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Creation of Environments CHILD-FRIENDLY AND BEYOND

“Provide a developmentally appropriate, supportive environment, including the availability of a primary attachment figure so that the child may develop a stable and full range of emotional and social competencies commensurate with his or her potential, in the context of the society in which he or she lives,” says Loveleen Kacker, in her book, ‘Childhood Betrayed: Child Abuse and Neglect in India.’ She opines that the failure to provide such an environment would result in emotional abuse and be detrimental to the holistic growth of a child.

Lokesh, of ‘Comedy Khiladigalu,’ and ‘Bigg Boss OTT Kannada Season 1’ fame and an alumnus of BOSCO Bengaluru, while addressing a gathering said, “I am what I am primarily because of the environment that was provided to me at the organization. The kind-hearted mentors and caretakers supported me, guided me, and provided opportunities to develop my talents.” He went on to say that the optimum use of such an atmosphere stimulates and optimizes the integral blossoming of a young person.

As per Juvenile Justice Act 2015, “Child Friendly means any behaviour, conduct, practice, process, attitude, environment or treatment that is humane, considerate and in the best interest of the child.” This definition points to the ‘best interest of the child,’ which ‘means the basis for any decision taken regarding the child, to ensure fulfilment of his basic rights and needs, identity, social well-being, and physical, emotional, and intellectual development.’ However, an obligatory or mandatory observance of these principles alone wouldn’t suffice to create the right ambient.

One of the social workers once narrated to me an incident that happened when he was at his sister’s house. His three-year-old nephew, on a spree to explore whatever he could lay his hand on, began to nibble and chew on a ball pen. Seeing this, his sister began to scold her child and threatened to beat him if he repeated the same behaviour. The child became gloomy and sat in the corner of the house, visibly upset. Trying to brighten up the face of his little nephew, the social worker consoled him and tried to explain calmly and lovingly, the reason behind his mother’s action and about the right use of the pen. And the child went back to play with the usual exuberance.

While reaching out to children, especially, the less privileged and those on the fringes of society, a proactive approach that rises beyond and creates an atmosphere that provides the impetus for growth is quintessential. In Lokesh’s own words, ‘Adu hrudayadinda barabeku,’ it should come from the heart. Because education and the formation of a young person is a matter of the heart!



Foreword

FR. VARGHESE PALLIPURAM
Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru

Foreword

As another year passes by, it is with gratitude that we look back at the happiness that BOSCO has been able to infuse into the hearts of children. At this juncture, with resolve, we look forward to the responsibility of imparting love to many less privileged young people who would journey with us in the upcoming year.

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report of 2022-23; a great year with great achievements; a year that has borne witness to the transformation that unconditional love can bring to children, families, and communities. The year that went by was a celebration of commitment, determination, excellence, and passion for the cause of children in need. From catering to the needs of children through street presence, rescue, rehabilitation, shelter, counselling, health care, education, vocational training, and job and room placements, to working at the community and administrative level through consultations, advocacy, awareness creation, rights education, and empowerment of girl children, every program has been mindfully crafted to meet the varying needs of children. BOSCO relentlessly strives to ensure the holistic development of children and empowers them to succeed in an evolving society while simultaneously equipping parents and the community to care for them and initiate change in society.

The past year was marked with many achievements and proud moments. BOSCO was able to rescue 4,312 children and 161 child labourers from exploitative situations during the year. Initiating the rescue and rehabilitation of children from the SMVT railway station was yet another big step forward in ensuring the safety of children who land up in the city without help and hope. All the different National and International Days commemorating the causes of children were observed with successful awareness drives, signature campaigns, rallies, public gatherings, and many other initiatives, bringing about a tangible increase in public consciousness and support. BOSCO also completed the CREAM and CHILDLINE projects, implemented the Foster Care program in 10 districts of Karnataka, and was awarded the best organization for HLK documentation at the national level, last year.

I would like to thank the dedicated staff of BOSCO who have unreservedly reached out to the children and youth at risk even in the most challenging of times and situations. There are many people who have accompanied us in our quest to transform lives, and we are grateful to all of them for their valuable contributions. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our funding agencies and sponsors, especially BREADS, Raja Foundation, Azim Premji Foundation, Claude, and Silvana, who have changed countless lives through their support and generosity. We are also grateful to Fr. Provincial and his team for their constant guidance and encouragement. I would also like to thank the editorial board headed by Fr. Prasad for giving visibility to the endeavours and accomplishments of BOSCO through documentation, publications, media coverage, and social media presence.

As we stand at the threshold of new changes and challenges, in the midst of continuing economic, social, and political changes, it is the constant effort of BOSCO to empower children to face the demands of a fast-paced world through conscious and innovative programs designed to meet their changing issues and needs. Once again, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has stood with us in this effort and has worked with us to create a world without fear for our children, so "that they may have life...life in all its fullness".

MESSAGE

FR. JOSE KOYIKKAL SDB
Provincial, Don Bosco Province, Bangalore



Four decades have passed since BOSCO Bengaluru first opened its heart and doors to children who desperately needed a guiding presence in their lives to walk with them through the troubles and trials they found themselves in. The Preventive System of Education which revolves around the principles of reason, religion, and loving kindness, is followed in the institutions of Don Bosco across the globe. The system insists on the continued assistance and presence of the educator with the young people as they journey through life. I believe that BOSCO has been that accompanying presence in the lives of numerous children; the compelling presence that teaches them to believe once again in the goodness of humanity. BOSCO inspires them to be to others what the organization has been to them, a companion along the way.

BOSCO through its various innovative interventions has been able to successfully devise practical and sustainable solutions to many of the persistent problems in society pertaining to children. Through preventive and proactive measures like the continual presence of staff on the streets of the city, rescues, counselling, advocacy, and creating awareness among children, communities, various stakeholders, and the general public about the rights of children and their protection and promotion. With the effective use of rehabilitative measures like reuniting children with their families, creating a safe space for children through institutionalization and foster care, formal and non-formal education, skill training, and job placement, the organization supports young people to become financially and functionally independent.

BOSCO's multi-dimensional approach to child care and protection has played a major role in creating an attitudinal shift in individual and societal mindsets. Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), a project implemented under the auspices of BREADS, Bengaluru, and CHILDLINE 1098, carried out in collaboration with CHILDLINE India Foundation and the Government through which the organization reached out to thousands of children, are ending. With the objective of empowering children, the CREAM Project in all the three phases of implementation, strived to protect and promote child rights in collaboration with the Governmental and Non-Governmental bodies, other stakeholders and the concerned community. The City CHILDLINE and Child Help Desks (CHDKs) at the railway station reached out to the Children in Need of Care and Protection 24/7. Although these projects that functioned as channels would not be operational in the future, continuing to reach out to young people in difficult situations through the networks and rapport with the concerned stakeholders has to be creatively envisaged.

I congratulate the Executive Director, the Directors, and all the staff members and volunteers, who have ceaselessly worked towards building the dreams and upholding the trust of the children who have turned to BOSCO for love and safety. May God bless BOSCO as it continues its mission of being home to the homeless and hope to the hopeless.

KSCPCR, CHAIRPERSON MESSAGE



Govt. of Karnataka
(Karnataka State Commission for
Protection of Child Rights)



BOSCO Bengaluru is working upon the innocent minds of children engraving values and principles that will brighten the whole universe. It accompanies the young at risk in their struggles and journeys. The organization has journeyed with the children through their difficulties, challenges, transitions, and achievements. From rescue to rehabilitation through home placement, education/vocational training, job/room placement, BOSCO has been handholding each child's individual journey since 1980.

At BOSCO, not only are children moulded into respectable members of the mainstream society through education, life skill training, but also empowered with their rights, urged to practise advocacy on violation of their rights viz: child labour, child marriage, etc. by forming children's collectives, caring communities, mothers' and youth groups, child right clubs, through adolescent girls' meetings, which help in resolving reigning issues in the communities, with the assistance of task force, the stake holders, Corporators, area leaders etc.

BOSCO has been translating life, giving way of life to thousands of youth for several years now. I congratulate all the Fathers, Brothers and members of the staff for their dedicated service involving deeper planning, discussion, sharing, and above all love for the lesser privileged ones who live a life of sacrifice.

May BOSCO continue to be a healthy presence to the young in whom all of us rejoice, as they form a very important part of the society!

K. NAGANNA GOWDA
CHAIRPERSON
KSCPCR, BENGALURU

JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD MESSAGE



BOSCO Bengaluru is a voluntary and social organization rendering exemplary service in rehabilitating the street and run-away children and youth and bringing them to the mainstream society.

Children alleged and found to be in conflict with the law are almost always from backgrounds of adversity and psychosocial vulnerability, including poverty, dysfunctional families, poor parenting, substance abuse, violence, and other forms of marginalization. It is these vulnerable and marginalized children who find themselves in conflict with the law that Bosco has been supporting for several years now through several programs at the community level as well as in collaboration with government agencies.

BOSCO Bengaluru has been an active partner to the Juvenile Justice Boards at Bangalore for several years now in close collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development. The social workers from BOSCO have been working closely with the Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPUS) in Bangalore and play an important role in producing children alleged to be in conflict with the law before the JJBS at the time of first production. This is a very crucial and sensitive role as they have to understand the background and circumstances of involvement in the alleged offence from the child who has been apprehended, ensure that their rights are protected in the process of apprehension, preliminary inquiry and production before the Board by the police.

We take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the management, staff, volunteers and entire Bosco family for another year of a doing such a commendable job in advocating for the rights of these vulnerable children. We wish the Bosco team all the best and hope that you continue to serve the cause of the marginalized, remain a home to the homeless children, and be a beacon of hope to the children without hope!

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RAVINDRA KATTIMANI
CHAIRPERSON

DR. KALPANA PURUSHOTHAM
MEMBER

JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD, BANGALORE (URBAN)

SUMANAHALLI MESSAGE



Hi,

India has the largest number of young people in the world - whopping 254 million people in the 15-24 age group.

While many countries are planning how to deal with the ageing population, India's focus is on the aspirations of the young. Relevance of BOSCO is precisely in this larger context of the world and the country.

Large young population is both a blessing and a great challenge. Blessing when the young are able find a way to fulfil their dreams. Challenge when the space for them to grow and express themselves is very limited. BOSCO began with an objective to create that space to ensure that everyone has a share in it, not just the rich and the educated, but even those who lost the plot of life.

Hope of India is in such initiatives like BOSCO. The affluent will always find a way. But the last and the least will be lost, if the society does not understand and create opportunities for them. This calls for creativity and commitment, along with resources. BOSCO initiated creative interventions with commitment, mobilising required resources from all possible sources.

40 years, 10 institutions., 100s of inmates. BOSCO is a replicable global model, for including the excluded in the urban space, 1000s of success stories, Cheers and best wishes, Let the BOSCO miracle continue.

FR DR GEORGE KANNANTHANAM

DIRECTOR

(A SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE AND REHABILITATION OF LEPROSY
AFFECTED AND OTHER DESTITUATES)

PROFILE OF BOSCO

*That they may have life.....
life in all its fullness*

BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA,

commonly known as BOSCO, is a registered Non-Profit Charitable Organization under the society's Registration Act of 1960. It was established in 1980 by the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB).

VISION

BOSCO aspires for a society that unreservedly cares for its children/youth through preventive and promotional approaches besides standing up for their well-being.

MISSION

BOSCO accompanies the young at risk in their struggles and journeys from the margins to integrate with mainstream society, such that they become responsible citizens.

BOSCO reaches out to the deprived, marginalized and vulnerable children/youth: children on the streets, child labourers, runaways, trafficked, abandoned and orphaned children, victims of all kinds of abuse, rag pickers, child beggars, etc.

OUR SERVICES

I 24/7 Street Presence I Child Rescue Booths I CHILDLINE I Counselling I Special Juvenile Police Unit I Child Safety Net I Community Development I Child Rights Campaigns and Awareness Creation I Child Rights Clubs I Foster Care I Shelter Homes for Children I Skill Training I Education I Health Care I Job Placement I Room Placement I Home Placement I Advocacy I Research, Documentation and Publication



AREAS OF BOSCO

RAILWAY STATIONS:

- Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station
- Bangalore Cantonment Railway Station
- Bangalore East Railway Station
- Kengeri Railway Station
- Krishnarajapuram Railway Station
- Yelahanka Railway Station
- Bidadi Railway Station
- SMVT Railway Station

BUS STATIONS:

- Kempegowda (Majestic) Bus Station
- KSRTC Bus Station
- Shivajinagar Bus Station
- KR Market Bus Station
- Kalasipalya Bus Station
- Satellite Bus Station
- Kengeri Bus Station
- Yelahanka Bus Station

COMMUNITIES/CONTACT POINTS:

Gandhinagar

- Anjanappa Garden
- Sangam Construction Area
- Gandhinagar Park

Market Area

- Ramanna Garden I
- Ramanna Garden II
- Vyayamshaale
- Rajgopal Garden
- Vinobhanagar
- Cement Huts

- Gurrappa Garden
- JC Road
- Jolly Moholla
- Bakshi Garden

Magadi Road

- K.P. Agrahara
- Nagammanagar
- Bhuvaneshwarinagar
- Gopalpura
- Mayuri Circle
- Manjunathnagar
- Keshavnagar Bande

Shivajinagar Area

- Ambedkar Huts
- Mackan Compound
- Nehrupuram

Mysore Road

- Janata Colony
- JJR Nagar
- Padarayanapura
- Azadnagar
- Flower Garden
- Bhangi Colony
- Cheluvadipalya
- Velmurugapura

Sumanahalli

- Devaraja Urs Slum
- Nagarbhavi Slum

Street Presence

Many children take to life on the street either lured by the prospects of a good job, to lead an independent life, or because of problems like the death of a parent, alcoholic parents, strained relationships with step-parents, parent separation, abuse, or family violence. But this kind of situational decision often leads to children getting trapped in the disruptive influences of the street and taken advantage of by negative elements, putting their childhood and the possibility of a productive future at risk.



Therefore, it is BOSCO's single-minded agenda to extend its round-the-clock presence through various services such as rescue operations, counselling, medical assistance, food and shelter, orientation camps, and awareness programmes. Nearly 15 children are rescued daily from the streets and a majority of them are taken back to their homes.

CASE STUDY 1 - ON THE WINGS OF A DREAM

On the Wings of a Dream

Nine-year-old Manju (name changed) dreams of becoming a football player when he grows up and works very hard every day to get to his dream. Today his world is filled with books, sports, fun, and a lot of possibilities. But 3 years back, his life was nothing like this; there was no school, no football, no dream, only the deafening silence of many empty days.

Manju lived in the J.C Road area of Bengaluru with his mother, his elder sister Kavya and his younger brother Lala. Three years ago, their father walked out of their lives, leaving their mother to carry the weight of an entire household on her own. Manju knows that his father lives somewhere in Hosur, but that is where his relationship with his father ends. His mother works as a domestic help, from early morning to late night, just to survive and make enough to feed her children every day. But while she toiled to make a living, her children paid the price of her absence. Barely old enough to take care of themselves, the children were forced to face each new day without the support and guidance of a grown-up in their lives. So, most days were spent on the street, on their own, and often at the mercy of other people. Sometimes Manju used to get beaten by his neighbours for no other reason than not having anyone to stand up for him.

It was during one such day, while wandering along the streets that he was spotted by BOSCO field staff. On further enquiry, it was found that though Manju was already 6, he had never been enrolled in school. On asking his mother about this, she said that in the early morning rush to get to work, she did not have time to get the children ready for school. The staff visited Manju's house and did a home enquiry and got a clearer understanding of the family's real situation. They understood that Manju's father did not take care of the family in any way, the mother and children did not have a house to call their own, and what the mother earned after working all day was not nearly enough to meet all their different needs. Clearly, in need of help, Manju was brought to BOSCO Mane for shelter and education. His mother was also happy with this decision, and Manju became a part of BOSCO in 2019.

On the 1st of June, 2019, Manju was enrolled in the bridge course offered at the centre, and from there began a new phase of his life. The initial days at the centre were very difficult for the little child. Adjusting to the new environment, routine, and people, was a challenge, but with regular counselling and attention, Manju slowly started overcoming his initial hesitation and began taking an active interest in the various activities and events organized at the centre. Seeing his remarkable progress in studies as well as in all other areas, he was enrolled in St. Joseph's Higher Primary School in Cottonpet, in the 1st standard. Manju immensely enjoyed his new role

as a student and regularly attended classes without fail, till everything came to a standstill with the pandemic and the lockdown.

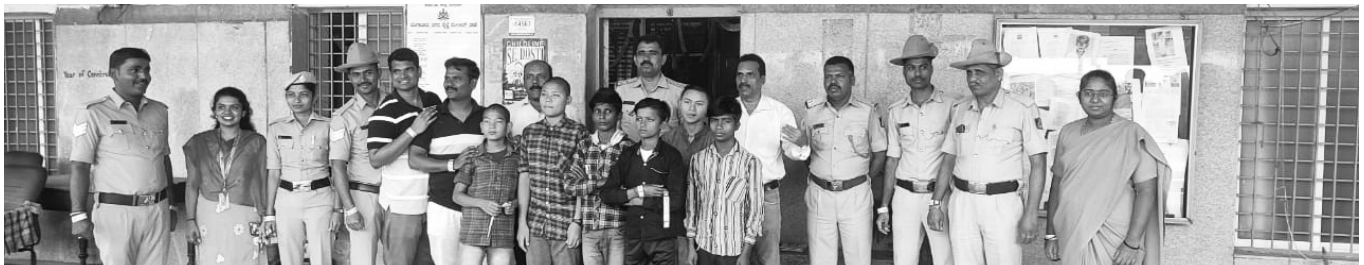
During the first wave of the coronavirus, Manju came down with fever and his mother requested permission to take him home for a few days. So, he went home with his mother but continued to be given regular counselling over the phone and through home visits for the entire duration of his stay there. His family was also helped with ration kits to get through the difficult time of the lockdown. After some time, Manju returned to the centre and when the world slowly started getting back to normal, he once again began going to school, regularly and diligently like before.

Manju is now in the 4th standard and has grown into a good student, a talented dancer, and a competent sportsperson with a passion for football. He makes the most of every opportunity presented to him and enthusiastically participates in all the activities organized at the centre. He actively participated in the Don Bosco month celebrations held recently and won several prizes at the Sports Day organized during the occasion. Manju says that he is very happy in BOSCO as he continues to uncover new possibilities in the space that daily teaches him to challenge the impossible and believe in the improbable.

Rescue

Once on the streets, children often fall prey to child traffickers, abusers, criminals etc. BOSCO aims to contact such children before they are preyed upon, and attempts to ensure that quick and timely action is taken to rescue the children. BOSCO's rescue operations are carried out

in railway stations, bus terminals, public places, markets, parks, hotels, factories etc. BOSCO programmes like CHILDLINE, SJPU, Child Safety Net etc. collaborate with Government agencies and the Police for the rescue operations and prevention of child rights violations.



CASE STUDY 2 - IN SAFE HANDS...

