

Don Bosco National Forum  
**FOR THE YOUNG AT RISK**



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
2022-2023

# DATA SNAPSHOT

INTERVENTIONS WITH THE YOUNG AT RISK IN 2022-2023

PROVINCES

11

STATES & UTs

20

CITIES, TOWNS & VILLAGES

160

CENTRES

103

REACH

8246

CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

CENTRES

478

REACH

19327

BRIDGE/NIOS & DROPOUT PREVENTION CENTRES

PRESENCES

414

REACH

22702

STREET/MARKET, BUS/RLY STN & SLUM PRESENCES

CLUBS

1181

REACH

25346

CHILD RIGHTS/POLICE/ECO CLUBS

DESKS

33

REACH

68363

MIGRANTS' DESKS

GROUPS

686

REACH

6681

SELF HELP GROUPS AND SAFETY NETS

CENTRES

11

REACH

13300

SUBSTANCE ABUSE, HIV/AIDS: COUNSELLING/REHAB

CENTRES

20

REACH

28

FOSTER/INDIVIDUAL/GROUP/KINSHIP CARE

CENTRES

35

REACH

709

ROOM PLACEMENT, GROUP/AFTER-CARE CENTRES

CENTRES

90

REACH

7643

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & JOB PLACEMENT CENTRES

154,738

Children & Young People

89,370

Family Members & Adults

TOTAL REACH

244,108

# Message from President

Dear friends of children,

I am happy to pen these few lines to you.



Right to participation is one of the important rights of children. It is as important as right to life, right to protection, right to development etc. We, in our society and in our institutions make sure that the rights of children like right to life, education etc are taken care of. One of the rights to which we may not give due attention and importance is the right to participation. Right to participation envisages that we listen to children, get their opinions and involve them in decision making in matters concerning their life.

This is the challenge we could face in our institutions. We could easily presume that children do not know and are not capable of making the right decisions. So, we might not involve them or listen to them in the planning, implementation and evaluation of our programmes.

I worked with children closely when we established children's parliaments in four districts of Andhra Pradesh. That was an eye-opening experience for me. Working with children made me realise that children are creative and can analyse and address the issues they face in their village or school. Children's parliaments gave them a forum to speak and to participate in matters concerning them in their village. The results were impressive.

We Salesians are called to make young people good, responsible and honest citizens. Right to participation enables young people to become responsible citizens. Dear friends, let us empower children by their participation in our institutions and programmes, involving them and getting their opinion. Let us not forget we are in the business of building responsible citizenship.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Santiagu Thomas SDB'.

Santiagu Thomas SDB

# Message from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

A tinge of nostalgia colours my thoughts as I write these lines days before the close my nine-year stint with DB YaR Forum's national team.



The DB YaR Forum that I see today is essentially the same as what I saw in the June of 2014 - arguably, what it has always been - focused on at-risk children and young people everywhere. The distinctive quality of the recent years, to my mind though, has been the creative energy and solidarity with which our organization has negotiated a tumultuous period of sweeping changes in the social and legal environment and the unprecedented global pandemic. An unwavering commitment to restore - or provide - "life to the full" to every deprived, vulnerable, at-risk young person, and the preparedness to produce whatever it takes to achieve that dream have distinguished our teams across the country, and made this possible. The reader can sense in the pages of this Annual Report 2022-23, glimpses of that indomitable spirit, fearless introspection, proactive innovation, and team work.

As I present this Annual Report I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Fr Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar, who led, supported and guided us from 2015 to March 2022, in the years he was the Provincial of the Salesian Province of Hyderabad. As "YaR Provincial" we saw and we could always count on him to stand up for the Young at Risk and for us in every forum. Thank you Fr Thathi.

My heartfelt thanks go to the Province YaR Coordinators and members of YaR Commissions, Heads and Teams of Salesians and Collaborators in all our YaR Centres and Services with whom it was my distinct privilege to journey in the service of Young at Risk, these past years. I had the joy of being part of the team of Fr Thomas Koshy and Fr Thomas Aquinas at Delhi for six years and with Fr Joseph Leo, these last two years.



Our amazing young team at the national office – Ms Dorothy Amaresh, Mr Austin Francis, Ms Maheshwari Balan, Ms Shruti Roy Chowdhury, and in the last few months, Mr Raj Parit – could scale any heights, make any dream come true with their expertise, creative skills, rapport with Salesians and colleagues across the country, and dedication beyond the call of duty. Thank you, team, for the irreplaceable roles you played, and continue to play in the history of DB YaR Forum.

God bless you all.

Warm regards,



Tony Pellissery SDB

*Thank You*



*Our thanks and appreciation to Fr Thathireddy Vijayabhaskar*

# DBYaR Forum

Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk, also known as DB YaR Forum, is the all-India network of Don Bosco institutions and organizations committed to the safety, growth, development and rights of at-risk, vulnerable, marginalized children and young adults.

Inspired by Don Bosco, the vision of DB YaR Forum is of a world where every child and every young person lives, and grows towards “fullness of life” in secure, enabling environments. We walk in the footsteps of Saint Don Bosco who dedicated his life to helping young people especially the most marginalized and oppressed.

By “Young at Risk” (YaR), we mean children and young adults, who are in or have been through situations of neglect, abuse, exploitation, exclusion, violence, or experiences that negatively impact their lives.



