

DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM
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01. INTRODUCTION

The Salem Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society is the non profitable organization which works for the integral development of the youth who are at risk. It was started in the year 1988 mainly to work for the street children, working children and for marginalized youth who were in need of care and protection and for their well being through proper rehabilitation. After having worked about twelve years with the marginalized people at the grass roots level on 27th September 2000 it was registered as an independent social service society under Tamil Nadu Society Registration Act 1975. At present it has recognized by the district administration and by other non profitable organization as one of the leading child rights organizations in Salem district.

02. RESCUE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR STREET CHILDREN



Street Contact Centre

The Child Right Protection Centre is working for the rehabilitation of the runaway and trafficked children in and around Salem. We have two street contact centers one in new bus stand and another is in railway station and efforts have taken to establish another street contact center in the old bus stand. **Through these street contact centers 88 children have been rescued and produced before CWC.**

Childline

Salem Child line had travelled far and wide across the district to advocate its objectives and its services to the children who are in difficult circumstances so that any child/public can ring up 1098 and avail its services for their wellbeing across the district. With committed staff of CHILDLINE the following activities were carried this year for the wellbeing of the children who are in need of care and protection.

Details of the beneficiaries of the year

Call Status Report for Sep- 2014 to Aug- 2015

<i>Types of calls</i>	Sep-14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	April 14	May 14	Jun 15	July 15	Aug 15	Total
Medical		3	5			1			2	2			13
Shelter	13	25	36	40	37	33	10	13	17	18	21	18	281

Chat calls			1			1		1			2		5
Personal Calls													
Administrative calls	9	15	14	44	25	25	12	6	1	2	2	2	157
Total	195	211	347	341	265	273	233	236	163	178	180	211	2,833

Mega Raid in Paruthikadu in Attur Region:

Many Children aged between 14 to 18 from Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram districts tribal hamlets were brought to Salem District BT cotton agriculture field by the farmers through agents. So regular raid organized on BT cotton fields in Salem District by The Government Officials with the help of Police and Child Line. Through this raid 64 Children rescued in these 32 children were girls. All Children were produced before CWC for further rehabilitation process. Also Seven Farmers who hired them were arrested.

Mega Raid in Rasi Textiles:

10 Bonded Children Rescued in Rasi Textiles by The District Administration also The RDO given bonded relief bond.

Details of innovations in CHILDLINE:

The aim of innovative awareness and outreach program is to reach out to the marginalized children in need of care and protection. Thousands of children, who are often neglected, exploited and cheated. 1098 is not just another phone (toll free) number, it is a symbol of hope and comfort for the children who are neglected and exploited by the society. To make them aware of their rights and to protect themselves from the exploitation in different forms the following awareness programmes had been organized.

Flower show - Yercaud

Date : 7.6.2014

Time : 7.00 am – 4.30 pm

Event – Flower Show – Yercaud

Thousands of tourists from Salem and other parts of Tamilnadu and Karnataka visited Yercaud for the 39th annual flower show that is also known as summer festival on 7th of June 2014 (Saturday), in a bid to create awareness among people on CHILDLINE 1098, Salem CHILDLINE has put up stall in the Yercaud flower show.

CHILDLINE stall was visited by two Tamilnadu ministers, Mr. Edapadi Palanisamy, Mr. Agri.



Krishnamurthy, Dt. Collector Mr. Maharabushanam I.A.S, School children and other

CHILDLINE Awareness LED and flex boards at Salem Railway Junction Platforms and Government Hospital Salem



Date : 14. 8.2014

Place : Salem Railway Platform

On 14th August 2014 Salem CHILDLINE was installed CHILDLINE Awareness Light Emitting Diode (LED) boards and CHILDLINE flex boards at Salem Railway Junction Platforms. The Nodal director was given a brief introduction about the importance of the CHILDLINE 1098; the Collab director had given a welcome address and the chief guest Thiru. Thavamanipandi, IRSE, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, southern Railways, Salem had given a chief guest address and inaugurated the awareness (LED) boards. He also added that the awareness boards will help the missing children in the railway stations and Ms.Steffi

Thomas, City In charge, CHILDLINE India Foundation, Chennai inaugurated the awareness flex boards. This was the first initiation to install the awareness LED boards in the railway platforms in the history of CHILDLINE.

