

Annual Report 2006-07



RUCHIKA SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATION

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ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR

- ✦ 4000 children received primary education
- ✦ 900 children received preschool education
- ✦ 81 children received job oriented skill training
- ✦ 24 children were rehabilitated
- ✦ 1500 were mainstreamed to formal schools
- ✦ 125 families adopted small family norm
- ✦ 1533 children, women and accident victims were provided with emergency services
- ✦ 468 children were provided with shelter services
- ✦ 292 children and women were repatriated to their homes
- ✦ 1000 street/slum adolescents & 10000 community members were educated on STI, HIV & AIDS.
- ✦ 276 differently abled children were helped with aids and appliances and were mainstreamed to schools.
- ✦ 4000 children and 10000 community members were made aware of safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene issues

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For the last 22 years, RSSO has been working with five thousand underprivileged children who have a tumultuous past, uncared for, without any support system to lean on. It has been able to provide a caring atmosphere to thousands of street and slum children in Bhubaneswar and on the major railway stations of Orissa. It has crossed several milestones of success and failure. While caring for these children we have been delighted and enlightened by their response.

Their faith in our collective abilities to make change and their hope inspired us. Reuniting these children with their families has been extremely satisfactory.

Our contribution towards education has impacted

OUR BELIEF

"If the child cannot come to the school then the school must go to the child"

OUR MISSION

Advance opportunities for underprivileged children through education and other services to

- i create a society free of child labour, destitution, exploitation and abandonment.*
- ii. equip children with the knowledge necessary to become active participants and positive contributors to their communities and*
- lii. provide all children with a joyful and creative school atmosphere that incorporates the education and skills relevant to a meaningful and dignified existence.*

OUR VISION

Building up a child-friendly society where a child is considered as the greatest asset of mankind, where all the human rights would be ensured for each child and where all children get the best possible environment in which they can grow without any obstruction or impediment. In short building up a world fit for the children



these children, helping them make their present more secure and their future more promising. While some of them remain in our care others have moved beyond the institution- inspired, empowered and eager to face life.

Education

Realizing education as the best catalyst in improving the lives of children, we have adopted a variety of ways of teaching children at their door step.

Name of the Prog.	No of Centres	No of children served
1. Platform School	12	450
2. Primary Schools	63	2100
3. Street Edn. centers	7	350
4. Balwadis (Pre School)	21	750
5. Creche	6	180

A box containing activity oriented learning materials and dry nutrition is kept each school. One teacher normally is in charge of 25 children. In case there are more children an assistant teacher is also provided.

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This year out of 3500 children 2000 have completed primary education and 1000 were mainstreamed to school.

Health & Hygiene services

Providing health and hygienic care to street and slum children is a great challenge. RSSO tries to promote good health among all the children it reaches out to. Regular and routine health check-ups are provided to all children at all our program areas through mobile hospitals.

HIV and STI intervention is conducted through a

program viz. Operation Healthy Platform which targets the slum and street adolescents, auto drivers, railway coolies and slum communities. Imparting AIDS education through recreation centres, self help groups, building up capacity of peer educators, identification and linking the STI patients to government hospitals, referring the people with high-risk behaviour to VCCTCs, empowering the

women through self-help groups Balika Mandals are some of the activities of this intervention.

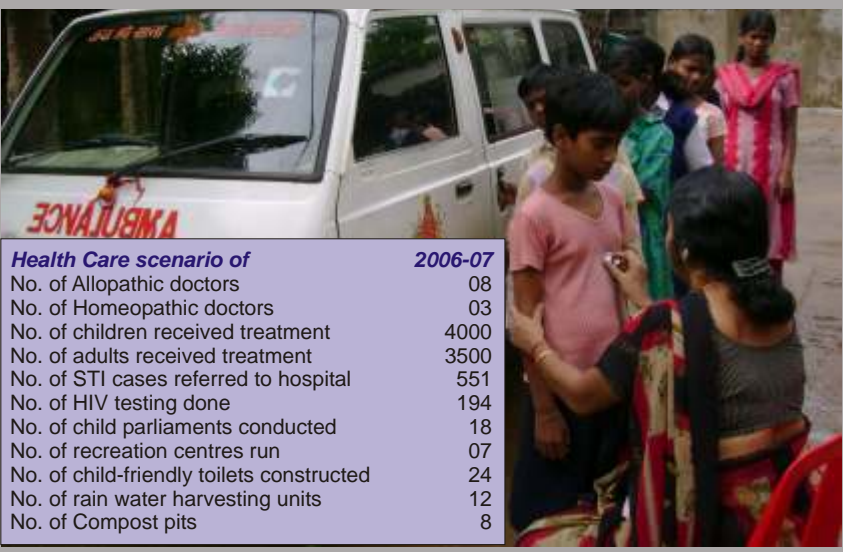
In response to the emerging needs we install hand pumps, construct child-friendly toilets and sanitary blocks, roof rainwater harvesting and utilization points, compost pits to manage solid waste at our slum schools. Poverty

and unregulated life style make the children on the street and slums acutely malnourished. Many a time their next meal is not guaranteed. To acknowledge their immediate needs and to address their primitive health we provide both cooked

and dry food as part of all our education programs.

