



HOMELINK NETWORK ANNUAL REPORT

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April 2023-March 2024

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Guwahati Hub Eminent person



Guwahati Province-ING (Fr. Lukose Churuval, sdb). Fr. Lukose coordinates with the node directors and other YaR services center directors. For any YaR and Homelink-related work to be implemented at the provincial level, he keeps forwarding updates about the beneficiaries' services and the children's welfare. To promote the growth of the HomeLink network and build partnerships with like-minded NGOs, stakeholders, and government officials, he organizes programs and awareness campaigns in different regions within the states.

Shillong Province-INS (Fr. Genesius Wanlang, sdb). Fr. Genesius, as the executive director of BIDS (Development Office) and director of Rilang Children's Home, consistently highlights the successes of children and youth who have received awards in various fields. The achievements of these children are central to fulfilling the organization's mission to provide the best opportunities, based on the children's capabilities. He plays a vital role as a prominent member of the province in promoting child rights throughout Meghalaya, both in rural and urban areas. Awareness programs are key to achieving milestones and building a better future.



Dimapur Province-IND (Fr. Blasius Tete, sdb). Fr. Blasius is the YaR Coordinator of the Dimapur Province. He plays a vital role in the regions of Arunachal and Assam, coordinating with the province's YaR ministry. The services provided by the province have transformed the lives of many youths in the region. The ministry offers numerous vocational training programs and life skills to the youth. He is the main driving force behind increasing the visibility of the Salesians' work in North East India. By collaborating with like-minded individuals, he paves the way for the youth to become self-reliant and the promoter enterprises to stand on their own feet.



Message of the Guwahati Hub Director

Data Speaks. All strategic decisions are made based on data. Policies that guide organizations and their services especially in the social sector is based on data collected from the field, and cleaned and analyzed . This is precisely what is being done by DiGi HomeLink at the National and the Hub levels under the guidance of the DB National YaR Network.

I congratulate the Guwahati Hub Coordinator for putting together this Annual Report for 2023-24. It gives an overall picture of the status of children in all the centres and brings out interesting and significant features that emerge from the data. Moreover it points to the emerging trends in the field of Juvenile Justice delivery and significantly the shrinking of the number of children and the profile of the children under the institutional care as compared to the previous years. However, given the socio-economic condition of the region under the Guwahati Hub, the institutional services are still relevant , with the length of the stay of the CNCP children in institutions showing a downward trend. Gradually our homes may become short-stay homes, except for orphans who will stay with us till they are socially integrated through alternative care systems or through institutional care. The wide field of non-institutional care is open to us challenging our creativity to design new interventions that will benefit the vulnerable boys and girls. We are passing through a critical phase in juvenile delivery , but the transition to new forms of service is to be gradual and not to be hurried by service delivery stakeholders.

The social audits carried out in the centres and the reports of these audits point to the standard of care to be maintained in our Child Care Institutions (CCIs). This exercise can be of immense value to each of the centres. May the data and other contents of this annual report help us in the thinking process which should characterize our committed services to the Young At Risk.

Fr Lukose Cheruvalel

Fr Lukose Cheruvalel, SDB
Snehalaya Director





Words from the YaR Coordinator of Dimapur Province

As the YaR coordinator for Dimapur Province, encompassing Nagaland, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, and Upper Assam, I am honored to reflect on our year. Our centers are integral to the Guwahati Hub, which also includes the Guwahati and Shillong Provinces. Together, we strive to create a safe, nurturing environment for at-risk youth, empowering them to lead dignified and self-reliant lives.

Our mission is to provide comprehensive care, support, and opportunities for young people in vulnerable situations, ensuring their holistic development and reintegration into society. Our lines of action include:

- **Emergency Services:** Providing immediate assistance and relief to children in crises.
- **Long-term Support:** Ensuring continuous care and rehabilitation for young people at risk.
- **Education and Vocational Training:** Offering educational opportunities and skill development programs to enhance employability.
- **Advocacy and Awareness:** Raising awareness about the rights and needs of vulnerable children and advocating for policy changes.
- **Community Engagement:** Involving local communities in identifying and addressing the needs of at-risk youth.

"Young at Risk" refers to children on the streets, child laborers, abandoned orphans, children in conflict with the law, children with disabilities, runaway children, children from dysfunctional families, institutionalized children, young substance abusers, children in war-torn and conflict areas, refugee and displaced children (including ethnic minorities), children in the sex trade, children affected by HIV/AIDS, school dropouts, trafficked children, or those at risk of trafficking, and any children in serious vulnerability.

These young people face significant challenges, including poverty, hardships, oppression, exploitation, and marginalization. Our YaR services provide immediate relief and long-term care to protect and support at-risk youth. These services are designed to reach young people in extreme situations of exploitation and marginalization, offering them a chance for a better future.

Over the past year, we are grateful for the progress made and the lives touched through our YaR initiatives. The challenges are immense, but with unwavering commitment and collaborative efforts, we continue to strive towards our vision of a safer and more inclusive environment for every young person at risk.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our commission members, partners, supporters, and local communities for their invaluable contributions. Together, we can build a future where every young person is empowered to lead a life of dignity and self-reliance.

