

Project Snapshot:

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY

Location: Bhubanswar, India

Partner: Global Fund for Children

Partner Website: www.globalfundforchildren.org

Summary of project:

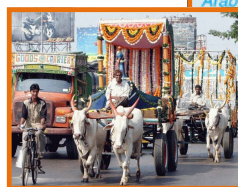
The Ruchika Social Service Organization (RSSO) works to advance the opportunities of impoverished children in the slums of Orissa, India through education. RSSO's motto is "if a child cannot come to school, then the school must come to the child."

Many street children spend their days working and cannot attend school, so in order for these children to receive an education and still earn critical income for their families RSSO brings the school to them, whether it be on a train platform or deep in a slum. RSSO's project, the Mobile Toy Library is a colorful bus full of toys and educational materials that drives to slums and stops where the children can come and play with the toys. The Mobile Toy Library also has a librarian who travels with the bus and works with the children. Through their program, the Mobile Toy Library provides basic literacy, vocational training, nutrition, medical treatment, and emergency assistance to over 4,000 children and their families.

Project Budget: \$22,000 USD

100% of funds will support the costs of maintaining the Mobile Toy Library and help purchase toys and educational games.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." *Desmond Tutu*



India Info:

Population: 1,156,897,766
(compared to USA's 310M)

25% of the population live below the poverty line
(CIA World Fact Book)

39% of the population is illiterate
(CIA World Factbook)

11 Million is the official number of child laborers—
unofficial figures vary between 60 and 100 million
(Save the Children website)