“Seven years ago, my husband tied me in the house and took my daughter with him.” “My wife went to the Anganwadi where our child studies and forcefully took her away without my knowledge”; two different stories, two different lives, and a child who struggled to find herself in the midst of the clamour and confusion, that was eight-year-old Asha (name changed).

Asha's parents' relationship had been on the rocks from the beginning. Asha's mother is her father's second wife, and they separated when Asha was still a baby. For the first few years of her life, Asha was taken care of by her father, his third wife, and his family in Chikkanahalli, till one day when Asha was around five years old her mother took her away to her house in Kalegowdanahalli without the father's knowledge, after forcing the child to complain to the police about her father.

Life for Asha began anew at the age of five, this time with her mother. But Asha's relationship with her mother was more anchored in fear than in love. She was afraid of her mother and the way she expressed her displeasure, and her mother's habitual drinking made matters worse. So, when her mother came to know that Asha was complaining to other people about her, it aggravated an already tense relationship. She became the target of

her mother's anger and punishments, and finally unable to bear her anger anymore, Asha ran away from home. She was sheltered by the local temple priest for two days after which he informed CHILDLINE about the child. Asha was rescued by CHILDLINE and sent to an NGO in Nelamangala as per the order of the CWC.

It was in 2020 that Asha went to the NGO, and once there, the staff from the organization visited both the mother and the father in an attempt to understand their lives and issues better, but after the visit, one truth became painfully evident; that Asha was never going to get her family back. The gap had widened, the problems multiplied, and among the cacophony of their conflicts, the child was unattended to. Asha was clearly afraid of her mother and did not want to live with her anymore. So, she continued in the NGO for the next two years before being transferred to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in 2022 as per the order of the CWC.

With the adaptability that only a child can muster, Asha quickly settled into the new environment and routine with ease. She is currently a 5th -standard student in a reputed English Medium school in the city. 'A smart student, a lovable child, and a good friend,' are some of the phrases used by the staff and children of BVB to describe the child. She actively participates in all the activities of the centre and makes the most of the opportunities available. But Asha's parents have not yet come to the centre to see her progress, nor have they called to find out how she is. Only her uncle, Chikkappa as she calls him, keeps in touch with the child and the centre sometimes. Life is still full of questions for little Asha, but as she finds her answers, BOSCO accompanies her, step by step, in her quest to build her life again.

Statistics of Children rescued by BOSCO during June 2022-May 2023

Contact Point	Boys	Girls	Total
BOSCO Mane	06	00	06
BOSCO Sumanahalli	33	00	33
BOSCO Nilaya	30	03	33
BOSCO Nivas	00	00	00
BOSCO Yuvakendra	06	00	06
Railway Station	1703	169	1872
BMTC	355	29	384
KSRTC	252	35	287
BOSCO Yuvodaya	26	02	28
CHILDLINE	42	73	115
SJPU	211	85	296
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	23	23
ARSP	970	81	1051
CSN	140	21	161
BOSCO Rainbow Home	05	00	05
Services Provided	00	12	12
Grand Total	3779	533	4312

Final Action Taken

Final Action	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	50	69	119
Home Placement	3323	318	3641
Produced before CWC (Admission)	262	124	386
Referred to OH	114	0	114
Shishumandir	5	1	6
Referred to Hostels	12	20	32
Buddhi Mandhya Makkala Balamandira	1	0	1
Recommended to Hostel	1	0	1
Produced before CWC handed over to police	8	0	8
Counselled and sent/Went off	3	1	4
Grand total	3779	533	4312

Counselling

The identity of street children is generally strongly rooted in a deep sense of abandonment, often giving them a defeated outlook on life. It is BOSCO's primary goal to make the children feel that they are worthy and capable of living a better life. BOSCO provides counselling services to children with the help of professional counsellors, at different stages of intervention by way of individual counselling and group counselling. A counsellor tries to shed light on the children's subconscious feelings and emotions; endeavours to change their unhealthy and inappropriate attitudes and instil self-confidence and self-esteem in them; prompts the children to come to terms with reality and thus, inspires them to make suitable resolutions. Therapeutic counselling and referring to specialized centres are done through the rehabilitation centres of BOSCO. The centres also provide counselling for the parents, guardians, and legal custodians of the rescued children. During the past year, 4576 rescued children were given counselling, on a regular basis.



CASE STUDY 3 - YOUNG NAVIGATOR ON A SPECIAL JOURNEY OF LIFE!

For 16-year-old Mohan (Name Changed), the second son of Mallanna and Kaveri from Bengaluru, education was just an obligatory burden that came with growing up. A child with memory and attention issues, Mohan faced a lot of difficulties and challenges trying to fit into an educational system that refused to understand him. Battling against the odds, Mohan studied till the 9th standard in a regular school, and though his learning differences often baffled his teachers and worried his parents, their concern never led them to take the initiative to understand the cause of the child's difficulties.

Mohan was brought to the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre in Sumanahalli by his parents to seek clarity about the best way forward for their son. Their elder son had chosen to join a computer training course, and the

parents had come to the centre, looking for advice about the possibility of a similar avenue for their younger son. Understanding Mohan’s issues, the Director of the centre recommended that he joins skill training where along with learning a new trade, the issues he grapples with could also be explored and explained.

In keeping with the Director’s recommendation, Mohan joined the Bakery training offered at the centre. With regular counselling and follow-up, Mohan is showing small but steady signs of improvement. His progress is being monitored closely and daily assessments are done to understand the pace of his growth in the different personal and social habits that he had previously struggled with, and along with teaching him to respect every positive addition to his life, he is also being encouraged to recognize and develop his strengths and talents. Mohan has always enjoyed dancing, but after coming to the centre, he is slowly discovering his aptitude for sports as well. Along with giving Mohan the confidence to navigate the present challenges he is faced with, every effort is being made to ensure that he is equipped to lead a life of dignity and self-sufficiency in the future also. Professional counselling at NIMHANS to get a thorough understanding of his learning needs; parental counselling to prepare his parents to support him in his future journey; the support and guidance required to complete his vocational training; placement in a job that can sustain him and his family; and regular monitoring and follow-up, are some of the strategies being put in place to complete his transition into independence. Through regular counselling, short evaluations, feedback from the vocational instructor, and life skill training, Mohan is gradually being taught to break free from the expectations that had oppressed him his whole life and to embrace and celebrate his own uniqueness and identity.

Health Care

Knowing that a child in the street lives in extremely unhygienic conditions and consequently becomes vulnerable to a variety of diseases and parasitic infestations, BOSCO makes significant medical interventions in centres, underprivileged communities, and its operational areas of intervention. The team diagnoses illnesses at an early stage with regular medical checkups, paving the way for timely treatment. Besides direct interventions, many health awareness programmes and medical camps are also conducted.

As many as 55 health and nutrition awareness programmes, and 30 general health camps including dental camps and a camp for the staff of BOSCO, were conducted during the year. The team assisted 219 children with regular COVID testing (RTPCR) during the

year, and a total of 24 children were administered two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Special emphasis was given to creating awareness about Cancer, various types of cancer, prevention of cancer, detection, and treatment. Cancer screening was organized in BOSCO Nilaya for the people in the community residing near the centre during the year. Around ninety people from the surrounding communities of BOSCO Nilaya availed the services of the camp.

Types of Cases	Numbers
Inpatient	24
Outpatient	507
Other Medical Care	1612
Total	2143



Non-Formal Education

The children rescued by BOSCO are from diverse backgrounds such as school dropouts or children who have never been to school. The first priority of the organization is to prepare these children for formal education, provided they possess the aptitude and interest for studies. The Non-Formal system of education in BOSCO is relevant to the child's requirements, appropriate to the child's developmental level, flexible, participatory, inclusive, and protective of their right to survival and development. Thus, classes are organized in the different shelter homes of BOSCO to prepare them for schooling. BOSCO also organizes classes for children for one reason, to prepare them for open school exams in the 10th standard and to take up jobs according to the skills that they are trained in.



Formal Education

BOSCO centres receive children from the different programmes of BOSCO, Govt. Boys and Girls Homes, or directly through their family members. Children from various categories like street children abandoned children, child labourers, children found begging, orphans, semi-orphans, children from poor backgrounds, children addicted to substances, children in conflict with the law, runaway children, etc., are enrolled in the BOSCO centres for rehabilitation and undergo deep counselling and motivation to return to the mainstream of society. BOSCO, with its innovative strategies, motivates these children to study and attend regular classes. Its centres

such as BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Rainbow Home, and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan are dedicated to helping the children develop a greater interest in their school education, while BOSCO Sumanahalli is dedicated to providing higher education to its resident pupils.

Once the children complete their schooling, they remain, vulnerable young adults, who either don't have families to go back to or are unable to return to their families. Many of them have dreams and aspirations to study further and achieve a higher level of education. BOSCO enrolls such youths in colleges, ITIs, and other training institutes based on their interests and aptitude.



Statistics of School/College-going Children during June 2022-May 2023

Standard/PUC/ Diploma/ Degree	BOSCO Mane	BOSCO Vikas	BOSCO Rainbow Home	BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	BOSCO Sumanahalli	BOSCO Yuvakendra	Foster Care Programme	TOTAL
LKG/UKG/ Bridge Course	17		1	15				33
I	2		3	6				11
II			2	1				3
III	1		6	-				7
IV	3		5	5				13
V	10		2	2			1	15
VI	1	11	9	6			1	28
VII		6	4	4			1	15
VIII		7	2	5			7	21
IX		12	7	3			1	23
X		10	10	3		5	1	29
PUC 1			4	3	3			10
PUC 2				4	2	1	2	9
Diploma 1				6				6
Diploma 2					1			1
D.C -1				1		1		2
D.C -2				2			1	3
PG						1		1
TOTAL	34	46	55	66	6	8	15	230

CASE STUDY 4 - In Pursuit of a Goal...

From the by-lanes of poverty to the corridors of hope, Raju's (name changed) journey of 10 years has taken him through moments of distress but also seasons of promise. A native of Tamil Nadu, 10-year-old Raju has seen separation, sickness, and death, all in the time span of a few years. Eight years ago, Raju's parents had left their home in Tamil Nadu and moved to Bengaluru, leaving him in

the care of his grandmother, where though he felt cared for and protected, there was no certainty of a better tomorrow. During his stay with his grandmother, Raju was not enrolled in any school, and when his grandmother's death brought him to Bengaluru to his parents, what he had to look forward to did not seem any better than what he had left behind.

Raju's parents were vegetable vendors in KR Market and the streets of the market often doubled as their home and refuge. Raju has an elder brother, Shivaji, and two younger sisters, Soundarya and Shivashakthi, but what made their challenging circumstances often intolerable was the chronic kidney disease that their father suffered from. The disease and its treatment consumed a sizeable share of their mother's time, strength and resources, and what was left was not nearly enough to take care of four children. Gradually, Raju began to accompany and assist his parents in their daily job of selling vegetables, till he was found one day by the BOSCO CHILDLINE team.

After gauging and understanding the family's situation, Raju was referred to BOSCO Mane for care and protection as per the order of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

When Raju first came to the centre in June 2020, it was with the baggage of a disrupted childhood. He had behavioural and anger issues, tended to trouble other children, and also struggled with his studies. Raju was first enrolled in the Bridge Course. Later, he was enrolled in the Government Kannada Model Higher Primary School in Chamarajpet, in the 3rd standard.

During the second wave of the pandemic, Raju's mother requested permission to take the child home with her, but even after going home, Raju was regularly given counselling over the phone and motivated to attend the educational classes aired over the TV channel Chandana. The family was also provided with ration kits to minimize the impact of the pandemic on the child.

When schools reopened following the drop in the pandemic, Raju was once again put through bridge education for a few weeks before starting mainstream school again. In the academic year of 2022-23, Raju was moved to St. Joseph's Higher Primary School in Cottonpete. He is now a 4th-standard student who takes an active interest in studies as well as all the other activities organized in school and at the centre. Raju is a good dancer and a talented sportsperson. He was an active participant in the various events organized during the month of the Feast of Don Bosco and won many prizes during the Sports Day organized by BOSCO, but the one thing that captures his imagination the most is football. He diligently practices the sport every day and confidently sees dreams of becoming a footballer when he grows up as he is taught each day to take the limits off his tomorrow.

Bridge Education

The Bridge programme prepares children with limited academic skills to attain the basic skills necessary to enter mainstream education. The goal of the bridge programme is to progressively bridge the gap between the existing skills of the children and the skills needed to enter and succeed in formal education.

Children rescued from the streets and vulnerable pockets of Bengaluru, either orphaned or unable to return to their homes, are admitted to BOSCO centres. Here, skill training, non-formal education, creative learning, family environment, therapeutic counselling, mentoring, craft, play, art, etc., are provided to eliminate the deep-rooted



negative impact of street life or the problems that they faced at home due to various unavoidable circumstances. The bridge schooling programme of BOSCO not only

aims to enroll children in schools but also focuses on their overall development and reintegration into mainstream society.

CASE STUDY 5 - One Day at a Time...

It was a 15-year-old's desperate attempt to find a way out of solitude that had driven her to the police station asking for help to start life over again. Lata (Name Changed), a native of Bengaluru, has battled with losses for as long as she can remember. Her parents passed away when she was very young, leaving her in the care of her paternal grandmother. But when her grandmother turned out to be more loyal to the alcohol that she was addicted to than to her granddaughter, Lata's next hope became her elder brother who did coolie work to make a living. But an issue with her brother soon distanced her from that relationship as well.

Lata and her family lived in a slum in Bengaluru. Poverty was an accepted part of her life there, drugs and alcohol an inevitable sight while growing up, and gradually the lack of guidance started affecting every area of her life, including her education. Lata eventually dropped out of school in the 7th standard, and a year ago, life changed again when she took up a job as a caretaker in an old age home. But there too, she was confronted with the same set of problems that she was forced to fight her whole life. After working for an entire year at the old age home, often managing responsibilities that went beyond a child's capacity, what she was paid for a whole year's toil was a meagre sum of ₹ 6,000/-. Understanding the futility of continuing there, Lata quit her job and left that place, but was then faced with the dilemma of what to do next and where to go. She was certain that she did not want to go back home. She had once left the crippling environment of her childhood behind and was certain that she did not want to go down that path again, and it was this decision that had led her to the doorstep of the police station.

From the police station, Lata was handed over to CHILDLINE 1098 who then brought her to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Lata came to BVB in October 2022. After talking to the child and doing the Social Investigation Report (SIR), it became evident that Lata's home and the community where she lived were not safe for the child and her future. So, as per the order of the CWC, it was decided that Lata would continue at the centre and complete her education. She has been enrolled in the bridge course offered at the centre and is proving to be a bright student. Although Lata enjoys all the activities in the centre, especially dance, there is one area that brings out the dreamer in her.

Lata loves sports and is very interested in finding a future in this field. But even as Lata was discovering her strengths and talents and was being introduced to new possibilities, there came a point in the transition where

she started missing home and wanted to give up everything and go back. Disconcerted by the many changes, for a few days Lata adamantly held on to her demand of going home, but gradually with consistent counselling and patient encouragement, Lata finally got over her uncertainty and has now once again settled down with the vision for her future. Sorting out their differences, her brother also regularly calls and keeps in touch with her at the centre now. Gauging her interest in studies, plans are being made to prepare her for the 10th standard exams, and one day at a time, Lata is being taught to look beyond the losses that had always defined her life to the infinite possibilities that could redefine her future.

Vocational Training

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre located in Sumanahalli is an established vocational training centre for youth from the ages of 15 to 18 years. It extends its service to all young boys who are from dysfunctional families as well as to poor youth from the neighbourhood who are passionate about acquiring a skill in life. Besides dispensing training in five trades such as carpentry, welding, bakery trade, two-wheeler mechanics, and electrical, the centre also organizes training in soft skills for its students as part of their curriculum.

Apart from the above-mentioned trades, tailoring units are also functioning in BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan along with the Beautician Course being offered at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. BOSCO Yuvakendra provides skill training in screen printing.

While BOSCO Sumanahalli provides computer education for the youth in Basic, Microsoft Office, Internet and Tally, BOSCO Mane provides computer training for youths focused on training for a job. Computer education is a four-month course. and during the last one year, 3 batches have completed their course in Basic, Tally and Vocational training.

With the intention of promoting a positive attitude among the youth and to strengthen the bond among them, besides generating a deeper interest in learning a skill, activities like youth meets, exposure visits, sports,



and picnics are organized from time to time. BOSCO also arranges many life skills camps and holds talks on subjects like self-respect, personality development, etc. The life skill sessions conducted on a regular basis help guide the children and youth to plan ahead and think more practically in life. Along with the life skill sessions, spoken English classes are also organized. These activities help the youth to gain the skills needed to keep them off the street and become part of mainstream society once again.

Statistics of Youth enrolled for Training during June 2022 - May 2023

Types of Trades	Number of Children
Welding	07
Two-Wheeler Mechanic	20
Bakery	18
Carpentry	02
Electrician	07
Tailoring (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	95
Tailoring (Nivas)	31
Beautician Course (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	68
Screen Printing (BYK)	10
Total	258



Statistics of the Youth Enrolled for Computer Training during June 2022-May 2023

Sl. No.	Number of Batches	Basic	Tally	Basic and Tally	Total	Vocational	Job Placement (Above 18)
1	BOSCO Mane	109	13	55	177	66 (Life Skill and Spoken English)	Nil
2	BOSCO Sumanahalli	99	4	36	139	54	05
	Total	208	17	91	316	120	05

CASE STUDY 6 - Powered by Skills

From being baffled by the complexity of computers to being surprised by the relative simplicity of mastering them, Madhu's (Name Changed) encounter with technology has been one of transformation and transition. Madhu joined the computer Basic course offered at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, because he understood the inseparable relationship between technology and success in today's world and did not want to be left behind in this computer-driven era. But acknowledging the importance of computers did not make the process of learning any easier for him. Madhu was initially confused and intimidated by the vastness of the subject that he was trying to learn, but determined not to let discomfort stand in the way of progress, Madhu started his journey with small but steady steps of faith. He practiced typing, familiarised himself with keyboard shortcuts, learned how to use basic software programs like Microsoft Word and Excel, and acquainted himself with the internet and its resources. Slowly but surely, the very thing that had been his biggest challenge began to become his biggest strength.

Madhu is now an Assistant Manager at Kotak Mahindra Bank, a job that requires and allows him to use the skills that he had diligently learned, and his prowess in the field is also being noticed and appreciated at his workplace. But this is not where he wants to stop. Madhu has greater goals to reach and bigger dreams to accomplish as he continues to learn, grow and challenge every fear that stands in the way of his progress.

CASE STUDY 7 - Of Trials, Errors, and Tenacity!

Eighteen-year-old Naresh (Name Changed) from Mandya in Karnataka had a dream of pursuing higher studies after his 10th standard, and that was exactly what he did after he passed his SSLC exam. He joined the Sree Gandhada Kaval College, Sunkadakatte, to pursue his dream. But two months into his dream, he realized that this was not what he was meant to do. Already a resident of BOSCO Mane, Naresh was counselled about the various options and opportunities still open to him and encouraged to learn a skill that would help him in the future.

