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India has recorded an aggregate child population of 158,789,287 which comprises of a rural child population of 117,585,514 and an urban child population of 41,203,773. The huge population of India gives India its own share of problems. One of them is illiteracy. The Census 2011 data has revealed two alarming facts: as many as 78 lakh Indian children are forced to earn a livelihood even as they attend schools while 8.4 crore children don't go to school at all. Several attempts are currently being made all across the country to combat this situation and make India totally literate. *Asha Kiran... a ray of hope* is a program under Child Development vertical of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM). RILM was earlier known as Rotary South Asia Society for Development and Cooperation (RSAS). RILM is a legal entity and a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. RILM's objectives are total literacy and quality education in India.

Accordingly, RILM has evolved the program “**T-E-A-C-H**”, in which 'T' stands for '**Teacher Support**', 'E' for '**E-learning**', 'A' for '**Adult Literacy**', 'C' for '**Child Development**' and 'H' for '**Happy School**'. Each of these five verticals consists of one or more programmatic interventions. *Asha Kiran... a ray of hope* is one such programmatic intervention under Child Development vertical.

Asha Kiran is to bring out of school children back to the regular mainstream school system. It is a targeted intervention with a fixed timeline. The overall goal of *Asha Kiran* is to bring back 1,50,000 children into the regular mainstream school system by 2025.

Asha Kiran started its journey in January 2015. In the initial phase intervention has been made in the states of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and others. Selection criteria can be on the basis of concentration of highest number of never enrolled and drop out children. Areas of intervention for Asha Kiran Centers were setup included children of migrant labourers who stayed in urban slums and were deprived of education.

To implement the *Asha Kiran* program NGOs were taken on board after systematic review of each of the proposals and review of documents related to the organization's legal status, financial management system and past experience of working on education and child protection issues. So far RILM has reached out to 13 states and 1 Union Territory of India.

RILM has a well-designed and detailed out grant sanctioning protocol through which it ensures each of the interventions are monitored at a specified interval and accordingly grant is disbursed after reviewing of their progresses.



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January 2015 onwards

Asha Kiran... a ray of hope - Salient Features

The main objective of the project is to bring out of school children back to the mainstream school system. The targeted beneficiaries are :

Children between age group 7 to 14 years, who

- have never been to school, or
- are not attending school but nominally enrolled, irregular, laggard or absent for more than 45 days without informing the school

The project cycle of *Asha Kiran* is for 12 months and, it has 4 major components:

- Identification of Children
- Teaching Children under Bridge Course Program
- Mainstreaming the Children in formal Schools
- Follow up in Schools after Mainstreaming

Footprints of *Asha Kiran* :

Number of Children Reached Out	Number of children mainstreamed in Govt/ Govt Aided Schools	% of Mainstreamed Children
43,140	40,422	93.70%

6.3 % of the children were unable to complete the Project Cycle .





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Way Forward

The way forward for *Asha Kiran* is to bring back 150,000 out of school children into the mainstream school system by 2025.

The Project cycle will continue to be for 12 months, with emphasis on the aspects mentioned below:

- Teaching Children under Bridge Course Program
- Post mainstreaming follow up for enhanced retention rate

Beneficiary Cost:

The project is designed on the basis of learning for 12 months and the per child cost envisaged as ₹ 2,500/- gifted from the donor.

RILM integrates use of technology in its intervention for which a well designed MIS system has been developed, which helps in real time data tracking and information exchange between implementing NGOs and RILM, thus ensuring effective implementation of the project. The donor will be able to view the details and progress of the sponsored child vide the MIS.

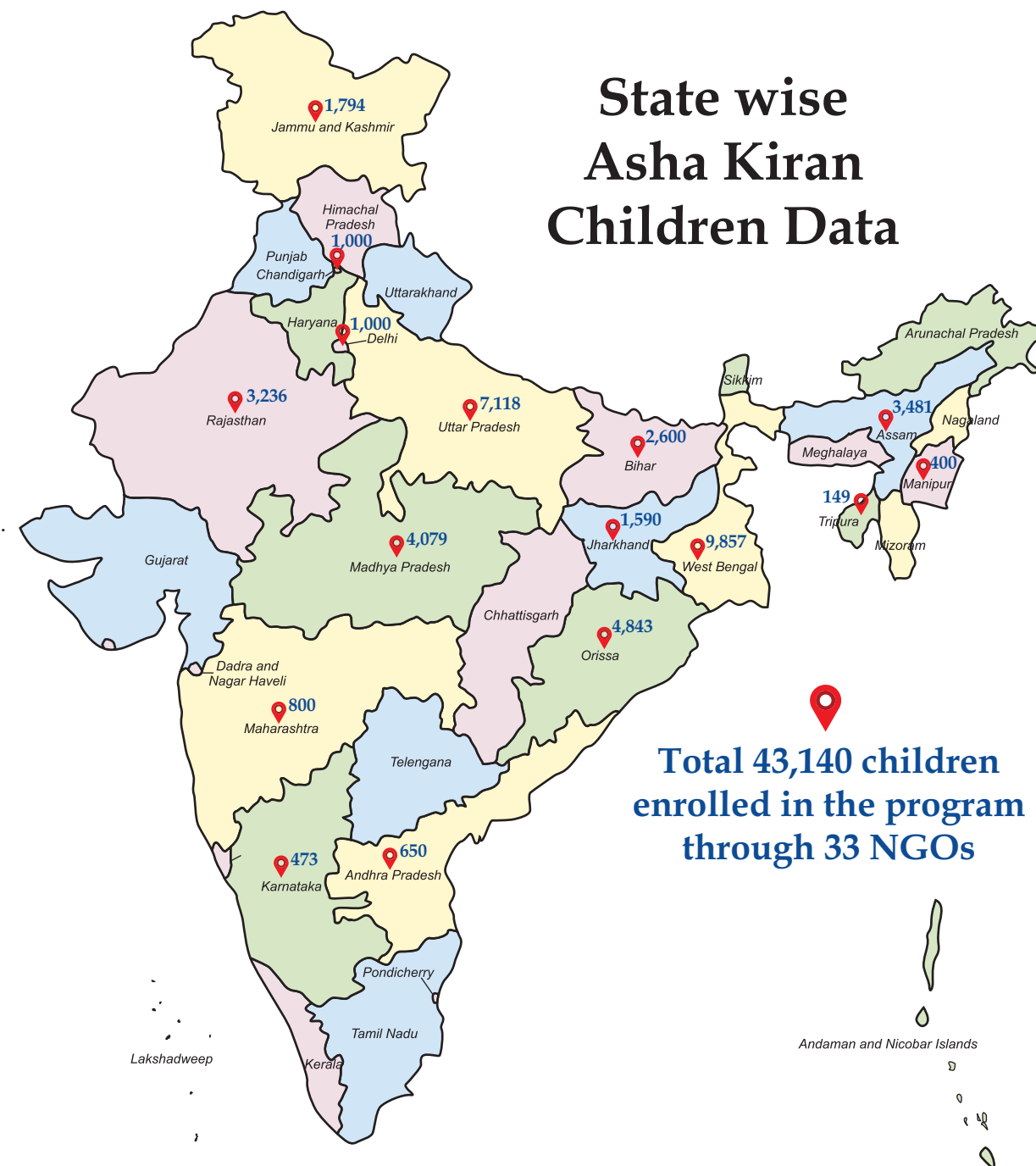
RILM now aims to reach out to every corner of our country to identify out of school children and bring them back to the mainstream system through the project called "*Asha Kiran... a ray of hope*".



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