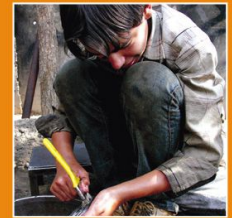


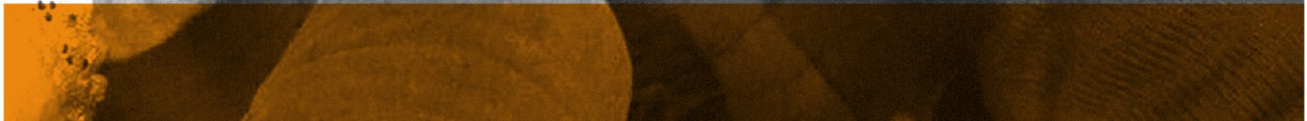
Support Association for Labor Children
The fundamental goal of the Support Association for Labor Children is to acknowledge the human identity of labor children to provide indiscriminate services.

Association for Protection of Child Labourers

Irrespective of any racial, religious, lingual, ethnic, physical, and other such discriminations, we believe that no matter where they are, labor children have the right for quality security, education, and their other childhood rights.



Support for labor children—particularly underprivileged children and those who are exploited and forced to work due to social or economic maladies or damages resulting from crises, natural disasters, or other factors—is a human and social responsibility of all individuals, organizations, and institutions. There is no doubt that without adequate attention to children rights and sufficient investment and planning for their education, healthcare, and enhanced standards of living, there is no hope for a better world. The Support Association for Labor Children is a non-government, non-profit, and volunteer institution registered 14607# by the Ministry of Interior on Aug 2002 ,1. This Association has provided its supportive and educational services for labor children, harmed children, or vulnerable children during its years of activity.





/// Vision

A world where all children benefit from security, education, healthcare, sufficient nutrition, and opportunities for recreation and self-development.

/// Mission statement

Working toward diminished child labor and to effectively support labor children and vulnerable children.

/// The Association's definition of child labor

Consists in involving children in economic activities preventing them from receiving education and other fundamental rights such as security, healthcare and medical services, and other such privileges, a circumstance which is normally mixed with child harm and exploitation.





Our services for labor children

Support

Without a doubt, the total elimination of child labor requires fundamental work and programs such that they are no longer mandated to work. In the most optimistic scenario, this requires great effort and time; whereas these children already need support and complete human and social rights and we cannot keep them waiting until the necessary infrastructures are implemented.

Therefore, the Support Association for Labor Children adopts a supportive approach toward labor children in its programs so that by removing the obstacles they face, it can give them the opportunity to return under a protective shield. By prolonging these activities, the Association helps them to continue their path alongside the Association and while reducing their suffering, gives them the opportunity to benefit from their fundamental rights. Although the social helping department of the Association is the core of its support programs, other departments such as those of psychology, healthcare and medical services, as well as nutrition and legal support, also attempt to complement the programs and give the children in the target group the opportunity to continue their way in the Association.





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Social helping

Admission, evaluation, planning, referral, and supervision of the programs are among the duties of social helping specialists. The primary activities of the Association in social helping are:

- Admission of help seekers;
- Creating a social help profile for the help seekers;
- Social help interview and counseling;
- Home, school, and workplace visit;
- Providing livelihood necessities for the aid seekers;
- Legal consultation and the pursuit of legal affairs;
- Financing the education costs for the children of school age;
- Holding training workshops;
- Tracking the state of children at home and workplace;
- Tracking the cases of child abuse and bad care;

