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**Don Bosco National Forum
for the Young at Risk**

INDIA



1,96,042 Children & Young People

90,919 Family Members & Adults

2,86,961

People were supported by
11 YaR Provinces

*Bangalore- Chennai- Dimapur -
Guwahati- Hyderabad- Kolkata-
New Delhi- Mumbai- Panjim-
Shillong- Tiruchy*



Message from the Provincial



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends of children,

Working with children in India presents both immense opportunities and complex challenges. India's diverse cultural landscape, coupled with its socio-economic disparities, necessitates a multifaceted approach to child development and welfare. One of the most effective strategies in addressing these challenges is through a community-based approach.

Community-based initiatives recognize the pivotal role that the local environment and societal structures play in a child's development. By leveraging the strengths and resources within communities, these programs can create sustainable and impactful change. They foster a sense of ownership and responsibility among community members, ensuring that interventions are not just externally imposed solutions but are deeply rooted in the local context.

In India, the community-based approach has proven to be particularly beneficial for the young at risk. This approach allows for the tailoring of programs to meet the unique needs of different regions, cultures, and populations. It emphasizes collaboration with local leaders, families, and children themselves, ensuring that interventions are culturally relevant and widely accepted. This participatory method also empowers communities, enhancing their capacity to support their children's education, health, and overall well-being.

Moreover, community-based initiatives in India have demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability. In the face of challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and social exclusion, these programs have shown that when communities come together, they can create supportive environments where children can thrive. By building on the inherent strengths of communities, these initiatives help to bridge gaps in service delivery and create a network of support that extends far beyond the reach of any single organization.

The success stories emerging from various community-based projects implemented by YaR Forum across India underscore the potential of this approach. From improving school attendance and academic performance to enhancing health outcomes and fostering social inclusion, these initiatives are making a tangible difference in the lives of children. They highlight the importance of a collaborative effort, where government bodies, non-governmental organizations, and community members work hand in hand to create a better future for the youngest members of society.

As we continue to strive for the holistic development of children in India, it is crucial to acknowledge and support the work done by YaR Forum. This forward serves as a testament to the power of collective action and the positive impact it can have on child welfare. By embracing and expanding these community-driven efforts, we can ensure that every child in India has the opportunity to reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to their community and the nation at large.

In this spirit of collaboration and community empowerment, we invite you to explore the insights and experiences shared in this work. Let it inspire us all to contribute to a brighter, more inclusive future for the children of India.

Fr. Thomas Santiago SDB
Provincial of Hyderabad Province
President - DB YaR Forum

Message from the Executive Director

Crack in the Wall

A sudden crack appeared in the living room wall. The frightened house owner covers the crack with colourful wall papers. He feels better and at peace. But the crack widens and tears the paper. This time he covers the crack with thicker paper and feels tranquil. Though ridiculous, the man follows the same pattern in other areas of his life as well. He closes his eyes before an obstacle in his path and temporarily feels contented. But the truth is, the problem remains.

Children's right to be protected from violence, exploitation and abuse is guaranteed by policies, legislations, and schemes. In reality, the victims of child abuse and denied rights are ever on the increase. When there is so much discussion about crimes committed by children, along with our government, we need to closely analyze the growing trend of crimes against children.

Emulating the ardent Salesian flame lit by Don Bosco, of reaching out to the poorest and most vulnerable youth, Don Bosco Young at Risk (YaR) Centres have reached out to lakhs of young people at risk in the last fifty years. DB YaR Forum with the network of 73 organizations across India reached out to 1,96,042 at-risk children and young persons in 2023-2024. Yet it is a challenge to explore the many dimensions and tangible programs of action to promote child rights, from the perspective of network and advocacy. We need to remedy the fostering hard-core problems, then to simply deal with their symptoms.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Tony Pellissery who has been in DB YaR Forum as a Joint Secretary for six years and as Executive Director for three transformative years. His visionary leadership has left a lasting impression. I salute his passion, innovation, and tireless dedication to YaR Forum.

In the past two years, DB YaR Forum has developed the Child Safeguarding Policy and Essential Protocols for its members. It is a game-changing policy to boost the child protection ecosystem in our YaR centres, ensuring our children are safe and healthy. This policy lays out clear guidelines for preventing and addressing abuse and neglect in our institutions. It is all about creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for our children.

DB YaR Forum legacy lives on in the unstinting efforts of the Salesians, staff, stakeholders, volunteers, benefactors, and our beloved children, in their pledge to carry forward the vision, mission and core values.



Best wishes,
Joe Prabu
Executive Director
DB YaR Forum

Gratitude to Our Inspiring Leaders



Fr. Tony Pellissery SDB

Deepest gratitude to Fr. Tony Pellissery for remarkable dedication and service. He has been an integral part of our organization, serving as Joint Secretary from 2014 to 2020 and later as Executive Director from 2020 to June 2023.

Fr. Joseph Leo served as Joint secretary and Director of Homelink from 2021 to 2023. His dedication and caring nature have positively impacted many lives.



Fr Joseph Leo SDB

Thank You, YaR Coordinators!

Thank you to YaR Coordinator whose terms have recently concluded. we acknowledge your hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our mission. Your contributions are deeply appreciated and have made a lasting impact.



