

Jaan Foundation

Consolidated Report 2016-2020

Report of Jaan Foundation

Activities from 2016 to 2020

Jaan Foundation was started in 1999 to give hope and critical support to children in need of care and protection. It works to ensure a better childhood for child workers and children of domestic workers through its lobbying and advocacy programme that promotes Child Rights; and its direct service programmes such as education, skills development and training workshops and temporary shelter and rehabilitation services for children rescued from abusive domestic work or trafficking situations.

Shelter Homes : At present the Foundation runs 4 shelter homes Premashraya Shelter Home at Ranchi, Muskan Manzil in Patna , Ferrando Shelter home in Meghalaya and Swapnalaya at Panvel. These Shelter Homes provide temporary homes for children rescued from various abusive environments. Upto 2020. 2200 children were received at Premashraya, 185 at Muskan Manzil, 350 at Ferrando Shelter Home and 40 at Swapnalaya, which began operations only in May 2020.

At the Shelter Homes the children are provided care and protection, psychological support, counseling and assistance with other needs. Most children are reunited with their families after due process and under the direction of the Child Welfare Committee, Ranchi, while some of them are shifted to other homes for extended shelter and support.

During their stay, regular **counseling** sessions are provided with the on-site psychologist. This helps to understand the child's emotional state and readiness to make decisions.

Regular **medical examinations** are provided to all children by a visiting doctor, and any clinical tests or treatments that are required are administered.

Informal education is provided to children who had previously dropped out of school and school going children are provided with appropriate school books and materials to continue their education.

Vocational training and skills training such as, sewing, knitting, painting, jewelry making, and flower making, are provided daily to all children in the home. The children also have the opportunity to learn also computer, singing, and dancing.

Girls who stay at the home for extended periods are also given the opportunity to learn the tailoring trade either in the home itself or at a vocational training center.

The "STARS Centre" (Skills Training and Rehabilitation Services Centre) is a training centre situated in Ranchi, Jharkhand. It aims at helping young girls, aged between 16-22 from poorest and remote areas, who have minimal education and no skills to gain their self-confidence, enhance their personal development, learn marketable skills and feel supported as they find gainful employment or self-employment. It has a hostel facility for about 60 persons. During their training which may last from 6 months to 1 year depending upon the course they choose, they are trained in both trade skills as well as soft skills. The training courses offered include child and elderly care, housekeeping, hospitality and cooking skills.

They are also given personality development sessions including computer, language and effective communication skills. Upto 2019, 48 children were trained and 8 were placed. In 2020, 46 trainees underwent training in Tailoring, Home-nurse, Computer and English and Hindi languages. During the pandemic lockdown, those candidates who remained at the training centre learnt tailoring and many have started their tailoring shops in suburban towns near their villages.

Tuition and Non -formal education centres: Jaan Foundation has set up tuition centres to supplement educational needs of underprivileged children. In Uttar Pradesh, four tuition centres have been set up at different villages. Almost 20 children attend classes daily for tuition at each centre and are coached by four tuition teachers appointed for each centre. In Bihar, 12 Non-formal cum tuition centres have been established in 3 districts, where support is provided to prepare girls for transiting to formal education and supplementing their school studies.

Child Rights Movement: The Child Rights Movement (CRM) is a platform for children in domestic work, to come together in solidarity, learn about their rights, and actively engage in advocacy to improve their life situations. CRM empowers child domestic workers and vulnerable children to recognize and develop their own potential, do well in their studies, view the world more broadly and become change agents in society. The members of Child Right Movement actively participate in advocacy of child rights and the banning of child labour through signature campaigns, postcard campaigns, human Chains, street plays, press conferences and rallies. They meet with different stakeholders to advocate for their rights.