Inception of PRAYAS

Since 1988, Prayas has been continued to involve in meaningful, welfare driven initiatives that distinctly impact the quality of life of the weaker sections of the society, surrounding hundreds of slums in and around Delhi, and other parts of the country. Prayas is working in the most backward and gender critical 8 states/UTs of the country i.e. Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Delhi.

Efforts have all along been made under the aegis of the ‘Prayas’ a national level non-profit voluntary organization active since its inception in the year 1988. Beginning with just 25 children, Prayas today undertakes various programmes with an outreach to approximately 50,000 less fortunate women, youth and nearly 35,000 children and their families, directly and indirectly. It came into existence in a disaster situation when a devastating fire broke out in Jahangirpuri, one of the largest slums of Delhi, destroying thousands of families who lost their homes and livelihood. Its immediate efforts were to restore normalcy into their lives and rehabilitate them. Subsequently, Prayas continued to grow by responding to various social realities that emerged with each intervention.

A registered national level voluntary organization (NGO) functioning in collaboration with the Delhi Police, Delhi School of Social Work (University of Delhi), Shramik Vidyapeeth (MHRD) and various governmental & non-governmental organizations, Prayas is deeply committed to the cause of neglected, disadvantaged and deprived children, youth and women from underprivileged communities in several states. Prayas runs hundreds of need-based community level projects. The organization pursues a holistic, participative, collaborative and mainstream approach to promote country’s socio-economic changes.
Prayas Philosophy and Mandate

Prayas’ philosophy is based on two basic premises: one, that the ‘rights and needs of a child are synonymous’, and two, that a child should not be viewed in isolation, but in the context of the family to which it belongs and in the larger context of the community. These two premises would help in the identification of children’s needs, on which all the programmes of Prayas are based, and would also help in soliciting involvement of community in programme planning and implementation.

Mission

Restoring the childhood of millions of neglected and marginalized children and ensuring the provision of their rights, therefore, comprises the primary mission of Prayas.
Prayas is registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860 dated August 29, 1989). To foster its growth and to specialize vocational education, Prayas JAC Society set up the Jan Shikshan Sansthan Prayas (JSSP), registered under the Indian Societies Act, 1860 in 2000. Prayas has been recognized under Section -60 (I) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

It has been granted registration under section -80 (G) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Prayas is recognized as a ‘Fit Institution’ under sub-section (II) of section -2 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986.
OBJECTIVES

1. Undertaking welfare programs for the, care, protection and development of disadvantaged children, youth and women.
2. Promoting and organizing meaningful educational programs for children.
3. Running vocational training programs and organizing Self Help Group as part of economic empowerment of these disadvantaged groups and the communities to which they belong.
4. Organizing basic health, nutritional and medical services including health awareness programs for children.
5. Developing recreational and library facilities for its target audience.
6. Offering counseling and psychological support.
7. Promoting measures for correction / rehabilitation of juvenile offenders and neglected children.
9. Influencing policy changes in the Juvenile Justice System in terms of the best interests of the child and symbiotic relationship between the needs and rights of a child as envisaged under the various legal provisions.
10. Formulation of a replicable model for the elimination of child labour and child rights.
1. Care and Protection through Institutional and Community Shelter Homes

- Rescue of child labors / Migrant children/ Missing children/ Railway children
- Children Home
- Observation Home for children in conflict with law.
- Night Shelter and Day care for street / destitute children
- 24-Hour child Help Line (1098)

2. Educational Interventions

Educational Accessibility and Participation through Alternative Education Centers/ Remediation courses/ Bridge Courses

- Crèche & pre- primary schooling for Early Childhood Care & Development
- Basic education integrated with care, protection, health care, life skills, nutritional support and child maintenance supply.
- Community libraries for developing reading habits
- Integration of protection through right based approaches and practices.
- Mainstreaming into formal schools and NIOS
- Training and capacity building of teachers.
- Distance and Peer education for adults and youths in partnership with JSS

3. Health Care and Nutrition Support

- Preventive and clinical health care
- HIV/AIDS Awareness
- Health care Research and studies
- Reproductive Health care, tuberculosis eradication
4. Vocational Training and Economic Empowerment

- Vocational Trainings to Adolescent and Youth in different Market driven trades under Prayas Institute of Economic Empowerment and Jan Shikshan Sansthan
- Placement through Prayas Placement Cell.

5. Capacity Building Organization

- Working as academic and technical support agency for small scale NGOs and private organization working for underprivileged children.


- Networking with civil society, NGOs government officials and PRIs
- Trade Unions, teachers and community at large
- Policy Intervention
- Legal Awareness and Interventions
- Mass mobilization rallies and community sensitization
- Research, Documentation and Publication

7. Social Empowerment and Infrastructure Development

- Awareness for eradication of social and cultural inequality and development of basic amenities essential for quality living, especially water and sanitation.
The Institute of Juvenile Justice (IJJ) is the apex unit of Prayas which serves as a resource center at the national level to pursue developmental goals related to children’s rights and juvenile justice. It directly serves different slums of Delhi and supervises projects in the seven states of the country including Delhi, in support with the donors, government institutions and corporate.

