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# About Us *Newsletter*



Child Help Foundation (CHF) is a pan-India non-profit organization, registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950, which started in the year 2010. We aim to accomplish the objectives set by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) for global development. Child Help Foundation's principal purpose is to empower the disadvantaged holistically with some of our initiatives like Emergency Medical Support, Education, Clean Water and Sanitation, Gender Equality, Zero Hunger, Humanitarian Relief, and Village Development.



# A Heartfelt Feast: Free Food Distribution by Child Help Foundation during Rath Yatra

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In a remarkable display of community spirit and generosity, Child Help Foundation, in collaboration with Filaantro, a crowdfunding partner, made a significant impact during the 2024 Jagannath Rath Yatra festival in Puri, Odisha. This annual celebration, dedicated to Lord Jagannath—the Lord of the World—attracted thousands of devotees from around the globe, marking a tradition that has endured for over 5,000 years.

For the duration of this grand pilgrimage, which commenced on July 7, 2024, Child Help Foundation and Filaantro undertook the noble mission of providing over 15,000 free meals to the devotees for the pilgrims at the yatra as well as for those arriving at the railway station for the pilgrimage. The Rath Yatra, a vibrant spectacle of devotion and culture, brings together people from diverse backgrounds, all gathered to witness the divine journey of Lord Jagannath to his aunt's residence.

Organizing meals on such a massive scale required substantial effort and coordination. With support from generous donors and the tireless efforts of volunteers, the initiative successfully ensured that no devotee went hungry during this auspicious festival.

The project was not only a testament to the power of collective effort but also highlighted the importance of sharing and compassion during moments of communal celebration. The

contributions of donors, whether through financial support or by spreading the word, played a crucial role in the success of this endeavour.

Speaking on the food distribution, Mr. Shaji Varghese (Chief Executive Officer of Child Help Foundation) said *"It has become an annual tradition for us to conduct a free food distribution to the devotees during the yearly Jagannath Rath Yatra. We were present last year and we hope that we can continue serving to the pious pilgrims in the future. I would like to thank all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure food reaches everyone and our donors for helping us organise the distribution."*

As the Rath Yatra unfolded, the dedication of Child Help Foundation and Filaantro shone brightly, offering nourishment and support to those participating in this sacred journey. The success of this initiative served as a heartening reminder of the impact that solidarity and generosity can have on enriching the lives of many.

In total, Child Help Foundation has helped 26,75,278 people with free food under its Zero Hunger Programme.



# Emergency Medical Support Newsletter



## Heartbreak and Hope: A Father's Plea to Save His Twins Battling Neonatal Issues

"Being a parent is one of the best feelings in the world. I and Veena were so excited to welcome our child. We are heartbroken after seeing our twins' condition. It feels that I have failed as a parent, as I can't afford their treatment."

Surath; (Father)

**Twins of Veena**  
**17 Days**  
**Premature Birth Complications**

Surath and Veena were on cloud nine when they were blessed with twins on June 13, but their happiness faded the moment they learned that their twins were suffering from neonatal issues.

Their twins are currently admitted to Medicover Women and Child Hospital, Hyderabad (16.6 km from Hyderabad Deccan Railway Station). They need an immediate NICU for around 50 days, and the estimated cost is 7,50,000/- (seven lakh fifty thousand rupees only) for each child.

Surath lives with his wife and parents. He works at a welding shop, whereas his wife is a housewife. They live in a rental apartment in Hyderabad. He is the sole breadwinner in the family, and it's impossible for them to afford the treatment cost. Currently, he is borrowing money from his loved ones, but that can't cover the expense of treatment.

However, your contribution can save the lives of Surath and Veena's twins. We request that you donate as much as you can. Also, share this story with your friends and family.

**There are many more children who need urgent treatments, and your small contributions can make a huge difference.** [Please Donate!](#)



**Sivanya**  
14 Years  
Chronic Immune  
Thrombocytopenia



**Anand Pawar**  
8 Years  
Heart Disease



**Tanishka**  
9 Years  
Congenital Vesico  
Vaginal Fistula



**Dnyaneshwari**  
2 Years  
Heart Disease

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**Shivanjali**  
7 Years  
Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma



**Dhanalakshmi**  
11 years 1 month  
Leukaemia



**Vaishali**  
15 Years  
Heart Disease



**Aaroosh**  
4 Years  
Neuroblastoma



**Baby of Melba Priya**  
5 Days  
Premature Birth Complications



**Peerappa**  
15 years  
Kyphoscoliosis



**Sara Sultana**  
14 years  
Proximal Humerus  
Bone Mass



**Baby of Ansiya**  
12 days  
Premature Birth  
Complications



**Dhanshri**  
13 years  
Chronic Liver Disease

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**Rudra**  
7 years  
Nasal Meningocele



**Maruf**  
8 years  
Thalassemia major



**Krishna**  
5 years  
Severe Aplastic Anemia



**Farhan**  
7 years  
T cell Acute Lymphoblastic  
Leukemia



**Arjun**  
10 years  
Chronic Heart Disease



**Baby of Kisan**  
6 days  
Premature Birth  
Complications

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**Aryan Giram**

At the age of six, Aryan suffered from a heart disease which caused him to have a hole in it. He wanted an open-heart surgery but with his family's finances being limited, it was becoming extremely difficult. Thankfully, the donors of Child Help Foundation helped him raise the money and today the child is safe and happy.



**Apoorva Paul**

For four years, peace and comfort were unknown to Apoorva Paul. Her heart condition had made it impossible for her to live a normal life. Apoorva's father was a Rapido driver and couldn't bear the expense. Luckily, the donors of Child Help Foundation helped him to raise money for the treatment and Apoorva was spared from the worst.



**Amruta**

Kyphoscoliosis made something as basic as walking difficult for Amruta. She felt like her life was being wasted. Her parents felt the same but they couldn't do anything due to their constraints on finance. The donors of Child Help Foundation made sure that they didn't have anything to worry about and saved the child from living a worried life.



**Baby of Annamma**

The happiness of Annamma and Naijo was put at stake when their child was born during the seventh month of the former's pregnancy. The child was born weak and needed NICU support which was impossible for the parents. What was impossible was made possible by the donors of Child Help Foundation who helped the baby recover.



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**Tabitha**

Veerprasad had to borrow money from his loved one to fund the treatment of his daughter, Tabitha. Even then he was falling short and he was getting out of options. Luckily, the donors of Child Help Foundation were right in the corner and helped Tabitha get out of heart disease.



**Shivprasad**

Living with Hydrocephalus was a nightmare for Shivprasad. He needed help but it was out of his reach due to his parents' poverty. His parents approached Child Help Foundation for help and after the verifications the case was uploaded and he was saved from the worst.



**Noor Fatima**

Noor Fatima had been living with an undiagnosed heart condition that was affecting her growth. Noor underwent the necessary treatment. Today, she's on the path to recovery, full of life and hope. The unwavering support from Child Help Foundation's donors has given Noor the chance to grow up healthy and strong.



**Hayau Mariyam**

Hayau Mariyam, a 5-year-old girl from Kozhikode, Kerala, was battling a heart disease that left her reliant on medication. With the support of the kind donors from Child Help Foundation, Mariyam received the crucial treatment she needed. Today, she is on the road to recovery, her smile brighter than ever.



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**Vedhavrith**

Master Vedhavrith, a 4-year-old from Kerala, was diagnosed with B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (B-ALL). Thanks to the generous donors of Child Help Foundation, Vedhavrith received the crucial chemotherapy treatment. He is now on the road to recovery, bringing hope to his family.



**Baby of Sai Deepthi**

A baby girl was born prematurely on 14th May 2024, facing numerous health complications. With her family in Choutku, Telangana praying for her recovery, the baby received the urgent care she needed. She is now on the path to recovery, bringing hope and joy to her family. Thanks to the generous support from Child Help Foundation's donors, your kindness has made a world of difference in her life.



**Dnyaneshwari**

Dnyaneshwari, born in Solapur with a serious heart condition, faced intense sweating and coughing. She received the critical surgery she needed. Today, Dnyaneshwari is showing remarkable improvement, bringing immense relief and joy to her family. Thanks to the donors of Child Help Foundation, your support has given her a precious chance at a healthier, happier life.



**Anand**

Anand, struggling with a severe heart condition, faced countless nights of discomfort. With the crucial surgery funded by the generous donors of Child Help Foundation, Anand is now on the path to recovery. The support has brought immense relief to his family, giving them hope for a healthier future.

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**Rizwan**

Rizwan, severely burnt by an electric shock, was in urgent need of treatment. Thanks to the compassionate donors of Child Help Foundation, Rizwan received the care he required. His recovery is progressing, bringing hope and relief to his family.



