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HIGHLIGHTS

This year Karm Marg turned 18. Like an adult, we matured, from an awkward teenager, still finding our ground to someone with a rock solid foundation from where we are ready to fly to higher skies.

18 years ago when we started working informally with street and runaway kids, there were no stipulated rules or regulations that we had to follow. We learnt through our experiences, adopted strategies and policies that worked and made our own rules along the way towards our vision of living with dignity and respect.

However, things changed drastically, albeit in a good way, after we got registered with JJCPC (Juvenile Justice Care & Protection of Children) in 2013. The new rules and regulations imposed by the JJ Act changed the way we had been working and running the home so far. Although it has been extremely challenging but we have managed to successfully continue with our concept of a loving family home and not becoming a 'by the rule book' institution, while still keeping within the mandatory new rules and regulations.

Following are some changes that were made at Karm Marg keeping in mind the rules and regulations imposed by the JJ ACT:

Though we had separate dormitories for boys and girls but they were within the same building on the Karm Marg campus. JJ Act required us to have separate buildings for boys and girls, which we have now complied with by making infrastructural changes and adding more rooms.

Earlier a child could choose the organization/home that he or she wanted to live in but JJ Act does not give that freedom anymore, keeping the child's benefit in mind. Now the child needs to live in the home that CWC chooses for him or her.

Children could come, stay and leave the children's home as per their wish in the years gone by. Post JJ ACT registration, they are not allowed to do so for their own safety. Now if a child is under-aged and wants to move out of the home, CWC needs to be informed.

We used to work only with street, runaway, abandoned and single mother who cannot support children before. Now we are also working with children rescued from

- forced child labour
- trafficking
- domestic violence and sexual abuse
- family disputes

Hence we now have to handle many more varied, difficult and complex cases.

To help give the best care possible under the circumstances, we have not only increased the strength of the staff but also got special workshops conducted for training in counselling for all the staff through Saarthak (www.achalbhagat.com/saarthak), a professional counselling and psychotherapy centre run by Dr. Achal Bhagat.

Advanced training in counselling has been provided to the staff directly dealing with the difficult cases and situations. We are proud to report that we had quite a few difficult cases this year but we managed to handle them successfully, even if it meant sending the child as an out patient to Shahadra Hospital for individual psychiatric treatment and behaviour therapy for nearly a year wherever needed.

Since some children come only for a short stay at the home often, we have to ensure that they settle in quickly and the older children are also not too affected by these sudden changes. It has been quite a challenge to maintain the familial feeling and handle charged emotions with such high rate of new entrants and leavers.

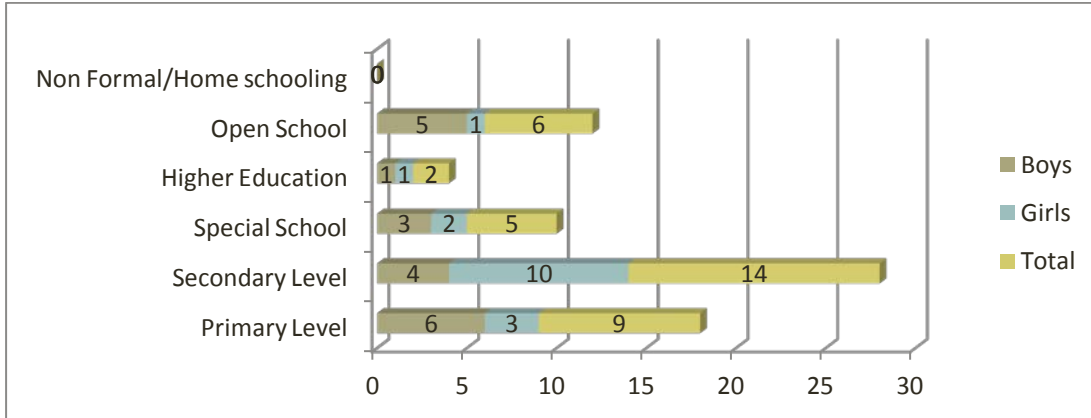
We have also had to keep all the records as per govt. guidelines. This meant a lot of extra paperwork. But we are happy to report that though it took a lot of effort initially, we now have perfectly maintained files with all the necessary records of each child as per the guideline.

The rules enforced under the JJACT have led to many changes and challenges at Karm Marg but we have managed to make the most of it and taken them in our stride with positivity.

