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Introduction

Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) started 30 years ago when Kailash Satyarthi and a few like-minded individuals started the first movement against child labour and bonded labour.

BBA dreams of building not only a child labour free world but a child friendly world. Towards this end, BBA works for providing a holistic solution to end child labour. BBA is actively involved at many levels- from working with community at the grassroots, to advocacy for policy change with policy makers and all levels in between.

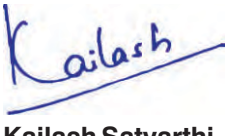
Since its inception in 1980, BBA has rescued more than 78,000 child bonded labourers, generated global awareness on child labour through its physical marches at the national, regional and international level, transformed 263 villages into Bal Mitra Grams (BMGs), has rehabilitated over 5000 rescued child bonded labourers in its 3 rehabilitation centres, and affected major policy changes & through campaigns and judicial interventions. BBA has traced and shaped the history of child labour movement not just in India but also across the world.

Vision:
To eliminate child labour and ensure education for all children in India.
Mission:
To identify, release, rehabilitate, and educate the children in servitude through prevention, direct intervention, coalition building, mass mobilisation, legal action and for the creation of a child friendly society where all children are free from exploitation and receive free and quality education.

Founder's Note

Undoubtedly, remarkable achievements have been made by Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) during the last year as every year. But much more significant is to see the changes in the environment around us in favour of child rights. Judiciary, particularly in Delhi has been on the forefront against child labour. Government, corporations and media have shown much more interest. The biggest success has been the Right to Education Act which was passed by the Parliament this year. This could be accomplishing and satisfying for many. I acknowledge the progress, but I feel a deep restlessness. Children are still trafficked everyday. They are still enslaved behind closed doors as domestic labour, are toiling in mines, factories and farms, used as child prostitutes and being trained as young combatants. Millions are not in school. If their unseen pain and agony and their unheard call for help is not a part of our every breath, every thought, every plan and every action, we would not be doing justice to the present and future of humankind which includes you and me.

No sector- development, education, corporations or Human Rights, can ignore the elimination of child labour for its success. I would think of two priorities- the first is to work with community in the creation of child friendly villages and society. The leadership and ownership rooted in the villages and slums has to be built and strengthened to check trafficking and labour and to ensure enrolment and retention of all children to receive good quality free education, mid-day meals and other benefits. My other priority would be for creating and deepening and expanding of corporate social responsibility. This is not just the internal code of conduct, monitoring, verification or certification of programmes or even philanthropy. It is an in-built socio-corporate behaviour in every stage of production, supply chain, marketing and consumption where child labour is non-negotiable and decent work for adults is a certainty. This requires a lot of patience, training and political will across the entire organization- activists, professionals and leaders.



Kailash Satyarthi

Remarks by the President

I would like to congratulate the entire BBA team for our successful interventions in achieving BBA's goals and objectives during the last year. Today, BBA has achieved one of its most important objectives with the Right to Education becoming a fundamental right in the country. We have also reached several important milestones in legal action against child labour. Most important for me was the compliance of all legal provisions during victims' assistance. Last year saw a new dimension in favour of child rights with the activities and presence of BBA extending to Nepal through our largest advocacy campaign on education there.

The judiciary also took up the issue of child rights and there were several landmark directions and judgements. The Chief Justice of India announced the opening of the All India Legal Aid Cell on Child Rights, an innovative approach to protect child rights by providing legal aid to all children in need of care and protection. BBA was once again at the fore front with the cell being opened at the BBA office.

BBA is scaling new heights with each passing year and is taking newer steps towards elimination of child labour and in favour of child right. I heartily congratulate the entire BBA team and the activists for their tireless dedication and unwavering commitment.

Our vision for BBA for the coming years is to expand our resource and support base, especially with in India and also work towards increasing consumer consciousness in the country.

Ramesh Gupta

Chairperson's Remarks

I am proud to acknowledge the achievements of BBA during the last year. More children are now in schools and less are engaged in child labour, but we cannot eliminate child labour completely until the new law on Right to Education is properly implemented, jobs for adults are created, rural economy is improved and decent wages for workers are guaranteed. But on the other hand, these things can never be achieved without a complete abolition of child labour. Therefore, it is necessary that all such efforts are complemented and coordinated. BBA has always addressed the problem of child labour in a holistic manner and we will continue to do so.

This year the outreach of BBA increased to several new geographical and sectoral areas of intervention. But we consider it a matter of challenge as exploitation of children is not only spread through out the country but is taking on newer forms and is posing newer challenges each day.

We hope that BBA continues to change the lives of children and I wish to thank all our activists, colleagues, supporters and well wishers for continuing with us in the fight against all forms of child exploitation and abuse.

I wish the BBA team and all the child rights activists all the best in their efforts in ensuring better world for our children.