The unit focuses on following areas:

- Juvenile Justice and Child Protection
- Trafficking in women and children
- Crisis Intervention
- Shelter home cum drop in center
- Counseling
- Disaster management
- Food/ cloth/Education/ health/ training for the difficult children.
- Research/ Documentation/ Seminars/ Workshops

Prayas works closely with authorities, individuals and organizations to prevent children from being exploited. We prevent them from being trafficked into commercial sex, exploitation and child labor. We take effective measures to withdraw child labor from domestic work. Targeted children are: Child workers / laborers, Trafficked children of commercial sex-workers, Street children, child beggars, Victims of Child marriage, Abandoned/ Missing Children, Orphaned/ Homeless children, Rag pickers, Shoe shine children, Migrant laborers/ Railway children, Children affected by legal system.

**In order to provide normal healthy life to children from weaker sections of the society and victims of any difficult circumstances Prayas is running 11 shelters cum drop in centers at different geographical areas where children enjoy their childhood by availing the facilities of shelter, food, cloth, education, health care and recreational activities. In the year 2009-10 approximately 3800 children protected under Prayas children homes.**
Education Research and Training Center:

Pursuing the constitutional provisions for making education a fundamental right of children and considering itself a partner in the national campaign of universalizing elementary education, this effective tool for children’s growth has remained the most focused area of intervention. Alternative Education at Prayas targets children in difficult circumstances, who are out of school for various reasons and who have been left out of mainstream education. The children are provided with educational materials like text books, uniform, shoes and stationary. Some common features of educational programs are BAL Sabhas, mid day meal program, Parents teachers meeting, sponsorship programs,

Components of Prayas Education Model

Non-formal/ Alternative Education Centers as the bridge facility to formal schooling thereby contributing to attain UEE target of intervention for out-of-school children through AE, Bridge Course, Remedial Courses (231 AECs across the country). These courses pave the way for preparing children to get into mainstreaming into formal schools or NIOS).

Early Childhood Care & Education Center (ECCE)

- Caters to marginalized children in the age group of 3-6 years.

Alternative Education Programme (AE)

- Caters to out of school & drop out children in the age group of 6-14 years

Vocational Education Programme

- Basic education and life skill education after 14 years of age.

Curriculum development & Teaching Learning Material

- Prayas develops its own curriculum as per the method of teaching which is user friendly aiming at the maximum knowledge sharing among the children and the educators.
- Adoption of BRAC model of Bangladesh of active pedagogic interventions. Curricular processes for out-of-school children are designed in active consultation with NCERT, NIEPA and other academic institutions. Continuous adaptation and enrichment is done through inclusion of multimedia and creative expression in making education, more interactive and joyful learning experience for these children.
- TLM supplements the method of teaching and creates an atmosphere of joyful learning, hence leaving an ever lasting impression on the young minds.
Activities at Alternative Education Centers

Community Libraries….

This pioneering project was taken up by Prayas in collaboration with the Rajeev Gandhi Foundation to inculcate reading habits in the slums and rural communities. Until date a total of 58 libraries have been set up by Prayas. In this process this project also makes a shuttle but significant contribution to the Sarv Siksha Abhiyan.

Collaboration with the UEE Mission: SSA

As part of the Sarv Siksha Abhiyan, Prayas has been designated as one of the bridge NGO & District In charge in Delhi for providing elementary education to out of school children in the age group of 6-14 years. The program is being implemented through Learning Centers, with multiple point provision for mainstreaming the children. Presently Prayas runs 50 such education centers in south Delhi.
Prayas Institute of Economic Empowerment (PIEE)

Prayas Institute of Economic Empowerment-PIEE has been envisaged and created with a view to provide strengths to youth and women by providing them vocational training and skill empowerment in order to make them self sustainable. PIEE runs fully fledged 46 vocational training centers across the country in various market driven trades.

After completion of training these trainees get a dignified employment in different industries through the efforts of Prayas Placement Cell.

Youth or women interested in self employment get technical and financial support from Prayas to start their own business.

Certification of any program is an essential requisition. In due course of time many national level institutions recognized the services of Prayas and the organization get accredited with different institutions like:

**IGNOU:** Prayas is running various training programs under community college registered with IGNOU.

**NIOS:** Prayas is registered with National Institute of Open School as vocational Institute at four geographical locations i.e. Delhi, Assam, Gujarat and Bihar

Microsoft: with the support of Microsoft Prayas is running computer literacy program.

**DGET:** Prayas is a registered NGO with Directorate General of Employment and Training and impart modular employable skill training in different courses.

Every year Prayas train approximate 7000 youth/women. Many of them get dignified job through Prayas Placement cell and rest engaged in self employment.
Sustainable Livelihood, Financial Inclusion and Women Empowerment

It is unanimously held that no country can progress without the empowerment of its women folk. Ironically it is also true that poverty in both developed and developing countries has a predominantly female face. Economic Empowerment of Women forms an important part of the national development agenda of our government and the civil society.

**Women Empowerment in association with Women Development Corporation:** Prayas is in continuous process of women empowerment and with the support of WDC, Bihar organization is involved in empower women in terms of literacy, training, capacity building through SHG model, and provide support services in empowering them in income generation process.

**Innovative and improved Agriculture training:** In Bihar and Jharkhand 60 percent population’s key source of livelihood is agriculture but due to traditional farming they are not able to uphold their living status. In order to marginalize this problem Prayas collaborated with Pusa Agriculture University, Samastipur Bihar. The experts and scientists train these farmers about the new techniques and use of technology in farm. Same is implemented in Assam and also at both places Prayas has created Farmers Club to bring all farmers at a single platform. NABARD is also supporting Prayas in these acts.

**Saras Mela:** For three years Prayas organized Saras Mela in Bihar under the MoRD. Lots of women engaged in SHGs got exposure and the boom in the sale of their handmade products which increase their bank balance and has empowered them to start up their small scale industries.