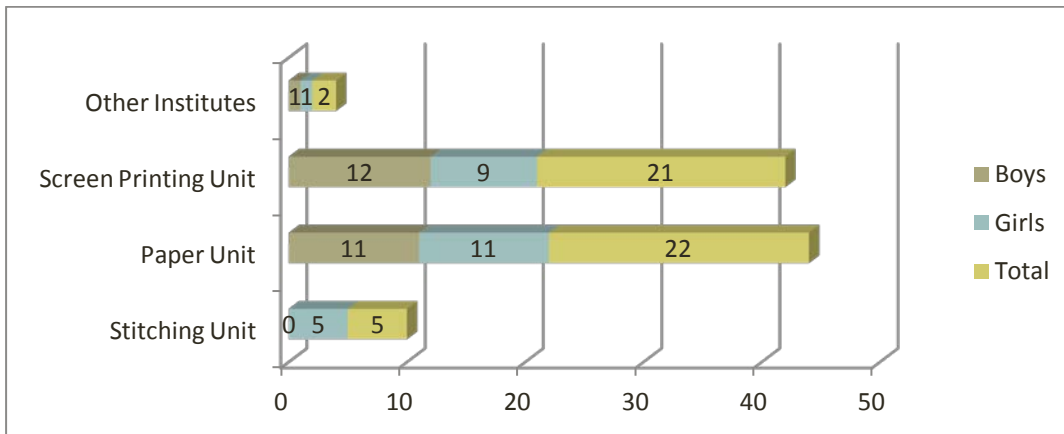


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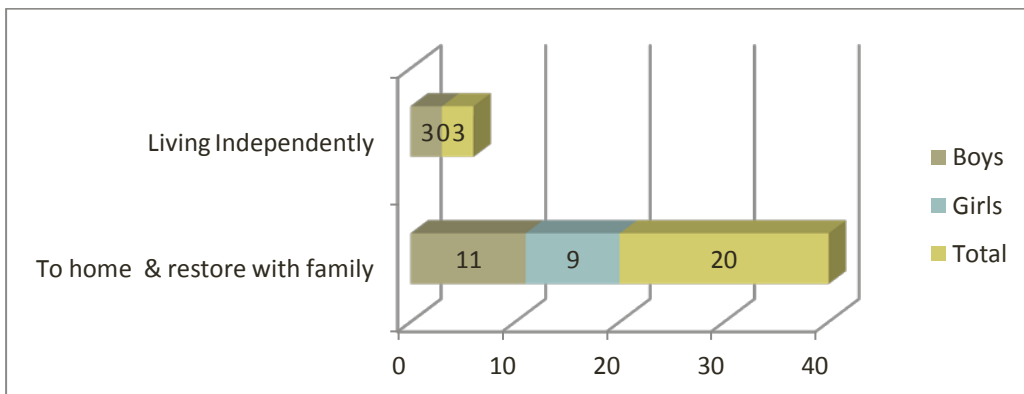
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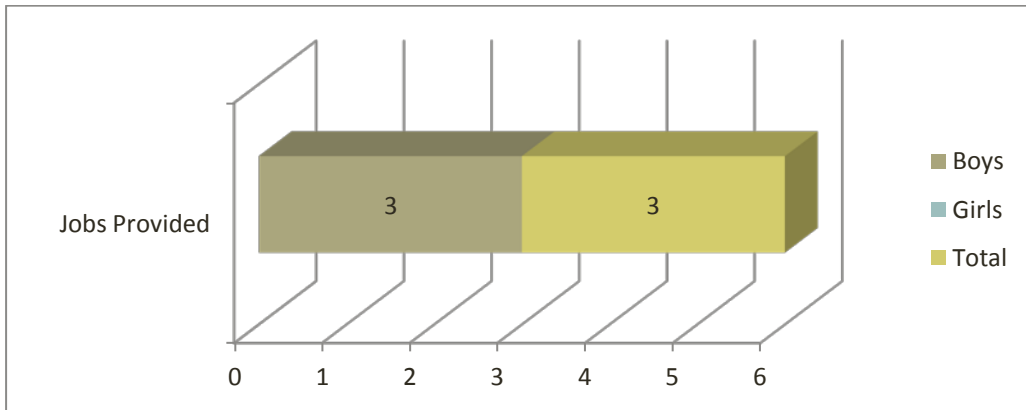
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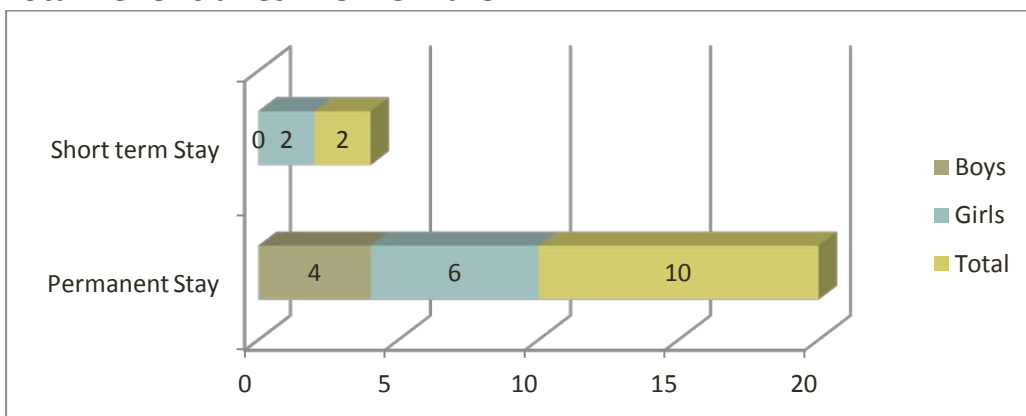
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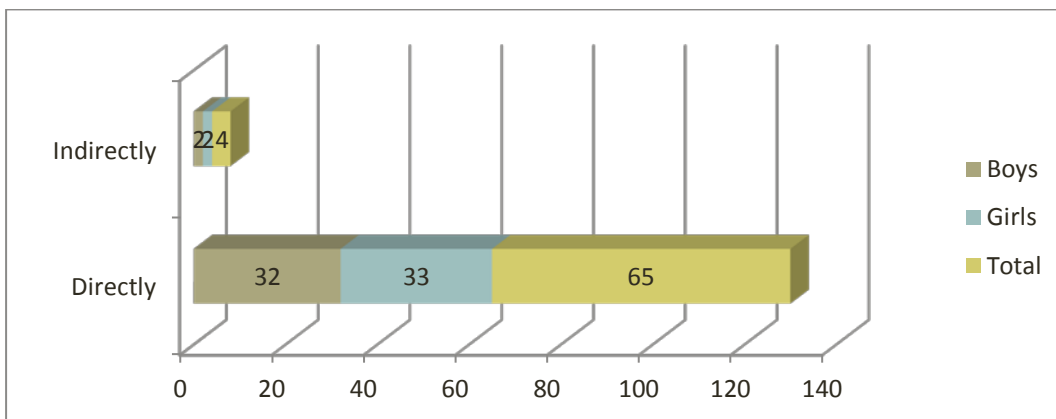