R.S. Chaurasia

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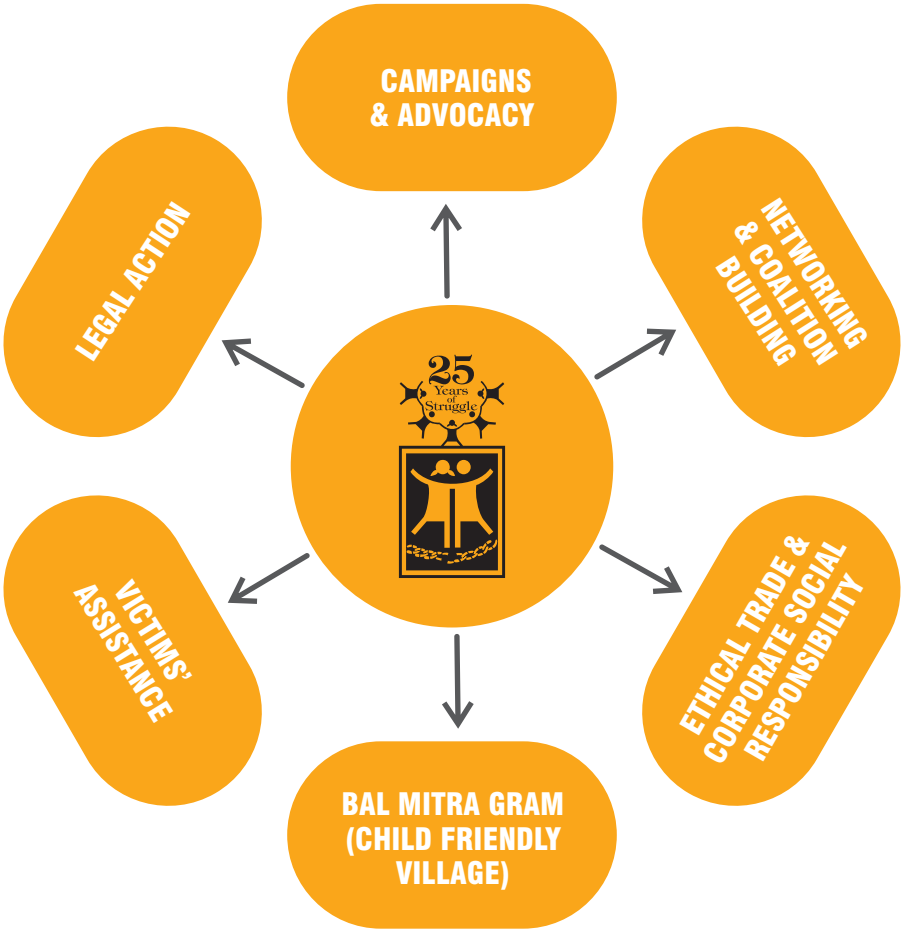
BBA Strategies



BAL MITRA GRAM (BMG)
- Withdrawal from Child Labour
- Enrollment and Retention in school
- Formation of Bal Panchayat
- Development activities with Gram Panchayat

VICTIMS'ASSISTANCE
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- Repatriation
- Rehabilitation
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  - Mukti Ashram, Delhi
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  - Girls' Centre, Uttar Pradesh

CAMPAIGNS & ADVOCACY
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- Mukti Caravan
- Policy Advocacy
- Physical Marches
- School Campaigns
- Consumer Campaigns

LEGAL ACTION
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- Legal Advocacy

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- Rugmark
- Garments
- Mica

NETWORKING & COALITION BUILDING
- South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude
- Global March Against Child Labour
- National Coalition for Education

BBA in India

TAJIKISTAN
AFGHANISTAN
PAKISTAN
CHINA
TIBET
NEPAL
BHUTAN
SIKKIM
Gangtok
Srinagar
JAMMU & KASHMIR
HIMACHAL PRADESH
Shimla
Chandigarh
PUNJAB
Dehradun
UTTARAKHAND
HARYANA
DELHI
Jaipur
RAJASTHAN
UTTAR PRADESH
Lucknow
Patna
BIHAR
JHARKHAND
WEST BENGAL
Gandhinagar
GUJARAT
Bhopal
MADHYA PRADESH
CHHATTISGARH
ORISSA
Bhubaneshwar
Diu
Daman
Silvassa
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI
Mumbai
MAHARASHTRA
ARABIAN SEA
BAY OF BENGAL
Hyderabad
ANDHRA PRADESH
Yanam (Puducherry)
Panaji
GOA
KARNATAKA
Bengaluru
Chennai
Puducherry
Mahe (Puducherry)
Karaikal (Puducherry)
TAMIL NADU
KERALA
Kavaratti
LAKSHADWEEP (INDIA)
Thiruvananthapuram
SRI
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
Itanagar
Dispur
Shillong
ASSAM
(Asom)
NAGALAND
Kohima
MEGHALAYA
Imphal
MANIPUR
BANGLADESH
Agartala
TRIPURA
Aizawl
MIZORAM
BBA Office
Partners (Active)
Head Office
Port Blair
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS (INDIA)

