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Special needs children can hope for inclusion into the mainstream

Location: 6 villages in Anantnag district, J&K

Nature of Initiative: Implementing

Project holder: Mr. Javed Ahmad Tak

CRY support since: 2009

CHANGE ENABLED

- 5,259 children enrolled in school
- 229 children immunized
- 93 disability certificates provided
- 33 birth registrations provided
- 10 PDS centres activated
- 1 new ICDS centre opened

WHAT CHANGED

Anantnag district is adversely affected by the armed conflicts between the government and militant groups. Many children in these areas are physically challenged and visually impaired. But there is hardly any provision for special schools, education, employment assistance and scope of rehabilitation by the government.

To make matters worse, schools remain closed for months in these areas. Due to bomb blasts, firing, landmine and grenades children suffer psychologically, economically and socially. Children with disabilities are deprived of education and basic health services.

Today, thanks to advocacy at the government level, there is awareness about inclusion of disabled children.

Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline (HWOH) is working to ensure rights of physically and mentally challenged children. They have been able to initiate a process for recognition of disabled children in Anantnag district.

Some additional focus areas of HWOH are - community mobilisation on issues of disabled children, health check-up camps, advocacy, birth registration, imparting Braille education to visually impaired children and providing special education to mentally challenged children.

<http://www.cry.org/about-cry/projects/Humanity-Welfare-organisation-Helpline-HWOH.html>

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