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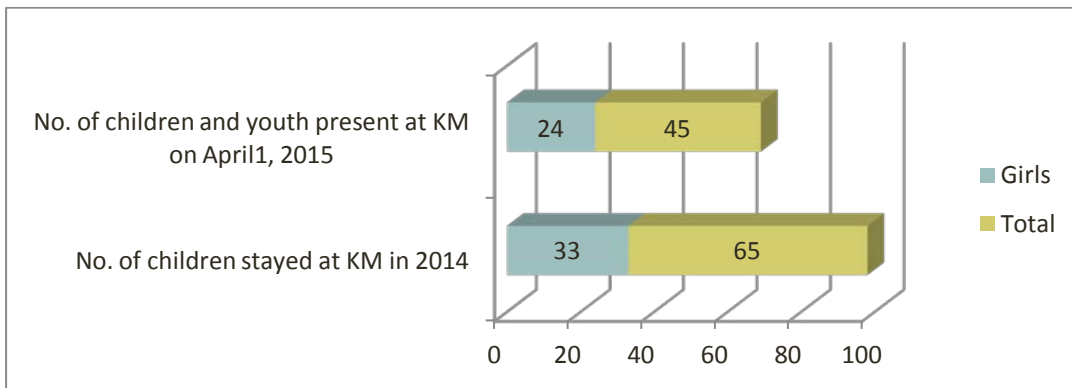
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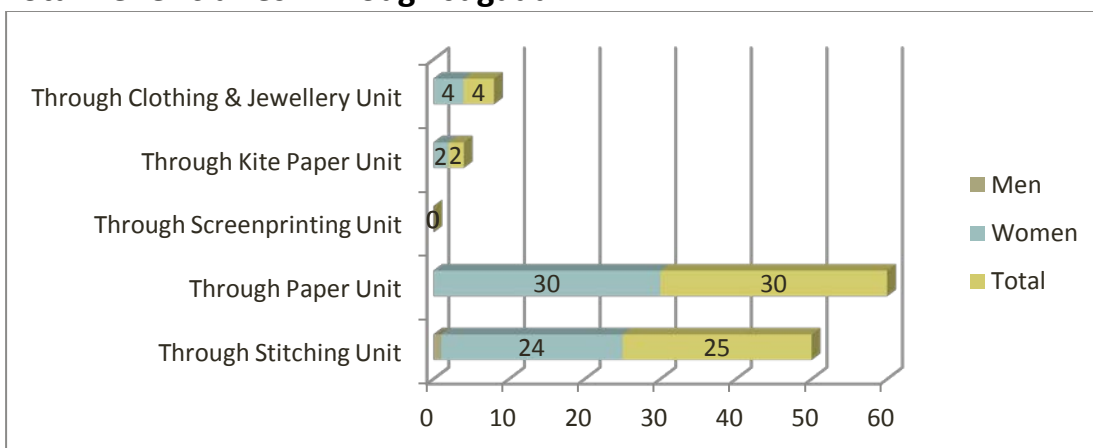
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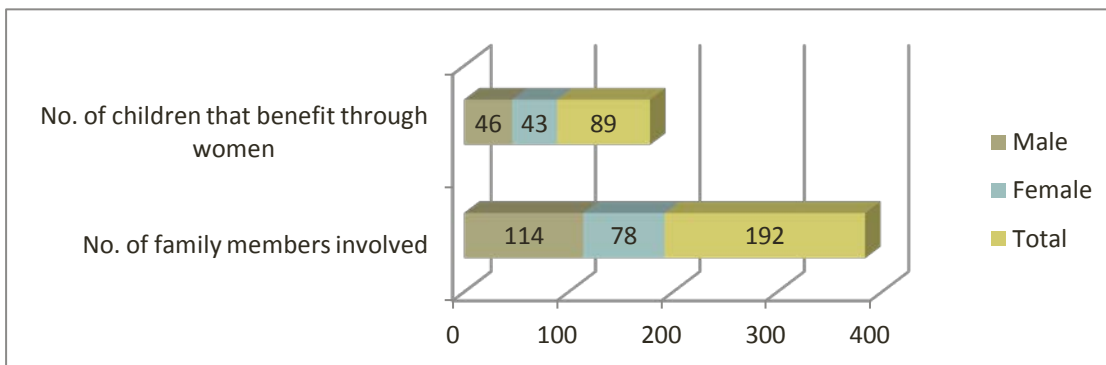
Total Beneficiaries: Children & Youth at KM