**Advik**

Advik, diagnosed with a heart condition at a school health camp, faced severe health challenges. He received the vital surgery he needed. Advik's health is now improving, bringing hope and joy to his family. Thanks to the immense support of Child Help Foundation donors. This has made a significant impact on Advik's journey to a healthier life.



# Disability Pride Month: What Is It and Why Is It Important?

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When we hear 'Pride Month, our mind often goes to the LGBTQIA+ community but there is a different kind of Pride Month which is equally important.

The history of Disability Pride Month began on March 12, 1990, when thousands of people marched to the White House to demand the government pass the Americans with Disabilities Act. In an act of civil demonstration and to show how 'able-normative' the world is, many activists stepped out of their wheelchairs and crawled the steps of the White House, resulting in 104 activists being arrested. This moment has been immortalized as the 'Capitol Crawl'.

However, their efforts bore fruit on July 26, 1990, when the American President, George H. W. Bush, signed the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against disabled people. Since then, each July is celebrated as Disability Pride Month.

Disability Pride Month is inspired by similar movements like the LGBT Pride and Black Pride. It is a month to celebrate the contributions of disabled activists and shed light on the issues of disabled people and the social stigma they face.

Disability Pride Month is often celebrated by parades. Unfortunately, India doesn't have a massive movement related to disability. Hence, it isn't celebrated on a large scale. However, we can make some changes in our daily habits that can make this world a better place for disabled people.

Technology has been extremely helpful for disabled people. Many visually impaired people can use phones without relying on any additional help, due to settings like 'talk-back' and 'double click'. Various media have incorporated accessibility options, examples include The Last of Us Part II which was successfully completed by a sightless gamer. Netflix films also come with an additional audio option called 'Audio Description', which perfectly describes the ongoing events in the film helping entertainment reach disabled people.

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if you are a content creator, you too can help in making this world a better place for disabled people. Make sure to add subtitles or captions in your videos which will help the deaf to personally understand the video. What's great about this is that it also helps many able-bodied people if they want to watch a video in public and don't have headphones. This not only creates a better world for the disabled but for everyone.

During the COVID pandemic, many companies shifted to a 'work-from-home' model. This new working style helped many disabled people. In fact, it has been reported that 30% more disabled people were getting employed thanks to the new working model. Many more companies need to give an option for 'work-from-home' as it allows disabled people to live an independent lifestyle. Just like with closed caption benefitting able-bodied people, the shift to work from home model will also help many more besides the disabled.

For example, many girls opt out of work because they feel unsafe in a heavily male-dominated environment, making them feel uncomfortable and they also fear that taking care of a child would be difficult while working. So work-from-home model can be beneficial to them and a shift towards it would also see a rise in women's employment. This can also potentially improve the work-life balance, that many suffer from, even men.

Shifting towards physical changes that can help disabled people, many buildings are not designed with disabled people in mind. Ramps are almost non-existent and elevators are absent in buildings not larger than three stories. This creates a hindrance to wheelchair users and old people in general. While most governmental buildings do come with a braille script, many private properties don't have text written in braille making it difficult for blind people to read the instructions.

Child Help Foundation supports a better world for disabled individuals. Child Help Foundation provided jerseys and uniforms to the Wheelchair Fencing Federation of India in Tamil Nadu.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article. Make sure to share it with your friends and family members.

# GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (SDG-3) *Newsletter*



## Doctor's Felicitation

Mumbai Suburban, Maharashtra

Ms. Chris Shenoy and Ms. Madhuri Chiplunkar recently visited Wockhardt Hospital, Mumbai Suburban, to honour doctors for their dedication to serving underprivileged pediatric and female patients. The event, organized in collaboration with Mangala Foundation and Filaantro, recognized both gynaecologists and paediatricians from Wockhardt Hospital and surrounding clinics.

A total of 25 doctors from Wockhardt and Bhakti Vedanta Hospitals were presented with certificates and mementoes by Dr. Mangala Patil, Ms. Chris Shenoy, and Ms. Madhuri Chiplunkar. Among those honoured were Dr. Nitu Mundhra (Neonatologist), Dr. Badshah Khan (Pediatrician), Mr. Ankit Gupta (Paediatrician), and Dr. Jagruti Ghosh (Gynaecologist). The recipients were deeply touched and expressed their gratitude for the support of Child Help Foundation (CHF) and its commitment to serving those in need.

