

# Annual Report - 2008-09



## **RUCHIKA SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATION**

3731-A, SRIRAM NAGAR, SAMANTARAPUR, OLD TOWN

BHUBANESWAR, ORISSA, INDIA

PHONE : 91-6742340746/2340583

E-mail: [rssobbs@hotmail.com](mailto:rssobbs@hotmail.com), Web: [www.ruchika.org](http://www.ruchika.org)

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS YEAR

### EDUCATION:

- 2905 children received primary education
- 1570 children received preschool education
- 440 children have been mainstreamed to formal schools

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING:

- 82 youth received job oriented skill training
- 15 of them have been rehabilitated / placed in jobs

### HELPLINE:

- 293 women in crisis have been provided with emergency services.
- 127 women were provided with shelter services
- 100 women were restored to their homes
- 966 Families adopted small family norms

### CHILDLINE:

- 1454 children in crisis have been provided with emergency services.
- 277 children were provided with shelter services
- 108 children were restored to their homes

### HIV/AIDS:

- 6549 individual interaction & 5473 house hold visits were made aware on HIV and STIs issues to street/slum adolescents and auto taxi drivers.
- 629 STIs were referred to hospitals.

### WATER & SANITATION:

- v 570 slum children and 6535 community members were made aware of issues related to water, sanitation and hygiene.

## VISITOR'S COMMENT

*"It is a treat to be here again so happy to see Ruchika thrive and continue its path breaking work. Keep it up!"*

**- Cynthia Steele, Empower**

*"You are doing excellent work with a community of beautiful children. I am very glad we were able to meet them and that we can help support them through AJWS."*

**- Terry & Cavo! Wirogiel, USA**

*"Thank you for taking such good care of these beautiful children & all your good work, Namaste."*

**- Droit Rudin, CA**

*"Seen Rainwater Harvesting in slums for the first time. Please continue this great work!!"*

**- Susmita Sengupta, CSE, New Delhi**

## INTRODUCTION

We place before our regular supporters, donors and the public at large the Annual Report of Activities and Audited Statement of Accounts of RUCHIKA SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATION(RSSO) for the year 2008-09.

The RSSO attempted to place on record their service in the field of education, health care and betterment of the under privileged children of society.

## REGISTERED UNDER SOCIETIES ACT

RUCHIKA SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATION (REGD.) has been functioning as a legally constituted public organization and is registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. The Society is working according to a written Constitution drawn up by its members for smooth and efficient working.

RSSO was started in 1985 by Mrs. Inderjit Khurana on Platform I of the Bhubaneswar railway station. The railway station was a collecting point for children traveling in the trains from the neighbouring slums, earning a daily livelihood through vocations ranging from prostitution to shoe shining, sweeping the train compartments, singing, , selling small gifts.

## VISION

“To build a child-friendly society where a child is considered as the greatest asset, where all Human Rights will be ensured to each child and where all children get the best possible environment in which they can grow without any obstruction or impediment.”

## OUR MISSION

Advance opportunities to underprivileged children through education to

- ◆ Create a society free of child labour, destitution, exploitation and abandonment.
- ◆ Equip children with the knowledge necessary to become active participants and positive contributors to their communities;
- ◆ Provide all children with a joyful and creative school atmosphere that incorporates the education and skills relevant to a meaningful and dignified existence.

## SLOGAN

***“IF THE CHILD CANNOT COME TO THE SCHOOL THEN THE SCHOOL MUST GO TO THE CHILD”***

## TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

PLATFORM SCHOOLS	(16)
------------------	------

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS	(50)
---------------------	------

STREET EDUCATION CENTERS	(5)
--------------------------	-----

MOBILE SCHOOLS	(02)
----------------	------

BALWADI	(42)
---------	------

CRECHES	(06)
---------	------

## .EDUCATION:

### PLATFORM SCHOOLS

We believe every child deserves quality education in a joyful environment.



***24YEARS OF DEDICATION TO GIVE THE CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SMILE***



A unique concept of a school on the platform for children living in and around the railway station was developed in 1985 by Mrs. Inderjit Khurana with the belief that every child has a right to education in a joyful environment, as well as a return to childhood jokes & laughter

No. of Centers	No. of teachers (+staff) served	No. of children served	No. of children promoted	No. of children were sent to govt. schools	Drop out*
16	20	560	487	55	18

\*Drop out due to shift of the family unit to other places.

## ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha has 332 slums in the city. Their living condition is poor, unsanitary even dangerous. As a result, children begin work at a young age in the organized or unorganized sector.

Government schools are not within an easy distance of the slums. Besides these are not affordable. RSSO as a further measure to platform school began to reach out to children in all the 332 slums with a program of alternative education for children in the age group of 6-14 years with a special focus on non starters and late starters. It took education to these children. After an initial program of literacy the objective was to motivate children to attend regular government high schools.

## STREET EDUCATION CENTERS

The reality of the street child is one of poverty, sickness and exploitation, and it seems to come to them unasked for. The focus in this program is on children who are homeless and without a family as well as the children of commercial sex workers. The aim is to provide them with shelter, nutrition, education, healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, drinking water, recreation facilities, protection against abuse and exploitation & place them in the national mainstream.

The Street Education Centers run full time as day schools from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. for classes I – Xth.

**No. of centres** : 07 (street education centres 5 + Mobile school 2)

**No. of staff** : 17

**Total No. of Children** : 645

**Promoted to the next class** : 364\* (Boys-204, Girls 160)

**No. of dropouts** : 281\*\*

\* Details of promoted children: Orphans-05, from extremely poor families – 08, Run away due to abuse by parents/relatives – 69, Children of commercial sex workers/pavement dwellers – 275.

\*\* Details of dropouts: Sponsored to formal school – 12, Runaway – 16, Married – 05, Restored – 200, Referred to other shelter homes – 5, Rehabilitated – 12 and Migrated – 20, Dropout from the school for the other reasons - 12.

***IF THE CHILD CAN NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL THEN THE SCHOOL MUST GO TO THE CHILD***

## SCHOOLS ON WHEELS

RSSO has started an innovative venture to reach out to the 'hard to reach children' with two mobile schools to cover children who work as basket weavers or are engaged in other sundry jobs. This school carries education materials, toys, teaching aids, food, and first aid box along with medicines in a box built on a trolley and renders service to 98 children.

## SHELTER

Many children as mentioned above do not have a home or family ties. To meet this challenge a Drop in Shelter was started which functioned for 24 hours every day, ASRA for boys was started in 1989 and Ruchika Shradha Bhawan for girls was started in 2002. The resident children are provided with basic facilities that is food, clothing, education, recreation, counseling, vocational training, rehabilitation and family restoration. At present 27 boys and 11 girls are residing in the shelter. They go to regular schools.

## NUTRITION

Mid day meals with locally available foods consisting of healthy nutrients is served to children as a supplementary meal at:

- 16 Platform Schools
- 50 Alternative Schools
- 07 Street Education Centers
- 42 Balwadis
- 06 Creches



## HEALTH CARE AND MEDICATION

Medical check up is done by the registered medical practitioners once a week at all the education centers. Free medicines are dispensed and in case of emergency children are referred to the nearest dispensary/hospital when required and the RSSO ambulance is also used for this purpose.



## VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

Self employment and the ability to generate income has become impossible in today's world. It is also important to acquire skills according to the demand in the market. RSSO has undertaken programmes to do both among the youth and women. After making an assessment of trades in demand and prioritizing them the organization has started a scheme of vocational training offering the following trades:

TRADE	NO. OF YOUTH TRAINED UNDER	
	AJWS(3)	SCP(1)
Tailoring	35	21
Hotel Utility	6	-
Cooking	14	-
House Keeping	-	06

## BALWADI

This is an early childhood education and care program designed for preschool children in the age group of 3 to 6 years to lay the foundation for the formal education which follows. These are crucial years of growth in a child's life that cannot be recaptured and it is important to provide children with a properly developmental learning environment so that this age of absorption is not lost. RSSO goal cover 1200 children in the age group of 3 – 6 years through 42 Balwadi centers with education, health care and supplementary nutrition facilities as the three main components of a composite holistic approach. Each year 200 children are expected to enroll in the government formal schools.

No. of centers	Supported by	No. of teachers	No. of children(08-09)	
			6mth- 3yrs	3 - 5yrs
21	Orfalea	42	231	578
21	AJWS	42	269	337

## CRECHE CENTER

Creches are run for children of working women since 1987. The children are in the age group of 0-6 years. It provides early childhood education, nutrition & health care. It relieves overworked as well as sick mothers. In 2008-09, 6 creche centers cover 155 children with 12 teaching staff.



## AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS

Presently, about 2.5 million people live with HIV in India. The epidemic has reached catastrophic proportions. Over 90% of HIV-positive people in India do not know that they are carrying the virus. There is an urgent need to educate and create awareness in the public. RSSO had undertaken to do this, especially in the urban slums of Bhubaneswar city with adolescent boys and girls as well as the community at large.

### ACHIEVEMENT 2008-09

Individual interaction	6549
Group session & Quiz	564
House hold visits	5473
Street play	35
Formation/Contact of Self Help Group	10
Identification of Red Ribbon friends	127
STI referral to hospital	629
Meeting with External Stake Holders	5
Community meetings	20
Auto Taxi Drivers Day	2
Meeting with Auto/Taxi Drivers	3
Special Program for Women residing in slums	1

**IF THE CHILD CAN NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL THEN THE SCHOOL MUST GO TO THE CHILD**

## PROMOTION OF GIRLS EDUCATION

There are many adolescent girls who wish to continue their study but due to lack of support early marriage sibling care their education ends half way. Every year RSSO identifies 80 such adolescent girls living in different slums and provides all type of support to continue their study, at least up to High School. This is done through a partnership with the parent.

We believe that to educate a girl is to empower society and the nation as an educated woman extends what she knows within the family and the community. 80 adolescent girls have been supported to study in 35 government schools.

Classes covered	No. of adolescent girls sponsored	No. of slums covered	No. of govt., schools covered	No. of girls who passed out	No. of dropouts
V - X	80	32	35	51	21*

\*Reason for Drop out: The reasons for dropping out were different for each girl ranging from shift in location to those who get married.

## CHILDLINE

Childline is a national, 24 hours, toll free emergency telephone helpline and outreach service for those children who need care and protection. Childline aims to reach out to the most marginalized children between the age group of 0-18 years. It provides intervention for shelter, medical aid, repatriation, rescue, sponsorship and emotional support and guidance.

## HELPLINE

Helpline Bhubaneswar is a 24 hours telephone outreach crisis response center to help women in distress. Any run away girl & woman of 18 and above can dial a toll free number and seek help from Helpline whenever and wherever they are in need. Helpline directly provides services to them on issues related to as medical, shelter, legal aid, repatriation, rehabilitation, vocational training, gainful employment, mutual reconciliation etc.

Service Provided	CHILDLINE	HELPLINE	TOTAL
Medical	234	22	256
Shelter	277	127	404
Counseling	483	27	510
Missing	34	02	36
Legal Aid	0	15	15
Restoration	108	100	208
Road Accident Support	25		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1454</b>

## WATER & SANITATION PROGRAM IN SLUM SCHOOLS

The main purpose of this programme was to promote the message of clean water, sanitation and hygiene among the slum population and especially among the children and to provide them with the basic knowledge and skills to plan a cleaner and healthy environment. The current project was implemented in 15 slum schools in and around the city of Bhubaneswar. The target group were children attending creches, alternative schools and balwadis run by the organization in the project area.

ACCOMPLISHMENT:	08-09	07-08
Compost pits	11	07
Installation of tube-wells	08	12
Household Latrine	209	600
Restoration of Tube-wells	32	24
Support of SHG	01	04

## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN

The Inclusive Education Program is an effort to educate and mainstream disabled children and make them active partners of society. The children are enrolled in the education center run by the organisation as well as in the Govt. School, according to their condition and capability.

About 300 children with different impairments have been identified from 86 slums. They are helped with necessary certification from government departments, aids and appliances, parental and community counseling, physiotherapy and mainstreaming to school.

## TOY LIBRARY

In a unique venture which is the first of its kind, a mobile toy library was initiated for slum children to share their fillings with teddy because, monkeys and all possible animal soft toys. And emotional tool to target in inadequacies in understanding the other world, have the joy of holding it and playing with it, providing movement of unadulterated joy.

Centers Covered	No. of Centers	No. of staff served	No. of Children Benefited	Duration of visiting time	No. of times visited
Balwadi	42	02	1374	8.00 – 12.00	112
Creche	06	-do-	161	8.00 – 12.00	11
Total	48	02	1535	4 Hrs.	123

**24 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO GIVE THE CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SMILE**

## We are growing with the contribution of the following donors

**AGENCIES:** Ministry of Women and Child Development, India, State Social Welfare Advisory Board, Orissa, State Transport Authority, Orissa, Water Aid, UK, Concern World Wide, India, American Jewish World Service, USA, VIBHA, USA, Helping Hand, USA, Orfaea Foundation, USA, VZW Ruchika Thomas Voor India, Belgium, Inidian for Collective Action, USA, Global Fund for Children, USA, Empower, USA, New Global Citizen, USA, World of Children, USA,

Hillingdon Court, England, Global Giving, USA, Grass Root Asia, USA.

