



**VISION
RESCUE**
Reaching out with love
**Annual Report
2020-21**

THE YEAR OF 'KEEP GOING'

2020 was the toughest year of operations for us at Vision Rescue. As the pandemic descended on Mumbai, India and the rest of the world, we were surrounded by sorrow-filled and frightening news. The death toll of Covid-19 was rising at an alarming rate, affecting the vulnerable in our target slum communities and even our staff, their friends and family. The strict back-to-back lockdowns resulted in our teams being confined to their homes at the very moments when our beneficiary children and families needed us the most.

It was in these dire circumstances that God reminded me of 2014 - when Vision Rescue was birthed. At that time, we had barely any resources, knew little about social work and were daunted by the sheer magnitude of the needs facing children in Mumbai's streets. But, God led us to start Vision Rescue simply by meeting the needs right before us: six hungry children living near Mahim railway station. What started with us serving just a few vada pavs had grown through the last 15 years to impact thousands of children through education and 4 million+ meals. So in 2020, once again, we started by meeting the needs right before our eyes, with whatever little we had in our hand right then. I was told about 17 impoverished families in the Kalwa slum

community, who reported that the lockdowns had taken them to the edge of starvation. They were daily wage workers, living hand-to-mouth; their children were enrolled in our Beacon Learning Centre. Before the pandemic, the children received a daily meal at our classes, and the families would do odd jobs daily, earning them just enough to eat that day. With our classes closed and all labour sites shut, these families had nowhere to go and nothing to eat. Our kitchen team packed small grocery kits that would suffice for 40 meals for each of these families of five, and sent them by our food van.

That one step kickstarted our city-wide and nation-wide response to the hunger crisis that accompanied the pandemic. Thousands of daily-wage labourers and their children were desperate for food, and the Vision Rescue community of supporters globally rallied to raise funds and provide groceries worth 1.37 million meals throughout the last year. From sex workers, to rag-pickers, migrant labourers HIV+ patients, this nutrition outreach fed the most marginalised and vulnerable people around us. Alongside, we were able to gift nearly 70,000 personal protective provisions to front-line workers in the battle against Covid-19 at our network hospitals, government bodies, nonprofits and citizen groups.

I'm most proud of our Community Champions - our 250-strong team of ordinary parents in our target slum communities who volunteer weekly with us as 'Champions' that advocate for education, healthcare, nutrition and community development among their own people. We've been investing into this group from 2018 by growing their social-impact capacity, training them up to be agents of transformation in their own society. It was these very Community Champions who walked many extra miles to deliver groceries door-to-door to the needy in their own slums. The pandemic revealed to us more than ever before the power of empowering the community to uplift themselves.

At the start of 2020, I had set the theme for the Year as 'Keep Going'. Little did we know then just what a rollercoaster the year would be and what it would mean to keep "Reaching Out With Love" even through a pandemic. "Keep Going" for our education teams has meant pivoting from face-to-face lessons, to delivering online classes via video tutorials to children on the wrong side of the digital divide. For the School Support Program team, they had to train students in kabbadi, football and self-defence via Google Meets & Zoom. For our medical & dental teams, they switched to conducting entire awareness online or sending community members byte-sized information reels via Vimeo. Even our Skill Development & Livelihood Training team

'kept going' by teaching tailoring and hand embroidery to women in their homes, via video conferencing. As for The Movement India team, they created digital volunteering opportunities that have thrown the doors wide open from volunteers to serve from any corner of India.

It's been such a joy to witness our team think out of the box, and continue to impact the vulnerable through every creative and innovative tool at their disposal. In the following pages, you'll witness the details of all the ways in which you, our faithful community of Vision Rescue supporters, has continued to 'Reach out with Love' despite the challenging circumstances we're surrounded by. Without you, thousands would have suffered starvation and many lives may no longer be here.

Thank you for standing with Vision Rescue in our toughest year yet. Your sacrificial giving, at a time when many of you have struggled personally and professionally, has blessed thousands you may never meet and I pray that you may be blessed multifold in return! Here's inviting you to join us on this incredible journey this new year 2021-22 too as we keep Reaching Out With Love to children and their communities most in need!

Gratefully
Biju Thampy
Founder - Vision Rescue

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VISION RESCUE

OUR VISION

Empowering people to find their purpose, enjoy their rights, and live with dignity.

OUR MISSION

To free children from all forms of exploitation by engaging and sustaining them in education. This empowers them to change mindsets and make good life choices that promote intergenerational transformation

OUR WORK

To free children from all forms of exploitation by engaging them in education, Vision Rescue runs a variety of Education Programs that offer both non-formal and formal learning for children from impoverished slum communities in Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai. These include the Beacon Learning Centres Primary & Pre-Primary, Open Basic Education and the Vision Rescue Bus.

To directly sustain children in education at our Beacon Learning Centres, we also provide them with Nutrition, Healthcare (Medical & Dental) services and Sports education. In addition to the above, through our School Support Program we also seek to empower and strengthen the municipal schools near our slum communities so that underprivileged children studying there from these slums can sustain in their education. Through the pandemic year of 2020-2021, much of this outreach was delivered through online or in-person visit methods.

To sustain children in education, we also work closely with our children's families through a Case Management model that first assesses all the risk factors present in the family such as lack of steady income, domestic violence, alcohol/drug abuse, lack of employable skills, low access to Government poverty alleviation resources, absence of identification documents etc, in order to present solutions as per need. Solutions include availing of our Skill Development and Livelihood Training Programs, Healthcare services, and Awareness sessions conducted for the families of our children. This ensures that the shackles of poverty that bind our children's families are removed so that children can be free in their pursuit of education. During this financial year, as the pandemic affected all our routine programs, our

beneficiaries in keeping with Covid-19 protocols.

Vision Rescue also works to transform our children's slum communities at large by conducting community development initiatives through our stationary hubs called Community Centres inside slums. The biggest of these is the Community Champions Development Program whereby we identify, engage and train volunteer parents to become changemakers in their neighbourhood as Community Champions. As parents themselves, these 'Community Champions' are experiencing firsthand the transformative power of education for their children. They now advocate for education, healthcare, nutrition and community development among their own communities. During the pandemic, it was these Community Champions who became our hands and feet on the ground, when our staff were restricted from entering the communities, because of repeated lockdowns.

Finally, through The Movement India, we seek to create a 'volunteer army' by matching the skill abundance at colleges and corporates in India's megacities with the 'need abundance' of India's slum communities. The Movement India mobilises Volunteer talent to serve in the areas of human trafficking, mental health and education for low-income communities. TMI also runs large-scale Advocacy campaigns to awaken public consciousness to the needs in vulnerable communities, as well as invests in the growth of these volunteer communities through Talent Development sessions. This financial year, TMI piloted numerous digital volunteering opportunities that helped break the barriers of location and distance to promote inter-state volunteering ventures.

OUR IMPACT IN 2020-21

1,377,284 (1.37 Million) Meals provided through groceries and cooked meals impacting 63,076+ Lives (15,769 Families) in Mumbai & nationwide, through 40+ partnerships with NGOs, GOs and faith organisations.

69,279 pieces of personal protective equipment were donated to 20+ network hospitals, municipal bodies and other front-line organisations in the fight against Covid-19.

833 children were engaged in education through Vision Rescue's online Beacon Learning Centres through this academic year.