## Visit to Apollo Hospital Mumbai, Maharashtra

Ms. Chris Shenoy and Ms. Madhuri Chiplunkar went to visit Apollo hospital in Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. Rajendra Patole, Medical social worker introduced them to Ms. Sonal (Head of Operations) and Ms. Rakhi Rajendra handling the same department. All staff were briefed about Child Help Foundation and various programs and projects currently running under various SDGs. Ms. Sonal also gave a brief review regarding how they support underprivileged children and need more support for the same. The standard of procedure for any medical case intake was explained in the meeting. A meeting with Dr. Bhushan (Paediatric cardiologist) was arranged by Mr. Rajendra, Dr. Bhushan himself operates on all children who are diagnosed with heart defects. With the help of modern techniques, they do intervention surgery on children for which minimum funds are required and children are also discharged in 1 day. The hospital operations department and CHF will arrange one meeting between trustees and hospital staff for future endeavours.

The meeting was very fruitful in terms of networking as many underprivileged children can get benefit from this joint venture as per Dr. Bhushan. Social and operations department staff were very impressed with CHF's case intake protocol and programs/projects other than emergency medical support.





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## Networking with MRR Children's Hospital

Thane, Maharashtra

Ms. Madhuri Chiplunkar visited MRR Children's Hospital in Thane, where she was introduced to Dr. Bhairavee Sharma, the Medical Superintendent, by Medical Social Worker Ms. Priyanka.

During the visit, CHF staff provided an overview of their Emergency Medical Support Program and other ongoing initiatives. Dr. Sharma raised questions regarding the case intake process and funding, which were addressed during the discussion. Ms. Priyanka also conducted a tour of the hospital, showcasing its modern facilities and equipment.

The meeting proved highly productive for networking purposes. Dr. Sharma expressed optimism about the potential benefits for underprivileged children through this collaboration. Both the social and operations departments of the hospital were impressed with CHF's case intake protocol and their comprehensive range of programs beyond emergency medical support.



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## Update of Baby Feeding Centres

**Maharashtra:** During a visit by Child Help Foundation staff to Boisar and Palghar Railway Stations, it was noted that the centres are being cleaned regularly and the railway staff is cooperative. Centres at CAMA Hospital and Urban Health Centre were reported to be well-utilized and maintained, and BFCs at St. George Hospital and Sir J. J Hospital experienced lower footfall as many mothers don't visit St. George Hospital and the key to the centre at Sir J. J Hospital are kept by the nurses. The centres at Kalyan were reported to be well-maintained and a person appointed by Childine oversees the centre. The centre at Kurla observed average usage but was still well-maintained. The staff at the Kashimira Police Station gave positive feedback regarding the centre. However, the facility was deemed necessary for potential future use. Lights and fans were missing from the centre at Pune Railway Station. The volunteers sprung into action and discussed the matter with the station master.

**Kerala:** Centres at General Hospital and Lakeshore Hospital were reported to be well-maintained and utilized effectively. Given Chottanikkara temple's high daily footfall, the usage of the BFC was proportionately high.

**Andhra Pradesh:** Vizag Railway Station's high footfall, particularly for mothers with small babies, contributed to the excellent usage of the BFC.

**Karnataka:** BFC at Sir C V Raman Hospital 1 indicated good usage and maintenance. Sir C.V. Raman General Hospital – 2 and Sir Atalbihari Vajpayee College-1 indicate good usage. All three centres were reported to be well-maintained

**Tamil Nadu:** The BFC at The Institute for Child Health & Hospital for Children in Chennai served with satisfactory usage. Institute of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Chennai received effective usage of the BFC by mothers.

**Bihar:** BFC at Katihar Railway Station was not well-maintained

**West Bengal:** BFC at New Jalpaiguri Railway Station was not used widely despite being functional

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Rural Hospital, Palghar(West)



Rural Hospital, Palghar(West)



Rural Hospital, Palghar(West)



Palghar Baby Feeding Center



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## Baby Sleeping Sack Distribution

Bhiwandi Railway Station, Maharashtra

On July 6, 2024, CHF Team in Dombivli distributed 20 baby sleeping sacks at Bhiwandi Railway Station to mothers living in slum areas. Many of these mothers had babies or infants who needed extra warmth during the chilly nights of the rainy season. The sleeping sacks offer essential warmth and comfort, helping the babies sleep more peacefully and supporting their psychosocial development.