**INDIVIDUALS :** Chelesy Quin, USA, Alexa Steel, USA, Patricia Connelly, USA, Andy Harison Concern, Ireland, J.Ahluwalia, USA, Martyn Vandewal, Belgium, H.B.Patel, India, Bornes Varid, Belgium, Erin. M. Moilalen, USA, Preet Singh, East West Linkers, New Delhi.

## WE COMPLY WITH CREDIBILITY ALLIANCE NORMS

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

### SALARY STRUCTURE OF THE STAFF

Amount	No. of staff
< 500	42 (Part time)
501 – 1000	140 (Part time)
1001 – 5000	68
> 5000	04

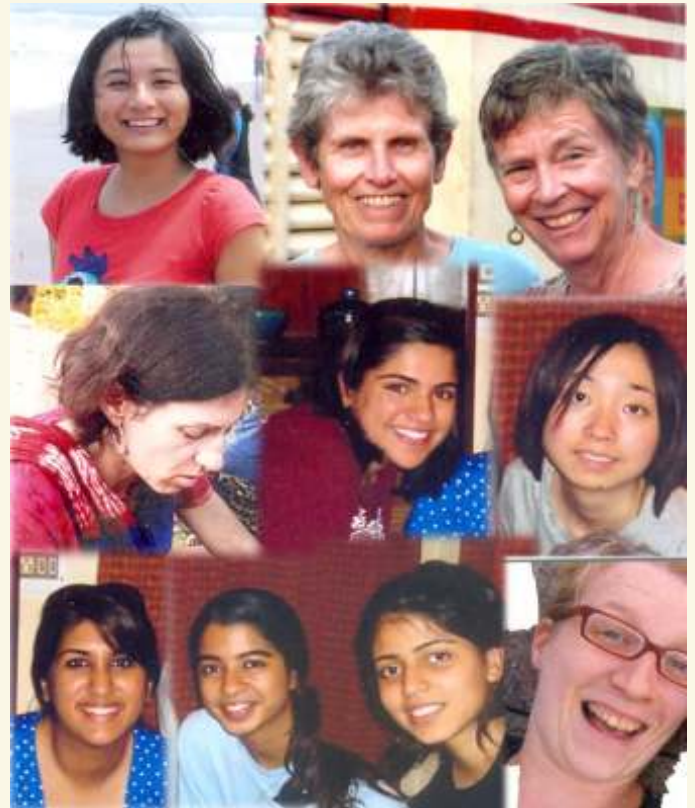
**Lowest paid staff = 400/- (part timer)**

**Highest paid staff = 14,000/-**

N.B: Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, Secretary does not receive any remuneration in any form from the organization for her services.

### TRAINING OF STAFFS OUT SIDE ORISSA

1. Mr. Saroj Ku. Sha attended a training program on Evolving Sustainable Development program for street and working children at National Institute of Public Co-Operation & Child Development, Delhi.
2. Mr. Bimal Ku. Samantray had gone to Kolkata for attending the 11th Co-Ordinators meets of Eastern Zone, CHILDLINE from 16.02.09 to 19.12.09. The basic aim of the meet was to train on legal intervention of Childline case. All the expense was supported by CIF.
3. Miss. Truptirani Mahapatra had gone to Kolkata for attending the 11th team members meet of Eastern Zone, CIF on 14th & 15th. Dec'09. The basic aim of the meet was to train on rescue operation & its process. All the expense was supported by CIF.
4. Mr. Niranjana Maharana had an exposure visit to NVJK Ranchi to attend a programme on solid waste management, clean Jharkhand project and vermin composting, also went to Jharkhand for TOT mechanic training and to NIFCID, Delhi for community resource Management.