Vocational training and Rehabilitation

We believe that training the out of school adolescents with skills is the only means to mainstream and a key to develop children into confident, responsible and economically productive adults.



Health Care scenario of	2006-07
No. of Allopathic doctors	08
No. of Homeopathic doctors	03
No. of children received treatment	4000
No. of adults received treatment	3500
No. of STI cases referred to hospital	551
No. of HIV testing done	194
No. of child parliaments conducted	18
No. of recreation centres run	07
No. of child-friendly toilets constructed	24
No. of rain water harvesting units	12
No. of Compost pits	8



Child friendly toilets and rain water harvesting and utilization points are some of our innovations

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We train boys for jobs in hotels, guest houses, restaurants, and roadside eateries. For girls we stress tailoring of garments, food preservation cooking, and selling snacks. For the first time we were able to place 3 children in Five star hotels this year. Overall, 115 boys and girls completed the program and were all in jobs or self employed.



Trade	No. trained	Rehabilitated/ placed
Hotel service	17	14
Tailoring	60	18
Cooking	24	04
Home Nursing	6	6
House Keeping	8	8

treatment will make them walk and play normally. RSSO reaffirmed their faith by organizing corrective surgery for 17 orthopedically handicapped children. With the necessary physical and community support the differently abled children are growing with their potential. Since inception in 2004 till date we are able to identify 238 disabled children of which 73 have been helped with aids

A home away from home

RSSO creates a family like environment at Asra, a shelter for homeless boys and Sradha Bhawan a shelter for homeless girls and women. We strive to provide a safe, secure and sensitive atmosphere with all basic necessities like food, clothes, education and recreation. Out of 468 children/women who were provided with shelter services, 292 have been repatriated or restored to their homes and 58 are presently studying or receiving suitable skill training.



Emergency Care

RSSO addresses the crisis of children, women and road accident victims through three 24 hours emergency telephone outreach services and tries to link them to the long term rehabilitation. By the end of March 07 we have been able to rescue 1480 cases and provided emergency support.

Challenged disability

The children could never dream that this

SERVICES (06-07)	CHILDLINE	HELPLINE
1. Total support	976	504
2. Medical help	372	70
3. Repatriation	120	38
4. Shelter	139	175
5. Legal support	00	68
6. Counseling	161	98
7. Others	184	55

In addition 33 victims of road accident have been provided with necessary emergency services

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and appliances, 83 with necessary certificates 87 with physiotherapy and 33 with community care services through our inclusive education programme.

Children as change agents

Child parliament and children assemblies are the real platform for the children to present their views and opinions, give their comments on the rules and activities which are unfit for them, criticize the programs which affects the

natural growth of the children. This builds up their capacity to grow with freedom, gives opportunity to discuss and participate in the decision making.

Building up people's movement

Ruchika strives to build a peoples' movement, which aims at taking up all issues of children including their education, health and sanitation. It also recognizes the importance of strengthening the long term capacities of the community to manage the programme that affects the development of the children and their community. We make it realize by building up capacities and involving the education committees, women self help groups, mother-teacher associations, health committees into the program.



Honours/Recognition

Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, a teacher who loves the children is an ordinary person driven by an extraordinary dream - the dream that no child would be deprived of rights as basic as going to school. Realizing the disparities that exist between privileged and underprivileged children she founded Ruchika Social Service Organisation. Eventually the world recognized her lifelong commitment to the welfare of children. She became one of the 10 New Heroes by the American Public Broadcasting Services (PBS) and the activities of the organization were televised in America and Europe. Selected by 12 million children from 84 countries she received the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child from Her Majesty, Queen Silvia of Sweden.



WE EDUCATE THE CHILDREN ON DIFFERENT HEALTH, HYGIENIC & SANITATION ISSUES THROUGH CHILDREN ASSEMBLIES AND CHILD PARLIAMENTS.

