INTRODUCTION

Pratham Council for Vulnerable Children (PCVC) started as Pratham’s Outreach Program in Mumbai in 2001 in order to access to the most vulnerable and deprived children from disadvantaged communities. Extensive work started at grassroots level to identify such communities where children are at a constant threat from vulnerability. We initiated various interventions with working children, street children, children with disabilities, abused children etc. in order to reach out to the marginalised and get to the crux of the problem. Our work progressed from conducting education classes to developing child protection mechanisms and rehabilitation models across states. Keeping in mind, protection of child rights and children’s safety as well as development, the next step was to evolve from a service based delivery organisation to an Advocacy based body in coalition with the State Governments.

Today, we have programmes in eight states in India – Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana – covering around 50,000 marginalized children annually in urban and rural areas through direct programmes such as Drop-in-Centres, Educational Support Classes, Residential Shelters, Child Rights Desks, Focus City-Block Interventions, PHASE, Health and Disability initiatives. Additionally, we reach over 2,00,000 children annually through child rights awareness sessions in schools, communities and villages.

The Journey...

Over the years, PCVC has become increasingly influential in the political scene vis-à-vis Child Rights Protection, and has contributed to important improvements in legislation and policies. Other activities include being a nodal agency for Childline 1098 in certain States; collaboration with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan initiatives; working closely with the Labour, Education, and Police Departments to eradicate child labour; working with stakeholders to strengthen implementation of the Right To Education (RTE) Act across India. As the Child Protection Wing of Pratham, our work domain includes Child Labour, Child Abuse, Child Trafficking, Children with Disabilities, Children Deprived of Education and Family Care and Children in need of Care and Protection. Pratham is committed to ensuring that every child has access to quality education, and we at PCVC are aspiring towards creating a society where every child is educated, free from exploitation and protected through our intervention model illustrated below:
Our programs on Awareness and Advocacy, Prevention, Rescue and Repatriation and Rehabilitation is a tested model for ensuring protection of child rights, rescuing children from work and difficult situations, creating mass awareness about anti-child labour and liaisoning with the government. Over the last one year, based on this model we have successfully implemented various programs which have seen tremendous response from all the stakeholders involved. Our major programs from 2014-2015 state-wide have been enlisted in the pages below.
As with the previous year, we continued to run our programmes in 9 States – Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh. As such, in 2014-15, through our various projects we covered a total of 676 disadvantaged communities across 9 Cities and 988 villages spread across 19 rural Blocks. We reached out to nearly 15,167 vulnerable children in urban and rural areas through direct programmes such as Drop In Centres to rehabilitate Out-of-school/ Working children, Child Rights Protection Desks to establish contact with members from disadvantaged communities, Residential Shelters to cater to the most vulnerable children, Education Support Classes to support school-going children, Disability Program to assist differently-abled children, Personal Hygiene And Sanitation Education Program, Music, and other location-specific programmes.

Additionally, we reached over 2,50,000 children annually through our unique child rights awareness sessions. While our direct interventions are specifically designed to intensively target marginalised children keeping in mind geographic vulnerabilities, our indirect interventions comprise a key aspect of our overall prevention model. These indirect interventions primarily consist of awareness activities such as Child Rights sessions in schools which consist of interactive awareness sessions conducted in local schools where we use various mediums of communication (audio, visual, activities, games, etc.) to engage children in the process of discovering what Child Rights are and what it means for them (emphasising on their Right To Protection & Education). Spreading awareness and empowering the public (both children and adults), especially when working with
people at the “bottom of the pyramid”, is therefore a crucial step in terms of ensuring every right of every child is protected. Real change can only be achieved sustainably once mindsets change.

STATE SNAPSHOTS

Andhra Pradesh

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In Andhra Pradesh, we work in Guntur District covering 10 blocks and 5 communities. We also have a full-time boy’s residential shelter in Bapatla which currently houses 33 children.

We initially started our work with the focus on rescuing children from work who were mainly seasonal agricultural labourers working in cotton-picking or chilly fields. We then moved to enrolling these as well as out of school children in schools where they could be mainstreamed through education. Our work then progressed to awareness activities on child rights and child protection with regular sessions in school, formation of village vigilance groups and child protection groups. We mobilised volunteers from the community itself who could in turn encourage children towards education and away from work.

**Highlights**

- During our regular surveys and prevention work, we found nearly 100 children working in the chilly yards of Guntur (many of them along with their families). These children were out of school as well faced many health problems due to occupational hazards. As a result, we brought this issue in notice of officials from SSA, NCLP and along with another NGO, Save Trust, help set up the school in the locality. 98 children were enrolled in the school and we have seen 90% sustenance till date
• In another prevention and awareness drive in the city in Maya Bazaar, we reached out to several shop owners and small units educating them about anti-child labour. From here, we were able to convince 25 shop owners to not employ children for work in their shops and declared it a child labour free unit.

• In Prahipadu Mandal in S.T. Colony School, there were not sufficient teaching staff and children were not receiving adequate attention. We approached the District Education Officer with the matter, post which 3 teachers were appointed in the school.

• 74 girls are being supported through the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ campaign and we have seen 100% success rate.