Fr. Blasius Tete, SDB
YaR Coordinator-IND



Words From YaR Coordinator of Shillong Province

The Salesian Province of Shillong:
Empowering Youth at Risk

The YaR ministry has been transforming the lives of many young people in the Salesian Province of Shillong. The YaR ministry empowers youth facing challenges like poverty, abuse, or lack of education by prioritizing education, skills training, and social-emotional support. Some of the YaR activities include providing education and skill development through bridge courses, vocational training, and life skills training. They also provide social and emotional support through counselling, support groups, recreational activities, and spiritual guidance. Many YaR youth have successfully re-entered schools or pursued vocational training, building a brighter future. Looking ahead, the YaR ministry plans to expand its reach, focusing on substance abuse prevention and supporting youth leaving care. Collaboration with communities, NGOs, and government strengthens resources and expertise. Through innovative solutions and partnerships, the YaR ministry is committed to creating a sustainable future where all young people in the Salesian Province of Shillong have the opportunity to thrive.

As we step into one more year in the service of the young let us give our best to bring added meaning in the life of the children during their stay in our organization. The more we serve the young people the younger we grow and spread the services of the youth of our province. So, as we begin the new year of the service and release the annual report of the Guwahati Hub. I take the opportunity on behalf of Shillong Province as YaR Coordinator best of luck for the coming year. Also, we should always focus on our first role as educators of the young. As we support today's youth to build their future careers, let us keep in mind an important data which is source for strengthening our organization in making decisions and planning. Data will speak and our services will also be much better through our analysis.

Bro: Bosco Ekka, SDB
YaR Coordinator-INS



Words of appreciation by the Hub Co-ordinator

Indeed it's a moment of Joy and celebration for each node under the Guwahati Hub as we release the annual report for the session from April 2023 to March 2024. It's time to say a big thanks to the Hub Director and Node Directors, YaR Coordinator of the different provinces. We have tried our best to give more visibility to our centers and places as we move to the next level in technology and social media for data analysis as well as reporting. It's time to showcase the center's activities through social media. The present time is about the transparency of the work and transmission of our children to the next stage of life. Let's move on in bringing joy to the children from whom we are tirelessly working day in and day out. Let our efforts bear the fruits in children's growth and development.

Always keep our children in the front line and let them be the center of our work. Teach them to behave well to add color to life, and let them know that we are there at their look support them when they fall into the ditch. Let's keep doing the noble task of keeping children smiling till adulthood.

Thanks to the data manager of the centers who took the time to update the data of the center and made analysis reports during the year. Only data can give us the strength and confidence to provide service to the Organization for the children, youth, and the community. Data leads to right decision and data gives insights into the welfare of the children in the organization.

Thank you

Mr. Birendar Kumar Baxla
Guwahati Hub-Coordinator



Don Bosco National Forum YaR

Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk (DB YaR Forum) is a network of groups and organizations committed to the safety, growth, development, and rights of vulnerable, marginalized children and young adults who need care and protection and those who conflict with the law. Currently, the network has 80+ member institutions and organizations from across 20 states and union territories of India. Services we offer to young people include street/railway platforms/bus station presences, rescue teams, drop-in centers, open shelters, children's homes, youth hostels, and after-care facilities. We accompany the Young at Risk, to provide for their care and protection, conducive spaces to live, work together, and develop within an environment of rights, participation, and dignity.



Young Persons living or working on streets involved in child labour, begging, or in occupations not suited to their age in conflict with the law, in correction centers, or into petty crime. Young people who Are Orphans, abandoned, homeless, vagrants, run-away migrants, displaced with no means of livelihood school dropouts, deprived of basic education opportunities affected by wars, violent conflicts, social-political upheavals into substance abuse, infected or affected by HIV/AIDS trafficked, abused, associated with commercial sex work third gender, differently abled. Young Persons in extreme poverty.

Homelink Network



Homelink started in the year 2013 with the help of the National team YaR forum Delhi. Where three provinces of the Northeast came to Snehalaya to be part of the program. Many of our Salesian family came forward to learn about the web portal and its uses. Fr. Lukose the founder and director introduced to Guwahati province with the help of the National team Delhi-HOMELINK NETWORK. Homelink Network is a program by DB Yar Forum, to systematically run projects or programs through ChildMISS (tools) software is a data-based web portal wherein data is been captured of all the children and youth participating in YaR service centers.

Homelink is a web-based service maintained by Don Bosco YaR Forum to facilitate their work for the young risk, enabling them to maintain and share up-to-date information on child issues across the country. The system generates instant reports based on child profiles, missing children, staff centers, sub-centers, and various analyses of reports at local and national levels. It is a software tool for documentation. Nodes: In the beginning 14 nodes were registered under Guwahati hub Namely-ANMA Integrated Development Association, Don Bosco Center Silchar, Don Bosco Institute, Snehalaya Don Bosco, Auxilium Ashalaya Children's Home, Rilang Children's Home, Bosco Reach Out, Don Bosco Technical School Maligaon, Bethany Society, Bethany Society-CBR, Salesian College of Higher Education, Child-Friendly Guwahati, Carmel Jyoti Children Home. Among 14 nodes registered at present, only 5 are active & 2 are partially active. Services: Salesians where youths are been supported through vocational skills training centers and CCIs. Special children who are away from home and family need our care and protection. It can be in different forms of helping. Education, Medical, Counselling, Sports activities, and other co-curricular activities.



