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Hub Director's Desk

Dear Team,

It gives me an immense joy and a sense of satisfaction to write for the 2023 – 2024 Annual Report of Homelink Hub in the Salesian Province of St. Thomas (INM). I'm deeply privileged to be a part of this magnificent initiative to promote the noble cause.

As Stan Rapp says, the current era is completely data-driven thus referring to the importance of data management. Service becomes worth and valid when the needy is fed properly. And when the needy is fed properly, the mission is accomplished; and in order to successfully accomplish the mission, needs of the needy must be understood clearly and that is what the Homelink have been doing in the past. It effectively identifies the needs, provides a better service scope and creates space for an effective future mission.

At this moment, I wish to congratulate the entire Homelink team in INM province of their worthy contribution in favor of underprivileged and vulnerable section. I'm sure that the mission will last long as long as the importance of the DATA is well understood.

Regards,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB
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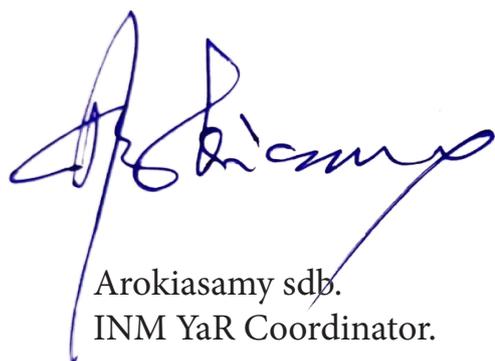
Yar Coordinator's Message

At the outset I am pleased to pen these few lines for the Report of the Chennai Hub's 'HOMELINK' Network. The network with its App 'Child MISS' has covered all the YaR Centres and Services of INM Province, by way of collecting Data, and is able to present a holistic picture of YaR activities at a glance. The network is Tech savvy and provides us the Quantitative Data and Analysis of the Target group that we serve and reach out to in the Province. The quantitative data are always useful for us to gauge the effect of our works and efforts that we put in. It helps us to analyze the cost effectiveness of the man power and fund that we invest in this sector of our ministry.

At this juncture, at the close of this year, I wish to put in record my appreciation to the entire Team of 'INM HomeLink' for their yeomen service in the field by their constant release of 'Snippets' 'Flowcharts' etc etc that I have witnessed during the year. Through all this, the Team has kept abreast with the modern times in their presentation and analysis of this part of the Society, which is 'The Children'. By this, the Government and the Society at large might have taken the message that the 'Don Bosco' brand is at par with leading NGOs and the Government in carrying out its works with Scientific Temper. My appreciation to the Team for keeping 'Don Bosco' at the vanguard of Progress, even in its service for the vulnerable children. I wish you well dear friends for your future ventures. May you feel contented and satisfied for the achievement you make for the name of Don Bosco and your Network.

Wishing you well and every success in your works.

With regards,



Arokiasamy sdb.
INM YaR Coordinator.



Hub Coordinator's Message

Enhancing Data-Driven Management with our Systematic Online Homelink DIGI Documentation Tool

I am excited to unveil our latest initiative aimed at bolstering our efforts in safeguarding and advancing the well-being of children: the Systematic Online Homelink DIGI (Data Interface for the Global Interface) Tool. As we embark on this journey, it's essential that we harness the power of data-driven management and our new tool is designed to do just that.

Here's how our Systematic Online Homelink DIGI Documentation Tool will revolutionize our approach:

» Time-intensive data collection processes: Our tool simplifies and streamlines data capture, ensuring accuracy and completeness.

» Access to real-time data insights enables us to promptly identify trends, patterns and areas needing immediate attention, facilitating proactive interventions.

» Tailored to our unique requirements, our customizable dashboards offer at-a-glance views of key metrics and performance indicators. Whether monitoring progress towards objectives or tracking intervention impact, essential information is readily accessible.

» Centralizing data and documentation processes enhance accountability across the organization.

» Generating comprehensive reports is now effortless. Our tool equips us with the means to create detailed reports on various program aspects, facilitating evidence-based decision-making and stakeholder reporting.

» Rest assured, our data is secure and compliant with regulatory standards. We prioritize data security and confidentiality, implementing robust measures to safeguard sensitive information.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the National Director, National Team, Hub Director, YaR Coordinator, Node Directors, and Data Entry Staff of all Homelink Network Partners for their tremendous support in establishing systematic documentation at the Hub Level of INM Province. Let us continue this journey together, striving towards comprehensive data management in our Province.

With Warm Regards,

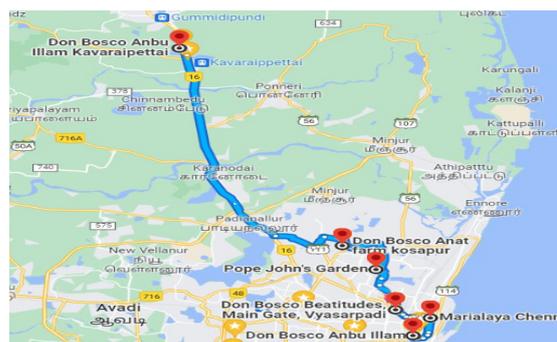


Ms. Jyothi Priya
INM Hub Coordinator



Chennai Hub encompasses six nodes that cater to different facilities and services for individuals in need of care and protection.