Victims'Assistance

Victims' assistance programme of BBA is a rigorous exercise and consists of several activities. It starts with the identification of child labourers in various industries gathered by BBA teams, followed by legal assistance including mounting raid and rescue operations to release them from exploitative situations. This is done along with the law enforcement agencies- Police, Labour Dept. Officials and Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM). Post rescue, they are repatriated home and rehabilitated through the law and through education at their native place.

Identification

Identification is the first step for any raid and rescue operations- finding out the industry, no. of children, type of work etc. involve identification. In April 2009-March 2010, BBA identified and filed complaints for over 5000 child labourers in Delhi and surrounding areas.

Children working in a zari unit in Delhi

Raid and rescue operation

Rescue operation is the immediate response by law enforcement agencies to release a child from exploitation and prevent the crime of trafficking and child labour. In 2009-1010 768 child bonded labourers were released through rescue operations from 6 states- Delhi, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

Criminal cases against employers and traffickers were registered

Note: Several hundred children have been rescued on complaints filed by BBA (especially in Bihar through the 'Dhawa Dal') but for variety of reason, the data regarding the same could not be collected & reflected herein.

Post-rescue procedures

Each rescue operation is accompanied by prosecution of employer/trafficker under the laws of the country, and initiates the process of rehabilitation for the victim. For ex. if a child is rescued and identified as bonded labourer under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, the child/adult is entitled to an economic rehabilitation /compensation package of at least Rs.20,000 (given by the Government). Moreover, a child below 14 years is also entitled to a further compensation of Rs. 20,000 (recoverable from the employer).

The Sub Divisional Magistrate handing over the release certificate to a rescued child labour, in Mukti Ashram

Short stay rehabilitation

Mukti Ashram (translated as sanctuary of liberation) is a haven for rescued child bonded labourers till they are repatriated home. The children are given immediate medical help, social and psychological counseling, and all the basic needs of clothing, food and shelter. Above all these children have their first experience of freedom after bondage. Repatriation may take 6 to 8 weeks till the legal procedures are completed. Till then, they get in touch with their little selves. 641 children rescued in Delhi received care and shelter at Mukti Ashram till such time that they were repatriated.

After release- what next? A bright life, of course!

A child is scared of the new surroundings, and the new faces. To familiarize him to the surroundings and deal with the ghosts of his past and walk towards a bright future, rigorous counseling is given by staff as well as a counselor. Non-formal education, social classes, knowledge about their rights, sports and cultural activities form the rest of the schedule in Mukti Ashram.

A rescued child meeting his mother at Mukti Ashram

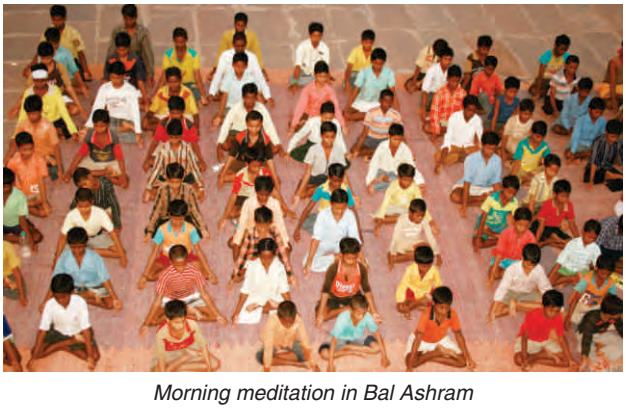
Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation is a crucial step to ensure that a child is mainstreamed into society and is not re-trafficked. BBA ensures rehabilitation of rescued boys and girls through statutory rehabilitation and through centre-based rehabilitation. While Mukti Ashram is a short stay home, Bal Ashram is a transit rehabilitation centre for boys rescued from child/bonded labour. Children in Bal Ashram receive non-formal education, vocational training and social education, besides receiving psycho-social counseling.

A vocational training centre for girls to train adolescent girls from Bal Mitra Grams near Bal Ashram in embroidery, tailoring, and beautician's course was opened. 40 girls are receiving training in this centre. A residential centre for girls rescued from child bonded labour is also coming up in Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh.

Bal Ashram

Bal Ashram is rehabilitation center for rescued child bonded labourers, established in 1998. So far over 2000 boys have undergone rehabilitation at Bal Ashram since its inception.



