

Empowering Children and Communities through Education and Life Skills Development in the Slum Communities of Delhi.

**Project Report For the period January'26 to
March'26**



Introduction

The Child Activity Centre (CAC) in Kalyanpuri, serves children by providing educational, theatre, and music activities. The centre aims to create a safe and nurturing environment that promotes the holistic development of every child, supporting their learning, creativity, and overall well-being.

Intervention Details

The programme continued its focused efforts to ensure that children from vulnerable communities are protected from child labour and connected to meaningful education opportunities. Through consistent engagement with **800+ households**.

Education:

Education remained a central pillar of intervention. The team successfully ensured 100% tracking of children (6–18 years) across 803 households, creating a strong database to identify and support out-of-school children.

Key achievements include:

- 33 out-of-school children enrolled in CAC.
- 6 adolescents enrolled in CARC .
- 6 children mainstreamed into formal schools.
- 60 children regularly attending the learning centre.

Our team efforts through door-to-door surveys, family group discussion, and continuous follow-ups. The team also addressed complex cases where families lacked essential documents such as Aadhaar and birth certificates, which remain a key barrier to school enrolment.



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Community Mobilisation: Building Trust and Ownership

Recognizing that sustainable change requires community participation, the team actively engaged parents and local stakeholders:

- Parent meetings conducted, with 25–30 parents participating in each session
- Formation of 1 children’s group (20 members) and 1 women’s group (12 members)
- Ongoing discussions on child labour, education, child protection, and rights.

Although trust-building remains a gradual process, these platforms have started creating safe spaces for dialogue and collective action.



Project activities / Achievement

1. School Admission

In Kalyanpuri, we actively collaborated with the school authorities to facilitate the admission of three children into the NIOS program and successfully linked them to our centre for continued academic support and learning. Alongside this, we achieved one new admission at the primary school. Through consistent efforts, regular follow-ups, and strong engagement with both the child and their family, we were also able to reintegrate a school dropout into the formal education system. This resulted in the child securing admission in Class 8 at a government school.

2. Birthday Celebration

We celebrated the birthdays of children with great enthusiasm and joy at our centre. The celebrations created a warm and inclusive environment where children felt valued, happy, and emotionally connected. The primary purpose of organizing these birthday celebrations was to strengthen our relationship with the children and build trust. Such activities help create a sense of belonging, encourage participation, and support their overall emotional well-being, making the centre a safe and welcoming space for every child.



3. Art and craft Session with Children

We conducted an art and craft session focused on enhancing creativity, developing skills, and decorating the space. During this session, children created a sun using cups as a creative activity. The idea behind this craft was inspired by the hot summer weather, helping children connect their artwork with their surroundings. This activity not only encouraged imagination and hands-on learning but also made the centre environment more vibrant and engaging for everyone.



4. Monthly Parents meeting

We conducted monthly meetings with parents to better understand the challenges faced by children and to discuss their educational progress. These meetings provide a platform for open communication, allowing us to share updates, address concerns, and work collaboratively with parents to support each child's learning and overall development.



5. Career counselling session

We conducted a career counselling session with children at our centre. During the session, we focused on understanding each child's needs, interests, and aspirations. The discussion emphasized the importance of identifying their aptitude and developing a positive attitude to achieve their goals in life. The session aimed to guide children in making informed career choices, build their confidence, and motivate them to work towards a clear and meaningful future pathway.



6. Chai Par Charcha

We conducted a “Chai Par Charcha” session at the centre with 20 children, including 13 girls and 7 boys. The purpose of this activity was to create an open and comfortable space for children to share their thoughts and experiences. During the session, we discussed issues faced by the children as well as challenges within their community. This interactive discussion encouraged participation, built trust, and helped us better understand their concerns and perspectives.



7. Out Door Activity

We organized a monthly outdoor activity for children, with the participation of 35 children, including 23 girls and 12 boys. The session included engaging sports activities such as cricket and badminton, promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and active participation. These activities provided children with an opportunity to develop coordination, build confidence, and enjoy a healthy and fun learning environment outside the classroom.



8. Theatre Performance

We organized a community celebration for children, during which we conducted a street play (natak) focused on the issue of child labour and the importance of education. Through this activity, we reached over 100 children and engaged around 30 families. The natak served as an effective medium to raise awareness, encourage dialogue, and highlight the value of education. It created a meaningful impact by sensitizing the community and motivating families to support their children’s learning and well-being.



9. Community cleaning drive

We organized a community cleaning drive with active participation from children. Before the activity, we held a discussion to identify the area that needed attention, and the children suggested cleaning half of the community park. They recognized the park as a valuable shared space that is used daily and emphasized the importance of keeping it clean. A total of 45 children participated in the drive, including 32 girls and 13 boys. Along with the cleaning activity, we also conducted an oath-taking session to encourage responsibility and ensure a lasting impact on cleanliness and community care.



10. Life skills sessions

Life skills sessions play a vital role in creating a positive impact on children by enhancing their social and emotional well-being. During the reporting period, 6 life skills sessions were conducted with 35 children, including 21 girls and 14 boys. The sessions focused on key themes such as identity, confidence-building, and positive thinking. Through interactive activities and discussions, children were encouraged to express themselves, build self-esteem, and develop a positive outlook towards their personal growth and future aspirations.



11. Environmental awareness

To promote environmental awareness among 120 children and the community, a rally and street play (natak) on environmental protection were organized with active participation from children. As part of the activity, children creatively prepared environment-themed hand bands to spread awareness and encourage community engagement. A total of 90 children participated in these activities.



12. Menstrual hygiene awareness session

A menstrual hygiene awareness session was conducted in the community with the objective of reaching underserved women and adolescent girls and promoting awareness on menstrual health and hygiene. The session was facilitated by a gynecologist who addressed the concerns of women and girls, provided appropriate guidance, and shared important information related to menstrual care and overall health.

As part of the initiative, sanitary pads were distributed to more than 100 women and 60 girls at the centre. The session helped participants gain better knowledge and understanding of menstrual hygiene practices, and the women and girls expressed satisfaction and appreciation for the informative and supportive discussion.



13. Awareness on digital safety and cyber protection

To enhance awareness on digital safety and cyber protection, we collaborated with the Cyber Salamat Museum for an exposure visit and awareness session. A total of 20 children and staff members participated in the session, where they learned about safe internet practices, cybercrime through interactive stories and displays, and the importance of protecting personal information such as OTPs and passwords.

In addition, another cyber safety session was conducted at the centre with 15 children. Through these sessions, children and staff gained valuable knowledge and practical tips on identifying cyber risks and protecting themselves from cybercrime and online fraud.



14. Session on nutrition

4 Monthly nutrition sessions were conducted at the centre with the active participation of 80 children. The sessions focused on the importance of healthy eating habits, including the benefits of consuming green vegetables and fruits, and the role of proper nutrition in overall growth and well-being.

Through interactive discussions and awareness activities, children gained better knowledge about nutrition and healthy lifestyle practices, contributing to their improved awareness of health and well-being.