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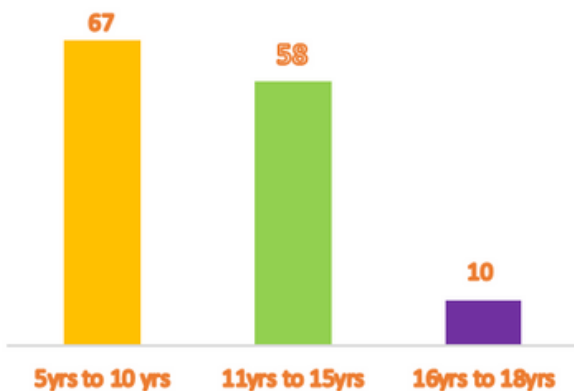
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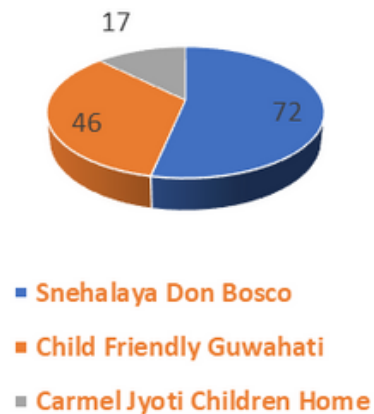


The following data is derived from the Guwahati hub's center's, which includes information from both the Child Care Institution and non-residential programs. It has been collected using the ChildMISS tools and emphasizes entries with the most significant figures. The data is divided into two sections: the first section records information upon a child's admission to the center, while the second section documents the services offered to the children within Child Care Institutions of Guwahati Hub.

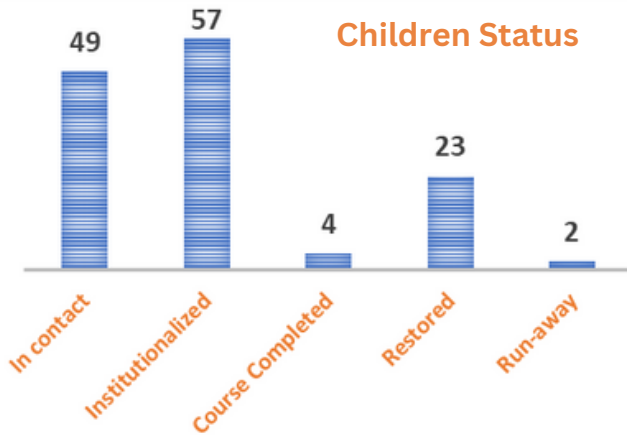
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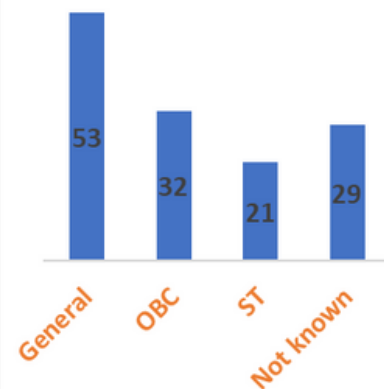
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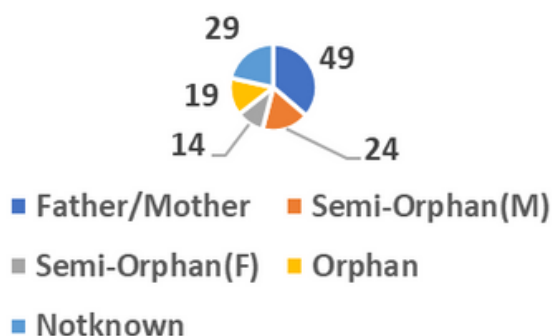
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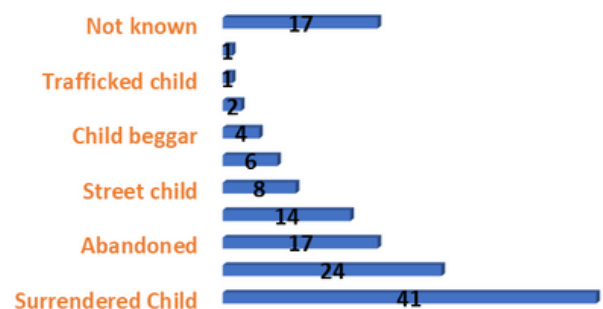
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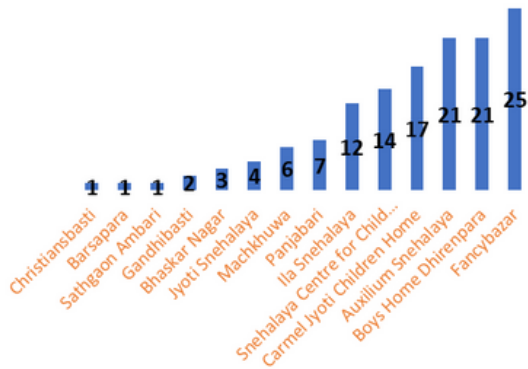
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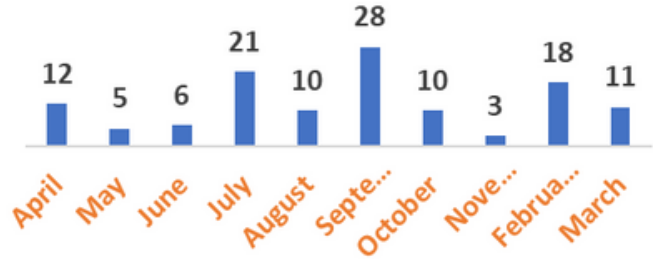