**Volunteers program**

Prayas believes in the participation of the society at large for bringing about any great change through its efforts. Under this program Prayas encourages and facilitates the placement of both national and international volunteers and enable them to contribute by understanding the programs and activities of Prayas.

This year Prayas had students, professionals and working people as volunteers who got an opportunity to interact with children and local community, participate in the education program, health, community work, resource generation, CIC and many more.
Volunteers from Ireland, US, Japan, Germany and from different parts of the countries made valuable contribution to the organization and achieved a great learning.

**Advocacy**

Prayas with its policies and programmes across India is a model to emulate, their Institute of Juvenile Justice is implementing this through Advocacy, Research and Networking.

Prayas has adopted a multi pronged advocacy strategy to develop a strong public opinion against child labor, child abuse, child rights, women empowerment and health & hygiene problems using both conventional and non-conventional media and persuading the Government to enforce existing laws and more effectively implement concerned legislations. In this context Prayas also organized nukkad, street nataks, rallies, poster competitions etc. in order to create awareness and empowerment of working and street children.

As the convener of Delhi NGO forum Prayas strived to promote inter agency cooperation on different social issues.
Prayas Observation Home:

Under the agreement with the Department of Women & Child Development, G.N.C.T. Delhi Prayas is running Observation Home for Boys-I (POHB) situated at Delhi Gate which is short-stay home for Juveniles in conflict with law, under juvenile justice Act 2000. The main objectives of the Home are to assist the Juvenile Justice Board through Social investigation, provide opportunities for Education, Vocational training, Counseling and mainstream these children to a dignified life from the Stark of crime. In the year 2009-10, 210 Juveniles were admitted under Prayas Observation Home.

Prayas Railway Children Project

The Railway Children Project was started in collaboration with Northern Railway with the support of Railway Women Welfare Organization and Railway Children, U.K., in July, 2004 with the purpose of identifying and providing shelter for homeless, street and working children, missing, orphan and children in need of care and protection with special focus on areas in and around Railway Stations.

Prayas started working through Child Assistance Booth at New Delhi Railway Station and Lahori Gate Drop-in contact centre, where we provide outreach services, counseling, restoration, alternative education, health intervention and immediate care and protection to the children at Railway platform. Since its inception, we have outreached and rendered our services to more than 2000 children for short stay home and other facilities. We have re-integrated more than 800 children since then. The project has active support from the RPF and many stake holders working at the Railway Stations.

During 2009-10, Prayas with the help of Railway Protection Force and Railway Police conducted 10 rescue operations both at Old Delhi and New Delhi Railway Stations and rescued 104 children.

SUCCESS STORIES

SAVING LIFE OF AN ONE-DAY OLD BABY

Railway Prayas team saved the life of traumatized mother and newly born baby after delivery in pathetic condition and rehabilitate them in shelter home for their future care marking
RESCUE OF MINOR GIRLS FROM TRAFFickers

Railway Prayas rescued minor girls and a boy from the hands of traffickers at New Delhi Railway Station. Girls named Purnima and Anjali aged 12 and 14 years and 13 year old boy Abhishek from traffickers.

Street Children Project

Under Integrated Child Protection Scheme of Ministry of Women and Child Development Prayas is running Street children project for the homeless, child labors street children. Besides providing residential and non residential care the Prayas JAC provides a platform to offer services exclusively for street and working children.

Program at a glance

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Statistical figure of street and working undertaken in different activities

- Education and Recreation = 870
- Alternative education = 480
- Mainstreamed children = 48
- NIOS bridge education = 300
- Students qualified higher sec and secondary exam through NIOS = 450
- Children enrolled in Health care vaccination program = 350/month
- Supplementary nutrition = 58
- Vocational training = 138
- Restoration and rehabilitation =
Global Trafficking in Persons

In June 2009, Prayas in partnership with the U.S. Department of State launched the Global Trafficking in Persons Project in the four states of India namely Delhi, Gujarat, Bihar and Assam to combat the menace of trafficking. Complete project objective and goal is based on 3Rs

- Rescue
- Repatriation
- Rehabilitation

There were several workshops, seminars, meetings, training programs and informal talks to aware the protectors of the law and to make them more sensitive and responsible to work for the cause.

Since August 2009 to March 2010, 467 children rescued from different regions. These children counseled, repatriate and also rehabilitated in children homes of Prayas in order to get shelter, food, clothes, education and a normal life.
Raina Prayas is a joint venture of Robin Raina Foundation and Prayas. The Project formally inaugurated on 16th September 2004 to set up a new community based sponsorship programme for neglected children and their families at Bawana Resettlement Colony, Delhi.

Raina Prayas is a major success story in itself. It’s like a school where children of resettlement colony get alternative education along with full facility of stationary, uniforms, and mid day meal. Raina Prayas is running pick up facilities for children. After completion of their one year course duration these children get mainstreamed in nearby MCD schools and also qualify their exams through NIOS.

Under the project women empowerment is also a component through SHG formation and enrolled under financial inclusion program. Many advocacies, awareness generation camps have been organized in order to make women aware about the social, legal and economical situations.
Gender Resource Centre (GRC) Suvidha Kendra is an initiative by the Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. of Delhi under its Bhagidari Programmes. The GRC is envisaged as an instrument to bring Social, Economic and Legal Empowerment of women, particularly those belonging to the underprivileged sections of society. This programme commenced at Bawana J J Colony and Gopalpur Wazirabad. The Prayas Gender Resource Centre- Suvidha Kendra (GRC-SK) works as a single window solution for the community to access their entitlements. It is also working towards the women empowerment by providing vocational training, health facilities, legal awareness, nutrition education etc.

