UNDERSTANDING HOMELESSNESS: 
LIFE WITHOUT A ROOF

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Time Line – 2014 to 2021
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RIGHT TO CITY - ASSURING SERVICES TO THE POOR AND HOMELESS

To assure essential services for the Urban Poor and Homeless in Jharkhand, and to ensure an environment within the cities where the poor could find means and ways to build their capabilities so as to overcome poverty.
PROJECT INTERVENTIONS

- Engaging with the concerned state department and city level government bodies and civil society to ensure the shelters and civic rights of the homeless.
- Survey and rapid assessments on homelessness including street children.
- Meetings/Consultations/Trainings for making the shelter homes functional.
- Advocating for shelter rights of Homeless women.
- Engaging with the community: Night Counselling/Outreach Programme/Campaigns.
Key Findings from study with homeless population in Ranchi

**COMPOSITION OF RESPONDENTS: MALE, FEMALE AND CHILDREN PARTICIPATION**

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<th>Total Respondent</th>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>990</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>264</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Below 14 years age</td>
<td>81</td>
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Total Respondents

- **Male**: 74%
- **Female**: 20%
- **Children**: 6%

% of male and female child

- **Male**: 81%
- **Female**: 19%
- **Children**: 6%

**Diagram:**

- Yellow: Male (74%)
- Green: Female (20%)
- Black: Children (6%)

**Legend:**
- Male
- Female
- Children
AREAWISE DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION

Above 14 years ages (N=1254)

Below 14 years age (N=81)

N = 1335
LITERACY AND EDUCATION LEVEL : ADULTS

(N =1254)  
Read & Write (in %)

(N =579)  
Education Level (in %)

(N =675)  
Uneducated homeless population (%)
ATTENDING ANGANWADI AND SCHOOL BY HOMELESS CHILDREN

Ever attended Anganwadi or school? (N=81)
- Yes: 65%
- No: 35%

Attending Educational Facility (in %)
(N=53)
- Govt. school: 56%
- Private school: 7%
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Understanding social determinants of homeless Below 14 years age participating in ICDS OR SCHOOL
- Homeless Below 14 years age not staying with family (significantly less likelihood of participating in the ICDS and schools)
- Below 14 years age involved in livelihood activities (significantly less likelihood of participating in the ICDS and schools)
REASONS FOR HOMELESSNESS AMONG HOMELESS CHILDREN

Reasons for Homelessness among Above 14 years age
N = 1254 (in %)

- In search of job: 45%
- Eviction/house was demolished: 3%
- Natural calamity/disaster: 3%
- Due to illness (mental): 42%
- Due to poverty: 27%
- I like being like this: 4%
- Family disputes: 2%
- Addiction: 0%
- Others: 1%

Reasons for homeless among Below 14 years age
N = 81 (in %)

- Ran away from home: 9%
- Parent sent me: 6%
- In search of job/income/to pursue my dream: 25%
- Came with family members: 27%
- Abuse/violence at home: 4%
- Poverty: 22%
- Just landed here: 4%
- No response: 2%
- Other: 1%
PLACE OF STAY (%) : HOMELESS CHILDREN (N=81)

Government run shelter homes 4
Near traffic signal 2
Under flyover/bridge 1
Religious place 0
Market place 7
Footpath/Park/Open place/Road Side 44
Railway Station 16
Bus Stand 3
Construction Site 4
SECTION 3: ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES & DEPENDENCY

LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

Above 14 years ages (N = 1254)

- No work done in last month: 4%
- Construction and Daily wage labourer: 35%
- Small vendors and hawkers: 33%
- Begging: 4%
- Rickshaw puller, auto/bus/tekar driver: 20%
- Ragpicking: 4%

Below 14 years age (N = 54)