Morning meditation in Bal Ashram

The serenity & surpassing beauty of Bal Ashram brings joy to everybody. But the dark past that the children have faced needs to be calmed to help overcome their inhibitions, anxieties and fears. The 1 year stay at Bal Ashram is rewarding to the rescued child labourers who undergo rehabilitation and leadership building at Bal Ashram.

110 children received training in non-formal education, vocational training and personality development in Bal Ashram last year. Besides, painting, tailoring, welding, carpentry and electrician's work are the other trades taught in the centre.

Cultural programmes, celebration of festivals, arts and crafts classes, excursions, educational visits are a part and parcel of life in Bal Ashram.

I paint my future bright! Children learning (sign) painting in Bal Ashram

Academic Results, 2009 - 2010

S.N.	Name	Class	Percent
1.	Suman Kumar	12th	51%
2.	Om Prakash	12th	53%
3.	Puran Kumar	12th	62%
4.	Dhara singh	10th	60%
5.	Kinsu Kumar	9th	75%
6.	Amar Lal	9th	74%
7.	Shubham Kumar	9th	70%
8.	Manan Ansari	8th	84%
9.	Kailash Kumar	8th	65%
10.	Virendra Singh	7th	76%
11.	Sandeep Kumar	7th	72%
12.	Mukesh Jatav	6th	69%

Girls' Rehabilitation

Vocational training centre for girls

The Centre was opened in December 2009 for adolescent girls belonging to the BMGs of Rajasthan. 40 adolescent girls from BMGs are receiving training currently in this centre in tailoring, embroidery and beautician's course.

The trainer demonstrating to students in the beautician's class in vocational training centre for girls in Viratnagar.

Rehabilitation centre for girls under construction in Faizabad

The rehabilitation centre for girls in Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh will become functional by the third quarter of 2010. It will cater to rescued girl child bonded labourers.

Bal Mitra Grams

Bal Mitra Grams (BMGs) or Child Friendly Village is a preventive model that tackles child labour through providing and strengthening education for children in the villages which are the major source of child labour for the cities and towns. This model has so far been implemented in 263 villages in 6 states of the country.

A BMG is a village where:

1. All child labourers are withdrawn from work
2. All children are enrolled and retained in schools
3. Children form a Bal Panchayat (Children's Assembly)
4. The Bal Panchayat receives the recognition of the Gram Panchayat who then work together on all issues related to children.

A BMG is not only a child labour free village but is a hub of child rights where all issues pertaining to children like child marriage, female infanticide, children's health, retention in school etc. are successfully addressed through an integrated and holistic development of the village community

In the last year, BBA through the BMG programme working directly with 85,877 people including 33,017 children.

'I go to school, you should too'- Children in BMGs taking out a rally during the school, enrolment drive to persuade child labourers to enroll into school.

School enrolment is the first step in ensuring that withdrawn children are mainstreamed into the society. In the last year, 3725 children engaged in child labour were withdrawn from work and enrolled in school.

Children celebrating the victory of their leader in Lakhimpur Kheri

My vote counts! A girl votes during the Bal Panchayat elections in her village Banbaddha Tola in Saharsa, Bihar.

The Bal Panchayat or children's assembly is an elected body of children that acts as the bridge relaying the needs and demands of all children to the Gram Panchayat. A few villages have all-girls Bal Panchayats. Stopping child marriages, ensuring better teachers in schools, construction of classrooms, boundary wall and toilets, access and proper quality of mid-day meal, ensuring that education is truly free are some of the major issues that the children raised through their respective Bal Panchayats.

Some of the major achievements in BMGs in the last year are:

S.No.	Schemes/Issues	Beneficiary families, persons/ villages
1	Enrolment of children in school	Saharsa, Bihar- 100%; Alwar and Jaipur, Rajasthan-100% Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh- 85 - 90% Koderma, Jharkhand- 70%
2	Social welfare schemes Old age pension, Indira Awas Yojana, NREGA etc.	843 families
3	Stipend to children	646 children
4	Roads (concrete as well as brick-lane roads)	7 villages
5	Flood relief to families	12 families
6	Construction/upgradationof schools	6 villages
7	Children who were withdrawn from work and who later received rehabilitation in Bal Ashram	50 children
8	Repair of hand pumps/provision of drinking water	36 hand pumps in 12 villages
9	Appointment of teachers	6 villages
10	Preventing child marriage	1 village

When the Bal Panchayat members of Lakhimpur Kheri approached their Gram Panchayats their voice was not being heard and issues were not being resolved. Hence the children conducted a public hearing or Bal Jan Sunvai in the presence of the district authorities. This led to a large programme with the participation of 500 people from 40 villages where the district authorities promised to solve their matters. Public meetings were then carried out in all the 30 villages which resulted in resolving their problems like 1) teacher's appointment for schools, 2) drinking water in schools, 3) stipend for children, 4) ensuring the benefit of the social welfare schemes is delivered to all the right beneficiaries and 5) repairing of roads are a few examples.