Sl. No	Name of the Node / Centre name	Location
1.	ANAT Farm	Mathur
2.	Anbagam	Madhavaram
3.	Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai	Park Town
4.	Don Bosco Anbu Illam	Kavarapettai
5.	Don Bosco Beatitudes	Vyasarpadi
6.	Marialaya, Chennai	Broadway



Each of these centers plays a vital role in offering a variety of support services. It provides shelter facilities, education programs, vocational, skill development training, medical assistance, after care program and community outreach programs to empower individuals with the necessary tools for personal and professional growth.

Node visit report

There are 6 Nodes under Chennai Hub. Node visits are done prior to an appointment fixed on monthly basis. Here's a summarized variety of the key points addressed during the monthly node visits:

- Regular monitoring of performance metrics to assess progress and identify areas for improvement.
- Compile necessary reports for the organization, providing insights into node activities and outcomes.
- Develop and update formats as needed for documenting processes and data collection.
- Visualize project workflows through flowcharts to enhance understanding and streamline processes.
- Ensure proper maintenance of all registers and documentation to uphold organizational standards and facilitate accountability.
- Provide technical assistance, possibly from a national technical team, to troubleshoot any issues that arise.
- Identifying new needs or challenges that may arise within the nodes.
- Provide training sessions to enhance team members' skills in creating snippets and infographics for effective communication and outreach.
- Ensure adherence to Don Bosco Standards of Care, maintaining quality and consistency across projects.
- Invest in the professional development of team members through capacity-building initiatives and training programs.
- Collaboratively develop action plans for the following month, outlining tasks and objectives to be completed.

After discussing and planning the above points with the Node Director and the Coordinator, a follow-up mail is sent to the nodes to provide a summary of the visit and to reinforce the discussed plans and actions.

Node visits made during April – 2023 to March 2024

Sl. No	Name of the Nodes	No. of visits
01	Don Bosco Anbu Illam – Chennai	12
02	Don Bosco Anbu Illam – Kavarapettai	07
03	Marialaya – Chennai	09
04	Don Bosco Beatitudes – Vyasarpadi	08
05	Anbagam	09
06	ANAT Farm	05
Total		50

Training Programme at Node level



Hub Infographic Report

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Infographic report covers the different kinds of services rendered in Chennai Hub, captured in www.childmiss.net

EDUCATION SERVICES



HOME VISITS BY CHILD

Child visited their homes during school holidays, celebrations, festivals and other occasions.



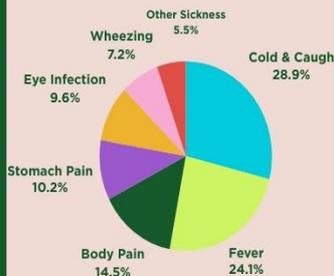
COUNSELLING SERVICE



101 86

Counselling was given to children to deal with their Behavioral issues, Anger Management, Stress relief and other issues

MEDICAL SERVICE

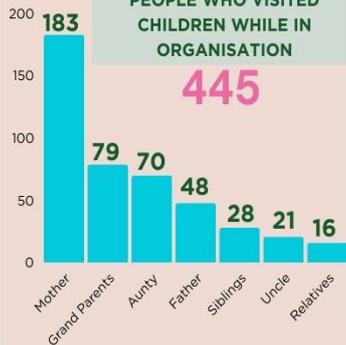


46% 54%

VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICE



PEOPLE WHO VISITED CHILDREN WHILE IN ORGANISATION



HIV/AIDS INFECTED SERVICE



225

Nutritional support was given to HIV/AIDS Children

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Profile Status

A breakdown of contacted children annually is 282.



Religion Wise



Parental Status



District Wise



Type of Family

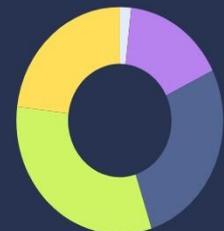


Gender Wise



78

Age when contacted



Data Source : Homelink Network

www.childmiss.net

Major Events



World Youth Skill Day

To commemorate World Youth Skill Day, a workshop was organized on 8th July 2023 for the youth of Marialaya in Chennai. The event had the enthusiastic participation of 45 young individuals from six different community centers. The workshop focused on highlighting various skill development programs, aiming to equip the youth with essential skills for their personal and professional growth.

Key Highlights:

- Introduction to various skill development programs like ITI, Tailoring, Computer Courses, Tallys, BPOs, and other Open University courses to be tailored to meet the needs of today's job market.
- Interactive Sessions
- Group activities designed to foster teamwork and problem-solving abilities.
- Platform for youths to interact with peers from different community centers.

in various categories. Fr. Vincent Mariaprakasam SDB was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his remarkable dedication and service. Additionally, Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai, was honored with the Best Social Media Award for its impactful online presence.

