

ANGAJA FOUNDATION

(SELF RELIANCE FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED)



VISION

To work with the socio-economically weaker sections of the society with special emphasis on women and children and to act as catalysts of change in the lives of economically underprivileged men, women and children to improve the quality of their lives and make it much more meaningful. Our slogan is "an organization with tribal, rural and urban initiative".

MISSION

The establishment of Angaja Foundation dates back to 1998. It is registered as a Trust. Through its formation, the founders aimed at improving the lives of underprivileged men, women and children. The organization believes in helping people to help themselves. Wherever we work, whether in the slums or in rural areas the 'poorest of the poor' is our target group. The organization believes in acting as a flash point in solving critical problems like impoverishment in rural areas, environmental degradation and water pollution. It works under a proactive board but the daily activities are supervised by the General Secretary, Raka Sinha Bal.

1. Creative Non – Formal Education for Slum Children

Non- Formal Education Centres for slum children has been one of the thrust areas for the organization which have been running in Gautam Nagar, Nagla Machi, Daya Basti, Rajghat, New Seemapuri, Shakarpur, Dilshad Garden and Ghazipur. Our biggest achievement in the Non Formal Education was that people began realizing the importance of education and began sending their children to our centres and to formal Schools. Thousands of children have been educated at the NFE centres.

The NFE Centers strive to teach the children in a creative way with activities which would ensure the all round development of the children, who as adults can think for themselves, adapt to new situations and solve the problems of everyday living Emphasis on the development of the five senses is part of the methodology. In all the centres three subjects are taught to the children English, Hindi and Maths. Apart from imparting education, care is taken to involve the children in prayer, national anthem, value education, general knowledge, health education, stories, outings, monthly tests, creative games and activities.

2. School Admission for slum children in the Government Schools

Our aim behind running NFE Centers is to enable the slum children to get admitted to formal schools. After going through our curriculum, we try to get these children admitted to primary and secondary government schools. The total numbers of children who have been admitted to the government schools is 1000.



3. Health check-ups for slum children

Communities in slums lack basic information to look into their health and that of their families. Due to insanitary conditions and poor quality water, children suffer from worms, respiratory infections, anemia and skin infections.

Our programme includes regular health check – ups for children through MCD clinics and health camps, where the main focus is on

immunization, total vitamin therapy, de-worming etc. In the health check-up programme we have covered more than 5000 children since 2000.

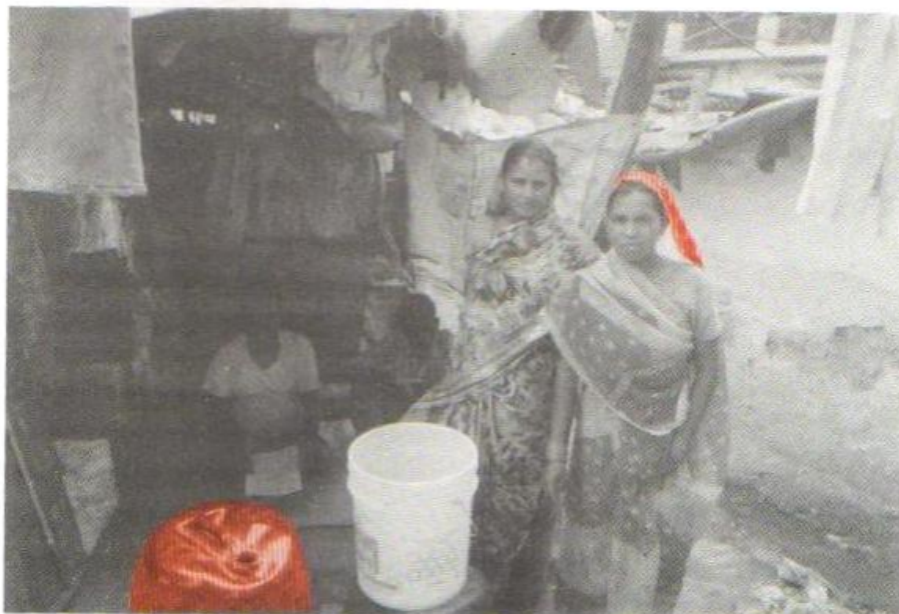
4. Health Education Programme for Adult Men, Women and the Adolescent Boys and Girls on Family Planning, AIDS, Nutrition and Family Life Education

Women suffer from multiple pregnancies, anemia and also reproductive tract infections (RTIs). They are also hesitant to visit the government clinics to avail of family planning facilities due to all kinds of inhibitions. They will not introduce solid food to their babies at the right age with the result that babies remain undernourished. Men are prone to alcoholism and perhaps if they visit sex workers, will also suffer from Sexually Transmitted Diseases and pass these onto their wives. Often families prefer to visit the unqualified RMPs / Quacks operating within the slums. Therefore what they need is information and motivation to act on and this is what we provide.