Convinced about the soundness of the advice, Naresh opted for the Two-Wheeler Mechanic Course offered at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre in Sumanahalli and joined the centre in the August of 2021. But after this initial decision, nothing about his journey through the course of the training was simple or easy. There were many times when Naresh wanted to quit, give it all up, and go away from the centre, but giving up on himself and his future was not an option that the centre would allow him to consider. Through constant monitoring, counselling, and encouragement, the trainer instilled in Naresh the confidence to move past the challenges and achieve what he had set out to do. And that is what Naresh went on to do when he completed his training and obtained a job at the Silicon Honda Showroom in August 2022. In a short while, Naresh was able to create an unmistakable space for himself at his place of work, with the Management appreciating his hard work and acumen. Today Naresh is a happy youngster who is grateful to BOSCO for standing with him through his lowest moments and teaching him to believe in the proven power of persistence.

Job Placement

Most youths come to Bengaluru in search of jobs. They are rescued and brought to Yuvodaya where they are counselled and later sent to BOSCO Yuvakendra. In Yuvakendra, the youth are assisted and guided in finding suitable employment through motivation and training. The centre empowers the youth in the areas of employment and entrepreneurship. Youth who have undergone skill training at BOSCO's various vocational skill training centres are placed in jobs like welding, carpentry, computer data entry, screen printing, tailoring, sales, bakeries, electricians, mechanics, etc. BOSCO is in constant contact with employers who understand



Sl. No.	Type of Job	Number of Job Placed Youth
1	Printing Press	0
2	Two-Wheeler Mechanics	3
3	Welding	1
4	Bakery	4
5	Carpentry	1
6	Electrician	1
7	Eateries	2
c	Tailoring	5
9	Beautician	18
10	Computer related	5
11	Self Employed (Tailoring)	45
12	Others	1
12	Total	86

the situation and background of these youths and are ready to extend assistance and offer them jobs. During 2022-23, 41 youths were job placed in different companies involving screen printing, carpentry, welding, driving, bookbinding, electronics, and also in printing presses, bakeries, as two-wheeler mechanics, office boys, salesmen, electricians, etc. Forty-five youths were self-employed. After the placement, their progress is continuously monitored by BOSCO till they can manage on their own.

CASE STUDY 8- A Recipe for Life: Optimism, Hard Work, and Persistence!

Orphaned at a young age, Rohit (Name Changed), a native of Bijapur in Karnataka, was left in the care and protection of his elder brother. But unable to take care of the child, the elder brother placed him in an orphanage in Belgaum. Rohit was supported by the orphanage till the 10th standard, but he was not able to pass his SSLC exam on the first attempt. So, in December 2020, he was referred by the Belgaum CWC to the Life Skill Training Centre in Sumanahalli for skill training. As Rohit was interested in cooking, he began his training in the bakery trade.

Rohit, now 18 years of age, soft-spoken and gentle, is an observant and quick learner. He has an aptitude for learning and experimenting with new ideas, and the staff at the centre always provided him with the right environment to nurture and develop his talents through constant guidance, motivation, personal attention, counselling, and training in various other life skills. But during the COVID pandemic, bakery training had to be temporarily halted for the most part of 2020 and 2021. But not one to falter under trouble, Rohit appeared for the SSLC exam again at Belgaum last year. Unfortunately, he was not able to get through the exam the second time as well and returned to BOSCO Sumanahalli to continue his training. His perseverance and dedication finally paid off when he successfully completed the course in June 2022. It was during this time that the

bakery unit trainees were taken for an exposure visit to Amma Pastries at HBR Layout in Bengaluru. After the visit, the owner of the bakery expressed his interest in employing Rohit in the production unit of the bakery.

Currently, Rohit is working in Amma Pastries with a starting salary package of ₹ 12,500/- per month including food and accommodation. Rohit is very happy with the opportunities provided to him at the workplace to learn and grow in the field of his choice. He has taken his first step towards leading an independent life and is grateful to BOSCO and all those who have been instrumental in shaping his life and teaching him his biggest life lesson – that there is no better recipe for success than the right blend of optimism, hard work, and persistence.

Room Placement

BOSCO aims at mainstreaming youths, in the age group of 18-25, by leading them back to society as economically independent young adults. Once they are job-placed, BOSCO helps youngsters to hire rooms or rent a house along with other boys. They are equipped to pay for the accommodation. The core idea behind room placement is to prepare the youth for the transition from the protected life of institutionalized care where they were

provided with everything to rooms where they have to manage life and its challenges on their own. BOSCO staff regularly follow up with these youths by visiting them and arranging past pupils' gatherings. During the project year, BOSCO placed two youths in independent accommodations and did the follow-up of seven youths who were already room-placed.

Home Placement

Home placement is one of the major activities of BOSCO. BOSCO Yuvodaya acts as a transit home for around 15-20 children who are rescued on a daily basis from the railway stations, bus stands, and various contact points on the streets of Bengaluru. The children who are brought to the centre are counselled and encouraged to return to their homes. BOSCO's main aim is to reunite the children with their parents as it firmly believes that family is the

most suitable place for a child to grow up in. A lot of motivation and awareness is given to the children as well as the parents before BOSCO decides to home-place a child. In most cases, home placement involves calling the parents or close relatives and handing over the children to them, and sometimes the children are accompanied back home by BOSCO staff. In the previous year, a total of 3641 children were home-placed by BOSCO.



BOSCO'S presence in the community

BOSCO aspires to build a society that unreservedly cares for its children/youth at risk through various awareness creation programmes and campaigns. BOSCO, being a rights-based organization, concentrates its effort on the holistic development of underprivileged communities to protect and promote child rights. To this end, the BOSCO team works closely with communities, especially women and children, on various issues such as health, shelter, food, education, and women's empowerment. Vocational training opportunities are offered to the vulnerable young in the communities through training programmes conducted in the BOSCO centres. Child Rights Clubs established in the communities empower children to take up education and prevent child labour, child marriage, and various other forms of child abuse.

Community Outreach Programmes Undertaken by BOSCO in the Year 2022-2023:

- The teams from BOSCO visited 33 communities during the year. During the course of the visits, the basic needs of nearly 500 children were identified as per their family conditions. Thirty-one young girls and women were referred for tailoring and 37 children were referred for tuition.
- A survey of children addicted to drugs was conducted in August 2022, in Anandapuram, Giripuram, Jolly Mohalla, Bakshi Garden, Anjanappa Garden, Vinobha Nagar, Ramanna Garden, Vyayamshaala, Cement Huts, and Rajgopal Garden areas. The team identified 106 children who were using drugs.
- The Nilaya team conducted a fresh children survey in and around the City Market, Kalasipalya, and Cottonpet areas, during March 2023, to know the approximate number of children who come to the streets on a daily basis. During the survey, 32 children were identified and appropriate action was taken.
- Sixty-six children were identified and referred to various skill training centres for training
- An orientation programme for children addicted to substance abuse who could become catalysts for change was organized. Forty-one youngsters attended the same. Dr. Shreedevi, BHMS, Nagarabhavi, oriented the participants.

- Day of the Poor was organized in KR Market and Shivajinagar areas. Food kits and blankets were distributed to the people. Seventy people benefited from the event.
- One hundred forty-four children who needed educational help and hostel facility were attended to
- Five hundred sixty-seven parents were counselled, advised, and guided about educational support and skill training
- Karate classes were conducted at Nilaya, Nivas, and Yuvaspandana. 157 children and youth made use of these classes.
- Five hundred twenty-eight girls participated in 12 Adolescent Girls' Meetings. They were oriented regarding safe and unsafe touch, personal hygiene, and the importance of education.
- Four hundred sixty-one community people benefited from the Medical camps and Awareness Programmes conducted
- Sessions were held in five schools on the ill effects of substance usage covering 405 school children.

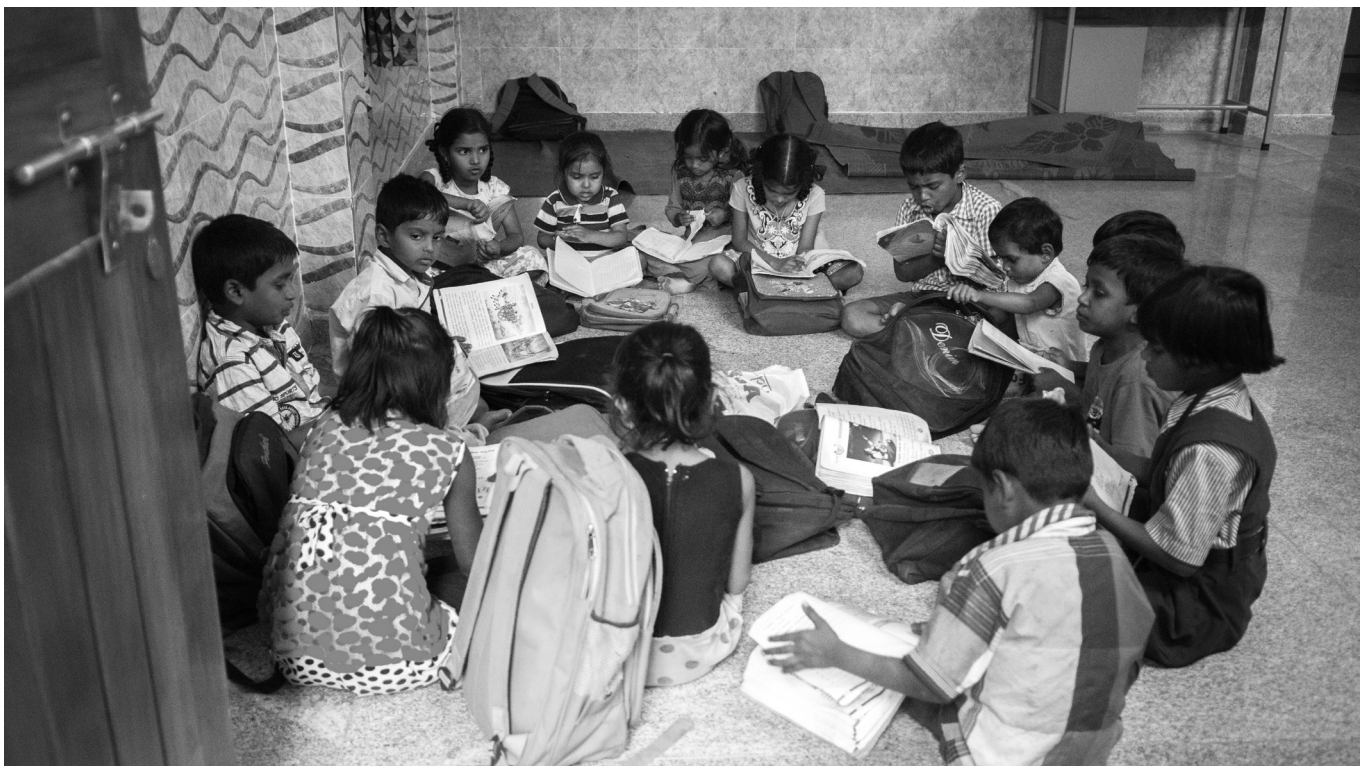
School and Tuition Centres

During the academic year, there were 135 new enrollments and re-enrollments from slum communities. 707 children from the areas where BOSCO works were given tuition through 19 tuition centres. Youth meetings, health awareness programmes, and CRC follow-up for tuition children were conducted through digital classes.

Shaale Kade Nanna Nade campaign was taken up in collaboration with the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan, Women and Child Development Department, and ICPS, in various areas of Bengaluru South and West and Bengaluru Rural, from May 25 to 31, 2022. The campaign aimed at enrolling and re-enrolling children across Bengaluru in schools in the upcoming academic year and thus ensure that the number of school dropouts is brought down to zero. More than one thousand people were reached out to who pledged their support in enrolling and re-enrolling the children in their communities in schools. The campaign helped in enrolling hundred and thirty-five children in Government schools.

Statistics of Children attending the Tuition Centres during June 2022-May 2023

Sl. No.	Place Name	Number of children		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1	Ramanna Garden	10	18	28
2	YM Shala	10	20	30
3	Vinobha Nagara	22	9	31
4	Nilaya	10	19	29
5	Cement Huts	15	5	20
6	Rajgopal Garden	12	18	30
7	Giripuram	17	10	27
8	Anandapuram	8	17	25
9	Nelamangala	43	41	84
10	Devaraj Urs Slum	15	20	35
11	BOSCO Nivas	20	15	35
12	Old Cemetery Road	13	07	20
13	Ambedkar Huts	12	18	30
14	Magadi Road (Yuvakendra)	52	49	101
15	MRSBS (MCT Quarters)	07	14	21
16	MRSBS (MCT Anganwadi)	14	15	29
17	Gandhi Nagar Area	22	25	47
18	Chikka Basti and Dodda Basti	8	14	22
19	Veerabhadra Gudda	10	53	63
	Total	320	387	707



CREAM

Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) was initiated in 2012 with the support of BREADS, Bengaluru, to establish child participation as the key face of child development. BOSCO functioned as its 'Nodal Agency' in the districts of Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural.

The project, in phase III of its implementation, focused on advocacy to sustain the actions, structures, and networks developed under CREAM I and II. This included advocacy with the various concerned Government departments to take up the task of promotion and protection of Child

Rights by adopting some of the best practices/ strategies/ experiments/ models of CREAM, like the formation and training of CRCs in schools and CPCs, child rights/human rights education in schools, formation of Child Protection Committees in villages/panchayats, the effective conduct of Makkala Grama Sabhas, stakeholders meetings, teachers-students training programmes, organizing taluk advisory board meetings, networking with various departments, re-enrollment of school dropouts, organizing campaigns like Shaale Kade Nanna Nade, observing days of national and international significance like World Day Against Child Labour, Child Rights Week, Children's Day, etc.



Advocacy and Networking

BOSCO's advocacy and networking initiative focuses on promoting and protecting the rights of children in difficult situations. BOSCO has been actively involved in advocacy and networking at the individual, regional and national levels. BOSCO works closely with government agencies like the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Karnataka State Commission

for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Integrated Child Protection Society (ICPS) State Committee, CPP Committee and Drafting Committee for foster care guidelines, Commissioners of Police, RPF, GRPF, Railway and Bus Stand officials, AHTU, Child Rights Clubs, NGOs, School teachers, Parents, SDMC members, Local leaders of the ward, Returning officers, SIO members, Labour



Departments, Education Department officials, Health Departments, Law Enforcement and Legal Systems, etc. Being a part of policy-making bodies, many government departments seek the suggestions and observations of BOSCO on issues related to child care, protection, and children in conflict with the law. BOSCO's four-decade-long experience both at the grassroots and policy-making levels, has benefited scores of children on the streets.

BOSCO in collaboration with the Government has four rescue booths in bus stands and railway stations, has implemented two CHILDLINE projects which responded to emergency helpline (CHILDLINE 1098) calls on a 24/7 basis, and runs Open Shelters. BOSCO was a pioneer in setting up SJPU in Karnataka, collaborating with the city police to assist children in conflict with the law.

Women's Empowerment

Very often it is the women who run the family with their meagre income, shouldering the burden of sick parents and young children since the men are alcoholics, have deserted the families, or are no more. Against this socio-economic background, BOSCO aims to empower women so that they can educate their children and lead fulfilling lives in society.

BOSCO conducted programmes for women on International Women's Day. They were given information

Working closely with the communities, BOSCO has formed civil society groups in Bengaluru's railway stations and bus stands and meets members of the communities like shopkeepers, street vendors, coolies, sweepers, hotel owners, auto-rickshaw drivers, sex workers, etc., to give awareness about various child related issues and the services of BOSCO. Various field visits are conducted to study communities in crisis and advocate for their essential needs. BOSCO's strategy of conducting awareness programmes for the well-being of underprivileged communities involves spreading awareness about child rights, health care, women's empowerment, etc., and implementing relevant measures at the ground level.

about child rights, child rights violations, and the importance of education. They were motivated to lead the community through strengthening SHG Groups, to bring about a positive change in society for children. One hundred twenty-six women from the communities were referred for the tailoring course and 68 for the Beautician Course in order to give them a chance at becoming self-reliant.



PROGRAMMES FOR THE YOUNG AT RISK

CHILDLINE

CHILDLINE 1098 is a 24/7 toll-free National emergency helpline for children in need of care and protection. Any concerned adult or child can dial 1098, the toll-free number to access the services. The Helpline not only responds to the immediate needs of children but also links them to services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. CHILDLINE is a platform bringing together the Ministry of Women & Child Development, the Government of India, the Department of Telecommunications, street and community youth, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, the corporate sector, and concerned individuals.

In 1996, CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) launched CHILDLINE, the country's first toll-free tele-helpline for street children in distress. As of 15th November 2021, CHILDLINE services are now available to children across 602 cities and districts, covering over 81% of the Indian landscape. This is made possible through a well-integrated network of 1080 partner organizations and 144 Child Help Desks operating at railway stations and 9 at Bus Terminals. CHILDLINE operates centralized call centres from 6 regional locations.

The organization works for the protection of the rights of all children in general with a special focus on children in need of care and protection, especially those from the more vulnerable categories like children and youth living alone on the streets, child labourers working in the unorganized and organized sectors, domestic help – especially girl domestics, children affected by physical/sexual/emotional abuse in family, schools or institutions, children who need emotional support and guidance, children of commercial sex workers, child victims of the flesh trade, victims of child trafficking, children abandoned by parents or guardians, missing children, runaway children, children who are victims of substance abuse, differently-abled children, children in conflict with the law, children in institutions, HIV/ AIDS infected

children, children affected by conflict and disaster, child political refugees, and children whose families are in crises.

On May 16, 2002, BOSCO Bengaluru began to function as the collaborative organization of CHILDLINE. The team of twelve includes a Project Coordinator, a part-time Counsellor, seven team members, and three volunteers. The team engages in rescue, awareness, and follow-up of cases.



Cases Handled in the Year 2022-23

TYPES OF CALLS	No. of Calls
Medical	43
Shelter	100
Restoration	1
ES&G	68
Child Found	58
Missing	67
Runaway	8
Child Labour	101
CSA	17
Physical Abuse	137
Emotional Abuse	57
Child Marriage	66
Corporal Punishment	52
Trafficking	2
Child with Drug Dependence	17
Begging	117
Illegal Adoption	3
Neglected Child	5
Kidnapping Child	5
Child Selling	1
Children in Conflict with Law	8
Other PFA	43
COVID Related	10
Education Related	151
School Dropout	40
Custody Related	69
ICDS Related Issues and Others	40
Other Interventions	23
Total	1309

Awareness Activities and Campaigns Implemented

Awareness	Implemented	Beneficiaries
Shop-to-shop Awareness	77	3850 shopkeepers 520 public
School Awareness	78	11467 children, 272 teachers
College	3	414 students
Public Awareness	41	4031 public
NGO	3	228
PHC	9	296
Stakeholder	20	655
Community	15	697
Focus Group Discussion	1	13
Anti-Child Labour Day	1	57
Human Rights Day	1	350 students
Open House Programme	9	1218 girls,1244 boys, 57 teachers
CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week	7	1068 children, 230 adults

CASE STUDY 9 - All Roads Lead to Family!

