JOINT OPERATION FOR SOCIAL HELP (JOSH)

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ABOUT US

Joint Operation for Social Help (JOSH) works with urban poor communities and youth on the issue of education in the resettlement colonies and slums of Trilokpuri and Kalyanpuri in East Delhi. For the past 16 years JOSH has gained immense knowledge and relevant experience in highlighting issues and challenges faced by the most vulnerable and marginalized section of society.
Drop Out Girls: ‘Giving them a Second Chance’

We are working with girls who have been forced to leave school and dropped out of education due to various family and social pressures. The aim is to give them another chance to live their lives and become financially independent.

Through an innovative course curriculum, which includes learning language skill, mathematics and science and other subjects, these girls are helped to reach a level such that they are able to enter mainstream education.
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR

We have till now identified and trained 75 adolescent girls and young women who had dropped out of school or never enrolled.

Every year, we identify 20 girls, give them a year of training, and then enroll them in National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

Additionally, these young women also receive training on gender, legal aid and health issues, which helps in increasing their awareness and also building their self-confidence.
WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING

Based on three years of experience, we would like to propose two main components:

• Identify young women who have either dropped out or have never been to school - 20 girls
• Enrolling the girls into mainstream education through NIOS
• Work with parents and families of young girls
As soon as the girls complete the course, they will be given the opportunity to enroll in formal education at the National Institute of Open Schooling through various means.

Identification of 20 adolescent and young women who have dropped out of school or have never been enrolled to provide them basic education and mainstream them.

Conducting regular classes of all subjects relevant to the students and facilitate them to take their final examination.

As soon as the girls complete the course, they will be given the opportunity to enroll in formal education at the National Institute of Open Schooling through various means.
WHAT TO EXPECT:
OUTCOMES

• 20 girls who dropped out will be able to have basic reading and writing skills, numeracy, basic science and knowledge about their environment, history, civic rights and others to help enter the mainstream education system and clear mandated examinations

• 20 girls will enter mainstream education through NIOS and will be enrolled in 10th or 12th grade school
TESTIMONIES

NAME - AFIYA

- She dropped out of school in 10th grade in 2019. She has failed to pass her maths examination.
- She had heard of JOSH computer classes and came to join the class. On joining the computer class, she got to know of the class for drop out students. She had lost all motivation and confidence to study, but on meeting with the other students and the facilitators, she decided to give herself a second chance.
- She took the NIOS exam in 2022 and her results came in Jan 2023. She has successfully cleared her 10th grade exam
- She is presently studying for her 12th grade exams.
NAME- IRAM

She dropped out of school in 2019 as she failed to clear her science exam in 10th grade. On failing in science, her parents refused to let her continue with her studies. And with the two years of school closure due to Covid19, there was no hope of her resuming her studies.

Iram got to know about the drop out session during our field mobilisation exercise. She then enrolled in the program and we spent several days convincing her family to allow her to resume her studies once again. Though her parents were hesitant and mentioned that she will be married soon, after our and Iram's insistence, they finally agreed and she started to come for classes.

She is presently preparing to take her 10th grade examination in the upcoming exams in October 2023

She is preparing for her NIOS exams.
NAME- MANSI TIWARI

EDUCATION:
Bachelors in Arts: Sociology Honours- Delhi University (2012-2014).

EXPERIENCE:
- Done internship with Safai Karmachari Andolan for the period of two months in July 2012
- Done internship with Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights while studying about the awareness and functioning of this statutory body in May 2015
- Done internship with Centre for Women’s Development Studies for the period of two months and worked under the project titled “Gender Dimensions of the Urban Labour.
- Administered a survey on the role of time in people’s access to basic services which was a part of the doctoral thesis of Lucy Dubochet, at The London School of Economics and Political Science’s Department of International Development in March 2016.
- I had worked at Association for Rural and Urban Needy at the post of Rehabilitation Manager at Safai Karmachari Andolan from Aug 2016 to Feb 2020, working on Rehabilitation projects, fact finding of sewer/ septic tank death cases in Delhi NCR.
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