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1. INTRODUCTION

WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE FOUNDATION is a National level voluntary Organization in the area of health, education, socio-economic development and protection of socially disadvantaged populations. It was initiated by a group of dedicated social workers and professionals in Delhi. The organization was formally registered in 2014 under the Trust Registration Act 1860 as a national level voluntary organization. During the financial year 2023-2024, **WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE FOUNDATION** Society for Development has significantly reorganized and expanded its portfolio of programmes and activities. During this period the organization initiated and successfully implemented various programmes and interventions aimed at overall development of socially disadvantaged population as well as improving the status of their health and hygiene. These programmes were mainly decentralized and tightly monitored and it focused on following key issues:

- **Health**
- **Education**
- **Advocacy and awareness building**
- **Training and documentation**
- **Networking and Advocacy**
- **Pollution Prevention & Control**
- **Skill Development and Training**
- **Beggary Prevention**
- **Ration distribution to Covid affected families**

Our Target Areas

WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATIONS has been working in **Bhowapur, Ghaziabad Waste-picker Community/Slum, Kaushambi, Sehani, and Bhopura** in NCR region. This slum is very close to Radison Blu Hotel, Kaushambi. This is a huge slum with around 800 households of Waste-picker, migrant workers and daily wage laborers.

While organising the community sensitization programs in this slum, **WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION** came across a large number of children who are out of school for varied social and economic reasons. It also came across a lot of children who were either rag pickers, child laborers, beggars or those who were forced to live on the street. These children were interested in getting education and wanted to live a better and dignified lives but they had no means for the same. **WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION** decided to start a non-formal education program for them through which these children were initially assembled for a couple of hours to impart basic

education. Initially the program was started with about 25 children but slowly it started to pick up and a lot of children started to show interest in the program. Other than basic education, the WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION team also focused on imparting their basic life skills to these children. Due to limited resources, the WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION team has only been able to impart this program to about 100 children. However, there is a huge demand in the area for about 300+ children who are largely out of school are keen to join this program.

Target Group

The project will focus mainly on two major targeted groups:

- a) **Children:** These include, out of school children, especially street and working children, children of Waste-picker, homeless/migrant families and children of families at risk.
- b) **Women:** These include, poor and vulnerable women from this targeted community, who are involved in picking up the waste and segregate the waste.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The major aims and objectives of the WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE FOUNDATION include:

1. Improving educational status of disadvantaged population and improving public education of in the society by implementing programmes and interventions
2. Ensuring care, protection, rehabilitation and advancement of women and children, elderly, disabled, orphans, destitute and mentally retarded persons etc. through institutional and non-institutional care programmes
3. Promoting human rights, child rights and protection by implementing advocacy and awareness generation programmes
4. Arranging, establishing, running and supervising the physically Education Centre to give training for improvement of young generation, physical health and mind
5. Ensuring enhancement of skills through vocational and skills training for facilitating self employment to the poor, needy, SC/ST/OBC and weaker sections of society.
6. Publishing books, charts, illustrations, magazine, periodicals news papers and other publications to attain the aims and objectives of the society.
7. Carrying out advocacy with state and/or central government authorities for facilitating

overall socio-economic development of socially disadvantaged populations as well as ensuring their care and protection

8. Working with government authorities directly or indirectly in the times of any disaster and/or other natural or man made calamities.
9. Ensuring necessary care, support and rehabilitation services for disabled, orphans and vulnerable children, disadvantaged women and elderly
10. Arranging treatment for drug abusers by providing proper care, nursing treatment and counseling services.
11. Arranging, establishing and running health care services for the welfare of disadvantaged populations.



PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES:-

Medical Care/Camp for Slum dwellers: - WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE FOUNDATION organises regular health camps in association with Max Foundation & CII for those where Government facilities/schemes not to reach. This facility would help the bearer to avail hassle free Health Check Ups at free of cost. Within the catchment area of Dundaheera Village, Gurugram, Kaushambi, Bhopura, Tila More, Gaziabad, Arjun Camp, Aya Nagar, & Sunder Nagri, Delhi Two health camps are organized every month with Free Medical Consultation & medicine distribution (on prescription).



Recognizing that alcohol and substance abuse has caused widespread affliction in the country, WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE FOUNDATION aims to create a movement for a multi-sectoral

approach to prevent substance dependency. The harmful effects of alcohol and substance abuse are of a great magnitude and concern. The personal, social and economic costs of alcoholics and drug dependents are borne by individual families and the community at large. Alcohol and drug dependency leads to an increase in the health cost of the drug dependents causing major loss of productivity, marital conflicts (violence against women), a major depletion of family resources, poor nutrition to children, deprivation of education etc.



The consequences of drug and alcohol abuse in India are of grave concern to us and we believe that adequate attention is not being paid to this major problem. WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE FOUNDATION aims at linking the disadvantaged population to key services through an effective network of referral services. Through resource mapping, a comprehensive list of existing resources and services has been prepared which is used for ensuring following key services to the people in need from its target area:

- ✚ **Free Health & Eye Check-up camps**
- ✚ **Detoxification and Emergency treatment.**
- ✚ **Psychotherapy, Family Work and Recreational therapy.**
- ✚ **Individual/ Group Counseling and Family Counseling**

School Awareness and Education Programme:-

Under this programme our main aim is to create awareness amongst school children to reduce their vulnerabilities to substance abuse. It also aims at motivating them to extend their contribution in the prevention of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. On a particular date suitable to the school, a team of experts from WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE FOUNDATION visits the school and conducts a participatory programme like Public debate, discussions, role plays, contests etc. Students are informed about ill effects and the legal ramifications of substance abuse; WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE FOUNDATION also links students and their drug dependent relatives to free treatment and counseling facilities available in the nearby area.



Awareness Generation programmes & Community Participation: To strengthen the community linkages in our program, meetings with parents and community members will be regularly organized. Efforts will be made to involve community influential leaders and opinion makers to support education of vulnerable and out of school children. In order bring positive attitudinal change in parents and community members towards situation of children in terms of their rights and child protection, awareness generation programmes will be organized at regular intervals. Besides, specific community sensitization programmes on ill effects of substance



abuse preventions and improving health and hygienic conditions and other social issues will be organized at the community. In order to create an enabling environment in community for prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS and substance abuse as well as reduce stigma and discrimination of affected populations, WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE FOUNDATION organizes various community awareness and education programmes. These programmes include puppet shows, street plays, audio-visual shows and other cultural activities aimed at creating mass awareness.

**their Family & Women Empowerment through
Skill Building** WASTE PICKER'S WELFARE
FOUNDATION aims to strengthen self



reliance and women empowerment through Vocational skill building of the unprivileged in the trades of Stitching, tailoring & embroidery at DELHI/NCR