We reach out to the Young at Risk through presences on streets, in market places, in railway and bus stations, in “slums”. We engage in rescue and emergency assistance to children in difficult circumstances. We run a variety of child care institutions, including drop-in centres; open shelters and reception units, children’s homes. We offer counselling, rehabilitation and social reintegration, vocational guidance, skill development and placement services. We run bridge courses, coaching classes and drop-out prevention programmes. We offer young people opportunities for holistic and integral education adapted to individual requirements. From the first contacts, our multi-skilled and dedicated teams accompany young persons, enabling and empowering them to stand on their own feet and take their place in society.

## VISION

A world where every child and every young person lives, and grows towards “fullness of life” in secure, enabling environments.



## MISSION

To inspire and lead Salesians and their collaborators to respond with courage, creativity and commitment to the needs of the Young at Risk and to engage and collaborate with individuals, civil society organizations and governments to ensure for the Young at Risk safe, enabling environments and opportunities for growth, and development.

DB YaR Forum functions through 11 coordination teams called Province YaR Commissions, headed by a Province YaR Coordinator across Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Dimapur, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Panjim, Shillong and Tiruchy. The teams promote and coordinate the interventions with and on behalf of the Young at Risk in India.

The network is currently spread across 175+ settings in 125+ locations across 20 states and union territories of India, reaching out to children and young adults for their care and protection, maximum development and best interests.

# HomeLink Network

## Data-Driven Management of Interventions with the Young at Risk



Launched in 2002, HomeLink Network is DB YaR Forum’s earliest and longest running nationally coordinated programme. Membership in HomeLink Network with access to “ChildMISS” – DB YaR Forum’s proprietary online documentation software - is open to all organisations who share the ideals of scientific, data-led, collaborative approach to Child Rights and the concerns of the Young at Risk.

ChildMISS ensures appropriate, timely responses to the needs of the young at risk, based on accurate documentation and data analysis supported by the best of technologies available today. It facilitates real-time monitoring and predictive intervention planning, enabling organizations to respond effectively to evolving scenarios of young people.

“Child PPa”, a mobile app developed by ItWillBe, is currently being integrated with ChildMISS adding face recognition and related cutting-edge technologies to ChildMISS.

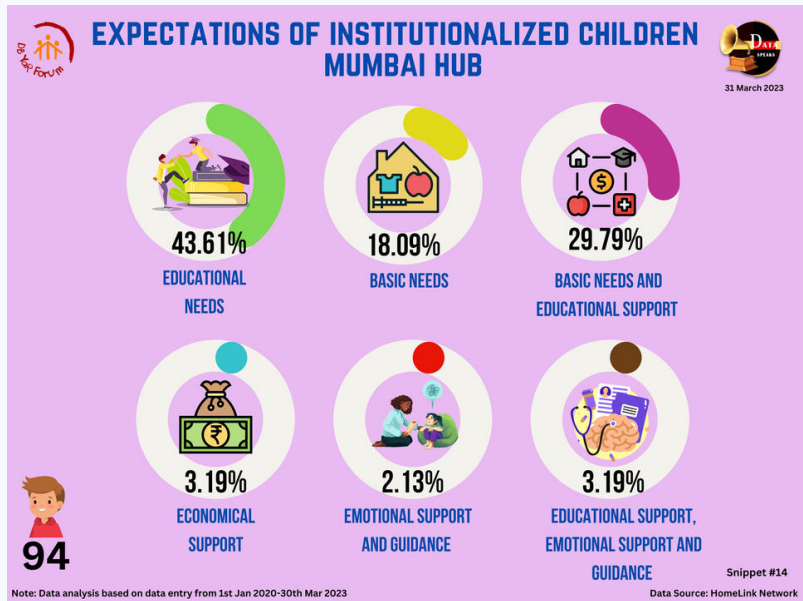
Coordinated at the national level from Delhi, the HomeLink Network covers 20 states of India and operates through 8 regional coordination units or ‘Hubs’ - at Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai.

HomeLink Network teams made 47150 data entries in ChildMISS between April 2022 and March 2023. Data of 10487 children, 4161 of whom were reached through outreach activities, were recorded. 6074 children were restored to their families or guardians during this period. For the services rendered to children - like professional counselling, education, medical and home visits, a total of 17371 data entries were made. 9431 entries for help and rescue, 5500 entries for Caring Community Group members, 492 entries for Volunteers and 849 entries for vocational training were also made during this time.

HUBS	NODES
Bangalore	21
Chennai	9
Coimbatore	11
Delhi	8
Guwahati	12
Hyderabad	13
Kolkata	3
Mumbai	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87</b>

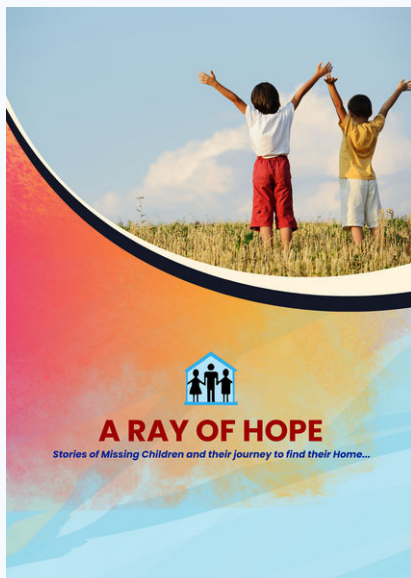


The 'Data Speaks' snippet is a simple graphical representation of data from ChildMISS, highlighting a particular theme or issue which helps to initiate discussion and analysis of that theme or issue by all stakeholders within the Organisation, and leads to appropriate and timely action where needed. Between April 2022 and March 2023 a total of 150 snippets were published by the hubs.