- No answer: 11
- Begging: 6
- Ragpicking: 16
- Selling flowers, newspaper, books, fruit etc.: 5
- Washing car/bike or work in garage: 8
- Work at tean stall/dhaba: 15
- Work at brick klin: 1
- I do mixed activities: 11
- Other (plant nursery, school, extract honey): 5

67% of homeless Below 14 years age are engaged in economic activities
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE—HOMELESS CHILDREN

Daily Income (%)
N = 54

Expenditure Pattern
In No. (multiple response)
N = 54

Food: 42
Clothing: 35
Any rent: 4
Medicine (health services): 6
In travelling: 2
Alcohol or other substance: 12
Fuel or wood to cook: 8
Help to family or others: 18
To use Toilet facilities: 3
Other (education): 6
ACCESS TO BASIC FACILITIES - TOILET, BATHING AND DRINKING WATER (ABOVE 14 YEARS AGES)

Access to Toilet and Bathing facility (%)
N = 1254

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<td>Free Public facility</td>
<td>67 (3)</td>
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<td>Paid facility</td>
<td>33 (1)</td>
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<td>Work Place</td>
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Access to Drinking water (%)
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<td>Tap/handpump/tank water supply</td>
<td>97 (2)</td>
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<td>Broken pipeline</td>
<td>2 (1)</td>
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<td>Buy</td>
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MEAL FREQUENCY & SOURCE (ADULTS)

Meal Frequency (in %) N = 1254
- Less than equal to 2 meals: 42%
- More than 2 meals: 58%

Source (%): N = 1254
- Buy and left food at dhaba: 67%
- Cooked: 26%
- Begged: 5%
- Daal Bhaat Yojana: 2%
**Meal Frequency & Source (Homeless Children)**

**Meal Frequency (in %)**
- Less than equal to 2 meals: 47%
- More than 2 meals: 53%

**Source of Food (in no. multiple response)**
- Buy: 54
- Cook: 52
- Left over food at dhaba/hotel: 11
- Daal Bhaat Yojana: 10
- Barter/ worked for food: 7
- Begged (religious & other places): 14
- Other (relatives/friends place): 5
HEALTH STATUS AND TREATMENT (HOMELESS CHILDREN)

**Experienced illness in last one month (in no multiple response) (N=81)**

- **High fever**: 43
- **Diarrhoea**: 1
- **Skin allergies**: 6
- **Breathing problem**: 4
- **Any injury/Problem due to any injury**: 21
- **Vomit/nausea**: 12
- **Weakness**: 27
- **Cough**: 21
- **No illness in last 1 month**: 27
- **Other**: 2

**Treatment sought (N=81)**

- **Yes**: 54%
- **No**: 46%

**Place where they sought treatment (N = 41) in numbers (multiple response)**

- **Private Hospital/nursing homes/clinic**: 40
- **Mobile health Facilities**: 30
- **Government hospital**: 20
- **Local healer/vaidya**: 10
- **Other**: 0
- **Medicine shop**: 0
EXPERIENCE OF VIOLENCE: ADULTS

Ever experienced violence as homeless
N = 1254

- 88% Did Not Face Violence Ever
- 12% Ever faced violence

Violence Faced by Male & Female (in %)
- Female: 12.9%
- Male: 12.2%
EXPERIENCE OF VIOLENCE: FORMS AND BY WHOM (ADULTS)

(N=155)
Form of Violence in no. (multiple response)

- Physical [PERCENTAGE]
- Verbal [PERCENTAGE]

Violence By Whom in no. (multiple response)

- Local People 29%
- Police 28%
- By peer group 29%
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EXPERIENCE OF VIOLENCE (HOMELESS CHILDREN)

Faced violence (last 3 months)? (N=81)

- Yes: 69%
- No: 31%

Types of violence (N=23)

- Physical violence: 54%
- Verbal abuse: 46%

Violence by Whom (in %) (N=23)

- Peer group: 52%
- Local people: 22%
- Police: 22%
- By the employer: 4%
- Shopkeepers: 17%
- Family Members: 9%