GRC-SK activities- *Combination of family based services/entitlements & Women empowerment*

**Women Empowerment Component Services component**

- **Women Empowerment Component (GRC)**
  1. Vocational training
  2. Self Help Groups
  3. Legal Awareness generation
  4. Health Camps & weekly OPDs
  5. Non-Formal Education
  6. Nutrition awareness

- **Services component (Suvidha Kendra)**
  1. Information
  2. Awareness Generation
  3. Identifications & Enrolments
  4. Tracking, Feedback & Reporting
  5. Grievance redressal
Following are the Fact & Figures of Prayas GRC-SK project

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Sensing the gravity of the problem of destitute children which is found in every part of Delhi Prayas decided to respond to their needs. In this context started it’s another project in Pandawapur Kathputli colony in collaboration with Children’s Hope U.S.A. – an international organization working to promote the development of women and children in 1994. The project is named as “Children Hope Prayas”

This unit runs centers in a slum area known as Kathputli (Puppet) colony to intervene and to improve the living conditions of this highly marginalized population through education, vocational training, health camps and activities and women empowerment.
In collaboration with Ernst & Young Foundation, Prayas has been running alternative and remedial education centre in Dakshinpuri community for the last four years.

**Objectives:**

- To ensure quality educational/ learning opportunities to the children of 06 -14 years age group
- To ensure protection from all abuses and ensure care to these children
- To establish a system of community based schooling system

Along with education and vocational training various cultural events, seminars and workshops organized under the project.
Naya Prayas project was started in 1993 to help the vulnerable girl children working as domestic helper and also to create awareness in the society about education, skill generation, women empowerment etc. It was a forward step to educate marginalized children living in urban slums of Bhati mines and Kusumpur Pahadi.

Key Activities:

- Alternative Education
- Vocational Training
- Camps and awareness generation programs on various important issues
To address the health challenges faced by community where Prayas working, Prayas health services came in existence in 1995 at Kirti Nagar. Since then PHS has been providing health and hygiene care facilities and also expanded its activities in different states like Gujarat, Assam, Bihar, Andman & Nicobar Islands.

The health care package provided includes OPD services, Mobile Health Camps, Laboratory Services, HIV/AIDS awareness programs. Prayas is running its health services programs in association of some well known Hospitals like Babu Jagjeevan Ram Hospital, Deen Dyal Hospital, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital, Batra Hospital, Venu Eye Hospital etc.
Asthaprayas signifies a local initiative of the public-spirited citizens of Jwala Nagar, Vivek Vihar in East Delhi.

The project provides vocational training to poor girls besides giving midday meals to 80 children every day. Supported by local philanthropists, Astha Prayas, imparts alternative education to scores of children and enables sizable number of them to be mainstreamed in the nearby government schools. The dedicated volunteers and staff have brought about a vast change in the lives of children in this neglected area of Delhi.

**Mid Day Meal:** Astha Prayas provides mid-day meals to all alternative education children throughout the year.

**Health Care:** Routine check-up of the children is conducted. Health camps are organized by Prayas Health Service.
An initiative to support the marginalized Prayas Intervida project commenced at Bawana resettlement colony since June 2007. This project aims to establish an integrated programme in order to cater to the educational, vocational and economic rehabilitation needs of the children and families living in marginalized conditions, where the access to education is primarily minimal or none at all. This Programme covers the marginalized segments of the community.

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Location: Delhi and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

A national 24–hour emergency helpline outreach service, The Childline number, 1098, a toll-free number common to all the cities of India, has been playing a vital role in the rescue and rehabilitation of the children. Calls received from children in distress immediately activate the Prayas rescue team to initiate necessary protective action. In addition to providing emergency assistance to children, the service also refers children to other organizations for long-term rehabilitation.

Services Provided By Childline:
- Shelter
- Medical Aid
- Repatriation
- Rehabilitation

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Call statistics
Shramik Vidyapeeth is the partner of Prayas since its inception. Later on the nomenclature is changed as Jan Sikshan Sansthan an education and vocational training program for illiterate and neo literate youth, women and adults.

In 2000 the Ministry of HRD recognized the efforts of Prayas in social development sector and sanctioned Jan Shikshan Sansthan to Prayas. Since then, Jan Shikshan Sansthan Prayas has been working with the socio-economically marginalized and educationally backward population in various parts of Delhi and in Samastipur Bihar for their empowerment and economic rehabilitation

Core activities undertaken are:

- Vocational Training
- Adult Literacy and Life Skills Training
- SHGs and Women’s Empowerment
- Placement
- Advocacy and Awareness
Prayas JAC-Bihar Voluntary Coordinating Agency (BVCA)

**Areas covered:** All over Bihar

**Major issues covered:** The state of Bihar is considered to be among the poorest in the country. The state also has one of the highest numbers of neglected children and children living in difficult circumstances being destitute and abandoned due to poverty and other reasons. While deliberating upon the ‘Adoption programmes’ in the country the Supreme Court of India in its judgment pronounced that every state should have a Voluntary Coordinating Agency (VCA) to ensure proper implementation of the laws pertaining to adoption and neglected children.