Thiru. Thavamanipandi, IRSE, Additional Divisional Railway Manager presided over the function and inaugurated the Awareness boards along Ms. Steffi Thomas from CHILDLINE India Foundation, Chennai, Ms. Kyung hye oh, Sunnam Women Resources Development Centre in National YWCA of Korea & Ms. Miae – Kim, Social Welfare Foundation in National YWCA Korea, Er.B.Baskaran, president of Salem Civil Engineers Association, Mrs. Suriya Benjamin, President of YWCA, Mrs. Ruby Thiyagarajan, CHILDLINE Nodal Director, Fr. Amal CHILDLINE Collab Director, CHILDLINE co-ordinators, team members and volunteers were participated in this remarkable event. CHILDLINE Mementos were distributed to the guest of honours.

Mean while the Salem CHILDLINE was installed an awareness flex boards in Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical college hospital, Salem on 13th August 2014. Ms. Kyung hye oh, Sunnam Women Resources Development Centre in National YWCA of Korea was inaugurated the awareness flex board in the presence of Thiru.N.Mohan, Dean, GMKMCH, Salem, Thiru.S.Selvaraj, District Revenue Officer, Salem and Ms. Steffi Thomas from CHILDLINE India Foundation, Chennai.

Note: Salem CHILDLINE Nodal Organization YWCA has got permission to install the same in Erode, Tirupur and Coimbatore Railway Junctions.

YAR Day:

YAR Day Programes- 1

Essay competition in schools on the topic “Child Marriage”

Date : 11.11.14

Place : All Schools

Event : Essay competition in schools on the topic “Child Marriage”

On 11th Nov 2014 Salem CHLDLINE and Don Bosco Anbu Illam was organized essay Competition in all schools in the district on the topic “Child marriage”. Following are the details of the competition.

Total no of School participated – 88

Total no of children participated – 366 (classes VI to IX)

1st Prize – R. BommiSoundarya, VIII - F, Jeyarani Girls Hr.Sec School.

2nd Prize – P. Sowndarya, IX A3, Govt Girl’s Hr. Sec. School, Kottai, Salem

3rd Prize – K. Shalini, IX A, Govt Hr. Sec. School, Muthunaikenpatti

Consolation Prize

1. M.Arulmani, IX, Corporation School, Shevapet.
2. R.Santhiya, IX E, Govt, Hr.Sec School, JariKondalampatti.
3. R.Santhiya, IX E, Govt, Hr.Sec School, JariKondalampatti.



Prizes were distributed on 19th Nov 2014 by the Deputy Commissioner of police (L&O) Salem city.

YAR Day Programmes- 2

“ Mupperum Vizha”

Date : 19.11.14 & 20.11.14

Place : New Bus Stand

Event : “ Mupperum Vizha”

On 19th November 2014 Salem Don Bosco Anbu Illam and CHLDLINE has organized “ Mupperum Vizha”

1. Distribution of CHLDLINE Rolling Cup & Prizes (for Essay Competition)
2. CHLDLINE Awareness stickers for school Buses handed over to Regional Transport officer.
3. Releasing of child marriage boards & inauguration the signature campaign by the deputy commissioner of police (Law & Order). Salem city.

Minutes of the programme:



The programme started at 10.00am with Tamil Thai Vazhu. Mrs. Suriya Benjamin., President of YWCA has delivered the welcome speech followed by the City & Centre coordinators have presented the CHILDLINE report. In that report they highlighted that Salem CHILDLINE has received 3, 28,452 calls and 6,190 beneficiaries from its inception. They also added that Salem CHILDLINE has stopped 223 Child Marriages in the past three years.