• Extensive campaigning on anti-child labour was conducted throughout Bapatla and Guntur city to create maximum visibility and awareness on the issue.

**Telangana**

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In the state of Telangana, we work in 5 *mandals* of Hyderabad City. These approximately cover around 100 urban slums. The major problems in these communities are out of school children, drop-outs and working children. From our constant assessments and surveys, we have identified many children working in specific parts of the city in small workshops and factories. These children mainly come from Gaya district of Bihar and work in bangle and bag making units. As a follow-up to this, we have actively collaborated with the Police, Labour and Child Welfare Department to conduct raids and rescue these children. We have initiated dialogue with the relevant government authorities on interstate coordination between Telangana and Bihar state government for rescue, repatriation and rehabilitation of child labourers. We have built strong relations with the Child Welfare Committee for speedy repatriation of children. A process for the same is already in place to send these children back to their home state and villages. Our team in the ‘source’ state receive these children and present them before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Post these children being handed to their
families, our team conducts regular follow ups and tracking of these children to ensure that they do not go back to work and are enrolled in schools as well as receive necessary government attention.

Apart from this we also work for enrolling working/ OOS children in schools, spreading awareness on child rights in urban and rural areas, and strengthening advocacy. Special focus has been laid on collaboration with various concerned departments for formation of task force and protocol to rescue, repatriate and rehabilitate child labourers. To add to this all, we also successfully operate CHILDLINE in Karimnagar.

**Highlights**

- In the last year, we have participated in special programs like Operation Smile for rescue of working children and identifying missing children. Through this operation, we rescued 319 children from work

- In addition, CHILDLINE has successfully intervened and solved 294 out of 356 cases registered. CHILDLINE Karimnagar also partnered with Operation Smile and managed to rescue 32 children

- 6 Disability camps were organised throughout the year for children with special needs. 27 children were provided with wheelchairs

- We have established strong relations with the Child Welfare Committee in Hyderabad and have partnered with them to conduct several raids over the last one year

- We have enrolled 125 vulnerable girls in school through the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ campaign and we have seen 98% success rate

- Extensive campaigning on anti-child labour was conducted throughout Hyderabad city to create maximum visibility and awareness on the issue

**Bihar**

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After several successful rescue operations of working children in Mumbai, we found that majority of them were from Bihar or Uttar Pradesh, and as a next step we ventured into these ‘sending’ or ‘source’ states in order to prevent the inflow of working children to the ‘receiving’ States (e.g. Maharashtra, Gujarat). We identified 2 major sending districts in Bihar where we started our work for prevention and awareness. Until recently we have expanded our work based on new findings and are currently working in Sitamarhi, East Champaran and Gaya Districts of Bihar.

Our focus has been on mitigating child labour through direct interventions and advocacy efforts in the state. We have been successful in facilitating interstate coordination meetings between Bihar and Maharashtra government for the formation of a protocol for smooth rescue, repatriation and rehabilitation of child labourers.

**Highlights**

- Over this last year we have repatriated more than 300 children back to their homes in Bihar and conduct regular tracking and follow-up for them

- 2 tracking follow-ups and campaigning expeditions have also been conducted with a combined state team visiting Bihar and also initiating further conversation with concerned district officials

- We also have our urban intervention model and Drop-In Centre Program operational in 10 disadvantaged communities in Patna City, where we are working extensively in *Mahadalit/ Musahar* communities

- Under the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ campaign, we have enrolled 171 girls from these communities into schools. These children are first generation learners and we have seen 85% success rate

- Interstate coordination meeting between Maharashtra and Bihar government have helped in formation of protocol for repatriation and rehabilitation of child labourers

- Training of 2000 government tola sevaks on child rights and child protection

- Our rural focus comprises the FBI Program which is operational in 140 villages in East Champaran District and is focused on spreading awareness on child rights and volunteer mobilization
Gujarat

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Today, in Gujarat, we work in 13 communities in Surat and 128 villages in Kaprada block of Valsad District. Our interventions based in urban and rural settings, is focused on spreading awareness on Child Rights and enrolment of OOS children in schools. The state being an industry rich state sees a lot of child labourers working in various small factories and units. For this purpose, we have carried out several campaigns and meetings in collaboration with concerned departments to mitigate child labour. We have been active members of the District task force and in addition, we continue to be an implementing agency for CHILDLINE in Surat City and in Valsad District. Our rural programs continue to focus on creating necessary systems & processes and strengthening existing structures vis-à-vis Child Rights protection in 128 tribal villages in Kaprada block of Valsad District, as well as running Comprehensive Education Centres for children and youth. Furthermore, PCVC Gujarat is member of the District Level Task Force created for the rescue and repatriation of child workers.

**Highlights**

- PCVC Gujarat is working as a resource group on child rights at Surat city level. We have collaborated with the government as well as like-minded organizations to achieve the goal of child friendly Surat city.

- Taskforce meeting was held on 7th February, 2014. The Collector was invited along with the Federation of Surat Textile Association’s members to discuss issue of child labour in textile markets of Surat. We presented the data and findings on child labour in textile markets after which the Federation accepted to support child labour awareness campaigns in their textile markets.

- Post this successful meeting, 5000 notices were sent to hotels and eateries from the Collector’s Office on PCVC’s request.

