

A Baseline Report of

'Integrated Child and Youth Development Through Community Library'.

At Howrah Municipal Corporation

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Introduction:

This project aims to empower local poor youth, aged 15 to 35 years at **Howrah Municipal Corporation** under I/CF-KUSP, Govt. of WB. This project would focus mainly on education and psycho-social issues. The objective of the project is to meet the diverse needs of poor slum children as well as young people to rise up to the new challenges, to create necessary Youth Friendly Space within which they can enjoy & share their views, fear, hopes, aspiration etc comfortably as well as enhance commitment to community services & self-reliance.

To formulate an appropriate strategic plan of action, a study was conducted among the targeted population to understand the scenario of poor slum children as well as young people of the areas and find out the real need of the target group beneficiaries.

Objectives of the study:

The situational analysis aimed mainly to understand the following areas:

- *Family background of the beneficiaries*
- *Educational & social status of the beneficiaries*
- *Future hopes and aspiration of beneficiaries*
- *Emotional problems experienced by the beneficiaries*

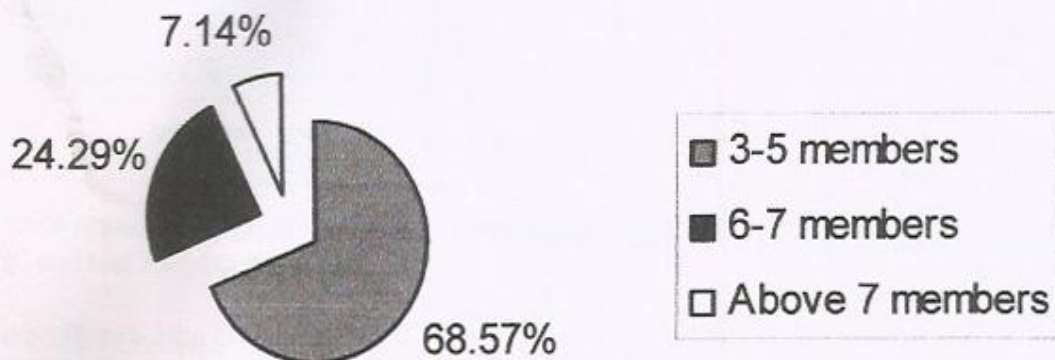
Methodology:

Quantitative as well as qualitative methods of field study were used in the project areas involving school goers and non-school goers. Mainly Focus Group Discussion and free listing-ranking methods were used for qualitative study. To pursue the study, separate groups were formed with boys and girls of 5-14 ages. For a quantitative study, survey was conducted randomly amongst the children of the respective slums. Hence, the survey was carried out amongst 210 youth.

Family related information of children:

Family size of the children

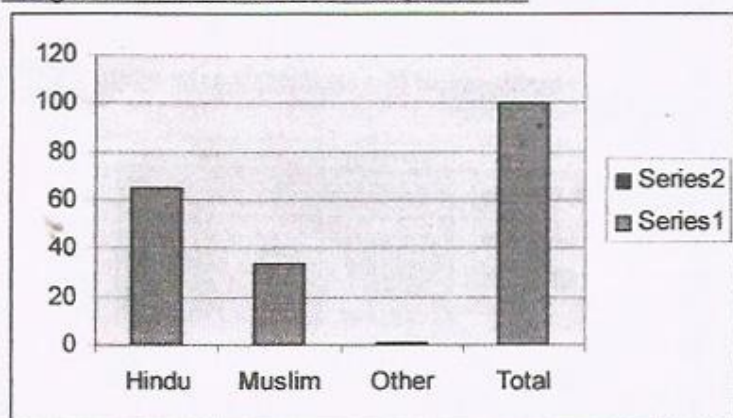
Family size of the young people



68.57% children belong to the family consisting of 3-5 members. 24.29% & 7.14% belong to 6-7 members and more than 7 members respectively. It was found that the average family size of the respondents is 6.