**Working with:** New born babies, Nursing Homes and Trafficked Children

**Objective:** The project addresses the adoption issues of newborn babies and to curb the problem of child trafficking. It works with nursing homes to stop the child trafficking in the hospitals by exposing the child trafficking channels or networks and to sensitize the doctors regarding promotion of legal adoption.

**About the project in brief:** Prayas, in collaboration with East and West Education Society, an NGO with excellent track record in Patna, has been running programmes at the grassroots and coordinating with the local agencies through training, workshops, research studies, etc. Prayas and East & West Educational Society have established the statutory body as a separate society, named Bihar Voluntary Coordinating Agency in response to the Supreme Court’s judgment. The Society has a network with NGOs and the State Government to regulate and facilitate in-country and inter-country adoption of children. The project aims to stop child trafficking in the hospitals. It has been reported that staffs of several hospitals & Nursing Homes are involved in child trafficking. It has also been reported that staffs of these places sell babies of unwed mothers privately to the couples who are eager to adopt. Therefore, it becomes essential to advocate these doctors regarding the procedure of legal adoption.

**Prayas Bikas Bharti Project**

Location: Bagaha, West Champaran district
Areas covered: West Champaran District

**Issues addressed:** West Champaran is one of the most backward district of Bihar. Dalits and Adivasis together constitute 15.7% of the population. Of the 35 districts in India that rank lowest in terms of women’s literacy, 15 are in Bihar. Champaran is notorious dacoit country where the sword definitely scores over the pen.

**Objective:** To mobilize the community and encourage parents to send these children to schools.
To economically empower women by forming Self Help Groups and training these women in various skills.

**About the project in brief:** Prayas started its project in the West Champaran district of Bihar with a view to not only provide education to the children but also to raise the living standard of the people. The children belonging to the marginalized community were given non-formal education in an alternative center after which they are mainstreamed. Apart from it Self Help groups are formed in the community to improve the economic condition of women in rural areas under Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice (PIEE). Livelihood programmes of cutting, tailoring, & embroidery under PIEE, for economically marginalized women.

List of activities held in the year 2009-10 ie.April 01, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

a. Cutting and tailoring centres – 2 ( Shrinagar and Mangalpur)
b. Computer Training Centres – 2 ( Bagaha and Harnatar)

**Global Trafficking in Person**

**Area covered:** all over Bihar

**Major issues covered:** Bihar has huge unorganized labour force with the distinction of having one of the largest victims of child labor and trafficking in children in India. It is a source, transit and destination state of India. This project intends to support vulnerable children and young women to access the Juvenile Justice, law enforcement agencies and judicial system for violation of their rights. This project has been awarded to Prayas JAC by the US State Department.

**Objectives:**

- Create and strengthen the government and non-government support structures and influence the national and local Plan of Action for protection of victims of trafficking.
- Capacity building of law enforcement and support services agencies besides other stakeholder to bring an attitudinal change towards forced labour victims and those at risk for effective legal action.
- Innovative application of a child protection framework to forced child labour issues.
- Lobbying and advocacy for mainstreaming of project outcomes

**Number of beneficiaries: 268**

**Empowering Children through Alternative Education Programme**

The Alternative Education paves the way for mainstreaming of the marginalized children and youth by adopting a dual strategy. On the one hand, it prepares them much faster, reducing the number of years in school towards the formal education, and on the other, it provides an alternative to those who can never get into the formal system. This system being in the nature of best possible alternative creates vocational
and economic empowerment opportunities for the deprived and marginalized. Prayas is an attempt to blend the features of the formal and the non-formal systems to serve the best interest of the child. There is no attempt to create a parallel system that would result in duplication and wastage of precious resources. **Twenty centre’s of AECs** across Bihar has been addressing the needs of over twelve hundred marginalized children.

**PRAYAS CHILDREN’S HOME AT MOTIHARI**

The shelter home at Motihari addresses the problem of neglected street and working children. Prayas has undertaken number of initiatives such as non-institutional care, under the new Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 and has successfully implemented an integrated programme for the rehabilitation of neglected children with the support of the above mentioned project.

**SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE MOTIHARI CHILDRENS’ HOME**

(1) **EDUCATION:-**  
**Alternative Education:-**

All the newly inducted children are immediately enrolled in Alternative Education classes according to their learning capacities.  
The subjects taught are English, Hindi, Mathematics, Social Awareness and Drawing. The aim is to impart literacy and numerical skills to the children so that they may eventually get mainstreamed into the formal schooling system.

**Statistical Report:-**

| **Total no. of children enrolled in non-formal education** | 57 |
| **No. of children holding positions in school** | 34 |
| **Mainstreaming of children to regular school** | 77 |
This is an important aspect of personality development, which is further enhanced by the activities of the Bal Sabhas held every Saturday. Regular and relevant counseling helps the child to develop a sense of responsibility, social behavior patterns and self-esteem.

(2) CLOTHING
Two sets of Uniform are provided to all the children at the time of induction. The uniform includes trousers, shirts, socks, shoes, sweaters etc.

(3) LIBRARY
There are more than 156 books in the Prayas Children’s Home library. Library cards are issued to all the children

(4) VOCATIONAL TRAINING
Vocational Training is an integral part of the educational programme. All the children above 14 years are required to undertake vocational training as per their interest. The basic objective is to provide technical knowledge and practical experience to children, for safe and dignified alternative occupations.

