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A Survey Report on Orphan and Single Parent Children

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Context & Background:

Surat is known as the textile capital of India as well as a diamond city. The city provides plenty of opportunities for work in various areas. The allurements of opportunities attract people from various sections of society. These people settled down in slums. In Surat, one can easily see the haves & have not.

Surat has more than 300 slum pockets. People from various parts of India as well as within Gujarat reaching to Surat in search of opportunities. Surat Slums has so many factors they are multilingual, multicultural, and multi-religious.

The covid-19 pandemic has affected every human on this planet. Population wise India is the second-largest country in the world and so obviously it has more impact on covid-19. The economy has crashed. People are struggling to meet the needs of their families.

At this time one of the most affected are children. The schools are closed. They can not go out. Online study is boring and it has so many negative implications that beyond their reach.

Need of Survey

Navsarjan (NXCHD) works in the urban slums of Surat city. Covid-19 has eaten up the savings of the slum's community. This community has been struggling for its survival. During the first wave, most of the people from this community went to their villages & native even walking. Many have died during this journey. There are children in this community. They face the same situation as other children in society.

NXCHD found out some children do not have parents or some of them have a single parent. It is good to know what happens to these children during the pandemic. NXCHD wanted to do some study on these children so it has planned out a survey.



Objectives:

- ◆ To know the current situation of these children.
- ◆ To know what are the problems they faced due to Covid-19
- ◆ To know how many children are orphans and how many children have a single parent.

Strategies

- ◆ The staff of Navsarjan took responsibility for the survey.
- ◆ Training and deep understanding were given about the survey.
- ◆ Slums were divided among the staff.

Methodology:

- ◆ A survey questionnaire was prepared.
- ◆ It was explained to everyone.
- ◆ Google form was developed and a link was shared with everyone.
- ◆ An online survey was done.
- ◆ The survey was planned in 35 slums of Navsarjan working area in the Surat city.

The Survey was completed in 7 days. NXCHD team went house to house and filled the information in the Google form. Total 343 children were found in the aforesaid category.

The data analysis took 3 days. The data and the finding of the survey are as follows.

Children According to Age Group:

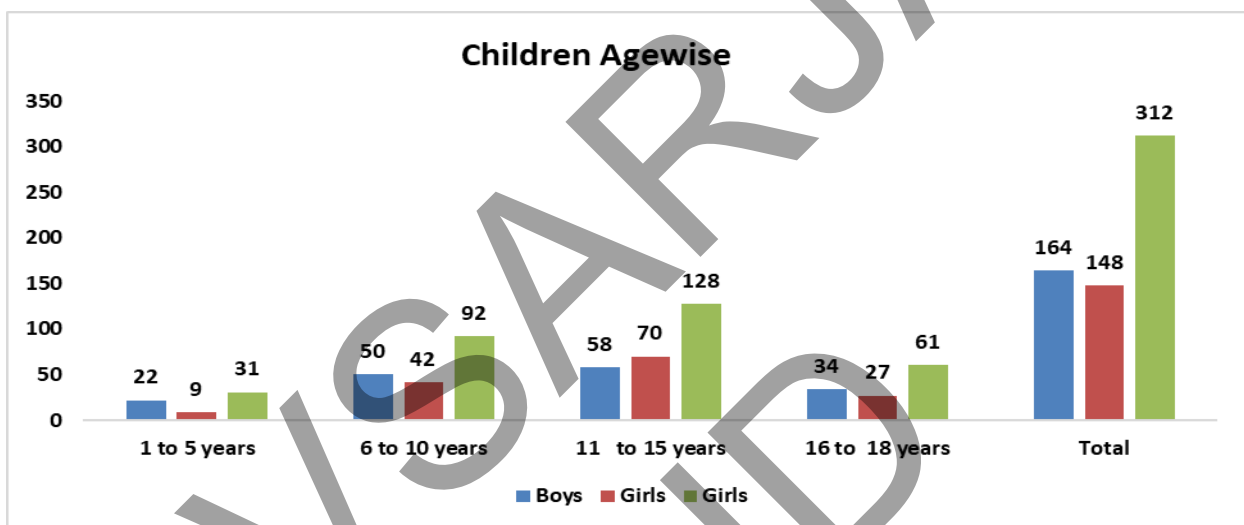


Figure-1

In the survey 312 children were found in the working area of NXCHD. These children are either orphans or have a single parent. Out of 312 children, 164 boys and 148 girls are there. Children between the age group of 1 to 5 are 31, 6 to 10 are 92, 11 to 15 years are 128, and 16 to 18 years are 61.