Bal Jan Sunvai or public hearing for children in progress in Lakhimpur Kheri

Bal Mitra Mahapanchayat 2009

143 children participated in the national level congregation of the Bal Panchayats of 65 BMGs in 2009. This 3 day event was held in Delhi where the various child representatives from the BMGs shared their experiences and elected their leaders for the year. Among the child delegates, more than 50 child delegates were successful in pressurising the Gram Panchayats and local authorities to construct toilets for girls in their school premises, 49 had the credit of providing drinking water facilities like hand-pumps in their schools. 45 children had shown unprecedented leadership in withdrawing children from exploitative child labour and enrolling them in school. 13 new government schools were opened with the persuasion of the leaders of the Bal Panchayats.

The elected bal panchayat members

Campaigns

Campaigns are a core strategy that BBA employs to generate awareness among victims and potential victims' families about child labour, trafficking and education; to build consumer sensitivity towards exploitation of children, to engage policy makers to bring the issue to the top of their agenda and to create public opinion and pressure in favour of child rights. To mention a few of the most successful campaigns of BBA, physical marches like Global March Against Child Labour and Shiksha Yatra; school campaigns against child labour in various industries like firecrackers, child domestic labour; and consumer campaigns that led to creation of Rugmark label for certification of child labour in the carpet industry.

- Anti Trafficking Campaign

- Mukti Caravan (Liberation Caravan)

On the one hand, India is becoming a software hub, but on the other hand, there exist places where people have no access to roads, leave alone to the internet. These are the people who fall prey to trafficking when their children are lured away with false promises to a world of unending toil. India has one of the largest problems of trafficking in persons and the most vulnerable among them are children.

Mukti Caravan *- the medium is the message*

Mukti Caravan is a mobile campaign by a group of former child labourers to take the message to end child labour and child trafficking to the remotest corners of the country which are the source centres for child labour. The Mukti Caravan visits villages and performs skits related to children's exploitation, especially child trafficking and education. Since they were once victims, their message is bound to be more powerful and something that the villagers would be able to relate to. Mukti Caravan reaches to these people, awakens them to the perils of child labour and trafficking through skits, plays and songs. Last year, the Mukti Caravan reached to approximately 92,950 people in 287 villages in 12 districts of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

- Campaign on Missing Children

According to official data, about 45,000 children are reported missing every year in the country. However, this figure is just a tip of the iceberg. Many cases of missing children are not registered due to lack of awareness of parents or apathy of administration. BBA conducted a research and held a rally in 2009 to highlight the plight of inconsolable parents who lost their children and who received no help from the law enforcement agencies. 50 families whom BBA is continuously counseling participated in the rally. Subsequently, the Delhi High Court took *suo moto* cognisance and took up the matter as a Public Interest Litigation (PIL). Since then more than 700 cases of missing children have been registered in Delhi alone.

Missing children *Apathy of administration fuels the pain of missing children's families*

- Education Campaign

Child labour eradication and education for all are two sides of the same coin. Without education, child labour eradication is incomplete and without child labour eradication, universal primary education cannot be attained. It is with this philosophy that BBA works in the field of education, working at the highest levels to bring about and implement policy changes.

Every year, BBA conducts the Global Action Week (GAW) on education along with its partners National Coalition for Education (NCE), Teachers Unions and NGOs in 13 states on a specific theme to raise awareness among people and children. In 2009-2010, the theme was lifelong learning. BBA also co-organised the Nepal March for Education to demand that education should be made a fundamental right in the (still being formed) constitution of Nepal. BBA also conducts school enrolment drives in Bal Mitra Grams, in all the states where it is present and in slums of Delhi.

