History

PCVC, now functional in 7 States, began as the Outreach program in Mumbai in 2001. The Outreach program aimed to reach out to the most vulnerable children – mainly working children - who were deprived not just of education but also of basic rights to a safe childhood.

What started as an education bridge program for working children in their places of work slowly evolved into a whole campaign to free these children and work towards their development.

The Mumbai program has now expanded its activities to reach out to other groups of vulnerable children - such as children with disability, orphans, abused children, solvent addicted children... – and address their specific needs. Programs such as Child Protection Desks, Disability program or PHASE – Personal Hygiene and Sanitation Education – have been developed in Mumbai and are now being replicated across all PCVC geographies.

After the formation of the State Task Force in 2005, the rescue of 23 000 children in Mumbai led to the genesis of a national network known as the Pratham Council for Vulnerable Children. This rescue has also had an impact on the Mumbai program: while the children were being repatriated back to their families in the various states, the Mumbai team initiated programs in response to the needs of those rescued child labourers who were still in the city. These various programs that continue to reach out to the children of the city include the Residential Shelter, Bridge classes for out of school children, Prevention programs in the communities, local railway platforms and major railway terminuses, School enrollment, Educational Support Classes.

Today, one of the key areas that we are focusing on is Govandi, which houses the city’s largest dumping ground where children are engaged in ragpicking.

2015-16 Coverage: 26,816 children covered across Mumbai City

Current Programs:
- Education Program
- Rescue Program
- Prevention Program
- Child Rights Desk Program
- School Follow Up Program
- Child Rights & RTE awareness sessions
- Disability Program
- Residential Shelter Program
- PHASE Program

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