Fr. James Paul from
Bangalore Province



Fr. Lester Fernandes
from Mumbai
Province



Fr. Edward Sacrawat
from New Delhi
Province



Fr. Peter Singarayer
from Tiruchy
Province

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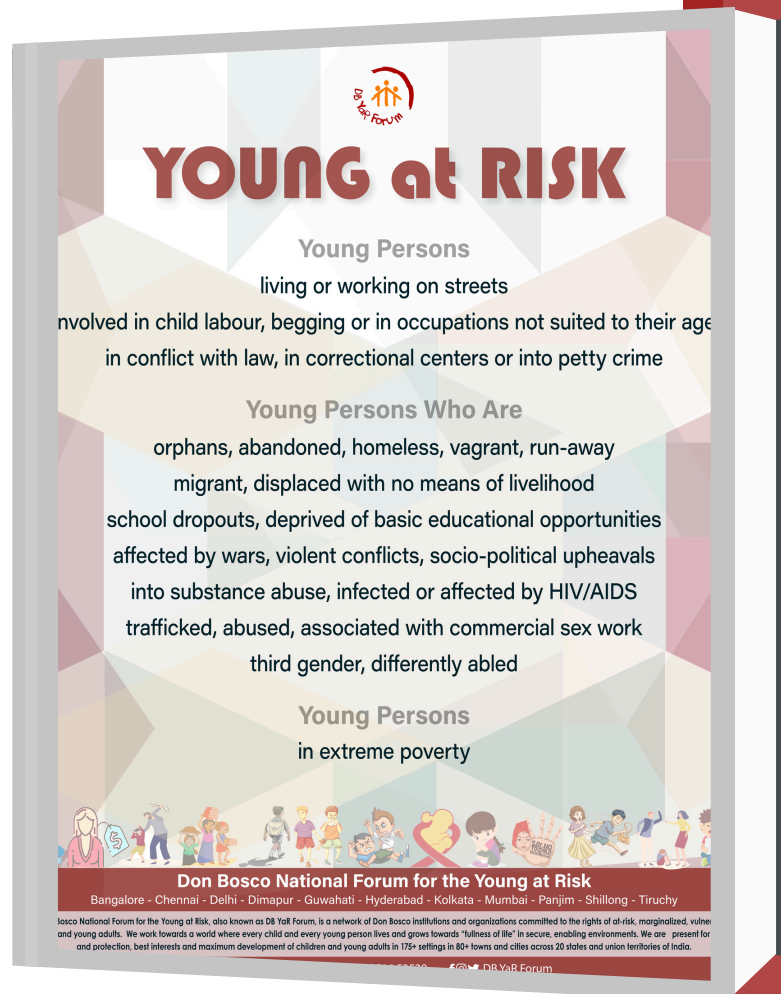
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DB YaR National Forum

The Don Bosco National Forum, for the Young at Risk is a network throughout India that supports and empowers youth. Operating in challenging areas DB YaR carries out outreach efforts, rescues and rehabilitation for at risk individuals. By adopting holistic approach, it offers care facilities, counseling services, vocational training and pathways for reintegration.

With 11 Provincial Commissions across Bangalore, Chennai, Dimapur, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi, Panjim, Shillong and Tiruchy. **DB YaR National Forum supported and assisted a total of 2,86,961 people in 2023 - 2024 through various programs in multiple cities.**

Advocating for the rights of youth its goal is to create a society where they can realize their potential and make positive contributions. Fundamentally DB YaR paves the way for at risk youth to assimilate and prosper independently through education as an essential resource and assistance.



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Vision, Mission and Aim

VISION

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

AIM

Assist, promote, channelize, undertake, charitable, social, education and humanitarian work irrespective of caste, community, religion and economic status solely for philanthropic purpose, without prejudice and not for the purpose of profit.

MISSION

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



YaR Statistics

The Don Bosco Young at Risk National Forum 2023 - 2024 statistics report provides a full description of the forum's activities, impact, and data-driven findings. The national team meticulously collected and combined data from provincial services, ensuring accuracy through collaborative evaluations.

The report acknowledges the Don Bosco YaR community's challenges while also highlighting opportunities for progress. It emphasizes data-driven decision-making, collaboration, and proactive action, positioning the community as a force for youth empowerment and social justice. The forum's ideas operate as a compass, pointing the way forward and laying the framework for future growth, creativity, and impact in the field of youth at-risk ministry.



June 2023– May 2024

95337 No. of Children & Young Adults in Community Based Programs

90919 No. of Migrant Workers Reached

84856 No. of Children & Young Adults reached through Collaborative Networks

15289 No. of Children in Institutions & Children's Home

10047 No. of Families Reached

3773 No. of Community Based Programs

2713 Personnel involved in YaR Ministry (SDB, Staff , Volunteers)

655 No. of Collaborative Networks

560 No. of Young Adults in After Care/ Room Placement

147 No. of Institutions & Children's Home

36 Migrants' Desks

30 No. of After Care/ Room Placement

Imagine YaR Ministry

Crafting Tomorrow's Journey Together



The Perspective Plan of the DB YaR National Forum is a comprehensive strategic guide, created collaboratively since February 2019. The Forum engaged all provinces in ongoing dialogue to shape the future of Salesian Ministry for Young at Risk (YaR) in India.

During the Annual General Body Meeting in Mumbai on September 20, 2019, over **60+ delegates** prioritized key issues for the next five years. This inclusive process involved extensive back-and-forth communication from July 2023, from YaR Leaders orientation and is continuing, ensuring the planned implementation of programs.

Thus, progress was monitored via Google Forms, allowing real-time assessment and adaptability to the needs of at-risk youth. The plan embodies strategic vision, inclusivity, and collective impact.