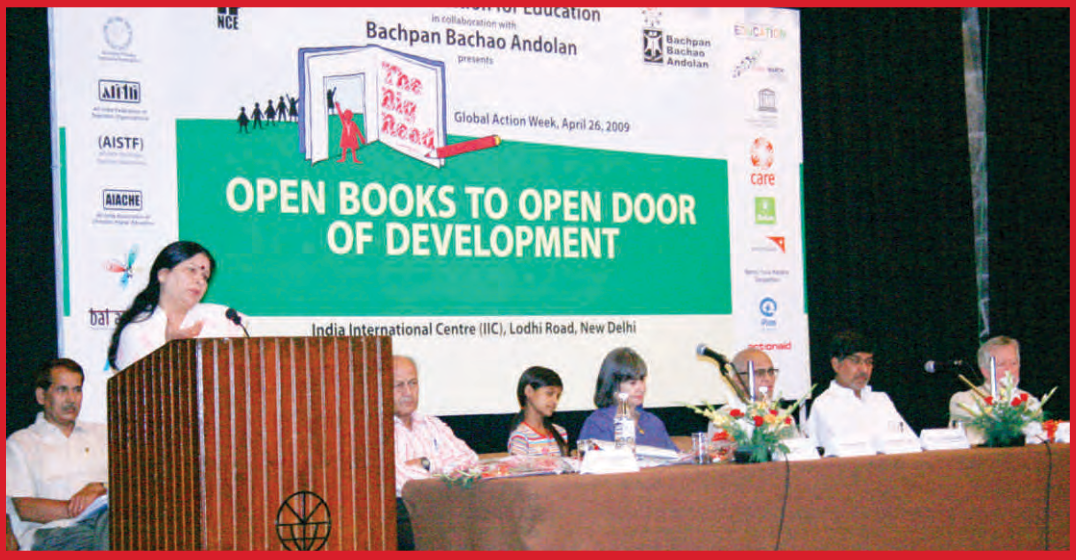
- Election Campaign

As part of the election campaign in 2009, children and activists approached contestants for the National General Elections to find out their views on child labour and education for all. Only 35 candidates tracked advocated for education rights in their constituencies from 175 constituencies in 18 states and 6 Union Territories

Our choice of leaders- child friendly and child sensitive

- Global Action Week, April 2009

50,500 men, women and children participated in the annual thematic campaign Global Action Week on education in 13 states. Meeting Parliamentarians and peers from schools and slums alike, children were a part of the Indian leg of this worldwide event of the Big Read along with noted worldwide personalities like Alice Walker and Paulo Ceolho.



Ms. Sandhya Bajaj, Member National Protection of Child Rights speaking of Education is the key to development- the Global Action Week of 2009 focused on the theme of lifelong learning

- Nepal March for Education, September 2009

Nepal, the landlocked country with a volatile political scenario is looking forward to her new Constitution with hope. BBA and BBA (Nepal) along with Nepal partners – Backward Society Education (BASE) conducted the Nepal March for Education to demand that education become a Fundamental Right under the new Constitution. Over 200,000 people participated in this march, joined by several ministers and hundreds of civil society organisations, and other high profile dignitaries including the Prime Minister and President of the country.

Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Madhav Chavan with the children at the inauguration of the Nepal March for Education

- Promoting Ethical Trade & Consumer Consciousness

- 'Child Labour Free' Campaign

BBA in partnership with Mc Cann Erikson one of the leading advertising agencies in India initiated a campaign 'child labour free', to spread awareness among consumers regarding child labour in the handicraft industry. Products, viz. carpet, wood craft, hand bags, purses, tea coasters etc. with designs depicting child labour in them were displayed to the buyers at the Good Things (a chain of outlets selling retail garments) stores in Delhi and NCR. during the first phase of the campaign The products were dummy-priced at Rs 5. The low price depicted the plight of children working as child labourers & the fact that they did not earn any wages. The design on the product and the price piqued the consumer's interest to inquire about child labour in the handicrafts industry and this interest was the beginning of a change of heart among them to inculcate the wish to buy products that are child labour free.

Mukti Caravan also performed plays spreading awareness among thousands of people in Delhi during this campaign. A signature campaign was also conducted in which 37800 people pledged their support to end child labour.

- Kailash Kher Concert

Kailash Kher is renowned for his songs in the Hindi film industry as well as songs from the Sufi tradition. His concert for the cause of child labourers saw a huge audience of 3000 people. He sang his popular songs and interspersed his songs with messages on child labour. The intelligentsia was made aware about the problem of child labour through this programme.

Kailash Kher during the performance

- Promoting Ethical trade and corporate social responsibility

When an industry comes forward to ensure that no child labour is involved in its supply chain, it sets the tone for ensuring a genuinely child labour free product. BBA engages industry players, corporate houses and Government agencies that govern industries (like export promotion councils) to promote child labour free goods and services as part of its efforts to promote for ethical trade and corporate social responsibility.

- Children in mica mining

Close on the heels of a research on mica mining in 2005 which identified over 5000 children engaged in mica collection, BBA started working with all three target groups- children and the larger community involved in mica mining and mica collection; traders; and importers. Through its efforts, BBA built child friendly villages, opened 6 new schools which have now been taken up by the Government, is running 2 other schools and has helped in providing drinking water to more than 30 villages.

Children working in Mica Mining

BBA brought all stakeholders on to a single platform and conducted 3 conferences to discuss their matters. The International Mica Conference held in February 2010 brought together the community leaders, traders and international buyers face to face with the children working in mica mining. After 2 days of discussion, they signed a Delhi Declaration stating that they will not tolerate child labour at any cost and that they would work to help eliminate it in the mica mining industry. An action plan has since been formulated and is being implemented by all stakeholders.