- In Kaprada, a survey was conducted on malnourished children in 60 villages. From this, we found 257 children being under weight and under the category of malnourished. We discussed and
shared this data with the Social Defence Officer post which we planned to implement NRC (Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre) camps in 27 Village anganwadi centres. 640 children were covered under the NRC camp for malnourished children

- 67 girls from Surat and 50 girls from Kaprada were enrolled in school under the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ campaign

**Maharashtra**

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In Maharashtra, we have Drop-In Centres in Aurangabad and Jalgaon which caters to children mainly from rag-picking communities. The slum communities in Aurangabad and Jalgaon are mainly of families who belong to lower caste and work as daily wage labourers. This year we continued our Drop-In Centre Program in Aurangabad and Jalgaon for the educational rehabilitation of out of school children/ working children.

PCVC initially began in Mumbai in 2001 as Pratham’s Outreach Program to reach out to the most vulnerable children in society – children who were deprived not just of education but also of their basic rights to a safe childhood. We started with an education bridge program for working children in their places of work and realised the trauma and problems they face. With this in mind, our work slowly evolved into a whole campaign to free these children and work towards their holistic rehabilitation and subsequent development. We initiated the task force in Mumbai to conduct frequent raids and rescues for working children. This was done in collaboration with the Police, Education and Labour Departments along with the Child Welfare Committee and the Ministry of Women and Child Welfare.

Till today, we maintain strong relations with various departments and are influential in policy making vis-a-vis child rights. Recently we partnered with the Mumbai Police Department on a campaign on freeing children from begging and work. We are working closely with around 95 police stations in
Mumbai providing them with data of working children and child beggars. Along with their help frequent rescue operations are conducted and children are rehabilitated through various schemes.

**Highlights**

- This year we were highly successful in the implementation of Section 370 of the Indian Penal Code which books employers as traffickers and the offense is non-bailable. This has been possible due to joint work and collaboration with the Police Department.

- We have successfully rescued 1,738 children from work.

- Special campaign along with the Mumbai Police on rescuing child labourers and child begging.

- Special tracking and prevention work not only in communities but as well as on railway stations and platforms.

- PCVC along with UNICEF Mumbai have initiated a project on Safe Communities wherein with the help of children as well as community members, a pilot survey was conducted to identify safe and unsafe locations in the community. Child and adult volunteers were trained to conduct this survey. The process would eventually help build safe communities in Mumbai, the model of which can be replicated in other cities as well.

- 88 girls have been enrolled in schools under the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ campaign and we seen 96% success rate.

- Our disability program has reached out to 842 children throughout the year wherein we have tied up with other organizations to provide wheelchairs, callipers, hearing aids, etc. to children with special needs.

- 2 of our PCVC staff attended a two day workshop organised by Ngo, The Foundation. It was an Annual stakeholder’s conference on child sexual assault. It was attended by around 200 people right from medical professionals, lawyers, social workers, counsellors, academicians, media professionals and students.

**Odisha**

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Initial baseline surveys in Odisha indicated alarming figures of working children primarily in unorganized sectors in Bhubaneswar and this led to the inception of our child rights prevention and protection program in Odisha. Today, PCVC Orissa covers 3 disadvantaged communities in Bhubaneswar and around 600 villages spread across 4 blocks of Mayurbhanj district – we have been gradually transitioning to an advocacy-based child rights model wherein spreading awareness to the larger public through intensive advocacy activities has been the focus. Our rural focus has been more on raising awareness and strengthening implementation of and compliance with RTE provisions through various awareness activities, formation of community vigilance groups, and children’s groups.

**Highlights**

- We have been associated with a child rights alliance in the state called Odisha Alliance on Child Rights Convention (OACRC) since last two years as a core team member
- As a part of this alliance we organized a candle light prayer service in honour of the children attacked in the Army Public School, Peshawar, Pakistan on 17th December, 2014
- For the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the UNCRC we conducted a rally and signature campaign with Children
- We were part of a consultation on The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill 2014 on 18th October, 2014
- In our FBI program in Mayurbhanj, we work in 4 blocks reaching out to children through awareness activities and child rights sessions

**Rajasthan**

**Key Indicators**

| Urban Intervention in Jaipur and Jodhpur Cities | 19 Communities |
| Education/ Rehabilitation Program | 319 |
| Drop-In Centres | 188 |
| Child Rights Help Desk | 2,017 |
| Residential Shelter Program | 48 |
| Child Rights Sessions in Schools | 2,132 |
| Our Girls Our Pride | 200 |
In Rajasthan, we work in Jaipur and Jodhpur cities. In Jaipur we work in around 19 communities and in Jodhpur, we run a full-time boys residential shelter. Our experience in dealing with child labour cases highlighted that a significant proportion of working children in the unorganized textile and leather industry (e.g. in Dharavi, Mumbai) were typically from specific regions of Rajasthan. Hence, we felt the need to address the key issues contributing to child labour and child rights in general – we have been spreading awareness among the most backward urban regions, preventing new children from entering labour, and providing holistic and comprehensive rehabilitation opportunities to rescued child workers and other marginalised children.

