

RAILWAY CHILDREN (RC) is an international non-profit organisation, working since 1995 in United Kingdom, India and East Africa. We believe in **'a world where no child ever has to live on the streets'**.

Railway Children's work strives for sustainable changes in the lives of children alone and at risk on the streets. Commonly referred to as 'street children', they decide or are forced to leave home because of reasons such as abuse, violence, neglect and poverty. While living on the street they are exposed to all forms of vulnerabilities, and even death.

Railway Children in India is a Liaison office (UNI-MULO05000515) of a charity in the UK (reg. charity number 1058991) as well as section 25 company (U85100DL2013NPL260371). In 2013 Railway Children India was established to engage with local funding organisations thereby scaling and sustaining the impact of our work. Globally Railway Children has 57 employees across the world.

RAILWAY CHILDREN'S WORK IN INDIA

Early intervention at and around the railway stations

We meet the immediate needs of children at and around railway stations. Our outreach workers go out to find vulnerable children before an abuser can. We enable children access food, shelter, safety and support while we try to reunite them with their families. If that's not possible, we work tirelessly to find them a long-term solution; either by linking them to long care homes or residential schools. We work at eight Government-run Children's Homes and two Observation Homes to ensure minimum standards of care for children within these Homes. We collaborate with **16 voluntary organisations in eight states** (*Bihar, UP, MP, Delhi, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh*) implementing programmes across 54 locations including 20 major railway stations, 10 Government Homes and 24 rural and urban high risk areas where children and families face multiple socio-economic vulnerabilities and are at risk of unsafe migration.

Protecting and ensuring community/ family care for vulnerable children

Having learnt that children decide to leave their family because of several push factors like abuse, parental neglect and lack of or poor standards of

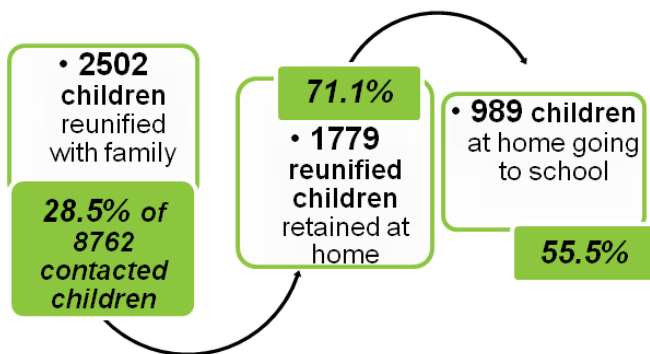
educational opportunities; we work through source level interventions, to change the perceptions of local communities. We make children on the streets visible to their communities and aid understanding of how they came to be there, to prevent them being ignored, condemned or passed by.

Activating Government child protection mechanisms

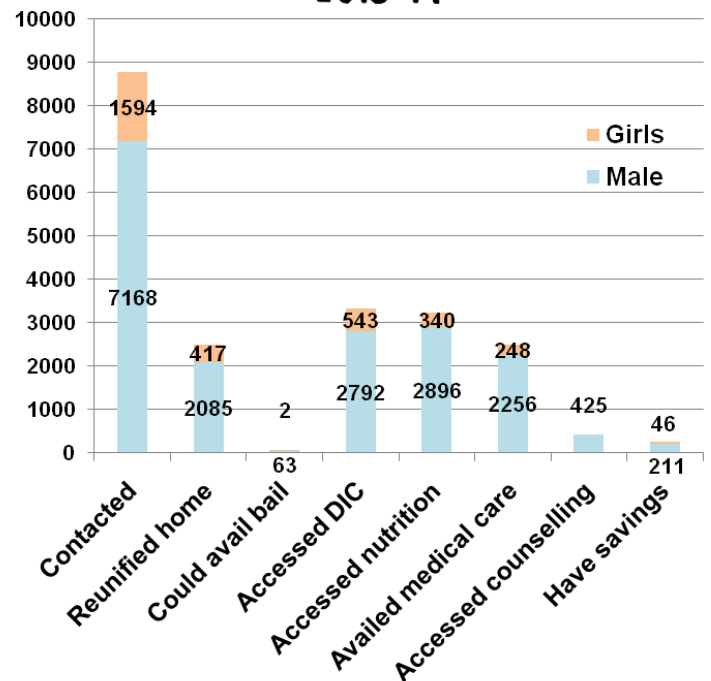
RC uses its research, expertise and strong relationships with key individuals and departments to influence policy makers and leverage government support for children living on the streets.

- We train and sensitise Railway Protection force on the issue and child rights protection and support them in implementing their own Standard Operating Procedure on child protection.
- We support government in the implementation of Integrated Child Protection Scheme.
- As an invited member on several government committees, we contribute to policy and guideline formulation, related to the issue of children alone and at risk.

OUR IMPACT IN 2013-2014



PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM RISK 2013-14



Children benefitting from various services

- **1872 CHILDREN GOT BACK TO SCHOOL**
- **459 YOUTH ACCESSED VOCATIONAL TRAINING**
- **20 YOUTH WERE HELPED AVAIL JOBS AND 13 GIRLS STARTED TAILORING WORK!**
- **2888 CHILDREN ACCESSED NON-FORMAL EDUCATION**
- **501 COMMUNITY-LEVEL CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES WERE FORMED IN CHANDALI.**
- **1233 RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE (RPF) OFFICIALS TRAINED AND SENSITIZED, IN TURN PROTECTING AT LEAST 80 CHILDREN TILL DATE.**