Participants of International Mica Conference
(Community people, Mica collectors, traders, brands)

- Child labour in garment industry

Since 2007, a number of child labourers have been found working in the supply chain of several international garment brands. Also, BBA has rescued a large number of child labourers from this sector in the last few years.

In an initiative led by the Global March Against Child Labour, BBA's international partner, BBA became a part of a multi-stakeholder steering group formed to eliminate child labour from the apparel sector along with GAP Inc, Wal Mart, Mother Care and Trent etc.

Multi stakeholder garment conference in progress (Group discussion)

- Natural Origin Resource Protocol (NORP) & Child Friendly Villages Collecting natural produce robs children of education in Karnataka

NORP is an international protocol being developed to protect products of natural origin. In the state of Karnataka in South India a lot of children are engaged in the collection of natural products like honey, medicinal herbs (seasonal occupation). Due to these reasons, parents are unwilling to send their children to school despite proper infrastructure being present.

In addition, children in the age group of 6-14 are also engaged in grazing cattle, picking cow dung (which is then sold to nearby villages in Kerala).

With this as the background, Tropical Forest Services and BBA are partnering to promote NORP while ensuring education for all in 40 clusters in Mangala Panchayat of Chamraj Nagar District through the formation of Bal Mitra Grams.

- Solving the drinking water problem in Rishikesh

The hilly areas around Rishikesh have an acute problem of drinking water and the schools have no provision of water due to which children specially girl dropout of schools and also do not attend school regularly. When this matter came to BBA's notice, a research was conducted and it was found that the problem could be addressed through providing better water storage facilities.

BBA chose the two worst affected villages Lodsi and Mundala to provide water storage facility. Water tank for the schools to provide drinking water for the school children and water tank for the toilets were provided. In addition, a toilet for girls was also built in the school in Lodsi. With water scarcity tackled, children now no more have to go to fetch water.

Laying down of pipes for drinking water enables children to go to school

Trainings & Capacity Building

BBA conducted several training workshops for NGOs of various states, and BBA representatives were regularly called to train the Central Bureau of Investigation, public prosecutors, police officers and judicial officers.

BBA conducted training on conducting raid and rescue operations and building Bal Mitra Grams to NGOs in Bihar (Patna), Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow) and Maharashtra (Mumbai). These training workshops saw the participation of over 200 participants from several NGOs in these training. The participants were made aware of the laws on child labour, and about the Standard Operating Procedures on Investigation of Crimes of Trafficking for Forced Labour prepared by BBA for UNODC & Govt. of India. Knowledge about the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions and how to work with them, and the formation of BMGs was the crux of the training on BMGs.

Legal Intervention

Legal intervention is one of the foremost strategies adopted by BBA for both policy change and ensuring justice to all children in need of protection. Filing Public Interest Litigations (PILs) before the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts and seeking directions from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) are some of the steps taken by BBA under this strategy.

In the last one year major impact of BBA's legal intervention strategies are:

All India Legal Aid Cell on Child Rights

In July 2009, in a conference of lawyers and judges of the Supreme Court of India, the then Chief Justice of India, Shri K.G.Balakrishnan announced the formation of the All India Legal Aid Cell on Child Rights to be operated by BBA under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). This cell would provide free legal aid to the victims of any kind of exploitation or in any case of violation of child rights.

In a case of a rescue of bonded labourers from a stone quarry, only the father could be rescued while his wife and 2 young children were hidden away by the employer. BBA tried to rescue the family members but to no avail. After several repeated failed attempts, BBA took the help of the NALSA which then directed the Haryana Legal Services Authority to resolve the matter. The HLSA then directed the district authorities to act fast and to recover the family members. Within a couple of days, the family members were reunited and other bonded labourers in the stone quarry were also released. Thus, the Legal Aid Cell will pool in the help of the State Legal Services Authorities through the NALSA and hasten the process of release, repatriation and rehabilitation.

Public Interest Litigations

Rescue, repatriation and rehabilitation

Before the High Court of Delhi:

In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by BBA in the High Court of Delhi seeking the court's intervention for proper rescue, repatriation and rehabilitation of child labourers in the state, the Court directed the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) to come up with a plan of action. Subsequently, the Court gave a landmark order directing:

1. The formation of a task force consisting of all relevant govt. agencies for effective and speedy action.
2. Defining the role of each of each agency: Assisting the child & prosecuting the trafficker/employer.
3. Mode of recovery of time of Rs. 20,000 for the rehabilitation/education of the child.
4. The detailed methodology of providing access to education for children who are not victims of trafficking & are working while living at home.

The Court's directions for recovery of fine of Rs. 20,000 from employers for the education of the child, ensuring a timely response on each complaint by police and labour department making child labour and trafficking a serious crime and a non bailable offence will go a long way in the fight against child labour in India.