Future Directions:

The discussions and outcomes of the seminar are expected to guide future initiatives and activities aimed at supporting and enhancing the well-being of the young at risk across the provinces.



National YaR Seminar

The INM Province organized the National YaR Seminar in collaboration with the DB National Forum for the Young at Risk. The event took place at the Don Bosco Animation Centre in Ennore, Chennai, on the 20th and 21st of September, 2023. Participants from all 11 provinces of YaR networking partners attended the seminar. The event focused on the theme of promoting a healthy mind and a healthy life, providing in-depth insights and knowledge. Panel discussions were held to strategize and project the next level activities at the province level.

Awards and Recognitions:
On the first day, the seminar included an award ceremony to recognize outstanding contributions





Homelink Network Training Programme

On 22nd and 23rd September 2023, the National Homelink Team conducted a two-day training programme for all Homelink Hub Coordinators at Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre in Ennore, Chennai. The training covered definitions of Juvenile Justice Acts related to centre types, demonstrated the use of Homelink DIGI worksheets and included sessions on capacity building by Fr. Thomas Saveri George, node-level operations by Fr. Aquinas Thomas and mini research techniques by Fr. Joe Prabhu. The programme concluded with discussions on plans and target setting, aiming to enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness across the network.

Orientation to Inters from Social Work Departments



On 19th October 2023, we conducted a professional orientation session for 28 interns and 3 faculty members from CTTE College and Stella Maris College (MSW Departments). The session provided a comprehensive overview of Child MISS, emphasizing the critical importance of systematic

documentation in addressing child-related issues within the legal framework. Participants gained valuable insights into best practices for data management and the significance of meticulous record-keeping in both legal and organizational contexts. Feedback underscored the session's effectiveness in translating theoretical knowledge into practical application, enhancing the interns' preparedness for fieldwork.



Orientation on Staffing Patterns, Roles, and Responsibilities at Child Care Institutions.

The orientation session on staffing patterns, roles, and responsibilities at Child Care Institutions (CCIs) held with the Homelink Network Partners of the INM Province was a pivotal professional engagement aimed at ensuring compliance with the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. Directors, staff members, and the stakeholders convened to gain a comprehensive understanding of the mandated staffing structures and individual responsibilities outlined in the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. Through detailed presentations and interactive discussions, participants were equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively fulfill their roles within CCIs. Emphasis was placed on the critical need for adherence to legal regulations to uphold the quality of care provided to children under the institution's guardianship. By fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous learning, this session served as a foundational step towards enhancing the professionalism and efficacy of childcare practices within the INM Province's Homelink Network.



Digital Documentation Meeting at Node Level

The meeting centered on digital documentation at the node level and was marked by significant progress and strategic initiatives. A meticulous review of mandatory registers revealed a commendable standard of maintenance, reflecting the team's dedication to upholding organizational protocols. A pivotal outcome was the preparation of a comprehensive report, meticulously compiled to encapsulate pertinent data, subsequently entrusted to the data entry staff for diligent updating. Furthermore, the conducted training sessions, meticulously tailored to cover essential modules such as Child Services, Caring Community, Follow-ups, and Events, underscored the commitment to proficiency and uniformity across operational domains. This proactive approach not only ensures the integrity of our documentation but also reinforces a culture of excellence within the organization.



National Director Visitation at Hub Level

During the visitation by Fr. Joe Prabu, the National Director of Homelink Network, accompanied by Mrs. Jyothi Priya, key agenda items were meticulously addressed at Anbagam, Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai, and Don Bosco Beatitudes. The engagement included a thorough inspection of the nodes, extensive discussions with staff members and a comprehensive review of mandatory registers, all aimed at ensuring compliance with the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. Emphasizing the significance of data integrity, Fr. Joe Prabu provided clear directives for the timely completion of pending data tasks, stressing their migration to the new Homelink DIGI online web portal server by mid-January 2024. Moreover, targeted meetings with Node Directors enabled in-depth assessments of node status and facilitated strategic discussions to address any outstanding challenges.



Homelink DIGI Launch at Goa

In January, the National Team conducted a three-day training program on Homelink DIGI from the 17th to the 19th, facilitated by the Elite team. The training aimed to familiarize all hub coordinators with the functionalities of the new web tool, Homelink DIGI, incorporating discussions based on



participants' inputs. A significant highlight was a panel discussion where hub coordinators elucidated the new features and advantages of Homelink DIGI to all attendees. The program culminated on the final day with the official launch of the website, followed by a concluding session.

Session on ICP, Counselling & Registers Maintenance

The training session on Individual Child Care Plans (ICP) and counselling held on March 15, 2024, at Pope John's Garden was marked by a comprehensive agenda aimed at enhancing the expertise of participants from various Youth at Risk (YaR) Centers across the INM Province. Welcoming address by Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, the Hub Director of INM Province, the session progressed



with Mrs. Dorathy Joseph, a seasoned Child Welfare officer, delving into the significance of ICPs for children in diverse circumstances. Mrs. Joseph provided detailed insights into the different sections and formats of the ICP, accompanied by practical guidelines for proper completion and coordination with relevant personnel.



