HOMELINK NETWORK



KOLKATA HUB, INC PROVINCE

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HUB DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The world is progressing in an alarming speed with AI making its inroads into every sector. It almost looks like human intelligence is being replaced. Many of the works done by the human are done by machines. In this progressive world many countries are facing shortage of young population. The lack of young population in the job market can destabilize the economy. This leads to massive migrations of immigrations. India is considered to be on the top as regards migration and immigration; it is quite natural as it has a large geographical boundary with diverse cultures and weather conditions. As regards working population, India could be toping in the list with a young population of children and young people.

It is commonly seen that the villages, slums and cities are filled with children. In a large country with a huge population, the questions to ponder are: Are our children well cared for? Do they get their rights met? Are there many children still living in the margins? How safe are they? Don Bosco with its experience of working with children in the cities offers various facilities and the most appreciated is that of education. Children move from place to place; some get lost or misguided. To cater to the needs of children Homelink Network programme offers various possibilities with its unique data management system. The YaR forum in India has assisted many with all its partners in the different parts of the country. I wish and pray that this programme may continue to assist many more children for rescue and restoration. May this enhance the outreach activities to assist children, to live, securing their rights as envisaged in the Child Rights Convention.

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Fr. Dr. George Chempakathinal SDB

Hub Director Kolkata Hub (Homelink Network) **Executive Director, Don Bosco Ashalayam**

HUB COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE



Hereby I like to present the Annual Report for 2022-23, with all the activities of the Kolkata Hub. As the Hub Coordinator, I am happy to get the opportunity to work with dedicated organizations in our network, committed to supporting at-risk children.

Over the past year, the focus has been on strengthening collaboration among the different nodes. Every node is assisted with training and the necessary support to keep the various works going well. By prioritizing accurate data entry, a culture of data-led management is fostered. Utilizing the Child MISS tool, information is collected about children, enabling NGOs to track their progress and facilitate interventions. Through collective efforts, Children are restored to the safety of their homes, bringing hope to their families.

Everyone actively participates in meetings with the National team, aligning the various strategies with the Homelink Network's goals. These interactions shape the approach and ensure a unified effort across hubs. I extend my gratitude to our network partners, Node Directors and their staffs, Homelink National Team, Hub Directors and Coordinators for their dedication and tireless work. Together, we created a robust support system, emphasizing collaboration, data-driven decisions, and proactive intervention planning.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to children at risk, advocating for at-risk children and providing a safe environment. With your continued support, we will make a lasting impact on their lives.

Amit Singh

Hub Coordinator Kolkata Hub (Homelink Network)



HOMELINK NETWORK



Homelink Network, maintained by Don Bosco YaR Forum, ensures timely response to the needs of Youth at risk through documentation and data analysis. It promotes data-led management, monitoring and intervention planning. The network consists of NGOs, Government homes, police, and CWCs across 15 states and UTs in India.

Implemented through 8 Hubs and individual Nodes, Homelink connects member organizations via the web tool 'Child MISS'. This tool holds data on over 250,000 children and has facilitated the restoration and home placement of 150,000 children.

When a center receives details of a missing child, it is immediately placed on the website. The site searches local and national databases of registered Missing Children Complaints. Homelink Network Partners are alerted and work towards locating or restoring the child. Families and agencies can contact Homelink Centers for assistance, leading to successful recoveries in some cases, sometimes within hours.

CHILD MISS

Child MISS (Management Information System and Services) is an online web portal for effective data management, monitoring, and reporting of children at risk. It provides a secure platform for documenting their needs and integrates with resources like a mobile app and Power BI for capacity building. Over 100 NGOs use the portal to enhance their mission of assisting children. Child MISS is a comprehensive child-tracking system that facilitates data management. It ensures accuracy through biometric integration and helps organizations streamline services and follow-up processes. It focuses on creating a "Child Safety Net" by providing vital information for advocacy, policy development, counselling and community collaboration to promote safety and protection for children.

