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Mobile Creches works with the children in the birth – 12 years age group, living on the construction sites and slums of Delhi (NCR). Our partners include the building industry, corporate sector, government, NGOs and schools.

To date, Mobile Creches has reached out to **7,50,000 children**, trained **6,500 women** as childcare workers, run **650 daycare centres** and partnered with **200 builders**.

Modest Beginnings

In 1969, at the Gandhi Darshan construction site in Delhi..

*"Rajasthani construction labourers - men and women - worked from 8 to 5. Their children wandered loose on the building site. **Meera Mahadevan** decided to change it. She brought the children under the shade of a tree, in a tent; that was the first 'mobile creche'."*

Co-founder, Devika Singh

It was uncharted territory ...

Caring for the little ones of migrant workers, from the lowest economic rung and remote interiors of India, in the difficult years of early childhood.

Building trust with the parents, gaining entry to the building sites and demonstrating to the government that development of young children in the difficult circumstances was possible.

... and a rugged terrain

In India even today 6 crore children live in poverty, every day. Plus, 5 in 100 children die before their first birthday and 1 in 2 young children is malnourished.

Fighting all odds, Mobile Creches leads the childcare movement today

Our Work Today

We ensure childcare and health for 14,000 vulnerable children in Delhi/NCR

At construction sites, we provide **education, health and nutrition**, from 9 am to 5 pm, six days a week, for children birth to 14 years. In the urban slums we run **community crèches** and work with **young families**, with pregnant women and young children, to create childcare options and change childcare practices at home.

We reach out to 5,500 families to inform, involve and connect

Meetings, street theatre, *melas*, surveys and community campaigns help **change attitudes, create access to services** and put the wellbeing of the child on the agenda of the family and the community



We equip others to provide care and speak for the child

Our **training team builds capacities** of organizations and community members to make quality childcare affordable and accessible.

We build evidence and share knowledge

Our **research and documentation** assists in data collection, analysis, development and dissemination of status updates, policy analysis and research findings, to advocate for change.

We build common platforms in pursuit of a common purpose

Our first-hand experience with marginalized children and our strong linkages with other Civil Society players strengthen our voice to advocate with the state for changes policies, laws and programmes.

Our Focus: The Young Child



What sets Mobile Creches apart is the focus on the Young Child under 6 years – when the foundations for health, learning and social behaviours are laid. The early years are a period of maximum learning, rapid growth and greatest vulnerability.

We need to step in NOW ...

Mobile Creches constantly looks for new allies and partners to strengthen the movement of Early Child Care and Development, thus enabling thousands of children to realize their full potential.

Visit www.mobilecreches.org for more information.