**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

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

**IF THE CHILD CAN NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL THEN THE SCHOOL MUST GO TO THE CHILD**

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

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 OF BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2009

Particular	CURRENT FIN YEAR (08-09)		PREV. FIN YEAR (07-08)	
	Amount (Rs.)	%	Amount (Rs.)	%
<b>Assets</b>				
Fixed Asset	5,991,784.00	13.49	6,400,000.00	15.53
Investment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loans disbursed	2,467,542.00	5.56	1,500,000.00	3.64
Deposit and Advances	28,827,101.00	64.92	27,000,000.00	65.53
Current Asset	7,119,272.00	16.03	6,300,000.00	15.29
Income and Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,405,699.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>41,200,000.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Corpus/Endowment	13,080,973.00	29.46	13,150,000.00	31.92
Earmarked Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan/Borrowing	150,000.00	0.34	250,000.00	0.61
Current Liabilities	30,983,244.00	69.77	27,515,000.00	66.78
Income and Expenditure	191,482.00	0.43	285,000.00	0.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,405,699.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>41,200,000.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### ABRIDGED OF EXPENDITURE ON 31.03.2009

Particular	CURRENT FIN YEAR (08-09)		PREV. FIN YEAR (07-08)	
	Amount (Rs.)	%	Amount (Rs.)	%
<b>Income</b>				
Self generated income	182,902.00	1.26	200,000.00	1.63
Receive from National sources	1,459,263.00	10.07	2,500,000.00	20.33
Receive from International sources	9,517,556.00	65.70	6,400,000.00	52.03
Others	3,134,139.00	21.64	3,200,000.00	26.02
Excess of expenditure over income	191,482.00	1.32	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,485,342.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12,300,000.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Education	2,433,518.00	16.80	4,769,000.00	38.77
Health, water, & sanitation	8,240,981.00	56.89	3,300,000.00	26.83
Nutrition	1,371,596.00	9.47	1,225,000.00	9.96
Depreciation	534,037.00	3.69	721,000.00	5.86
Others	1,905,210.00	13.15	2,000,000.00	16.26
Excess of income over expenditure	0.00	0.00	285,000.00	2.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,485,342.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12,300,000.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>



## ADVISORY BOARD

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

## GOVERNING BOARD

*Our governing board is Managing Committee. It meets once a quarter.  
Meeting dates of the year 21.3.2007, 2.11.2007 & 4.1.2008*

Name	Designation
------	-------------

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



***IF THE CHILD CAN NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL THEN THE SCHOOL MUST GO TO THE CHILD***

**LIST OF ONGOING PROJECT & FUNDING AGENCIES(08-09)**

Sl	Name of the program	Name of the Support agency	No of units	Target Group	Yr. of inception	Staff / Beneficiaries
1	Railway Station Platform School	Ruchika Social Service Organisation	16	Railway Children	1985	20/555
2	Alternative Schools	VZW,Ruchika Thomas Voor India, Belgium	50	Slum Children	2008	54/1700
3	Street Children Project	Ministry of women and Child Development	7	Street Children	1998	17/645
4	Shelter for Street Boys (ASHRA)	Ministry of women and Child Development	1	Street / Run away boys	1998	2/27
5	Shelter for Street Girls (SHRADHA BHAWAN)	Ministry of women and Child Development	1	Street / Run away Girls	2002	2/11
6	Vocational Training Center	AJWS, USA	1	Slum Children above 14 yrs.	2001	8/100
7	Balwadi	AJWS, USA	21	Children below 6 Yrs.	2001	44/606
8	Balwadi	ORFALEA,USA	21	Children below 6 Yrs.	2008	44/809
9	Targeted Intervention programme to prevent HIV/AIDS/STI	Concern Worldwide India	17	Street Adolescents, slum community, auto drivers	2002	19/3000
10	Slum Girls School Sponsorship	Ruchika Social Service Organisation	1	Slum girls	2007	1/80
11	CHILDLINE - for children in distress	Ministry of women and Child Development	1	Any child in distress in the city	2000	13/1136
12	Helpline - a crisis response centre	Global Giving	1	Women in Distress and crisis	2004	17/318
13	Accident Helpline	Orissa Road Transport Dept. Govt. of Orissa	1	Road Accident Victims	2006	Same staff
14	Integrated Water & Sanitation program in Slum schools	Water Aid - India	15	Slum Children	2004	7/7105
15	Inclusive Education Program	VJW - Ruchika Thomas Voor India Belgium	1	Disabled Children	2004	4/300
16	Creches	State Social Welfare Board, Orissa	6	Children below 6 Yrs.	1987	12/155
17	Toy Library	New Global Citizens,USA	1	Children below 6 Yrs.	2008	2/1535



“We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love . There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread , but there are many more dying for a little love”