NODES OF KOLKATA HUB

Don Bosco Ashalayam, Howrah

Ashalayam aims to create a child-friendly society that supports the overall development of children and cultivates their sense of social responsibility. They educate, empower, and promote children's basic rights, such as survival, protection, participation, and development. Through a community-based approach, they actively involve marginalized children in their own lives and work towards their socioeconomic rehabilitation. By providing education, job training, and various residential facilities, they help children transition from street/slum environments to more stable and supportive settings. Ashalayam employs a psychosocial approach to assist children in exercising their rights and taking on responsibilities, enabling them to become responsible and contributing members of society.





Don Bosco Nitika, Kolkata

Don Bosco Nitika, situated in Kolkata, embraces a profound vision and mission to uplift the marginalized and provide a transformative education. With genuine and generous love, they aim to enable young individuals to lead honest and fulfilling lives. Their mission encompasses rehabilitating the marginalized, enlightening through education, and empowering through vocational training.

NODES OF KOLKATA HUB

By working towards creating a civilization of love and hope, Don Bosco Nitika strives to equip underprivileged youth with education and skills, fostering self-reliance and empowering them to become contributing citizens in society.





Don Bosco Prison Ministry, Berhampore

Don Bosco Prison Ministry, a Salesian project initiated by the Salesian Province of Kolkata is dedicated to the welfare and rehabilitation of prisoners. This ministry focuses on two main target groups: youth in remand homes and problematic youth, as well as prisoners in jails. The overarching challenges faced by the Prison Ministry include the task of reforming individuals, facilitating their release, supporting their rehabilitation, and ultimately aiding in their successful reintegration into society.





MODULES

NAME OF THE MODULE	DATA ENTERED
Child	2428
Help and Rescue	1132
Service	587
Volunteer	9
Event Management	3
Project Management	17
TOTAL	4176

CHILD STATUS

INSTITUTIONALISED		TOTAL
Male	25	34
Female	9	34
IN CONTACT		TOTAL
Male	1040	1836
Female	794	
Others	2	
RESTORE	D	TOTAL
Male	1	1
Female	0	!
OUT OF CON	TACT	TOTAL
Male	1	1
Female	0	

IN-CONTACT STATUS

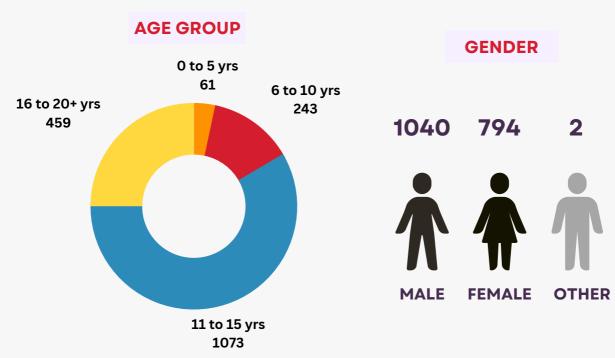
In-Contact children include all the children who are not placed in our network institution but are supported by the institutions.