Annual Data-April 2023 to March 2024

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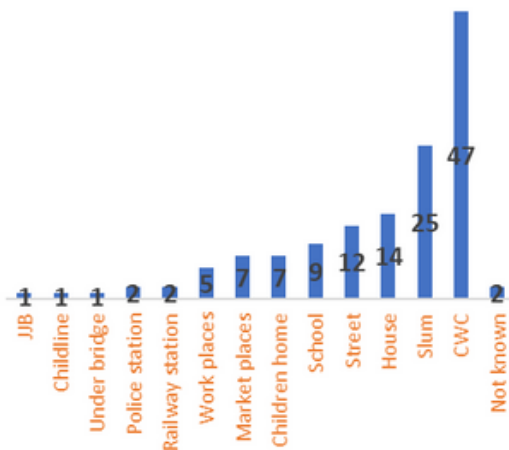
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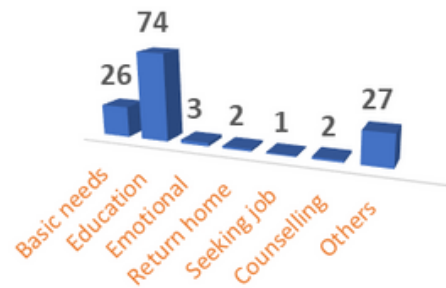
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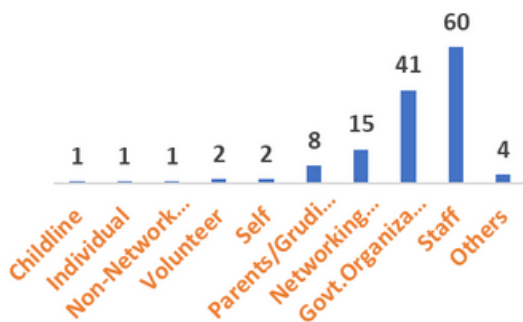
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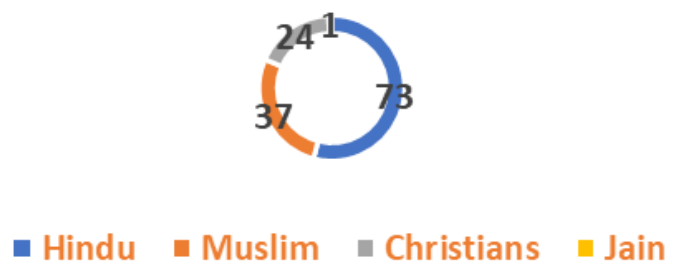
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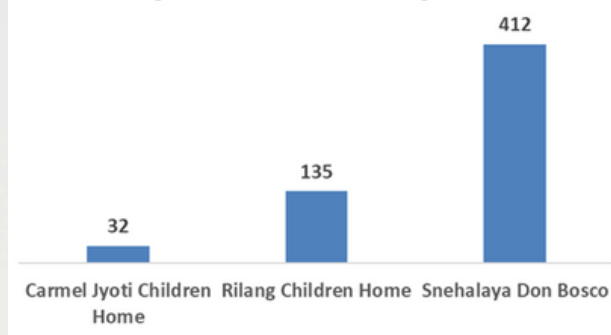
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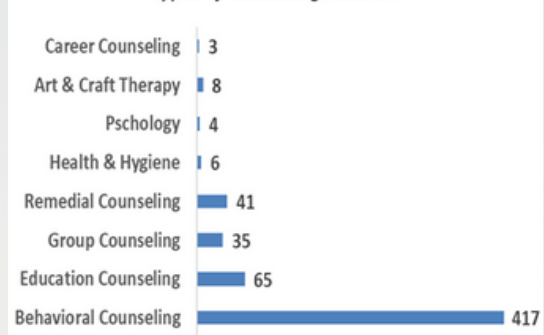