Before the Supreme Court of India:

In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by BBA, directions issued to the central govt. & all state govts. to ensure the formation of Child Welfare Committees & Juvenile Justice Boards in all districts of the country.

PIL against trafficking of girls

A PIL was filed in the High Court of Delhi for regulating the placement agencies that bring children, especially girls from various states into cities like Delhi with the lure of providing work as domestic servants. But in reality these girls may be sexually exploited at homes while working as domestic help or may be sold off to pimps. Most of the placement agencies are not registered and there is no proper law to regulate and monitor them. This PIL was to demand for proper registration and monitoring of the placement agencies. It is still being heard by the Delhi High Court & directions were issued during the year for registration & regulations of all placement agencies.

Suo moto action by court on missing children

BBA's campaign on missing children in April 2009 was taken suo moto cognizance by the Delhi High Court and BBA was asked to become a party to the case. In addition, BBA's counsel, Senior Advocate H.S.Phoolka was made *amicus curiae* i.e. appointed to assist the court in the matter of missing children in the state. With this, the problem of missing children is an issue that the Government should now take action on and report it to the Hon'ble Court regularly.

Audited Financial Statement

ASSOCIATION FOR VOLUNTARY ACTION
L-6 KALKAJI NEW DELHI
(Consolidated)
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st March ,2010

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT(Rs.)	ASSETS	AMOUNT(Rs.)
Capital Fund (As Per Annexure-A)	32,781,802.93	Fixed Assets (As Per Annexure-E)	28,147,669.30
Award Fund	100,000.00	Loans & Advances (As Per Annexure-F)	840,086.00
Programme Balances (As Per Annexure-C)	20,734,003.92	Tax Deducted at Sources (As Per Annexure-G)	264,403.00
		Security Deposits (As Per Annexure-H)	91,082.00
Current Liabilities (As Per Annexure-D)	359,546.00	Cash & Bank Balances (As Per Annexure-I)	22,836,292.55
		Investments (As Per Annexure-J)	1,795,820.00
Total	**53,975,352.85**	**Total**	**53,975,352.85**

For Association for Voluntary Action

Ramesh Gupta
President

R.S. Chaurasia
General Secretary

Place: New Delhi
Date: 17-09-2010

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ASSOCIATION FOR VOLUNTARY ACTION
L-6 KALKAJI NEW DELHI
(Consolidated)
INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2010

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT(Rs.)	INCOME	AMOUNT(Rs.)
Grant recurring Expenditure-Foreign (As Per Annexure-C)	28,718,229.75	Grant Received -Foreign (As Per Annexure-C)	48,696,261.58
Grant recurring Expenditure-Local (As Per Annexure-C)	48,721.00	Grant Received- Local (As Per Annexure-C)	85,500.00
Non Grant Exp- Local	206,417.00	Donation Received- Local	58,000.00
Depreciation	2,191,211.79	Interest on award Money	132,000.00
Reimbursement- Travel	339,409.88	Income from Investment-LC	21,877.25
		Bank interest-LC	193,596.00
		Misc. Income	46,835.43
		Membership Fees-LC	1,125.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure (As Per annexure-B)	18,582,940.20	Rental Income-LC	495,000.00
		Reimbursements- Travel	339,409.88
		Profit on Sale of Assets	17,324.48
Total	**50,086,929.62**	**Total**	**50,086,929.62**
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RECEIPT & PAYMENT A/C FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2010

Receipts	AMOUNT(Rs.)	Payments	AMOUNT(Rs.)
Opening balance			
Cash	112,280.35	Grant recurring expenditure	28,766,950.75
Bank balances	3,866,267.53		
		Purchase of Fixed Assets- Foreign	6,135,592.29
Grant received	48,781,761.58		
		Non grant recurring exp.- Local	206,417.00
Donation Recd- Local	58,000.00		
		Investments-Local	22,450.00
Income from Investment	21,877.25		
		Purchase of Fixed Assets- Local	33,451.00
Bank interest	193,596.00		
		Loans & Advance-Foreign	195,107.12
Rental Income	495,000.00		
		Tax Deducted at Source	138,385.00
Interest on award Money	132,000.00		
		Reimbursable Exp.- Travel	339,409.88
Membership fee	1,125.00		
Misc. Income	46,835.43	Current Liabilities Paid	9,200.00
Maturity of Investments-Local	1,000,000.00		
		Security Deposits	1,299.00
Maturity of Investments-Foreign	3,500,000.00		
		Closing balance	
Loans & Advances Recovered-Local	53,760.00	Cash in hand	99,821.35
Reimbursable Recd- Travel	339,409.88	Bank balances	22,736,471.20
		(As per annexure-I)	
Amount recd on sale of assets	82,641.57		
Total	**58,684,554.59**	**Total**	**58,684,554.59**

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