Savithri (Name Changed) understood the world through her children and her children interpreted the world through the unspoken words of their mother, and together they had stepped out to find the person who would complete the family they wanted to be. On January 5, 2023, a call to CHILDLINE about a mother and two young children at the BMTC bus stand in Majestic had introduced the BOSCO team to Savithri, 6-year-old Amal (name changed), and 4-year-old Suresh.

Savithri had a speech and hearing disability which restricted her ability to communicate, and as the team soon found out, the children were too young to recount the circumstances of their arrival in Bengaluru and recollect the address of the place they wanted to go to in the city. Neither did they have any identifying documents, mobiles, or even contact numbers with them. The only information they were able to share was that they were from Andhra Pradesh and had come to Bengaluru to meet their father. With this limited information, the BOSCO team began their hunt for any clue that could point them toward the person behind this mother's journey into unfamiliar territory.

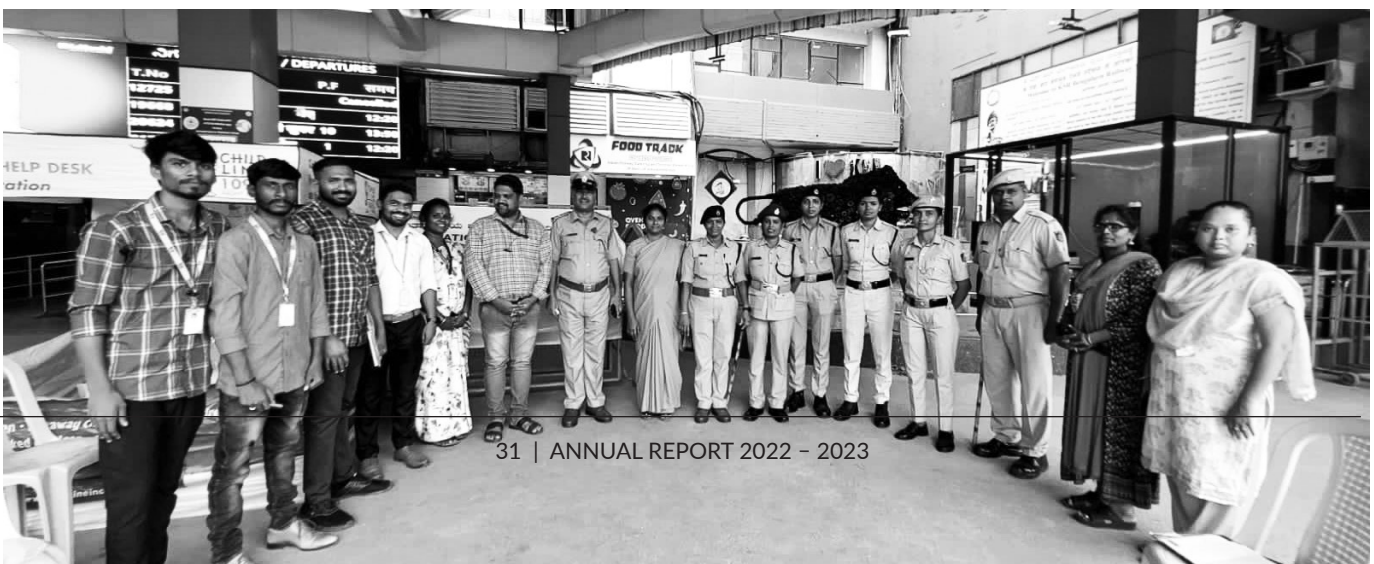
The first indication of the events that led up to this moment was a visiting card from Villuvakam CHILDLINE, in Chennai. When the team contacted them, they got to know that Savithri and her children had accidentally travelled from Salem to Chennai instead of Bengaluru, and were helped by them to come to the city. But once they had reached the Majestic bus stand in Bengaluru, the family was once again at a loss as to what to do next, and it was in this confusion that they were met by the CHILDLINE team.

The first sliver of hope came when the children mentioned the Cantonment area in Bengaluru during one of their counselling conversations. The team informed CWC 3 about this development and they suggested taking the mother and children to the Cantonment area to see if they would recognize any part of that place, but this attempt also did not work out. So, the CWC asked the team to refer them to the Abhayashrama shelter home, where the mother and children were admitted after their basic needs were met at the CHILDLINE office. Though Savithri did not have the language to express her gratitude to the team for trying their best to find her husband, she let them know in her own way that she appreciated all their efforts. It was later known that her husband was traced to Jigani, and that the mother's silent journey through great distances had finally found its destination.

Railway CHILDLINE

Right from the time of the inception of BOSCO, railway stations have been at the core of the rescue operations of the organization. Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station is a large space with 10 platforms, where around 127 trains arrive and depart every day carrying passengers from all over India, and the child inflow at the station is equally large. It sees children from different states of India, and also neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh, alighting at the station to come to the city of Bengaluru. Since April 8, Bengaluru Railway CHILDLINE has been working in collaboration with the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI).

The programme ensures the round-the-clock presence of BOSCO staff in the railway station enabling the rescue of children at risk. The team works in 3 shifts to this effect. In the financial year 2022-2023, a total of 1874 children/youth were identified as at risk and 31 services were done either by reuniting them with their families or rehabilitating them through BOSCO. Apart from rescue activities, the team is also involved in awareness activities among the general public and stakeholders, disseminating information on BOSCO, CHILDLINE, Child Rights, and the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder in the rescue and rehabilitation of children at risk.



Statistics of Children rescued by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE during June 2022-May 2023

Age group	Fresh		Repeat		Total
	B	G	B	G	
Below 18	1702	169	03	0	1874
Service done	23	08	0	0	31
Total	1725	177	03	0	1905

CASE STUDY 10 - Of Wandering and Wisdom...

Mushtaq (name changed), a boy of sixteen was found at the KSR railway station, fleeing from the place that most people flee to for comfort. For Mushtaq, the home was the place that brought back memories he did not want to cherish- the death of his father, his mother's remarriage and his subsequent abandonment, and a job that he hated but could not afford to leave. A native of Kolar in Karnataka, Mushtaq lost his childhood when he lost his father. His mother left his life soon after, to secure her own life, leaving Mushtaq with his elder brother who worked as a dealer in plastic materials. Suddenly left alone with no one to guide, correct, or care for him, Mushtaq turned to his friends for the guidance he should have found at home. From there, life changed drastically for Mushtaq as he dropped out of school after the 5th standard, turned to inhalants for comfort, and started working with his brother to make a living.

A year later, not wanting to continue working with his brother, Mushtaq once again turned to his friends for advice and this time they directed him to Bengaluru and the job opportunities available in the city. On the 15th of March, 2023, Mushtaq reached the KSR railway station in Bengaluru, having decided to stay with some friends in the city and search for a job. It was while he was at the station that he was noticed by the Railway CHILDLINE staff, who sensing the despair of Mubarak approached him to learn his whereabouts. Mushtaq was taken to the Child Helpdesk where he was given food and time to calm down before the staff tried to understand more about him and his presence at the station.

Mushtaq told the staff how coming to Bengaluru was a decision driven by his need to be financially independent. So, after informing the CWC, he was taken to the BOSCO open shelter for further help and counselling according to the instruction of the Committee. At the shelter, Mushtaq opened up about the problems within his family, and the extreme neglect at home that had forced him to take this decision of working to take care of himself. But a part of him also wanted to go home, and he was very disappointed when his elder brother refused to come to pick him up from the shelter. Once again let down by his family, Mushtaq expressed his distress through incessant crying and aggression towards the other children at the shelter. The counsellor finally managed to calm him down by letting him speak to the local police station in his hometown, and by putting him in touch with his brother through a friend's phone. Finally, calm enough to listen to reason, Mushtaq was counselled about the dangers of engaging in negative behaviour patterns under the influence of friends and the health hazards attached to substance usage. He was also helped to understand why defining healthy boundaries was important in life and in relationships. Mushtaq was produced before the CWC, after which he was accompanied by a BOSCO staff back home to his brother so that they could stop living separate, divided lives, and start working towards being the family they were always meant to be.

Foster Care

BOSCO has been playing a lead role in the implementation of the Foster Care programme in Karnataka since its inception in 2012. BOSCO has been constantly engaging with the Government and other non-governmental organizations to widely initiate this alternate family-based care programme, as there is a substantial increase in the number of abandoned and destitute children in

society every year. Under foster care, the child is placed in another family for a short or extended period depending on the circumstances, with regular visits from the child's biological parent/parents, after which the child may return to his/her own home at the end of the stipulated time period. In the Indian context, where close-knit



family structures are an essential part of the social fabric, foster care has taken the form of kinship care, where a relative or a family member is motivated to care for a child in need of care and protection. In turn, necessary financial assistance is provided to the caretakers in a timely manner.

In Karnataka, BOSCO has been at the forefront of the advocacy actions for legalizing the Foster Care programme. In the second phase of the project, the focus has shifted to grassroots-level advocacy actions by strengthening and supporting the existing governmental and non-governmental infrastructure in favour of children.

Working with suitable partners in the 10 districts of the state, the BOSCO Foster Care project has been involved in creating awareness, identifying prospective foster

parents and potential children, and placing them in foster families. During the operational phase of the project, a total of 100445 members of the general public and various stakeholders were given awareness about the concept of foster care and how it can contribute to the holistic development of a child deprived of parental care. A total of 2048 members benefited from the advocacy actions initiated during the project period. Sixty-one potential children and 98 prospective parents were identified as a result of the various awareness programmes and training activities conducted in the 10 districts. Nineteen parents have submitted applications to the DCPO to initiate the process for foster care placement. The team placed 11 children in 5 districts and followed-up 23 children during the year.

Identified Potential Parents (June 2022-May 2023)

Sl.	Identified By	Parents Identified
01	Public Awareness/SHG Groups/Mothers/PRI	53
02	Anganwadi/School/Asha workers	39
03	Voluntarily/Others	29
	Total	121

CASE STUDY 11 - A Home that Welcomed, a Family that Cares...

'Anand,' means joy or happiness in Kannada, but the joy in his name somehow never found its way into his life. Anand (Name Changed) was just 8 years old when both his parents died of health-related issues. He comes from a family that has seen and borne the brunt of the poverty that comes with illiteracy and the lack of options it creates. After his parents passed away, Anand and his younger sister Pallavi were living with their grandmother, but that too was short-lived as she also passed away, leaving the two little children alone in the world. With no one to take care of them, the children were sent to their uncle and aunt's home to stay.

Ratan and Uma were more than happy to take in Anand and Pallavi, and their desire to give the children a new home through legal guardianship was brought to the attention of the DCPU by one of the social mobilizers of BOSCO. The social mobilizer visited the family to find out more about them and the situation at home. Anand and Pallavi were at home at the time of the visit, and the children expressed their consent to stay with the family and also their happiness at being treated like the couple's own children. So, BOSCO staff took the initiative of requesting the CWC and DCPO to support the family in completing the required foster care procedures.

Anand, now 15 years old, is preparing for his 10th-grade exams, and his younger sister Pallavi is in the 7th grade. Two happy children whose entire lives were changed through one decision, Anand and Pallavi are doing well in school as well as in all other co-curricular activities. Anand says that he wants to become a teacher so that he can teach and help other children who find themselves in the kind of circumstances that he had to go through himself. His other dreams are to take care of his younger sister, be a good son to his foster parents, and support his family. Anand is grateful to his parents and BOSCO for this new life because he realizes that if it had not been for the constant presence and extended support of BOSCO in their lives, he might have felt like a burden in the new home and even run away, putting a possible end to the life that he is currently enjoying. But he now has a home, a family, and a bright future to look forward to, and he says that he owes it all to the organization that stood by him in his greatest hour of need.

After-Care for Children leaving Institutional Care

BOSCO is closely working with the Government for coming up with the After-Care Programme. It aims at the social integration of youth through higher education, skill training, job placement, room placement, and through the establishment of a past pupils' association. Children will receive life skills, livelihood skills, and independent living skills, through this programme. The programme

encourages them to pursue education in high schools, ITI, polytechnic institutes, and colleges, helps them to secure jobs and brings them to the mainstream of society by ensuring financial stability and a sustainable way of life. During the year 2 youths were supported with after-care education and a total of 5 after-care youths were under regular follow-up.

Open Shelter

BOSCO Yuvodaya serves as a day and night open shelter. BOSCO Yuvodaya also acts as a transit home to around 15 children on a daily basis – those rescued and brought from the railway stations, bus stands, the different contact points around the city, through the police, the public, etc. The children, who are brought to the shelters from all over the city are counselled and taken care of while their problems are addressed and resolved. Families are traced through the police or with the help of the MCB, Anganwadis, the Panchayat, etc., and the children are encouraged to return to their homes. Four rounds of follow-up are done over the phone after home placement.

The Open Shelter at BOSCO Yuvodaya caters to children in need of care and protection like beggars, street and working children, rag pickers, orphaned, deserted and trafficked children, children of sex workers and pavement dwellers, and particularly those without a home and family ties, since they are more vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. The project provides shelter, nutrition,

healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, education, and recreational facilities, protection against abuse and exploitation, enrollment in schools, vocational training and placement, health services, and reduction of drug, substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS among street children.

BOSCO was able to rescue 1606 children from the Railway station and 540 children from the Bus station. Eight hundred children were rescued by the ARSP team, 106 children by the CSN team, 09 children by the BOSCO CHILDLINE team, and 25 children by BOSCO Nilaya from different parts of Bengaluru and these 3303 children were brought to BOSCO Yuvodaya for rehabilitation from June 2022 to May 2023.

In addition, the shelter was provided to 20 children referred by the police, 3 children referred by the public, 3 children who directly came to the centre, 1 referred by the SAATHI organization, and 5 children from the Gandhinagar area



Child Safety Net (CSN)



BOSCO's Child Safety Net for vulnerable children in the streets of Bengaluru, aims to provide round-the-clock (24/7) care and protection to children from any kind of danger through the physical presence of staff in the vulnerable areas of the city and through vehicle patrolling. The patrolling vehicle covers the Satellite bus station, metro stations, markets, underprivileged communities adjacent to the city, main streets, crowded areas, cinemas, parking lots, prominent signals, and different assigned areas, for reaching out to children in need of care and support. The geographical areas mainly focused on are the South and West divisions of Bengaluru. The South division covers 18 police stations each. The CSN team also works in collaboration with the

city police and attends to children who come into conflict with the law and are under the custody of the police. The team also creates awareness, does advocacy with the various government departments, and is involved in the formation of caring communities.

During the past year, the team rescued 161 children who were child labourers, children found begging, rag pickers, street children, runaway children, etc. 18 child labour cases were booked against employers. The CSN team is also overseeing the working of the two tuition centres established in Veerabhadra Gudda, Chikka Basti, and Dodda Basti. Eighty-five children attending the tuition classes were followed up during the year.

Child MISS

Child MISS is a software cum web portal tool to assist in the documentation of both quantitative and qualitative data to create a database for the organization. It is networked with Home Link, and the team focuses on documenting the information of vulnerable children from

its networking partners. The Child MISS Programme supports its partners to collect the data in systematic formats based on the JJ Act.

BOSCO has been chosen as the nodal agency to build relationships among Nodes in Karnataka and Kerala.

Special Juvenile Police Unit

BOSCO, through the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), has been assisting the police in handling child-related cases. BOSCO SJPU is present in the South and West divisions of Bengaluru covering 39 police stations. To coordinate the interventions of the police in matters related to children, the State Government has constituted Special Juvenile Police units in each district and city, headed by a police officer, not below the rank of a Deputy Superintendent of Police or above and constituting all police officers designated as Child Welfare Officers, and two social workers experienced in working in the field of child welfare, of whom one is a woman.

The primary objective of the SJPU is to create a child-friendly environment and to promote a friendly approach while dealing with children involved in criminal offences. The social worker visits the police stations and interacts with the children in conflict with the law and also those in need of care and protection. BOSCO SJPU conducts various public awareness programmes, special training

for police officials, and counselling sessions for both children charged with criminal offences and their parents. All serious cases are referred to OH for further intervention by the Juvenile Justice Board. BOSCO SJPU also networks with various government departments, ACP, JJ Board and Magistrates, CWPOs, L/O, DCPOs of all divisions, and other NGOs.

This year BOSCO SJPU made 534-day visits and 186-night visits to police stations, children were followed up through phone calls, conducted a review meeting with the DCPO and NGOs working on this project, and networked with various Government departments. Seven Police training programmes, seven school and college training, and six community awareness programmes were also conducted during the year. Two hundred and thirty people and police officials were reached through the awareness campaigns. The team attended to 296 cases and all the children received counselling. Over 690 parents were given counselling.



STATISTICS OF CASES ATTENDED

Types of Cases	South Division	West Division	Total
Serious Cases	49	65	114
Non-Serious Cases	32	46	78
Care and Protection	32	47	79
POCSO	07	18	25
Total	120	176	296
Male/Female			
Male	95	116	211
Female	25	60	85

Action Taken

Types of Action	South Division	West Division	Total
Observation Home	49	65	114
Referred GGH	07	07	14
Shishumandira	03	00	03
Referred GBH	16	00	16
Direct Home Placement	08	39	47
BVB	02	00	02
BY	00	01	01
POCSO/DHP	05	16	21
DHP & PD	32	46	78
Total	122	174	296

CASE STUDY 12 - Towards Healing and Wholeness

A moment of isolation and a lifetime of negligence unknowingly turned into a battle for justice for 10-year-old Janaki (name changed) from Bhakshi Garden in Bengaluru. The daughter of a vegetable trader in KR Market, Janaki first understood what loneliness felt like when her mother passed away eight years ago. Janaki has an elder sister and brother, a stepmother from her father's second marriage, and also her stepmother's daughter from an earlier marriage who took care of her well. However, all this could not fill the vacuum that her father had left when he decided not to be actively involved in his children's lives; and Janaki had learned to accept and make peace with the people in her life and their choices. But one day, one person's bad choice forever changed the way she would trust people again.

Janaki's neighbour, a 27-year-old man, taking advantage of the subtle but existent disorder in the family, physically hurt the child and later threatened her to keep it hidden from her family. Scared and confused, Janaki obeyed the words of her tormentor and kept his abuse a secret from everyone. But Janaki's complaint of stomach ache raised her stepsister's suspicions which Janaki later confirmed when she worked up the courage to open up to her. Together they filed a case against the man at the police station, and that was when Janaki came in contact with BOSCO and the SJPU social workers.