Total data entries in CHILDMISS **47150**      **10487** No of Children data entered

Learning from social media trends and recognising the increased reach and visibility of Instagram reels, the 1-minute video snippet was introduced. The hub coordinators were trained in making these videos. Between April 2022 - March 2023 the hubs produced and shared on social media platforms a total of 33 video snippets.



### Technology Can Also Save Life

*The story of an Ashalayam boy who found his home through ChildMISS tool*

**Vikas**  
Age : 10 years  
Gender : Male  
Organization : Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi

Vikas (name changed) mother came to Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi on 11 December 2017 and shared that her son is missing since 9 December 2017. Soon after which missing complaint of the child was registered and uploaded in Child MISS.

The next day, the child was brought to Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi by the police for right shelter, as he was found loitering around in the Nagarajgarh area of Delhi. Soon the child was produced before Child Welfare Committee (CWC), and CWC further gave the orders to place the child in Alipur Children's Home, Delhi.

Since Vikas had stayed and received Don Bosco Ashalayam's services, his information was documented in ChildMISS on 27 December 2017, and immediately to the surprise of the data entry person Mr. Rohit Sharma, a notification popped on his screen on the ChildMISS tool stating that the information of the child matches the missing details of a child entered on 11 December 2017. Soon after seeing this Mr. Rohit contacted the welfare officer of Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi and informed him about the details of the child.

With the hope of reuniting a mother with her son, Mr. Raj a volunteer of Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi called Vikas's mother and informed her about the situation.

Elated with the news of her child, the mother came to Ashalayam Delhi the next day, after which she was accompanied by a staff to reach Alipur Children's Home.

With the reunion of mother and child with joyful tears, Vikas and his mother were produced before CWC, and CWC restored the child to his mother.

### Finding Home After 13 Years

*The story is about a young boy who had been missing from his family for thirteen long years and was finally able to find his way back home and reunite with his loved ones.*

**Nagarajan**  
Age : 21 Years  
Gender : Male  
Organization : Don Bosco Summanahalli, Bangalore

Nagarajan stayed in foster care for 2 years where he completed his education up to 6th grade, and was promoted to the next class, but one day he ran away with a friend. After 4 years, he was traced and placed in Tumkur Child Welfare Committee and then transferred to BOSCO Yuvakendra in January 2018. He received vocational training at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre at Summanahalli and was trained to become a motorbike mechanic.

Nagarajan, desiring to reconnect with his family, requested help from Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director of BOSCO Summanahalli, in tracing his family. Fr. Puthur asked Mr. Bheemappa, the night shelter in-charge, to assist him in this endeavor. Together, Nagarajan and Mr. Bheemappa set out to trace Nagarajan's village which he had only a partial recollection of, believing it to be near Bannerghatta where his brother was said to reside. They journeyed for a considerable time but upon reaching Bannerghatta, could not find anyone from his family.

Without giving up, Mr. Bheemappa approached the local residents and started inquiring them. Soon his persistence paid off. He met his Rozhna, an old friend of Nagarajan's mother. The lady shared details related to Nagarajan's native place and district. With this new information, Mr. Bheemappa went to Nagarajan's native place and meet his uncle. This was a breakthrough in their search and gave them renewed hope of finding Nagarajan's family. The news filled Nagarajan with a mix of emotions: hope, anxiety, and fear.

Soon Nagarajan along with Mr. Bheemappa visited his uncle's place in March 2022. It was a moment of great joy and relief for Nagarajan as he was finally reunited with his family after 13 long years of separation. He was overjoyed to see his uncle and other relatives, but at the same time, he was also saddened to know that his mother had passed away due to tuberculosis when he was only five years old. The reunion with his family was a bittersweet experience for him.

Flipbooks – a theme or issue presented with less text and more images in 5-6 pages or screens - have been used effectively to focus attention of stakeholders on issues related to the Young at Risk. A total of 4 flipbooks were made:



Though ChildMISS, developed in 2014 has been continually updated over the years, it is now due for a major overhaul and redesign. 75 plus meetings and discussions were held during the year with the hub coordinators, the national team and technical experts to list the specification, user requirements, and conceptualise the structural design of the next version of ChildMISS.

The Hubs of Chennai, Coimbatore and Kolkata conducted motivational and orientation programs for other non-profit organizations working in the field of child care and child rights.



A two-day training program was conducted in May 2022, on Digital Transformation and Innovation, on the effective use of information technology, e-learning and social media.



# Don Bosco for Migrants

Safety, Wellbeing and Dignity for Every Migrant Worker



DB YaR Forum's direct efforts at addressing the concerns of young migrant workers, date back to 2012, if not earlier. In September 2015, DB YaR Forum was asked by SPCSA to take the lead in conceptualizing and drawing up a plan of action for Salesian ministry with young migrant workers in India.

In July 2020, DB YaR Forum held an online national consultation with all member units across India on strategizing and scaling up our work with young migrant workers. A proposal, "Salesian Ministry with Vulnerable Migrant Workers - A Framework for Sustained Engagement" was presented to SPCSA, the apex body of Don Bosco organisations in India. The SPCSA approved and adopted it in September 2020 and mandated DB YaR Forum to lead the work for all Salesian Organisations in India. This common venture was named, DB4M - Don Bosco for Migrants.