TOTAL IN-CONTACT CHILDREN

1836

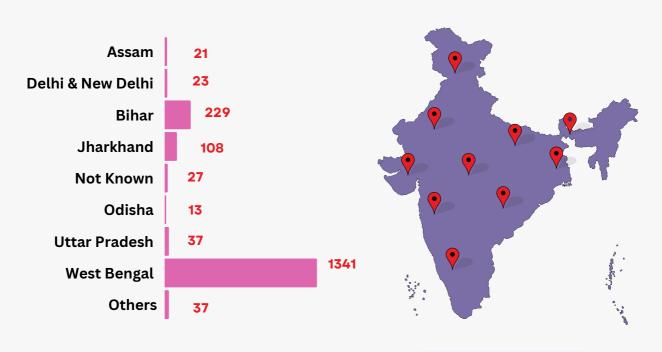
CHILDREN REACHED - MONTHLY WISE





IN-CONTACT STATUS

REGIONAL STATES

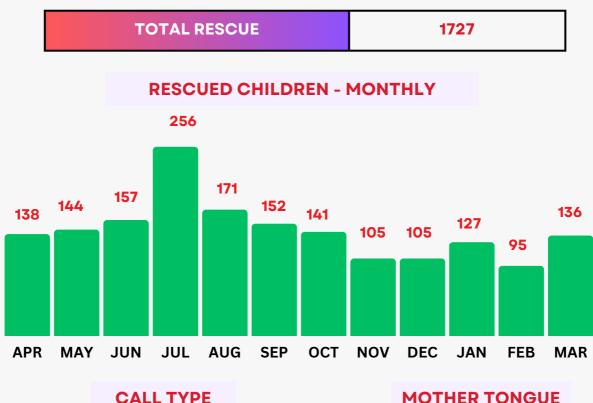


CATEGORY

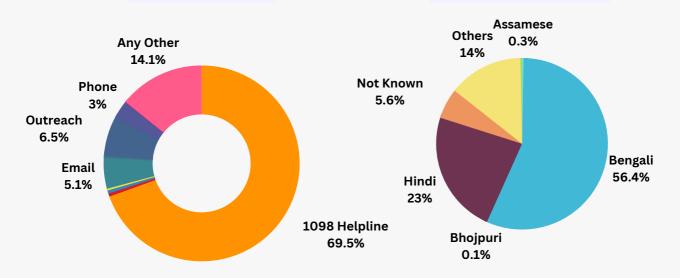


HELP AND RESCUE

Help and rescue services are provided to children to protect their rights and rescue them from vulnerable situations. Additionally, a range of supportive interventions are offered, including counselling, shelter, educational support, medical assistance, and more. These services aim to address the holistic needs of children in need, ensuring their wellbeing and facilitating their path towards a brighter future.

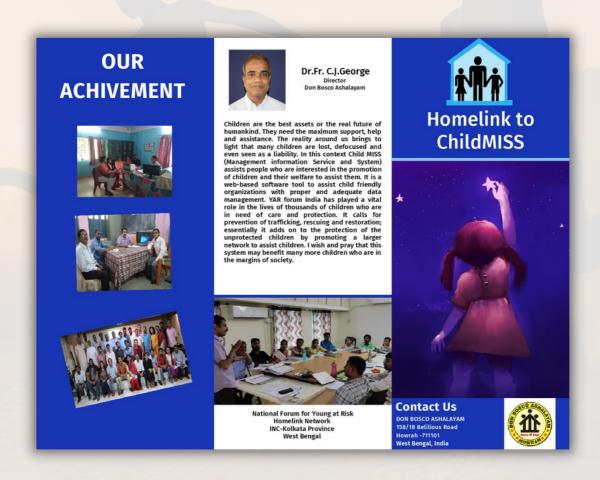


CALL TYPE



BROCHURE

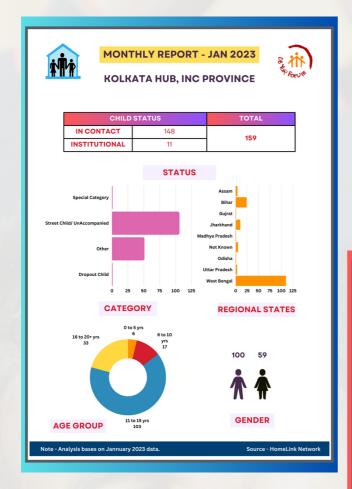
Brochures play a crucial role in effectively disseminating information and engaging stakeholders. They serve as concise and visually appealing tools to increase awareness and utilization of important initiatives for the Homelink Network and Child MISS. These brochures have successfully reached organizations dedicated to child safety and well-being. By providing valuable information for systemic and digital documentation, the brochures helped organizations understand the workings of the Homelink Network and Child MISS. The brochures captured the attention of organizations working for child welfare, enabling them to enhance their efforts in protecting and supporting children at risk and young adults by improving their documentation system with the help of technology.