Children according to category and age-wise:

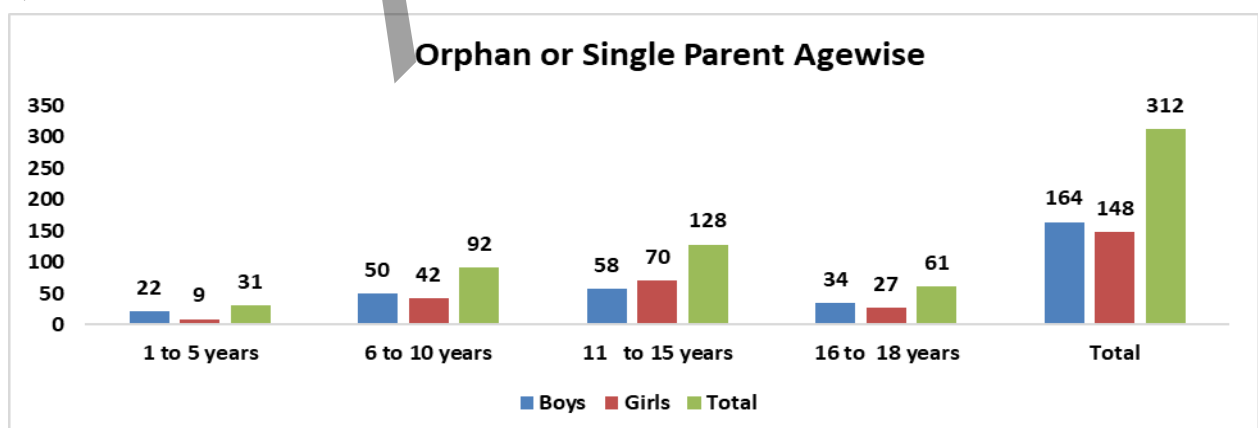


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According to the category it is found that between 1 to 5 age group there are 22 boys and 9 girls. In the age group of 6 to 10 years, there are 50 boys and 42 girls. In the age group of 11 to 15, 58 are boys and 70 are girls and between 16 to 18 years, 34 are boys and 27 girls are who belong to either orphan or single parent category

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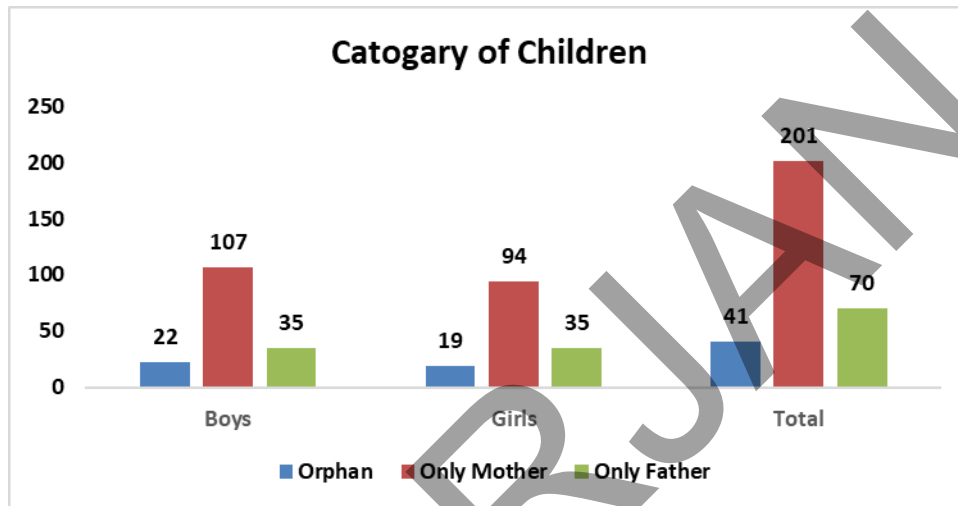
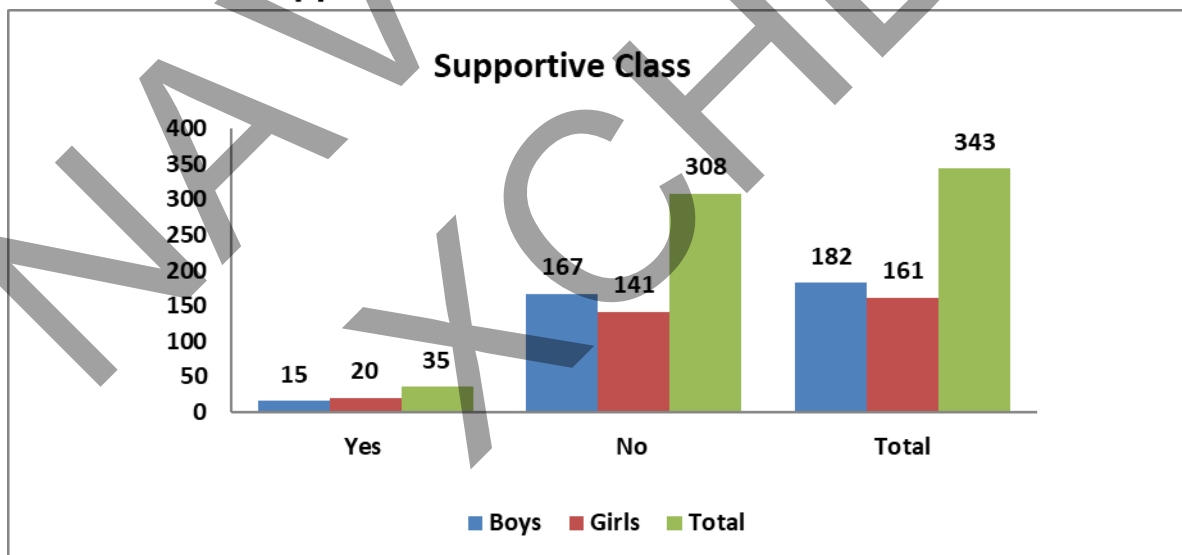