41 Education Representatives and 14 Education Interns were hired from our target slum communities to help our teachers reach students who did not have access to smartphones at home.

412 children were enrolled in our School Support Program from 14 municipal schools (BMC & TMC) even during the pandemic, training with us online in self-defence, football & kabaddi.

Our Jeevandan Mobile Dental Unit completed 10 years of operations, in 2020, impacting over 22,000 individuals in this timespan.

314 parents & community members from our target slum communities were provided with referrals to our partner hospitals for treatment.

70 Awareness Videos on topics such as functions of teeth and dental health were created by the Dental Team receiving over 1,53,921 views; 15 awareness programs were held through live online sessions or recorded videos by the medical team reaching over 17,000 views.

181 mothers and older sisters of our Beacon Learning Centre children and School Support Program students graduated in the following Skill Development & Livelihood Training Courses conducted online: Tailoring, Mehendi, Fabric Bag, Hand Embroidery (new course).

235 Community Champions and other community members registered themselves under various Government Schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojna and Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojna.

192 community members were referred for jobs and 1930 community members also benefited from 85 focus-group online meetings to raise awareness about key social issues such as the importance of health and education.

397 volunteers were engaged by The Movement India in 47 digital volunteering opportunities, impacting 23,496 beneficiaries.



I: COVID-19 RESPONSE

HUNGER CRISIS

Vision Rescue's Response to the pandemic-induced hunger crisis was three-pronged :-

1. Nationwide grocery distribution to help poor communities tide over the pandemic impact.
2. Network & partner with nonprofits and government bodies nationwide to increase reach.
3. Provide online awareness trainings and videos on social distancing, health & hygiene to vulnerable communities, followed by counselling and follow-ups

Modus of Grocery Delivery within Vision Rescue Communities :- Due to the nature of pandemic, the mobility of our resource persons from outside the slum community was restricted. It was through Vision Rescue's **Community Champions and leaders** within the community that we were able to successfully distribute Grocery Bags monthly during the pandemic.

Each kit comprised grains, lentils and other staples sufficient to feed a family of five for 40 meals.

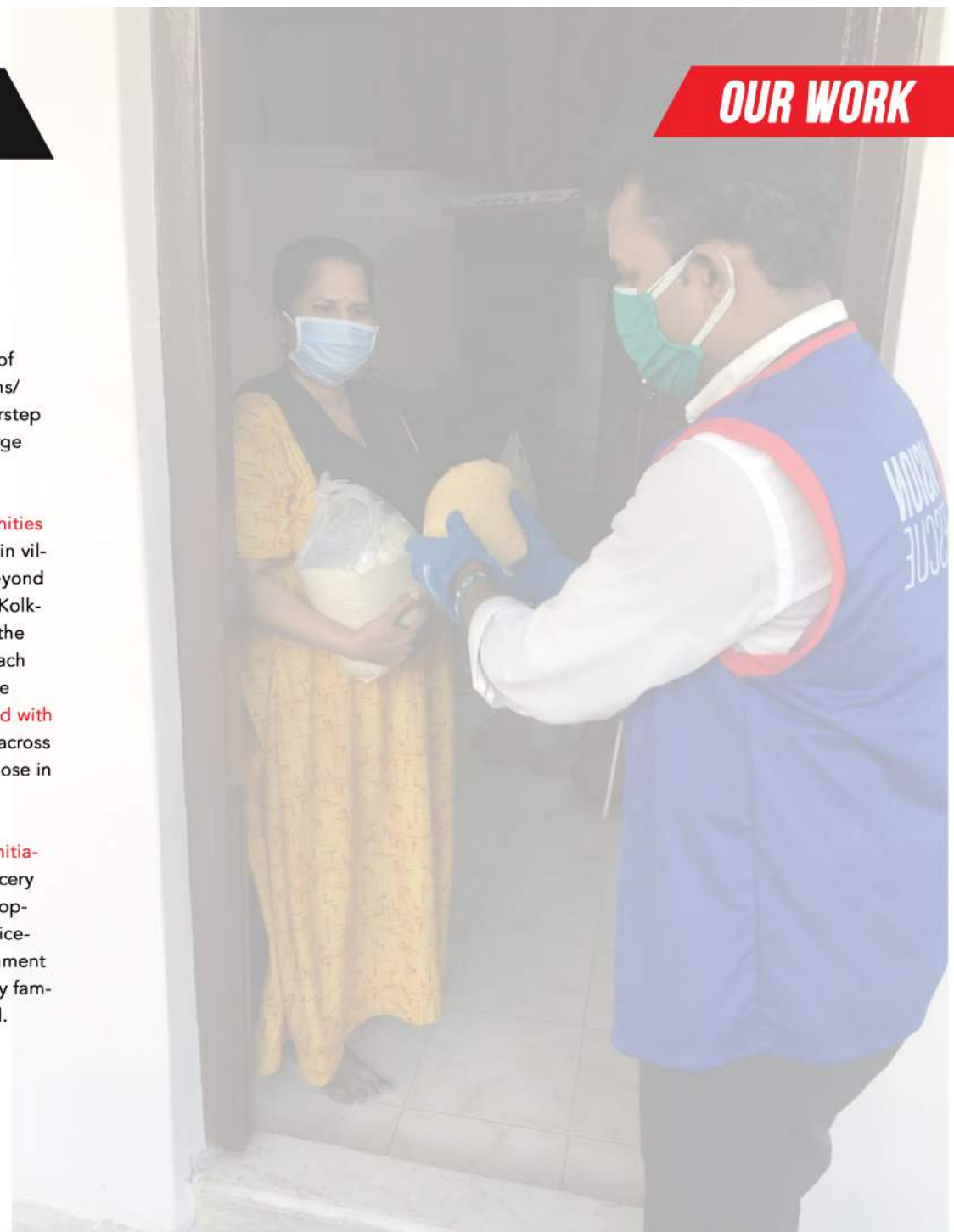
Distribution Process :- Grocery supplies were packed into individual bags for each family at our office and delivered at our

Community Centers' along with a list of families, which was used by Champions/ leaders during distribution at the doorstep of beneficiary families to avoid any large gatherings.

Modus of Grocery Delivery to communities in need Nationwide :- Several families in villages, tier-two towns, and cities far beyond Vision Rescue's target cities Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai, were affected due to the pandemic and it wasn't possible to reach them just through Vision Rescue's Case Management system. So we **networked with over 40+ different NGOs** and groups across India to distribute Grocery Bags to those in need.

We also **supplemented Government initiatives** to combat the hunger crisis. Grocery Bags were given to Community Development Officers of Municipal Wards, Policemen and Probation Officers of Government Homes to be distributed to beneficiary families during patrolling and as per need.