The programme was organized on the eve of universal children's day celebration. Thiru.A.G.Babu., the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Salem City Corporation was the Chief Guest, commended the initiative of Salem CHILDLINE in preventing the child marriages and rescue of children in distress on various occasion. He assured total police cooperation in all the initiatives of CHILDLINE. Meanwhile he released the Child Marriage awareness boards and inaugurated the signature campaign on the theme "Child Marriage". The Salem CHIDLINE organized essay writing competition for school students in connection with the "CHILDLINE Se Dosti" week and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Fr. Amal., Collab director handed over the CHILDLINE awareness stickers to Thiru. K. Subramanian., Regional Transport Officer, Salem West. The stickers will be displayed on the school buses. The large number of people participated in the signature campaign throughout the day. Fr. Gabriel delivered the vote of thanks finally the programme finished at 11.00 am with national anthem.



Awareness in New and Old bus stands

In continuation of Se dosti week programme Child Rights awareness programme was conducted in Salem new bus stand as well as in old bus stand on 20th Nov 2014 from 10.00am to 3.00 pm. The Child Rights pamphlets were distributed to the passengers. By Our Staff team members and volunteers nearly 4000 people aware of Child Rights.

A DAY WITH JJB CHILDREN

Date : 16.12.2014

Place : Government Observation home for children, Salem.

Agenda : Welcome, Games , Motivation tails, Vote of thanks.

We celebrate our Christmas programme with JJB children. Mr.Xavier the chairperson of Child Welfare committee and The Superintend of Government Observation Home was participated in the programme. We conducted games and motivation talks given to them during the celebration. Finally we gave refreshment for them. Nearly 45 children were participated in the programme.

CHILDLINE 1098 Press meet

Date: 10.03.2015 (Tuesday)

Place: Collectorate (press club)

Time: 11.00am to 12.30pm

Participants: (Press & Media)

The Hindu (English), News 7 (English), News 7 (Tamil), Dhinamani, Manila Seithigal, Makkal Kural, Dhina Suriyan, Makkal TV, Mega TV, Kalai Kathir, Sun TV, Thanthi TV, Puthiya Thalaimurai, Salini TV, Moon TV, Tamil Sudar, Lotus news, Jana Sakthi, Raj TV, Dhina Malar.

Minutes of the Meeting:

The meeting started at 11.00am with a welcome address by the Nodal director. She said that the aim of this meet is to make aware on the Roles and Responsibilities of Media to ensure Child Rights.

The Nodal Director said that the Salem CHILDLINE-1098 is one of the largest help line and the 24 – hours emergency outreach service for children in need of care and protection working in the district since 12 years. Salem CHILDLINE functions Don Bosco Anbu Illam as a Collaborative organization and YWCA (Young Women Christian Association) as a Nodal organization and also through a network of Ngo's, academic institutions, the corporate sector and the allied systems.

The Senior Lawyer. Mr. Manivasagam, BABL. talked about the roles and responsibilities of media to ensure child rights, in which he highlighted that Child Protection means protecting and preventing children from physical, emotional or sexual abuse, violation, exploitation and neglect. Under JJ Act, the children are categorized in two groups, Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) and Children Conflict with Law (CCL).

The Chair Person of Child Welfare Committee Mr Xavier also presented the guidelines and ethics of Media.

District Level Consultation Meeting

Date: 17.03.2015 (Tuesday)

Venue: Hotel Windsor Castle, Salem



Time: 3.00pm

Totally 40 members were participated in the meeting.

Issues in the city due to which this meeting is being conducted:

Salem is prone for Child Marriage, Child Sexual Abuse, Child Labours (Bonded Labours), Substance Abuse, Migrant Children, Begging Children, Missing Children, Dropouts, HIV Infected Children

Inauguration:

The meeting started with Tamil Thai Vazthu and a welcome address by the Nodal director of CHILDLINE from YWCA. She explained about the work of Salem CHILDLINE it functions and its

achievement for the past 12years. Followed by she talked about the major issues and the present scenario of the children in Salem district where she highlighted the issues such as Child Marriage, Child Sexual Abuse, Child Labours She said that the Salem CHILDLINE has stopped 223 child marriages with the help and support of allied systems in the last 3 years and 6 children sexual abuse cases were reported. She also added that the allied departments should join together to work and to create the district as child

friendly. She also explained how important the police role in the protection of children mean while the Child Sexual Abuse Cartoon movie “KOMAL” was telecasted in the meeting the participants were much impressed.

