

# Newsletter

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#### Introduction

#### Dear Friends.

There are at least 43 % children of Rajasthan are deprived of their rights and basic necessities even after various acts and laws coming into place.

Especially children in need of care and protection are not able to avail the services on time due to a single child needing to contact different departments.

The responsibility of a child is divided and there is a need of a single authority that can take complete responsibility of a child.

This has given rise to the project:

'An Initiative for Strengthening Child Protection Mechanism in Rajasthan' with key objectives as:

- A. Facilitating Interdepartmental collaboration;
- **B.** Capacity building of stakeholders of Child Protection (C.P)
- C. Demonstrating models of child care and protection services for broader replication

We are getting into the next orbit of institutional growth and transforming into a Training, Resource and Advocacy agency In this special issue, we will look back at what we have accomplished, and what was the impact of our work from 2014 onwards. This was a valuable experience for TAABAR.

**Editorial Staff** 

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## Journey of TAABAR:

"You know how it is. Sometimes you plan a trip for a certain place but there is something that takes you to another." - Rumi

2006	Informally work started from Jaipur Railway Station with children at railway station. Also started Dropin-center on 30th November, for 5pm to 11pm and supported children for food and medical services
2007	30th November Registered TAABAR as Society and got first funding, Shifted Drop-in-center in Government building
2008	Started mobile Tent Clinic at Jaipur Railway station in canopy
2009	Shifted mobile tent into Mobile Health Van, CEO of TAABAR visited France, Drafted first Annual report of TAABAR, Started 5 remedial education centers in communities, Started Newsletter
2010	Learned about Juvenile Justice (J.J)Act and restored 100 children, Thought about Advocacy through motivation of our chairman
2011	TAABAR got recognization from government authorities District Magistrate, Police Commissioner of Jaipur awarded TAABAR on republic day), Started Day care center in Kota as well as outreach at Kota Railway station
2012	Started working with Children In Conflict with Law in observation home Jaipur, Also worked with Children in need of care and protection in govt. Children home of Jaipur through theater and art & craft activities, One member of TAABAR became member of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Kota
2013	Received land from Rajasthan Government for children home, another member became CWC Member in Jaipur, Administration of Kota recognized work of TAABAR and awarded.
2014	Chief Minister of Rajasthan visited home of TAABAR and mayor of Jaipur awarded TAABAR, Started Children home, construction of First floor of home completed, got entry in Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) and became member in 7-8 Police stations of Jaipur. 'An Initiative for Strengthening Child Protection Mechanism in Rajasthan' Project started with support of Paul Hamlyn foundation.
2015	Became member of SJPU Kota, Launched study on Interdepartmental collaboration by Minister, Gave training to stakeholders on institutional care, Gave training to Police and Railway Protection Force (RPF), Started Mobile Library for children of day care centers
	• Initiative taken for awareness building and sensitization sessions in partnership with Govt. Railway

Police (GRP) and RPF

• Received "N.G.O of the year" Award

• Felicitated by Education Minister and District collector

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### "The project has been a witness of many 'Firsts'"

The issue of strengthening child protection mechanism was raised first time in Rajasthan by TAABAR to draw attention of all the stakeholders of the child protection mechanism. A joint meeting of CWC heads of Rajasthan and other key stakeholders conducted in Jaipur on 20th April 2015 presided Dr. Arun Chaturvedi , Cabinet

Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment
Department, Rajasthan and Mrs. Hansa
Singh Deo, former Commissioner, Dept. for
Child Rights (DCR) Rajasthan along with the
gracious presence of Mr. BL Soni former
Director- Rajasthan Police Academy, Mr.
Susheel Pareek among others.

### Foundation stones of the project

"Study on the Need and Space for Interdepartmental Collaboration"

"Training Need Assessment"

- The "Study on the Need and Space for Interdepartmental Collaboration" was conducted under the guidance of Mr. Radha Kant Saxena, Child Protection expert in 2014.
- It showcased the interdepartmental gaps in child protection structure and suggestions to address these gaps.





- •The study was successfully endorsed by Dept. for Child Rights Rajasthan and launched by Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Cabinet Minister, SJE Rajasthan on 20th April 2015.
- •The Commissioner of DCR pledged to take up the issue of Inter Departmental Collaboration (IDC) at larger level and invited TAABAR to take it further.