We also work towards implementing the family planning programme in the slums. Women in the slums have too many children and as a result all the children within a family suffer, because mothers do not have sufficient time for all of them. Although the dispensaries are nearby the women are not ready to go there and adopt family planning methods. We make the women aware of the need to adopt family planning measures and take them to nearby dispensaries and hospitals to undergo surgery and avail of other family planning methods. The health programme targets the family as a unit, which includes men, women and adolescent girls and boys. Meetings on Sex and Sexuality, STDs and AIDS are also held with the young men and women in the communities.

5. Community Outreach and Slum Development

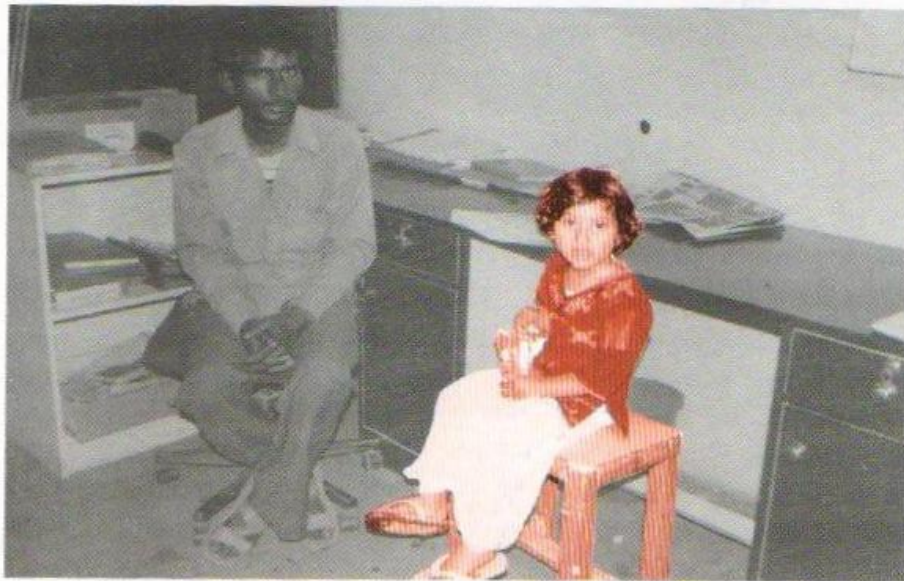
It involves reaching out to the families, men, women, youth, children and discussing their problem and coming out with solutions. We together with the community members network with the local MP and MLA to solve problems of drinking water, sanitation, drainage etc. Young men, women and children are involved in creative and sports activities so that their energies can be channelized in the right direction. Employment



opportunities and training issues are also discussed with the youth and the way forward is decided.

6. Helping Victims of Rape both Children and Women

There are more than 800 plus rape cases in our files, Earlier the modus operandi was that whenever a case of child rape was reported in the newspaper we would cut out the clipping which was then followed up by inquiry in the concerned police station. Since 2005 we have been designated as the Rape Crisis Intervention Centre (RCIC) by the Delhi Commission for Women and Delhi Police for North East and New Delhi Districts. Now the Police Station and D.C.W calls us up and informs us about the cases. The social workers make home visits to provide the Victim with counseling and if required they take the Victim for further counseling to skilled



counselors. Help like medical aid and help in cash or kind if needed by the child and her family is also given. Through our continuous interaction with the victim and his or her family, we try to make them come out of their trauma. Our role does not end here. We also follow up each and every case in the Lower courts i.e. Patiala House, Karkardooma and the Juvenile courts. The objective behind this is to make sure that the accused is convicted. In court we interact with the Public Prosecutors and press them to get conviction for the accused and justice for the victim.