Interviews done up to August 2022 by the Destination Desks

Desks	Data
Bengaluru,KA	2460
Coimbatore,TN	2027
Dimapur,NL	1224
Guwahati,AS	2078
Howrah,WB	1992
Hubli,KA	1289
Palam, DL	2000
Secunderabad,TL	2221
Shillong,ML	1442
Vadodara, GJ	1965
Vasco, Goa	782
Vijayawada, AP	2155
Vishakhapatnam, AP	2007
Tiruppur, TN	240

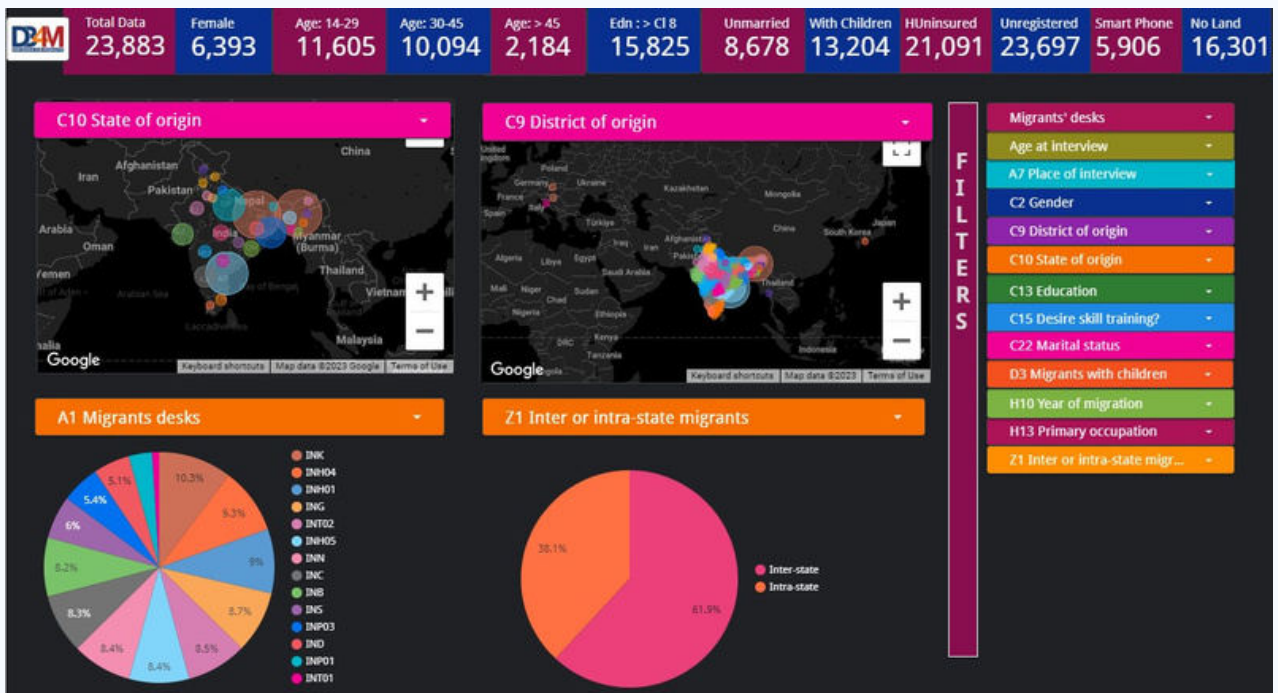
**TOTAL 23882**

As a source desk, Villupuram, TN collected a total data of 1203

Migrants Desks were set up in several locations across the country. To understand the condition of migrant workers, our teams at these Migrants Desks held in-depth interactions and one-to-one interviews with over 25000 migrant workers.

Micro studies were conducted by 9 desks

Bengaluru, KA	A Socio-Economic Study of a Yadav Migrant Community
Coimbatore, TN	Study of Households of Migrants at Gondi Nagar, Coimbatore
Howrah, WB	Micro-Survey of Honey Collectors Living in Nimdighi, Uluberia
Hubli, KA	Socio-Economic Status of Harana Shikari Community, Siddheshwar Nagar
Secunderabad, TL	Migrant Workers Involved in Garbage Collection and Segregation
Shillong, ML	A Survey on the Problems Faced by Migrant Rag-Pickers
Vasco, GOA	A Study of Migrant Fishermen, Vasco Jetty



The teams at the desks established collaboration with local, regional or national networks and campaigns related to migrant workers and reached out to volunteers, scholars, interns from educational and social development institutions in the area for support.

### Target groups selected by Migrant desks for carrying the work forward

Construction Workers	Coimbatore, Delhi, Secunderabad, Vadodara, Vasco, Villupuram
Daily/Casual Workers, Head Loaders	Delhi, Guwahati, Secunderabad, Vasco
Garbage Collectors & Segregators, Rag-pickers	Delhi, Guwahati, Secunderabad
Street Vendors	Coimbatore, Guwahati, Vadodara
Brick Chamber/Kiln Workers & Families	Delhi, Dimapur, Villupuram

Since January 2023, Migrants Desks at Dimapur, Guwahati and Shillong have been focusing on young migrants at “source - working with young people planning to migrate inter state or inter district for work as well as with their families and communities at village level to ensure safe migration. Awareness building for the young people themselves and for their families and communities on “destination” related requirements and challenges, ensuring that no trafficking of any sort takes place, linkages with Migrants Desks at destinations, skill enhancements, facilitation



of registrations and procurement of legal documents are part of the activities of the teams at these desks. In addition comprehensive databases of young people planning to migrate from each village are prepared and made accessible to village leaders for monitoring of their safety and security.