Priority Issues Across Provinces

Substance Abuse/Addiction



Migrant Children & Youth



Youth aging out of Institutional Care



Focus on Prevention Strategies



Street Children



Neighbourhood Learning Support



School Dropouts



YaR in Rural Areas



Children in Conflict with Law



Core Intervention Strategies

1. Preventive education regarding risks like addictions
2. Provision of alternative education opportunities
3. Community awareness and mobilization efforts
4. Operating rehabilitation, counseling and reintegration services

Achievements of Imagine YaR Ministry

1

Reaching 125 schools, 22,000+ children, and 2500 women with awareness and counseling on addiction.

2

Establishing Substance Abuse Rehab Centers to support the local community.

3

Expanding YaR Ministry presence to 20+ new communities.

4

Reaching out to youth and establishing a centre for young in conflict with law.

5

Building strong community ties and recognition of YaR Ministry among people.

6

Reaching out to Migrants for their well being and rights.



Homelink Network

The Homelink Network, launched in 2002 by DB YaR Forum, supports at-risk youth across India. It employs data-driven decision-making and technology to provide timely interventions. With 8 Hubs and multiple Nodes, it connects **87 member organizations** through the Homelink



Child MISS web tool, housing data on over **398,141 children**. Coordinated from Delhi, it covers 20 states with regional hubs in major cities. The network aims to safeguard vulnerable youth's well-being and future prospects through informed, collaborative efforts.

From Homelink Child MISS to Homelink DIGI

Child MISS, an online platform for managing services for at-risk youth, is used by over **87 NGOs**. It's evolving into **Homelink DIGI**, developed with Elait IT and Cateina Technologies. This upgrade reflects the network's adaptability and commitment to supporting vulnerable children.

Data Entries from April 2023 and March 2024

51489

Entries in Child MISS

6818

Children were restored to families and guardians

4963

Entries were made for follow up

4543

Were reached through outreach activities

Services rendered

17878

Data registered

6677

Entries for events

2823

Entries for call and rescue

1084

Entries for Caring Community Group members

302

Entries for Volunteers



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Development of the Homelink DIGI

Homelink DIGI is advancing with the integration of Child PPa and facial recognition API. Data corrections and migration is ongoing, while Power BI templates is near completion. The system features live dashboards, cloud storage, and AI integration, enhancing child protection measures. Virtual sessions and extensive testing ensure functionality and user acceptance of this innovative platform.

National Training and Launch of Homelink DIGI

DB YaR Forum hosted a "Digital Innovation and Social Transformation" training in Goa from January 17-19, 2024. The event, led by Elait team, aimed to empower 30 Hub Directors, Coordinators, and delegates from 11 provinces with digital skills.

Homelink DIGI Testing by HLK Team

A comprehensive series of User Acceptance Testing (UTA) sessions has been initiated and is currently ongoing. By focusing on key areas of the tool and application, the UTA testing aims to enhance reliability and functionality for optimal performance.

Training for NGOs and Civil Society Organizations

Bangalore: WeLive Foundation to adopt Homelink DIGI for Aftercare program.

Chennai: Presented to 32 MSW students from 5 colleges.

Coimbatore: Introduced at Silver Jubilee Symposium to 250 members.

Delhi: Demonstrated to 184 participants from 15 NGOs at Don Bosco Ashalayam.

Mumbai: Raised awareness on digitalization; presented to FMA Sisters' National Coordinator for potential nationwide expansion.





Training on Children's Issues

Eight hubs conducted 16-plus training sessions for youth, promoting "**Healthy Mind, Healthy Life**" and child rights awareness. Events included discussions on well-being, digital safety, and cultural programs. Activities ranged from health talks to competitions and rallies.

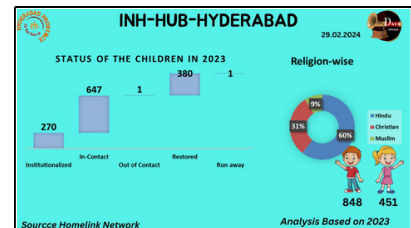
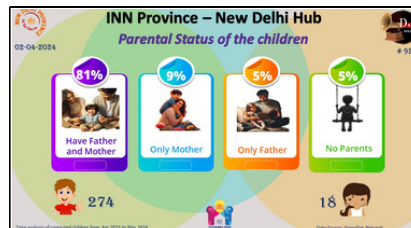
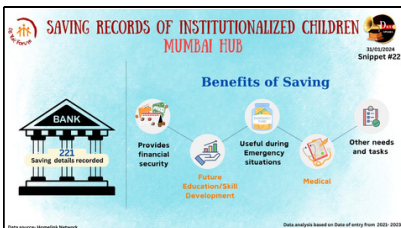
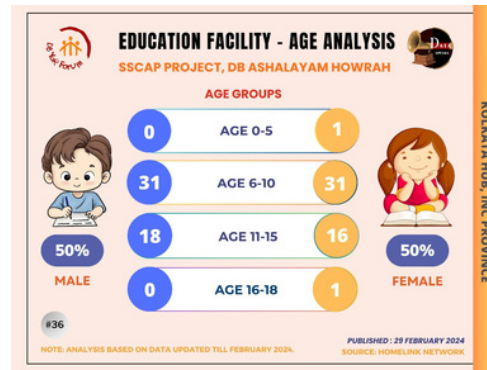
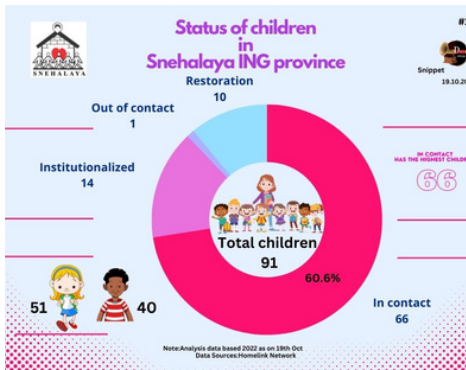
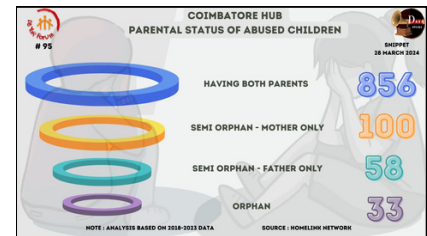
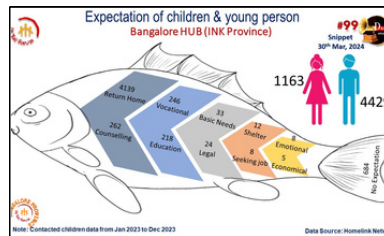
Homelink Training in Chennai

