

Annual Report

2016-17



HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES
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Set up in 1991, Concern India Foundation, a registered non-profit, public charitable trust extends financial and non-financial support to grassroots NGOs working in the areas of education, health and community development.

Concern India Foundation works towards 'helping people help themselves', by making the disadvantaged self-reliant and enabling them to lead a life of dignity.

In the last 25 years we have strengthened and supported over 1000 NGO partners across the country. Currently, we support over 360 grassroots NGOs across India reaching out to 1,34,261 marginalised people directly through our offices in Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Pune

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ABRIDGED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 31.3.2017

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2017

PARTICULARS	(In crores)	LIABILITIES	(In crores)
Establishment Expenses	0.70	Corpus Funds	5.57
Legal and Professional Charges	0.10	Income & Expenditure A/C	13.49
Audit Fees	0.01		
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	TOTAL	19.06
Depreciation	0.03		
Expenditure on Objects of the Trust	10.64	ASSETS	
TOTAL	11.48	Fixed assets	0.16
		Investments	11.77
Interest	0.66	NET CURRENT ASSETS	
Profit on redemption of MF	0.05	Current assets	
Donations in Cash or Kind	10.41	Less: Current liabilities	7.13
Other Income	0.02		
TOTAL	11.14	TOTAL	19.06
Total Surplus/Deficit	-0.33		

Summarised from financial statements audited by M/s Y. K. Bhagwagar & Co., Chartered Accountants.
Dated: 15th September, 2017 at Mumbai.

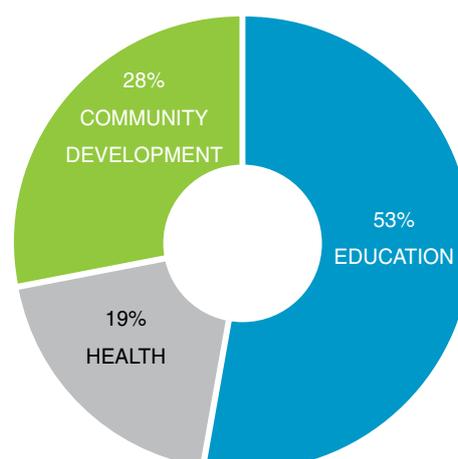
TRANSFORMING LIVES

Number of programmes supported – 363

Number of lives touched – 1,34,261

Lives touched through our education initiatives	15,631
Lives touched through our health programmes	37,245
Lives changed through our community development projects	81,385
Number of children we reached out to	25,339
Number of women we reached out to	34,469
Lives touched through our old age interventions	917
Lives touched through our programmes working with the differently abled	2,955

DISBURSALS



A GLIMPSE INTO THE PROGRAMMES WE SUPPORT

Nurturing Underprivileged Youth in National Sports and Training

Bengaluru

Concern India Foundation has created a platform for providing athletic training to promising underprivileged children under the aegis of Bangalore School Sports Federation since January 2017 at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium. The training is at two levels – the first 3 months are for basic training and the next 9 months are for advanced training. The basic training focuses on agility, stamina strength and endurance. The advanced training is based on every individual's area of performance to build more skills and techniques. The children have been provided with a sports kit each, which also includes a yoga mat, track pants, shorts, T-shirt and shoes. Every training day, the children are provided with nutritious snacks like eggs and milk. This initiative has helped the children boost their self confidence thereby also



boosting their self esteem. They have been able to prioritize their daily schedule so as to be part of this year long sports training along with their academics. There is a noticeable improvement in their stamina. During the school vacations, a workshop was organized for the children on "Sports - What is in it for Me" where they got inputs from different coaches about the scope they have in sports; being athletes or as trainers, opportunities for both higher education, jobs based on sports quota and on importance of nutrition and personal safety and care.