**Toll-free national helpline - 9642372372**

Connect for information, linkages, counselling and emergency support

# Child Friendly Cities Initiative

Communities and Local Governance Committed to the Rights of All Children



The ongoing Child Friendly Cities Initiative of DB YaR Forum, first mooted in September 2014, seeks to bring children, adult citizens and city administrations on a common platform to ensure that the best interests of children drive the decision-making in planning, execution and monitoring of the city's projects and activities that impact their lives.

DB YaR Forum's idea of a Child Friendly Cities Initiative has children at its heart and as its chief protagonists, who – with the guidance and support of enlightened and committed individuals and organisations, parents and teachers, and indeed the entire civil society – engage with city administration for the best interests of all children in the city.

Having supported and hand-held our teams in the cities of Vadodara, Chandigarh, Rajahmundry and Salem for four years from 2017-2021, and continuing to offer guidance to Child Friendly Guwahati, DB YaR Forum has been guiding and mentoring teams at Child Friendly Dimapur and Child Friendly Shillong since August 2021.

New in Child Friendly Dimapur and Shillong is the increased involvement of young people in the 18-29 age group. Youth groups and clubs add immense value to CFCI by their energy, passion and creativity. While children in the 15-18 age group are still focused on their final years of school that demand a lot of their time and attention, young people in the 18-29 age group have more time at their disposal, and are in their best years of creativity, energy and passion for social causes.

Children grow in awareness and understanding of Child Rights and share their understanding with the community and society at large through poster campaigns, skits, mime, dance and a host of other creative activities which also contribute to building their own leadership and team skills.









Child Friendly Dimapur and Child Friendly Shillong saw enthusiastic participation from local media houses. Connecting with the media is an important component of CFCI strategy helping the message of CFCI reach all corners of the city. Newspapers, local television and FM radio - covered

all key events like creative activities, campaigns and child-led assessments of child rights. CFCI team members were invited to go on air and speak about the Child Friendly Cities Initiative.

As of March 2023 a total of 5957 children have been interacted with by our teams and 2115 have been formed into 79 child rights clubs. 2913 adult citizens, leaders of the community and the members of civil society organisations have been sensitised of whom 456 participate in support the activities of children.



About 372 government officials and duty bearers were engaged with to discuss and address issues highlighted by the children and civil society members.



**Child Rights Clubs 79**

**Children Sensitized 5957**

**Civil Society Members Sensitized 372**

**Duty Bearers Sensitized 2913**



# Don Bosco Standards of Care

## Care and Protection of Young at Risk – the Don Bosco Way

Don Bosco Standards of Care motivates and facilitates our member organisations to benchmark themselves not just on the requirements of legal compliance, but on standards that blend in the unique ingredients of the Don Bosco way of caring for at-risk young people.

A set of common standards that all Don Bosco Young at Risk centres and services are required to achieve and maintain had been drawn up in 2011-12. This list of standards and benchmarks has been continuously revised in succeeding years. In February 2018, this list incorporating the latest amendments to the Juvenile Justice Act and the unique characteristics of the Don Bosco way of care of the Young at Risk was adopted as the benchmark to assess all YaR centres and services.

Revisiting the assessment criteria and fine-tuning the rating tool were taken up in the latter half of 2022. Shifting dependence on the national team for conducting the assessments, and enhancing ownership of the assessment process to the level of the province teams were achieved by making the assessment tool and grading system



available online. While the assessment itself was done at the centres by province or inter-province teams, real-time monitoring was available to the national team.

Training sessions were held at Coimbatore, Chennai, Vijayawada, Guwahati, Bidar, Delhi, Mumbai, Shillong and Imphal which covered teams for 6-8 persons including the Province YaR Coordinator, from all provinces. The training included a hands-on model “Social Audit” for all the participants.

Following this, the assessment tool was further refined and improved and test assessments were conducted by the national team at Delhi, Panjim, Borivali and Nashik.

At the time of this report, “Social Audits” based on Don Bosco Standards of Care are being carried out by province level teams across the country.

# YaR Leaders' Orientation

## Sustaining Commitment and Professionalism

YaR Leaders Orientation is a 5-day residential capacity enhancement programme offered by the national office, usually for heads and senior staff of member institutions of DB YaR Forum. The programme has been held annually since 2016 - with the exception of the Covid-affected 2020 and 2021.

YaR Leaders' Orientation 2022, held in Delhi in July, was attended by 32 participants from 10 provinces. The programme, customised for senior heads of YaR centres and services and Province YaR Coordinators, was of only 3 days and focused on adapting to and taking on the changed post-Covid social and legal scenarios in the field of the young at risk.