The Hub Coordinators participated in a two-day (22-23 Sept) training program focused on designing reports with optimal formats and colour combinations to elevate the quality of the reports. The program aimed to enhance the coordinators' ability to create impactful reports while also addressing challenges through innovative technological solutions.



Homelink DIGI Testing by HLK Team

"Data Speaks" represents a groundbreaking effort by the Don Bosco National Forum for Young at Risk and the Homelink Network, championing a culture of data-driven management. Learning from social media trends and recognising the increased reach and visibility of Instagram reels, the 1-minute video snippet was introduced. Between April 2023 – March 2024 the hubs produced and shared on social media platforms a total of **36 video snippets** and **60 graphic snippet**.



Homelink

Data Intelligence for Global Interface



Don Bosco for Migrants

Assistance for Manipur Kukis

Support was provided for the Manipur Kukis arriving in Bombay, Chennai, Bangalore, and Delhi. DB4M Desks in these provinces coordinated with Kukki student unions. Thanks to the provinces of IND, ING, INS, INM, INK, and INB for their outreach efforts.

National Migrant Workshop



The National Migrant Workshop was convened on July 11th and 12th, 2023, at Nitika, Kolkata, with 40 delegates participating. Discussions centered around the themes of '**Know how and Act how**'. Strategies were outlined to enhance connectivity between destinations and sources, promote the Migrant Labour Helpline, conduct monthly capacity-building sessions, arrange migrant Immersion programs, and ensure project sustainability. Special recognition and gratitude were accorded to the INC Provincial, Economer, and Administrator of Nitika for their invaluable support.



Migrant Forum Formation

The Province Level Migrant Forums were formed to raise awareness on the need for young migrants to have access to healthcare, education, and other essential services. In each province, DB4M brought together government representatives, non-governmental organizations, and



CSO leaders to collaborate on providing support systems for migrants. As a result, these forums have been established across all provinces, involving various migrant partners and stakeholders. Additionally, each forum maintains a WhatsApp group to reach out to migrants during times of need and emergencies. Nearly 200 partners are collaborating with DB4M in India to support the migrant ministry.

Migrant Labour Helpline

The Migrant Labour Helpline (9642372372) employs 10 staff members proficient in various languages to assist callers across different provinces in India. A systematic monthly online monitoring and evaluation process assesses the effectiveness of language assistance and generates action reports. Additionally, communication is facilitated through the DB4M WhatsApp group, where offline mediation is carried out to address migrants' grievances, redressals, and crises.

The DB4M migrant labour helpline team, which includes staff members, volunteers, well-wishers, and province-level migrant forum members, actively engages themselves with these issues, working collaboratively within their respective provinces to find resolutions.



Migrant Immersion Programmes

The Migrant Exposure Program took place in Chennai, Udaipur, and Ahmednagar, aiming to provide DB4M Salesians and participants with an in-depth understanding of migrant issues and services. In Chennai, on September 2nd and 3rd, 2023, DB4M staff interacted with various migrant NGOs, unorganized trade unions, sectoral workers, and religious organizations. This interaction had a profound impact on the participants, who also visited brick kilns, construction sites, and manufacturing sectors to gain a broader perspective. The programme continued in Udaipur and Ahmednagar on November 7th and 8th, 2023, with visits to the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Ajeevika Bureau) in Ahmednagar and the Rajasthan, both of which extend vital migrant services. These experiences collectively enriched the DB4M Salesians' understanding of the challenges and support systems available for migrants.

Data Collection & Surveys

DB4M organized training sessions for data collection using the Destination Form for INS, INB, Rourkela, Bihar, and UP. The provinces of ING, IND, and INS gathered and compiled 2,523 sourced data entries. This data, identifying potential young migrants, was entered into Google Studio for subsequent follow-up and additional counselling. Data collection efforts in source areas were particularly organized in migrant-prone Salesian Parishes of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha in INN and ING-Satgaon. These efforts involved collaboration with parish priests, catechists, and volunteers. Moreover, on August 9th, the DB4M desks collaborated with the UN Salesian representative to conduct the World Survey on Migrants.

DB4M Monthly Capacity Building

Knowledge building on Migration was the major focus of capacity building for the Salesians and staff members. Monthly online capacity-building sessions were scheduled for the second Friday of each month,



from 10 am to 11 am. The themes explored during these sessions included the Right to Education Act, the Unorganized Social Security Act, the Interstate Migrant Act, and the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, with a focus on registration procedures and associated benefits. Additionally, the sessions addressed the intersection of migrants and trade unions, highlighting critical issues. These sessions provided valuable insights into significant legislative frameworks and social policies affecting various sectors by Labour experts.