Moreover, the presentation on the Homelink DIGI tool by Ms. Jyothi Priya, alongside counselling inputs and register maintenance protocols, underscored the commitment to equipping participants with essential skills and resources

for effective child care management. With the participation of 5 Directors and 21 staff members from prominent YaR Centers, the session fostered a professional exchange of knowledge and practices aimed at nurturing holistic child development within institutional settings.

Session on Behavioral issues & Family Bonding

On March 19, 2024, at Marialaya in Chennai, facilitated a comprehensive session addressing behavioral issues and family bonding for a group of 53 participants, encompassing girls, management and staff. Assisted by Mrs. Jyothi Priya, Hub Coordinator of INM Province, the session delved into the pressing challenges concerning the mental well-being and behavioral dynamics encountered by children, especially those within Child Care Institutions. Employing a multifaceted approach,



including interactive activities, icebreakers and PowerPoint presentations, ensured active engagement and comprehension among attendees. Emphasis was placed on the pivotal role of family bonding in fostering the emotional and psychological growth of children, underscoring the significance of nurturing supportive familial environments for their holistic development.

The session's interactive nature facilitated open communication, enabling participants to articulate their concerns and seek clarification. Feedback at the session's conclusion served to identify specific challenges faced by the children, thereby informing future intervention strategies. Additionally, the display of Healthy Mind and Healthy Life posters underscored the importance of prioritizing mental wellness.

Session on Healthy Parenting & Family Bonding at Marialaya, Chennai

The session on healthy parenting and family bonding at Marialaya, Chennai, held on 24th March 2024, under the guidance of Mrs. Jyothi Priya, the Hub Coordinator of the INM Province, was a pivotal event aimed at fostering holistic family dynamics. With 53 engaged participants, including staff, children and parents, the session delved into critical aspects of familial relationships. Topics ranging from the definition and structure of family to the significance of family life in child



development were thoroughly explored. Moreover, practical insights into healthy parenting practices and strategies for promoting familial cohesion were provided. Emphasis was placed on the essential role of mental health and well-being for parents, underlining the importance of self-care and support systems. By equipping participants with actionable knowledge and tools, the session sought to empower families to cultivate resilient and fulfilling relationships, thereby contributing to their overall welfare and stability.

Don Bosco Standards of Care at Hub Level

The recent social audit led by Fr. Joe Prabu, along with the INM YaR Commission team, encompassed several prominent organizations including Bosco Illam, Saranalayam, Don Bosco Beattitudes, Anbagam, Marialya and Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Kavaraipettai. The primary focus of this audit was to bolster organizational efficiency by ensuring meticulous documentation



practices. Through targeted training sessions, directors and coordinators were equipped with the requisite knowledge and skills essential for maintaining systematic documentation. Emphasizing the significance of accurate reporting and thorough record-keeping, the training underscored the critical role such practices play in delivering high-quality

care and effectively monitoring the progress and well-being of the youth under their care. The audit meticulously scrutinized mandatory registers, organization-specific certificates, infrastructure details and the implementation of organizational policies, thus laying a solid foundation for future endeavours and ensuring adherence to best practices.

Hostel Act Guidelines at Province Level

Trainings focused on the Hostel Act as well as the documentation of the procedures. The trainings were specifically delivered to Hostels within the Chennai Hub, indicating a targeted effort to strengthen their understanding and implementation of relevant legal frameworks and documentation practices. By providing these trainings, valuable knowledge and guidance were shared with the Hostels,

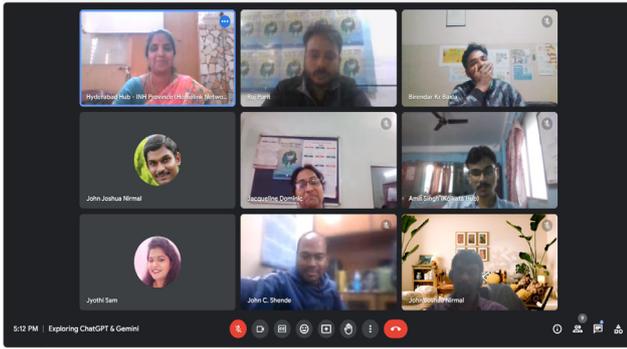


empowering them to ensure compliance with relevant and establish effective documentation systems.



