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Enrolment 2017

Each year we have thousands of children apply to join a Project Mala school. As we have a limited number of places, we have to go through a rigorous selection process. The tests are mainly on academic ability but as the external children are at a disadvantage because of the poor schools they have been attending, we add an IQ test. Each year we find a number of children who fail in the maths, Hindi and English tests but achieve outstanding results in the intelligence test. We judge that these children should be capable of catching up and, therefore, give them a place. You will see from the results below that even with this added preference, the number of external children is still low.

Enrolment 2017						
School	Applications		Total applications	Admitted		Total admitted
	Project Mala	External		Project Mala	External	
Pre-school		144	144		69	69
Primary	41	1,358	1,399	30	210	240
Middle	261	197	458	130	6	136
Secondary	101	55	156	44	1	45
Total	403	1,754	2,157	204	286	490

First children from our birth register

In rural India there is still no formal record of the date a child is born. It was a real problem not knowing the age of the children we were enrolling. So, seven years ago, we started to record the births of children in our 80 village catchment area. This year we have inducted our first children where we know their exact age, as they are recorded in our birth register.



New pre-schools for girls opened

In previous years we have had problems getting enough girls passing to enter our primary school. To improve the ratio, we started our first pre-school for girls in April 2012. This year we have opened two more at Patehra and Amoi. Now all of our primary schools, except Guria, has a pre-school for girls attached.

This year, out of the 114 girls that joined our primary schools, 30 were from our pre-schools.

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