

**Half Yearly Report of Welfare Activities undertaken by
Amba Foundation at its centers under the Noon.ch funding
(January 2009-June 2009)**

Education Center Activities:

After a week long Christmas break the Center resumed its activities on 4th of January. While the older children resumed activities immediately there was low attendance of children in the age group 4-6 years. This is attributed to the cold weather. However their attendance improves as the weather gets sunnier.

All the children were given free notebooks and stationery in January and later again in March.

In January a two day Art & Craft Workshop "Expressions of Creativity" was conducted by us. Children from our Centers and also from other Organizations in Delhi participated in this workshop. Children were taught to make colorful masks and paperbags. They were taught how to design and color their handicrafts. Over 200 children participated in this workshop. The workshop was held at the "India habitat Center" which provided the space for the event.

During February & March emphasis was laid on teaching the children hindi, English and maths so as to strengthen and improve their academic performance and enable them to perform well in their school exams which are conducted towards the end of march.

This year all our children passed their school exams and joined their new classes in April. At our Center too we evaluated their performance and re grouped them according to

their performance. Volunteers were given small groups of children who were slow learners while the rest of the children were taught by our regular teachers.

The older children 7=15 yrs were given a free hand at the computers at our Center and were taught to make colorful story presentations. It has been observed that exposure to computers and ICT greatly enhances the confidence and interest level of the children and hence improves their grades. Some of the success stories at our Center:

Meena is a 15 year old girl whose mother is a housemaid and father works as casual labor. She came to us 2 years back and since then has shown great improvement in her school grades and there has been overall development in her personality too. She especially enjoys the dance & drama workshops and has gained a lot of confidence by participating in them.

Arti is an 11 year old child living in the nearby slums. Her father is a petty hawker and mother is a housemaid. She was a very poor and subdued student when she joined our Center. However soon she responded to the efforts of her teacher and started taking interest in her lessons. Her appearance also improved and today she is one of the most regular and bright student of her class.

Amit is a 12 year old son of an auto driver. Eldest of 5 siblings he would often miss school to look after his younger sister & brother while his mother went to work. When he got poor grades in school his father would often beat him without going into the reasons for it. This made Amit very sad and subdued. When his mother brought him to our Center for help we felt that it was essential to first counsel his parents and make them understand the child's problem. The parents had

to play a supportive role to help the child overcome his problems.

Today Amit is doing well in his studies and has an improved self esteem. He is regular with his work and always well behaved.

HEALTH CENTER ACTIVITIES

Between January and June over 4000 patients were treated at our primary Health Center in the majboor nagar JJ slums. Other than free check up and medicines the patients were also given counseling on ways of cooking cheap and nutritious food, improving cleanliness and hygiene in and around their homes.

Meetings are held with young mothers on infant and child care and the importance of immunization of their infants to safeguard them against diseases.

Pregnant women in the area are identified, motivated for regular ANC check ups and institutional deliveries. Lactating and pregnant women are given free iron and calcium supplements.

Patients come from poor communities living in urban slums around our health center and are treated for a variety of diseases such as fevers, infections, bronchitis, allergies, liver ailments and aches & pains. A number of men are known to flitter away their earnings in alcohol because of which their families suffer hunger and disease.

Some of the case studies of patients treated are given below:

A 10 year old girl was having fever for about a month. She was having cough and cold and rise in temperature in the evenings. She was losing weight and had loss of hunger.

On examination the doctor observed cavernous breathing and her lymph glands were enlarged in the neck region. The doctor

suspected glandular TB and referred her for an FNAC test in the district hospital. The test confirmed TB and she was immediately put on Anti tuberculosis treatment .She is now cured and well.

A 3 year old child was brought to our Center for congestion and shortness of breath. Local doctors had been treating him for Asthama and put him on the Nebulisor several times. He would get some immediate relief but soon the problem returned. On examination the doctor suspected him as a case of Eosonophilia.The child was sent for a DLC blood count and the results showed a very high count. He was put on Hetrazan treatment and soon recovered and was cured.

A frail woman visited our Center complaining of shortness of breath and fatigue. On examination she was found to be highly anemia and also 4 months pregnant. She was given folic acid tablets and calcium and our community worker took her to the nearest Maternity Home for admission and registration. Her blood levels were found to be very low and she was given blood transfusion to safeguard her and the baby's life. She was advised bed rest and proper care and sent home. Throughout the period of her pregnancy she was visited regularly by our community worker and taken to the district hospital for check ups and delivery.

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**Description of Expenditure incurred during the period
January 2009- June 2009
From the Funds received from Noon.ch Organization.**

Carried forward balance as on 1/1/09	Rs. 16116.05
Received electronic transfer of Funds on 16/1/09	Rs.154664.00
Received electronic transfer of funds on 27/1/09	Rs.155308.00
Total	Rs.326088.05

Expenditure Incurred:

Rent (Inclusive of electricity charges)	Rs. 14000.00
Stipend paid to teachers	Rs. 25328.00
Doctor's Honorarium	Rs. 30000.00
Medicines	Rs. 27491.00
Notebooks	Rs. 3780.00
Stationery	Rs. 3056.00
TOTAL	Rs.103655.00

Unspent balance is Rs. 222433.05