### One must adopt a child's language to convey knowledge

- Due to lack of research on the J.J System, on capacity building and training needs and lack of understanding
  of the practical side of the implementation of laws, a training need assessment of key stakeholders of CP
  mechanism was conducted in 2014.
- The key objectives of the Training Need Assessment (T.N.A.) was to identify lacunae in terms of capacity building, to aid in organizing need based and issue based trainings.
- In relation to government the T.N.A. was planned to be instrumental in reforming policy and laws as per the findings and identify the areas of convergence with the government for better interdepartmental collaboration.

# Embarking on the journey of establishing as the training agency.

TAABAR conducted **18** trainings in Jaipur and Kota. Through these reached out to over **900** diverse stakeholders of CP mechanism. Trainings were the ultimate implementing ground for the TNA and the findings of it were addressed in the trainings.

As said before, the project has been a witness of many 'firsts' in the child protection sector and the training arena is an exquisite example to demonstrate that.

#### <u>Scenario Before</u> TAABAR's intervention

No assessment of the capacity building needs of the stakeholders CP system.

Previous Trainings less relevant as they ignored the practical aspects for execution of roles.

Gap of interaction amongst Child Care Institutions (CCI's) due to lack of common space.

CCI's only interact with CWC in formal spaces & No interaction of CCI's with police

Unavailability of simplified and need based learning material.

Training methodology mostly lecture based.

Training only as per pre-planned agenda so gap to share practical problems.

No SJPU existing.

#### <u>Scenario After</u> TAABAR's intervention

TNA in Rajasthan happened for the first time.

Need based issues included in the trainings

CCI's got a common space to interact with each other through trainings

CCI's got a platform to directly interact with CWC and police

Simplified learning material created and distributed.

Creative and participative training methodologies introduced.

Participants got opportunity to share practical challenges and discuss solutions with subject matter experts.

Formation of SJPU in Kota & Nomination of TAABAR staff in the team

TAABAR established as key resource agency in CP mechanism

## Training Programs in 2016













## "Our Milestone Training Programme -Training of newly elected members of CWC's and JJB's of Rajasthan"

TAABAR was appointed as the key resource and training agency by Department for Child Rights, Rajasthan for organizing the Training programme for the newly appointed CWC members of 24 districts of Rajasthan and all Juvenile Justice Board (J.J.B.'s) from 12-16 December 2016.

This was a milestone in in our journey of becoming a training and resource agency as Department for Child Rights is one of the key decision making departments, when the advocacy of issues of children at state level are concerned.













### "Reaching out to the Railways -One of the most important ground of children in difficult circumstances"

- Partnership was developed with RPF North-Western Railway, Western-Central Railway and GRP Rajasthan in 2016.
- Short sensitization sessions at 6 different geographical locations were conducted : Jaipur, Kota, Alwar, Rewari, Bandikui, Sawai Madhopur, Bharatpur.





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- The number of sessions conducted at GRP station were 10 and RPF 28 sessions were conducted.
- In total, 900 RPF and GRP officials, belonging to various ranks such as constable, head, sub-inspectors, Assistant sub-inspectors were reached out.
- The sessions were conducted at the mounting / dismounting time of the staff bearing the challenges of limited for the staff as well as limited space to conduct the session.
- Topics Covered: Child protection, children in contact with railways, Role of RPF/GRP for children soft skills and communication skills for children orientation on Child Protection Mechanism, Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines for RPF and GRP, introduction of acts and laws for children









### "The time you enjoyed wasting was not actually wasted."-Intervention at Government Observation Home, Jaipur

#### **Intervention**

- To work in government home was a challenge but this chance was opportunity to show case our potential to improve the conditions of living place of children those are conflict with law.
- Different tools were used to help children become interactive, creative and happy such as theater workshops, crafts ,stitching classes, movie screenings related to children welfare issues games , musical sessions and many more.
- To resolve the problems we had conducted meetings with officials to convey the problems of children and to suggest new initiatives to improve the situation and to strong confidence between children's and officials.