OUR WORK



HUNGER CRISIS

NGO Partnerships

Name of the NGO	
Oasis	Janjagruti Vidyarthi Sangh
Shivneri Welfare Society	C4TN
Jeevan Pravah	VSSS
Samvaad Foundation	Naujawan Bharat Sabha
Rangrez Bhiwandi	Omkar Sanghati SHG
Thagaat Kasara	Ekta Trust, Aarey Colony
Sneha	Ek Umeed - Nashik
Anugrah Jeevan Sanstha	WMS
Alert India	Sambodhi Buddha Vihar
Prerana	Rainbow Foundation
Suwarna Kalyan	College of Social Work Nirmala Niketan
Masoom Foundation	Feeding India
International Justice Mission	The Breakfast Revolution
Ashirwad swadeshi Mandali	Adarsh
RSMKA	Harmony Foundation

Faith Organisations Partnerships

NLMET
Masihi Sangthi Sadan
Sharon Fellowship Trust
Tree of Life
Mahaneh-Dan Fellowship Center,
Zoe Life Fellowship
Harvest Mission Church
NLF
Young & Free Mumbai

Government Organisations Partnerships

Mankhurd Police Station
Mulund Check-Naka
M-East Ward Office
Chennai Police
Ayanambakkam Covid Containment Community
Chennai Police
Chennai Municipal Corporation

HUNGER CRISIS

1,377,284 (1.3 Million) Meals
provided through

31,807 Grocery bags
distributed to Mumbai & nationwide communities

78,000 meals
via grocery distributions to Community Kitchens.

7349 cooked meals
provided to migrant labourers

19,655 cooked meals
provided on streets

63,076+ Lives (15,769 Families)
impacted

67,968 packets of breakfast cereal
from The Breakfast Revolution distributed to in **children** slum communities.

9,843 Kg rice + 3177 Kg lentils + 1291 Lt oil
given to **6 Community Kitchens**

18,784 Water bottles + 26,604 Ready to Eat/Drink packets + 2,475 Refreshment drinks served to **policemen** on duty and **daily-wage labourers** reverse migrating from Mumbai.



HUNGER CRISIS

"We are daily wage labourers and we had no idea how we would survive 21 days without income. At the start of the lockdown on March 24, 2020, few of us VR Community Champions began cooking for poorer families with what little rations we had at home. Within a few days we also were completely out of stock. That's when VR reached us and hundreds of other families here with rations and even helped us start a community kitchen. People who have no food are now able to eat twice a day because of this kitchen. Thank you for remembering us in this difficult situation. We are so grateful to you for standing with us now."

Aasma - Community Kitchen Member
Kalwa slum community

"When the lockdown began in Shivaji Nagar, my whole community was in deep trouble. Most of us are daily wagers and with no work available, our income completely dried up. Within a few days, we had no money for food or water. I'm a VR parent & Community Champion. When I got your gift of monthly rations, I was so relieved. I also helped distribute groceries to over 40 families in my neighbourhood. People now see me and VR with love and respect like never before. You all have taken away our worry about food for a whole month. Thank you so much for that! But what will happen if this lockdown continues even more? I'm begging you to please help us poor till we can find work again."

Aisha
Shivaji Nagar slum community

"I am an intern with VR in Maharashtra Nagar slum. When I went to distribute rations to different houses here, I saw that most families had nothing left to eat. For this entire month they have survived on the dal, rice and oil that VR gave. Most of the families here have migrated from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. They are daily wage labourers without proper Government documentation. Without these cards they cannot get help from the ration shops. They can survive only if you all continue to help them."

Hasina
Maharashtra Nagar slum community

"My husband is a construction labourer and we manage on his daily-wage income alone. Within a few days after the lockdown, he could no longer find work and we had no money left and no food in our house. We were wondering how we would survive the days to come. That's when VR came into our community and gifted my family and hundreds of others here rations. As a VR Community Champion, I personally went to over 40 houses to door-deliver grocery bags to them.

In most houses, they were preparing to eat their last few meals. When they saw me come with rations, they began crying. They said they couldn't believe that help had reached their doorstep. Thank you for everything you are doing to help us in this time."

Israti
Shivaji Nagar slum community

"When I went to distribute rations to families is when I saw how bad the situation was. People were almost dying of hunger in many houses, but today, because of Vision Rescue, they are able to eat at least once a day. There are hundreds of families here without proper Government documentation. This means they cannot get free rations and they are surviving only because of others' help. Those who were very poor before are struggling even more now. Even the well-off families are hit. They have no money to pay rent or feed their families. They can't travel back to their hometowns. They need help."

Nahida
Maharashtra Nagar slum community

Our house burnt down in a fire at the start of the lockdown. We had no place to lie down and nothing to eat. We've been staying with our neighbours. We got no help from anyone. People would come and see our situation, say they would help and go away. The heavy monsoons now have made things even worse. Vision Rescue stepped in and helped us rebuild our lives with so many home essentials beyond just groceries. Thank you.

Safiya
Shivajinagar slum community

HUNGER CRISIS



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"In this tribal community, we were able to identify 100 homes that were truly in desperate need for food and rations. We at Shramjeevi Sanghatna alerted Samvaad Foundation of the need, who in turn contacted Vision Rescue, who immediately responded with groceries bags that would feed one family 40 meals. We were able to go house to house to different parts of the villages here and door-deliver groceries to 100 families. Thank you for helping us reach this very vulnerable population to whom no help had come to as yet."

Samvaad Foundation & Shramjeevi Sanghatna
Bhiwandi tribal community

"In the areas of Vashinaka and Laldongar, there are large communities of migrant labourers living in tents beside the construction projects they are working on - either drilling roads and drains or building apartments. Among these are also single women, housemaids, orphans, the disabled, check-point/toll operators and children. They are all daily-wage labourers and once the lockdown began, they had no work and no means to get money. Your gifts saved 198 such families from starvation. We are so grateful for this."

Kalpana (Alert India NGO)
Turbhe red light area, Navi Mumbai

"A recent fire destroyed the homes and belongings of this marginalised community, many of whom belong to scheduled castes and tribes. The men here are labourers and the women are self-employed waste pickers. They sort through public rubbish dumps and sell what plastic they find is reusable. Each family here has 6-9 members including children and aged parents. The percentage of addicted men here is high and many children work in the waste too. With the lockdown, they lost what meagre income they did have. Thank you for supporting 220 families here with rations in this time when the people don't have food or money. This community needs long-term, permanent solutions to lift them out of poverty, so that their children, at least, never work as waste pickers again."

Ek Umeed NGO
Nashik

"At the foothills of the Kasara Ghats, there is a tribal community - Radaisapada comprising 457 people. Only two families here own farmland. The others survive by gathering dry firewood, kala jamun and mangoes from the forests nearby and selling it on the railway platform in the town. When the lockdown was enforced, this daily-wage income was completely wiped out, and these already impoverished tribal communities went hungry. One person died from starvation. When this news came on local TV, Vision Rescue contacted us and gifted 120 families here a month's rations and grocery kits for 40 meals each to 200 other families. We could finally see smiles here. Earlier, this community feared death by the virus or death by starvation. We thank you that the latter is no longer a worry."

TBU Sanstha NGO
Kasara

"My new born baby and I both are sick. My father cannot take us to the hospital due to the lockdown. Both my father and brother who work as daily labourers are now jobless. Our house has blown away during (cyclone)Amphan. We have no proper shelter over our heads. Every time it rains there is water seeping through our roof. Thank you for reaching out to us and giving us groceries during these troubled times."

Sex trafficking survivor
Sundarbans, West Bengal |
(In partnership with anti trafficking nonprofit WMS)

HUNGER CRISIS



II: COVID-19 RESPONSE

HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

69,279 pieces of personal protective equipment were donated to **20** network hospitals, healthcare institutions, municipal bodies, police forces and citizen groups battling the pandemic across Mumbai.