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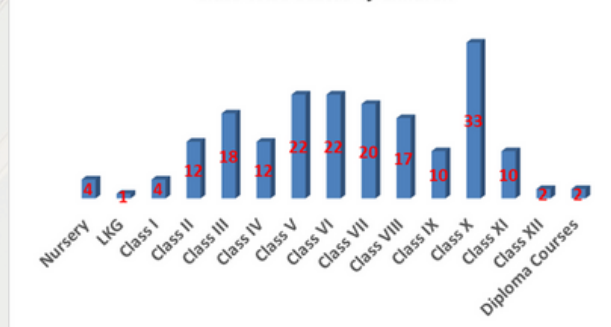
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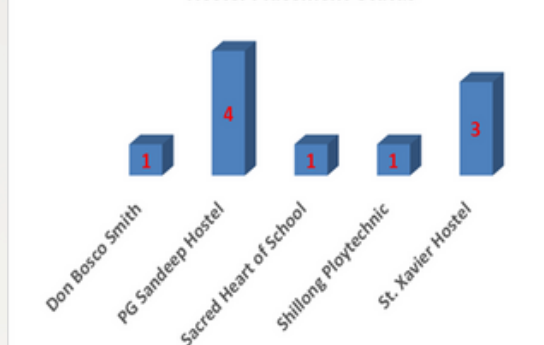
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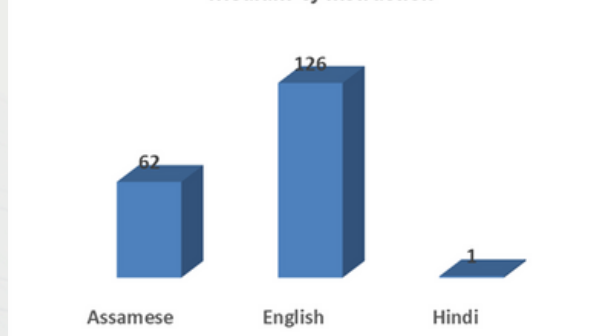
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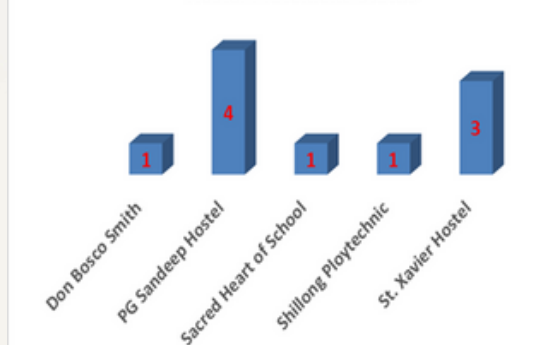
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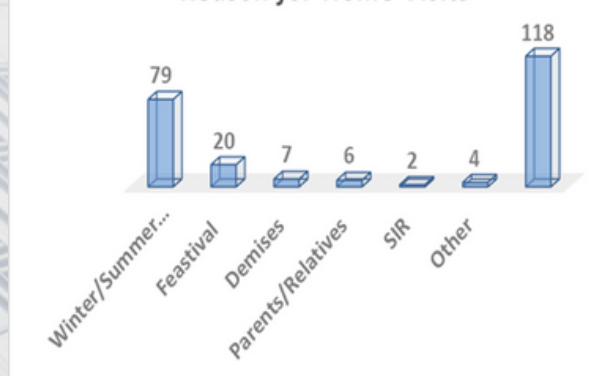
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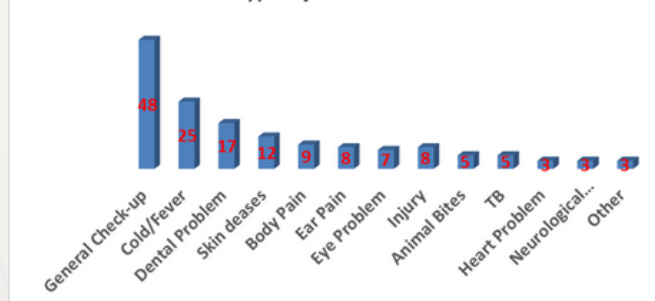
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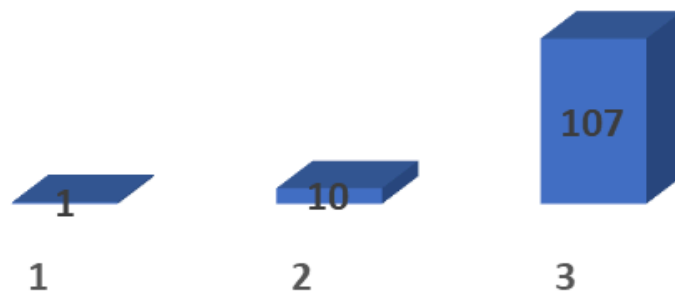
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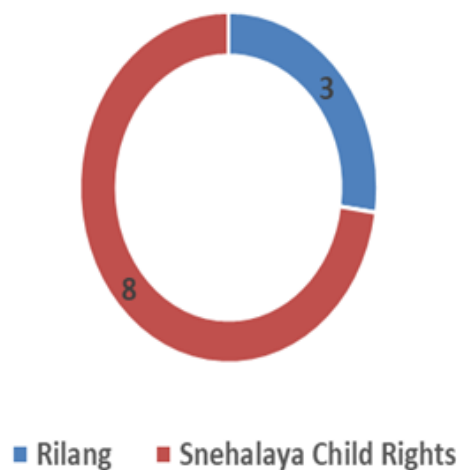