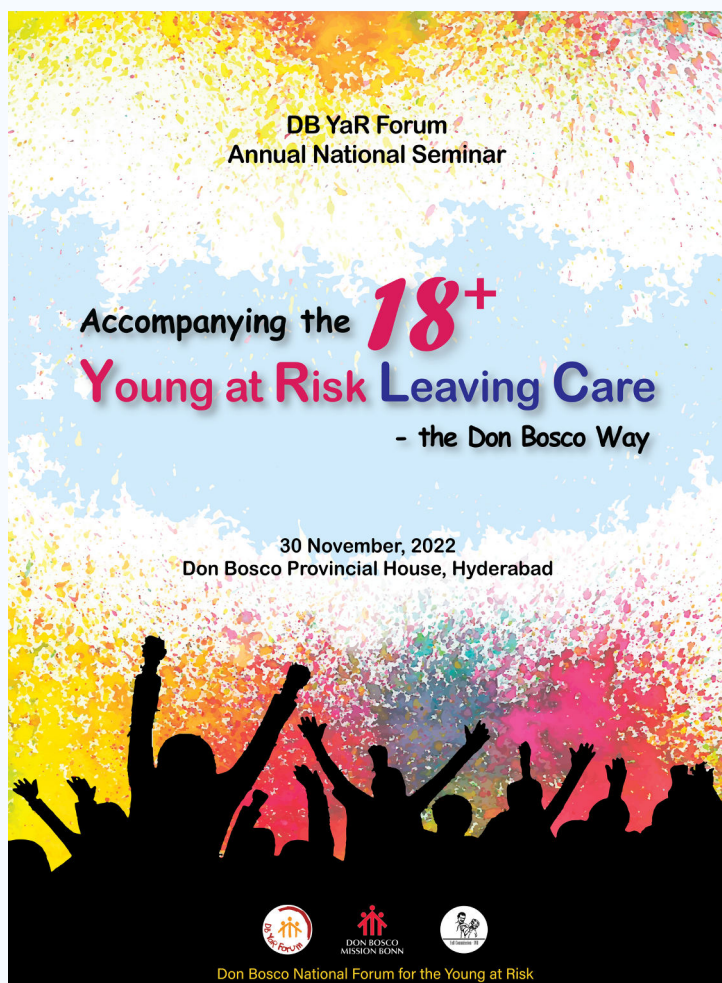


Special attention was given to the discussion on Don Bosco Standards of Care and half a day was utilized to conduct a model "Social Audit" of Don Bosco Ashalayam, New Delhi, in order to give the participants a hands-on experience of conducting the assessment in a children's home. Feedback from participants helped in improving the assessment tool.

Another highlight of the programme was a detailed discussion that took place on 'Power of Social Media in the Service of YaR'. The resource person guided several participants in opening their Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook accounts and to make their first posts and helped those who were more experienced with tips and tools managing and maintaining social media accounts of their organisations more effectively.

# Annual National Seminar

Reflection Driving Innovation and Change



The 17th YaR Annual National Seminar, on the theme “Accompanying the 18+ Young at Risk Leaving Care” was held on 30 November 2022 in Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad.

Padmashri Smt Shanta Sinha, Former Chairperson, NCPCR and Founder of M.V. Foundation lit the lamp at the inaugural function, together with other dignitaries. Children from Don Bosco Prem Seva Sadan performed the welcome dance which was followed by the inaugural speech by Fr Thomas Santiago, President of DB YaR Forum. The boys from Don Bosco Navajeevan Rehabilitation Centre enacted a skit on the problems and issues faced by the young people as they leave children’s homes at the age of 18.

Experiences from around the country and possible options for way forward, were presented by SDB veterans in the field of aftercare – Fr Varghese Pallipuram, Fr Vincent Mariapragasam, Fr Lawrence David, Fr Thomas Koshy, Fr Lester Fernandes, Fr Jose Sequeira, Fr Lukose Cheruvalel, Fr George Chempakathinal, and Fr Genesis Wanniang.

The young persons who had been through after care shared their experiences. Salman, Suresh, Sanju, Yasin, Haridas, Arindam, Pukar, Mallaiah, Pawan and Vishnu enlightened the participants about the issues faced by the young at risk leaving care and how best they could be addressed.





Mr David Raj from UNICEF, the resource person, summarised the salient trends that had emerged during the day and presented his understanding of, and his suggestions on how Don Bosco organisations could move towards a holistic and systematic process of reintegrating the 18+ young at risk into families and society. He then led the participants into a session of group work and reporting on issues related to "After Care" and strategies to address them.



# National YaR Campaign & National YaR Day

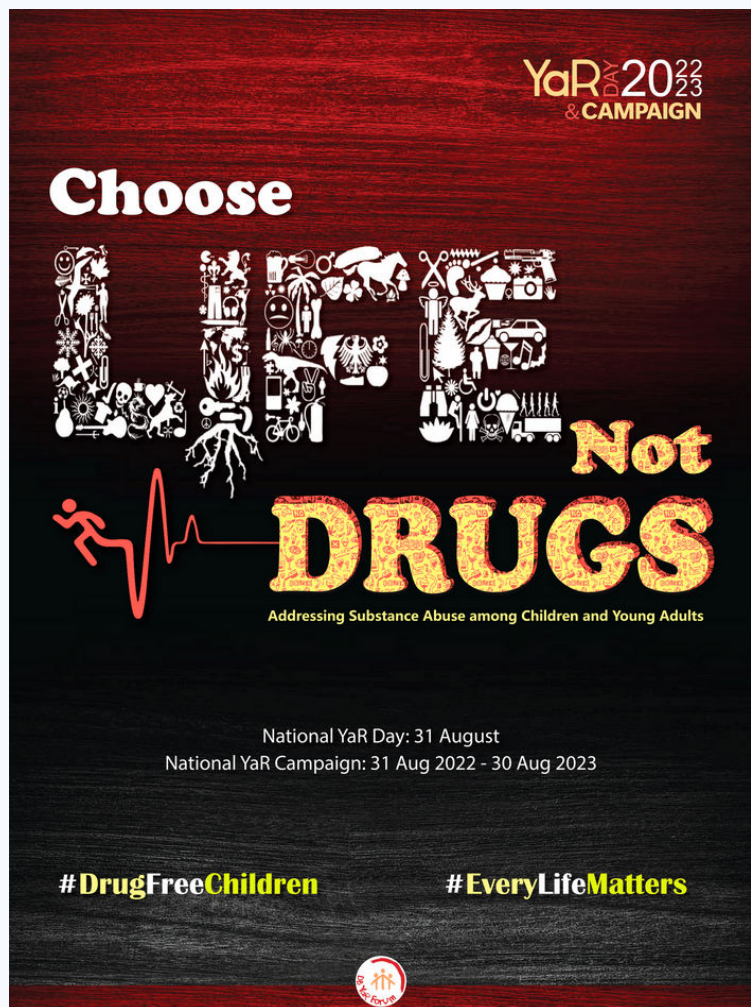
## Learning through Celebration and Activity

