

**Internship
at
TAABAR ,
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Introduction

About the organisation – TAABAR is a non-governmental organization established in 2007 which helps and supports children in difficult circumstances by providing community based rehabilitation for orphans, runaways, street children, slum children and misguided youth through its various programs.

- ❖ **History:** In 2006, a project was initiated to offer children who were living at railway stations, shelter, awareness and treatment of HIV/AIDS. A temporary flat was rented and initially a start was made with five children and gradually the number of children has increased. In the beginning, due to lack of resources, they were just providing meals and giving few hours of education and entertainment. Since they were not able to provide night stay to the children so they had to send them back to railway station to spend the night there with the risk that they might fall into wrong hands and get involved in prostitution, drug addiction and trafficking. This led to the stepping stone of BalBasera- shelter home. With the help of government and Jaipur Municipal Corporation, a hall was provided to them near railway station where children could spend a night. This space was later called as BalBasera shelter home and it provides immediate shelter to the vulnerable children along with basic necessities of life.
- ❖ **Mission:** To create awareness and build a free, caring, fair society with access to opportunity and livelihood for all. Enable the vulnerable and neglected members specially children, to fulfil their potential for the benefit of the wider community.
- ❖ **Vision:** To provide and extend caring, sharing and protecting the environment and overall well-being of children who cannot speak and advocate for their rights.
- ❖ **Objectives:**
 - To provide care and protection to street children.
 - To preserve, protect and advocate their childhood rights at national and international level.
 - To bring street children back into the life and mainstream of society by providing them with life's basic necessities.
 - To make society aware of the need to help protect this vulnerable group from risk.
 - Networking and liaisoning with government departments and like minded NGOs for same cause.

- To provide rehabilitation and referrals services for children in need.
- To create public awareness about the problems and needs of street children.

❖ **Strategic intervention:** It is a community based model program with a special emphasis on ‘Outreach programs’. As these street children live in groups, working with the group is more effective than working in one-to-one. Children and youth (ex-beneficiaries) are involved in planning and implementing the activities of the outreach programs. The major thrust of the organization is to provide need based interventions to the target group in line with the child rights perspective.

❖ **Values:**

Care & protection Every child has constitutional rights and legal safeguards but condition of many children is getting worse due to poverty and other socio-economic problems such as rapid industrialization, urbanization and migration etc. So they focused on providing care and protection to neglected innocent children so that they can save them from different types of exploitation.

Transparency, Dedication & Commitment These are their core values which guides their actions and decisions to achieve the objectives of the organization in line with our mission and vision. They believe in transparent relationships with community, their staff, partners and donors.

Education, Empowerment and Healthy growth Street children are neglected and deprived of all the necessities of childhood which are needed for healthy development. Making an effort to provide them with shelter and helping to repatriate and reunite them with their own families along with education, vocational and personality development training.

Goals of internship

The goal was to observe the functioning of services provided by TAABAR and to collect data and analyze it to find solutions for further improvement in the services.

Services provided

-BalBasera shelter home: TAABAR initiated a small home for street children that is known as BalBasera Transit shelter home. This effort was acknowledged and supported by Jaipur

Municipal Corporation (JMC) and a unique partnership evolved where JMC provided with space for running BalBasera. As per organization vision, in 2011 TAABAR extended its support and care to the children of Kota district. TaabarBasera shelter home is being run by TAABAR in Kota city that was very first temporary shelter in Kota city, which focused on restoration of the children with their families and implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and protection Act 2000) in institutional services.

At BalBasera shelter home children are provided with meals three times a day which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is ensured that children are getting nutritional food and their meals are fixed for everyday and displayed on a chart. Entertainment and educational activities are carried out to ensure children spend their day happily.

-TAABAR School: Children of BalBasera are provided with formal and informal education at TAABAR's school. As most of the children have had little or no education, they are taught how to read and write and are prepared for enrolment into regular schools so they can become part of society. The children who are willing to continue their studies are enrolled in the schools.