SHELTER HOME FOR GIRLS, SAMASTIPUR

Prayas shelter home for girls forms a part of the IJJ with the provision of facilities like shelter, food, alternative education, recreation, counseling, health care and vocational training for girls in the age group of 06-18 years. Most of the girls in the home have come from extremely difficult background, like child labor, trafficking, sexually abused, missing; some left their home due to step patents’ misbehavior, including some from Bihar’s Red light area. These days’ cases of child labor, sexual abuse, escaping from home with boy friend is increasing rapidly. About half of these girls were able to attend regular schools as well as vocational training, regular counseling, interaction with volunteers for learning communication skills, attending programs at different organizations, organizing workshops as part of their mainstreaming.

Computer Training: - Computer training is also provided to all the children studying in the centre.

Educational Trips: - Educational and exposure trips are organized to enhance the knowledge of children. These trips provide them the opportunity to see and form conceptions. These opportunities give these children a chance to see the other aspects of the society.

SHELTER HOME AT SUPAUL: PRAYAS CHILDREN’S HOME AT SUPAUL

Shelter home at Supaul addresses the problem of neglected street and working children of the areas which was devastated by pretty crazy floods which killed hundreds of persons and left a great number of children marooned and orphaned.
Education in the form of alternative education is imparted according to their learning capacities in a child friendly environment.

Statistical Report:-

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CLOTHING:-
Two sets of Uniform are provided to all the children at the time of induction. The uniform includes trousers, shirts, socks, shoes, sweaters etc.

LIBRARY:-
There are more than 67 books in the Prayas Children’s Home library. Library cards are issued to all the children.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING:-
Vocational Training is an integral part of the educational programme. All the children above 14 years are required to undertake vocational training as per their interest. The basic objective is to provide technical knowledge and practical experience to children, for safe and dignified alternative occupations.

Women’s Empowerment
Self Help Groups (SHGs) :- This aspect of the programme is implemented in collaboration with District Rural development Authority in Bihar.

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Vocational training to SHG members

Keeping in view the relevance of vocational training combined with mainstream education, as well as the Component of income-Generation programmes, it is important to set up a full-fledged institution that imbibes in itself all the aspects of economic empowerment of the marginalized, at the same time enhancing the scope of the socially-relevant enterprises. The vocational training schemes usually comprise craftsman training, apprenticeship training, training for skilled workers, crafts instructors, supervisors etc. All these, in turn, provide excellent opportunities for beneficiaries with varying degrees of education and vocational competence, to find their forte and get employment best suited to their capabilities and skills.

By now the organization has provided vocational training to more than 1000 women who are associated with Self Help Groups. They have been given training in the trades like cutting and tailoring, beauty culture, domestic work, nursing, candle making, kantha and mirror work, foot mat etc. More than one-third of the women are already involved in some or other income generating activity.

Prayas Additional Primary Health Centre, Karjain, Supaul

Background: In 2008, this area witnessed devastating floods which killed hundreds of people and left thousands of people marooned. Prays JAC reached there to lend succor to those ill-fated people, the
affected people heaved a huge sigh of relief as our highly motivated team worked untiringly until water receded to normal. After the floods, out-break of some diseases wreaked havoc very deeply, the State Government sought our help to run Additional Primary Health Centre at karjain, Supaul under public private partnership as Prayas JAC is having vast experience of running successfully Primary Health Centre at Wakro in Arunachal Pradesh under National Rural Health Missions (NRHM) which featured several times in national newspaper for its service.

APHC, Karzain

Services Provided:

Initially, APHC was started with OPD services with free medicines. Now, services have been expanded by providing referral facilities, Essential Laboratory Services (Pathological Tests), Minor OT Services, leprosy, National Health Programmes- Diagnosis and Treatment of Tuberculosis with support of Denial Foundation India, etc. Apart from these, there are planning to start Delivery System (24 hours), Essential New-Born Care, Immunization for children and mother in near future. As per agreement, following services are provided:

Basic RCH Services and General OPD as per the guidelines from 8 AM to 6 PM

1. Delivery System (24 hours)
2. Essential New-Born Care
3. Provision for Referral (Ambulance)
4. Other Functions -
   - Anti Natal Care
   - Immunization for children and pregnant women
   - Post Natal Care
   - Family Planning Services
   - Prevention and management of RTI / STI.
   - Essential Laboratory Services.

In one year alone we have treated to over seventeen thousand patients.
Number of beneficiaries: 17234

**Railway Platform Children Project**

The Railway Children Project was started in collaboration with Northern Railway with the support of Railway Women Welfare Organization and Railway Children, U.K., in July, 2004 with the purpose of identifying and providing shelter for homeless, street and working children, missing, orphan and children in need of care and protection with special focus on areas in and around Railway Stations. Now, there is no fund for this project still Prayas JAC in Bihar has been running this project at various junctions and stations to support children to reintegrate with their families.

**Advocacy and Awareness** - Awareness programmes on social issues, health and education, are among the most important activities of Prayas. In this process, awareness camps and street plays were organized on related issues like HIV AIDS awareness, sanitation, environment management, drug de-addiction, population, etc. in the target areas. Various government and non-government agencies have collaborated for these programmes.

**Sambhav-Prayas Project**

**Area Covered:** District of Nalanda

**Objective:** Providing Alternative Education to over four hundred marginalized children and providing vocation training to youths to get them employed with sustainable jobs.

**Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre**

**Area covered:** Gaya & Nawada

**Project Name:** Injected Drugs Users

Under this project Prayas JAC is spreading awareness to control spread of AIDS and giving support to drugs’ users to lead a normal life by de-addicting them from the use of infected injection and also changing society’s attitude towards them.
PRAYAS HEALTH CENTRE: WAKRO PROJECT

The PHC at Arunachal Pradesh provides services to the entire neglected community in the Lohit district of the eastern part of the state. The centre is run with the aim of creating a model health care delivery system in an innovative way.