At present, the Rajasthan program primarily has an urban focus, with interventions in 19 socio-economically backward communities, Drop-In Centres for educational rehabilitation of OOS/working children in Jaipur and Jodhpur cities, as well as a Full-time Residential Shelter in Jodhpur.

**Highlights**

- As a result of the regular Child Protection Group meetings held, a support class for children engaged in rag-picking has been started, clean water facility provision has been made at J.P. Colony Government School as well a school building has been made in Shahid Indra Jyoti Nagar Government School

- Also, after creating awareness in the community, people have to decided to abort child marriages. As of now, CPG group members along with PCVC staff have stopped 2 child marriages in community

- 100 girls from Jaipur and 100 girls from Jodhpur have been enrolled in school through the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ campaign

- 188 children have been covered through our Drop-In Centre for education and support classes

- Mewsic classes were held weekly for children. This helped them get exposure to some extra-curricular activities and realise their own talents

**Uttar Pradesh**

**Key Indicators**

| Urban Intervention in Lucknow and Kanpur Cities | 24 Communities |
Our current work in Uttar Pradesh is in 24 communities of Kanpur and Lucknow and 200 villages in 2 blocks of Bahraich district. Our focus on mitigating child labour through direct interventions and advocacy efforts in Northern India continued in 2014-15, especially given that majority of the children we rescued from work in large metros such as Mumbai tend to originate from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Nepal. While initial surveys highlighted high concentrations of out of school (OOS) children in certain regions coupled with extremely low communal awareness on Child Right, initial ground work highlighted the need for greater organizational presence in these disadvantaged areas.

This led to PCVC starting formal operations in Uttar Pradesh in partnership with the State Department of Labour, in order to replicate and scale up in the future. At present, our programs in Uttar Pradesh consist of advocacy activities, a Drop-In Centre Program in Lucknow City for rehabilitating OOS/ working children, Mewsic program, a Full-time boys Residential Shelter in Bahraich and regular tracking of repatriated child labourers. These children are being enrolled in schools and linked to various government schemes. In addition, we continue to work as an implementing agency for CHILDLINE in Bahraich District.

### Highlights

- A total of 223 girls have been enrolled in schools in Uttar Pradesh through the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ campaign
- These girls participated in a dance performance for the maximum number of children on stage in a performance to create Limca Book record
- Participation in meetings organized by SCORE to strengthen RTE implementation
- Direct intervention done in 25 cases by Nodal CHILDLINE with collab organizations
- Training and orientation program on child protection at DIET
- Extensive campaigning on anti-child labour was conducted throughout Bahraich, Shrawasti, Gonda and Lucknow city to create maximum visibility and awareness on the issue
**Uttarakhand**

**Key Indicators***

| Rural Intervention in Rudraprayag District | 60 Villages in 3 Blocks |
| Education/ Sponsorship Program | 10 |
| Shelter/ Community Support Program | 78 |
| Digital Literacy Program | 388 |
| Child Sessions in Schools | 961 |
| Our Girls Our Pride | 36 |
| **Total Children Covered** | **1,473** |

*(number of children covered, unless specified otherwise)*

After the disaster in Uttarakhand in 2013, post initial field visits to assist with emergency rescue efforts and subsequent strategy meeting, PCVC decided to formally intervene with a focus on children’s right to education, protection and holistic development. Thereafter, we began networking with concerned Government Departments, Funding Agencies and other implementing agencies in order to strategise and begin implementation at the earliest. As of 2015, we are running a full-time residential shelter for the most-affected and/ or displaced children by the floods, rural interventions in 60 villages focusing on volunteer mobilization and raising awareness, as well as have started Digital Literacy centres in four separate locations for children and youth. In this year we covered 78 children through our residential shelter program and 388 through our digital literacy centres.

**Highlights**

- A library reading corner was started for all the children in the Shelter
- Our FBI rural program is in 60 villages in 3 blocks where all schools have received sports material and library kits
- 45 Child Protection Groups have been formed. These group members are trained on key issues of child rights protection. These members are responsible for ensuring adequate preventive measures at the village level to prevent child rights violations
- 36 girls have been enrolled in schools through the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ campaign and we have seen a 100% success rate
- We have computer centers across 4 areas with coverage of 388 children in the last year
- 10 girls’ education has been sponsored by United Way
PCVC
PROGRAMS
Initially, PCVC started as the Child Labour unit focusing on under aged working children in Mumbai. During this period, PCVC gained immense traction in terms of curtailing child labour in Mumbai and also facilitated the formation of the Special Task Force under the Government of Maharashtra. This partnership resulted in widespread combined efforts to mitigate child labour – mass raids were conducted in various urban communities where children were found typically working extremely long and gruelling hours with or without pay and facing some form of physical abuse. These children mainly worked in *zari*, textile, jewellery and leather factories in particular pockets of the city. It is here that we found majority of these rescued children were out-of-school (OOS) and were also not from Mumbai / Maharashtra.