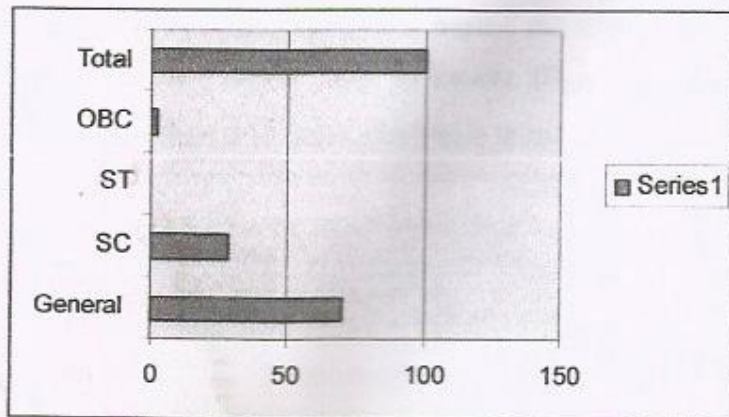
Personal Information of children:

Religion wise distribution of Respondents:



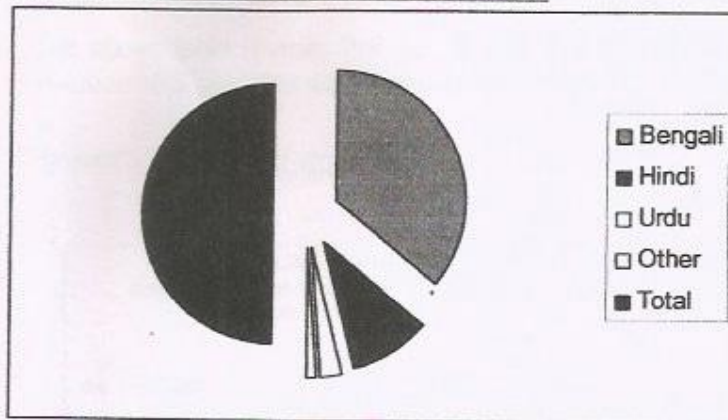
The above table reveals that out of 100 children/youth interviewed, 65% respondents were Hindu and 34% were Muslim and rest 1% belong with other religion.

Caste wise distribution of Respondents:



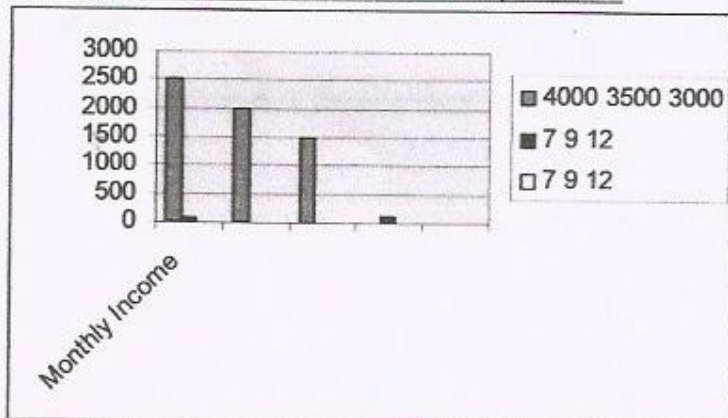
The above table reveals that out of 100 children interviewed, 70% respondents were general caste, 28% were SC and rest 2% belong with OBC.

Language wise distribution of Respondents:



The above table reveals that out of 100 children interviewed, 72% respondents were Bengali, 20% were Hindi, and 6% were Urdu and rest 2% belong with other language so far.