^{*} The above brochure published during 2022-23

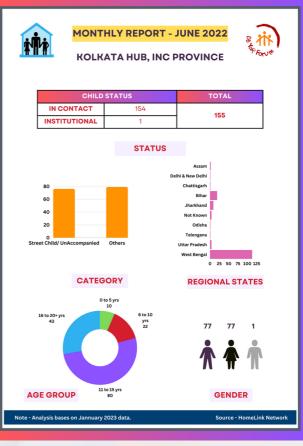
INFOGRAPHICS

Infographics facilitate efficient communication by offering a concise and visually appealing way to explain complicated data sheets in colourful graphics reports. Nodes are shared infographics on various platforms, promoting awareness and encouraging engagement.



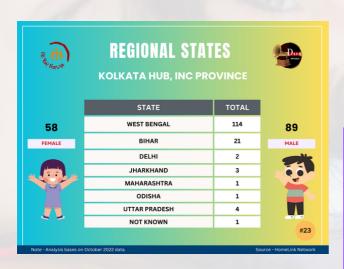






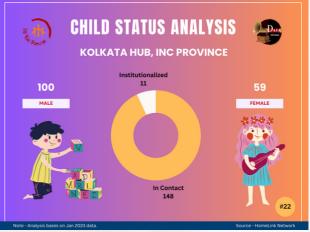
SNIPPETS/DATA SPEAKS

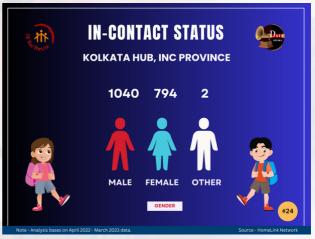
Data Speaks is an initiative of Don Bosco National Forum for Young at Risk, Homelink Network, with a vision of developing data-driven management system across its organizations. The initiative focuses on analyzing the statistical data of 60 Don Bosco Child Care Institutions across India. The data analyzed includes children in Shelter Homes, Open Shelters, and Street Presence work of the organizations. The data source for the snippets is from Child MISS tool of Homelink Network. Snippets are published monthly.











FLOWCHART

A child flowchart is a diagrammatic representation of children's flow. In these flowcharts, the organization shows the movement of a child gradually from the beginning of contact to the restoration or final settlement of a child. These flowcharts vary from project to project, center to center. Every project and center has set up its system for functioning, and the flow of children changes accordingly.



PARTICIPATION



Discussion with the Sisters of **Providence on Homelink Network**



Training with the staff of Kolkata **Mary Ward Centre**



POCSO Training for Childline staff



Orientation cum training program on Child Rights with the novitiate sisters at Barrackpore



Stakeholder meeting of Don Bosco Ashalayam, Howrah



Training with the Police Personal on Childline

PARTICIPATION



Session on Child Rights for children of LWCDC NGO



With the children on Craft **Exhibition at ASHA Shop, Kolkata**



Capacity Building Training with the 35 youths at Patiram, D. Dinajpur



Training on Ganga Doots



Awareness on Child Rights with MASS WELFARE SOCIETY



Training on Catch the Rain with the children in the month of May 2022 **Child Rights Day with WBCPCR**

ACHIEVEMENTS



YAR PHOENIX AWARD 2022

Don Bosco Ashalayam, Howrah received the YaR Phoenix award 2022 for its National Homelink program.



HLK TRAINING PROGRAM WITH NATIONAL TEAM



Homelink Network is an on going initiative started by DB YaR Forum in 2002, to ensure appropriate, timely and real-time response to the needs of the young at risk, based on accurate documentation and data analysis supported by the best of technologies available today.

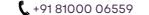
WE WORK TOWARDS

- a. Developing data driven child care system through documentation, research, and networking
- b. Systematically documenting the systems, processes, and workflow of the organizations
- c. Data led intervention planning in organizations
- d. Data driven advocacy and engagement with stakeholders and government on children's issues
- e. Harnessing current advances in digital technologies in the service of the work with young at risk

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