Though the fear and intimidation had ended and the man could no longer hurt her, the damage that he had inflicted on her young mind would take a long while to fade. So, the SJPU social workers have been counselling Janaki through the trauma, closely following the POCSO case that was filed, and also securing help from the CWC for the medical check-up and other procedures required. Janaki has now slowly started the process of returning to normal life. She was sent home with her stepsister who relocated to a different place to ease the healing process, and has also gone back to school and completed her 5th standard. Today, every step forward has become a little step away from the pain and the past for Janaki, and big strides of faith towards the justice she deserves.

Youth Parliament and Child Rights Clubs

The youth parliament is a meeting of all the residents of the centres where leadership is taken by the youth themselves. In the meeting, the office bearers are elected. The meeting usually takes place once a month and all the members attempt to address the matters concerning the centre and their life there. It inculcates in them a sense of ownership and a sense of belonging. During the year, 12 meetings were conducted in Yuvakendra, Vikas, Mane, Sumanahalli, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Rainbow Home centers

BOSCO has formed 30 Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) in

the schools and communities (10 in Bengaluru Urban and 20 in Bengaluru Rural) that it is working in. Around 600 children are active members of these clubs. Club members meet monthly with their animators and discuss current child-related issues, particularly those about their studies and respective schools.

In Bengaluru Urban, 3391 children were given training, and 2970 children in Bengaluru Rural during the CRC formation. Twenty-seven Child Protection Committees were formed in both Urban and Rural Districts and 454 members have been given training. Ten Teacher-Student workshops were organized, reaching out to 576 teachers and students. Nine stakeholders' meetings were conducted involving 295 stakeholders.



Karate Clubs

Since December 2017, Karate classes are held in BOSCO Nilaya, Shivajinagar area, and Ramanna Garden, every Saturday afternoon. There are 157 children from these areas who are regularly getting the benefits of Karate coaching. Self-defence sessions were also conducted during Summer and Dasara camps at BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Nilaya. Karate classes have helped children

learn self-discipline, teamwork, and have also acted as an effective stress reliever. It has also improved flexibility and concentration in the children.

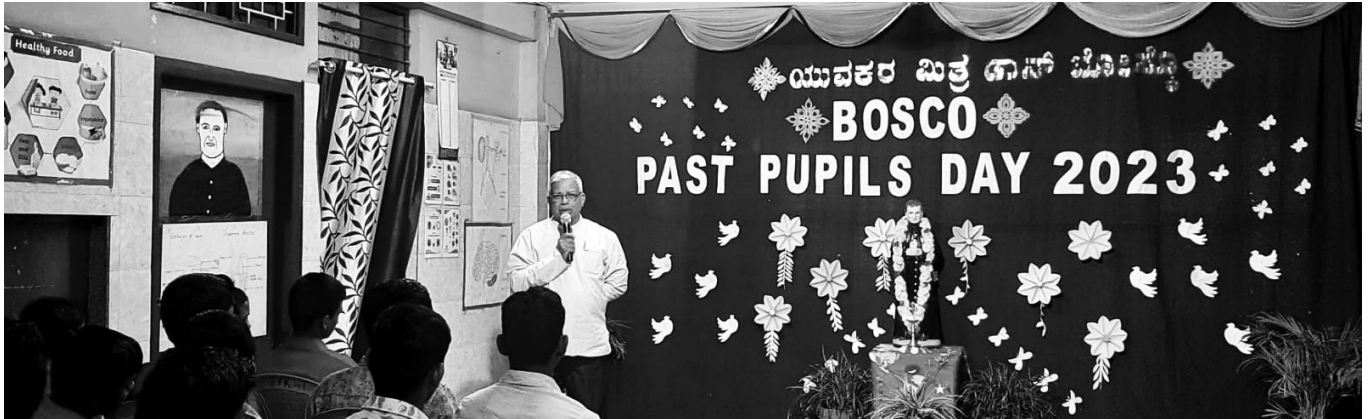
During the year, Karate classes were introduced in the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre in Sumanahalli and BOSCO Rainbow Home as well.



BOSCO Alumni Association

The people who have been a part of BOSCO's interventions and training programmes and have had a fresh start in life as a result, come back as volunteers, by choice, and help out in various areas like accompanying the fresh children in home visits, taking care of the centre at night, organizing Life Skill sessions, and motivating the youths to continue education by presenting their own examples. Every year, BOSCO celebrates Republic Day as Past Pupils' Day on January 26. All the youth associated with BOSCO get together on that day, some along with their families, and share their present lives and thank

their mentors for what they are today. During the Past Pupils' Day this year, they expressed their desire to form an association and take up social activities through the association. A core committee which will take up the task of registering the association has been formed. BOSCO is planning to maintain a central database of past pupils which will stand in good stead for the organization in the long run. In the coming years, BOSCO is planning to celebrate Past Pupils' Day in a bigger way by bringing together the past pupils of all the centres on a single platform.



Bus Stand Rescue Booths

For the past four decades, BOSCO has been tirelessly reaching out to the many children who come to the Majestic Bus stand area from different parts of the state and country. This area is generally considered as a favourite spot for anti-social elements and criminals who entice the runaway and street children into various anti-social activities like drug trafficking, beggary, prostitution, theft, etc.

There are two child rescue booths for attending to children in need of care and protection, one in the KSRTC bus stand, and the other in the BMTTC bus stand. This has helped the team work 24/7 in the bus stands, tracking children, providing counselling services and non-formal education, doing advocacy and awareness campaigns, creating recreational activities, etc.

During the year, a total of 730 children found on the platforms of the bus stands were identified and rescued. Six hundred fifty-nine boys were rescued. Among them 532 children were referred to BOSCO Yuvodaya, 18 children were produced to CWC - 1, two were sent to the Boys Home, 52 children were provided with services, 44 were placed back home through DHP, four through AHP, two were sent to CHILDLINE, four to Abhayashrama, and one child was sent to Shishumandir. Among the 71 girls who were rescued, five children were directly handed



over to CWC - 2, nine were sent to the Girls Home, 26 were referred to Vatsalya Bhavan for follow-up, 17 children were placed back home through DHP, eight children were provided with services, two were sent to CHILDLINE, three to Abhayashrama, and a young child was produced before CWC - 3.

Sixty-five public awareness programmes were conducted in and around the bus stand area during the year. More than 4665 people were given awareness about BOSCO and CHILDLINE services. A need-based survey was also conducted in the Bus stand area during the year. The outreach team conducted twelve programmes for the stakeholders and reached out to 403 members.

Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP)

The Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) Project, reaching out to Cantonment, East, and KR Puram commenced on October 1, 2015. The purpose of the project is to rescue and rehabilitate marginalized children from vulnerable situations, spread awareness among children as well as the public about child rights, child protection, and the helpline number 1098, and network with various government officials and stakeholders in neighboring platforms to facilitate the rescue and rehabilitation process, and to do advocacy with railway officials concerning children's issues.

The BOSCO team is now present in the Cantonment, East, Kengeri, Bidadi, Yelahanka, and SMVT railway stations, and the Satellite and Yelahanka bus stands of Bengaluru, identifying children at risk and in need of care and protection. The team carries out awareness programmes in the adjacent areas of the railway stations and bus stands in Satellite and Yelahanka, in the railway and bus station platforms, nearby schools, and moving trains, educating the stakeholders, public, and children about child rights, child protection mechanisms, Child Helpline -1098, and CHILDLINE.

During the year, the ARSP team rescued and rehabilitated 1051 children (964 boys and 86 girls). Thirty-six awareness programmes were conducted for the public in



Cantonment, Yelahanka, and Kengeri stations, and around 4,203 people benefited from them. Thirty-six awareness programmes in moving trains were conducted for the public in Cantonment, Yelahanka, and Kengeri stations with around 3,772 people benefiting from it. Thirteen awareness programmes were conducted for different stakeholders reaching 79 shopkeepers, 15 coolie porters, 25 railway staff, 15 taxi drivers, and 25 cleaning staff.

Two tuition centres were opened in the Satellite bus stand areas to provide supplementary education for the children from the area with fifty children attending the tuition classes.

CASE STUDY 13 - All that Glitters...

An intuition of trouble was what first drew BOSCO staff to the oddly matched couple sitting on a platform of the Cantonment Railway Station in Bengaluru. The girl was 15 and the boy 23, and between the inadequacy of her age and the insufficiency of their explanations, it soon became evident to the staff that they would have to go back in time to find the way forward.

Neeta (name changed) was born in Odisha, in a middle-class family, to strict and conservative parents. Her father is a farmer and her mother is a housewife. Neeta had completed her 7th standard a few years ago, after which she did not continue her education, and life was relatively uncomplicated till about a year ago when she fell in love with an older boy. Neeta managed to keep their relationship hidden from her parents for a year, but fearing the reaction that would follow when her parents found out about it eventually, Neeta decided to take on the responsibility of an adult with the inexperience of a child.

Neeta decided to leave home, family, and the familiarity of her childhood to follow the person that had defined her decisions for the past year, and together they came to Bengaluru to start their new life alone. It was the 9th of February 2023, when Neeta and her fiancé reached Bengaluru, and it was while waiting at the station that they were noticed by BOSCO staff. Though Neeta initially vehemently held on to her story of coming to Bengaluru for a job, the lack of valid documents to prove her claim gradually weakened her resolve to hide behind her lie. Gradually, Neeta relented to reveal her true identity, her family details, and her real intention behind coming to Bengaluru.

Understanding that Neeta was just a child who still did not fully understand the gravity of the decision she had made, BOSCO staff contacted her parents, informed RPF and GRP personnel, and intimated the CWC about the child. Neeta's parents had already filed a missing complaint at their police station, and after the CWC's instruction to produce the child before the committee, her parents were also advised to go for parental counselling at the committee. With all the procedures completed Neeta was released to her parents to begin the slow but necessary process of letting go of her past so that she could make peace with her future.

MAJOR EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES 2022-2023

CELEBRATIONS

World Environment Day

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Vikas, Mane, Sumanahalli, Nivas, and CREAM project, celebrated World Environment Day at their centres and areas on the theme, 'Only One Earth', on June 4 and 5, 2022. The concerned Directors inaugurated the programme at the respective centres and spoke about the importance of the Day. It was told that the Day is celebrated to create awareness about environmental protection and to highlight the crucial role we play in protecting the earth. The children and youth were exhorted to be more nature friendly and sensitive toward their surroundings.

Children staged programmes showcasing the importance of the Day. Posters and slogans were displayed and saplings were planted to help the children realize the importance of protecting mother earth. Through short videos and stories, children were helped to understand that small steps taken towards preserving nature and greenery would make a big difference in the years to come. Children promised to take care of nature in their daily life. Centre children along with the staff participated in the programme in their respective centres.



International Yoga Day at BOSCO

BOSCO Sumanahalli and BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated International Yoga Day at their respective centres and the Tuition Centres with the youths and children on June 21, 2022. Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, introduced 'Yoga' and the theme for the year, 'Yoga for Humanity', to the trainees. He said that yoga unblocks our infinite possibilities and power. We can find physical and mental relaxation through yoga. It helps in developing strength and resilience. To create awareness about yoga and its benefits, various yoga asanas were introduced to the trainees. Trainees were encouraged to perform the

asanas familiar to them. Twenty-one trainees, fifteen tuition children, and staff of the centres participated in the celebration.

Geethamala, Counselor, BOSCO Yuvakendra, briefed the youth about the importance of the Day and the health benefits of practicing yoga on a regular basis. Bhujangasana, Sirsasana, Natarajasana, Halasana, Vajrasana, Virabhadrasana, Chakrasana, Tadasana, Paschimottasana and Setu Bandha Sarvangasana were taught to the youths. Twenty-one youths took part in the Yoga Day celebrations.



Independence Day: Towards Children's Freedom

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at the centres of BOSCO on August 15, 2022, on the theme, 'Towards Children's Freedom'. BOSCO centres celebrated Independence Day in the presence of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, the respective Centre Directors, Dr. Harish, MD, Leelavatti Multi Speciality Hospital, Rev. Fr. Joseph SJ, Rector, St. Joseph's Indian Institution, Fr. Philip, SDB, Area Leaders, and Gram Panchayat Members. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram hoisted the flag and the Directors gave a message on the theme. Children sang patriotic songs and also performed on the occasion. A rally was taken out in the surrounding areas. Deveri Manju, a past pupil of BOSCO, interacted with the children and spoke about 'Har Ghar Tiranga'. Chance games and a football match were conducted and prizes were distributed to the winners.



A digital poster was developed for the occasion and shared with all the network groups, stakeholders and friends via social media. All the centre children, area children, children attending tuition classes, and the staff of BOSCO were part of the celebrations.

Don Bosco's Birthday Celebrated

The 207th birthday of Don Bosco was celebrated at the BOSCO centres – Mane, Vikas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvodaya, Rainbow Home, Sumanahalli, Yuvakendra, and Nilaya, on August 16, 2022. The statue of Don Bosco was garlanded. The respective Directors of the centres spoke about the life of Don Bosco, his love for children and youth, and the principles and values he practiced, and exhorted the children and youths of the centres to imbibe his values and tread his path to lead a respectful

and decent life. Children performed cultural programmes like dances, drama, speeches, etc., honouring the great saint. They sang hymns describing the life of Don Bosco. Fr. Alexander from France spoke on the occasion in Vatsalya Bhavan. Sweets were distributed to the children and staff. All the centre children and youth, and staff and Directors of the respective centres were present for the celebrations.



Life Skills Day



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized 'Life Skills Day' for the trainees at the centre, on August 29, 2022. Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, briefed the trainees about the significance of the Day. He said that every skill becomes perfect when practised and shared. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, in his speech said, "Making oneself and others happy is more important. Each one is unique in his/her own way. Even helping one another is a talent."

The theme of YaR Day - 'Choose Life. Not Drugs', was introduced by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram. He cautioned the trainees about the negative effects of drugs. Various competitions like speech, solo singing, drawing, solo dance, and smiling and crying competitions were conducted. Twenty-three trainees, and staff members participated in the event.

Anniversary Celebration at BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized its 38th anniversary celebration, at the centre, on September 8, 2022. There was a short presentation on the journey of BOSCO Yuvakendra. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, highlighted the growth of the centre over the years and its major achievements. Centre youths performed cultural programmes based on the theme of the National YaR Campaign- 'Choose life. Not Drugs'. Mr. Jignesh, Sub-Inspector, KP Agrahara Police Station, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, Fr. Jose Joseph, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, were present on the occasion. Thirty youths of the centre, twenty-five past pupils, and staff of the centre participated in the programme.



Tribute to Teachers

Children of BOSCO Sumanahalli, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Nivasa, Nilaya, and Rainbow Home celebrated Teachers' Day at the centres, on September 5, 2022. The celebrations began with welcoming the staff by showering flowers, giving bouquets, etc. Children spoke about the importance of Teachers' Day and the life of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. The role of teachers and their valuable contribution to society in



creating lawyers, teachers, judges, and other achievers was shared. Children performed dances and songs and did drawings and paintings. They wrote thank you letters to their teachers as a mark of gratitude. Games were organized as part of the programme.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and the Directors of the respective centres

were happy and impressed by the initiative and creative arrangement of the programmes organized by the children for their teachers which showed them their love and respect. Mr. Prakash, ASI, Cottonpet Police station, was present during the celebration at BOSCO Nilaya. It provided an opportunity for the children and the youth at the centres to appreciate and acknowledge the contribution of their teachers and other staff.

International Day of the Girl Child Celebrated

BOSCO organized the International Day of the Girl Child at BOSCO Rainbow Home, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru, on October 11, 2022. The celebration was centered on the theme, 'Our time is now-our rights, our future'. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "This is the time to fight for the rights of the girl child. We need to ensure their rights and provide education and holistic

development. The safety and protection of children are to be given utmost importance."

Mumtaz Huntiar, Superintendent, Govt. Girls' Home, Bengaluru, said that a girl child is like a sunflower spreading happiness and positivity. Ms. Asha, Senior Asst. Director, Child Marriage Cell, Bengaluru, exhorted the children to make the best use of all the opportunities they get. She appreciated the efforts of BOSCO and told



everyone to avail the schemes of the Government.

Dr. H.R. Sudha, Principal, Alameen B. Ed College, Bengaluru, opined that the Day of the Girl Child is to be

celebrated every day. She wished that every girl child may get opportunities to do well in life and achieve great heights. Mr. A. Raju, Inspector, Wilson Garden Police Station, said, “You can achieve anything in life. Have a dream, work hard and success will be yours; honour, dignity, and prosperity will be yours.”

The programme began with a rally creating awareness through slogans and placards, followed by cultural programmes. Ms. Saroja welcomed the gathering and Sr. Jenny proposed the vote of thanks. Over 150 children and staff from the various centres of BOSCO participated in the programme.

Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Sumanahalli

BOSCO Sumanahalli celebrated its seventh anniversary on October 9, 2022. The celebration began with lighting the lamp and cake cutting. Fr. Varghese, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said the celebration invites better planning and implementation of programmes. He said that BOSCO was proud of the accomplishments of the centre. Fr. George Kannanthanam, Director, Sumanahalli Society, appreciated the commitment and planning of the management and staff.

Cultural programmes were put up by the trainees, computer students, and tuition children from Devaraj Urs area. The trainees performed a skit based on the theme, ‘Choose life. Not Drugs’. Certificates were distributed to the computer students who completed the training. The celebration saw the presence of Fr. Anthayya SDB and Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli. Mr. Kalaiyarasu,



a former student who is working in Amma Pastries in the Electrical Unit interacted with the trainees. Twenty-two trainees, fifteen tuition children from the Devaraj Urs area, twelve computer students, and twenty-three parents were present on the occasion.

Children’s Day Celebration

BOSCO Bengaluru organized a Children’s Day celebration at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on November 20, 2022. This year’s Children’s Day celebration was based on the theme, ‘Choose Life. Not Drugs’.

In his keynote address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, “Children, be courageous, stand up for your rights. Parents, teachers and the entire society is there to support you in this endeavor.” He exhorted everyone to continue the legacy of Don Bosco and reach out to children in need of care and protection without reserve. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Lokesh, and Mr. Uday Surya of Bigg Boss fame, encouraged the children to hone their talents. They told the children to maintain a hunger for success. Mr. Pradeep, PSI, Kamakshipalya and Mr. B.N



Lohit, Sub Inspector, Kamakshipalya, were present in the programme.

Chance games and theme-based cultural programmes by the children from the different areas and centres marked the event. Seven stakeholders who were identified by BOSCO as playing key roles in the protection and promotion of child rights at the centres and areas of service were bestowed with the Makkala Mitra Award.

Children who had excelled in cultural, social, sports and educational fields were given the Prathibha Puraskara

Award during the event. Around sixty student volunteers and six hundred children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in the event.

Kannada Rajyotsava Celebrations

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with the children in the centres on November 1, 2022. The Centre Directors hoisted the flag and spoke about the importance of the Day and shared the values and culture of Karnataka with the children. The children were motivated to spread the culture of Karnataka. Karnataka Nadageete was chanted by all the children of the centres. A drawing competition was conducted for the trainees of the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, in which they drew the map of Karnataka and listed out the districts. Children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan staged cultural programmes. Sports and games were organized for the children of BOSCO Mane and Vikas. The winners



were given prizes. Special sweets were distributed to all the participants. Around 200 children from the centres participated in the celebrations.