Comprehensive Legal Framework

Recognizing the lack of specific legal provisions for this vulnerable workforce, a committee was established to draft a comprehensive law tailored to address their needs. DB4M actively participated in formulating this legal framework, with a specific focus on migrant workers. The North Zone consultation, at the Indian Social Institute in Bangalore, while the South Zone consultation took place at the Railway Mazdoor Union office in Pahar Ganj, New Delhi. DB4M participated in these consultations, contributing to the preparations for the comprehensive law for informal workers.

Safe Migration Campaign in Source States

Migration often occurs in the remote interiors of jungles and villages. DB4M Safe Migration Campaign expanded its efforts to the interior jungles of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Goa, and Karnataka to raise awareness and promote safe migration practices.



Collaboration with Bishops, CBCI, CCBI, Caritas, Christian Workers Movement, and Seminaries

DB4M is actively engaged with the Indian church in empowering migrants, collaborating extensively with church bodies across India. Their collaborative programs include "Social Securities for the Elderly and Senior Citizens" by the Christian Workers Movement in Bandra, Mumbai, and visits to Caritas, Pravasi Bandhus projects in Delhi, Jharkhand, Simdega, Salem, Coimbatore, and Bangalore. DB4M also collaborates with ISI New Delhi and the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) in Geneva for events like "Care for Migrants: Scenario and Future Projects" and offers a pastoral course for the Poonamallee Deacons in Chennai.

Collaboration with State, National, and International Bodies

A pivotal aspect of DB4M's advocacy-driven mission. DB4M has engaged in various impactful initiatives, including participating in a workshop focusing on the rights of domestic workers at the Indian Habitat Centre in Delhi, interacting with the ILO office in Delhi, conducting an online meeting with the ILO on migrant corridors, joining the Working Peoples Coalition on ESI at the Constitutional Club in Delhi, attending NREGA Sangharsh Morcha's National Convention at Raja Ram Mohan Roy Memorial Hall in New Delhi, participating in the Worker-Peasant United Front by Mazdoor Ekta Committee, playing an active role in the workshop on Strengthening Social Protection for India's informal sector at ISI Bangalore, contributing to the India Social Forum in Patna, Bihar, collaborating with the Delhi Minority Commission on migrant children's education, participating in a workshop on Sexual Harassment at the Workplace Law at St. Xavier's Hall in Trivandrum, and joining an online webinar on Migration, Gender, and Forced Displacement hosted by the Migration Youth and Children Platform.



Child Friendly Cities Initiatives



August 2021- March 2024

The Child Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI) promotes the concept of "child-friendly cities" in Shillong and Dimapur, focusing on children's rights, leadership, and civic engagement. Children, through clubs and councils, collaborate with adults and civil society to engage local government in enacting a child-centered society.

10,495

Children sensitized

453

Duty bearers engaged

685

Civil society members sensitized

101

Formed child rights clubs

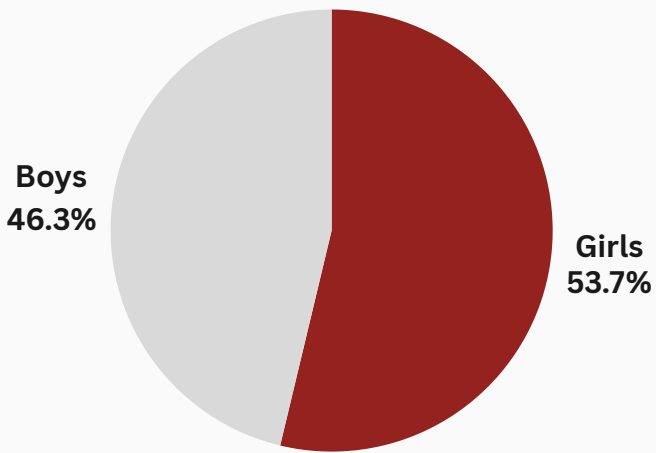


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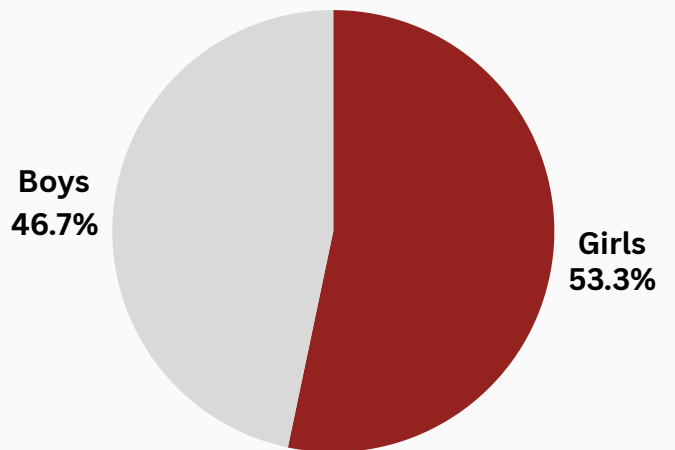


Children Participation



No. of Girls = 5640
No. of Boys = 4855

Youth Participation



No. of Girls = 930
No. of Boys = 815





DB YaR Social Audit

Highlights of Social Audit: Standards of Care (SoC)

61

SoC Completed

Across 10 provinces

19

INK (Karnataka)

Highest number of
SoC completed

10

INH (Hyderabad)