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Sneh Prayas is the Gujarat chapter of a national level NGO ‘Prayas’, which has strong presence in Delhi, Gujarat, Bihar, Assam and Andaman & Nicobar Islands at grassroots level. The Gujarat part of Prayas has gained a distinct identity as ‘Sneh Prayas’ following the massive earthquake (7.9 in Richter scale) in Gujarat on January 26, 2001. Prayas understood the need for crisis intervention in the State regarding conducting relief operation and mid-term to long-term rehabilitation. Prayas made the necessary initial spadework by sending a team to the worst affected localities in Kutch district of Gujarat to assess the immediate and long term needs. The team had established the required network with different government agencies in Gujarat besides the local, national and international voluntary groups, community and other stakeholders. Prayas conducted detailed studies to assess the situation and initiated rehabilitative work in the worst earthquake affected areas of the state in the name of Sneh Prayas.

Presently, Sneh Prayas’ interventions cover 50 villages in Bhachau taluka and slums of Bhuj city of Kutch district as also slums of Ahmedabad.

In the slum areas of Ahmedabad city, Sneh Prayas has opted for a composite intervention having components of education, nutrition, health, recreation as well as sensitizing the parents for better upbringing of their children. Following are the regular activities conducted by Sneh Prayas in the slum areas of Ahmedabad city on day-to-day basis:

**REPRODUCTIVE AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT: SNEH PRAYAS (GUJARAT CHAPTER OF PRAYAS)**

It is Gujarat Government Health Department supported project. The project has been implemented in the villages of Bhachau Taluka of Kutch District.

The key activities under the project are:

- Community meets to create awareness about reproductive health care, regular checkup, vaccination and preventive measures during pregnancy, institutional child birth etc.
- Organize Mamta Diwas on every Wednesday in which vaccination and routine checkup is done in presence of Nurse.
- Each month one meeting is conducted in Primary Health Centre in presence of Chief District Health Officer (CDHO).
Areas covered: Jorhat, Guwahati, Teok

Objective: Working for marginalized children, youth and women Prayas joined hands with Assam Sewa Samiti as a joint initiative for child protection / juvenile justice, shelter facilities, related programs for disadvantaged children, empowerment of youth and women at the unit at Noonmati Shishu Mangal Kendra at Noonmati in Guwahati. To meet the basic needs of children by providing them with shelter, alternative education, computer literacy and provide them with the vocational training, counseling and recreation to enhance their aptitude and skills.

Major issues covered: Assam remains the only state in the northeast where poverty coupled with terrorism is still a major issue. The various terrorist attacks from the terrorist groups Naxalites and Maoists have disturbed the normal life of the people specially the children. There are many children who do not have to basic facilities.

Activities running:
Activities going on under Alok PRAYAS, Noonmati are
i) Computer Technology and Learning Center 2 Nos. (a) Noonmati (b) Rehabari
ii) Dress Designing and Garments Making
iii) Art and Crafts Training
iv) Electrical Training
v) Advanced Loom and Weaving Training
vi) Spoken English and Personality Development Training
vii) SHG formation and Bank Linkage Programme
viii) Micro Credit and Savings
ix) Short term training
x) Shelter Home for Boys

Achievements:
Alok PRAYAS, Noonamti has already been able to create a positive impact on the community people through its outstanding works. Last year we have trained some 300 nos. of beneficiaries in all trades out of which 40% has got gainful employment in different sectors. Presently 105 nos. of beneficiaries have been taking training on different trades.

Rural community capacity building project: The project is supported by NABARD to train rural mass in mobile repairing and other vocational trades along with capacity building of SHG women in order to make them self reliant.
DWEEP PRAYAS stands for the PRAYAS chapter of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It was established in January, 2005 soon after the Tsunami hit the islands on 26th December, 2004. In the initial years, it followed the policy of relief and support. During this phase, PRAYAS put all its effort to meet the needs and tackle the pressing concerns which arose because of the disaster. The strategy of PRAYAS during this period included immediate relief, trauma counseling for the victims, supplementary education to children who could not attend regular schools due to destruction caused by Tsunami and logistical support for continuing education. ‘Childline’ (1098) service which is a national 24 hour helpline for children was made operational for this purpose.

After three years of providing relief services to the children of the islands, DWEEP PRAYAS changed its policy of relief to rehabilitation and support. During this phase, DWEEP PRAYAS got involved in activities like restoration of services and rebuilding of health and educational infrastructure broken down by Tsunami. It also involved in behavior change oriented activities which are essential for sustainability of the restorations and rehabilitation programmes it has initiated.

It has also initiated implementation and smooth performance of National Flagship Programmes like NRHM, ICPS etc. Under NRHM, PRAYAS is the first agency to implement School Health Programme, formation of Village Health and Sanitation Committees and training thereof of making of Village Health Plans. PRAYAS is also a member of Child Welfare Committee formed under Juvenile Justice Act, 2000, two District level Committees on Monitoring of Children’s Homes.

WATER, SANITATION AND HEALTH CARE PROJECT AT BARATANG AND LITTLE ANDAMAN

Issues: Unawareness and lack of knowledge on sanitation & hygienic practices.