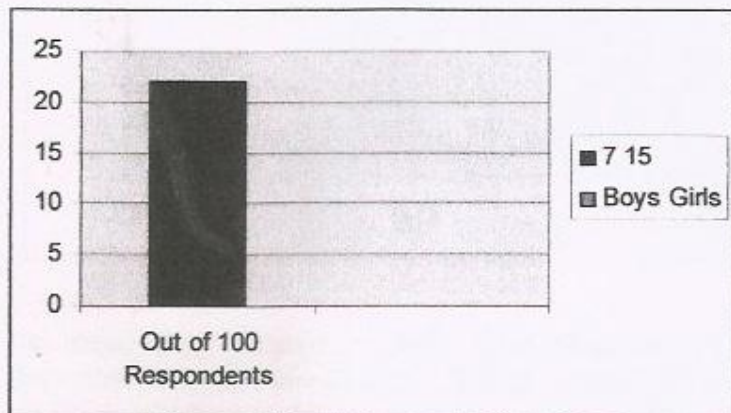
Monthly Income wise distribution of Respondents:



The above table reveals that out of 100 families interviewed, 7% families earned monthly 4000/- , 9% of those families earns 3500/-, 12%

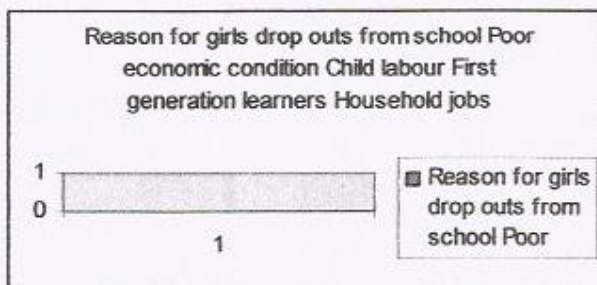
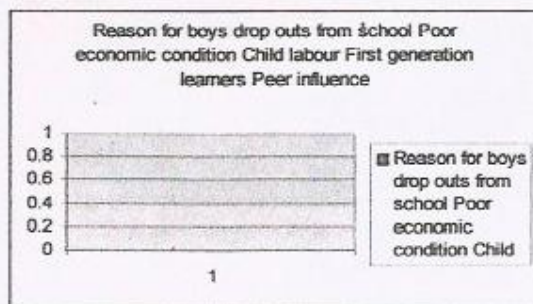
use to earns Rs-3000/- pm, 55% families use to earns Rs- 2500/- pm, 7% families earns Rs 2000/- pm and monthly income 1500/- for the rest 10% of surveyed families.

Children within 5-14 never enrolled in schools:



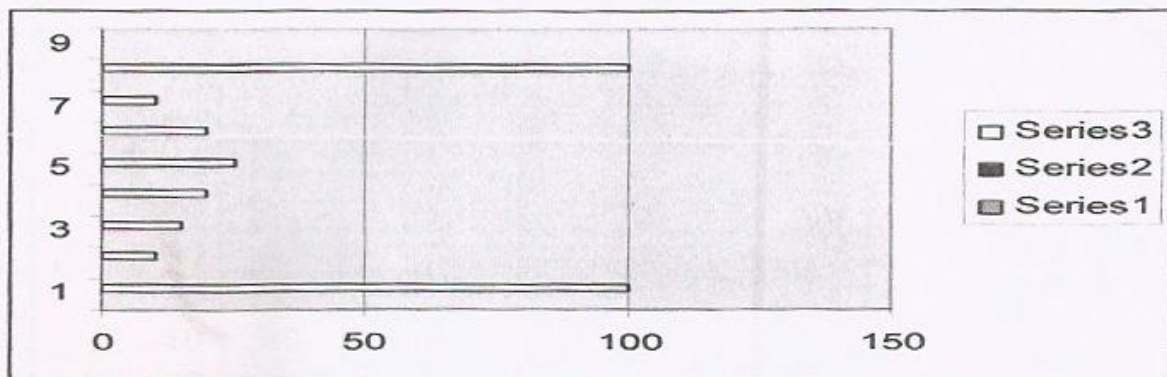
The above table reveals that out of 100 children interviewed, 7% boys never enrolled in schools whereas 15% girls also were never enrolled in schools due to poverty and other familial problems.