7. Advocacy on laws of Rape, Education, Water, Environment in terms of Public Interest Litigation

We have filed a comprehensive Public Interest Litigation in the Supreme Court covering all the problems connected to child Rape and Sexual Abuse. We hope that the courts will pass the right orders, which leads to a new law and other vital changes in the working of the judiciary, police and hospitals. We are also doing advocacy on the issue of education. We think that education should be creative and interesting rather than rote-learning, the pattern which is being followed in the government schools. Water conservation and waste management is also part of the PIL and advocacy agenda.

8. A series of Training and Sensitization Workshops for Judges, Public Prosecutors, Police, Doctors, Lawyers and NGOs

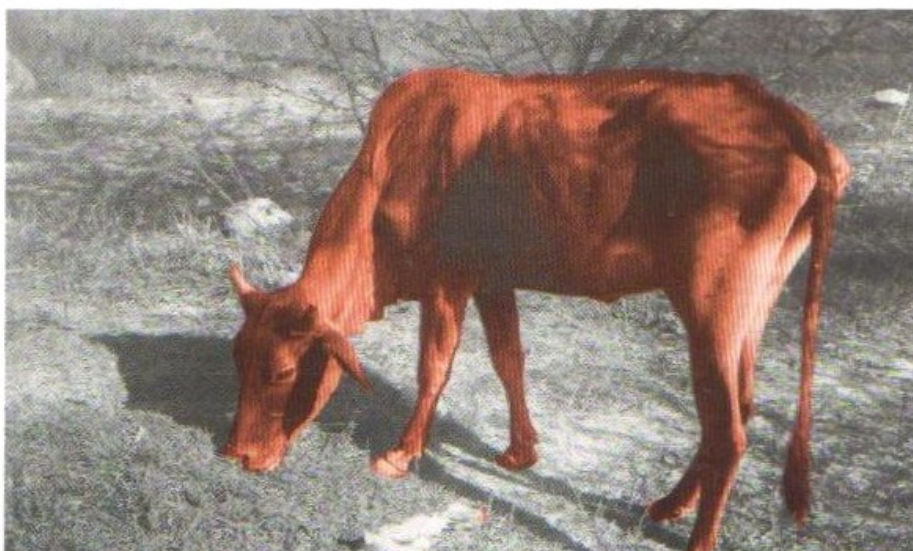
As part of our Rape project we have conducted sensitisation and training workshops on Rape, Sexual Abuse, street children and crimes against women. These programmes were held for the judges and public prosecutors of Tees Hazari and Patiala House Courts, Workshops for the police in the North, North – East, West and East



Police Districts have also been held. Further workshops are also planned for the police, doctors who do medico – legal examination N.G.Os and the media in all the districts of Delhi.

9. Animal Welfare

Angaja Foundation also works to prevent cruelty against animals. We have helped the distressed animals who were in need of urgent medical treatment in Pilanji Kotla, Safdarjung Enclave, Sarojini Nagar and Vasant Kunj by arranging ambulances for them to reach the hospitals. We have also put water troughs for the cows at these four areas. Our Animal Welfare Project also includes feeding of 30



dogs and 200 abandoned cows in a month. Medical treatment, sterilization, and getting Indian dogs adopted is part of the project.

10. The Green Project

The organization has been working for the betterment of the environment especially in the water sector. It plans to work as a flash point wherever environmental degradation is taking place in Delhi or the other states. Delhi has many municipal landfills, where garbage has not been segregated. Rotting carcasses, decaying kitchen waste, which should be composted is lying alongside



plastic, metal and other non-biodegradable waste. The organization will be putting pressure on the municipal authorities to segregate garbage so that it can be composted and recycled. This would prevent pollution of surrounding areas and also of the underground water. Doing advocacy on rain-water harvesting, water conservation and sustainable waste management is part of the project.

11. Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

Farmers produce food for the consumption of human societies but Governments all over the world are favoring urbanization and industrialization. Therefore the farm sector remains neglected. Angaja Foundation will network with farmer organizations all over the country and N.G.O's working in rural areas to introduce farmers to better agriculture practices which will improve their yield. This would apply to farmland both in water logged and rain deficient areas. Promotion of organic farming, diversification of crops and linking their produce to the markets and using water conservation in agriculture is part of the agenda