Other Trainings and Meetings Attended

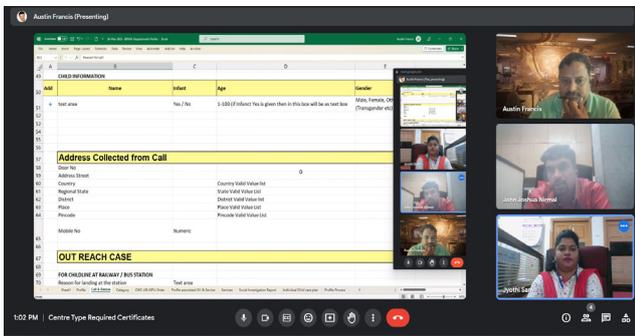
Attended AI Tool training given by Mr. Raj Parit



Attended training on Children Parliament by Mrs. Jacqueline



New Requirements meeting with the National Team



On the agenda of Training Module and Skill Development in Child Care Institution run by Government –Recommendations and willingness as Service Providers Meeting held at the Directorate of Social Defence, Chennai on 27.02.2024.



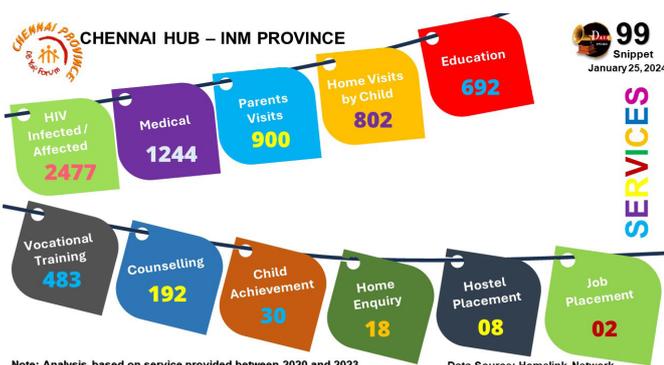
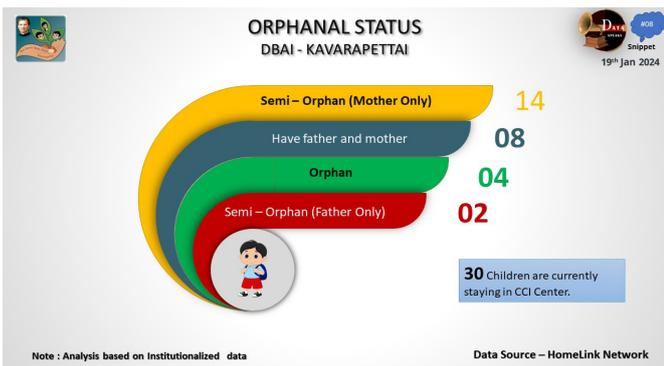
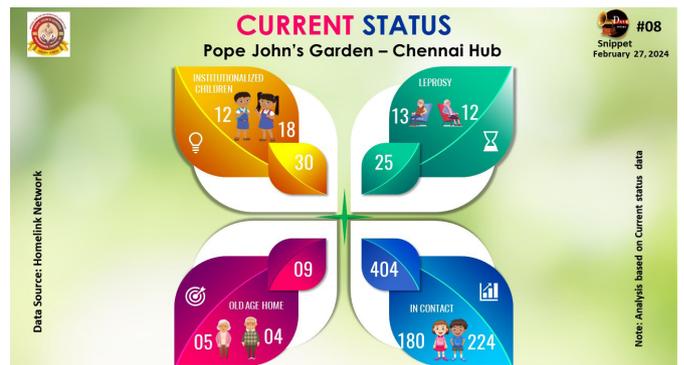
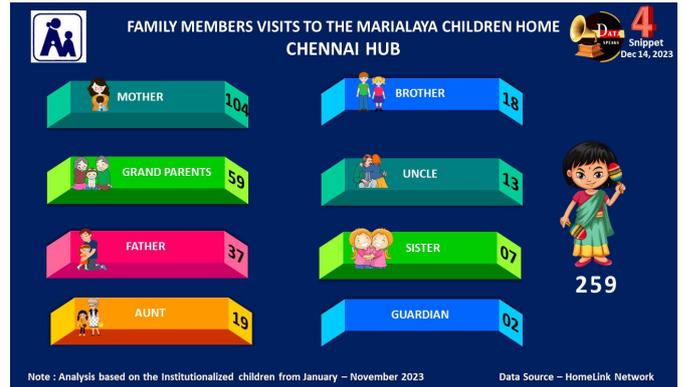
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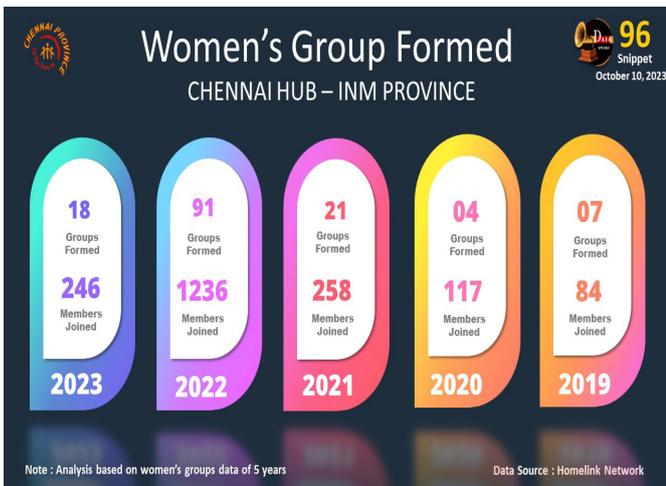
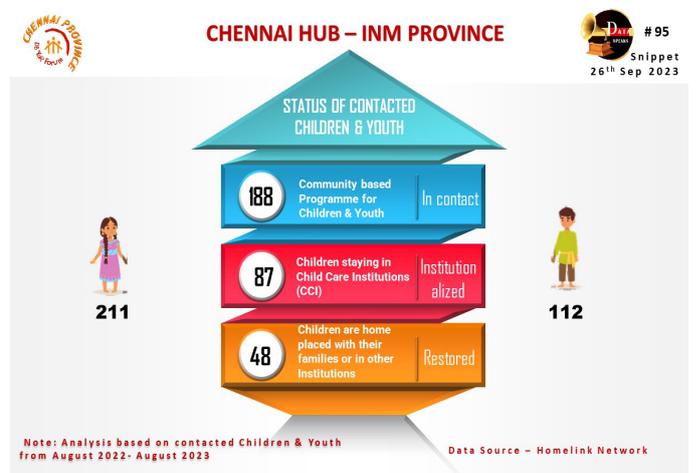
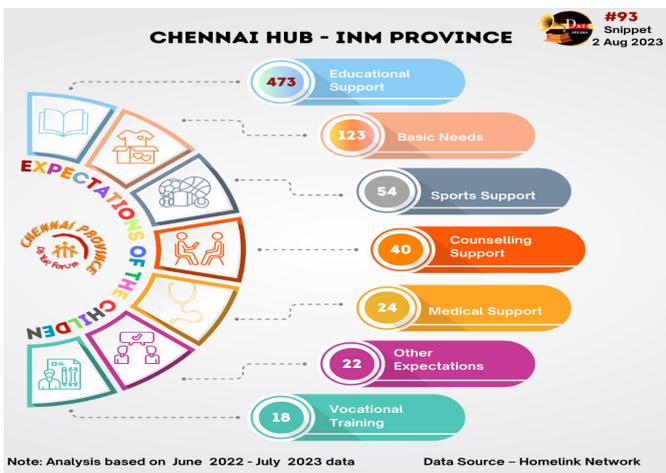
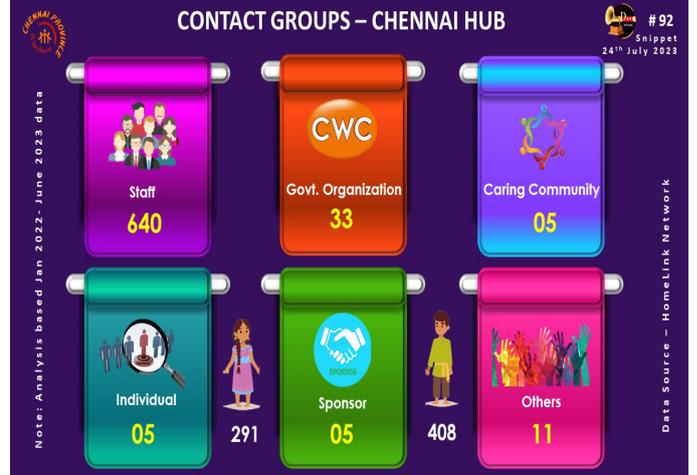
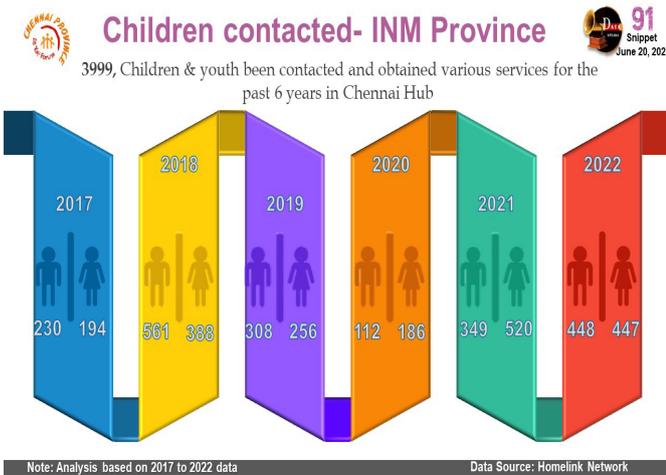
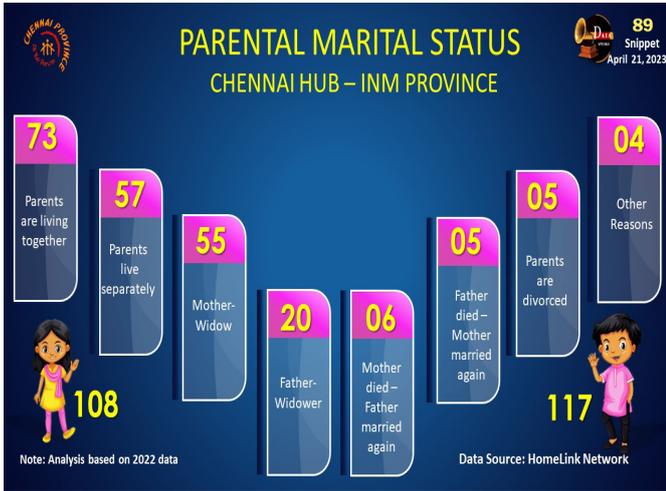