Figure 1: Association's activities in social help area

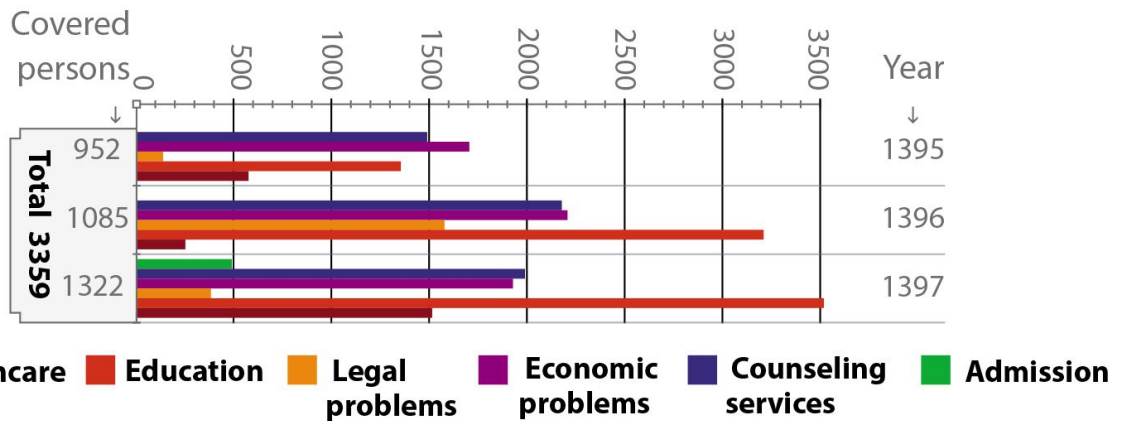
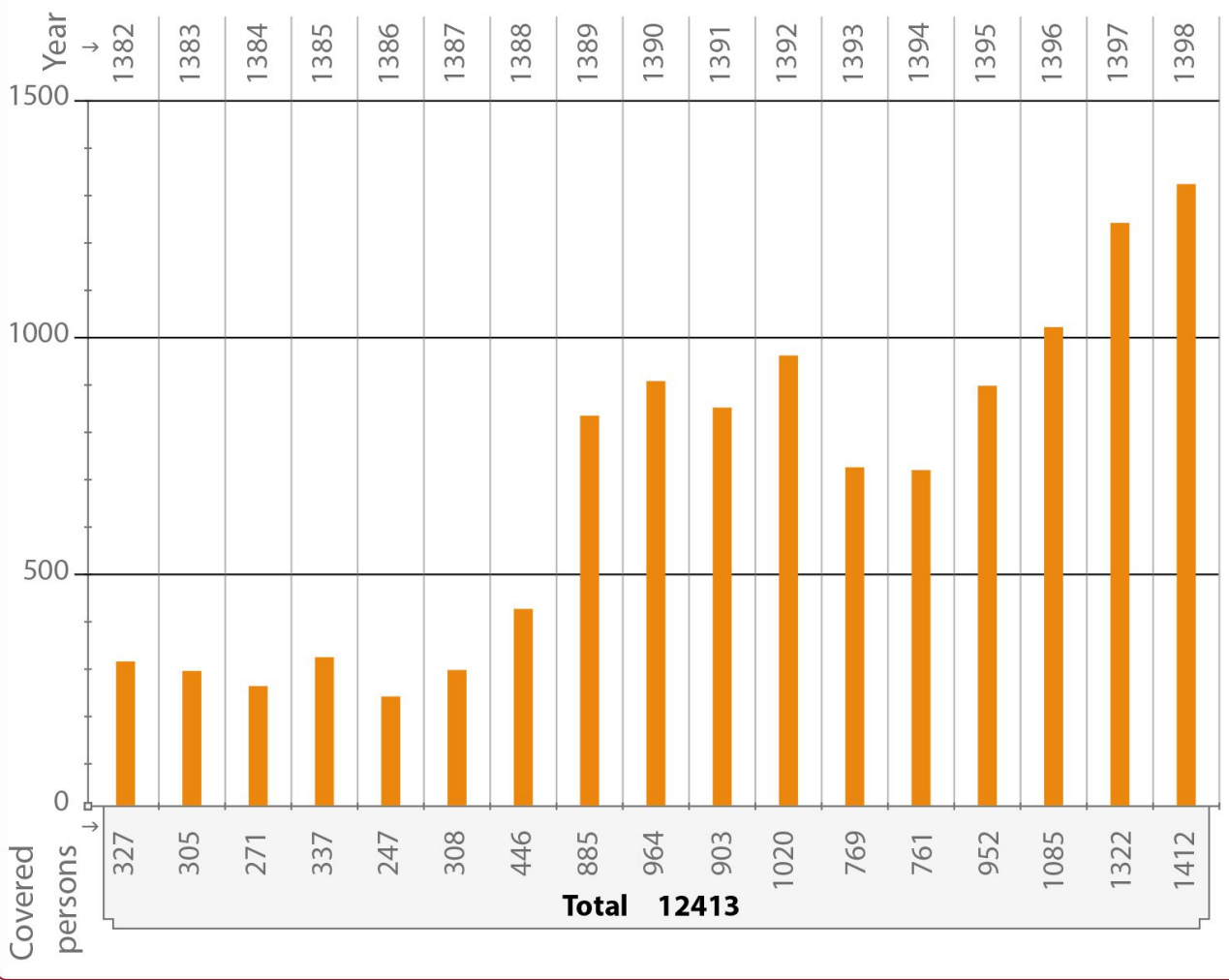