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### Giri Pradakshina Event, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

On July 20, 2024, an auspicious full moon day during the Aashaadha month, thousands of devotees undertook a spiritual journey, circumambulating the sacred hill at Simhachalam, Visakhapatnam, to seek the blessings of Sri Varaha Narasimha Swamy. This annual event, which includes a 32-km road and a 1,000-step uphill pilgrimage, draws lakhs of participants each year.

Child Help Foundation (CHF) recognized a gap in the support provided to pilgrims. Building on their initiative from last year, CHF-Vizag launched a unique program to address these overlooked needs.

With the support of Amrutanjan Health Care Ltd, New Smart Angels Play School, and MRF Consultancy, CHF mobilized 20 internal staff members and several external volunteers to serve over 20,000 devotees. The aid provided included 1,000 litres of glucose, 1,500 bottles of ORS, 4,000 packs of pain-relieving balm, 100 pain-relief spray cans, 5,000 millet and groundnut chikkis, and 2,000 packs of salted groundnuts.

The response from the devotees was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their gratitude for the thoughtful and novel support that alleviated their discomfort and enhanced their spiritual journey.



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## School Health Program

Since April, four new schools have been integrated into the School Health Program, expanding the total to fourteen schools, including ten ashram schools, one Z.P. school, and three government-aided high schools. The program continues to focus on enhancing physical and mental health through various activities, such as student health screenings, illness treatment, and capacity building via awareness sessions and counselling for both students and teachers.

**In July, the following activities were carried out:**

- **Health Screenings:** A total of 1,278 students from Ashram Shalas were screened during 43 health visits, with their health cards updated.
- **Illness Treatment:** Doctors diagnosed and treated 1,146 cases of illness. Additionally, five students were referred to other health institutions for further treatment.
- **Secondary Students:** 3,204 students were reached through 49 awareness sessions on various mental health topics.
- **Higher Secondary Students:** 2,353 students participated in 41 awareness sessions on different mental health topics.
- **General Health Awareness:** 6,351 students were engaged through 100 awareness sessions covering various health topics.
- **Training of Trainers:** A Mental Health Awareness training session was conducted at Man Ashram School, with 11 teachers participating.





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Chris Shenoy and Mary Vanmali, Child Help Foundation volunteers, led the intervention, emphasizing that suicide should not be considered an option and encouraging the girls to stay motivated, work hard, and strive for independence to contribute positively to their society. Ms. Karishma Nair also addressed the students, sharing her personal struggles and success story to inspire them to pursue their education diligently and aspire for a fulfilling and independent life.

## Session on Suicidal Prevention

Dehere Ashram Shala, Palghar,  
Maharashtra

An awareness session on suicide prevention was conducted at Dehere Ashram Shala, Palghar, for 125 adolescent girls in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Child Help Foundation (CHF) was invited by the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP).



# GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (SDG-3) Newsletter



## Arogya Sadan Mumbai, Maharashtra

Here are the details of all the patients from Arogya Sadan:

Master Aarav Kumar - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Case Successfully Completed

Miss Aradhya Kumari - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Case Successfully Completed

Master Aman Ahirwar - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Case Successfully Completed

Master Vikrant Thakur - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Case Successfully Completed

Master Abhishek Kumar - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Case Successfully Completed

Miss Swati Hasanda - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Case Successfully Completed

Master Aiyan Reza - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Currently in Arogya Sadan AfterCare

Master Ankit Kumar - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Currently in Arogya Sadan AfterCare

Master Deep Kumar - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Currently in Arogya Sadan AfterCare

Master Aditya Kumar - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Currently in Arogya Sadan AfterCare

Master Taabis Rehan - Bone Marrow Transplant Done;  
Case Successfully Completed

Master Narayan Thakur - Bone Marrow Transplant Failed

Master Aryan Kumar - Transplant Cancelled due to  
Platelet Increase

Master Amit Kumar - Bone Marrow Transplant Failed;  
Returned to their Home

Master Akash Kumar - Transplant Cancelled due to Liver  
Enlargement

Master Harshwardhan - Pre-BMT treatment is in progress

Miss Ujala Kumari - Pre-BMT treatment is in progress

Master Piyush Kumar - Transplant Cancelled

On July 10, 2024, Shilpa Lokhande, a member of the project team, visited Arogya Sadan. The visit included meetings with team members and discussions with parents. Key topics addressed during the visit included:

- **CCTV Updates:** Review and status of the CCTV system.
- **Grocery Updates:** Information on the current grocery supplies.
- **Beneficiaries Updates:** Status and progress of the beneficiaries.
- **Food, Accommodation, and Transportation:** Updates on the provisions for food, living arrangements, and transportation.
- **Cleaning Work:** Review of janitorial services and cleaning protocols.
- Instructions were provided to all parents regarding cleaning responsibilities.
- Guidelines on food preparation and distribution were also shared with parents.