Snippets

This initiative involves the analysis of statistical data, particularly focusing on children in Child Care Institutions and Street Presences. The statistical data is derived from the Child Management Information System and Services (Child MISS) tool of the Homelink Network. Through the Data Speaks initiative, snippets of this statistical data are published, aiming to create awareness and visibility of the work being done for young people in Chennai hub. These snippets provide key insights and highlight important trends or issues related to the well-being and support of vulnerable children.

INM Province has released 11 Hub JPEG snippets and 03 Video snippets and 11 node level snippets successfully. Here are the few highlighted snippets for your glance.





Flipbook



Stop Bullying & Cyber Bullying

The impact of bullying goes beyond immediate emotional distress, affecting individuals academically, socially and psychologically. It can lead to long-term consequences, shaping the trajectory of one's life and contributing to mental health issues. Prevention strategies must encompass education, awareness and the fostering of empathy and inclusivity. Support systems, both within schools and communities, play a crucial role in helping victims cope and recover.

As we reflect on the evolving nature of bullying, it is clear that continuous adaptation is essential. Strategies and policies must stay ahead of emerging trends and technologies to effectively prevent and address bullying in all its forms. Technology companies, in particular, bear a responsibility to create and enforce policies that discourage cyberbullying on their platforms.

Mini Research

A Study on After Care Programme

After Care Programme has demonstrated its potential to significantly impact the lives of individuals as they transition into adulthood. By building on its strengths and addressing identified challenges, the program will continue to provide valuable support, empower young adults and contribute to their well-being and success in life.



A Study on After Care Programme



Study By : Mrs. Jyothi Priya
Hub Coordinator - INM Province

Achievement of INM Province

Reflection and Decision-Making Tools:

Utilization of snippets for reflections and decision-making at the Node level.

Creation of Infographics:

Prepared comprehensive infographics for better data visualization and communication.

Data Utilization:

Leveraged data for decision-making, reflections on child-related issues, Node Annual Reports, surveys, donor reports, government departments and superior visitations.

Guidance for Educational Institutions:

Assisted educational institutions in registering their residential hostels under Hostel Act Guidelines.

Don Bosco Standards of Care:

Completed and implemented Don Bosco Standards of Care successfully.

After Care Programme Study:

Conducted a detailed study on the After Care Programme at the provincial level.

Flipbook Released:

Released a flipbook addressing bullying and cyberbullying issues.

Health and Wellness Sessions:

Conducted sessions on “Healthy Mind and Healthy Life” for children and parents.

Specialized Training Programs:

Delivered training on the Hostel Act, JJ Act, staffing patterns at Child Care Institutions, Individual Child Care Plans, counselling and systematic documentation to MSW departments and Homelink Networking Partners.

Online Documentation Input:

Provided inputs for the online documentation tool of Homelink DIGI.

Periodic Reporting:

Released periodic reports to ensure continuous monitoring and transparency.

Node Activation:

Successfully activated all Nodes for enhanced operational efficiency.

Mandatory Registers Implementation:

Introduced and printed mandatory registers for systematic documentation.

Success Stories

From Aspiration to Achievement

Ms. M. Dhanalakshmi joined in Marialaya institution on September 5, 2022, filled with determination and a keen interest in learning new skills. She enrolled in our vocational training program and, through hard work and dedication, completed her course in tailoring.

Her journey was marked by unwavering commitment and a clear goal: to build a career in tailoring. Throughout her training, Ms. Dhanalakshmi consistently demonstrated her talent and passion for the craft, quickly mastering the skills required to excel in this field.

Recognizing her potential and drive, Mr. Mohan Doss, Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), took a special interest in her progress. To support her in her aspirations, he generously sponsored a tailoring machine, enabling her to start her own tailoring business.

With this invaluable support and her steadfast determination, Ms. Dhanalakshmi is now well on her way to establishing a successful career. Her story is a testament to the power of dedication and the impact of community support. We are proud of Ms. Dhanalakshmi and look forward to seeing her shine in her chosen field.