Chief Guest: District Revenue Officer Mr.S.Selvaraj and the Deputy Commissioner of police Mr.A.G.Babu IPS in his chief guest address stated that the work of Salem CHILDLINE is laudable in the district and we are ready to help at anytime for CHILDLINE without any hesitation.

Interaction:

Interactions were made with allied departments. The nodal director requested the chief guests to issues Identity cards for the team members in order to work more effective.

Vote of Thanks: The Asst. Director of CHILDLINE Collab thanked one and all for their participation. He also thanked the DRO, Deputy Commissioner of Police and the other officials in the meeting.

Reception Home:

The State recognized our organization works for children who are in their rehabilitation and given government reception home collaboration with committee 342 children were



Government of Tamilnadu has as one of the fit institution which need of care and protection and for the legal permission to run the for boys in the district. In CHILDLINE and Child Welfare rescued and rehabilitated.

Shelter Homes:

There are three shelter homes for the children. One is located at the foothills of Yercaud, another one is at Mulluvadi gate in Salem and the third is in Nilavarapatti which is 10 km away from Salem. The children referred by the child right protection centre and the child line and HIV/AIDS infected children are taken care by these homes by providing food, accommodation, clothing, medical aids, recreational facilities, formal or non formal education, spiritual and moral activities etc. The children are accommodated in the shelter home till they complete their formal or non formal education.

At present 78 children are given accommodation and other necessary facilities in the shelter homes.

Home Link:

Home link is a unique website which was deliberately designed to create a link between the missing children and their parents and to serve the children better especially for those who are in difficult circumstances.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Drop out Centre:

From our previous experiences we learnt that children from the group of 13 – 18 are the height rate in the drop outs. Since there was no alternative system to continue their education they find difficult to complete their studies and they start to earn for their livelihood. Hence, the drop out centre was established to provide opportunity for the drop outs to continue their education. Drop out children are enabled to write their 8th Std, 10th Std and 12th Std by preparing them to appear for their exams.

Beneficiaries List:

Exam Category	No of Students Attended	No of students passed	New Admission
10th	95	19	42
12th	8	3	5
8th	5	2	3
Total	108	24	50

Supplementary Education Centers:

Getting quality education is the prime and fundamental rights of every child on earth. Due to negligence in the implement of the government schemes and the economical condition of the family children were denied their right to get quality education. Releasing the magnitude of the problem we have identified 12 slums and night schools are being organized to ensure quality education for them and to create an opportunity to study better and eventually to go for higher education. These night schools helped 486 children to study better and continue their education.

Vocational Training Centre:

In our operational areas, we found that the majority of the youth are working for low wages, because of their unskilled nature. In order to empower the youth socially and economically vocational training are provided to them.

Tailoring:

To empower the young women, tailoring course has been organized for them. We Have Two Tailoring Centers. One in Sanniyasigundu another one in Pavalathanoor Every year 120 young women are benefiting through this training. They have been provided cloth and other necessary materials for the training. After the training some got tailoring machine from the government and some are placed in different export textile unit for jobs and they get reasonable salary to maintain their family without any dependency.

Computer Skill Training and Spoken English:

In today life situation accuracy and efficiency are spoken of much and given much importance. Obviously the semi and unskilled people are become inefficient due to lack of opportunities and find difficult to compete the other in business and in life. Aware of this complex situation that is exist in our operational area in net work with professional training centre we have initiated a short term job oriented computer skill training for the slum youth those who are interested and committed themselves to come up in life. This year 88 youths have been benefited through this training.