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## Arogya Vardhini Maharashtra

On July 31, 2024, Child Help Foundation (CHF) team conducted site visits to the Arogya Vardhini Kendra locations in Minakshi Nagar, Mashacha Pada, and Dachkhulpada. Following these field visits, the team went to the MBMC head office for a scheduled appointment.

During the visit, the Additional Municipal Commissioner of MBMC formally signed the appointment letter, officially designating CHF to initiate the Arogya Vardhini Kendra (Primary Health Centre) Project in various parts of Maharashtra.

## Ration Kit Distribution Mulund, Maharashtra

On July 30, World TB Day, a nutritional kit distribution was organized at TB Hospital, Mulund. The hospital coordinated the event and invited 40 patients to receive the kits. These patients are undergoing treatment at both government and private hospitals.

The families of these patients are economically disadvantaged and often struggle to manage both the costs of treatment and the nutritional needs of their children. To support them, the distribution of ration kits is conducted monthly, providing essential nutritional support to help alleviate some of their burdens during their treatment.





# GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (SDG-3) *Newsletter*





# QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*



## Vayanakalari

St. Joseph School, Cheriya Kadavu, Kerala

Child Help Foundation, Kerala, launched its 'Vayanakalari' initiative to foster reading habits among school students. The event was held today at St. Joseph School, Cheriya Kadavu. Following the event, newspapers were distributed to the local community to further promote reading.

The event saw participation from CHF volunteers, the Headmistress, the entire teaching staff, and the local police station sub-inspector.



## NIOS Scholarship Program

Bhopoli Ashram Shala, Palghar, Maharashtra

On July 11, 2024, Child Help Foundation (CHF) successfully launched the NIOS Scholarship Program with the support of SERVIER India Pvt. Ms. Priyam and Ms. Anita from SERVIER played an active role in the event, which took place at Bhopoli Ashram Shala, Palghar.

Ms. Mellany Gajjala, a NIOS teacher, presented an overview of the program and its benefits. During the event, Mr. R. M. Patil, the Principal, received a certificate of appreciation from CHF for his active collaboration with the organization.

As a result of the program, four students will be enrolling in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).





# QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*



## Mini Science Centre Inauguration

Maan & Dadade Ashram Shala, Palghar, Maharashtra

CHF volunteers visited Palghar for the inauguration of the Mini Science Centre (MSC) at Maan Ashram Shala and Dadade Ashram Shala. The event commenced with warm greetings extended to the distinguished guests, including Mr. Kothe (School Committee Member), Mr. Bhoir (Principal of Maan Ashram School), and other teachers.

Jagannath, the MSC Coordinator, hosted the program and welcomed everyone. Bouquets were presented to the guests, followed by a delightful Swagat Geet performed by the students. Jagannath then invited the principal to share insights on the opening of the MSC.

A teacher from the school spoke about the centre's importance in providing practical knowledge. Ms. Jyoti Kamble, a CHF member, and Mr. Kiran Mahankale also shared their perspectives. Ms. Jyoti emphasized how the MSC will foster an interest in science among students and make learning enjoyable. Mr. Kiran provided an overview of CHF and its projects supporting children.

The principal praised CHF's efforts in enhancing educational quality. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the distribution of sweets. After the inauguration, students from Maan Ashram School showcased models such as human anatomy and fun math learning tricks, which were well-received by the participants.



# QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*

## Mini Science Centre Implementation

M S Maur and M S Koyaribigha School,  
Barbigha, Bihar

The Mini Science Centre (MSC) project is underway at M S Maur and M S Koyaribigha Schools in Barbigha, Bihar, with support from National Fertilizers Limited. The new academic year commenced this month, and the MSC Coordinator has begun teaching Science and Mathematics using the models provided by the centre.

Feedback videos have been recorded, showcasing students' reflections on how the MSC Lab has enhanced their understanding of Science and Mathematics. The students expressed that the MSC Lab has significantly improved their grasp of these subjects, making learning more engaging and effective.

## Computer Labs Inauguration

Bihar

In January 2024, a Computer Lab project was initiated at Tailik School with support from National Fertilizers Limited. The lab is equipped with 20 computers and a dedicated computer teacher. By July, the MSC Coordinator began computer lessons for the students.