Objective: To provide safe water, hygienic sanitation facilities in schools & in the community

The achievements of the project are:

- 4500 health cards given to school children; the cards are used for recording and tracking a child’s health status; 4500 diaries and notebooks with health messages were also distributed to
school children
- Health status of 3950 children was checked in 13 government schools; children also received medicine
- Follow up: 1250 children referred to the Government Primary Health Centres in Little Andaman, hospitals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the mainland as required
- 750 children benefitted from dental check ups
- School Hygiene Committees established in 13 government schools
- Regular community meetings were carried out to highlight health, hygiene and sanitation issues conducted
- Posters and comics on health, hygiene and sanitation issues developed by the school children and community health nurses.
- Toilets for boys and girls constructed in 6 government schools; existing toilets repaired/renovated in 13 government schools
- Drinking Water supply provided to 13 schools
- Height scales and weight measuring equipment provided to 13 government schools.
- Teachers’ training on school health and physical education (yoga) conducted
- The project facilitated formation of Village Health and Sanitation Committees across five revenue villages on the island.
- The project trained the committees and facilitated preparation of 5 Village Health Plans for 2009-2010

Childline (1098):
Child line 1098 in Andaman and Nicobar was started post Tsunami as a project of Ministry of Women and Child Development. Child line implements its activities through awareness and community works to increase the call statistics so that every child in distress reaches out for justice through Child line. The call centre is centrally located at Port Blair and its team members are scattered over Little Andaman, Campbell Bay and Port Blair and its adjoining areas.

Areas Covered: G B Panth hospital, Chatham jetty, seva niketan, marantha children’s home and Schools, 15 Anganwadi Centres, and around Port Blair and 10 in Little Andaman.

Working with: children in need of welfare, care, protection and rehabilitation

Activities: This programme consists of various cultural activities like skit play, dance, singing competition and discussions mad999999999e on intervention cases with the children. Community meetings have been organized at pahargoan, buniyabad, chunna bhata, RK Pur, VK Pur, Hut Bay etc where active participation was emancipated by the members of the children’s clubs and their parents.

Child Clubs: Child Clubs have been formed at 11 places. These clubs meet once a month and discuss their rights. These clubs also takes up cases of child abuse and other issues violating child rights and tries to solve them at their level.
**OPEN House:** OPEN House is a common platform for all the Child Clubs. Such open houses were held at Port Blair and also at Little Andaman with participation of more than 150 children. During the meet, children came out with views that they are confident on handling cases and solving them, they are aware of the support of Child Line 1098.

**Workshops:** A series of Workshops on “National Initiative on Child Protection” was organized at Port Blair and in Little Andaman for members of allied system. The one-day workshop was organized in collaboration with Dept. of Social welfare, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development and Child line India Foundation. More than 100 stakeholders in Child Protection like AWWs, children’s Homes and Community leaders, representatives from Police Department participated in the workshop.

**Health checkups**

Health checkups were initiated for in and out of school children, along with the follow-ups through home visits to inform the parents about the children health management and refereed to the PHC Baratang. School Hygiene Committees have been established in every school comprising teachers, students, PTA members and peon/sweeper, in charge of overseeing the health and hygiene scenario in their schools. For improvement and setting up of new health infrastructures, a KAP (knowledge, attitude and practice) and a house hold survey has been undertaken to identify households and schools. They will be provided with toilets so that they have access to improved sanitation facilities. Simultaneously, health education is ongoing and campaign for improved water, sanitation and health practices has been taken up through community meetings, mothers meetings and meetings with Anganwadi Workers and ASHAs, PRIs, VHSCs etc.

**Adolescent Health at Little Andaman:**

**Objective:** improving the health of adolescents in Little Andaman Island.

**About the project:** As part of the project, health checkups are being done for school going children along with de-worming medication. The children were also checked for their blood groups and Hemoglobin level and the findings are entered in the health cards and handed over to the children. Special health check up for in and out of school adolescents are also being done and the data is entered into a Adolescent Health Card. Sick children and adolescents are referred to the nearest Primary Health Centre and beyond for further treatment. They are followed through home visits and community meetings. Additionally, a skill based health education and life skill module has been prepared and imparted to the adolescents in school and community set ups.
Mewat Project

The centre was started in the year 2007. In a beautiful market place Prayas got a room from Mr. Iqbal and the computer basic course was started. Total no. of passed out student is 103 and revenue generation is Rs. 35,000.00 during the period jan’09 to July’09. After that, from August’09 the centre was de-functional till March’10. This Centre has been restarted and number of trainees is gradually increasing at present 6 students are enrolled. In addition, a new VTC has been launched at Hathin (Mewat) where 15 students are enrolled and new admissions are continued. We have arranged a room on Rent of Rs. 1250. p.m. in the local market. We have arranged for required infrastructure, computers, tables etc. The Centre is running smoothly. The Centres are just running and in order to ensure increased enrollment the fee has been reduced to Rs 100/- p.m. at Mewat.
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I am the child,
All the world waits for my coming,
All the earth watches with interest to see what I shall become.

Civilization hangs in the balance,
For what I am, the world of tomorrow will be.

I am the child,
I have come into your world,
About which I know nothing.

Why I came I know not;
How I came I know not;

I am curious;
I am interested.

I am the child,
You hold in your hand my destiny,
You determine, largely, whether I shall succeed or fail.

Give me, I pray you,
Those things that make for happiness.

Train me, I beg you,
That I may be a blessing to the world.

"I am a child and I need to blossom like a flower.
My name is Today"

Prayas makes earnest efforts through various innovative interventions
to ensure a dignified and meaningful life for all marginalized children,
adolescents, youths and women its touches