Christmas Celebrations at BOSCO

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with staff and volunteers, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on December 21, 2022. Balraj, Coordinator, Gandhinagar Area, welcomed the gathering. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed everyone about the importance of Christmas and the preparation of the crib. Fr. Varghese, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Johnson, Director, Yuvodaya, Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, and Fr. Jose, Administrator and Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, inaugurated the crib. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram exhorted everyone to share the love of God with the children. He said that we must love each other and work towards the care and protection of children. The programme included carols, dances, skits, sharing gifts, and exchanging season's greetings with each other. Shekhar, Coordinator, BOSCO ARSP project, proposed the vote of thanks. All the staff, volunteers, and management participated in the Christmas celebrations.



CHILDREN SPEAK

SURABHI N

I am Surabhi N from Vinayaka Nagara, Bengaluru. I am pursuing the 2nd-year of my degree course at BMS College, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru. I obtained a certificate in Basics in Computer and Tally through which I acquired more knowledge about computers. The instructor would always pay great attention to my progress and provided training with a lot of patience and kindness. The Computer Training, Life Skill training, and spoken English classes, that were provided by BOSCO have enhanced my ability to communicate and have also improved my decision-making skills.

KAUSHIK

I lost my mother when I was very young and my father used to take care of me. But he used to struggle to make ends meet. My father used to do odd jobs to make a living, and then one day he left me too. I was rescued from the street and taken to Don Bosco Ajjanahalli. I did my schooling from the 3rd standard till SSLC over there. But I could not pass my SSLC exam, so I was sent to BOSCO Yuvakendra in 2017. With the constant guidance and motivation of the BOSCO staff, I appeared for the SSLC exam again, and this time I passed. I chose the Arts stream for my PUC in the BBMP Government College in Magadi Road and came first in the college. I scored 60.3% with 362 marks. Now I want to take up a job but I will also join an evening college and continue my studies.

Don Bosco's Month

Don Bosco's month was inaugurated at all the centres of BOSCO, in the presence of children and youth, from January 2 to 5, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, exhorted the children and the youth at the centres to imbibe at least one virtue of Don Bosco during the year. Fr. Uday, Youth Director, Bangalore Province, addressing the staff and the children at BOSCO Mane, spoke about the life of Don Bosco and motivated them to follow the principles and values of Don Bosco. All the centre and area children and youth participated in the event.

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Sports Day at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 22, 2023. Addressing the children, the chief guest, Mr. Ashiq CV, International Tennis Coach, Bengaluru, said, "Winning or losing is not important, but participation is." The Olympic Torch was lit and borne by the leaders representing the centres and areas that BOSCO is associated with. Children and staff took an oath during the programme under the leadership of Satish, the children's representative. Various sports events like running races (100 mts, 200mts, 400mts and relay), high jump, long jump, tug of war, shot-put, pick the article, sack race, frog race, lemon and spoon race, etc., were organized for sub juniors, juniors and seniors. The winners were awarded medals and certificates by the Directors and staff. Over four hundred children from the centres and areas of intervention of BOSCO participated in the sports meet.

Don Bosco Annual Quiz competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Mane on January 26, 2023. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Deepak Joseph, Administrator, St. Joseph's High School, Bengaluru, exhorted the children to inculcate the qualities of Don Bosco in their lives and become responsible citizens. Nine teams representing the different centres and areas - BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli, and Yuva Spandana, participated in the competition. The quiz rounds included a general round, individual round, find me round, puzzle round, flag round, buzzer round, rapid fire round, and deal or no deal round. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan emerged as the winners and the children from BOSCO Vikas were the runners-up. Children from BOSCO Rainbow Home secured the third place. Forty-five children participated in the quiz contest.

The Inter-Centre Cultural Competition for children was held at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on January 29, 2023. The event included solo and group song, group dance, mime, and fancy-dress competitions for juniors and seniors. The Judges were Mrs. Ashwini Bharathi, CISCO,



Preetam, Choreographer, Mr. Kumar, Dance Artist, and Ms. Abhinaya, Professor, Oxford Dental College. The judges were honoured with mementos. Over a hundred children participated in the competitions.

BOSCO Bengaluru organized the Grand Finale of the Children's Cultural Fest on January 29, 2023, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru. Mr. K Naganna Gowda, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) said, "Children, if you work hard in the present, your future would be brighter. Always remember that as children and students, you too have the responsibility of shaping your future." Ms. Geetha Laxmi, DCPO, South, Bengaluru Urban, urged the children to make use of the schemes of the Government. Layendra Kokila, Actor and Music Composer, Kannada Film Industry, encouraged the children to make use of the opportunities coming their way and to always aim towards reaching the goal set forth. Dr. Srinivasa R., Resident Medical Officer (RMO), Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru, also spoke on the occasion.

Dr. Prasanna T, who started a Kannada tabloid called Police Bete in 2012, and has been exposing several irregularities and injustices in the society, and is advocating for the same with the Government through his newsletter, was honoured with the prestigious national Alumni Award. The winners of the month-long competitions and events organized for the children such as quiz competitions, children's sports day, inter-centre cultural competitions, etc., were awarded during the valedictory function. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, welcomed the gathering. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care programme, proposed the vote of thanks. Around 350 children, friends and well-wishers of BOSCO gathered for the event.

International Women's Day

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated International Women's Day at the centre on March 8, 2023. Mr. Rajasekar, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, spoke about the importance of women in society, their achievements, contributions, and their role as mothers, wives, daughters, etc. A drawing competition was held for the youths regarding the importance of the Day. A debate competition was also organized on the theme, 'A woman is the form of Love and Sacrifice', by dividing the youths into two groups. Fourteen youths participated in the events held as part of the International Women's Day celebrations.

BOSCO Sumanahalli organized a Women's Day Celebration in Devaraj Urs Community, Sumanahalli, on March 12, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, wished everyone on Women's Day. Mr. Thippanna, Leader, DSS, said, "Women are very important in the society. We address the Earth as Mother Earth." Malathisri Mysore, Actress, and Philanthropist, Asha Kirana Trust, appreciated the men who were present in the gathering and highlighted the role and contribution of women in society. She performed a drama - 'Amma Andre Saake', communicating the message - 'no one can replace a mother'. Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, congratulated all the women who took part in the programme. Children performed various cultural programmes. Twenty-one mothers of the children attending tuition classes and forty-five tuition children were part of the celebration.

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE and Nilaya celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, 2023. The importance of women in society, their achievements, contributions, and their role as mothers, wives, daughters, etc., was briefed. There was cake cutting as part of the celebration.

CHILDREN SPEAK

SUMAIYA

I am Sumaiya Siddiqa S from Cheluvadipalya, Bengaluru. I Completed my B. Com from St. Theresa's College for Women, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru. I have completed the course in Computer Basics from BOSCO Mane. The teaching strategy adopted for the training was amazing and I got an extensive understanding of every topic covered in the course. The trainer taught the concepts in a very simple and understandable way which helped in creating an atmosphere of learning and personal growth.

ANUSHKA

Anushka R -I am enrolled in the Government Kannada Model Primary School in Wilson Garden. I am now in the 6th standard. I am very happy and grateful to BOSCO for this new life that I am living and I also wish to have my younger sister Bhoomika with me at the centre so that she too can experience the freedom of living within the boundaries of love. I love the company of my friends and making a genuine effort to keep them happy. Because of the motivation, encouragement, and guidance that I received at BOSCO Rainbow Home, I can showcase my talent in dancing, singing, art and crafts, sports, and competitions and win many prizes.

KALAIYARASU (PAST STUDENT, 2021-22 BATCH):

If BOSCO had not been in my life, my story would have been very different. I consider it a blessing and privilege to have been a part of the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre in Sumanahalli. It has changed my life completely. Today I am happy and grateful to BOSCO for encouraging and supporting me in completing my course and for placing me in a good company with a decent salary. I am very happy in my job.



Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebrations

BOSCO Yuvakendra and BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli celebrated Ambedkar Jayanthi to commemorate the birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar at their respective centres on April 14, 2023. The celebrations began with the garlanding of the photo of Dr. Ambedkar. The Directors and the staff spoke about the great personality – the recipient of Bharata Ratna, India’s highest civilian award, enumerating his life story, his contributions to society as a social activist, his achievements and struggles to deal with the caste system, and his persistent fight against all institutional and social odds. He framed the Constitution for the country.

The directors and the staff exhorted the youths and the trainees to imbibe his values and principles and follow his



path of truth and nobility. Eleven youths from Yuvakendra and twenty-five trainees from Sumanahalli centres participated in the celebration.

World Earth Day

World Earth Day was celebrated in BOSCO Yuvodaya on April 22, 2023. The session started with a short prayer thanking Mother Earth. The session began with an explanation about the importance of celebrating World Earth Day by Vinnarasi, Team Member, BOSCO Yuvodaya. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya explained about God’s creations in nature which give happiness,

love, and peace to others, and how the planet has to be protected. He spoke about the importance of saving water and electricity, conserving wildlife, saying no to plastic, planting more trees, saving trees, and recycling. The children were asked to draw a picture of the earth. Twenty-eight children of the open shelter were part of the celebration.



International Day of Dance

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli celebrated International Day of Dance at the centre on April 27, 2023. Fr. Joshy, Centre Director explained the significance of the celebration. The advantages of dance were explained to the trainees. Dance is a good form of exercise and also brings discipline to the body and soul of the individuals. Five solo dances and three duet dances were organized as part of the competition. The trainees were happy to get an opportunity to showcase their dancing skills. Eighteen trainees along with the staff were part of the celebrations.



Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti Celebration

Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti was celebrated in BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli on May 9, 2023. Saleena, Centre Coordinator explained the importance of the day. She introduced Rabindranath Tagore - a Bengali Polymath who worked as a poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer, and painter, his contributions to society and the awards received by him. She also read the Kannada version of the poem, 'Where the mind is without fear,' and explained to them in depth the meaning and the dream and prayer Rabindranath Tagore had for our nation. A few trainees expressed



their views about the great personality. Eighteen youths participated in the celebration.

TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Training for Primary School Teachers

BOSCO Foster Care project organized a training for the primary school teachers of Arya Vidya Shaale, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru, on June 2, 2022. Ten primary school teachers participated in the training.



Foster Care Training for Project Partners

Foster Care programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a training for Project Partners, Social Mobilizers, and NGO Supporting Staff, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on June 25, 2022. A booklet, 'The Journey of Foster Care - A Bird's Eye View', was released on the occasion. Thirty-five members from ten districts of Karnataka participated in the training.



Orientation Programme

Students from the Department of Humanities, St. Claret College, Bengaluru, Kristu Jayanthi College, Bengaluru, Christ College of Arts and Science, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu, Rajgiri College and Don Bosco College, TC Palya, and French volunteers from Netherlands, visited BOSCO Yuvodaya during 2022-23 to understand the working of the organization.



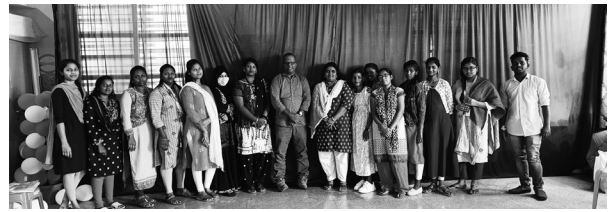
Staff Induction Training

Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an Induction Training for the newly recruited staff, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on July 20, 2022 and January 4, 2023. Forty-seven staff members participated in the induction programmes.



Tuition Teachers' Training

BOSCO Nilaya organized a half-day capacity-building programme for the teachers of the tuition centres, at the centre, on July 16, 2022. Fifteen teachers attended the training session.



Police Sensitization

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a sensitization programme for the police officials of Shankarapura Police Station and Kengeri Police Station, Bengaluru, on August 17 and October 19, 2022. A total of sixty-five Police Officials were part of the programme.



Training for Child Rights Club Members

CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized the third module of training for the members of the Rights Clubs (CRCs), at ten schools in Bengaluru Urban, during the first week of September 2022. Around a thousand children from various schools of Bengaluru Urban attended the training.



Child Rights Club Leadership Training

BOSCO CREAM project organized a Child Rights Club (CRC) Leadership Training for the CRC members, at GHS, Cox Town, Bengaluru, in February and March 2023. Fifty-one CRC members from twenty-five schools attended the training.



Training on Road Safety

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized a training on Road Safety for the youth of the centre, on September 9, 2022, to help them understand the various rules and signs related to road safety. Nineteen trainees attended the training.



Training Programme for Peer Leaders

BOSCO Nilaya organized a training programme for the leaders from the peer groups of children addicted to drugs/substances, on October 19, 2022. Ms. B S Geetha, Social Worker, Cheluvadipalya, was present in the training. Forty-four peer leaders attended the training.



Certificate Distribution and Orientation Programme

BOSCO Mane Computer Training programme organized the distribution of certificates, and an orientation on Life skills and Spoken English, for the computer trainees, on December 2, 2022. Mr. Jimmy Cherian, Director, Creating Futures, Mrs. Geetha, Coordinator, Creating Futures, and forty-one trainees were present on the occasion.



Training Programme for Child Welfare Police Officers

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) organized a training programme for the Police Officials at the Kengeri Police Station, Bengaluru, on October 19, 2022; the Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs) of West Division, Bengaluru, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on December 17, 2022; and the CWPOs of the South Division, at BOSCO Mane, on December 30, 2022. Fifty-three CWPOs of the West Police Division and forty-six CWPOs of the South Division attended the training at BOSCO Bengaluru.



Training on Counselling

Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted a training programme on counselling for the staff, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on January 11, 2023. Twenty-eight staff members involved in counselling attended the training.



Driving Training Programme

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, conducted the driving training programme from January 31, 2023 to March 2023, for the youths from underprivileged communities. Thirteen youths including boys and girls were part of the training.



STAKEHOLDERS SPEAK

MALATHI SHRI

My name is Malathi Shri Mysore. I am an actress and an acting trainer. I act in Dramas and Movies. I have been in constant touch with the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre for the past few years. I got in touch with Fr. Joshy through Fr. Prasad, the former Director. I was able to stage a drama 'Amma Andre Sakke', written and directed by me, for the trainees. A short film, 'Aa ondu Kshana', was also telecast in the centre. The drama 'Amma Andre Sakke', was performed for the women and children in the Devaraja Urs area, and in Sumanahalli Society. These were done free of cost. I am happy to see that the trainees who come from different places are all well taken care of here. The food which is provided is tasty. I am touched and inspired by the simplicity, hospitality, and approachability of Fr. Joshy. His love for art and music is admirable and I feel encouraged in his presence. I am grateful to BOSCO and Fr. Joshy for giving me the opportunity to exhibit my talent to the trainees which has also been an educative experience.

THE RPF AT KSR

The RPF at KSR Railway Station have been sharing positive feedback about BOSCO and the staff members and have acknowledged and expressed their gratitude to the organization for creating awareness about the issues faced by children and for actively sensitizing and awakening people to the role that they can play in protecting them. The RPF have also joined hands with BOSCO to lend support to the work done by the organization.

DON BOSCO COLLEGE, SULTAN BATHERY, STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

We thank BOSCO for providing us with this great learning opportunity. We were very happy to learn about the activities of BOSCO, especially those focusing on the education and empowerment of the young at risk. We are thankful for the opportunity we got to speak to the youth about academic support, vocational training, life skills development, and career guidance, and also to observe the dedication of the staff and the organization towards children and their rights. All the staff members were very friendly and explained all the different activities of the organization. We thank you for giving us this opportunity to work with your team.

CAMPAIGNS

BOSCO Observed World Day against Child Labour



BOSCO Bengaluru observed 'World Day against Child Labour', in Bengaluru, on the theme 'Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour', on June 12, 2022. Speaking on the occasion, Mr A. H. Umesh, Dy. Labour Commissioner, Bengaluru, said, "Eradication of child labour is the responsibility of each and every citizen. Awareness campaigns and rescue operations are essential components in combating child labour." Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, opined that the majority of the children who come to Bengaluru from other states are coming in search of jobs. Mr Santhosh Hipparagi and Devaraj, Asst. Labour Commissioners, and Smt. Kokila Chandrashekar, Corporator, Chamarajpet Ward, Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion.

There are thousands of child labourers in various parts of Bengaluru. This year BOSCO rescued a hundred and twenty-seven child labourers among whom twenty-two were under 14 years of age and were placed back home.

Thus, there was a call for increased investment in social protection systems and schemes to protect children from child labour. All the participants took an oath to stop child labour and inform the concerned officials through the child helpline if children were seen being employed.

Rallies were organized in the Veerabhadranagar, Buddha Park, Nagarbhavi, Devaraj Urs community, Sunday Market, KR Market, and Shivajinagar areas of Bengaluru. The public were made aware of their responsibility to send children to school instead of pushing them into child labour. Distribution of pamphlets, raising slogans and exhibiting placards were taken up to disseminate the message. Children and staff from BOSCO performed street plays at the Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, BMTC Bus Stand, Majestic, Satellite Bus Stand, KR Market, and Gandhinagar areas, to create awareness among the public about child labour. More than two thousand members of the public were reached out to through the campaign.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE and BOSCO City CHILDLINE observed World Day against Trafficking in Persons in collaboration with the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHT) of Christ College, Bengaluru, at KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, on July 30, 2022. The theme of the day was, 'Use and Abuse of Technology', in the context of trafficking in persons. There was a formal inauguration of the programme involving CHILDLINE, GRP, RPF, Station Managers, KSR and YPR and Faculty Coordinator, Christ

University. The undergraduate students of the AHT Unit of Christ College performed a street play highlighting the importance of the Day. They also displayed placards with information on trafficking in various languages including Kannada, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, and English. The group organized a rally on the railway platforms, raising slogans and distributing pamphlets to the public, commuters and passengers.

BOSCO Sumanahalli conducted a session highlighting the importance of World Day against Trafficking in Persons. Sr. Saleena, Coordinator, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, introduced the issue of human trafficking in India to the trainees. She also spoke about the precautionary measures to be taken to prevent human trafficking. Twenty-seven trainees attended the session.



National YaR Day at BOSCO

The online launch of the National YaR Campaign 2022 - 2023 and celebration of YaR Day was held on the theme- 'Choose life. Not Drugs', on August 31, 2022. Fr. Tony Pellissery, Executive Director, DB YaR, and Rev. Fr. Santiago Thomas, Provincial, Hyderabad, spoke on the occasion. Ms. Maheshwari Balan briefed everyone about the highlights of the campaign. The Campaign Poster was released on the occasion. Children from Margaret Bosco Bal Sadan, Paliem, Goa, DB Navajeevan, Vijayawada, DB Navajeevan, Vishakhapatnam, Anbuillam, Chennai, and Shelter Don Bosco, Wadala, Mumbai, performed on the occasion. A few children and youth shared their experiences during the event. A video compilation- 'A Child's View', was screened. A pledge was taken by everyone, based on the theme.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and the Centre Directors addressed the children and spoke about the importance of the Day and its purpose. Mahesh, Past Pupil, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke to the youths of BOSCO Yuvakendra about the harmful effects of consuming drugs and shared advice about choosing life over falling prey to drugs.

