

A Project Proposal For

Care and Protection

Of

Survivors of Trafficking and Forced Labour

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About Bachpan Bachao Andolan

Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) is India's leading child rights organisation working for the elimination of child trafficking, child labour and for education of all children since 1980. Registered as Association for Voluntary Action (AVA) in 1979, BBA envisions creating an empowered child friendly society, where all children are free from exploitation, treated with dignity and receive free and quality education. BBA strives to achieve this vision through prevention of violation of child rights, enforcement of law and policies, advocacy, awareness and sensitisation, providing direct assistance to victims by rescuing or withdrawing them from trafficking, forced labour and other slavery like situations, building partnerships and ensuring access to government services. Since its inception, BBA has successfully liberated more than 84,500 victims of trafficking for forced labour from across the country.

Project Summary:

India has the dubious distinction of having the largest number of children being trafficked for various kinds of exploitations despite trafficking being prohibited in the constitution and plethora of laws for protection of victims. It is the source, destination and transit for both cross border and intra-state trafficking. Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) has been working towards the eradication of child labour and providing education for all for the past 30 years. BBA has rescued over 84,800 children from forced labour from industries like stone quarries, brick kilns, domestic labour, agricultural labour etc.

BBA operates a short-term transit rehabilitation centre called Mukti Ashram, for children rescued from forced labour, child labour and other exploitative situations in North Delhi. This centre provides immediate care and protection to rescued children until legal proceedings are completed for their repatriation. Immediate care and protection is a significant aspect of assistance to children rescued from trafficking.

This project seeks to ensure that rehabilitation facilities are made available to 300 children, rescued from child labour, over a period of twelve months. The project will provide psycho-social counselling, non-formal education and skill and

leadership training for the rescued children. In addition, the project will involve construction of one dormitory for accommodating children in the Ashram.

These activities will help children overcome the trauma faced while working in exploitative situations. In addition, these children will be provided with medical help to treat any physical injury or abuse. Eventually, these children will be reunited to their families through the intervention of child welfare committees.

Key outcome expected is that rescued children will be reintegrated in the social and educational mainstream ensuring that they are not re-trafficked into forced labour. The total budget requested is **INR. 3298900 (USD 53208)**. A detailed budget is enclosed with the application.

Since 2005, **4559 children** have received Care and Protection in Mukti Ashram.

During the stay in the Ashram, children are provided with Non-Formal Education, and are encouraged to participate in the recreational and cultural activities. The children committees are functional in Mukti Ashram, constituted as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000. These committees look after the various aspects of functioning of Mukti Ashram like- Discipline, Food, Health, Education, Cleanliness, and Sports etc. Children's participation in the committees enabled children to build leadership skills and sense of ownership among them.

Project description

(a) Purpose of the project

The purpose of the project is to ensure immediate care and protection for 300 children rescued from trafficking and forced labour and other exploitative conditions. In addition, the project will provide psycho-social counselling, education, skill and leadership training at Mukti Ashram to children until their repatriation to their parents and eventual educational and social rehabilitation.

(b) Project achievements

Rescued children in Mukti Ashram will be provided with non-formal education. In addition, the project will engage children in different activities during their stay so that children develop a liking for learning and education. Therefore, the project is expected to achieve the following:

- Children will receive non-formal education during their stay in Mukti Ashram. Children will learn alphabets in English and Hindi and elementary mathematics.
- By their active participation in activities in Mukti Ashram, children will develop an interest in learning and schooling and develop life skills.
- Children will receive care and protection in Mukti Ashram and will demonstrate improved psycho-physical condition.
- Children will be reunited with their parents and will be admitted in schools

(c) Project Duration

The project will be implemented for one year (please see attached budget for details).

(d) Project Activities:

Following are the main activities of the project:

- (i) **Immediate care and protection:** Children rescued from forced labour are brought to Mukti Ashram where the immediate focus is on providing care and protection to these children. Children are given clothes, are housed in the Ashram and are given food.
- (ii) **Medical care and counselling:** When children are rescued and are brought to the Mukti Ashram, they may experience fear of the unknown, the fear of repercussions on their families and fear for their future. All these worries are dealt with during the counselling sessions where children's fears are allayed and they are prepared to face their future with the hope of a better life with their self-esteem and self-worth intact. Group counselling as well as individual counselling is done by a psychologist of the Ashram. Extra care is also taken to encourage peer to peer counselling. Similarly, children will also receive medical assistance to treat any physical injury.
- (iii) **Non-formal education:** All children will be provided with non-formal bridge course during their stay in Mukti Ashram. They will be taught reading and writing Hindi and English languages and simple

arithmetic. As children's stay in Mukti Ashram is dependent on the legal process of their repatriation, the intention of this activity is to generate interest amongst children in education.

(iv) **Recreational activities:** Several recreational activities are also organised in the Ashram like sports and cultural activities, including theatre- plays and skits, for children to participate. These activities also act as tools for personal development for learning.

(v) **Social education and leadership building:** Mukti Ashram has a multiplicative role to play in the society – from providing rehabilitation to rescued children to generating awareness against child labour and trafficking. These activities are carried out through leadership building of the children who stay in Mukti Ashram, furthering the message of social justice and equality by organising various activities and classes.

(vi) **Ashram Infrastructure :**

(a) **Re- Construction of toilets** – The Mukti Ashram has 25 toilets/bathrooms which children use during their stay over there. Last year, it was damaged in the thunderstorm that hit Delhi in June 2014 and it was repaired immediately for the usage. However, the dampness destroyed the wall and the plaster is coming out of the walls and roofs. Hence, the toilets (13) and wash rooms (12) require reconstruction.

(b) **Installation of Reverse Osmosis (R.O) System** - In order to have safe drinking water at the Mukti Ashram, it is proposed to install an R.O system in the ashram to provide quality drinking water to the children staying there. Currently the ashram is purchasing drinking water from the vendors.

Beneficiaries

The project will directly benefit 300 survivors (children) and their parents. First and foremost, the children involved in forced labour in and around Delhi will be rescued through legal intervention and government support by BBA. These children will then receive immediate relief upon their arrival in Mukti Ashram. In the Ashram, children will be familiarised with education and will receive other life skills through their participation in various activities in the Ashram. These children will then be repatriated to their parents. In many instances of trafficking, parents are completely unaware of the whereabouts of their children.

Therefore, the process of repatriation will also involve parents finding their missing children, and shall culminate in re-integration of children in mainstream society through education and other mechanisms of rehabilitation.