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Bal Umang Drishya Sanstha (BUDS)

Bal Umang Drishya Sanstha (BUDS) is a registered, non-profit organization formed with the objective of advancing the well being, education, health and welfare of children in India without distinction of caste, class, gender, ethnicity, religion, rural/ urban, physical or mental disability. **BUDS was established in 2000, and was registered, as an Indian Not for Profit Trust 2003 (BUDS Registration no. 11686/4 of 2003.),** with the country office located in New Delhi.

BUDS aims is to serve the underserved children by preventing diseases, promoting health and providing access to education to every child.

BUDS VISION: envisions a society where every child is in school, free from abuse, neglect, child labour and poverty.

BUDS MISSION

a) Promote every child in school
b) Prevent disease and promote early child health and development, and
c) Create lasting change by building healthy community and promote sustainable development.

BUDS CORE VALUES

- Respects that every child has basic rights to education, health, nutrition, development and protection
- Promote equitable access
- Partners with Government, other NGO's and allied International organization
- Ensure program and fiscal accountability, respect diversity, support community self-determination.
- Ensure minimal over-head costs.
- Encourage voluntary participation of professionals such as doctors, teachers, lawyers, scientists child rights and social activists.

REGISTRATION

BUDS is registered as an Indian Not for Profit Trust since 2003 (BUDS v no. 11686/4 of 2003.)

TAX EXEMPTION

All Donation to BUDS are exempted U/s 80G (income tax Act 1961): 50 % tax exemption

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Message from the President

Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of Bal UmangDrishyaSanstha (BUDS), it is indeed my privilege to introduce the present annual report of BUDS ending March31, 2016. The past year has been marked with several challenges and achievements.

BUDS has been working in two different urban slum locations (Nizamudin railway station, Red Fort-Mori gate, New Delhi) amongst the **orphan and vulnerable children (OVC)** since 2003. Its goal is to reduce the vulnerability of children and youth living and working in the urban slums through a continuum of services that address their education, health, physical, psychological, life skills and vocational development. This year the program reached out to 1000 street and working children, working as rag pickers and other hazardous occupations. The OVC program continues to offer its different services through outreach activities, drop-in centre's (DIC) and vocational training centres. Families and other community members were also mobilized to address the needs of these children.

BUDS has launched a new project **"Enhancing Health Care Access with Cellular Technology"** in village Gandhi Gram Gasera, Nu, Mewat, Haryana. This has become possible due to an educational Indo-US R03 Grant, jointly sponsored by National Institute of Health (NIH) USA and Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India. BUDS personnel are evaluating a software platform in mother-infant units to improve uptake and coverage of primary childhood vaccinations. BUDS has embarked on this novel mobile cellular technology based approach for timely vaccination reminder service to significantly improve health and survival.

BUDS is indeed grateful to all our supporters for their generous contributions and donation. Our strategic activities aim to strengthen project management, staff capacity building training and building partnerships/network with government agencies and allied NGOs. For long term program sustainability, BUDS continues to include community resources and develop peer educators training and their participation as front line workers.

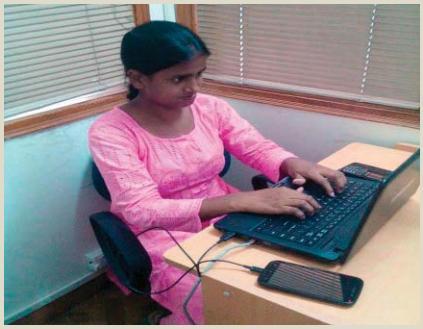
BUDS invites your attention and please do visit and volunteer your time to one of our project sites. With your insight, expertise and valuable constructive feedback, we look forward to make a positive difference in the lives of these vulnerable children.

