



CHILD PROTECTION

Shanti Laguri's story

Shanti Laguri is a 12 years old girl and lives with her parents in BDA slum of Bhubaneswar capital of Orissa. Due to financial crisis her family migrated to this city in search of livelihood. After coming here both the parents have started working as daily wage earner in the form of labourer and maid servant to run the family and repay the loan that they have taken from the villagers. Finally Shanti's parents decided that as she is sitting at home, she should be put to work. Accordingly she has started working in someone's house. During this time she got scolded and yelled at for small mistakes. This continued almost for a year. The struggle for Shanti intensified when the employer stopped her payment for more than six months. One day, finding no way, she met the child club members and explained her problems. The Child Club (CC) members met her parents and requested them to allow her to pursue her education but all their efforts turned out to be futile. Finally few CC members along with Shanti narrated her complexity before the Child Protection Committee (CPC) members. CPC and CC members visited her parents several times and explained them the dismal situation of Shanti. Finally Shanti was withdrawn from work and enrolled in the motivational center being run by the CCWD, the partner NGO of Save the Children, where she received training in life skills and coaching to cope-up with formal education. After a month of this initiative she was enrolled in a formal school and now she is continuing her education in Standard IV.

Kalandi's story

Kalandi is the 12 year old son of Basanta Samal in Tanga Banta village of Bhubaneswar sadar. Kalandi was forced to stop his education after class 5th by his step mother and engaged in household work. Along with household chores he also worked in the agriculture field as a labourer with his father in another field. His step mother punished him even if he made silly mistakes in the house. The misery does not stop here, he had to go to work as a daily wage earner on most of the days and earned only Rs. 50/- per day.

One day, Kalandi took his plight to the Child Protection Committee (CPC) members. They immediately intervened in this and enrolled him in the CCWD run motivational center, the partner NGO of Save the Children, where he learnt about life skills and generated his interest in formal education. Now he is attending the formal school in Standard V.