The first National YaR Day, a day for all DB YaR Forum centres across the country to celebrate their life with the Young at Risk, was celebrated on 20 November 2010. In 2016-17, it was decided to shift the National YaR Day to 31 August and to add on a year-long Annual National YaR Campaign, starting on 31 August and ending on 30 August the following year. This country-wide campaign with the participation of member institutions and Don Bosco organisations and their partner networks in India and elsewhere reaches over 300000 young people and adults annually, with a variety of activities and discussions, in groups, online and on social media.

The National YaR Campaign of 2022-23 has the theme, "Choose Life . Not Drugs", with hashtags #EveryLifeMatters and #Drug FreeChildren focuses on addressing substance abuse among children and young adults.

Substance abuse - often described as patterns of using various substances leading to problems like absenteeism from school or work, risky or abnormal behavior, problems in mental and emotional health and family and social relationships - been increasing rapidly in India.

Substance use presents itself as an easy way to satisfy the normal developmental need to take risks and seek thrills. For many young people, experimental substance use quickly turns into addiction that becomes an inescapable part of the landscape of their lives.



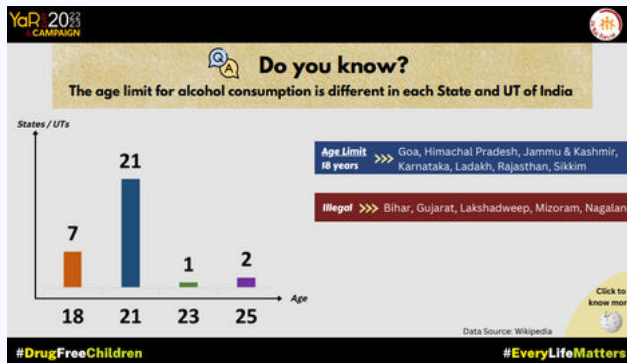


Our campaign seeks to create awareness among and impart knowledge to young persons who are most at risk of falling prey to substance abuse, particularly because of their life situations. Young people participate in multiple ways. They create and perform songs, dance, skits, poems, artwork, mime and a variety of innovative activities of their own and perform them in their own circles and on online sessions for young people from across the country.

A "Resource Kit" with reading materials, images, audio-visual clips for young people, caregivers, and parents and guardians is made available online to everyone who is interested. "InfoBytes" – a set of infographics, images and brief lines of text on topics related to substance abuse among children and young adults is posted every fortnight on our social media platforms.



The campaign ends with its grand finale on 31 August 2023 which is also the date for the launch of Annual YaR Campaign 2023-24.



**InfoBytes**





# National YaR Awards

Recognizing Talent, Creativity and Commitment

The 9th edition of the National YaR Awards 2022 was held in Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad on 1 December 2022. There were a total of 14 award categories including the new category - YaR Alumni Award - introduced this year.





# Winners 2022

Award Category	Name, Province & Description
YaR Children's Award 18+	<b>Mr Amit Singh</b> (INC)
YaR Children's Award	<b>Mr Yuvaneshwar</b> (INM)
YaR Alumni Award	<b>Dr Prasanna T</b> (INK)
YaR Innovative Programme Award	<b>MIRACLE</b> - Movement in Rebuilding a Career for Life and Education BOSCO, Bangalore (INK)
YaR Short Film Award	<b>Kadath (A Way of Trafficking)</b> (INK) Fr Saji SDB (Producer); Mr Rajeev Raj (Director); Mr Sajeev S (Scriptwriter)
HomeLink Awards	Service of Excellence Best Hub <b>Ms Jyothi Priya, Chennai Hub</b> (INM)
	Service of Excellence Best Node <b>BOSCO, Bangalore</b> (INK)
	HomeLink Network Phoenix Award <b>Don Bosco Ashalayam, Howrah</b> (INC)
YaR Social Media Award	<b>Shelter Don Bosco, Wadala</b> (INB) Facebook & Instagram
Recognition for Awards Received by Individuals	<b>Sr Juli Nirmala</b> (INM) Outstanding Performance from Nabfins Ltd
	<b>Ms I Isabella</b> (INM) Top Performance of BDC from Nabfins Ltd
	<b>Fr Vincent Mariaprakasam</b> (INM) Best Social Worker, Aram Awards from Aram Seiya Virumbu Foundation, Oxba University and Nidheein Kural
	<b>Mr Vijay Jaiswal</b> (INB) Home Tracing and Documentation Award from District Collector
Recognition for Awards Received by Institutions	<b>The Salem Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society</b> The Best Social Service Home from Aram Sei Narpani Mandram, Salem For Mr John Paul, Coordinator, Child Friendly Salem & Mr Karthick - Field Coordinator
	<b>The Salem Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society</b> Our National 75th Independence Day From Networking & Development Center for Service Organizations For Mr Abishek Vijay, Program Coordinator
	<b>The Salem Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society</b> National Tuberculosis Elimination Awareness From National Rural Health Mission For Rev M Casimir Raj, Director
YaR Lifetime Achievement Award	<b>Fr Thomas Koshy SDB</b> (INH)
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# Financial Summary