Sincerely Yours,

Rajeev Seth

Dr Rajeev Seth
Managing Trustee and President

Case Study



Kavita, 24 years lives with her family at the KoochaMohattar Khan community, near Kashmere Gate metro station, Delhi. She belongs to a poor family. Her father earns only 6000 per month, which is hardly sufficient for their basic needs. However, this did not deter Kavita's from completing B.Com. Thanks to her parents, all other siblings are pursuing their studies

The BUDS outreach team visits the community on a daily basis to identify vulnerable and marginalized children and youth. The children are then provided guidance and support through Orphan and Vulnerable Children and Youth program (OYCY). BUDS out team reached out to Kavita's family. After interacting with her family, the outreach team enrolled her in OVCY program. Her formal training included computer and Internet, Typing Speed, Spoken English and Interpersonal skills and Social confidence. After the completion of the course, another organization, ETASHA assist the students in getting placement offers with different agencies and companies in the fields of receptionists, data entry operators, front desk assistants, computer operator, office assistant etc.

Kavita was a hard- working and sincere student. She learnt the skills quickly. After the completion of the program, she was also provided support and guidance in her job placement. Dedicated BUDS and ETASHA group staff member helped Kavita get a job with the **UBER HEALTH** at Noida at 8000 rupees per month with travelling allowance and other benefits.

BUDS look forward to a bright future for dear Kavita

Case Study

Sanju Yadav is 14 years old girl living in Kuchhamohtar khan, New Delhi. Sanju's family is poor and belong to a scheduled caste. Her father is a tomato seller in daryaganj and mother is a housewife. She has 2 sisters and 1 brother. She is currently studying in 10th class.

The BUDS outreach team reached out to her family. Sanju was low in confidence, had poor communication skills and difficulty with English language. She used to become nervous very easily. She wasted a lot of time watching TV and was getting poor grades. She was also depressed from a poor relationship with her elder brother.

BUDS enrolled Sanju as remedial class student. In over 6months, the BUDS remedial education team helped her in enhancing her vocabulary, reading, writing and speaking skills. At present, she can speak with more confidence in public. She received encouragement in developing her hobbies such as handball, table tennis, and performing yoga. She received an award during the New Year carnival. At present, Sanju aspires to complete her studies without any problem

Sanju says that BUDS shall fulfill my dreams and bright future!

PROJECT/ACTIVITIS 2015-2016

Orphan & Vulnerable children program

URBAN SLUMS

Health Care

Medical Camp's were conducted in two drop in center (DIC) at Nizamuddin railway Station and Red Fort-Mori Gate slum regions, New Delhi. Senior pediatricians including Dr RN Srivastava, Dr Rajeev Seth & Dr Uma Agrawal volunteer their time for these health camps. Health camps are organized every fortnight, as per the needs of the children. Dr Seth is available round the clock to handle emergency calls if any.

Health check up provide basic weight/Height assessment, checks for anemia/nutritional deficiency, acute care/first aid, treatment of common infections such as viral fever, upper respiratory infection, skin infections (pyoderma), diarrhea, pneumonia, Tuberculosis, Sexually transmitted diseases/HIV/ AIDS. About 50-60 Children/ people from the community benefit from the medical clinic. Medicines are given free of cost. Every child is provided vaccinations free of cost.

Nutrition

Mid Day Meal Program was started in July 2012 (almost 4years ago) for Street children, mainly rag pickers, child labourers, children engaged in menial tasks, work in eateries in Red Fort-Mori gate area of old Delhi. Every day 35-45 children at the Mori Gate DIC are served hot cooked food. Raw material are bought from local sabzimandi, local grocery store, all bills/receipts are kept every month. Cooking gas cylinders are also provided. Field program manager Yawer Qaiyam, Staff superviser Sandhya Mandal, Cook Sunita Sharma are responsible for the success of this program.Major donors of this program are Dr Meera Prakash, Dr Shalini Bansal & Mr. RC Mody.

