

# **Progress Report Residential Programmes 2017-18**

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## Introduction

Street children are deprived of protective environment of family. Article 20 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes the right of such children who cannot be looked after by their own family to special care. The Government of India also accorded serious attention to provide protective environment of children in need of care including street children through enactment of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and subsequent amendments to the Act. The Act in its Section 37 provides for establishment of shelter homes for children in need of care and protection. Significance of shelter homes and residential centres for street children is immense, given the exploitative, violent and hostile situations they face in cities. Shelter homes or residential centres act as safety nets protecting street children from sexual abuse and exploitation, physical violence and child labour.

### SBT Residential Centres are Unique

Unlike orphanages, shelter homes and other child care institutions, full-care and short stay residential homes provide an enabling environment to children to realize their potential to the fullest. An attempt is made to educate and help children develop intellectually at these centres. However, children who are not inclined towards academics are not pushed towards a definite career path. Children are provided opportunities to develop their hidden talents and skills. They are encouraged to pursue dance, puppetry, acting, painting and photography as well.



### Brief Overview of Different Centers

Centre	Catering to Boys or Girls	Brief Overview
Aasra	Boys	Aasra was the first shelter home started by SBT. With a capacity of 50 it caters to boys of five to 18 years. The home was set up under the JJ Act, 2000.
ApnaGhar	Boys	It is a short stay centre, where 30 children come stay short duration and then they are either restored or posted in a long stay home. The home was set under the JJ Act, 2000.
DMRC	Boys	DMRC Children's Home was established as part of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's corporate social responsibility. The home houses 125 boys from the age of five to below 18 years.
Old Delhi Railway Station	Boys	ODRS is an open centre catering to 30 boys. It is a short stay centre, where children come stay short duration and then they are either restored or posted in a long stay home. The

(ODRS) Open Shelter		home was set under the JJ Act, 2000.
Arushi	Girls	Arushi was first girls' shelter home under SBT. It is an initiative to offer 24 hour shelter to 50 girls between the ages of five years to 18 years living on the streets.
Udaan-Rose	Girls	Udaan-Rose Home was initiated with the support of Give 2 Asia in March 2010. It started with eight girls and currently shelters 60 girls at a time.

## Activities and Progress Update

Understanding the importance of ensuring a safe environment for children, SBT runs full-care residential homes for girls and boys who live on streets. **Aasra, ApnaGhar, Old Delhi Railway Station Open Centre (ODRS OC) DMRC Children Home** are home for boys; **Udaan-Rose and Arushi** are shelter homes/residential centres for girls. Besides serving the prime purpose of providing a 'safe living space' to children, residential homes offer a comprehensive package of services



*Library at one DMRC Residential Centre*

including food, education, medical care, mental health and psychological support. Children's admission in the centres is ascertained after they are duly presented in CWCs as per the provisions of the JJ Act, 2000. Identifying the unique background and needs of the child, individual care plans are drawn for each child in these centres. Regular academic, psychological and medical assessments of the children are done to provide individualised education and health facilities. Full-time mental health professional and medical coordinator are appointed in the centre to provide psychological support, counselling and facilitate medical check-ups and treatment of children, respectively. The continuum of care and protection services provided at the residential centres have been depicted in the Figure below.



*Art Activities at the Residential Centre*



*Birthday Celebration at the Residential Centre*

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In the year 2017-18 a total of 2084 children were provided shelter in six shelter homes of Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT). These boys and girls were rescued from streets and difficult circumstances. Upon their entry into the shelter home they were linked to a comprehensive package of services and an environment conducive for their normal growth and development.



A snapshot of services provided by the residential centres from April 2017-February 2018 has been presented in the Table below.

Residential Centres	Services										
	Total beneficiaries	Shelter Provided	School going	Non-Formal Education	NIOS	Food Provided	Mental Health support	Medical check-up (times)	Restored	Rehabilitation and Higher Education	Job placement
Apnagar	533	533	23	510	1	533	203	745	289	2	8
Arushi	155	155	40	92	9	155	48	147	65	7	2
DMRC	414	414	62	42	13	414	158	3773	204	21	10
Udaan-Rose	197	197	46	54	9	197	60	100	68	5	2
ODRS Open Shelter	557	557	8	557	0	557	350	455	310	6	6
Aasra	228	228	2	226	0	228	228	125	155	0	0
Total	2084	2084	181	1662	32	2084	1047	5345	1091	31	28

Apart from these services children were also taken to excursions and outdoor visits. Many children also participated in various competitions and events, for instance the girls from Arushi home participated in a youth festival organised at Vishwa Yuva Kendra.

### Future Plan

SBT team plans to improve the existing quality of services through increased networks, better opportunities and staff capacity building. The team is making concerted efforts to reach more number of children in the coming year.