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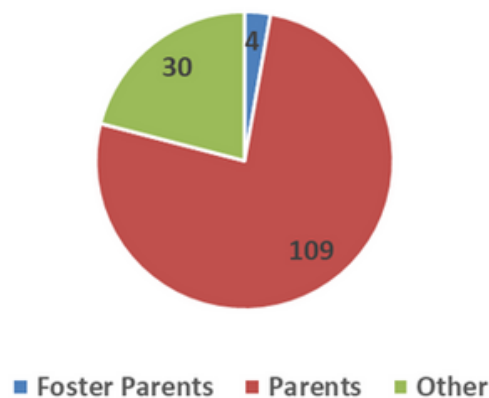
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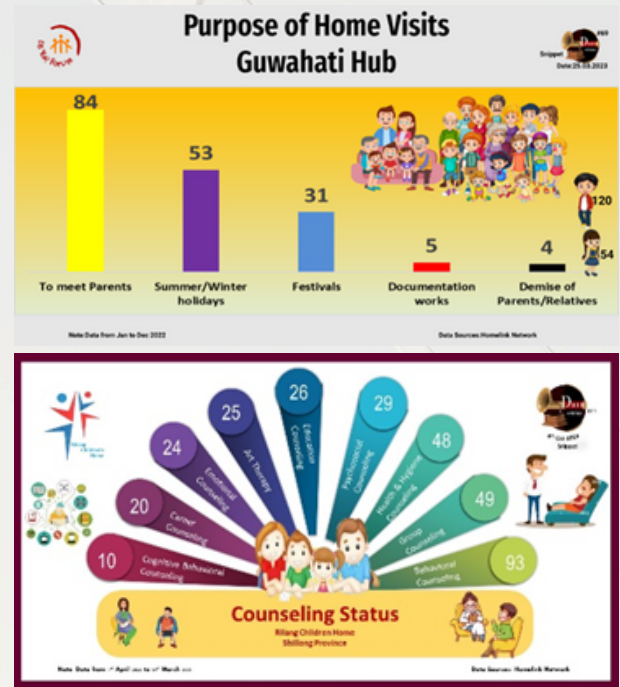


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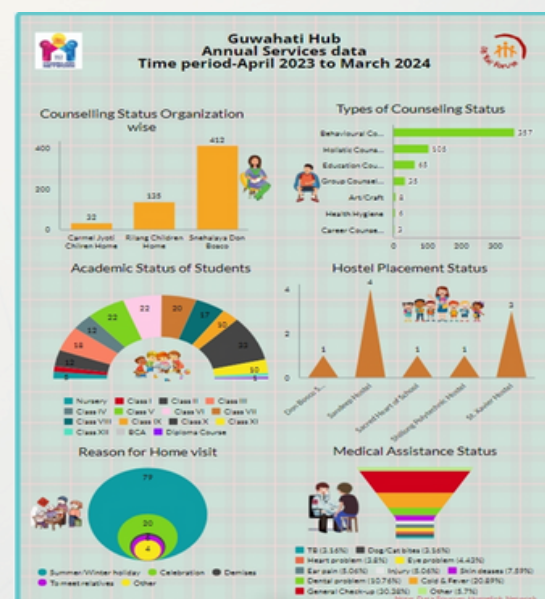
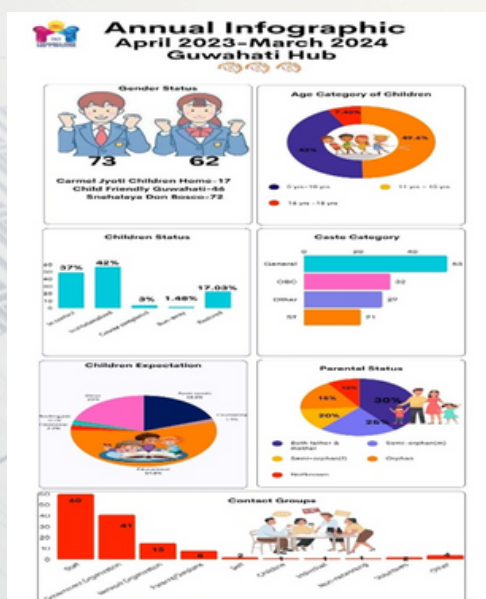
Data Analysis report

The data snippets offer valuable insights into the services provided to children. They aim at encouraging staff to think more critically and make informed decisions for the well-being of children and their growth. Analyzing these snippets enhances visibility and aligns our commitment to caring for the children. By examining the data, the organization can develop effective management strategies, prioritize child rights, and make informed decisions. The analysis highlights crucial aspects and facilitates decision-making, keeping the focus on the children's best interests.



Infographics report

Infographic reports are generated regularly hub and node level, utilizing the data from the web portal ChildMISS. These reports visually depict the organization's reach and services, showcasing the categories in which children have benefitted. The reports use attractive graphics and charts to communicate the important findings and outcomes of the organization's child related activities.