01 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

INTERVENTIONS	FUNDS AVAILABLE	FUNDS UTILISED	BALANCE
HomeLink & ChildMISS	41,52,665.70	40,99,643.53	53,022.17
Juvenile Justice Alliance	6,35,420.09	6,35,420.09	--
Young Migrant Workers	8,42,000.00	85,669.00	7,56,331.00
People Protection App	16,47,918.89	16,47,918.89	--
Young at Risk Initiatives	38,56,105.15	7,40,738.51	31,15,366.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,11,34,109.83</b>	<b>72,09,390.02</b>	<b>39,24,719.81</b>

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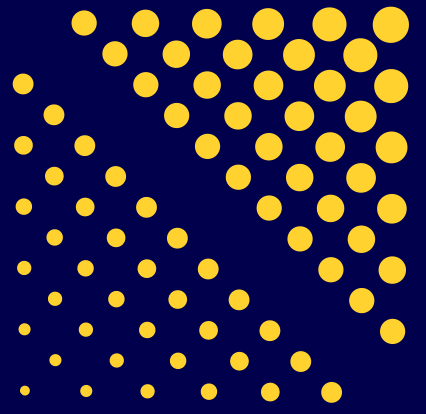
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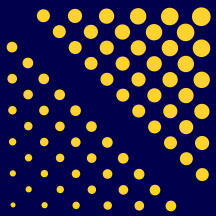
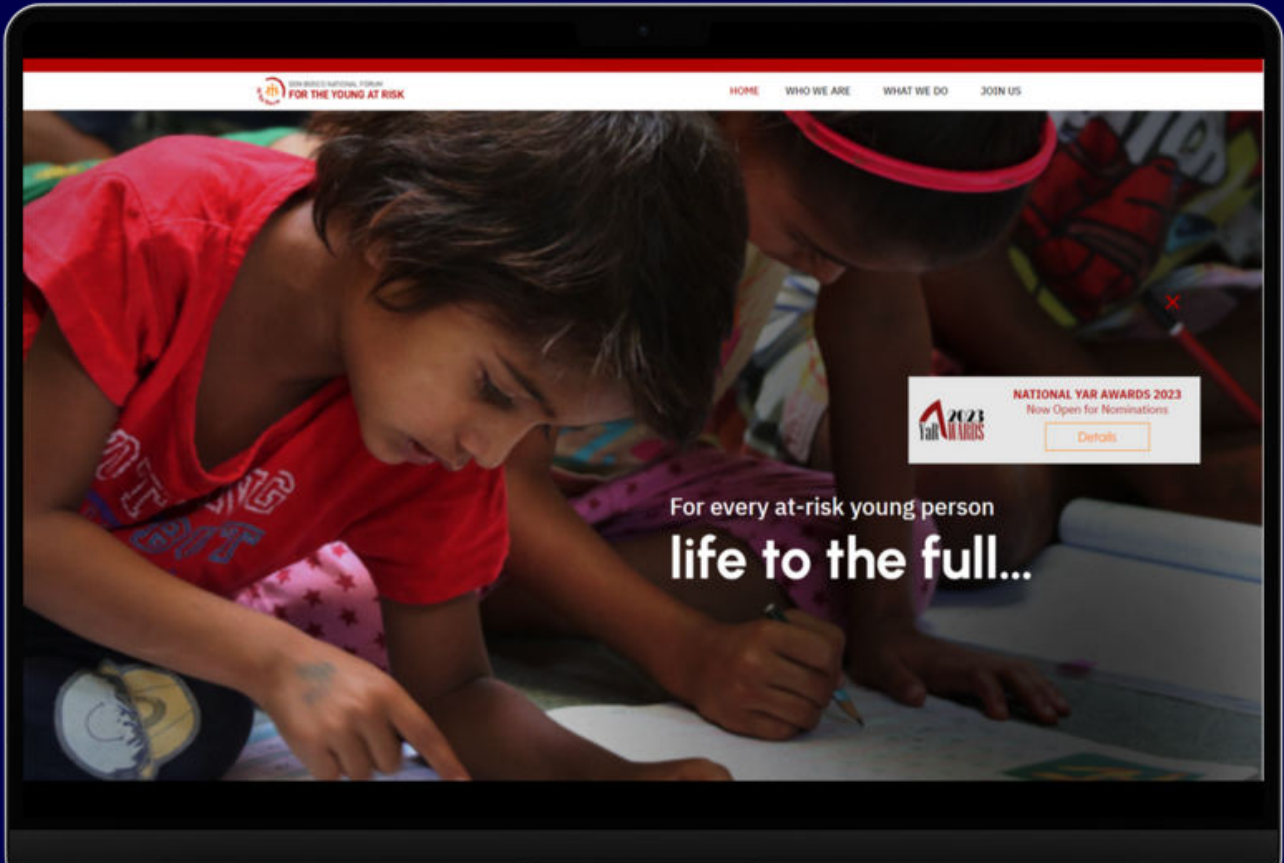








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