Network Hospitals

King Edward Memorial (KEM) Hospital
TNMC & Nair Hospital
Sir J J Group of Hospitals
Gokuldas Tejpal (GT) Hospital
Sion Hospital
Bhabha Hospital, Kurla
Shatabdi Hospital, Chembur
Rajawadi Hospital, Ghatkopar
Krantiveer Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Hospital, Vikhroli
Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Hospital, Kalwa
Civil Hospital, Thane

Police Stations & Municipal Bodies

Vikhroli Police Station	Kalwa Police Station
M East Ward Police Station	Badlapur Municipal Corporation
Shivajinagar Police Station	
Mankhurd Police Station	Badlapur Police Station

Citizen Bodies

YWAM
Vikhroli Youth Group

OUR IMPACT

Face Shields	2500
PPE Kits	3758
Hand Gloves	15790
Washable Masks	20325
Disposable Masks	2050
3 Ply Masks	7900
FFP2 Masks	700
N95 Masks	900
Masks (KN95)	200
Head caps	100
Dead Body Covers	100
Doctor's Scrubs	300
Sanitizers (5ltr)	192
Sanitizers (small)	206
Sanitizers (90ml)	5500
Sanitizer Foot Stand	10
Hand Soaps	3905
Floor Disinfectants	20
Goggles	200
3-Function Hospital Beds	2
Pedestal Fans	4
Disposable Bed Sheets	600
Multi Purpose Monitors	3
Infrared Thermometers	10
Tooth Brushes	435
Toothpastes -13 gm	510
Toothpastes -100 gm	59
Tablets - Amoxicillin 500mg Diclofenac 50 mg Paracetamol 500mg	3000
TOTAL	69279

II: OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN

EDUCATION

From March 2020 onward, when the world shut down for the pandemic, our Education Program came to a standstill. Most of our children living in impoverished slum communities were on the wrong side of the digital divide. Across India, only 2% of students from the poorest income groups had access to computers with the Internet; only 3% had access to computers at home and only 10% had access to the Internet through any digital device. (1) Over 320 million learners in India were adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, according to UNICEF (October 2020) - a majority of them from underprivileged backgrounds, like our children. (2)

Through March 2020, Vision Rescue's teaching staff and social workers tried to reach students via their parents' phones, and found that only about 400 children (half our student strength) could be reached online. To engage these children, we started off with an online summer camp. Our teachers sent activities or e-worksheets for each subject of the syllabus, every weekday, to the parents' phone. The children completed the activity at home and their parents took a video of the child doing the activity, and sent it back to the teacher.

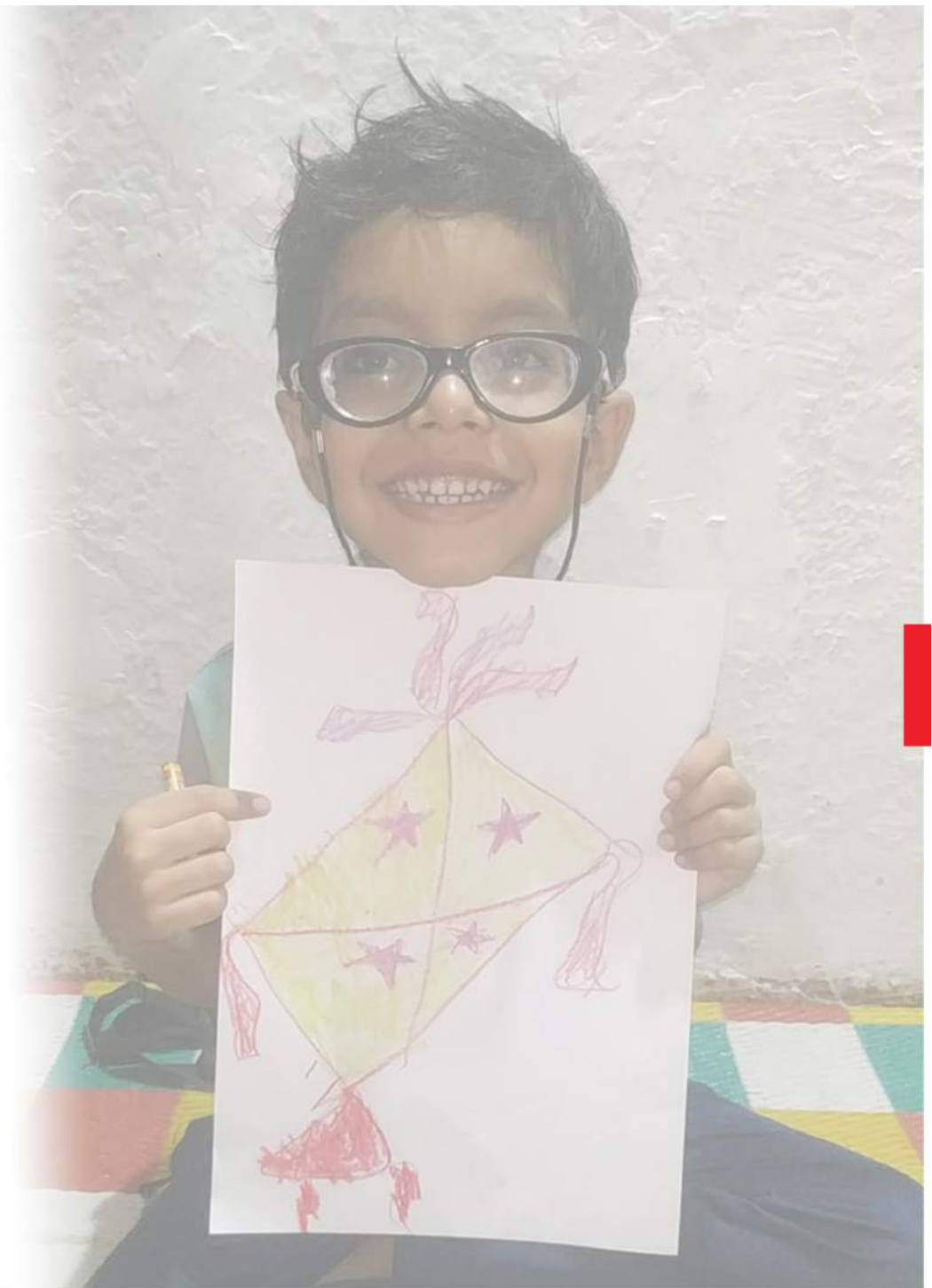
Within two months, to reach the remainder of our children, our teachers came up with the novel idea of training Education Representatives - a team of 40 young women living in these slum communities, who had completed their higher secondary examinations, as well as had a personal smartphone. These Representatives received daily lessons from our teachers on their personal devices. The **Education Representatives** then visited the homes of each Vision Rescue child in their neighbourhood and assisted them with their lessons for an hour or two, using their own personal device.

In this manner we left no stone unturned in making education accessible to **877 children** of the Pre-Primary and Primary classes enrolled in our Beacon Learning Centres, as well as the Open Basic Education Program. It was in this manner that Vision Rescue conducted our first ever academic year online, since we began operations in 2004.

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833 children were engaged in **education** through Vision Rescue's online Beacon Learning Centres through this academic year.

The academic year started with an **online summer camp** for **400** children, followed by the academic year of **online teaching** through videos, and students' progress was updated on a progress log. **Open houses** too were conducted online.