**Link Between The Two States**

Strong links were established between the two states as majority of child labourers in Mumbai were from Bihar. Also, a connection was seen between the source state and the industry they work in Mumbai. Children as young as 7 years old were found working mainly in *zari* and leather work in major slum areas of Mumbai. Children were found working for an average of 13-15 hours per day for as less as Rs. 500 – Rs. 4000/- per month. It was also observed that in some cases employers paid an advance amount to the family against which children started working with employers. Most of the working conditions were very unhygienic as equal number of children and adults stayed in small rooms, packed. As a result, many children suffered from skin diseases and developed eye and back problem at an early age due to hazardous working conditions. The relentless working hours results in physical strain on their young bodies. Cases of physical abuse were also identified. Their movement is always restricted and controlled which results in violation of all child rights.

**The Interstate Coordination Meeting**

PCVC has been working at both the ends and has subsequently initiated dialogues with both the states. The Labour Secretary & Commissioner in Bihar supported the process of formation of SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) on rescue, repatriation and rehabilitation of children rescued in Mumbai and sent back to Bihar. PCVC then followed up on these ideas with both the sates and facilitated meetings with them. A delegation consisting of officers from the Department of Labour, Child Welfare Committee, Government of Maharashtra, members from Special Juvenile Unit along with members from PCVC Senior Management visited Bihar in the last week of September, 2014. With the SOPs now in place, repatriation of rescued children along with their rehabilitation in source state happens smoothly with a combined joint effort by PCVC and both the state governments.
**PCVC Child Rights Protection Desk in Urban Communities**

**The Concept**

Through the community based model of Child Rights Protection Desk, we have been able to reach out to the most vulnerable children in society. Whether these are working children or children dropped out of school or children from economically weak background, they have been helped to mainstream in the education system. These desks are set up twice a week in the communities we
work in a place where children can come and talk about the various issues they face and seek help for the same. This is one platform where not only children but also parents as well community members can come ahead and register their grievances. It will be our responsibility to ensure that these cases are looked into and necessary help is provided to the family in need. Our representatives ensure that these children are provided with proper guidance and counselling. Those cases which cannot be taken care by us are referred to other expert and specialized organizations.

This model is especially helpful at the community level as it is a direct medium of communication and grievance redressal. People from in and around the area are aware that these desks are set up weekly so they can also refer and advice others to approach with their problems too. They also get familiarized with the representatives at the desk and can share their problems separately if they wish to do the same. This model is also helpful for regular follow-up of cases and ensuring that they are solved to the best of our capabilities.

**Outcome**

Achieving a child labour free India not only implies rescuing children from work, but also ensuring that they do not return to work and preventing new children from being forced into child labour. Therefore, the aim of our Community Prevention Program is to create an environment of zero tolerance to child labour and sustain child labour free communities by involving community members in our processes. Hence this flagship program of ours is an integral part of PCVC’s overall Intervention model as it always placed in a central visible community area with Desk Managers present for fixed hours to resolve cases, address grievances, and offer support to community members seeking help in terms of child rights violations. Shown below is the summary of registered cases from the Desk Program which is operational under our Urban Prevention model:
Despite our efforts in resolving all cases registered at the desk, there are some cases which are in progress of being resolved hence they do not reflect in the above data. Various reasons like school admissions in the next academic session, ongoing health treatments and certification process etc.
OUR GIRLS OUR PRIDE

Education is a serious issue that concerns everyone in society. It is our children who are in most need of education so that they have a secure future. The problem further persists among vulnerable children. Their vulnerability may arise out of poor economic conditions, inadequate health conditions, difficult family backgrounds, minority or backward communities etc. Out of these, many girls from our society have never had the opportunity to step into a school. For us, these are the girls that need most support and we believe that they have the power to rise above just like the rest of their counterparts.

NDTV-Vedanta and Pratham Council for Vulnerable Children joined hands in August, 2013 to address the needs of the girl child under the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ Campaign. The main aim of the campaign is to create awareness on the key issues related to India's girl child and to raise funds to sponsor the annual education costs for as many girls as possible countrywide and make a positive difference in their lives. Through the campaign, led by Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra, funds were raised from celebrities, corporates and the general public. These funds have been utilized for school admissions and subsequent educational milestones for the identified girl children from disadvantaged communities across 8 states in India. The goal was to identify deserving girls who are keen but unable to pursue formal education due to financial constraints.

This campaign has been implemented in 8 states of India - Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Profile of Children

- Rag-pickers or children of rag-pickers
- Girls rescued from child labour or domestic work
- Children of single parents or orphaned children
- Vulnerable in terms of poor economic conditions, minority or backward communities

Total State-Wide Enrolment

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Achievements

- Many of the girls from Jaipur have left rag-picking and embraced education and schooling. They go to school regularly and have excelled in studies. One of our girl is a top ranker in class
- In Bihar, we have enrolled girls from the Musahar community in school which is a very big achievement as all these girls are first generation learners
- 23 girls from Jaipur have won various extra-curricular competitions in school
- Some of our girls have been promoted to the next class mid-year due to their excellent performance academically
- In Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh, our girls have been teaching their mothers to read and write and sign their name. Today they no longer put their thumb impression but have learnt to sign
- Our girls have also won awards and recognition in various sports competitions
- In Lucknow, some of our girls were a part of creating a Limca Book Record for the highest number of participants dancing on stage
- In Surat, our girls participated in essay writing competition and have written very meaningful and descriptive essays on anti-child labour, national leaders etc.
Direct Services