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The above chart explains that there are 22 boys and 19 girls, who are orphans. 107 boys and 94 girls have only mother and 35 boys and 35 girls have only fathers. The orphan children are living with their relatives. The chart shows us that there are more number of single women living with their children than men.

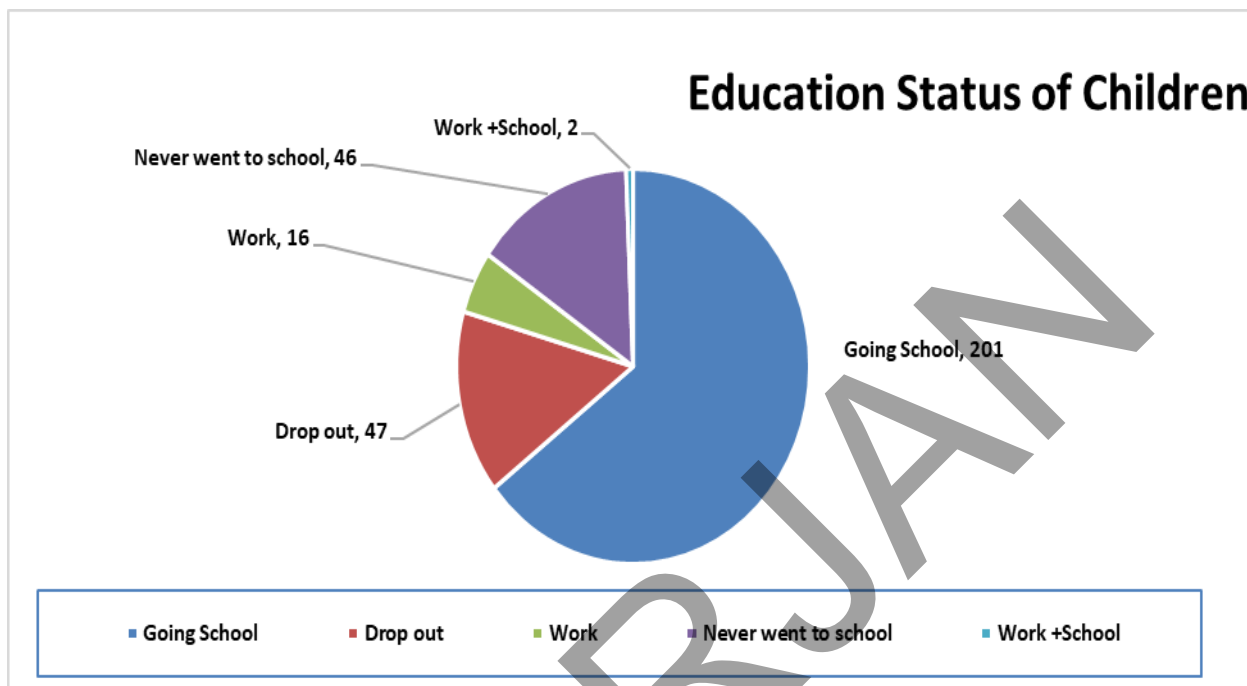
Details about Supportive Class:



NXCHD runs supportive tuition classes in the slums of Surat. There 35 boys and girls who attend these classes. But there are good number of children who do not attending these classes. NXCHD should plan something for these children.



Education Status of Children:



Out of 312 children, 201 children are attending school, 47 are drop out, 46 of them never went to school, 16 of them are working for the family and 2 of them are working as well as going to school.

Qualitative analysis :

- ◆ The above survey was done to know the number of children in our working area, who are orphans or with single parents. From the visits of these families the below-mentioned points come out:
- ◆ The lockdown has seriously affected these families.
- ◆ The monthly income has to drop down to very low.
- ◆ These children had double trauma due to single parents and in 35 cases no parents are at all.



- ◆ Most of the children are seen as physically weak undermalnourished.

Recommendations:

- ◆ A separate meeting can be organized with these children to find out their actual difficulties so that a long-term intervention plan can be made.
- ◆ A separate meeting with girls can be organized and discuss their difficulties.
- ◆ Mahila Mandal can have the policy to reduce tuition and other classes fees for certain children.

Conclusion:

The survey brings out that there is a need to work with such children with all the aspects. Special attention should be given to these children. Their problems like monetary, emotional, feeling of abandonment, poor performance, rebellious behavior, etc. The survey does not speak about why these children have single parents but having some meetings, taking into account all aspects we can find the answers.





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