41 Education Representatives and **14 Education Interns** were hired from our target slum communities to help our teachers reach students who did not have access to smartphones at home. The Representatives & Interns **went to the homes** of these students and taught them on their own phone.

Special Days such as Independence Day, Children's Day & Diwali were celebrated by the children through online activities.

72 children were enrolled into formal school, despite formal school closures.

For the first time, **12 students** in our Open Basic Education Program attended and passed the **NIOS-OBE exam digitally** with flying colours!

Tuition Centres were launched in six of our slum community locations in **Chennai**, led by educated women from these communities, taking tuition for over **50 children** living there.

ACHIEVEMENTS



II: OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN

EDUCATION

"I have 7 children; 3 study at Vision Rescue . We struggled badly when the lockdown began. I was wondering how we would all survive, when I got a call from Vision Rescue saying rations were available in my children's names. This helped us for a few days. Then we got a call again saying that more groceries were available! We collected this too. Vision Rescue has been like a personal companion in this lockdown, looking after not just my children's education & health, but providing for my family's food. Now the teachers are sending me songs and stories every day. My children love practising and sending their own videos back to the teachers! I don't have words to thank you enough for what you're doing."

Muzammil
Kalwa slum community

"My biggest fear during the lockdown was what would happen to my children's education. Would they lose a year? How would they continue to study? Vision Rescue took away this fear by helping me teach my children at home with the mobile. Every time I have a difficulty, I can contact the teachers and they always help me. You have stood strong with us and done everything you possibly could to help us and our children. I thank you with all my heart."

Krishna G.
Kalwa slum community

"With the long lockdown, we were afraid that our children would forget all that they had learnt in school. But now with the online videos, my children are learning so much every single day. I no longer fear that they will drop out of school or become illiterate. I grew up in this Kalwa slum and there was a time when there was no school here. But today, through Vision Rescue, my children get such good education right here in this slum. I never imagined that we could learn so much by being at home!"

Anju Shetty
Kalwa slum community

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS' PARENTS!

"I sell vegetables on the pavement for a living. We are a family of four and my son studies with Vision Rescue . Our situation became quite serious during the lockdown. With everything shut down, what vegetables will I sell and who will buy them? We were able to survive for a few days, but after that I could see no way forward. We decided to try and return to our hometown. That's when the first batch of Vision Rescue 's rations reached us. We survived on that for 15 days, and then again we got another batch from Vision Rescue. We cancelled our decision to go home. My child's teacher is supporting him a lot on the mobile. They send activities to do at home. We want to stay here so that our children can continue their education."

Akhilesh
Kalwa slum community

I graduated from Vision Rescue's Culinary Training Institute and I was working at the job I got after the course. But because of the lockdown, I've been at home for 3 months. We have survived because of the rations you sent us. My daughter, who studies with Vision Rescue, waits for 9 am every morning when her teachers will send that day's videos. Poems, songs, stories, activities, exercises...both my daughter and I are doing things we've never done before together at home! We are so lucky to be with Vision Rescue."

Nausheen
Kalwa slum community

"In the month of May 2020, I didn't even know how to use a mobile phone. But thanks to so much help and training from Vision Rescue's teachers, I was able to learn and now I can help my son participate in the online summer camp! Thank you for giving not just the children, but us parents so much knowledge at this time."

Rekha
Maharashtra Nagar slum community

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SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM

In the slum communities where Vision Rescue hosts Beacon Learning Centres, we've networked with 14 municipal schools in the vicinity, providing their at-risk children with support services such as self-defence, football & kabaddi coaching as a means to incentivise education. Over the years we have also conducted resource-building initiatives such as creating libraries and computer labs, alongside providing teacher-training workshops to strengthen the existing public education system. These measures ensure that both our Vision Rescue students and others enrolled in these schools have higher chances of sustaining in their education, rather than dropping out.

The School Support Program began with 233 children in 2018 who were handpicked by the partner schools for immediate, targeted intervention as their attendance in school was very low and they were at high-risk of dropping out. With these children, we launched weekly sports lessons in self defence and football after classes, accompanied with life skill programs. By early 2020, we had expanded this program to cover 14 municipal schools near impoverished communities in Mumbai & Thane.

When the pandemic hit, we continued to work with students from the 14 schools under the Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC) and Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC). However, we could only contact 412 of them via mobile phones. Even so, we conducted live online sessions in self defence, kabaddi & football, as well as sent video-recorded tutorials for students to learn in a self-paced manner. Additionally, our team conducted sessions on life skills, drawing, art and craft, computer training, English communication and kitchen gardening to keep students engaged in education. Skill Development & Livelihood training was also conducted online for 40 mothers and older sisters of our students.

All students had monthly follow-ups done by our coaches. The performance of both non-active and active students was recorded and parents were updated about their performance in the Parents-Teachers' Meets held online. These regular check ups not only helped them stay safe, but it also ensured that they did not drop out of formal school. Reports about all students were updated and given to their respective school teachers.



II: OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Program (SSP)

BMC School no. 3 (Urdu)

BMC School no. 3 (Marathi)

BMC School no. 4

BMC School no. 6

BMC School no. 9

Cheeta Camp BMC School Urdu 4

Cheeta Camp BMC School Urdu 2

Cheeta Camp BMC School Urdu 3

Cheeta Camp BMC school - Hindi Medium

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TMC School no. 27

TMC School no. 92

ACHIEVEMENTS

BMC & TMC MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VISION RESCUE'S SCHOOL SUPPORT

412 children were enrolled in our School Support Program from **14 municipal schools** (BMC & TMC) even during the pandemic.

Our coaches trained them in **self-defence, football & kabaddi** through online tutorial videos sent via Whatsapp Groups to students throughout the year.

160 students were provided with basic **online Computer Education** (Digital Sakshar) in partnership with Pratham. These include children from Vision Rescue's Sports Club too.

Through the year, various **additional activities** were conducted to engage the children, such as Life-skill Sessions, Drawing, Art & Craft, English learning & Kitchen Gardening.

77 children benefit from a **Dental Camp** that was conducted on campus.

40 women, mothers or older sisters of our SSP students, benefit from our Skill Development & livelihood course in **Tailoring**, conducted online.



III: OUR WORK WITH FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

CASE MANAGEMENT & COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Our work in Case Management

Vision Rescue exists to free children from all forms of exploitation by engaging and sustaining them in education. While our education programs engage children effectively, we've seen many children unable to learn freely as they are weighed down by the shackles of poverty such as malnourishment, ill health, financial instability, addiction and abuse within their own family.

To break children out of these bonds of cyclical poverty, we launched our **Case Management System** in 2017 that offers a host of allied services to the child's family and their community with the sole aim of sustaining the child in education. Each child in our care is allotted a Case Officer who assesses the child's and their family's needs and connects them to our support-service departments such as the medical team, dental team, skill development & livelihood team, etc to meet these needs.

During the pandemic, Vision Rescue's Case Officers were unable to access our children and their families in person due to a series of multiple national and city-wide lockdowns to combat the repeated waves of Covid-19. Thus our Case Officers switched to connecting with our children's families via Google Meets & phone calls,

ensuring that their needs were met during this time. Numerous awareness camps were held online and offline to inform the families about the many poverty alleviation schemes that are available to them.