- PCVC works with children on a remedial basis. After assessing the needs of the children and providing them with initial intervention, we enrol them in schools. Here we ensure that children sustain in the educational system through regular follow up and counselling.
- Facilitating certification for all the children coming to the community centre or child rights desk. These certificates act as necessary proof that children with disabilities require to undergo any further specific treatments or enrolment in schools.
- Medical Support – With the help of expert organizations in this field, we assist children with corrective surgeries. Through tie-ups with various charity foundations we also provide children with material like wheel chairs, callipers, hearing aids etc. to facilitate mobility. We provide support for enrolment in Government and Private schools.
- National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) - Registrations are conducted at MCGM and Private school at 3 levels i.e. A level- 3rd std, B Level -5th std, C Level- 8th std. Validity for each Level is 3 years. Pratham team shares the content between the registered schools. A curriculum building team, Special educators from the registered school, co-create the material. Schools provide the centres and a Pratham member invigilates the test.

Preventive Work

- Child Rights Help Desk are set up in the communities through which cases of disability are registered and immediate action is taken.
- Parent education workshops to create awareness among families of how to care for children with disabilities and play a key role in mainstreaming them.
- Awareness program for pre-school/ aganwadis for early detection of disability.
- Awareness in the community about how to access existing schemes and apply for benefits. At the same time facilitate child safety through forming child protection groups within the community.

Rehabilitation

- With the help of expert organizations and charity foundations, health camps and check-ups are organized for children with disabilities. Initial check-ups are conducted after which doctors suggest the next step of action.
- Those children who can be helped through medical material like wheel chairs, callipers etc. are provided with the same.
Counselling

- An integral part of this entire process is to provide children with after care and counselling. For this purpose Special Educators/Professionals with expertise in the field of disability will have to be taken on board to ensure complete holistic development of the child.

Break-up of Cases Registered and Solved

Success Rate of Registered Cases:
867 Cases Solved of 1,221 Registered

Highlights

- Mumbai

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**TRACKING**

One of the integral processes of the PCVC model is Tracking of rescued and repatriated child labourers in the source state. This is essentially important as we then connect them with relevant government schemes as well as plan for their rehabilitation. As mentioned above, many children come to industry rich States like Mumbai, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh for work from economically backward states like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Through our programs of rescue along with the Task Force in various states, these children are freed from work and repatriated back to their home states. Many a times, we see that these children, who are sent back to their homes, flee once again for work. They either come back to the same state to work or move to another new state for work. There are few children who stay back in their hometowns but do not do anything productive. Many children once released from the Children’s home in the receiving states itself go back to their employers to work. Owing to these various reasons, post the inter-state coordination, repatriation of rescued children has been made stronger and it is ensured that children reach their hometowns and villages safely.

Once they reach home, it is the PCVC team that ensures these children are received at the railway station and presented before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) of the source state. After handing over the children to the parents, our team regularly tracks these children by visiting their homes and families. Currently regular tracking and follow-up process is ongoing in Bihar with our team indentifying rescued children and visiting them. These children are then linked to various applicable government schemes for their benefit. They are also enrolled in schools and residential schools wherever possible.

In the last year, we had teams from across our PCVC states who accompanied our Bihar and Uttar Pradesh team for tracking of these children immediately after they are sent back to their hometown. We currently track around 300 children across 3 districts in Bihar – Sitamarhi, East Champaran and Gaya.
Along with tracking we also conduct regular campaigning and formation of village vigilance and child protection groups. We target the main city, bus stops, railways stations as well as villages where we head for identifying children, so that mass awareness can be generated among community and village people. We also have regular meetings with the Mukhiyas, Sarpanch and village heads so as to inform them about the issue of child labour and help them in curtailing children from going out of their homes to other states to work. To encourage this process, we handed a small trophy a village Mukhiya by the District Collector so that he may make his village child labour free.

**MEWSIC PROGRAM**

PCVC and Brett Lee Foundation joined hands in 2011 to provide free music and dance lessons to vulnerable children in difficult pockets of Mumbai city. This program further expanded to Jaipur as well as Lucknow. Children in contact with the other PCVC programs were encouraged to be a part of this program. Children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions where our instructors taught them to sing, play musical instruments, dance etc. This has been a major attraction for children as they could be involved in extra-curricular activities apart from academics. Thanks to this program many children across the state have participated in various music and dance competitions and have also won many of them.

**Highlights**

- On 27th July, 2014 Brett Lee visited Mumbai to interact with all the children in the Mewsic program. Children were more than happy to meet him and put up enthusiastic performances on the day
- Around 12 children participated on national platforms like Dance India Dance
- 3 children were awarded scholarship in Ashely Lobo Dance Company
- A Mewsic Bus was inaugurated and started in Jaipur last year which is a mobile platform for children. This would be stationed in the communities we work in to provide free music and dance lessons to deserving children
- Children from Lucknow, participated in Lucknow Mahotsav to create a Limca Book Record for maximum number of children performing on stage
MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS
Our Girls Our Pride

This campaign focusing on the education of India’s girl children has shown us very positive results in terms of their sustenance in school. These girls identified were from extremely vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds and communities. Most of them are first generation learners. Almost all of them have left working and are full-time in school. Their desire to become educated is remarkable and in many cases they have also started encouraging their parents towards education. This in itself is a big success for us. We had initially enrolled 1,084 girls in school and have seen an overall 94% success rate in their sustenance in schools. Their learning levels have definitely increased and they mingle easily with their classmates. The first task of keeping themselves clean and disciplined had been achieved through our prior classes with them, once they were in school they managed to continue the same and once cannot differentiate them from the other girls in class. Our girls have not only done well in academics but have also excelled in extra-curricular activities and sports.