Social Audit

Social Audit is the concept used by the DBYaR forum to help YaR & Non-YaR Centers to keep practicing good documentation as per the government norms need in every Child Care Institution. Under every hub the coordinator along with one staff visits the CCIs, to check the registers maintained by the homes. The inspection team(national team) checks the entire infrastructure of the places where the services are been provided to the children. The social audit evaluates the standard of care in the institution. Based on this the marking is done for the betterment of the center for improvement. The tools are provided online to update as the documents are presented to the inspection team. The national team later sends the feedback for improvement to the center. It's the tools to help the centers to keep ready for any type of inspection conducted by the government agencies. Social audit helps the centers to be alert and helps to keep the records from time to time. The social audit conducted in different parts of provinces of Guwahati and Shillong from 10th May 2023 to 11th July 2023. It concludes 6 CCIs completed. The social audit format is online tools where the management team and staff presents before the social audit team with the valid documents with the proof.





Training sessions

Homelink training is carried out all through the month and year as per the requirements of the centers. The objective of the training is to make the staff more capable and well-versed in the tools ChildMISS. Staff are trained all around besides the tools like graphics reporting, Data analysis, and Video snippets, to maintaining the registers and also to training the new staff appointed by the organization.



**Demonstration of ChildMISS tools to Sr. Merida-
case work of Ila(CCI)**



**Training of new case worker-ChildMISS
tools & modules services data updates**



**Infographic training to Ms. Shilpa caseworker of
Auxilium Snehalaya**



**Training on Data analysis report & Infographics-
Counselor of Rilang CCI**





Training Sessions Organized



Use of Social Media



Interaction with the high school students on substance abuse



Releasing of flipbook on Self-Care Practice



Capacity building for Rilang staff



ING staff capacity building on de-addiction



Training on DBYC-ChildMISS tools

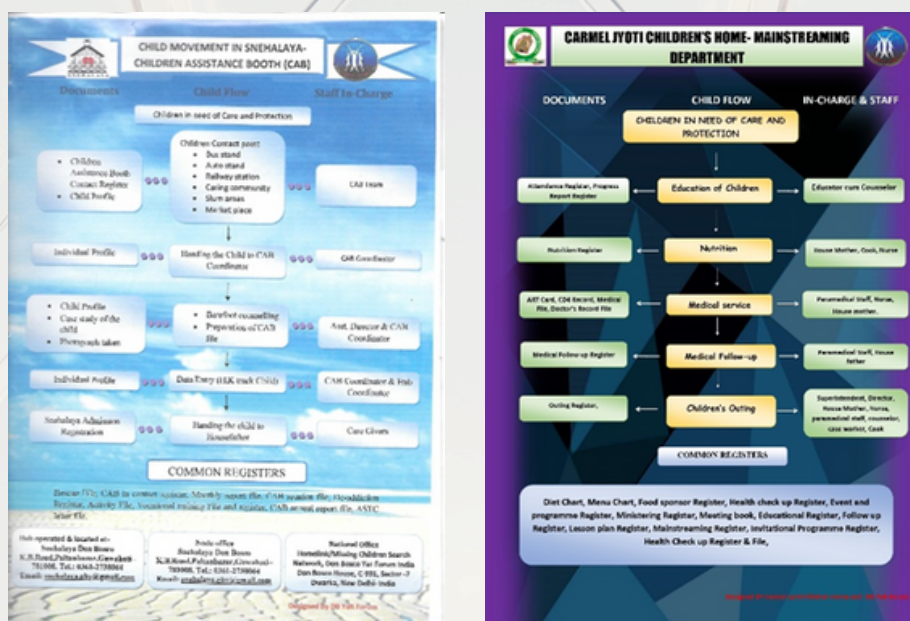


Province level orientation session on "Healthy Mind & Healthy Life"



Workshop on substance abuse for CCI children- Dhirenpara

Flow chart



Flow charts are prepared department-wise to provide a clear visual representation of the process and flow of the activities related to children. These flow charts serve the purpose of bringing visibility to the flow-up procedures involved in each department. They outline the specific responsibilities assigned to individuals within the department, enabling a better understanding of the workflow. By following the flowchart, a person can easily comprehend the responsibility associated with each department, ensuring the smooth and systematic handling of children's entry and exit process.

Flipbook

A Flipbook is an interactive guidebook that presents information in a visually captivating format, allowing for an engaging experience. Users can easily navigate through the content and access relevant information. This year's flipbook was on The YaR theme- "Self-care" it depicts most of the points and best practices that we need to include in the day-to-day life schedule.





Success Story-ING



Chota Ladu, 17 an old boy, had quarrels with his sister-in-law and elder brother at home. In the year 2023, month of October the boy came all the way from Hoijai. He said that without giving any information to the family members boarded the train. In Guwahati railway station he was contacted by GRP and later he was handed over to the childline. After the childline staff's production in the CWC office, he was in the open shelter temporarily. After that, the boy was sent to the Snehalaya Paltanbazar CCI.