Reasons for being drop outs:



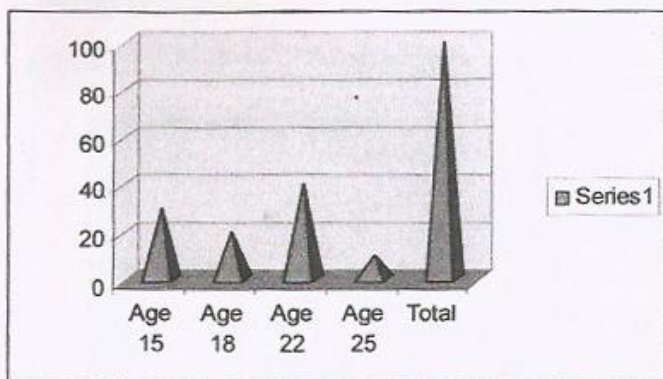
The above table reveals that out of 100 children interviewed, boys have been dropped out due to different causes as well as girls also dropped out due to different type of familial problems.

Educational Status of the guardians:



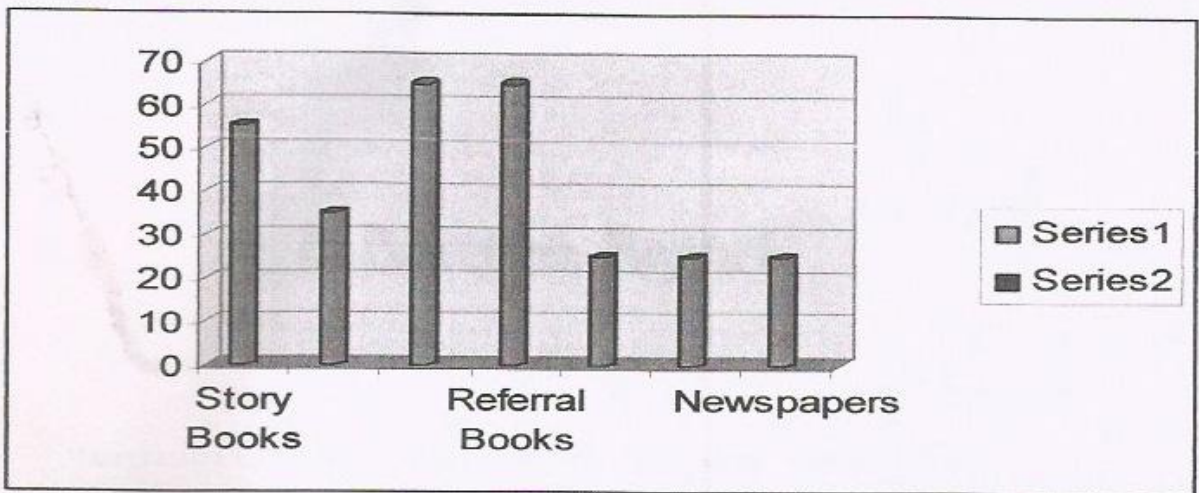
The above table reveals that out of 100 Guardians interviewed, 10% Guardians educated up to Graduation, 15% are under Graduate, 20% are School final, 25% have completed up to class VIII, 20% are literate and the rest 10% are totally Non-literate people.

Need of a Community library:



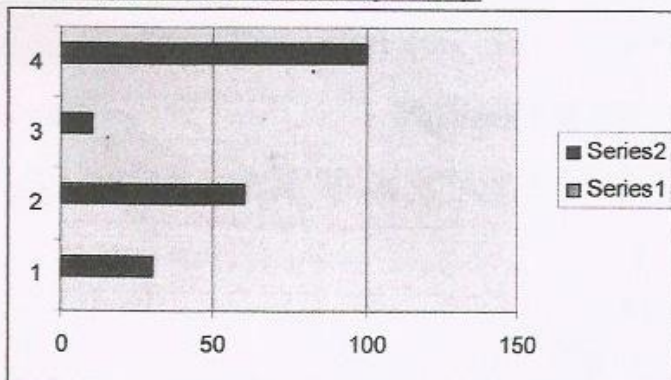
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Kind of Book support:



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Accessing time of the Community Library:



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