Our work in Community Champions Development Program

In addition to connecting with our children's families, we also seek to empower their community by equipping them with knowledge and tools for self empowerment that are specific to their situation. To this end, in 2018, we launched the **Community Champions Development Program (CCDP)**, wherein key individuals from our target slum communities are trained throughout the year to become agents of social change in their own society.

As parents themselves, these 'Community Champions' are experiencing firsthand the transformative power of education for their children. Over 250 of them now volunteer weekly with us as 'Champions' that advocate for education, healthcare, nutrition and community development among their own communities. When the pandemic hit in 2020 and the multiple lockdowns were announced by the Government, it was the Community Champions who walked many extra miles to reach out to families in their own community.

Since our Vision Rescue staff could not be physically present, it was the Community Champions that had access to our Community Centres and were deeply instrumental in delivering many of our services during that time.

Every month our nutrition team would prepare grocery kits with staple food items, sufficient for a family of five for one month and send these packed kits via vans for every single Beacon Learning Centre child's family. **The Community Champions then handled the distribution of these grocery kits** to those in need in their community. The Champions carefully and systematically planned this grocery distribution to avoid crowding and large gatherings, in keeping with the local Covid-19 police and safety protocols. The Community Champions successfully accomplished this task every month of the pandemic year.

The pandemic revealed to us more than ever before the power of empowering the community to uplift themselves. We are immensely proud of our Community Champions and excited to witness the transformation that they will bring to their neighbourhoods in the years to come.

III: OUR WORK WITH FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

CASE MANAGEMENT & COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1565 families under Vision Rescue's Case Management were provided with grocery support every month of the pandemic. Additionally, Vision Rescue supported **6 Community Kitchens** in our target slums by providing them with raw materials and groceries for mass cooking.

73 key Community Champions were trained online by our partner NGO Justice Ventures International, on topics such as child rights, Domestic Violence Act, Juvenile Justice Act, Protection of Children against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and other **Government Schemes and Provisions**.

As a result of the above training, **235 Community Champions** and other community members **registered** themselves under various Government Schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojna, Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojna.

192 community members were referred for jobs and **1930 community members** also benefited from **85 focus-group** online meetings to raise awareness about key social issues such as the importance of health and education.

75 Co-Champions were additionally identified and trained by the existing pool of Community Champions.

Community Champions also identified over **200 women** for an **adult literacy program**, teaching them how to write their names and sign.

ACHIEVEMENTS



A pandemic, floods and hunger

Abdul Kasim | 4 years

Abdul Kasim's father is the sole earning member in their family of eight. The news of the country-wide lockdown in March was a great shock to them. Kasim's father lost his job, the family was left in distress and couldn't afford basic necessities such as groceries or house rent.

Kasim's mother was pregnant; she feared that her children would not have enough to eat. Their situation grew worse with mounting debts during the lockdown. With no alternative in sight, Kasim's family borrowed money to survive.

That's when your generosity reached Kasim's family. At the start of the lockdown, your donations provided them with hygiene kits and groceries every single month. The kids were happy to have nutritious snacks too. Kasim's mother also received medical assistance from our Healthcare team throughout her pregnancy.

Kasim continues to be an active participant in his online education through Vision Rescue and he dreams of becoming a dancer when he grows up. Kasim's mother is now blessed with a baby boy.

Thank you for reaching out with love in their most difficult times! Here's what Kasim's mother Saafiya has to say about your help to their family:

"In the rainy season, our roof was leaking. Our children's books were drenched in water. They couldn't sit anywhere. We didn't have enough money to even cover our roof. That's when Vision Rescue reached out to us, and gave us tarpaulins to cover our roof."

Battling unemployment and debt

Hasinfatma | 5 years

Like thousands of others, Hasinfatma's family migrated from one of India's poorest states to make a living in the city of dreams - Mumbai. They settled in a hutment beside Mumbai's largest garbage dump.

We first met Hasinfatma on the streets of her slum community in 2019. When we spoke to her parents about her education, they were a bit hesitant as they did not have enough to pay for the child's commute to the school and they believed that she was too young to study. Our community workers counselled them about the importance of early childhood education and they were convinced.

Hasinfatma was enrolled in our Beacon Learning Centre in 2019. She was close to completing a year with us when the lockdown began in India. Schools all around her slum were shut, but your generosity helped Hasinfatma to attend Vision Rescue's classes online.

During the lockdown, the family borrowed money to survive as Hasinfatma's father lost his job as a leather-bag maker. That's when your help reached out to them with groceries every month, nutritious snacks for Hasinfatma and her siblings, as well as tarpaulins for their leaking roof in the monsoon.

III: OUR WORK WITH FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

HEALTHCARE FOR FAMILIES

Our work in Healthcare for families

In vulnerable slum communities plagued by poverty, **access to quality healthcare** is one of the foremost challenges most families face. The pandemic only made this situation worse. That's why, even during the pandemic, Vision Rescue's healthcare team prioritised **partnerships** with municipal hospitals, and enabled **referrals** to these hospitals for over **300 of those unwell** in our target slum communities.

The pandemic was also a time of rampant mis-information and panic stemming from fear-mongering videos doing the rounds on social media. To counter this, our medical & dental teams prioritised raising the awareness levels of parents. Every month, our dental team produced an average of five **awareness videos** and audio notes, which were sent directly to each of our children's parents on Whatsapp, on a range of topics related to oral health & hygiene, including video demonstrations and tips for good dental care. **Awareness sessions** were also conducted live on GMeet or Zoom by our medical team, throughout the year.

One of the most important initiatives conducted by our healthcare teams during the pandemic are the ANC (ante-natal care)

camp for **pregnant mothers and new-born children** in our slum communities. Nearly 47% of India's poorest children are not fully immunised, says Government data released in 2019 (1). Access to routine vaccination became even more difficult during the pandemic. Additionally, even pre-pandemic India was home to 33% of the world's child brides, which meant that 1.6 crore girls between 15 and 19 in India become pregnant each year. (2) Most of these are high-risk pregnancies. Even among older women giving birth, the odds are stacked against them with more than 3 out of 10 women, between 20 to 24 years, dying during childbirth in India due to anaemia. (3) To combat all of these hurdles is why Vision Rescue conducted ANC (ante-natal care) camps to reach mothers and children with vital awareness information and immunisations even during the pandemic.

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II: OUR WORK WITH FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

HEALTHCARE ACHIEVEMENTS

314 parents & community members from our target slum communities were provided with referrals to our partner hospitals for treatment.

315 children & 35 expecting women were provided with vaccinations such as BCG, Penta 1,2,3, MMR and other immunisations at 13 ANC & Immunisation Camps.

15 awareness programs were held through live online sessions or recorded videos reaching over **17,000** views on the following topics:

- Covid-19 Vaccination
- Covid-19 Disease Awareness
- World Kidney Day
- World Anti-Tobacco Day
- World AIDS Day
- Worm Infestation
- Community Health
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Family Planning
- Health & Hygiene
- Arthritis
- Breast-feeding
- Nutrition
- Monsoon Diseases
- Selection & Usage of PPE

Partnerships and networking was done with the following **10 Government Hospitals** for referrals and donations of

Covid-19 personal protective equipment:

- King Edward Memorial (KEM) Hospital
- TNMC & Nair Hospital
- Sir J J Group of Hospitals
- Gokuldas Tejpal (GT) Hospital
- Sion Hospital
- Bhabha Hospital, Kurla
- Shatabdi Hospital, Chembur
- Rajawadi Hospital, Ghatkopar
- Krantiveer Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Hospital, Vikhroli
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Hospital, Kalwa
- Civil Hospital, Thane

Our **Jeevandan Mobile Dental Unit** completed 10 years of operations, impacting over 22,000 individuals in this timespan.