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Visitors of the year

Uma Oza, Mumbai, Punam Khurana, U.N. Behera, Deputy Secretary, W & CD Deptt., Olvi Towey, Concern, Ireland, Manoranjan Mishra, BM, Puri Gramya Bank, Jessica Connolly, Ireland, Breda O Malley, Ireland, Sumana Goel, AJWS, Jenna Capeci, AJWS, Anneke & Gerrit, Volunteers from Belgium, Nance Miller, California, USA, Susan Marc Zoe Bossiere, Arizona, USA, Pat Bourne, Irish Embassy, Caitlin & Amanda USA, Jimmy Lam Singapore, A Tanuja Sharmi Manipur, Nirmalya Ghose Guwahati, Kate Kroeger USA, Meghna CIF Mumbai, Sombit Mishra Global Giving USA Saud Akhtar Bangalore

Assessment of the visitors

A great effort towards giving these girls a better life. Best of luck to you all – we are glad that these girls have found their home with you – *Jenna Capeci, American Jewish World Service, USA*

Really I was astonished on seeing one of the different worlds. Tears came in my eyes. Moreover, I can not express my feelings and gratitude towards the efforts taken by Mrs. Khurana and their team to help and serve the needy children and people of the society. – *Dr. S. N. Senapati, Oncologist, Acharya Harihar Cancer Research Institute, Cuttack.*



Donors

The contribution you have made to support all the work we do to help children in need is responsible to make a difference in their lives. For detailed information regarding donation to the organisation to sponsor children to school please visit our web site - www.ruchika.org or call us at our telephone number - 91-674-2340746 / 2340583. We may be excused if any name has been inadvertently omitted.

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WE COMPLY CREDIBILITY ALLIANCE NORMS

A member organization of the credibility alliance we are trying build up public trust by enhancing our accountability and transparency.

SALARY STRUCTURE OF THE STAFF

<i>Amount</i>	<i>No. of staff</i>
< 500	21 (Part time)
501 – 1000	133 (Part time)
1001 – 5000	86
> 5000	04

Lowest paid staff = 400/- (part timer)

Highest paid staff = 12,500/-

N.B: Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, Secretary and Lt. Col. S. S. Khurana, Administrator do not receive any remuneration in any form from the organization for their services.

TRAVEL

Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, Secretary went to Sweden to receive her award accompanied by Mr. R. P. Dwivedy, a staff member and Master N. Bijay, a child on the street. Their travel and other expenses were supported by the award authority. Mr. Benudhar Senapati, participated in the 16th International AIDS Conference in Toronto, Canada. The entire expenditure was borne by Concern Worldwide. In addition 15 of our supervisory and field level staff attended different national and state level seminars/training programmes / conferences. Their travel and other expenses were borne by the organizing agencies.

Auditor : S. N. Adalaka & Co, Chartered Accountants, Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India.

Bankers : 1. State Bank of India, Main Branch, 2. State Bank of India, Old Town Branch, 3. Canara Bank, Bapuji Nagar Branch, 4. H.D. F. C. Bank, Main Branch



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ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. S. M. Pattanaik	Former Chief Secretary, Orissa
Mr. Bhabani Charan Pattanayak	Freedom fighter & Ex. M.P. (Rajyasabha)
Padmashree Dr. D. P. Pattanaik	Professor Emeritus, Educationist
Justice Himadri Mohapatra	Member, Human Rights Commission,
Prof. Dr. C. R. Parija	Former Principal, Hi-Tech Medical College
Ms. Jaggi Mangat Panda	Director, Ortel Communication
Ms. Vimaljit Dua	Vice-Principal, Ruchika Preschool
Mr. Rajeswar Hota	Advocate, District Court

GOVERNING BOARD

Our governing board is Managing Committee. It meets once a quarter. Meeting dates of the year – 1.7.06, 6.10.06 & 21.3.07.

Name	Designation
Prof. (Dr.) Jagannath Mohanty Prof. Emeritus, Former Principal of Teacher's Education College & Eminent writer	President
Prof. (Dr.) Narayan Rao, Former Controller of Examinations, Berhampur University	Vice President
Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, Director, Ruchika High School & Preschool	Secretary
Mr. R. P. Dwivedy, Program Manager	Member
Mr. Benudhar Senapaiti, Program Manager	Member
Mr. Balbir Singh Bhasin, Management Consultant	Member



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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

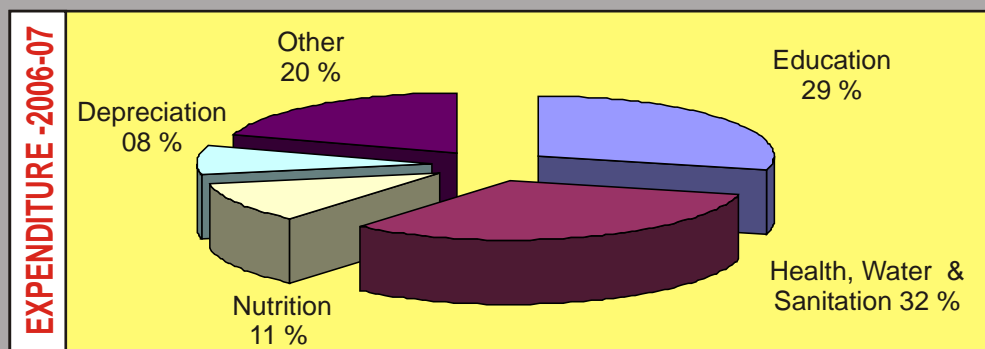
Accountability and transparency have always been the guiding principles of RSSO. All the money contributed to us is well spent and accounted for. RSSO believes that it is the custodian of public funds, and is therefore totally accountable to the wider public for its efficient usage.