Rescue Program

Along with the Police and Labour Departments across the receiving states, task force has been initiated and regular rescue operations are taking place. In source states too, locally working children are rescued and sent back to their homes. Major rescue operations take place in Mumbai as majority of the children from source states come here for work. These children are rescued through child-friendly rescues and enrolled in the government run children’s home. Our staff then speak with children and make their detailed case study for record keeping. We facilitate rescue certificates to be issued to these children and help in the speedy repatriation of these children through various repatriation agencies. In the last year we have managed to rescue 2,518 children from work.

Disability Program

With the help our regular community visits and setting up of child rights help desk, we identify cases of disabilities and children with special needs who need help and assistance. Across states, we tie-up with other like-minded organizations to set up medical camps for these children. We receive donations in the form of free medical check-ups, wheelchairs, hearing aids, calipers, etc. for children. We do a regular follow up of children who receive medical help and help mainstream them back in society. Wherever possible we enroll these children in school and also share content with schools for learning and assessments. In cases where we cannot intervene due to any shortcomings, we refer such cases to other expert or specialized organizations. In the last year we have reached out to around 1,283 children with special needs.

Campaigning and Advocacy

In the last year we held extensive campaigning and advocacy meetings with district officials in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Representatives from our state teams met in these states for the purpose of tracking villages and repatriated child labourers, campaigning against child
labour and meeting concerned departments to form a protocol for rescue, repatriation and rehabilitation of working children. In our visit to Bihar, we visited 473 villages and tracked children repatriated children there. From this we found that 232 children had stayed back in their villages and 231 had left their villages for work in other cities. In Uttar Pradesh, we tracked 76 repatriated children out of which 20 were in their villages and 56 out of village. For the purpose of campaigning, we had slogans and messages printed on stickers which we managed to put across the city and at important public junctions to spread awareness.

**PCVC National Annual Meet**

The Pratham Council for Vulnerable Children (PCVC) National Core team met in Hyderabad from 10th April – 14th April, 2015 for our Annual Meet. State and District Heads across our 8 states came together to share the highlights of the year gone by as well as plan the way forward for all teams with new strategies and expansion tactics. After our successful campaigning in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, we also had an extensive campaigning on anti-child labour in the entire Old and New Hyderabad City. We met with the District Officials to discuss the matter further and collaborate with them to frame the next action plan.

The team then moved to Bapatla in Guntur District in rural Andhra Pradesh for another wide-spread campaigning against child labour. We covered the entire main town spreading the message of eliminating child labour and focusing on educating them. Our final destination was Guntur city itself where we again met with District Officials and carried on campaigning at important junctions like auto-rickshaw stands, bus depots, railway stations etc. to maximise visibility and awareness on the matter.
ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS
Meeting with Mumbai Police Department

Pratham Council for Vulnerable Children (PCVC) has been working closely with the Police Department over the years on the eradication of Child labour and Begging in Mumbai. In lieu of this, we have taken yet another positive leap with our recent discussion on a new campaign with the Mumbai Police Commissioner, Mr. Rakesh Maria. PCVC gave a presentation on 6th April, 2015 at the Azad Maidan Police Station on the issue of Child Begging and Child Labour in all zones of Mumbai.

We had an encouraging gathering of around 250 Police Officers from 93 police stations across Mumbai. Ms. Farida Lambay, Co-founder Trustee, Pratham, gave a brief presentation on the issue followed by Mr. Kishor Bhamre, Director, PCVC, who then held a positive discussion on child-friendly rescues, conducting frequent raids in Mumbai and challenges faced in the process. Mr. Maria also took a review of all the raids and rescues of child labourers and beggars done in the last one month by the Police Officers in the city.

All Police Officers and Pratham staff present vowed to achieve the goal of making their area and society child labour and child begging free!

Special Initiative for Children in Conflict with Law in Mumbai

A list of 1,024 Juvenile in Conflict with Law (JCL) from Mumbai Police Zone 5 & 6 was shared with PCVC for follow-up and to initiate rehabilitation process. PCVC together with Mumbai Police gathered the information of 307 JCL children. Post this we have enrolled 53 Children in Conflict with Law in vocational based courses by Pratham’s vocational skilling wing called Pratham Arora Center for Education (PACE). These children are enrolled in PACE centers across Mumbai. Out of these, 11 children have successfully managed to complete the course and are currently working in repair & maintenance, retail, etc. More such initiative will be taken in the future so that these children can be mainstreamed.
Training of Tola sevaks and Talimimarkaz

There were series of training organized by Education Department with Pratham education team of all the tolasevaks and talimimarkaz at East Champaran on quality education. In this, one of the sessions was on Child Labour. Our team reached to around 250 tolasevaks and these tolasevaks have committed themselves to spread this message across the villages they work in.
Rescue and Repatriation of children from Bihar working in Mumbai

In December, 2014 PCVC team tracked a general train coming from Raxol to Mumbai. Many children were travelling aboard this train to come to Mumbai for work. The team rescued 10 children at Motihari station and 68 at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus when the train reached Bombay. 28 traffickers were arrested. This rescue was possible with the help of Police Department, Government Railway Police, Labour Department, Social Welfare Department and Juvenile Aid Police Unit.