Vocational & Skill Development

BUDS strongly believes in building vocational and skill development for these groups of vulnerable children. Mr. RC Mody takes personal interest and supervision of children for their higher education. Case of Pintu Jha, an ex-street child,

is a shining example of what we can together achieve!Pintu has graduate from Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) program, IGNOU, New Delhi and now enrolled in MCA. BUDS is providing vocational training to 37 vulnerable children/ youths from Nizamuddin Railway station area in the age group of 15-25 years.

Children day celebration, DMA Hall, Delhi

BUDS co-organized a very successful Children's day celebrations on November, 2015, at Delhi Medical Association Hall, Daryaganj, New Delhi from 11 to 4pm, along with Indian Child Abuse Neglect & Child Labor (ICANCL) group, Delhi Medical Association (DMA) and our allied NGO's. The event raised the self esteem of more than 300 under-served children, who participated from four different slum sites. The orphan and vulnerable children got an opportunity to express themselves through a painting competition and a grand cultural program, full of fun, songs, dances and a play, as per enclosed program. All children were given warm winter cloths and awards. The children were served hot cooked lunch on arrival and refreshments at the end of the event.

The following senior doctors addressed, motivated and blessed the children: Dr Rajeev Seth, Dr Uma Agrawal, Dr RN Srivastava and Dr Yogesh Sarin. Mr. Aseem Pal, Yawar Qaiyum, Ramesh Paswan, Shobha Yadav and Sandhya motivated the children. Ms Bonnie and Tony Uppal donated toys, while Mandeep and Shradha Wasu donated warm winter sweaters for the children. BUDS office bearers have no words to thank everyone for their support to the children day celebration: *a day of joy, freedom and to engage in fun!*

UNDER- SERVED VILLAGE PROJECT

Despite the impressive economic strides India has made, education and access to basic health carecoverage is abysmally low in rural communities. BUDS has recently (2015) adopted an under- servedVillage Ghasera, also known as Gandhi Gram Ghasera, because of historic visit by Mahatma Gandhi to this village at the time of partition. The village is located near Nu, Mewat Haryana and has a population of over 15000. The goal of thisprogram is to enhance access to education, basic health care of the vulnerable rural children. BUDShas organized several medical camps here andevaluated the needs of the

community. One of themajor challenges is inadequate vaccination coverage, which leads to outbreak of vaccine-preventablediseases, poor child health and survival. Ideally, asuccessful vaccination program should includemaintaining / tracking records, and efficientlyconnecting target populations with needed vaccines.Recently, there has been a dramatic increase inmobile phone usage and short message services(SMS) even in rural poor populations. BUDS hasembarked on a novel mobile cellular technologybased approach for timely vaccination reminderservice to significantly improve health outcomes.

"Enhancing Health Care Access with Cellular Technology"

BUDS has launched a project "EnhancingHealth Care Access with Cellular Technology" in village Gandhi Gram Ghasera communities. BUDS has succeededin obtaining an Indo-US R03 Grant, jointlysponsored by National Institute of Health (NIH)USA and Department of Biotechnology (DBT),Government of India for this project. BUDS isevaluating a software platform in mother-infantunits to improve uptake and coverage of primary childhood vaccinations. Mobile phone textmessages in local languages are being used to givereminders to parents and also for surveillance. Interactive voice message can communicate wherepopulations have low levels of literacy and spreadawareness at the grass root level. Dr Professor

Sanjay Jain, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore is the US principal investigator, while on the Indian side the team is led by Dr Rajeev Seth. BUDS proposes that such "*Novel cellular technology based approaches for timely immunization reminder, can therefore significantly impact health outcomes in these communities*".

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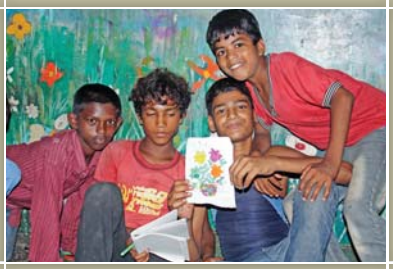

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