

**Half Yearly Report
(July 2007-December 2007)
of Welfare Activities undertaken by
Amba Foundation at its Centers in Delhi, India**

Education Center Activities:

After the summer break our Education Center re-opened in the first week of July. In the beginning the attendance of children is low since a lot of them go back to their villages and gradually return to the city. However the attendance picks up and a lot of new children also enroll themselves with us during July and August.

The teachers prepare a broad study schedule for their respective classes and also prepare worksheets for the children.

The children are taught hindi, english and maths along with computer literacy. The children are given notebooks and stationery. In addition a number of needy children are also given financial scholarships sponsored by local donors for the cost of their entire set of books, school bag, uniform, shoes etc.

Its study time from July to September and the teachers like to give the children tests to measure their understanding of what is taught. The interesting thing about class tests is that the children avoid tests. The moment a teacher tells her students that she will take a test of the lesson taught, a majority of children are sure to absent themselves for the test the next day !

To avoid such a situation the teachers have been advised not to inform the children in advance and to judge the

understanding of the children through impromptu quizzes and small tests!

In any group of children there are always some who study well and follow instructions properly while there are others who are distracted and always disturb the class by doing some prank or the other. They have abundant energy however, some among them when given a role of responsibility often respond well their behavior improves. Also it is observed that these children perform well in our dance and theatre group.

We often use a multi dimensional approach to handle children with behavioral problems. Our aim is to remove the constraints in learning and facilitate their overall growth and education.

For the period October to December is equally divided between lessons, painting and making cards, dance and drama and last but not the least picnics and outings.

Every year we plan the annual picnic in the last week of December before the winter break. This time the children were taken to "Red Fort" an old historic monument, and later taken to "Raj Ghat" and "Shanti Van", these being memorials in memory of Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru respectively.

The children enjoyed the large green lawns, rolled, played and ran about and later had their meal and lots of goodies to eat! The picnic is an event the children look forward to and enjoy it very much.

Earlier the smaller children aged 4 and 5 years were not taken for the annual picnic since it was unsafe and difficult to manage them for a day long trip.

This year we decided to make a special effort for them and organized a small picnic separately for the kiddies in a park nearby. They enjoyed it very much and we hope to repeat this effort more often with them.

Some of the case studies are given below:

Chitra is an 11 year old child of a rickshaw puller. Her mother is a housemaid and the family migrated to delhi from their village in West Bengal in search of work.

Chitra has never been to a formal school and sometimes goes with her mother to work. In spite of her harsh life she is a bright and cheerful child and enjoys learning to read and write at our education center. She loved going to the picnic, playing games and rolling on the green lawns.

Varun is a 12 year student studying at our center. Being the youngest of 6 brothers and sisters he was very distracted and naughty and always disturbed other children in the class.

The teachers were having difficulty teaching him and he distracted other children as well. We decided to make him the class monitor and assigned him responsibility of managing other children in his group. He responded well to this initiative, his behavior improved and he became more responsible. He has improved in his studies and takes more interest in class and wants to excel in his work.

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Health Center Activities:

For the period June 07 to December 07 a total of 4620 patients were treated at the dispensary. There was seasonal variation in the attendance of patients. While more patients visited the health center for treatment between July and October as against the number of patients in the months of November and December. The highest number of patients was treated in the month of October while the least number of patients were registered in the month of December.

This variation can be explained in terms of the incidence of fevers and infections around the month of October while the month of December is considered a healthy month in terms of infections etc and also number of clinic days were reduced due to whitewash and repair work done at the center and also due to a number of public holidays during this month.

At our Health Center the patients were treated for a variety of diseases ranging from upper respiratory tract infection, skin infections and diseases, urinary tract infections, reproductive tract infections, viral fevers, colds and cough, diarrhea and stomach infections. Children and young mothers suffer from anemia and worm infestations.

Some of the case studies of patients are given below.

Sunita is a 2 year old baby girl who came to our Center for treatment of her ear infection. She had severe ear pain and pus in her right ear. She was treated by our doctor and her mother was advised to continue the treatment over a period of time till the infection in the ear subsided. However the mother went to her village with the baby and did not continue with the treatment. After some time the infection occurred again and the doctor had to refer her to the government

hospital and the child had to be admitted and given a high dose of antibiotic treatment to save her from deafness. Imrana a 25 year old woman is already a mother of 3 children and was pregnant with her fourth child. She was anemic and weak and complained of joint pains. Our doctor put her on a course of iron and calcium and counseled her to take a nutritious diet, and register herself at the hospital for safe delivery.

Eight year old Rabia got an electric current burn on her fingers while fiddling with the electric switch in her home. Her parents neglected the finger burns which became an infected wound. The girl was then brought to our health center for treatment. She was given regular dressing for her wounds and was treated with a high dose of antibiotics.

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**Description of Expenditure incurred during the period
July 2007-December 2007
From the Funds received from Noon.ch Organization.**

Carried forward balance as on 1.1.07	Rs. 8431.75
Received transfer of funds on 19.7.07	Rs. 111341.00
Total Funds as in July 2007	Rs. 119772.75

Expenditure Incurred:

Rent (inclusive of electricity charges)	Rs. 28290.70
Stipend paid to teachers	Rs. 30916.00
Doctor's Honorarium	Rs. 27100.00
Medicines	Rs. 11640.00
Notebooks	Rs. 3815.00
Stationery	Rs. 5284.00
Picnic	Rs. 13313.00
General Expenses (postage)	Rs. 1245.00
TOTAL	Rs. 121603.70

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