The programme teams celebrated YaR Day with the stakeholders at BBMP Ward No -128, Chandra Layout. Police officials and around thirty-five stakeholders participated. Centre children and youth participated in the online launch of the YaR Campaign. The teams conducted drawing, quiz, speech competitions and sports for the children and youth as part of the campaign. All the children and youth from the centres and areas, and the various stakeholders participated in the campaign.



Child Rights Week

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, BOSCO CSN project, BOSCO Gandhinagar project, BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan, Vikas, and Mane, started the Child Rights week with the celebration of Children's Day on November 14, 2022, at their respective areas and centres, in the presence of the Centre Directors, Department Officials, and staff members. During the programme, the team gave awareness about Children's Day and CHILDLINE activities, and chocolates and painting boxes were given to the children.

During the week, awareness campaigns were held in public places, malls, communities, schools, health centres, etc., and stakeholders' meetings, rallies,



signature campaigns, tying of CHILDLINE Se Dosti bands to the stakeholders and public, distribution of pamphlets to the public, candlelight procession, and Photo Frame campaign, were also conducted. The week-long programme included essay, drawing, pick and speak, and quiz competitions based on the theme. Craft classes were conducted. Motivational videos on child rights were shown to the youth. The teams conducted musical chair,

passing the ball, throwball match, and frog race for the children. Children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan took part in the Children's Day celebrations at Bal Bhavan.

Child Rights Week culminated with the celebration of Universal Children's Day on November 20, 2022, at BOSCO Sumanahalli, where children from all the BOSCO centres and tuition centres gathered.

International Human Rights Day Celebrated

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized various activities in its centres on December 10, 2022. A document on 'The Universal Declaration of Human Rights', was shared by the Executive Director with all the centres and staff. A session was conducted for the students of the Govt. PU College, Dasarahalli, Bengaluru, by the City CHILDLINE Team, BOSCO Bengaluru. Around 350 students participated.

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated the Day with the youth residing at the centre to give awareness on the 74th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The theme - 'Dignity, Freedom and Justice for all', was made known to the participants. Fr. Ravithanaya, The Regional Superior of India, PIME, Fr. Baskar, PIME, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, and twenty boys were present in the programme.

BOSCO Mane organized an orientation programme for its inmates on the occasion of Human Rights Day, on December 10, 2022. Sujatha, Counsellor, BOSCO Mane, spoke about human rights and related Acts. Around thirty children attended the orientation.

BOSCO Vikas had an interactive session and group discussion with the children at the centre, on December 10, 2022. Mr. Papaiah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas, explained the theme and about human rights to the children. The children were asked to make a poster on the theme. Forty-four boys participated in the session.



STAFF SPEAK

RENUKA N.

My name is Renuka N. I am from Bangalore. I have been working in BOSCO for the past five and a half years as a teacher and motivator. It is my first experience working in an NGO and with children. When I first joined the organization, I found it very difficult to handle the children, but now I have learned to effectively carry out my work. My team members have guided and supported me throughout my time here. I learnt how to work with the children in the Transit Home, attend CWC sessions, write reports, and many other aspects of working with children in need. The Director of the centre has also helped and supported me a lot in my work and always appreciates all my efforts. BOSCO is the best NGO working for children who need shelter, education and vocational training. BOSCO provides all facilities free of cost, promotes a family atmosphere in all its centres, and gives the children a feeling of safety and security. I would like to thank BOSCO for giving me this opportunity.

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RAMASWAMY

My name is Ramaswamy. I am the SJPU Coordinator at BOSCO Mane. After joining the organization, I was given training about the SJPU project, its activities, and the various Acts relating to children in conflict with the law. The SJPU team has a good rapport with all the concerned authorities, the ACP, JJ Board, etc., and collaborates with all the different departments to protect children and their rights. The children and police officials are very cooperative and we also get a lot of support from the DCPO on CACL & CNCP-related cases. I am very grateful to BOSCO for this opportunity to work with and help children in need of care and protection.

International Missing Child Day

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE and BOSCO Yuvakendra observed International Missing Child Day at their respective centres, to create awareness of the magnitude of the problem of missing Children in India and to provide help to the children who are in need, on May 25, 2023. Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre gave awareness on the missing children in India according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and the various reasons for the children going missing. Awareness was given regarding the child helpline -1098. The trainees were involved in making a video on the importance of observing the day. Fourteen trainees along with the staff participated in the day's activities.

The staff of BOSCO Yuvakendra conducted an awareness session on International Missing Child Day by giving examples and organizing various activities involving the youth of the centre on May 26, 2023. The youths were divided into



two groups. They enacted a drama showcasing the magnitude of the problem. They were also asked to write an essay on 'Missing Children'. Fifteen youths took part in the event.

Shaale Kade Nanna Nade

BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN), BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, CREAM, CSN, Bus Stand, Gandhinagar Projects and BOSCO Yuvakendra organized Shaale Kade Nanna Nade Campaign in the surrounding communities of their areas of work, to ensure that all the children are enrolled in the school, during the last week of May and first week of June, 2023. The two week-long campaign included awareness rallies, door-to-door awareness, and street plays by children in Nagarbhavi, Chandra Layout, Devaraj Urs Community, K.P Agrahara, Nagamanagara, Keshawanagara, and Magadi Road, B.V.K Iyengar Road, City Market, Avenue Road, Chickpet, Anandapuram, Sondekoppa, Vyayam Shaale, Cement Huts, Ramanna Garden, Vinobha Nagara, Giripuram, Gandhinagar and Annamma Colony of Bengaluru. Mr. Gangappa, DIET Officer, Mrs. Prema Latha, BRC, Mr. Manjunath ASI, City Market Police Station, Ms. Manjula, Ms. Naga Latha and Ms. Mala, HMs, Mr. Vasu, High school Teacher, Manjunath, Upparpet Police Personnel, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Eccecutive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Joshy Puttur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Joseph Dandavati, Asst. Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Fr Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya and Fr. Anand SDB, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, and Nivas were present in the campaign. More than one thousand people who were reached out to during the campaign pledged their support in enrolling and re-enrolling the children in their communities into schools.



World No Tobacco Day

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre observed World No Tobacco Day at the centre on May 31, 2023. Mr. Prakash, Welding Instructor, introduced the topic to the trainees. The Trainees performed a role play under the guidance of the Instructor with the message that smoking is injurious to health. The role play also dealt with damage that happens to others through passive smoking. A short video depicting the harmful effects of smoking/chewing tobacco on various organs of the body helped the trainees understand the issue better. Fifteen trainees were part of this event.



BOSCO Yuvakendra conducted an awareness session on the ill-effects of tobacco consumption for the youths of the centre on May 31, 2023. Ms. Yashaswi, Teacher,

explained how consistent use of tobacco harms one's life at various levels and how it affects health through visuals and videos. A strong message- 'Say No to Tobacco' was communicated to the youths through this awareness session. Nineteen youths benefitted from the programme.

CAMPS

Dasara Camps

BOSCO CREAM project and BOSCO Nilaya organized a two-day Dasara Camp on September 30 and October 1, 2022, at GKPS, Ambedkar Nagar, Sondekoppa, Nelamangala. Inauguration of the two-day camp was done by Mr. Thimmaiah, BEO, Nelamangala, Mrs. Jayanthi, Sub Inspector, Nelamangala, Mr. Prakash, HM, Jakkasandra, Mr. Nagaraj, HM, GKPS Ambedkar Nagar, SDMC Members, School Teachers, Fr. Jude Anand, Director, and Nilaya staff, by lighting the lamp. BOSCO Yuvakendra conducted a three-day Dasara camp for the youths of the centre from October 14 to 16, 2022. The Resource Persons- Vinod, Mahesh, Nagaraj, and Lakshmi from Dream a Dream facilitated the sessions during the camp. BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a seven-day Dasara Camp for the children of the centre from October 3 to October 10, 2022, to engage the children constructively and to bring out their hidden talents. BOSCO CREAM project, BOSCO Nivas, and BOSCO Nilaya organized a two-day Dasara Camp at St. Theresa's Church, J C Road, on October 7 and 8, 2022. Fr. Baskar, Parish Priest, St Theresa's Church, J C Road, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Fr. Anand, Director, Nilaya and Nivas, inaugurated the camp on

October 7, 2022. BOSCO Vikas and Mane organized the Dasara camp from October 5 to 8, 2022, at the centre. The camp was inaugurated by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram and Fr. Prasad on October 5, 2022. Mr. Peter Paul, Mr. Babu, and Fr. Joshi were the main resource persons for the camp.

The children were taught the history and significance of the festival of Dasara. Children were taught action songs and dance. Sessions on child rights and responsibilities, violation of rights, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE, and academics, were conducted. Party games, creating the best from waste, creative art and craft sessions, Dasara doll making, puppet making, jewelry making, clay modelling, and fun games, were organized. Youths performed cultural activities on the theme, 'Choose Life. Not Drugs'. Winners were given medals, and prizes were distributed to all the teams by the dignitaries. All the children and youth of the centres and the children attending tuition classes attended the camp.



Summer Camp Organized

The summer camps were organized for the children and youths of the BOSCO centres and the children attending the tuition classes in the areas from last week of April to third week of May 2023 at the centres, Don Bosco, Srirampura, Mananthavadi, Chiguru Kalakuteera, Yelahanka, MCT Quarters, Sumanahalli Society, Don Bosco Farm, Kandahalli, Hasan and BOSCO Yuvaspandana

The activities included sessions on goal setting, agreements, time management, understanding life, helping them to discover their talents, treasure hunt, life skill classes, indoor and outdoor sports, skits, handcrafts, story-telling, campfire, different styles of painting, painting a wall, dream catcher creation, tattoo and face painting, pencil sketches, writing poems and songs, sessions on food and nutrition, hygiene, child friendly games, dance, drawing sessions, action songs, fashion show, quizzes, speech competitions, night Olympics, training on NCB, screening of documentaries, one-day picnic and trekking

The activities helped the children to work in a team, learn discipline, develop confidence, and identify hidden talents. The camps helped the children learn discipline, leadership skills, team spirit, cooperation, and mental and physical strength. The camps also helped in enhancing the talents of children and in making constructive use of the time during the summer vacation. All the children and youth of the centres and the children attending the tuition classes participated in the summer camps.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Alumnae Meet at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a meeting of the alumnae, at the centre, on July 7, 2022. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained that the purpose of the gathering was to foster social relationships and bonds with BOSCO as well as to reflect on the past and plan for the future. Addressing the gathering, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, expressed her joy at the pupils' progress in life and assured support to everyone in need of skill development training. The chief guest, Ms. Rekha Hande, Former Miss India, Miss Karnataka, and Miss Bengaluru, spoke on boosting one's self-esteem and urged parents to serve as role models. She also thanked the BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan team for their excellent service to needy children and youth. Course completion certificates were given to twenty-six beautician course students and eighteen tailoring students on the occasion. A total of thirty-five alumnae attended the meeting.



Fr. Stefano Martoglio Visits BOSCO

On the occasion of the visit of Rev. Fr. Stefano Martoglio, Vicar of the Rector Major, BOSCO organized a welcome and felicitation programme at BOSCO Mane on November 17, 2022. On his arrival, Fr. Stefano Martoglio was welcomed by the BOSCO Band. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcoming the guest, expressed his happiness at having the presence of the Vicar and said that BOSCO Bengaluru was blessed to have him there. The Vicar was felicitated with the traditional Mysore Peta, shawl, and garland. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Jose Koyickkal SDB, Provincial, Bangalore Province, said, "Don Bosco has come here in the person of Fr. Stefano Martoglio. It is his first visit to India and he has chosen to visit the Bangalore Province."

Delivering a special message, the Vicar of the Rector Major, Fr. Stefano said, "BOSCO is a beautiful place. Don Bosco's soul is seen here. BOSCO gives new life to needy

STAFF SPEAK

THULASI P.S

I am Thulasi P.S, a Social Worker with the BOSCO SJPU team. I have always been aware of the dangers and difficulties that children face in the city. Sometimes even when children have parents they are not taken care of by them. In this context, SJPU is doing a wonderful job of protecting children and standing up for their rights. The SJPU team makes regular day and night visits to the police stations and is also always available to help children found in vulnerable situations. The police and stakeholders also recognize and appreciate the work done by the team. It has been a learning experience working in BOSCO with the SJPU team and I thank God for this opportunity to serve the young at risk.

SALEENA

(COORDINATOR, BOSCO SUMANAHALLI)

I am proud to be an employee of BOSCO Bengaluru. I desired to work with this prestigious NGO for a long time. It is my second year at the Life Skill Training Centre in Sumanahalli as Coordinator. I get a lot of satisfaction and a feeling of fulfilment when I see the happiness in the eyes of the youth who come to our centre. I am grateful to BOSCO for allowing me to serve the youth and walk in the footsteps of Don Bosco.

TIPPESWAMY,

COORDINATOR, BOSCO YUVODAYA

I am grateful to the BOSCO programs and services that provide love, care, and protection to needy children. The Management gives every staff member equal opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge, provides additional training based on need, and empowers us to work for a good cause. I am happy to work at BOSCO and am very satisfied with the transparency with which the organization operates and the care and opportunities that all the employees receive here.



children. It really lives by the mission of Don Bosco. All the children here have got a new lease of life. This was the vision of Don Bosco also.”

BOSCO Bags Prestigious National Awards

The tenth year of the Don Bosco National YaR (Young at Risk) Awards ceremony was held during the 17th Annual National Seminar of DB YaR Forum, at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad, on November 30, 2022, and December 1, 2022. This year, a new category – the ‘Alumni Award’ was introduced. Dr. Prasanna T, who started a Kannada Vartha Patrike called Police Bete in 2012 and has been exposing several irregularities and injustices in the society and is advocating for the same with the Government through his newsletter, was honoured with the Alumni Award. Prasanna’s efforts have also been widely recognized and encouraged with several awards and recognitions. Armed with the knowledge of the law, he is actively involved in fighting corruption, organizing health camps, developing parks, adopting schools, and doing whatever he can for the betterment of society through the Trust that he has established.

A comprehensive picture of BOSCO Bengaluru was given through a video presentation. Children and youth of BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Yuvakendra performed dances and a mime show during his visit. The Annual Report of BOSCO and the quarterly newsletter ‘Street Voice’ were released by the Vicar during the programme. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, proposed the vote of thanks. Fr. Previnth Joe Tony, Professor, Kristu Jyothi College, Fr. Kapplikunnel Varghese, Provincial Councillor, Salesian Sisters, BOSCO Directors, staff, and children were present on the occasion.



Homelink service of excellence – ‘Best Node Award’, was given to BOSCO Bengaluru. Homelink Child MISS programme helps to have easy access to child-related organizational documents and follow a common documentation system. John Joshua Nirmal, Coordinator, Homelink, received the award.

BOSCO Annual Essay Writing Competition

Every year BOSCO Bengaluru organizes an essay writing competition for college and university students, from October to January. The year 2022-23 marked the fifth year of the competition. Around 140 colleges/universities from across India were contacted, and students of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels belonging to the disciplines of management, social work, sociology, journalism, economics, engineering, law, commerce, psychology, and life sciences, participated in the event. The effort through this competition has been to introduce students to social issues that resonate with the present times and allow them to reflect, reason, and communicate their perspectives, thoughts, and ideas over an open platform. Three such issues of social significance were at the center of this year’s competition – Drug Abuse among Youngsters in India – Causes and Effects; Education in the Post-pandemic Scenario: Bridging the Gap; and Leading Causes for Global Climate Change and Possible Remedies.



The essays were judged by a panel of three external judges on the criteria of Originality of Content, Creativity, Clarity of Expression, Adherence to Theme, and Writing Style. The first prize was awarded to Mohd Yasir Jamal Kidwai, from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The second place was secured by Alka Maria Varkey from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi, and the third prize was won by Souhard Sharma of Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. The BOSCO Essay Writing Competition 2022-23 has helped open up much-needed conversation around three issues of grave societal consequence and give voice to the social consciousness of today’s youth.

Past Pupils' Day

As is customary, Past Pupils' Day was organized for the BOSCO Alumni, at BOSCO Yuvakendra, on January 26, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, expressed his happiness and said that BOSCO unites past pupils so that they can take up the responsibility of addressing the societal issues pertaining to children and youth by forming their association. Their life stories would also serve as motivation for the youth of the centre to come up in life and carve a niche for themselves in society.

Past pupils shared their life experiences and relationship with BOSCO. Recalling their memories with BOSCO, they thanked the Directors and staff for their present position in life. They also discussed about the association that they are planning to start. A core committee was



formed to take the plan forward. Fr. C. V. George, Salesian In-Charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, and Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, were also present on the occasion. Twenty-three Alumni of BOSCO attended the meeting.

Past Pupils' Meet

'Namma Poorva Ratnagalu'- Past Pupils' Meet was organized by BOSCO Sumanahalli, on March 5, 2023. Fr. Joshy, Director, Life Skill Training Centre, welcomed the guests and the past pupils. Fr. Varghese, in his message, said, "It is good to see the old students supporting the organization in times of need. A sense of gratitude will always help one move forward. It is a day of motivation for the trainees who are continuing in the centre." Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, quoting the words of Steve Jobs, said, "Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish. Never let go of your appetite for new ideas, new experiences, and new adventures." Yunush, an Alumnus, shared that he felt happy and proud to come back to Sumanahalli and that the journey in the centre had motivated him immensely to accomplish his dream. Currently, he is working in an Electrical shop in Gulburga.

A group dance was performed by the trainees. A PowerPoint presentation recalling the past memories of the Alumni was shown. Some of the trainees shared their enriching experiences and gave a glimpse of their present life. The Alumni enjoyed playing Cricket and Volleyball. Fr. Jose, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, was present for the programme. Fifty past pupils, eighteen trainees, and the staff of BOSCO Sumanahalli participated in the programme.

'Diamond Alumni 23', was organized by BOSCO Rainbow Home on March 12, 2023. The purpose of gathering the alumnae was to rekindle in them the spirit of Don Bosco, to know their present status, and also to motivate the children currently staying at the centre. Sr. Jenny Dias, Coordinator, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, in his message, said, "It is good to see the past pupils and realize that they are children of Don Bosco. Every person who studied in BOSCO is carrying the spirit of Don Bosco in one way or the other." He said that past



pupils could encourage others in need to get support from BOSCO in the future. Ms. Pavithra, an Alumna, shared that she felt excited to come back to BOSCO Rainbow Home after four years. She remains ever grateful to BOSCO for making her what she is today. Other past pupils too expressed their gratitude to BOSCO for their success in life. Fr. Jose Joseph said, "BOSCO Rainbow Home is always open to its past students. Life is full of opportunities. Grab them and make use of them. Make use of all the experiences and learnings of Rainbow Home and become leaders. Be a role model to others." The programme saw cultural programmes put up by the centre children. Eighteen past pupils, forty-five centre children and the staff of BOSCO Rainbow Home participated in the programme. The alumnae requested the management to organize past pupils' meetings regularly every year.