Awareness sessions at India-Nepal Border Panchayat

With the guidance of District Magistrate Mr. Jitendra Shrivastava, training of all the village level functionaries was conducted on the issue of child labour and trafficking. Total 8 sessions were arranged covering five major borderline blocks namely, Dhaka, Ghodasahan, Bankatva, Adapur, Chhodadano and Raxol. The trainees who attended the sessions were Mukhiyas, Sarpanch, Ward members, Panchayat members, Principals, teachers and some villagers. Through this training we covered around 300 people.
Cycle Distribution

Under the ‘Our Girls Our Pride’ program, 7 cycles were distributed to our girls from the Pratipadu Mandal and 3 cycles to our girls from Guntur City. Apart from this, cycles were also distributed to selected girls from Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh and Kaprada, Gujarat. These girls can now travel with ease to and fro home and school.

Operation ‘Smile’

Operation ‘Smile’ is an initiative taken up by the Central Government to trace missing children in various states. As a part of this, 319 child labourers were rescued in four-five operations from Hyderabad in January, 2015 under the guidance of by the DCP South Zone. Pratham was one of the active partners in the process of rescuing children, sending them to residential homes, writing-up their case studies etc. Among the rescued children, majority of them were from Bihar. These children were found working in bangle making karkhanas, bag making units etc. Similar operations were also carried out in Gujarat where 19 children were rescued from Valsad, Vapi and Umargam and in Karimnagar where 472 children were rescued, out of which 32 children were rescued by our Karimnagar CHILDLINE.
PHOTO
GALLERY
Andhra Pradesh
Bihar
Maharashtra
Rajasthan
Uttar Pradesh
Campaigning in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh
Some more pictures...
NEWS

COVERAGE
15 பால் மண்டூர் குறா ஏற்ற முக்த

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2015 गुरुगंगा पत्रकार सत्य संवेदनशीलता
The Asian Age

Police and NGO rescue 33 minors brought from Bihar
WAY FORWARD

**Community Centre Model in Cities**

With the coming of the new year, we propose to open community centres as a part of our city intervention program – Jaipur, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Patna and Lucknow. 5-6 community centres per city will be opened in the most vulnerable communities we work in. This will be a visible long term sustaining model in each community and overall city so that our activities can be mainstreamed through these centres. We will have fixed catchment areas with fixed programs in cities. Regular surveys, mapping of children and communities, tracking, rescue, prevention, etc. will be a part of the process. An extension of this will be our child rights help desk for further easy access in communities.

**Coordination between Other Source and Link States**

Our endeavour is to replicate the interstate coordination processes between other States – Uttar Pradesh & Maharashtra, Rajasthan & Maharashtra, Rajasthan & Bihar, Andhra Pradesh & Bihar. Positive outcomes were achieved through the first visit to Bihar, and we are sure that further such dialogue between States will help to have a system in place for the overall Rescue and Rehabilitation process. With regards to Uttar Pradesh, we have already received a letter from the Principal Secretary, Labour to commence the same work in the State. Essentially, the idea is to initiate meaningful discussion between each of the concerned pair of States and to facilitate the establishment and finalisation of SOPs regarding the proper Rescue, Repatriation, Rehabilitation and Tracking of working children. Our endeavour is to completely institutionalise the process so that each child who is rescued receives proper care and attention and is ultimately rehabilitated and integrated back in to society successfully.

**Tracking in Bihar**

We will continue with our tracking program in 3 districts of Bihar when children are repatriated back to home state. Our teams will track children monthly for the first 6 months and then quarterly for the period after that. Returned child labourers will be enrolled in schools and connected with relevant government schemes. Regular follow-up will be taken so that these children do not go back to work. Our state teams will also facilitate and assist in this process as and when required. Along with this mass awareness, campaigning and advocacy will continue.

**Pilot Project on Child Labour Free Villages**

Inditex is one of the largest fashion retail groups in the world. They have stores across countries with extensive supply chain processes. They want to implement a Child Labour Remediation Program throughout their supply chain partners to ensure that children below the age of 18 years are not
employed in any of their processes. They took PCVC onboard to target 10 villages in Uttar Pradesh where they have their manufacturing processes and declare it child labour free. Keeping this mind, PCVC will work towards the rescue and rehabilitation of these children. To begin with this project, PCVC will undertake a pilot study of these villages and then assess the way forward.

_Education of Girl Children_

PCVC will continue the campaign of educating vulnerable girl children across the country for the coming academic year. With the help of individual donors and corporates, we will provide sponsorship for these girls to continue their education.

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