#### Impact of Intervention

- Continuous engagement with the staff helped us to build an environment of coordination and support from the staff
- Zero incident of runaways of children after
   TAABAR intervention
- Festival Celebration started regularly
- Craft room established
- Child committee established
- Children able to get proper nutrition as per the prescribed standards
- Regular attendance of home staff in the home
- Impart moral values through plays
- Creation of Child friendly environment
- Continuous support of home superintendant and Juvenile Justice Board members

## Evaluation of the Project:

#### "The one who has a good friend doesn't need any mirror"

- Keeping this motivation in mind, two years were over and prior to expansion, a comprehensive
  evaluation was felt necessary to better understand the impact, relevance and effectiveness of
  intervention undertaken thus far.
- The evaluation was conducted by Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Director on 11-14 May 2016 in Jaipur and Kota.
   It was conducted to determine optimal strategies for project continuation.

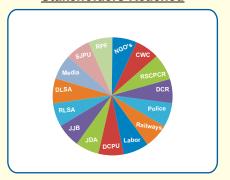
The evaluation team shared that TAABAR has successfully covered a long way in mere span of three years and has a bright future for the vision of becoming Training, resource and advocacy agency.

After the conversation with various stakeholders following ranking was given by the evaluators about the TAABAR's effort in various aspects in the project:

Ranking	25-20	20-15	15-10	Below 10
Status	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
Number of Stakeholders	08	14	01	-



#### **Stakeholders Reached**



#### Reach out Before the Project



Reach out After 3 Years



### Success Story

Vikas (name changed) is a 12 year old boy living in Jaipur. The story starts when he was 5 years old. He was playing outside his home and was lured by chocolate, toys and abducted by an unknown person. Parents lodged FIR but no clue was found and the case was unofficially closed.

The clock never stops and never waits so time kept passing and the parents were bearing the pain of child's separation which cannot be expressed in words. Six years later, a notice of three missing children in regional newspaper brought to them a ray of hope. Three children, one of which was reported to be missing was expected to Vikas in Naguar city. By the time Vikas's mother died due to shock and trauma of the separation his loving child. The family members straight away reported to Naguar Child Welfare Committee with News paper cutting where they got to know that the child was staying in Government Children Home. With kind permission of Child Welfare Committee a meeting was organized with child at children home but the span of six years was enough to wash away his child hood memories so he didn't recognize his family members. After painstaking efforts he just told that as far as from what he remember he was taken away from outside his home and since then he was employed at a shop

by that person. Finally he was sent to Government Children Home Jaipur for the clarity and verification of the claim made by the family for the child. He stayed for nine months in Government Children Home Jaipur Then he was shifted to TAABAR Children Home. The secretary of TAABAR started investigating thematter further about the background of the child. Throughout the child's stay in the home, intensive counseling of the child was started in order to bring him out of the trauma as well as find out his real roots. The secretary went on and reached the child's home to verify the family's claim about the child. TAABAR team collected all the information related with child that can he help to recall him his childhood memories like glimpse of his house, park, his friends, old photographs of family etc. After a series of dialogues and counseling sessions he gradually started to recall his memories.

After 7 years, the child was finally reunited with his family and the whole family was really elated. After few days, a follow up visit was made to know the status of child and got to know that the child is living happily with his family and studying in class 6th. The family expressed their gratefulness to TAABAR for their effort in reuniting their child with family.

## Photo Gallery







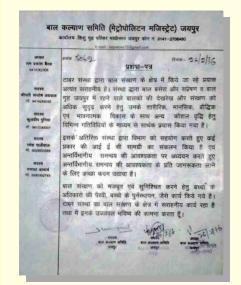




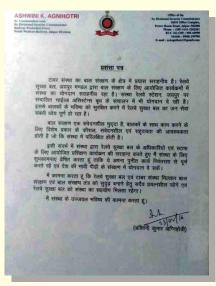


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## Major Highlights and Achievements



Appreciation Letter by :-Child Welfare Committee, Jaipur



Appreciation Letter by :-Sr. Divisional Security Commissioner R.P.F. (N.W.R.)



Appreciation Letter by :-Divisional Security Commissioner R.P.F. (W.C.R.)



Award of Recognition received by : Mr. Rakesh Sharma
From Honorable Education Minister of Rajasthan Mr. Kali Charan Saraf
& District Collector, Jaipur Mr. Krishan Kunal



Inauguration of Mobile Library Van by : Honorable Chief Minister of Rajasthan Smt. Vasundhara Raje



Award by: Rajasthan Patrika in online poll

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