Figure 2: Statistics of Association's target group in social help area



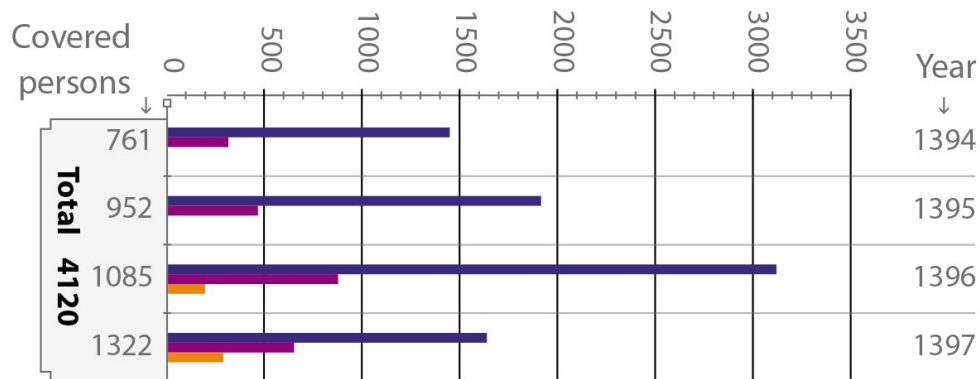
Psychology

Under poverty and improper socioeconomic conditions, deprivation, humiliation and violent environment, children suffer psychological damage. Their successful rehabilitation requires their psychological treatment which is performed by the Association's psychological colleagues and when necessary, through medical centers.

The chief activities in this area are:

- Screening and evaluating the admitted children and adolescents;
- Personal counseling for the child and the family;
- Treatment of disorders;
- Referral of special cases;
- Supervising the mental health of the target group;
- Holding educational workshops and classes for the children and parents.

Figure 3: psychological activities of the Association.



Workshop Group counseling Family counseling Child counseling Admission

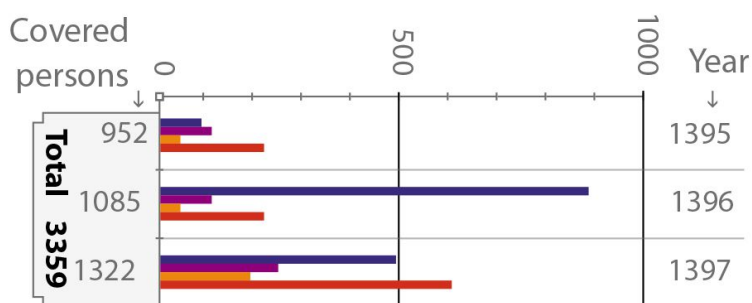


Healthcare and medicine

Financial and cultural poverty combined with low healthcare awareness, inaccessibility to healthcare services, and hard living and working conditions lead to serious health problems, with children being the first victims of this deplorable condition. Any kind of change in the living condition and development of children is dependent on their physical health. The healthcare department of the Association has attempted to provide the said fundamental needs and resolve their serious problems:

- Creating health profiles for the admitted children;
- Health education for the children and their families;
- Providing healthcare products for the children and families;
- Visiting and treatment services by volunteer physicians;
- Referring the patients to medical centers and hospitals;
- Providing medicine for the visited patients;
- Providing the diagnosis and treatment expenses for needy children and families;
- Providing dentistry services for children with the aid of volunteer physicians.

Figure 4: Supplying healthcare and medical needs



- Dentist visits
- Specialist physician visits
- General practitioner visits
- Supply of medicine
- Distribution of healthcare products
- Referral to medical centers

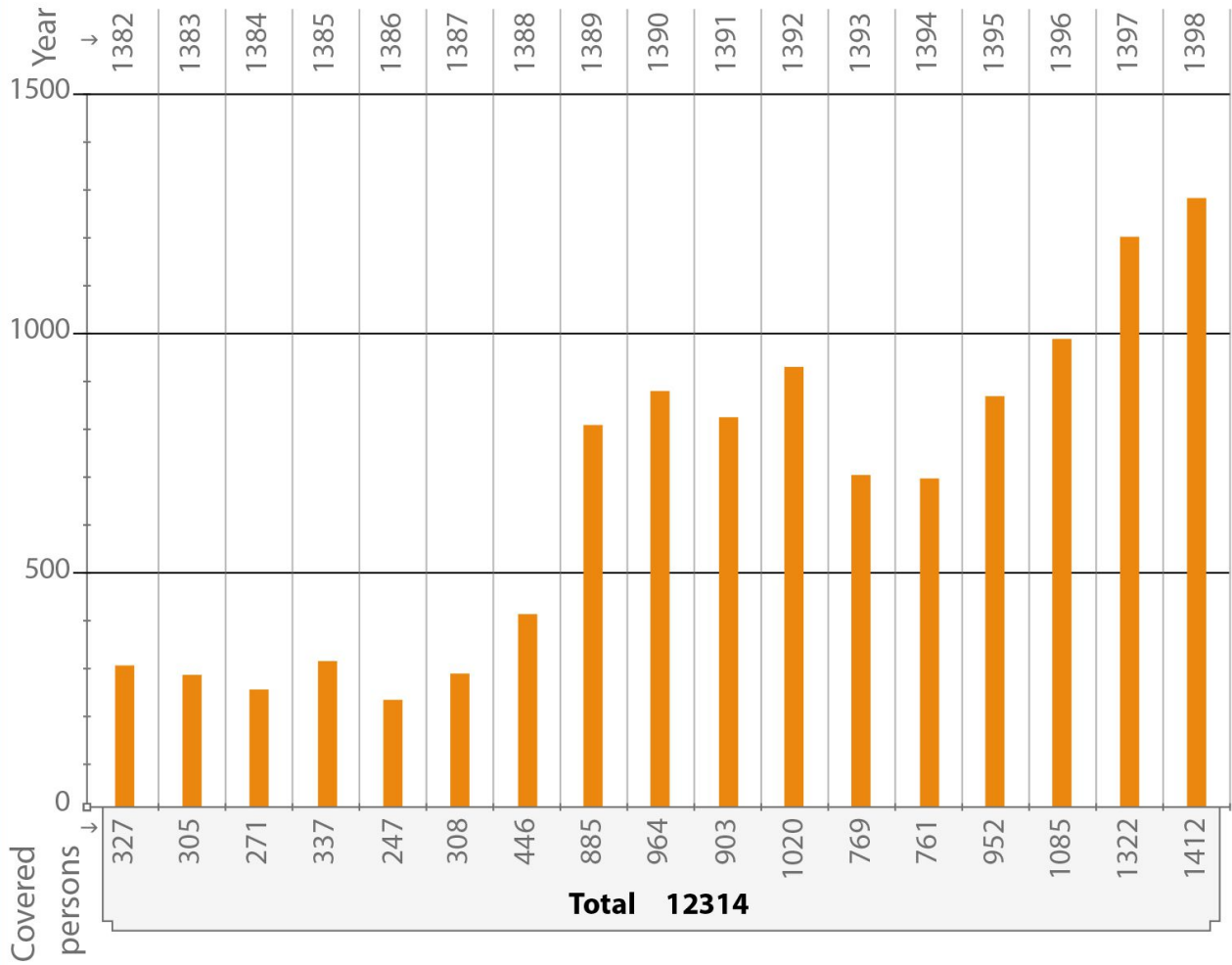


Nutrition