Second highest number
of SoC completed

Timeline Highlights

Started: Version 2: 29 July 2022

No of Reviews from Provinces: 4

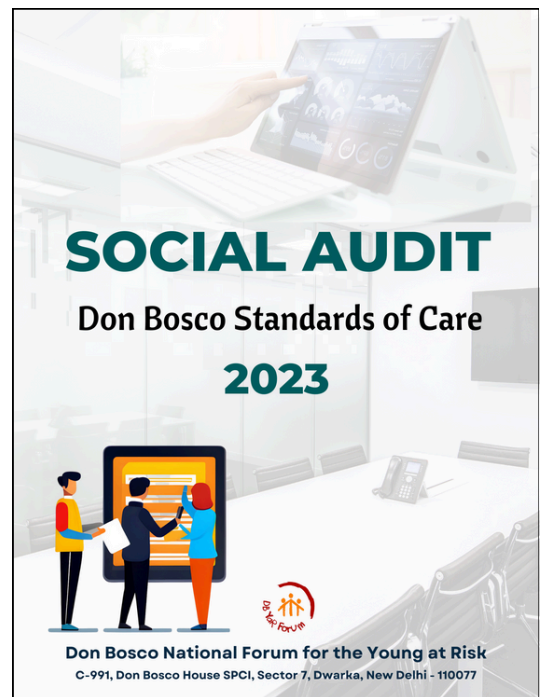
Final amendments: Nov. 2023

Final Review from Provinces: Dec. 2023

Final Dissemination: Dec. 2023

The Don Bosco Standards of Care document is a thorough framework that demonstrates the Salesian community's dedication to providing great care and assistance to young people.

This document, created through a collaborative process involving educators, administrators, caregivers, and specialists, captures the values, principles, and best practices that define the Don Bosco approach. **It assures legal compliance while also incorporating the distinctive Salesian ideal of loving and strengthening at-risk adolescents.** The standards serve as a baseline for member organizations, encouraging continual progress and adhering to the highest levels of holistic care and development.



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DB YaR Leaders' Orientation



The 2023 Young at Risk Leaders' Orientation was held on 27th - 28th July 2023 at SPCI House, New Delhi. The two-day orientation event was organized to address various aspects related to youth ministry, financial sustainability, skill development, advocacy efforts, child protection, and child development. The orientation aimed to inspire and create ripples of change from within communities outward. Participants returned to their communities with new skills, a renewed motivation, and strategic direction for assisting at-risk adolescents in overcoming obstacles and realizing their full potential. **Rev. Fr. Davis Maniparamben** launched the YaR Website.

Fr. Patrick Lepcha

Presented the Salesian Youth Ministry's services to tackle youth challenges like peer pressure and low self-confidence, while emphasizing quality education.

Fr. Joe Prabu

Discussed data handling and policy adherence.

Fr. Santharaj

Focused on financial sustainability principles involving mission alignment, beneficiary involvement, and staff satisfaction.

Fr. George Mathew

Stressed formalizing skill sets through certification programs for credibility and steady funding.

Fr. Francis Bosco

Highlighted advocacy efforts against labor exploitation, caste-based issues, and child marriage.



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Ms. Seema Khandekar

Emphasized on Social Investigation Reports and Individual Care Plans for understanding each child's needs.

Adv. Surbhi Sharma

led a policy discussion on the YaR Child Safeguarding Policy's zero tolerance, child's best interest, and procedural fairness principles.

Ms. Charu Makkar

Presented on Implications of Child Laws & Childline: Issues & Strategies



DB YaR Annual Seminar



The **18th YaR Seminar** was held on **September 20 and 21, 2023**, The theme of seminar was **“Enhancing Mental Well-being of Young at Risk”**. **97** Salesians and Don Bosco staff from around India gathered at Don Bosco's **Ennore campus** for a two-day seminar with a common goal to improve their understanding on mental well-being of young people at risk. The conference, organized in conjunction with **Niraivagam**, looked at new ways to promote well-being among at-risk young people.



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Dr. Shiva Prakash

Presented on the theme of 'Trends and critical analysis of well-being among YaR'

Fr. Selvaraj SDB

Presented on 'Psychosocial situational analysis of YaR in today's scenario' and 'Holistic integrated approach of prevention and intervention for YaR'

Dr. Sr. Sheela SAB

Presented on 'Mental and Emotional Well-being of YaR'

Fr. Joseph Leo

Presented on 'Imagine YaR Ministry and Way Forward'

Participants learned practical skills for **Cognitive Behavioral Therapy** and investigated topics such as purpose-driven enthusiasm. The seminar increased collective effect by providing participants with techniques for creating enriched environments for at-risk youth's mental health.

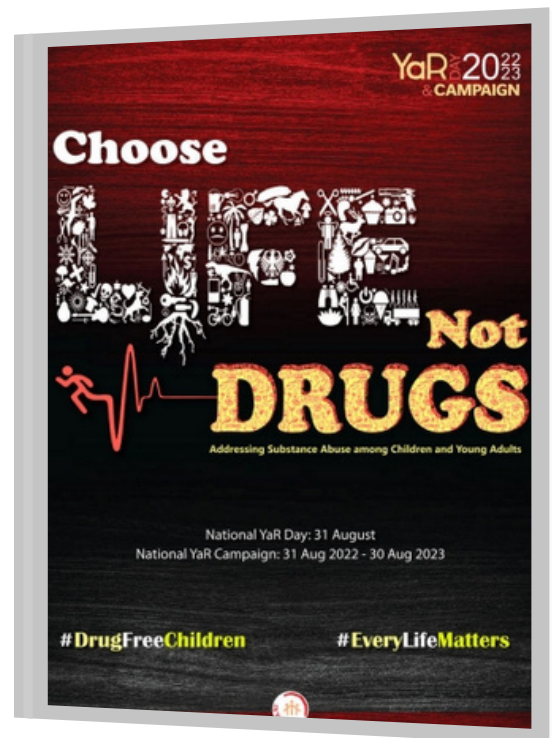
The seminar's defining spirit was to ignite an honest commitment to action, transcend ideas, and bring together various stakeholders who shared a common goal of planting seeds for the wellbeing of adolescents. Fueled by this, participants left with ready determination to nourish the minds of the young, as increasing their mental health necessitates continuing, joint effort, similar to how maintaining a garden necessitates daily care.



