

Brief History of Our Work in Vileparle (E)

We initiated our work in Vileparle slum in the year 1996 which is near the domestic airport. People residing in this slums area were mostly from UP, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra and locals. We began our work in two areas which were nearby namely, Shastri Nagar and Bhajiwadi. The purpose of starting the centre is mainly for the preventive measure as most of the children were involved in begging, cleaning of vehicle, flower selling as area is situated close to western express highway, near domestic airport and a big signal junction. Children were into child labour, substance abuse and child marriage was also very common. The children were mostly dropout from the school and less privilege were given for girl child and deprived from all developmental activities.

Gender discrimination was a very common problem here wherein, girls were not allowed to pursue education. Women were not allowed to go out of the house, lump sum amount was asked as a dowry during marriage and men were mostly into drug abuse, Drugs were sold openly in the area. All these had huge impact on the children. So, we began our work in this area with 180 children.

Today, we have total 864 families from both areas enrolled with us along with 250 children, 200 hundred active women's and 100 active youth involved with us. 100% children go to school and most of our beneficiaries are into the field of Nursing, DMLT, CA, software engineer, computer engineer, electrician, airport, etc and all making us proud by doing their best in the selected areas.



No. of Children placed in BMC and Private Schools: 90 Children

No. of Children's Educational fees being paid: 57 Children

No. of Children's Tuition fees being paid: 60 Children

Women rehabilitated: Total 250

Nutritional meals provided for: 150 Children & 450 Families (Vileparle)

Vocational training: The counts for various vocational training being provided is mentioned below:-

Beautician Class	:	80 Women
Nursing Class	:	20 Children & DMCT- 2 boys
English Class	:	45+40
Cooking Class	:	30 Women
I.G.P. Workshop	:	80 Women
Dance Class	:	60 Children
Computer Class	:	70 Children

These vocational training has encouraged a lot of people to enrol with us. Also, this has encouraged more number of girls who were a victim of gender discrimination to take a stand and enrol themselves for the course they are interested in. Beneficiaries have been provided with the job placements too post completing their vocational training. Girls also became entrepreneurs post completing these vocational trainings.

Extra-Curricular: 33 Children

Beneficiaries specifically girls are encouraged for sports like football. We have collaborated with Parcham NGO to provide free football training to our girls. This has raised the self-esteem of our girls.



Children in Children’s Parliament: 6 Groups (30 x 6 = 180 Children)

This group was initiated in 2013 and has been working with complete dedication since then. Some of the activities conducted by them are- Swacchta Abhiyaan, Helped in admission of various school students, got in touch with BMC for having Aanganwadi in Vile Parle area, organised various campaigns through BMC, encouraged the dropouts to study and give one more try. Children enrolled into parliament developed leadership skills by undertaking these programs.

Self-Health Groups: 10 Groups

Shelter Admissions: 2 orphan boys + 9 boys from single parent families+ 4 girls.
These children were provided support to get enrolled in different NGOs.

Working with NGOs: We have collaborated with several NGOs like Yuva, Aangan, Akshara, Umeed, CCDT, Yuva Parivartan, Parcham, Bhumi, Feeding India, Jan Shiksha Dharavi, Bhartiya Stree Shakti Sangathna, American care etc.

Health Camps: Several camps have been organised collaborating with different NGOs like Body check-ups, general medical camp have been organised since past 3 to 4 years in Bandra and in Vile Parle since past 2 years sponsored by LNT, Blood check-ups, IQ test, Eye camp, etc. This has proved to be benefitted people who have been enrolled with us.

Empowered women: Recently, 2 girls from Vile Parle slum have filed a case under the POCSO act for sexual harassment. This in itself is a step towards empowered nation. We conduct workshops for our children regarding child protection policy so that they’re aware of it and can take a right stand whenever necessary.