Reproductive Health Education Centre for Children

Bengaluru

In spite of stringent laws to protect children from sexual offences, children continue to be abused both at homes and communities mostly by trusted adults. Families and support systems do not know how to train children about safe and unsafe touch. As part of our core theme commitment, we initiated 'Suraksha'- Reproductive

Health Education' for children that provides awareness on cleanliness, hygiene and reproductive health education for boys and girls between the age group of 6-11 years. This initiative works for children belonging to vulnerable backgrounds with no or limited access to information. The programme engages in reproductive health and child protection initiative with a participatory reproductive health education curriculum so that girls and boys are protected from abuse and that the girls manage adolescent changes healthily. This helps the children in retention of what they have learnt and leads to practicing behavioural changes, which result in an increased level of confidence and life skills.

Enhancing Livelihood Security of Tribal Farmers

Mokhada

The tribal economy in the Palghar district of Maharashtra is largely agrarian and marked by lack of water, infrastructure, capital, dependency on money lenders, rain-fed traditional agricultural practices and, low agricultural productivity. The agricultural produce in the region is characterized by limited cropping and often leads to seasonal unemployment for farmers forcing them to migrate along with their families.

To empower farmers in two villages, Hirve and Tulyachapada, Concern India Foundation stepped forward to support a programme which was successful in providing a water solution through a lift irrigation system powered by solar energy. This is a sustainable model and will go a long way in enhancing the income levels of farmers. With the objective of efficient use of water resources and introduction of improved agriculture



technology, a drip irrigation pipeline has also been laid out in the farms. Water is now supplied to 160 acres of potential agricultural land during non-monsoon period. Natural resource management and land development is now possible due to water availability. The project has directly impacted diversification of livelihood options in the village – the farmers who were earlier migrants are now engaged in vegetable cultivation, tree plantation,

floriculture and nursery for plants. Farmers are now able to cultivate second crop adding to their income generation. The system has proved to be a huge boon to the area. This project can be a model for other villages too.

Computer on Wheels

Pune

The project was initiated in the month of July 2015 and has been instrumental in introducing computers and technology at day care centres for children of construction workers.

This is a unique project where the computer bus moves to eight day-care centres across the city and enables the children there to learn basic computer skills. The bus has two instructors to ensure that adequate time & attention is given to each child. Last year, around 861 children were reached out through the initiative. The project has also introduced a lot of digital games and also Microsoft Paint to make learning more effective. This project gave



the children an opportunity to get exposed to avenues which otherwise were not accessible. The bus has laptops which provide computer exposure and a toy library which brings joy in the lives of children at the construction sites. The Computer on Wheels programme works towards equipping children with skills to handle computers, building academic skills and technological competencies that would enable them to overcome the challenges pertaining to migration and build a brighter future for them.

Imparting Skills of Communication to the Hearing Impaired Youth

New Delhi

The programme was launched with the vision to mainstream the hearing impaired youth and children into the society through quality education and specialized vocational training leading to gainful employment.

It aims at building a strong foundation of basic skills among the hearing impaired youth by training them in Indian Sign Language and English Communication. The programme works on development of skills for

careers in sectors like hospitality, IT, Retail, backend IT processes etc. It provides vocational training in courses such as communication in English, Desktop Publishing



and Graphic Design, MS Office, Internet, Indian Sign Language, Keyboarding Skills and much more. The trainers orient the potential students on the various courses available, then assess each of them individually so as to obtain an understanding of their existing skills and thereby offering suitable courses as per their grasping power. Concern India Foundation supports two courses at the centre i.e., the Indian Sign Language & Communication in English. These two courses create a foundation for vocational training, resulting in enhanced employment opportunities. The training has improved livelihood among students, thereby enhancing their quality of life. There is now a shift in the attitude of families from viewing their wards with problems and issues to seeing their wards as potential contributors towards self and family.

After School Support for Vulnerable Girl Child

Hyderabad

Every year thousands of vulnerable women & children are lured to towns and cities by human traffickers with the hope of providing them a job but are forced into modern day slavery. Children of these women are very often neglected and looked down upon. Due to circumstances and financial constraints, mothers are unable to provide their children with basic needs, education is a step beyond. Their issues have been long neglected by the Government and the private sector. In order to reinforce the child's daily needs and education, Concern India Foundation supports a centre which aims at a holistic rehabilitation and mainstreaming the girl child of women who are trafficked into the society. Due to various emotional and behavioural issues, these women leave their children at the centre which is a residential facility that provides a conducive environment for their healthy upbringing. At the centre, the needs of the children are taken care of and they are enrolled in an English medium school in the vicinity of the centre. The

centre has succeeded in rehabilitating young girls from their exploitative environment by providing educational and residential care that is directed towards their overall



development. The children are facilitated with quality education in a stigma free environment, made aware of their basic rights, provided with quality health check-ups done by a qualified team of physicians to ensure overall growth and development.

