO's)

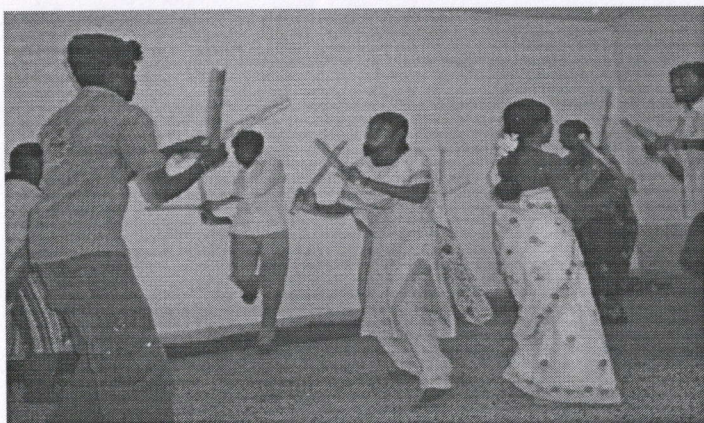
08.1 Children Parliament

The children parliament functions same as the national parliament. In the children parliament they identify some of the social problems in their area and come out with different suggestions to address the problems. In order to rectify the situation they also pass the resolutions in the parliament and give it in black and white to the government officials. They also follow up the issue till some action is taken on the same.



08.2 Young Men Groups

The youth pulse of the nation and the backbone of a country. They have so much potential that they can achieve what they want. But in our operational area it was not the case. They were not able to come out and achieve anything. But now, due to our intervention they are able to come out of themselves and to fight for their social rights. They have joined in the people's federation and they are able to identify the problems of their area and find solution to solve the various issues.

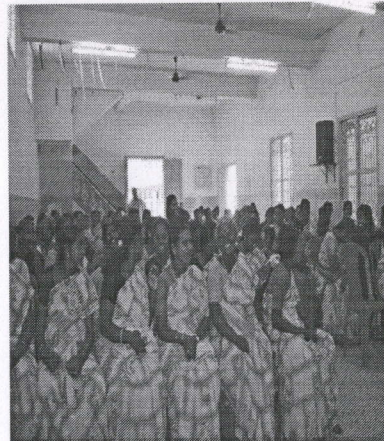


08.3 Young Women Groups

The situation of our young women in our area is very pathetic. They are at a greater risk than the other groups in the society. Being girls their lives are always in danger. They always face the problem of sexual exploitation. In the working areas they are sexually harassed and ill-treated. Their life always hangs by a thread. But after creating much awareness through the people's federations today many women are feeling secure. They are able to fight for their rights. Thus the participation of the young women in federation is prominent.

08.4 Women Self Help Groups

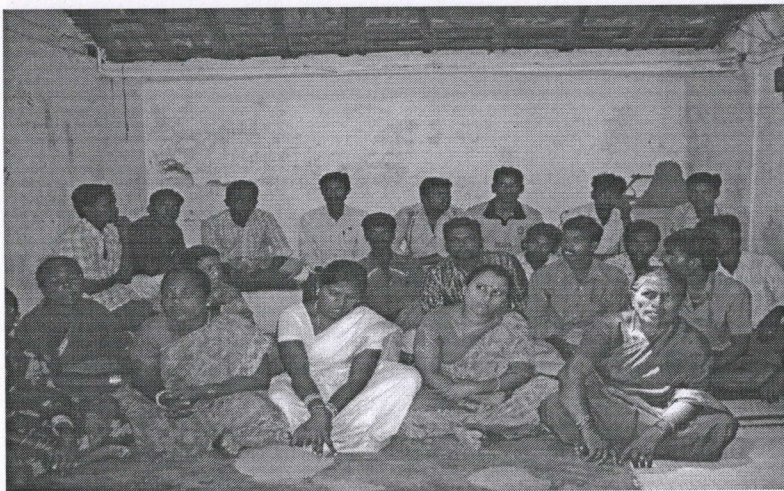
In the past women were considered as weaker section in the society. It is not the case anymore. After much awareness and trainings they get organized themselves. They save a lot and don't depend on others for their economic security. Now they have become an agent for social transformation. It is they who are in front to fight for their rights in the society. They take an



active part in all the activities of people federation.

08.5 Citizen Forum for Human Rights

Citizen Forum for Human Rights was formed mainly to raise their voice against issues that are associated with child rights and human rights violation and to bring constructive changes in the society. Citizen Forum for Human Rights consists of children parliament, youth group, young women group, women group and other like-minded people from governmental and nongovernmental organizations in the society who are highly motivated and committed their life to work for the well being of the children and most vulnerable people in the society.



09. TRAININGS AND CAMPS

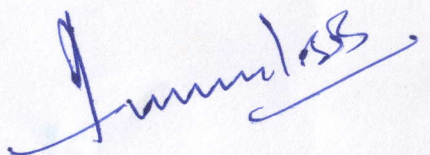
This year we have organized number of trainings and camps for staff as well as children to develop their skills and to increase their effectiveness in the execution of different activities in the our operational area namely training on Fact Finding, Juvenile Justice Act, Formulation of the Policies for the organization, Exposure visit and summer camp for the children. Staff, children youth and women groups' members have benefited from these above mentioned trainings.

10. NETWORK

To deliver quality service to children and young at risk DBAI has got incredible and well built network with governmental and other nongovernmental organizations like Child Line Foundation of India, Young at Risk (YaR) national level network, Home link, various departments in the district administration, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) district level Children Parliament NGO's Network, Citizen Forum for Human Rights and other nongovernmental organizations that work in line with the objectives of DBAI.

11. CONCLUSION

DBAI from its inception has made several remarkable interventions in the life of children who are in need of care and protection and people who are vulnerable and most neglected in the society. Today it has become one of the well known organizations in the district that offers quality services for young at risk. The organization was recognized and awarded by other organizations that of similar in nature for its outstanding performance. After having worked for number of years for the well being of children and youth we have realized that they are still remain in the periphery of the society. Therefore it is high time to have a new outlook about the problems and to make a shift from welfare approach to issue based approach and to find practical solution for some of the problems that are exist in our operational area in order to uplift the most vulnerable section of the population in the pinnacle of the society.


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