



"Abuse of children is a blot on humanity" - Kailash Satyarthi

BACKGROUND

Sexual crimes against children are increasing at an alarming pace, and this upsurge remains unabated. Our children are not safe in schools, in the communities in which they reside, and not even in their own homes. In 2016 alone, 1,06,958 cases of crime against children were reported under Indian Penal Code (IPC) & Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO), according to the recent report of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). Under POCSO Act crimes reported areas high as 34.4% of total crime against children. More than 50% of crimes against children have been recorded in just five states where Uttar Pradesh records the highest number of cases with 15% of the total crime recorded crimes against children.

The bleak situation of pendency of cases offers no ray of hope to the victims of rape and abuse. NCRB data also indicates that it will take almost 2 long decades to clear the backlog of cases of 2016, across India. Child Sexual Abuse leaves a huge impact, and sometimes it takes a lifetime for a person to deal with the fallout. Children tend to suffer from post-traumatic disorders preventing them leading a normal life.

SURAKSHIT BACHPAN FUND

The need of the hour is to put in place effective and holistic preventive and protective systems and measures to ensure that every child in India is safe. Measures that will relegate rape and abuse of children to the annals of history. Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation (KSCF) has taken the initiative to set up the Surakshit Bachpan Fund.

GENESIS OF THE FUND

November 6th, 2017 set the ball rolling for the birth of the fund. Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and his wife, Mrs. Sumedha Kailash were invited to participate in the popular TV quiz show – "Kaun Banega Crorepati (Who wants to be a Millionaire" hosted by actor Amitabh Bachchan. They won INR 50 lakhs, and donated this entire amount of 50 lakhs as seed money to set up Surakshit Bachpan Fund.

GOAL

This fund will provide immediate medical, legal, educational and rehabilitation assistance to child victims of sex crimes and abuse.

OBJECTIVE

Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, through the Surakshit Bachpan Fund, seeks to provide assistance to 200 child victims in the next 2 years. Towards this, it plans to reach out to corporates and individuals to raise a total of INR 5 crores.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Surakshit Bachpan Fund revolves around these core principles:

- The best interest of child victims
- Family responsibility, and Restoration, including institutionalization as the last resort
- Participation
- Non-stigmatising semantics
- Natural justice

- Safety and protection
- Equality, non-discrimination and dignity
- Right to Privacy and Confidentiality
- A fresh start and positive measures
- Convergence and partnerships

WORKING OF SURAKSHIT BACHPAN FUND

Surakshit Bachpan Fund will operate through a motivated and highly professional team to bring succour to child victims. It will be done under the following steps:

Step 1: Identify the sexual abuse children needing aid and assistance

- Cases reported in newspapers/electronic media
- POCSO complaints received by Complaint Cell
- Cases referred by Child welfare committees
- Cases referred by other NGOs

Step 2: Identify the need of assistance

- a. Visits will be made to the families by the activist
- b. Personal profile of the victim including name, age, address etc. will be noted (Separate performa) along with child's case history and its supporting documents (letter of complaint, copy of FIR and copy of medical examination report) and the kind of assistance required etc.

Step 3: Submission for the approval

The detailed report along with Performa will be submitted for the approval on the allocation of funds. A requisition will be made by Head, Surkshit Bachpan Fund which will be approved by MD, KSCF and Director, Finance. Based on the needs and requirements for the assistance, the allocated fund will be released within a prescribed time period.

Step 4: Follow Up on the cases

The process of reintegration encompasses not only individual victims but also their family members and the family environment to which they return. Therefore, survivors and families of the survivors will be in direct contact till the time they get reintegrate and rehabilitate. To ensure that a progress development report will be made for each survivor this will be enclosing information regarding the child's mental status, physical well-being and overall development.

Step 5: Financial report

A separate individual file will be made which will be including his/her need-based expenses and the allocated funds that will be immediately transferred to the bank accounts of the child's Parents/Guardians.

Bring Back the Smile

Every child victim needs you. Every bit that you contribute will go a long way in bringing back the smile of child victims.

Corporates and individuals can help build the fund by contributing to KSCF. All contributions are tax exempt under Section 80G. Additionally, corporates can contribute under Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.

Surakshit Bachpan Fund

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1	Name of the Child:
2	Age of the Child:
3	Father's Name/Mother's Name/ Gurdian's Name:
4	Occupation of Father/Mother:
5	Average family income/annum:
6	Permanent Address:
7	Contact Number:
8	FIR Number:
9	Brief Description of the Complaint
10	Type of Assistance Required (Medical/ Legal/Educational/Rehabilitation):
11	Description of the Assistance required
12	Recommended by: Activist/NGO/ Institute Journalist/ Government/ Police Delhi Legal Service Authority



Dated:

To, The Executive Director Surakshit Bachpan Fund Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation

 $Subject:\ Reimbursement\ of\ the\ medical\ expenses\ under\ the\ Surakshit\ Bachpan\ Fund$

Dear Sir, This letter is to seek financial aid and to request reimbursement for the medical expenses incurred for the treatment of ______daughter/son of _____under the Surakshit Bachpan Fund.

I have enclosed all the documents related to the treatment and medical expenses incurred.

I request you to kindly take the process ahead of reimbursing the amount of INR_____to account at the earliest.

Sincerely, Signature of Claimant Printed Name of Claimant List of Enclosures



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