Installation of RO Water Purification Systems Kanchipuram, Chennai

Kanchipuram, a district on the outskirts of Chennai, was one of the worst affected during the floods of 2015. The water bodies got affected, and so the quality of drinking water took a sudden fall and resulted in water borne diseases. Communicable diseases like typhoid, viral fever, cold, infection in respiratory systems became very common among them. As a measure for rehabilitation after the floods, Concern India Foundation supported sanitation drives which were conducted in 20 villages with the purpose of eliminating diseases associated with poor sanitation. The objective of these drives



was to encourage people's participation and create awareness on self hygiene and public sanitation among the residents of flood affected villages. Health camps for women & children were conducted in the community. The camps proved to be very useful with a huge turnout.

In order to reduce the health issues, RO water purification systems were installed in 10 villages of the district. The installation of these RO water purification systems have proven to be one of the model interventions to provide clean and hygienic drinking water in remote villages. By facilitating the villagers with purified drinking water, the level of diseases in the area has decreased and health issues among the community members have been prevented. The active participation of the villagers along with the panchayat bodies in identifying the land and other support systems have ensured community ownership in getting purified drinking water.

Higher Education Scholarship Programme New Delhi

In 2016, while reaching out to the youth for its Skill Development Centre, the Concern India Foundation supported programme came across the challenges faced by talented but less-privileged students who were interested in pursuing higher education rather



than working at entry level positions. In view of this, the programme offers scholarships to deserving candidates from Delhi/NCR & Bengaluru area to pursue their education in undergraduate/post-graduate & professional courses so as to launch a sustainable career in a field of their interest. Sponsoring the children with key educational expenses prevents them from dropping out of academics due to lack of resources. Along with financial support, activities like career guidance, counselling sessions, support in the admission process, mentoring programme, remedial classes, workshops and lectures are also organized for the scholars.

This programme, in association with a leading International hotel in New Delhi, has launched an initiative to empower underprivileged women between the age group of 18 to 30 years by training them with necessary skills required in the hospitality sector. The knowledge, attitude and confidence gained will enable them to get entry level jobs in the sector.

PUSHING BEYOND BOUNDARIES

Laxmi, a 19 year old girl from West Bengal, migrated to Delhi along with her family many years ago. Although Laxmi belongs to an economically poor family, she managed to dedicatedly complete her schooling and score 79% in class 12th. She also cleared the joint entrance test for National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology (NCHMCT). The Scholarship Programme then stepped in and supported Laxmi by extending financial support towards her tuition as well as hostel fees. Today, she is pursuing BSE programme in hospitality and hotel administration at IHM, Panipat.



Laxmi not only managed to get admission in the field of her choice but also outperformed at her institute by securing the top position in the first semester itself. Based on her academic excellence and determination, Laxmi has been offered an internship at Oberoi Sukh Villas, Chandigarh. Apart from excelling in academics Laxmi is also making her mark in co-curricular activities at her institute. She recently won the Miss Personality pageant due to her pleasant and endearing personality.

Educational Programme for Children with Learning Disabilities

Mumbai

We support a programme which works towards strengthening the municipal schools of Thane by providing remedial education and counselling services to deal with the issue of learning difficulties faced by underprivileged children. The beneficiaries of the programme are children from grade 3 to 8 who face learning lags and have difficulties in studying. It addresses the issue of learning disabilities in totality by providing a remedial program, a counselling program, and a training program. Through the use of response to intervention model, the programme throws light on the learning difficulties and addresses the issue of 'school dropout rate' in such schools by providing facilities of early detection and intervention. It also works towards curbing the number of ignored learning difficulties and works toward capacity building of these schools by creating awareness and providing adequate training to both the parents & the teachers so that they understand and accommodate these children.