A tale of triumph in Kannagi Nagar

Deepika, 8th Std. Student of Kannagi Nagar Police Boys and Girls Club doing her academic studies at GHSS Okkiyam Thuraipakkam. Growing up in a household where her Mother Mrs. Jaya working as House Keeper and Father Mr. Anandhan working for daily wages, her childhood was defined by economic struggles. She has a brother who's doing his 10th std. However, amidst these challenges, she discovered her love for football, which became her source of joy and purpose. She has joined in the DBAI- HCLF Kannagi Nagar Police Boys and Girls Club in the year 2020 when she was in 6th Std. From then she has been receiving all kinds of support from DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM along with HCLFOUNDATION regarding her Sports journey. Her regular coaching plays a pivotal role in her achievements. Her journey embodies the indomitable spirit of resilience and determination against all odds.



A.DEEPIKA

HIGHLIGHTS OF DEEPIKA'S JOURNEY:

- Deepika's talent and dedication were recognized when she emerged as a District Winner in Football Match, catching the eye of selectors.
- Her perseverance paid off as she earned a coveted spot in the SGFI District Selection, showcasing her potential on a larger stage.
- She has reached new heights when she was selected for the U14 Sudeva Football Club, a testament to her talent and resilience despite facing numerous obstacles along the way.

Vikatan Top 10 Youth Icon Award 2023 to Mr. Haridas

Haridas, born in Thiruvannamalai in 1994, faced a life-altering challenge when his mother fell into a coma due to an accident. Seeking solace, he unfortunately fell into bad company, leading to criminal activities and time in a juvenile home. His life took a transformative turn when Fr. Vincent Xavier, SDB, intervened, providing much-needed mentorship and support. With Fr. Vincent's guidance, Haridas pursued his education, earning a Master's in Social Work from Loyola College. Today, he is a dedicated life skills trainer and coordinator for rehabilitation programs, passionately advocating for first-time offenders and juveniles across Tamil Nadu.



In recognition of his impactful work, Haridas was honored with the Vikatan Top 10 Youth Icon Award 2023, presented by Director Vasanthabalan. He dedicated this prestigious accolade to those enhancing society, especially his mentor Fr. Vincent Xavier and Rev. Fr. Don Bosco, Provincial of INM Province. Currently, Haridas serves as a PATTAM project executive at Puzhal Prison and the Observation Home in Kelly's, Chennai, where he manages rehabilitation programs, facilitates family reconnections, aids in post-release employment, and assists school dropouts. Through PRISM TRUST, he also raises awareness of drug addiction and helps restore lives. Haridas expresses profound gratitude to all who have supported him on this remarkable journey.

The Inspiring Journey of Ms. Megna

Ms. Megna is a 19 years old girl currently studying 2nd year in UG, whose lives had many twists and turns from the very early stage of life. She was grown up with the loving family of Father, Mother and an Elder sister. But their life suddenly slipped away when their mother died in 2010 and within 3 years, her father also passed away with the HIV infection.

With the support of their grandmother, they both were sent to school for two years but could not continue, as she was growing older and fell sick. So, her Grand Mother found them a shelter home to continue their education and keep them at a safer place. Meanwhile, her grandmother also passed away and no one was ready to care for them as they were seen as burdens to their families. After all the miseries, she was moved to our Shelter Home at Saranalayam, with the support of CWC and continued her school education from 6th standard to 12th standard. She studied well and actively participated in all the events and games during her stay in Saranalayam. Our staff cared for her and assured the feeling of love.



In her 12th board exams, she scored 437 marks and successfully joined in Bachelor of Physiotherapy in Jehovah institute of Paramedical with the support of DBAI in Chennai. We are happy to continually support our children until they become self-reliant.

She is one of the examples that we made efforts to fulfill the needs of the child including physical, educational, nutritional and psychological which help the child to climb the ladder in life. We believe that when we sow the best, the best will be reaped in future.

Data Entered by Chennai Hub April 2023 to March 2024

Sl. No	Name of the node	No. of children entered		Staff	Volunteer	Sponsorship	Projects	Follow - Ups	Caring Community		Events	Total
		Female	Male						Groups	Members		
01	Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Chennai	42	58	05	06						100	211
02	Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Kavapattai		03	10							02	15
03	Don Bosco Beatitudes	30	62	04							07	103
04	Anbagam	37	47	08	07		01				08	108
05	Marialaya - Chennai	197		09	25	69	01	27	36	245	67	676
06	ANAT Farm	23	17	01		01					02	44
Grand Total		329	187	37	38	69	03	27	281		186	1157

Service Data Entered by Chennai Hub April 2023 to March 2024

Sl. No	Name of the Node	Education	Medical	Home visits	Counselling	Home Enquiry	Parents Visits	Job Placed	Voc. Training	HIV Infected	Hostel Placement	Total
01	Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Chennai	67	02						03			72
02	Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Kavapattai	04	43	74			26		02			149
03	Don Bosco Beatitudes	60	12	58			18					148
04	Anbagam	57	130	69	166		77			616		1115
05	Marialaya - Chennai	45	87	02	59	11	455	01	151		02	813
06	ANAT Farm	04						02			02	08
Grand Total		237	274	203	225	11	576	03	156	616	04	2035



HOMELINK NETWORK

Meet Our Team



Homelink Network is an ongoing 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

- Developing 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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