The Association's research on the nutrition of labor children revealed that a large number of the covered children face development and learning problems due to malnutrition and iron deficiency. Accordingly, since 2008 by establishing and equipping a central kitchen, the Association has regularly provided a daily serving of warm meal and distributed food packages in turns among the needy families as one of the key components of its activities in this department.



Figure 5: Statistics of nutritional services



Education services

Education is the most effective instrument in battling child labor; hence, it is one of the widest operation areas of the Association.

In addition to teaching children to read and write, the Association provides them with social and educational services for their empowerment and improved self-esteem and self-confidence; as well as art, athletic, and vocational programs.

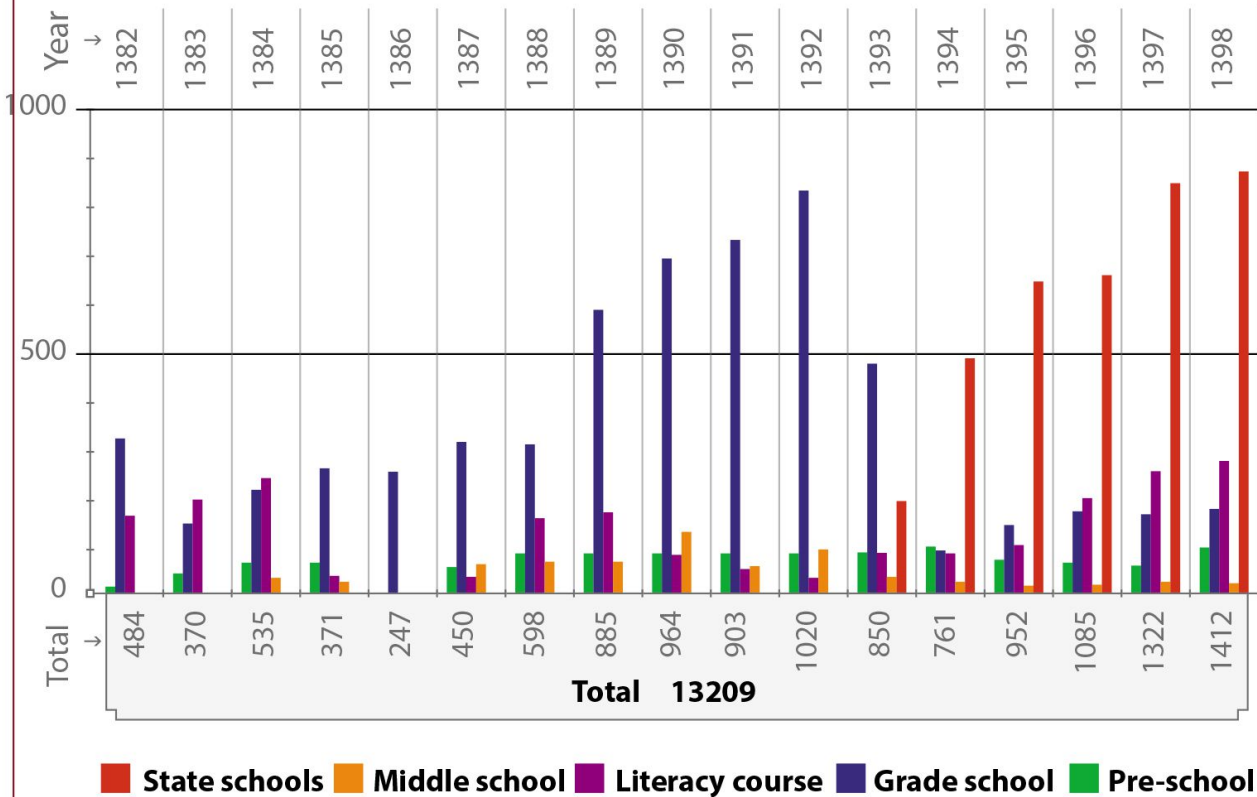
The following educational services are available to children in all Association centers:

- Screening and evaluating the admitted children and adolescents;
- Literacy courses;
- Art courses;
- Vocational courses;
- Physical education;
- Library.

Accomplishments of the Support Association for Labor Children

- Holding pre-school courses for more than 1076 children;
- Holding literacy courses for more than 13,209 labor children since 2003 until now;
- Holding freshman high school courses for more than 627 labor children since 2005 until now;
- Placing 2nd and 3rd in the photography festival held by the Children and Adolescents Intellectual Development Institution in 2004;
- Collaborating with UNICEF in elementary education projects in different periods;
- Collaborating with UNHCR and the Ministry of Interior's Department of Foreign Residents in a pre-school project from Oct 2009 to 2010;

Figure 6: Frequency distribution of the children under the educational cover of the Association



Since 2002 we have been able to do the following with your aid:

We believe that child labor and other harms threatening their lives are not single-cause phenomena and are rooted in economic, political, social, cultural, and similar disorders. Toward a fundamental support of children rights, we have walked together from the beginning of this path until now.

- We have put efforts into establishing legal Acts, particularly in support of immigrant children without Birth certificates;
- We have attempted toward producing content and literature focused on supporting labor children;
- We have drawn the attention of the community to the issue of child labor as one of the chief areas of harm to children;
- We have negotiated with and attempted to change the attitude of responsible organizations;
- We have provided the grounds for implementing short- and mid-term projects aiming to fundamentally support the children's rights through implementing educational and support projects as short- and mid-term projects, according to the local situation of each region;
- We have worked towards enhancing the awareness and power of families for the sake of improved lives for children;
- We have introduced a practical example for supporting labor children, harmed children, and vulnerable children;
- We have attempted to raise the demand level of all social classes regarding children's rights through increasing their awareness;
- We have established five support and educational centers available to children;
- We have not been indifferent to our community, in particular the circumstances of children;
- We have indirectly reduced the labor times of children by placing them in a supportive and educational environment;
- We have persevered and kept trying for more than 10 years so the labor children can attend school;
- With the aid of the Association's specialists, we have always followed up on the circumstances of children without birth certificates;
- For enhanced financial transparency, regular monitoring over the accounting system, and responsiveness to stakeholders; we have recruited a sworn, independent auditor for the inspections;



You can...

- Admission of help seekers;
- Join the volunteer network of the Support Association for Labor Children and participate in the tasks depending on your expertise and experience;
- Become a member of the support projects of the Association;
- Financially contribute to the educational and support activities of the Association;
- Assist the Association with small, but sustained aids;
- Help us with promoting and propagating the goals and projects of the Association;
- Share your plans and ideas with us, the Association grows and improves with your ideas;
- Help the Association support the labor children as it should.



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