National Forum Campaigns & National YaR Day

The "Choose Life. Not Drugs" campaign concluded on YaR Day held on **August 31, 2023**. A year of powerful efforts to address youth substance abuse in the 11 provinces of DB YaR National Forum, India.

As the campaign came to an end, its spirit persisted, encouraging provinces, partners, stakeholders, and individuals to maintain the momentum for awareness and prevention. We stood together in our commitment to promote a drug-free environment that protects future generations.



Highlights Of "Choose Life, Not Drugs"

11 Info bytes

10 Vibrant posters

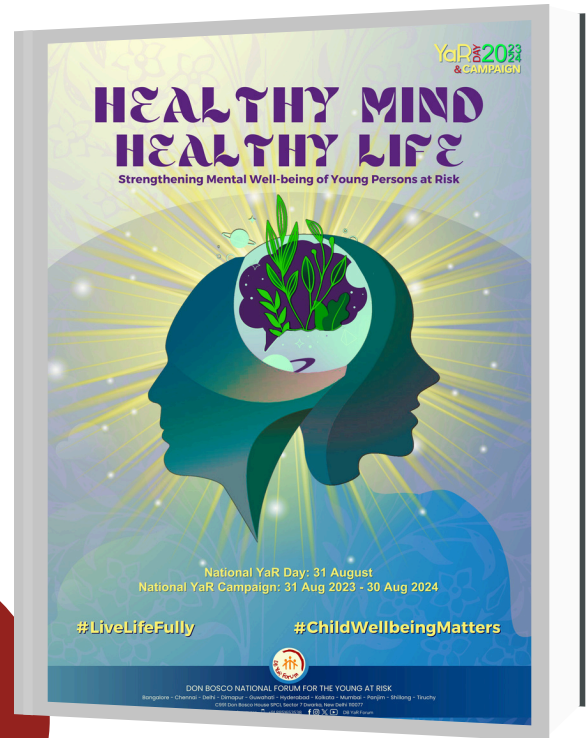
26 Educational movies

27 Informative publications



The **2023 - 2024 Campaign "Healthy Mind, Healthy Life"** (#ChildWellbeingMatters and #LiveLifeFully), was **debuted online on YaR Day, August 31, 2024 and offline on September 20, 2023 in seminar.**

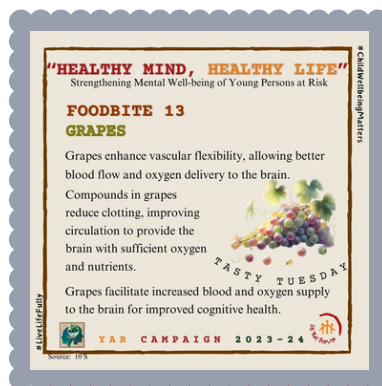
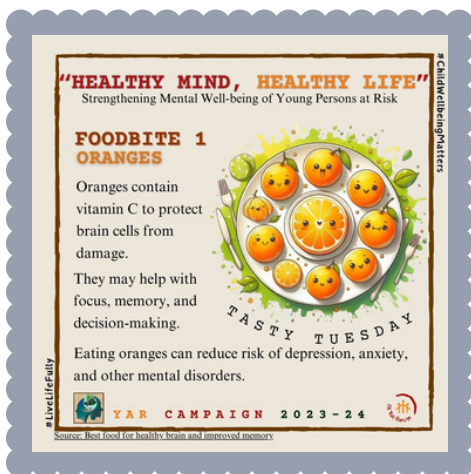
The campaign spotlights Mental well-being, a concept we haven't fully explored before. Our aim was to improve understanding and spread awareness on the mental health of at-risk young adults. From October 2023 to March 2024, 12 monthly flip books were released on mental health issues for the benefit of children in need.



Highlights Of "Healthy Mind, Healthy Life"

- 12 Flipbooks
- 10 Food Bite

A weekly series named "Tasty Tuesday" featuring nutritious food bites, emphasizing the link between nutrition and well-being. The campaign also made it visibility on social media handle like twitter and instagram for reaching out to children, partners and other stakeholders.



YaR 2023 & CAMPAIGN

#ChildWellbeingMatters
#LiveLifeFully

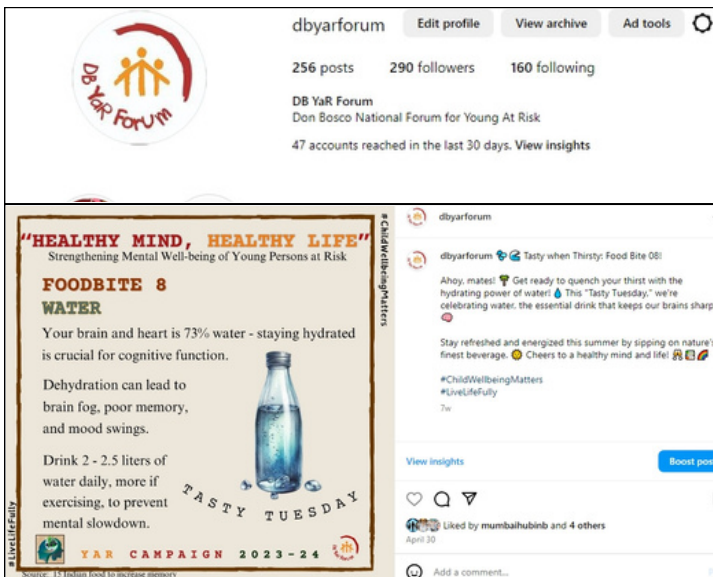


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Website & Social Media

The Don Bosco National Forum for Young People at Risk **website was officially launched on July 29, 2023**, as part of the leaders' orientation program. This portal highlights YaR's nationwide activity and releases critical information and statistics, announcements, and publications to promote transparency and awareness.