Staff Sports Day at BOSCO



A Sports Day for BOSCO staff was organized at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on February 26, 2023. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "It is a special day for the staff of BOSCO. We have had several events for the children during Don Bosco's Month and Staff Sports would also be considered as part of Don Bosco's Month as it is a family event. It is a day for the staff to come together, spend time with each other, and know each other. It is also an opportunity for the staff to showcase their talents and skills."

The morning session included a 4X100mts relay, throwball for the female staff, and volleyball for the male staff. In the afternoon, musical chair for the female staff, cricket for the male staff, and tug of war for both groups were organized. The day concluded with the distribution of

Smile Always: Fr. Jose Koyickal

Fr. Jose Koyickal, Provincial, Salesian Province of Bangalore, held a three-day canonical visit at BOSCO Bengaluru, from March 20 to 22, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, in his introductory speech, said, "Staff and Salesians in BOSCO are blessed to have the presence of Fr. Provincial at the organization. He is here to guide us, support us, and give suggestions for the betterment of BOSCO's work."

Addressing the staff, Fr. Jose Koyickal said, "Smile always. It reflects our personality and makes us feel at home. The basic theme is to create a fraternity, a communion to bring in a family atmosphere. We belong to a big family of Fathers, Brothers, staff, and volunteers who have been relentlessly striving for over four decades towards helping the poor and abandoned children/youth and transforming them into integrated citizens and responsible persons. Now is the time to give more visibility to BOSCO's work." He shared the golden rule of life- 'Do for others what you want others to do for you.'

STAFF SPEAK

PRIYA MALINI, COORDINATOR, NIVAS

I would like to thank all the Directors of BOSCO and my fellow staff members for considering me as a part of the BOSCO Family. This is my 3rd year of service in BOSCO. I still remember the first day of my work when I had little knowledge about the organization. But with active participation in all the activities, I have learnt a lot and have also received the opportunity to be the Coordinator of one of the BOSCO centres, but the expression of joy on the faces of the youth when they are involved in the different activities is the greatest reward of all. BOSCO has not only given me an opportunity for personal development but has also encouraged my children to continue their studies and helped me financially, for which I am grateful. I will continue to work hard for the betterment of children through counselling and other developmental initiatives. I am immensely happy and satisfied with the work that I am able to do in and through BOSCO and appreciate the commitment of the organization towards the development of children and youth

prizes and the rolling cup. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care programme welcomed the gathering, and Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, proposed the vote of thanks. The Directors and over seventy staff members of BOSCO participated in the event.

He interacted with the staff and looked into their experience of being associated with BOSCO. Fr. Prasad, Director, Mane, welcomed the gathering, and Ramaswamy, Coordinator, the SJPU programme, proposed the vote of thanks. All the staff and Management were present on the occasion.



Research and Documentation

BOSCO's National Research and Documentation (BNRD) was instituted to take up systematic data collection, scientific documentation, and research and publication of the materials of BOSCO. Reports and photos of the activities and events from all the centers, areas, and programmes are collected periodically and maintained in BNRD. The department also has well-maintained information on child data from the last four decades.

BNRD manages the BOSCO website, updates and uploads reports on social media, coordinates the publication of the quarterly newsletter 'Street Voice', E- Street Voice, and the Annual Report, which brings visibility to the organization, and highlights BOSCO's expertise in Young at Risk activities. The activities undertaken in BNRD include systematic documentation of the Child Care Process which is done daily, training programmes for Child MISS, and compiling the activity reports, monthly

and other periodic reports of the different areas and centres of BOSCO. Child Rescue Report Tracking is circulated daily to in-house and Government email IDs, along with the daily rescue reports which are updated on the website, giving information to the stakeholders about the rescued children and missing children complaints. It has a library where books, journals, research papers, case studies, and other private circulations on child-related articles are maintained for reference.

During the year, BOSCO published four quarterly Newsletters - Street Voice, twelve monthly E-Newsletters- E Street Voice, the second edition of 40 Diamonds - A Candid Portrayal of the Lives of the Risk Takers of Our Times', BOSCO at a Glance - June 2022 to May 2023 Poster, BOSCO A Glance video and prepared posters of 24 Frames of BOSCO for display.

BOSCO and National YaR Network

Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk, also known as DB YaR Forum, situated in New Delhi, is the all-India network of Don Bosco institutions and organizations committed to the safety, growth, development, and rights of at-risk, vulnerable, marginalized children and young adults. It works to energize Salesian Young at Risk ministry and motivate individuals, communities, and like-minded groups, to involve in settings where young persons are at risk, to advocate for appropriate social and legal systems, and to work towards effective safeguards to prevent neglect, exploitation, and denial of rights of children and

young persons. Thereby, it accompanies the Young at Risk and provides them care and protection, conducive spaces to live, and assists in developing environments of rights, participation, and dignity. YaR Partners reach out to 92 cities and towns to serve the marginalized children and youth.

BOSCO Bengaluru is appointed as the Nodal Agency by the Don Bosco YaR network in implementing the Child MISS programme in Karnataka and Kerala. The data is systematically documented and maintained in BOSCO, Bengaluru.

Volunteering

Through its Department of Human Resources, BOSCO, Bengaluru has undertaken a 'Volunteer Management' programme where it receives volunteers from corporates, educational institutions, religious institutions, and foreign countries. During the reporting period, BOSCO's Human Resource department provided opportunities to 194 volunteers to get involved in BOSCO's activities. These volunteers were involved in early intervention surveys, street presence programmes, public awareness programmes, fundraising, and other support programmes.

The volunteering experience in BOSCO gave them a more comprehensive understanding of the issues faced by children, contributed to their personal development, and gave them a sense of fulfilment. BOSCO would like to thank the schools, colleges, religious congregations, and individual volunteers for teaming up with us for the cause of children.

Religious Volunteers -- 60

Student Volunteers-- 134

Adieu

It is time to thank Fr. Jose Joseph, Bro. Jaison and Bro. Lijo who rendered their valuable service to the organization.
We wish them all the best!



Fr. Jose Joseph



Bro. Jaison



Bro. Lijo

Welcome

Fr. John Peter, SDB, having served in various Don Bosco centres in the Salesian Province of Bengaluru, is appointed as the Administrator of BOSCO Bengaluru and as the Director of BOSCO Rainbow Home and BOSCO SJPU Project. BOSCO Bengaluru extends a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph Dandavathy SDB who is the newly appointed Director of BOSCO Bus Stand, BOSCO Gandhinagar Project and Asst. Director of BOSCO Sumanahalli.

BOSCO Bengaluru also welcomes Fr. Dominic Siqueira who would be the Salesian In-charge in BOSCO Yuvakendra. A hearty welcome to Bro. Anugrah, Bro. Akhil to BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Yuvodaya respectively.



Fr. John Peter



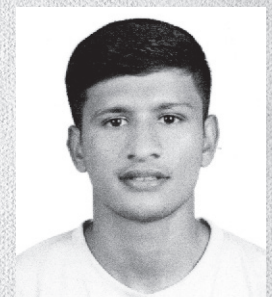
Fr. Joseph Dandavathi



Fr. Dominic



Br. Anugraha



Br. Akhil

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Sl. No.	Award/Recognition	Year
1	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director of BOSCO, was honored in August 1990 by Rotary Bengaluru, for his noble work	1990
2	Special Police Officer's Badge: The Special Police Officer's Badge (1992) to 5 staff members of BOSCO, appointment of an A.C.P. at the Police Commissioner's office, and Sub Inspectors (1991) in all the police stations, to deal with cases about street children, as a result of BOSCO's collaboration with the Police Department	1992
3	Bheedhi Bhagya Award: Fr. George Kolassany was honored with the Bheedhi Bhagya Award by the Karnataka Government in 1992	1992
4	Bravery Award: Master Santhosh received the Bravery Award in 1994 from Mr. Kurshid Alam Khan, the Honorable Governor of Karnataka	1994
5	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director, was honored in August 1998, for his noble work, by Rotary Bengaluru, Vijayanagar, with a Community Service Award and a Citation	1998
6	Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi Award: The State Award, Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi, was received from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka, for being the best NGO in the State for child welfare activities	2000
7	Best Child Artist Award: BOSCO child Manjunath received the Best Child Artist Award (2001)	2001
8	Makkala Mitra Award: BOSCO received the Makkala Mitra Award from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka for the years 2004 and 2005	2004 and 2005
9	Kempe Gowda Award: The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Pallike (BBMP) recognized BOSCO for its immense service towards street children and child labourers in Bengaluru Metro, by awarding the Kempe Gowda Award to the organization	2007
10	Rotary Award: for the Service of Excellence	2009
11	Kempe Gowda Award: For Best Social Worker	2011
12	Special Recognition: from the Department of Women and Child Development, for initiating begging child survey and rescue mission in collaboration with the Police Department and networking NGOs	2012
13	Namma Bengaluru Award (Finalist)	2012
14	Global Achievers Foundation Award 2013 for the outstanding achievements, services, and contributions of the organization	2013
15	Best National Child Welfare Organization Award by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India	2015
16	Mother Teresa Memorial National Award 2017	2017
17	Bengaluru NGOs Leadership Award	2017
18	Outstanding Homelink Node Award	2017
19	'Inspire Awards 2018-19' for Social Significance by The BRITT WORLD WIDE (BWW) in collaboration with Parivartan Global Success Foundation, Mumbai	2019
20	Certificate of Appreciation for the services BOSCO has rendered for the betterment of schools in South-2, Bengaluru, by Zilla Panchayat, Bengaluru Urban, and Department of Public Instruction, Government of Karnataka and Department of Public Instruction, Government of Karnataka	2019
21	'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri. Sri. Sri. Shivakumar Swamiji' Award by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for BOSCO's services towards society on the occasion of the 508th birthday celebrations of Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda	2019
22	'Stree Suraksha Chakra' Award given to Ms. Vinnarasi, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, for her service in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation, on the occasion of International Women's Day	2020
23	YaR Awards for: Best HUB coordinator to John Joshua; Best Organization in the Bangalore Province and an Award of appreciation to Ms. Vinnarasi in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation	2021
24	YaR Alumni Award conferred to HT Prasanna (Past Pupil)	2022
25	YaR Award for: Homelink service of excellence - 'Best Node Award,' was given to BOSCO Bengaluru	2022
26	a. BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre was recognized for Gold Category support by the PACT India in the year 2023-24 for the interventional needs of the identified children/ youths with special needs in their CCI. b. BOSCO Rainbow Home was for Silver Category support by the PACT India in the year 2023-24 for the interventional needs of the identified girls with special needs in their CCI.	2023

FINANCIAL REPORT 2022-23

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA (BOSCO)
BOSCO Yuvakendra, D 12, 1st Street, Magadi Road, Bangalore- 560 023

Consolidated Society Account

Receipt and Payment account for the year 31.03.2023

Particulars	Receipts	Payments
Foreign Contributions	2,544,314.00	
Local Contributions	8,257,781.00	
Foreign Projects Grants	27,269,804.00	
Local Projects Grants	21,986,168.00	
Governments Grants	6,436,747.00	
Bank Interest	2,391,965.00	
Street Presence: Child Assistance and Rescue		140,231.00
CHILDLINE (1098) Services		6,822,693.18
Vocational Training to the Underprivileged Youth, Job Placement, After Care Programme		1,497,303.00
Supplementary Education and Community Involvement		902,906.60
Awareness Creation on Child Rights in the School/Colleges/ Public Places, etc		1,498,349.00
Higher Education of the Rescued Children		1,953,149.00
Maintenance of Land, Building, Vehicles, etc		9,092,340.64
Health Care		2,141,633.00
Staff Salary, Capacity Building and Welfare		28,465,630.00
Early Childhood Care & Education		165,764.00
Picnic, Camps, Sports, Entertainment and Functions, etc		2,823,306.00
Food for Children		9,102,633.00
Travel and Conveyance		1,061,059.00
Clothes for Children		1,172,548.00
Family Reunification and Follow up		120,929.00
Opening/Closing Balance	17,397,925.86	19,324,230.44
Grand Total	86,284,704.86	86,284,704.86

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO

SI No	Name
1	Aamir Shabbir Hakim
2	Ameeth Daniel
3	Apco Concrete Blocks and Allied Products
4	Arun Dsilva (Retail Interface Pvt Ltd)
5	Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives Pvt Ltd
6	BJoshuva Daneil
7	Brilliant Printers Pvt Ltd
8	Carlos Norman Guido
9	Childline India Foundation
10	Cicily Meethu Jose
11	Claud Sofia Marion Foundation
12	Deepa Joy
13	Detusche Provinzder Salesianer Don Bosco
14	Dharamendarn sundar babu
15	Diana Cardoza
16	Don Bosco Mondo
17	DrRavi Shankar Prestige Marketing
18	Elegance Enterprises
19	Esskay Poultry Marketing Agency
20	Faustina Sharma
21	Germinate Investor Service LLP
22	Gina Engineering Company Pvt Ltd
23	Guru prasad
24	Helan saldana
25	Jacob Chandy Varghese
26	Jacob Johnson
27	Jai Shima D
28	Karl Cardozo

29	Krupa Hebbar
30	Lake Chemicals Pvt Ltd
31	Lucy Sebastian
32	Maa Mohini
33	Majori Nanditha Barnabas Anandan
34	Marie Mathew
35	Meethu Cicily Jose
36	MVS Prasad
37	Noella S
38	Online Giving Foundation
39	Padmini Srinivasn
40	Pragna jit
41	Rainbow Foundation India
42	Roy Alan Radrigues
43	Shinimol
44	Sohini Sinha
45	Soundaram Chidambaram
46	Stephen Mathias
47	Stiching BVA
48	Stiching Raja Foundation
49	Sutraa Creations Private Limited
50	The Bangalore Salesian Society
51	The Claude Sofia Marion Foundation
52	Tivo Tech Private Limited
53	Usha Devi
54	Velbiom Probiotics Pvt Ltd
55	Vikramadithya
56	XL India Business Services Pvt Ltd
57	Y S Bharathi Reddy
58	Trisha

PUBLICATIONS OF BOSCO

- Glow in the Horizon
- Madilu Serida Hoogalu (Kannada)
- Buddhivantha
- Foster Family -Renewed Hope and a New Life
- Working with Children at Risk
- Street Presence
- Contemporary Perspective of Children in Conflict with Law

- Quest for Change - A glance at the Reality of Runaway Children
- Young at Risk - Experiences of BOSCO in the City of Bengaluru
- Foster Care - An Alternative Family Care for Children without Families (A National Consultation and Research by BOSCO Bengaluru)
- 40 Diamonds -A Candid Portrayal of the Lives of Risk-Takers of Our Times



See BOSCO's Videos:

- SHE
- STREET CHILDREN IN INDIA- SURVIVING THE STREET
- A PLACE IN YOUR HEART
- THIS IS ME
- BOSCO A GLANCE



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Nagamma





BOSCO AT A GLANCE June 2022-May 2023

We Serve

Children on the streets,
Unaccompanied children,
Children into substance
abuse, Child labourers,
Child Marriage,
Out-of-school children,
Trafficked children, Missing
children,
Physically/Sexually abused
children, Children in conflict
with Law, Orphan children,
Children from
dysfunctional families,
Incapacitated parents, etc.

8 Railway Stations
8 Bus Stands
10 BOSCO Centres
120 BBMP Wards

3792 Given shelter at
BOSCO
2143 Given healthcare
135 Enrolled/Re-enrolled in
school
4576 Given counselling
service

3641 Home placed
15 Missing children traced
4312 Rescued and
rehabilitated
230 Given academic
education

2 Given after-care education
258 Provided with skill
training
86 Youth Job Placed
316 Computer training
864 Services provided
(counselling, travel, etc.)

707 Given supplementary
education
520 Empowered through 26
clubs
157 Empowered through
Karate Clubs
11 Placed in foster care

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BOSCO STATISTICS OVER THE YEARS

Year	No. of Children		Total Number	Home Placement	Room Placement	Job Placement	Sent to Child Care Institutions (including BOSCO Centres)		Vocational Training	Health Care	
	Old	Fresh					BOSCO	OI		IP & OP	OMC
1980-2005	18847	34781	53628	19398	407	2148	6705	669	2390	5164	32591
2005-06	871	3392	4263	1928	98	109	770	342	239	30	1127
2006-07	761	4277	5038	2312	22	134	2289	540	222	331	1127
2007-08	663	3892	4555	2200	43	90	2184	834	131	367	1607
2008-09	691	5922	6613	3527	30	141	2368	843	128	167	1281
2009-10	521	6445	6966	4083	27	85	2677	939	137	352	1068
2010-11	208	7186	7394	5070	18	115	3208	153	174	359	1699
2011-12	374	6932	7306	5176	26	140	3041	1228	182	393	3574
2012-13	218	5310	5528	4027	36	42	1433	1024	171	412	1886
2013-14	317	6167	6484	4862	18	17	1426	1290	187	585	5449
2014-15	295	7318	7613	5603	16	108	765	1016	121	713	2741
2015-16	295	6644	6939	5248	10	66	316	1953	119	795	1662
2016-17	298	6856	7154	5495	03	154	69	1192	375	741	1456
2017-18	074	6622	6696	4356	01	195	237	0866	252	652	1435
2018-19	041	4788	4829	1321	04	167	132	1698	479	556	1043
2019-20	030	4689	4719	1260	01	80	079	098	330	617	1000
2020-21	017	1059	1076	752	02	43	075	037	291	608	806
2021-22	020	3108	3128	2315	00	104	045	055	288	356	1350
2022-23	027	4285	4312	3641	00	86	119	121	258	531	1612
Total	24568	129673	154241	82574	762	4024	27938	14898	6474	13729	64514

CENTRES & AREAS OF BOSCO

BOSCO YUVODAYA

- Coordinating Office
- Open Shelter

BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

- Shelter for Children (14 to 18 years)
- Job Placement Centre

BOSCO MANE

- Bridge Education
- Shelter for Children (Below 14 years)

BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

- Shelter for Girls
- Centre for School and College Girls
- Life Skill Training

BOSCO NILAYA

- Open Shelter
- Day Care Centre
- Community Empowerment

BOSCO YUVA SPANDANA

- Centre for Youth
- Life Skills and Technical Training
 - Career Guidance and Job Placement
- Dormitory for Migrant Youth
 - Drop-in Centre
- Indoor Sports and Games

BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

- Life Skill Training
- Higher Education

BOSCO VIKAS

- Shelter for School Children

BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

- Centre for School Girls

BOSCO NIVAS

- Open Shelter
- Day Care Centre
- Community Empowerment
- Life Skill Training

AREAS

- Railway Stations
- Bus Stations
- KR Market
- Shivajinagar
- Magadi Road



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