# RETENTION SURVEY DATA ANALYSIS 

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## PURPOSE OF THE ANALYSIS

Since 2013, Project Eklavya has supported thousands of children to obtain admission into private schools and bolster the implementation of Section 12(1)(c) of Right to Education Act, 2009. In 2017, the organization conducted its first Retention Survey to assess whether those children still study in their respective private schools. The purpose of this study was (1) to administer a census and determine the number of EWS students who have dropped out of their respective private schools, and (2) to plan necessary intervention for improving the experiences of continuing students.

## PROCEDURE USED FOR THE ANALYSIS

In order to conduct the analysis, the helpline team surveyed the 5,389 families, who were previously assisted through Project Eklavya, to assess their school going experience. The survey's questions ranged from inquiring whether the student still studies in the private school he or she was admitted in to asking what more assistance do parents request from the school and community. The data was then extracted from VMS and cleaned manually on Microsoft Excel by removing forms which were blank or showed that the child was not enrolled into the school. Afterwards, the team analyzed the data based on a specific set of topics which the organization hopes to utilize for enhancing EWS students' experiences in private schools.

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## DATA COLLECTION AND VALIDATION

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Families Contacted
out of 5389


Distribution of Relevant Forms from
Total Collected ${ }^{1}$
out of 3953


## DROP-OUTS

Does your child study in the same school he or she obtained admission in through the EWS quota?
out of 3004


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## STUDENTS CONTINUING SCHOOL



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## HELP REQUIRED


79.52\% (299) families ask for fee concession for children uniform, stationary and exam

FROM COMMUNITIES
out of 115

46.09\% (53) families ask for tuition centres for and $28.70 \%$ (33) ask for learning centres for parents.

## DONATIONS



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## ADDENDUM

The Retention Survey gives us an $8 \%$ drop-out rate for 3,004 surveyed families in Delhi. Our calculations for drop-out rate using DISE data gives us $15.86 \%$ average drop-out rate, as compared to the National Average drop-out rate of $46.75 \%$, over a period of three academic years for Delhi. The difference between these two data points could certainly be attributed to the differences in the sample size from which they are being calculated. But at the same time, the State of the Nation Report calculates the drop-out rate to be $25.06 \%$ for the year 2013-14 to 2014-15. All these data points show very different results and because of the noisiness in the data sources, we can't say with certainty which data source is most reliable.