-Restoration: Outreach workers and counsellors contact newly arrived children at the railway station and bus stands. They track the runaway children who are missing, tricked and brought to the city. After identification and counselling, the children are given transit support and prepared for return to their homes. If children are not ready to return they are referred to BalBasera transit home or other services that may be required for that particular child. All interventions are based on the specific situation and need of each child.

The child's opinion is given paramount importance in the rehabilitation process. The chances of rehabilitation of these children are very high if it is done within a week of their entry into the city, otherwise they get drawn into the cycle of abuse and exploitation. TAABAR makes every effort to repatriate and reunite them. Children are rescued and repatriated to different places in India (Rajasthan, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Nepal)

-TAABAR mobile clinic: The mobile van in the form of well-equipped clinic, is reaching directly to the target population and provides them with counselling, health and medical services including STIs and HIV/AIDS. The clinic reassures them that they are not alone in

this world, strengthens their self-confidence and shows that somebody is there to care for, love and support them. Since this clinic is mobile, various support and services will be provided on the doorstep and at the convenience of the target population. On a daily basis it goes to one location and gives two hours of service. The locations have been identified on the basis of survey and requirements of the street children. The locations are Railway station, Kagdiwada, Luniyawas, Jhalana, Khor and Premnagar. The van operates six days a week.

-Migrant Workers Information Centre: TAABAR is running a project named Migrants Workers Information Centre. At this centre people who come from different places, especially rural areas to Jaipur and other cities in search of jobs are provided with information, counselling and referral services about STIs and HIV/AIDS. This project is being implemented with the support of SAATHI and UNDP.

At this centre, more emphasis is given to personal counselling. This provides them with an environment and opportunity to speak about their doubts and problems, especially their sexual behaviour. If necessary, the children are referred to nearby Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre (ICTC). Special events are also organized e.g. World AIDS day, Tuberculosis day and Blood Donation day etc. These events and programs give them the freedom and confidence to come to know us.

-Advocacy: TAABAR has been actively involved in advocating multi-disciplinary issues related to street children. The organization is raising the problems being faced by these children. Efforts are being made to draw attention of government, policymakers and other influential people and stakeholders to the negligence of the rights of the children through meetings, workshops and rallies etc.

-Outreach Work: Through outreach work they reach children who are living and working on the streets and slums in adverse and difficult circumstances. Outreach work aims at creating awareness among street children about their life and work, enabling them to access basic services of health, education, vocational training and recreation.

-Counselling and Recreational Training Program: TAABAR started the counselling and vocational project in Kota Observation Home in July, 2011. It was welcomed the Social Justice Empowerment department, child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Justice Board. Inspired by the impact of the intervention the short term intervention was continued and presently TAABAR is providing four days programme in a week. The counselor provides

counseling and education and Vocational trainer provided vocational activities to channelize their negative energy by engaging them in different types of vocational courses like Mehendi, embroidery, and art and craft activities. The children were motivated to learn reading and writing. They are being motivated to realize their full potential through different types of activities. Children eagerly wait for counselor and vocational trainer as they take care of their personal problems and understand their situation.

-Educational Sponsorship Project: Educational Sponsorship Project focuses on the educational and social wellbeing of slum and rural children by making quality of education, protecting environment and after school support accessible.

Departments visited

During the internship, BalBasera shelter home, TAABAR mobile clinic and Taabar school were visited.

Extraordinary Events

The mobile van provides primary healthcare services to the people living in slums. During the internship, it was found that a child was suffering from a heart disease and the doctor of the van when conducted check-up the child found serious problem with the child health. He then ensured that he meets with parents of the child so as to counsel them about the child's health and advised them to take the child to the higher specialized facility in order to get the child treated.

Similarly another patient was examined and found to be a possible case of STI. Doctor soon counseled the patient regarding the further treatment and referred the patient to the higher facility for the appropriate treatment.

These events show that with the healthcare delivery at the doorstep for the neglected and underserved population, such initiatives are a boon to such people and with the continued efforts a lot can be achieved.