

A Virtual Site Visit Report

People First Educational Charitable Trust – Gaya and Koderma Rescue Junction

On

July 14, 2021

Attendees:

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PEOPLE FIRST EDUCATION CHARITABLE TRUST (GAYA)

• Facts About Coronavirus Outbreak



• Do's

- 1. Hand Wash
- 2. Cover Your Mouth & Nose
- 3. Consult A Doctor If Sick
- 4. Stay Indoors

• Don'ts

- 1. Avoid Close Contact With Anyone
- 2. Do Not Spit
- 3. Avoid Using Public Transport
- 4. Do Not Use Over The Counter Medicines
- 5. Don't Panic, Take It Easy
- 6. Don't Touch Your Face



Virtual site visit was performed by the Silicon Valley ASHA Chapter on July 14th, 2021. This is the summary of the virtual site visit. We spoke to several kids, staff and the project coordinator Deepak Kumar.

Koderma is a station about 50km to the east of Gaya. It a major station on the main Delhi to Calcutta Railway line and is situated in the middle of an extremely poor, mostly tribal area.

The proposal was for establishing a small outreach center with drop-in care center offering education, support and the ability to intercept trafficked children working closely with the police and local authorities much on the successful Rescue Junction model. This early intervention approach has proved to be the key to prevent children “disappearing” in to child labor or prostitution. Rescue Junction has a remarkable record of rehabilitation of these children and reintroducing them to the education system.

Rescue Junction is playing a vital role for stopping the child trafficking especially after lock down. Many factories were closed because of lock down and after opening it was really risky for children. Koderma drop-in center played vital role to stop the children who were going to work under different circumstances and have motivated the families in slums in Koderma. They have saved the children from risks, especially trafficking.



Rescue Junction approaches kids whose lives are really in danger position. Team is working with close co-operation with district administration and Child Welfare Committee. They have restored many children with their families.

All of a sudden when lock down was over, many people were unemployed and the risk was high for children and demand for work for children was also very high because of low wages.

Their team is always visiting local Slum in Koderma and have approached the families to motivate them to not send the kids to work. They encouraged the parents and kids to go to their center where they provide counselling, basic education and link them to government scheme.



Team of Rescue Junction at Koderma engaged in outreach at Koderma railway station and discussing with migrants and children.



Children from Slum at Koderma with team members of Rescue Junction



Rescue Junction team meeting with parents and children; Project Manager meeting with CWC Koderma



Women members of Rescue Junction engaged during outreach and counselling of mothers of children at Railway platform and Slum