Furthermore, YaR Forum has been actively engaging on social media platforms such as WhatsApp (155 participants in campaign group), Instagram (250 posts), and Twitter (164 posts) to disseminate campaign materials such as flip books, food bites, activity engagement documents, and related information, fostering widespread outreach and engagement.



155+ What's App group participant

250 Instagram Post with 291 followers

164 Twitter Post with 64 followers



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Child Safeguarding Policy

The Don Bosco YaR Child Safeguarding Policy was thoroughly reviewed at the **September 2023 Annual General Meeting**. A legal team integrated proposals, which were then scrutinized by a 5-member committee. The national team compiled and cross-checked against external documents of Child Protection Policies to ensure that all important themes were addressed. Following thorough conversations, finalized proposals were returned for further refinement.

This collaborative review process involving numerous stakeholders intended to develop the policy by including varied perspectives and painstaking attention to detail, demonstrating YaR's strong commitment towards safeguarding children. The policy will lay the groundwork for protecting children's rights and well-being, with ongoing growth that incorporates stakeholder input to increase preventative and response mechanisms, increasing awareness and accountability at all levels.

***Will be
Launched on***

Date: 30th May 2024

***Venue: Don Bosco
Provincial House
New Delhi***



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Governing Body Meeting

The Governing Body for the 2023 - 2024 convened its first meeting on September 19, 2023, in DBYAC, Ennore, Chennai.

The second meeting was held in Pallotti Home, Vasco da Gama, Goa, from January 19 to 20, 2024

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting for the 2023 - 2024 also occurred on September 22, 2023, in DBYAC, Ennore, Chennai.



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YaR Awards 2023 - 24



In 2013, DB Yar Forum started National Awards for outstanding achievements in serving Young at Risk. In 2017, new categories in awards were, included like Innovative Programme, Research, Short Film,

Personalities of DB YaR Forum, and YaR Lifetime Achievement. In 2021, YaR Children's Awards, YaR Social Media Award, and HomeLink Phoenix Award were added making it as 14 categories in total.

The **10th YaR Award for 2022 - 23** took place in **Ennore** during the seminar to recognize and acknowledge the outstanding work with **93 nominations** across all categories.

| | Categories | Provinces | Name of the winners |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1 | Awards Received by Institutions | INH INB | NAVJEEVAN BALA BHAVAN SOCIETY, VIJAYAWADA BOSCO BOYS WELFARE SOCIETY |
| 2 | Awards Received by Individuals | INK INK INT INN | Mrs. PADMAKSHI N.T. Mr. RAMASWAMY Fr. CASIMIR RAJ M. Fr. BIJU AKKILETTU |
| 3 | Personalities of DB YaR Forum | INC | Mr. ANIRUDDHA BHATTACHARYYA |
| 4 | YaR Children's Award (18 to 21 years) | INK | Ms. ARPITHA K. |



| | Categories | Provinces | Name of the winners |
|----|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 5 | YaR Children's Award (Below 18 years) | INK | Ms. SATHYA A. |
| 6 | YaR Alumni Award | INK | Mr. MARIYAPPA V. |
| 7 | YaR Innovative Programme Award | INC | STREET & SLUM CHILDREN ASSISTANCE PROJECT (SSCAP) |
| 8 | YaR Research Award | INH | NEETHODU INTEGRATED COUNSELING CENTRE - NICC, VIJAYAWADA |
| 9 | YaR Short Film Award | INB | SAY NO TO DRUGS |
| 10 | YaR Social Media Award | INM | THE DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY, CHENNAI |
| 11 | HomeLink Network - Best Hub Award | INH | Mr. JONNALAGADDA PRASAD |
| 12 | HomeLink Network - Best Node Award | INK | BOSCO BANGALORE |

Life Time Achievement Award was received by

Fr. VINCENT MARIAPRAGASAM SDB



Financial Summary

| Interventions | Funds Available | Funds Utilized | Balance |
|--|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Homelink - KMW:CMK | 71,28,896.59 | 49,19,648.21 | 22,09,248.38 |
| People's Protection App | 14,22,811.67 | 11,51,612.06 | 2,71,199.61 |
| Safety Protect With YaR for Mobile & Web App | 17,98,810.00 | 17,98,803.82 | 6.18 |
| Young Migrant Workers | 7,56,331.00 | 7,56,331.00 | - |
| DB Excellence in Schools | 26,98,749.41 | 3,19,019.00 | 23,79,730.41 |
| YaR Activities: FC General | 29,57,022.55 | 9,32,186.69 | 20,24,835.86 |
| Total | 1,67,62,621.22 | 98,77,600.78 | 68,85,020.44 |

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We express a word of heartfelt thanks and invoke God's Blessings, also on behalf of all our young people, on all our donors, supporters, well-wishers and friends.



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