70 Awareness Videos on topics such as functions of teeth, dental health and oral hygiene were created by the **Dental Team** receiving over 1,53,921 views online.



III: OUR WORK WITH FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND LIVELIHOOD TRAINING

Our work

In India, women account for only 25% of the total labour force. Worse 95 per cent, or around 195 million women, are employed in the unorganised sector or in unpaid labour. (1) The aim of Vision Rescue's Skill Development and Livelihood Training Program, launched in 2016, is to help these disadvantaged women become financially independent so that they can eventually sustain their children in education in the years to come. The courses are targeted at the mothers of our Beacon Learning Centre children, and their older adolescent sisters who have either dropped out of education or were unemployed.

When the pandemic struck in 2020, our courses didn't stop. They continued through video recordings and voice-notes where the tutors would send weekly lessons through a video recording and the women would complete the learning activity, and send a video or photo of their work back to the tutor.

Once women graduate from our courses, they are either connected to employment opportunities near them or empowered for home entrepreneurship. Many of the women choose to form or join **Self Help Groups (SHGs)** that then take on business orders for products.

The proceeds from these sales go directly to the women and improve their financial stability.

Besides the above Skill Development and Livelihood Training courses, in 2019, Vision Rescue launched a **Culinary Training Institute** in partnership with Open Gate International, USA. While the face-to-face, practical course had to be stalled during the pandemic, a short-term, theoretical course was introduced, to ensure continual engagement of students who were enrolled.

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III: OUR WORK WITH FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

SKILL DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOOD TRAINING

244 mothers and older sisters of our Beacon Learning Centre children and School Support Program students were enrolled in the following Skill Development & Livelihood Training Courses conducted online: **181 graduated.**

Tailoring
Mehendi
Fabric Bag
Hand Embroidery (new course)

15 women benefit from a **Self-Help Group** workshop conducted online on topics such as making Sling bags, lanterns, envelopes, tea coasters, gift boxes etc.

56 graduates are successfully **employed**, taking on either freelance or business work in tailoring, paper-bag making or painting.

Over **20,000 masks** were stitched at home for the benefit of slum community members by **65+ graduates** of our tailoring course.

13 graduates from **Vision Rescue Culinary Training Institute** were referred for employment at establishments such as Love & Cheesecake, and Theobroma.

A new **short-term course (1 month)** was started to train students online in **simple culinary skills** such as knife skills, basic bakery & pastry, soups, pastas, as well as life skills. **24** students benefit from this.

ACHIEVEMENTS



IV: THE MOVEMENT INDIA

OUR IMPACT

OUR WORK

The Movement India (TMI) is a social impact team that works through advocacy, volunteering and talent development to meet needs in the areas of human trafficking, mental health and education for poor income communities.

397 Volunteers engaged

21371 Beneficiaries impacted

992 Hours served

62 Colleges | 9 Businesses | 36 Non-profits reached

300 educational assets created

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IV: THE MOVEMENT INDIA

VOLUNTEERING

*CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ANYONE,
ANYWHERE TO SERVE THE NEEDY WITH THEIR TIME AND TALENTS.*

I TELEPHONE ADVOCACY

College students volunteered to converse via audio & video calls directly with former prisoners and women in red light areas during the pandemic to check on their well being and raise awareness about COVID-19.

Volunteers 153
Beneficiaries 1131

II DIGITAL STORYTELLER

Volunteers from various colleges recorded 88 audio fiction stories - 62 in English & 26 in Hindi - to enable students in Mumbai's slum communities to continue learning at home on their phones when schools closed during the pandemic.

Volunteers 11
Beneficiaries 374

III DIGITAL TUTOR - VOCATIONAL SKILLS

Volunteers from Skill Development colleges created 65 training videos and 89 images in mehendi, embroidery and hairstyle design, to enable women in Mumbai's slum communities to continue with their vocational skill development from home during lockdowns.

Volunteers 30
Beneficiaries 33

OUR IMPACT

IV DIGITAL TUTOR - LIFE SKILLS

Volunteers from HDFC Sales Pvt Ltd and IBS business school created 32 training videos on life skills such as grooming, conversations, kindness etc to empower women and children in Mumbai's slum communities.

Volunteers 28
Beneficiaries 88

V DIGITAL TUTOR - ENGLISH, MATH & GK

Volunteers created 26 training videos and 21 worksheets to build English language skills for children in Mumbai's slum communities. They also taught English, Math, General Knowledge to residential children at shelter homes both in person and online.

Volunteers 85
Beneficiaries 327

VI MISSION ADMISSION

Volunteers assisted teachers of children from slum communities in digitising offline educational material and filling in student data.

Volunteers 5
Beneficiaries 19

VII MEDICAL WORKSHOP

Volunteers from VES College of Pharmacy conducted first-aid medical workshop for women and teens within vulnerable slum communities.

Volunteers 2
Beneficiaries 110

IV: THE MOVEMENT INDIA

ADVOCACY

RAISING AWARENESS AMONG URBAN COLLEGES AND CORPORATES ABOUT KEY SOCIAL ISSUES AND EMPOWERING THEM TO TAKE CONCRETE ACTION WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

I HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Educated communities through in-person sessions and online campaigns about the reality of human trafficking and slavery in India today, key signs to spot it and effective ways to stop it.

Learning Hours 458
Beneficiaries 15,501

II DIGITAL TABLE

Co-hosted 3 conclaves with non-profit Prerana featuring over 35 anti-human trafficking non-profits across India and Bangladesh to enable collaboration and knowledge sharing on ground realities and best practices to combat human trafficking during the pandemic.

III GLOBAL FREEDOM SUMMIT

The Movement India was the India partner for the Global Freedom Summit, an international event across 71 countries, hosted by non-profit A21, to raise awareness about human trafficking worldwide.

Learning Hours 766
Beneficiaries 766

IV MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS - THE HANGOUT

Kick-started crucial conversations about mental health and equipped citizens to be first-responders to those battling mental health troubles around them, through face-to-face and online interactive sessions.

Learning Hours 1898
Beneficiaries 1138

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES WITH SOFT SKILLS FOR SUCCESS.

I BOOTCAMP

Trained TMI's volunteer community in the key volunteer DNA of integrity, ownership and servant leadership, through interactive online training sessions.

Learning Hours 1384
Beneficiaries 735

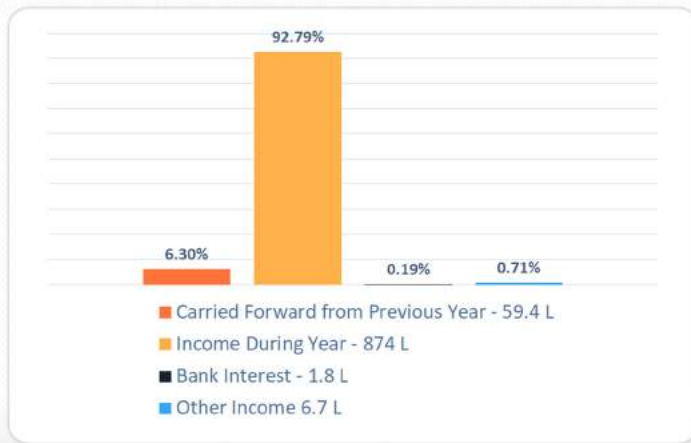
II LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Equipped children and adolescent girls in need of protection and care, residing in shelter homes and slum communities in Mumbai, with life skills training delivered through online interactive and activity-based sessions.