TOWARDS EXCELLENCE!

Ganesh Khude, a 9 year old shy kid, studies in grade 3 of an English medium school under the Thane Municipal Corporation. He comes from a low income background with his father working as a labour in a private textile company and mother being a home maker. Ganesh faces difficulty in reading and recognizing alphabets. Ganesh was previously enrolled in private tuitions where the teacher struggled to teach as per his requirement as she was not a remedial educator. As a result of which she would often lose patience and hit Ganesh. He then joined remedial classes supported by Concern India Foundation. Initially, Ganesh was shy among his peers due to the learning lag and so, never spoke to anyone at the centre. The remedial educators taught him phonic sounds of consonants and vowels with words, showed each alphabet formation while doing phonic sounds; he was regularly given sheets to practice alphabets. He was also shown videos on phonic sounds so as to learn more words from each sound. He was encouraged to participate in groups with games to recognize alphabets and build



his confidence. With consistent determination shown by Ganesh and the programme staff, there has been a remarkable improvement in Maths & English and he can now read and write numbers upto 20 and arrange alphabets respectively. Ganesh now makes an effort to do his best & is more confident to participate in various activities and raises queries when in doubt.

A GLIMPSE OF EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Science Carnival

In Bengaluru, a Science Carnival was held as an employee engagement activity for Cadence Design Systems and the children from our supported programmes. It was initiated for children of age group 8 to 14 years to make them aware on the concepts of science through fun filled curriculum based experiments, projects, activities, expeditions and to endorse reasoning and logical thinking among children. Nearly 135 children from 4 schools and 40 volunteers participated in the hands on science activities, physics and chemistry experiments etc and each student took home one product made by them. The volunteers were briefed on different models exhibited and they asked to choose a model of their choice, where in they could explain it to the children. For instance, volunteers helped the children in fixing electronic bulbs. The competition among the groups was high as each of them tried finishing first. At the end of the day the children were happy to have learnt something which they could carry home. The volunteers were happy and were quite keen to take up such initiatives in future as well.

Fun with Hues

In Chennai, "Fun with Hues" a fun-filled painting event for special children and adults was organized at a corporate's international premises. One hundred and ninety intellectually impaired children and adults from various NGOs participated in the event which provided ample volunteering opportunities for employees of the corporate. These volunteer activities ranged from assisting with the core organisation of the event to engaging/interacting and assisting special children and adults. Two hundred volunteers were part of the event and each child was assisted by a volunteer during the drawing event.



A Fun Filled Day

In Hyderabad we brought together the employees from a corporate and the disadvantaged girls from a programme we support, to spend a day full of joyous activities.



The employees were invited to the rehabilitation home for the girl child and were shown around the residential facilities. The corporate employees took this as an opportunity to learn more about the background of these girls who were rescued from exploitative environments. The girls were divided into groups as per their classes and were given interesting tasks to take up with the help and guidance of the volunteers. While most of the volunteers were thrilled to play fun games with the children, a few of took a session on personal hygiene & care for the adolescents. Towards the end of the day, the children were handed over a piece of paper to write their names down and to "make a wish", which the employees

would fulfil during the year. It was heart-warming to see a child come up and give a vote of thanks for the time spent by the employees with them and wished them the best in their lives. The employees were amazed at the children's emotional strength and selflessness.

Nature Walk

The volunteers of Cadence Design Systems and the children of a home came together and rediscovered the majestic Lal Bagh Gardens, Bengaluru with a guided sensorial nature walk. Naturalist, Yogi Bubba, guided them through the park, made them feel, taste, smell, hear and touch the bounty of this historical park and rediscover it's hidden gifts. The natural world is dynamic and every stage of the walk was full of surprises from strange plants to shredded snake skin. Information on the plant and animal kingdoms was shared with the children while the volunteers mentored them. The final path of the walk led to a sumptuous lunch and a drawing activity where the children expressed their vision of a greener tomorrow.

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