Total Beneficiaries: Through Jugaad



Total Beneficiaries: Familie



Education

At Karm Marg we fulfil educational needs according to child/youth in question. As children come to us for short and long term, at all different ages and backgrounds, with none, some or up to date educational history, we provide various options:

- Regular schooling in local private or government schools
- Distance learning (through National Open School)
- Home schooling or non-formal education
- Special education for children and youth with special needs



This year we launched a pilot project of story telling workshops with local school children. Our plan is to start a small mobile library so village children who go to local govt school also get the benefit of improved reading skills and fun along with out kids.

Enhancing creativity using sports, art and craft and performing arts has been our tool to raise awareness and expand the horizon of our children. It has always been a big area of strength for Karm Marg which we regularly share with other NGO's, schools and organisations whenever we get the opportunity.

Skill training and livelihood generation program has also been a successful tool to engage youth in different ways through Jugaad's training programs. They have learnt so much through this process including production, sale, marketing, accounting etc through our exhibitions and executing of orders for buyers. We have had many successes stories emerging from this endeavour.



OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

We started regular quarterly medical check-up for all the children

Bank accounts are being opened for all the youth above 17 years so they can save their money and keep their earnings safely.

Ration cards and Aadhar Cards have been made for all the children at home and the alumni staying outside. So now they all have a residence and ID proof in case it's needed while applying for a job, renting a house, getting passports or pan cards or other important work.

Our campus has been declared a 'Polythene free zone' and is being kept so, very successfully.

Regular Inspection by government officials was done by the govt departments like Child Welfare Committee who have given us a thumbs up for our effort. They are satisfied with our changes, progress, handling of cases and dealings with their counterparts.



Support team

We thank the board members for being the wind beneath our wings and the firm ground for us to stand and build on. With their valuable support and guidance we have been slowly and steadily moving towards our goals.

Many thanks to our CA "Mr. Sunil Gupta" for his continued guidance and support

We would also like to thank all our close friends, donors and supporters who have always been there for us whenever we needed it.

Also a big thank you to the staff and volunteers at Karm Marg for their tireless and enthusiastic participation in every possible manner, more than the call of duty.

Gratitude

Our sincere thanks to all funders and donors for their continuous support:

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We also thank our institutional and individual buyers who buy our products around the world and support us.

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