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2007

PARTICULARS	CURRENT FIN YEAR (06-07)		PREV. FIN YEAR(05-06)	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Assets				
Fixed asset	6684289	17	6142132	27
Investment	00	00	00	00
Loans disbursed	1207872	3	1713382	8
Deposit & advances	22871757	57	1645225	7
Current assets	8849332	22	12980076	57
Income & Balance	243409	1	30842	1
Total	39856659	100	22789235	100
Liabilities				
Corpus/Endowment	11671435	29	18614173	82
Earmarked Fund	00	00	00	00
Loan / Borrowings	401338	01	394636	1.5
Current Liabilities	27783886	70	3780426	16.5
Income & Expenditure	00	00	00	00
Total	39856659	100	22789235	100

ABRIDGED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 07

PARTICULARS	CURRENT FIN YEAR (06-07)		PREV. FIN YEAR(05-06)	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Income				
Self generated income	137324	1.5	436620	5
Received from national source	2401522	25	2935831	34
Received from International sources.	4745662	50	4794667	55
Others	2039019	21	551146	6
Excess of expenditure over income	243409	2.5	00	00
Total	9566936	100	8748264	100
Expenditure				
Education	2799893	29	2587914	22.8
Health, water & sanitation	3072641	32	2631103	30
Nutrition	1074996	11	1038584	12
Depreciation	750680	08	991559	11
Other	1868726	20	1499104	24.2
Total	9566936	100	8748264	100



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LIST OF ONGOING PROJECT & FUNDING AGENCIES

SI	Name of the program	Name of the Support agency	No of units	Target Group	Yr. of inception	Staff / Beneficiaries
01	Railway Station Platform School	Global Giving	12	Railway children	1985	16/450
02	Creches	State Social Welfare Board , Orissa	06	Children below 6 years	1987	12/180
03	Alternative schools under EGS	Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan, Orissa	42	Slum children	2000	49/1300
04	Alternative & Innovative Education Centres	Ruchika Social Service Organisation	21	Slum children	2007	21/800
05	Street Children Project	Ministry of Women and Child Development	07	Street children	1998	17/350
06	Shelter for Street Children (Boys and Girls)	Ministry of Women and Child Development	02	Street / Run away boys and girls	1998	5/60
07	Vocational Training Center	AJWS, USA	01	Slum children above 14 yrs.	2001	8/100
08	Balwadi	AJWS , USA	21	Children Below 6 yrs	2001	47/750
09	Targeted Intervention programme to prevent HIV/AIDS/STI.	Concern World wide - India	17	Street adolescents, slum community, auto drivers etc.	2002	19/3000
10	Regular School Sponsorship	Ruchika Social Service Organisaition	01	Slum girls	1991	No new staff
11	CHILDLINE – for children in distress	Ministry of Women and Child Dev. Govt. of India	01	Any child in distress in the city	2000	13/800
12	Health care in Platform schools	EMPower, USA	12	Railway Children	2000	7/450
13	Nutrition program in Platform schools	EMPower USA	17	Railway children	2000	0/450
14	Integrated Water & Sanitation program in Slum schools	Water Aid - India	60	Slum children	2004	8/3000
15	Book Writing	ASHA - Silicon Valley Chapter, USA	01	Children receiving skill training	2001	No new staff
16	Inclusive Education program	VJW - Ruchika-Thomas for India , Belgium	01	Disabled children	2004	4/200
17	Help line – a crisis response centre	Global Giving	01	Women in distress and crisis	2004	11/500
18	Accident Helpline	Orissa Road Transport Dept. Govt. of Orissa	01	Road accident victims	2006	Same staff
19	Health Care for EGS centres (Slums)	Concern Worldwide	63	Slum children	2006	4/2100

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A SOUL TO CHERISH!

We the children, staff and members of the organization have given a tearful goodbye to our friend, philosopher and guide Sri Indubhusan Mishra from this material world. An eminent educationist, a profound teacher, an educational administrator and a prolific creator of children's literature he will always remain alive in our heart and in the memory of the people of Orissa. We pray God, may his sacred soul rest in the abode of peace in the divine kingdom.



When you educate a girl you educate a family