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO's)**Children Parliament:**

The children parliament functions same as the national parliament. In the children parliament they identify some of the social problems in their area and come out with different suggestions to address the problems. In order

to rectify the situation they also pass the resolutions in the parliament and give it in black and white to the government officials. They also follow up the issue till some action is taken on the same.

Young Men Groups:

The youth pulse of the nation and the backbone of a country. They have so much potential that they can achieve what they want. But in our operational area it was not the case. They were not able to come out and achieve anything. But now, due to our intervention they are able to come out of themselves and to fight for their social rights. They have joined in the people's federation and they are able to identify the problems of their area and find solution to solve the various issues.

Young Women Groups:

The situation of our young women in our area is very pathetic. They are at a greater risk than the other groups in the society. Being girl their lives are always in danger. They always face the problem of sexual exploitation. In the working areas they are sexually man handled and ill treated. Their life always hangs by a needle. But after creating much awareness through the people's federations today many women are feeling secure. They are able to fight for their rights. Thus the participation of the young women in federation is prominent.

Women Self Help Groups:

In the past women were considered as weaker section in the society. It is not the case anymore. After much awareness and trainings they get organized themselves. They save a lot and don't depend on others for their economic security. Now they have become an agent for social transformation. It is they who are in front to fight for their rights in the society. They take an active part in all the activities of people federation.

Citizen Forum for Human Rights:

Citizen Forum for Human Rights was formed mainly to raise their voice against issues that are associated with child rights and human rights violation and to bring constructive changes in the society. Citizen Forum for Human Rights is consist of children parliament, youth group, young women group, women group and other likeminded people form governmental and nongovernmental organizations in the society who are highly motivated and committed their life to work for the well being of the children and most vulnerable people in the society.

Child Protection Committee Meetings:

Child Friendly City

Date: 30.8.2014, 5.9.2014, 6.9.2014, 14.10.2014, & 10.9.2014.

Place: Kakkampatty – Yercard, Kejainayanpatty., Minnampalli, Malliyakarai, Kitchipalayam, Gandhi Mahan Street,

Event Agenda: Child Friendly City

Participants: UNICEF Staff, VAO,VHN, Local Leaders, NGO, Ward Member, School Teacher or Head Master, children.

ICPP had formed youth interface committees at block wise (Supported by UNICEF). Ward Member, NGO representatives, VAO, VHN, School Teachers, Local Leaders, childline are also part of this committee. During the meeting children had raised their problems and needs to be addressed. Personnel

from the concerned departments were clarified the doubts of the child Rights. Our Don Bosco Anbu Illam Staffs were participated in the meetings.

TRAININGS AND CAMPS:

This year we have organized number of trainings and camps for staff as well as children to develop their skills and to increase their effectiveness in the execution of different activities in the our operational area namely training on Fact Finding, Juvenile Justice Act, Formulation of the Policies for the organization, Exposure visit and summer camp for the children. Staff, children youth and women groups' members have benefited from these above mentioned trainings.

10. NETWORK:

To deliver quality service to children and young at risk DBAI has got incredible and well built network with governmental and other like Child Line Foundation of national level network, Home district administration like Child Welfare Committee Parliament NGO's Network, and other nongovernmental with the objectives of DBAI.



nongovernmental organizations India, Young at Risk (YaR) link, various departments in the DCPO, DSWO, Labor Office and (CWC) district level Children Citizen Forum for Human Rights organizations that work in line

11. CONCLUSION

DBAI from its inception has made several remarkable interventions in the life of children who are in need of care and protection and people who are vulnerable and most neglected in the society. Today it has become one of the well known organizations in the district that offers quality services for young at risk. The organization was recognized and awarded by other organizations that of similar in nature for its outstanding performance. After having worked for number of years for the well being of children and youth we have realized that they are still remain in the periphery of the society. Therefore it is high time to have a new outlook about the problems and to make a shift from welfare approach to issue based approach and to find practical solution for some of the problems that are exist in our operational area in order to uplift the most vulnerable section of the population in the pinnacle of the society.