During his stay in Snehalaya he was asked about his family background. He told that he lost his parents when he was in studying in primary school. Both his father and mother died due to sickness. He was left with his elder brother. The only source income of the family paddy cultivation. He said that there is a small plot of land which was brought by his parents when they were alive. After the death of his parents, his elder brother married and looked after Chota . So, he did his schooling in the village till class VII in Assamese medium. He discontinued his studies being unable to be supported by his elder brother for educational expenses. After leaving school he was engaged in the household work till he turn 16 years old.

On 12th May 2024, he was accompanied by Snehalaya casework as per the order from the Child Welfare Committee for restoration. He was taken home to stay with the family and to continue his vocational training. The boy stated that he is not interested in continuing his studies but rather doing some arts & crafts work & mechanical courses. Now, the family has accepted him and wants to help him complete the training.



Success Story-INS



Lovingstar's success exemplifies the transformative power of Rilang Children's Home. He serves as an inspiration to others facing challenges, demonstrating how a supportive environment can empower individuals to overcome adversity and achieve their full potential. His story underscores the impact of Rilang in not only improving the economic status of children but also shaping them into successful and contributing members of society.

At the age of 21, Lovingstar completed his HSSLC and continued his education at St. Anthony's College (evening shift). Recognizing his growing maturity, Rilang assisted him in transitioning to independent living. He moved to a rented accommodation in Laitumkhrah with continued support and guidance from the staff.

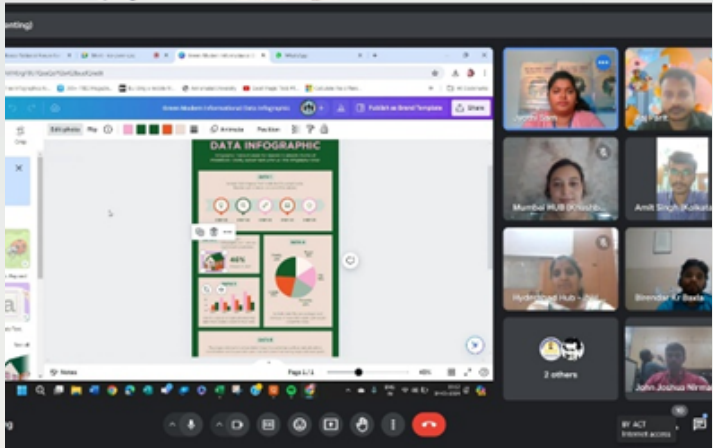
Taking responsibility for his life, Lovingstar embarked on various jobs, including store staff, bus conductor, and mason. He actively pursued his dream of joining the Meghalaya Police and successfully passed the physical and written tests. This dedication culminated in his well-deserved selection as an AB Constable in June 2023. He began his training in Nongstoin WKH and officially joined the force on July 15, 2023.



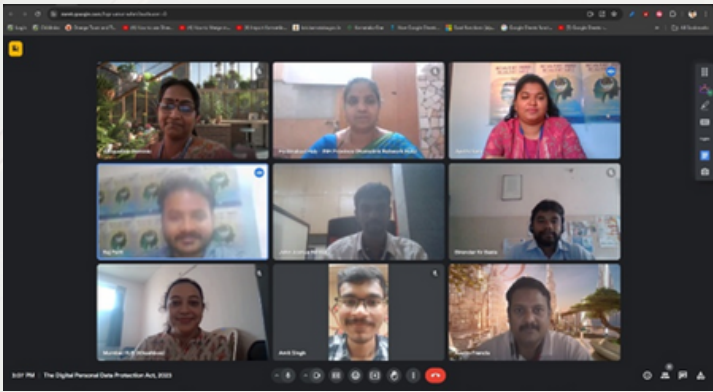
Gallery



Training of case worker & coordinator



Infographics report-training by Ms. Jyoti



Data protection act session by Raj sir



Staff Orientation of CFD-Homelink DIGI



NGO-Orientatioin sessioin on Homelink DIGI



IND-YaR comission meeting at Provincial house Dimapur-National team



Gallery



Goa training on Homelink DIGI new web application

An awareness program on substance abuse



YaR day celebration at Province level-Guwahati Province



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Achievements Of Hub



- ★ **7 Nodes Activated**
- ★ **Child Flow Chart**
Child Flow Chart prepared for CCIs, Service center & displayed
- ★ **4 YaR Center**
Conducted Social audit and submitted the reports
- ★ **Registers**
Mandatory registers are in place in Don Bosco centers
- ★ **86 Snippets Hub Level prepared**
Hub & Node wise made and shared
- ★ **Infographic Report**
Monthly Infographic report prepared every month & shared
- ★ **Mobile App**
Implemented in all the Director & Coordinators
- ★ **9 Hub Annual Report**
Prepared every year
- ★ **Online & Off line training**
All the Nodes Staffs
- ★ **Visibility**
All the ChildMISS report published in Social media and organization website





HOMELINK NETWORK

Homelink Network is an ongoing initiative started by DB YaR Forum in 2002. To ensure an 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 technologies available today.

WE WORK TOWARDS

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



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