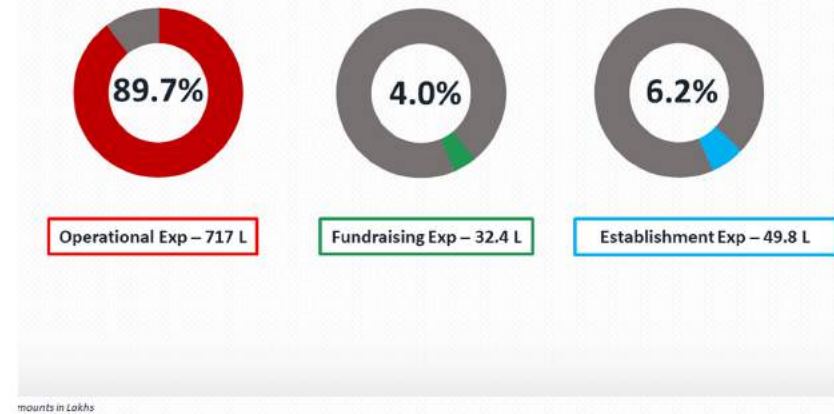
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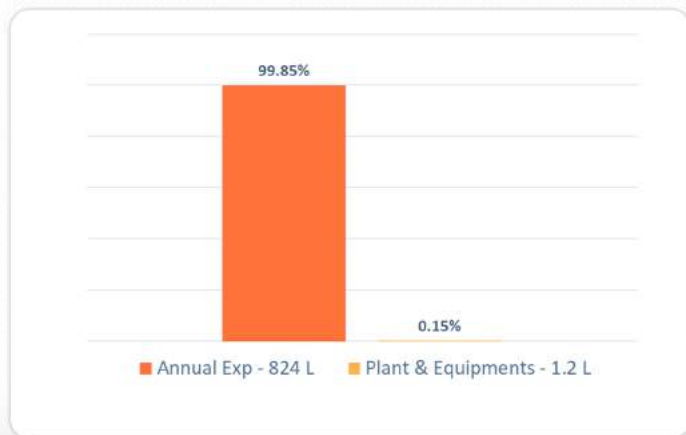
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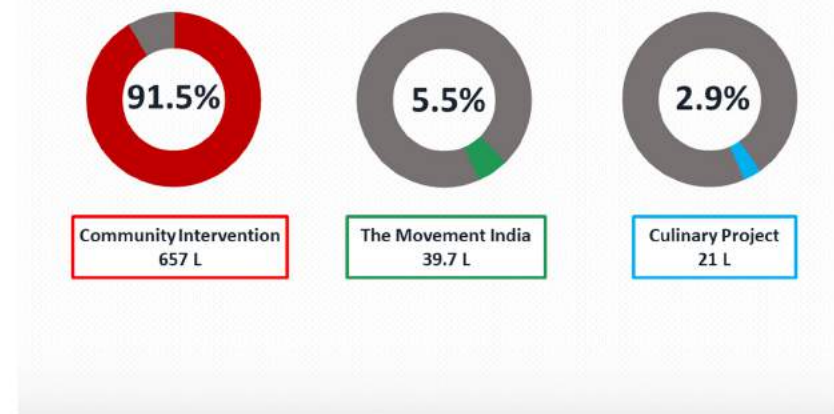
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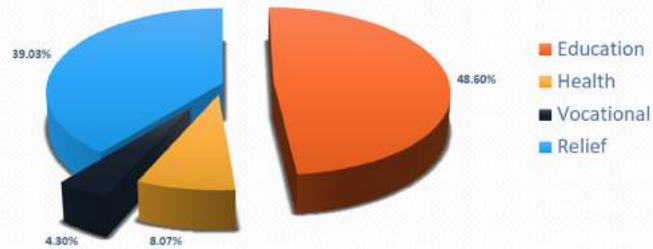
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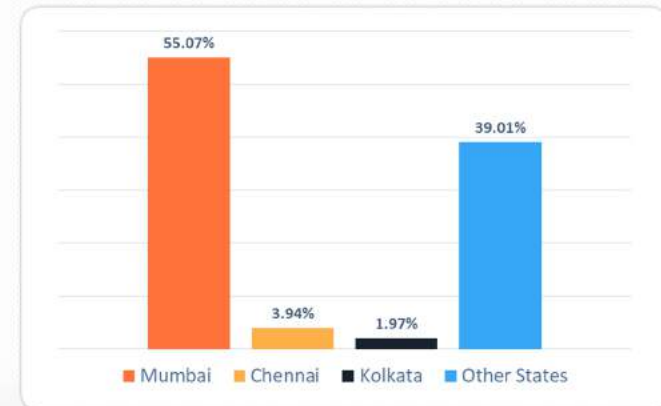
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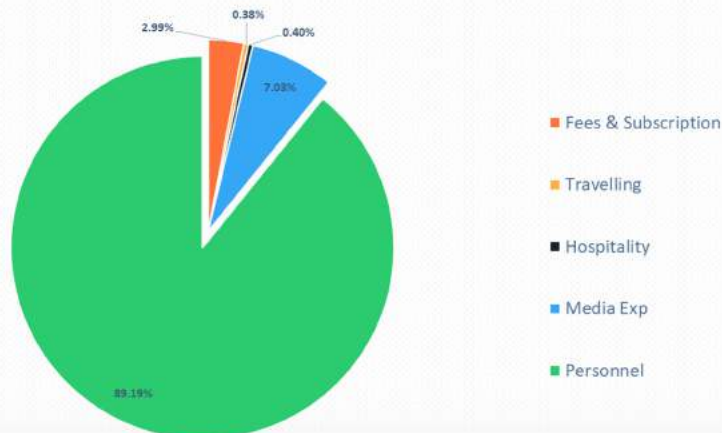


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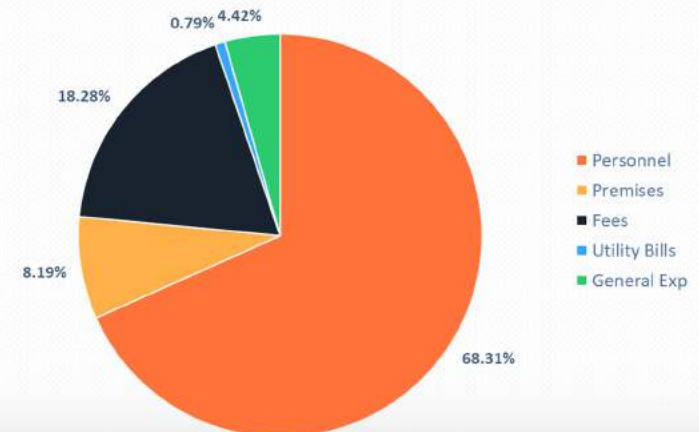
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