Additionally, two new Computer Labs were established in June 2024 at schools in the Barbigha block: Utkramit Uchch Vidhyalay, Lodhipur, and Madhya Vidhyalay Samas. The labs were inaugurated in June, and teachers were appointed in July. Following an orientation, the teachers commenced computer lessons for the students.



# QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) Newsletter



## Computer Training Centre Project

Amboli Marathi Primary School, Silvassa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli

In July, the computer training centre conducted a total of 36 classes, with 660 students in attendance. The curriculum included various subjects such as basic PowerPoint (PPT) practicals, a fast touch-typing course, MS Word, and Paint. By offering a diverse range of subjects and hands-on learning experiences, the centre is equipping students with essential digital skills crucial for their personal and professional growth.

CHF's dedication to bridging the digital divide and empowering rural children with technological proficiency is commendable. This initiative significantly enhances their overall education and future prospects, reflecting CHF's commitment to fostering digital literacy in underserved communities.

## Digital Skills Project

Vikramgad, Maharashtra

Since May 2024, the Digital Skills project has been rolled out across fifteen schools in the Vikramgad block, comprising eight Z.P. schools and seven ashram schools. This initiative, in partnership with LTPCT, aims to enhance digital skills among underprivileged rural students through comprehensive computer training.

Project Overview:

- Schools Involved: 8 Z.P. schools and 7 ashram schools
- Training Labs: Installed in all fifteen schools with LTPCT's support
- Computer Trainers: Each school has a dedicated trainer following a syllabus approved by the education department

Training Details:

- Total Classes Conducted: 717
- Total Students Reached: 25,372 (5,451 unique)
- Topics Covered: History and generation of computers, WordPad and Notepad, hardware and software, Microsoft Word and Excel, booting process, Paint

On July 26th, the LTPCT team, including Jyoti, Blossom, and Akshay, visited the Sakhare Digital Lab to prepare for an upcoming visit by LTPCT trustees and government officials. They reviewed the daily schedule, data maintenance, and branding efforts. The team also examined the teacher's daily activities, syllabus, and future planning. Jyoti Ma'am interacted with the students to gather feedback on their learning experience and their enjoyment of digital skills education.



# QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*



## Teacher's Training

On July 16th, Sys Foundation organized a Training of Trainers (TOT) session for the entire project team. The training covered various topics, including reviewing the monthly syllabus, revising Excel and Word skills, and using shortcut keys. The session was attended by sixteen team members, including trainers, coordinators, and hardware technicians.



# QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) Newsletter



## Child Care Institutions

Child Help Foundation supports seven CCIs, every month. The children from these institutions are provided with educational support. These institutions spend the money on fees, stationery and education-related expenses. The following activities were conducted at the CCIs

1. Needs Charitable Trust - Bengaluru, Karnataka: Counselling Program and Birthday Celebration
2. Ashraya (Handicapped Welfare Organisation) - Bhubaneswar, Odisha: Celebrated Jagannath Yatra Festival, Health Checkup
3. Khirod Basini Kanya Ashram - Angul Odisha: Creative Photography, Student Counselling
4. Koel Saraswati - Angul Odisha: Song Competition and Debate Competition
5. Charis Foundation - Chennai, Tamil Nadu: Celebrated International Friendship Day and Kargil Vijay Diwas Day
6. Special School of Joy - Jharkhand: Birthday Celebration, SABAL Training Programme
7. Saraswati Anath Shikshan Ashram - Pune, Maharashtra - Palkhi Event, Gurupurnima, Yoga Competition



## Centre of Excellence (COE)

On July 6, 2024, Shilpa Lokhande and Shashibhushan Mijjar from CSR visited MBMC School No. 19 (Mashacha Pada) for student engagement activities. The visit also included representatives from the Cathedral and John Conan.

During the visit, Sandeep Shinde, the School Principal, presented an overview of the school's infrastructure and outlined its needs. A detailed list of activities and schedules was shared with the representatives from Cathedral and John Conan to discuss potential support and collaboration.

## Assembly Talk

### Pune City, Maharashtra

On July 27, 2024, the first SFR assembly talk was held in Pune City. During this event, 500 forms were distributed to Gurunanak Secondary School. Additionally, a primary school advocacy session was conducted to support and promote the SFR initiative.





# QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*



## Weekly Experiential Classes Kolkata, West Bengal

On July 27, 2024, CHF Kolkata Branch Office organized weekly experiential classes for underprivileged children in the Park Circus slums. These classes aim to help students connect their lessons with real-life experiences, enhancing their understanding and engagement. Each session concludes with snacks provided to the children

## Women and Youth Leadership Training

Rajodi, Maharashtra

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# GENDER EQUALITY (SDG-5) Newsletter



## 1. Internal Coordination Committee Online Meeting

On July 13, 2024, Child Help Foundation (CHF) held its first ICC (Internal Coordination Committee) meeting of the fiscal year via Zoom. The meeting brought together various State Coordinators and ICC members to discuss their roles and responsibilities. It also served as an opportunity for attendees to introduce themselves and foster connections among team members.

## 2. "Invisible Girl" Project

### Maharashtra

Industrial Zones/Communities Visitation for IGP- July 2024

In July 2024, outreach activities for the "Invisible Girl" Project were carried out by Annarao, Ria, and Ibrahim. A total of 17 sessions were conducted: Mr. Annarao led sessions in Palghar, while Ms. Ria conducted sessions in the Thane region for Mumbai.

The initiative reached a total of 5,176 beneficiaries this month. The Mumbai and IGP teams focused on strategic planning and brainstorming to achieve their target goals. This included evaluating time frames, seeking necessary permissions, and refining execution strategies.

### Highlights of the Month:

- **IGP Permissions Meeting:** We held a meeting at the Thane DWCD office to discuss and secure permissions for the "Invisible Girl" Project (IGP).

- **NSS Letter:** Received the National Service Scheme (NSS) letter from the head office.

### Challenges Faced:

- **Time Management:** Managing time effectively proved challenging.

- **Permission Process:** Obtaining necessary permissions was a complex and time-consuming task.

### Haryana - "Invisible Girl" Project Update

Communities/Anganwadi/School Visitation for IGP - July 2024

In July 2024, outreach activities for the "Invisible Girl" Project (IGP) in Haryana were carried out by Dr. Anita Yadav, Ms. Poonam, and Mr. Ajit. The team conducted a total of 19 sessions: 14 sessions in Rewari led by Dr. Anita Yadav and Mr. Ajit, and 5 sessions in Gurugram led by Ms. Poonam. The outreach reached a total of 5,373 beneficiaries, with 4,060 in Rewari and 1,313 in Gurugram.

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## Session Breakdown:

- C.D.P.O Rewari Anganwadi Workers: 242 beneficiaries
- Modern School Bareli Students: 160 beneficiaries
- C.D.P.O Anganwadi Workers Khol Community: 200 beneficiaries
- C.D.P.O Dahina Anganwadi Workers: 225 beneficiaries
- Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School Kosli: 400 beneficiaries
- Telly Institute Rewari: 20 beneficiaries
- Anganwadi Budani Community: 18 beneficiaries
- Govt. Boys Senior Secondary School Rewari: 595 beneficiaries
- Anganwadi Budana Community: 12 beneficiaries
- Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School Dharuhera: 780 beneficiaries
- R.M.S School Dharuhera: 189 beneficiaries
- Anganwadi Workers Ravidas Mandir Rewari: 91 beneficiaries
- Govt. Senior Secondary School Masani: 421 beneficiaries
- Govt. Senior Secondary School Bithwana: 707 beneficiaries
- Govt. Senior Secondary School Basai Gurugram: 655 beneficiaries
- New Shishu Kalyan Senior Secondary School Chandu Gurugram: 60 beneficiaries
- Govt. Senior Secondary School Dhankot Gurugram: 50 beneficiaries
- Govt. Senior Secondary School Dhankot Gurugram: 259 beneficiaries
- C.D. International School Sec-71 Gurugram: 289 beneficiaries



# GENDER EQUALITY (SDG-5) Newsletter

## Highlights of the Month:

- Effective Sessions: Four sessions with C.D.P.O, two with Anganwadi, seven with government schools, and one with Telly Institute Rewari were particularly successful.

- Permissions Secured: Schools have granted permission for sessions in the next month, and the CDPO Rewari has also approved IGP sessions for the Rewari District.

## Challenges Faced:

- Time Management: Managing time efficiently proved challenging.

- Postponements: Some schools, colleges, and institutions postponed their sessions to August, making the permission-seeking process more complex.



## Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health Program

Karhe Ashram School, Palghar, Maharashtra

On July 19, 2024, Shilpa Lokhande, a team member, visited Karhe Ashram School for monitoring and evaluation purposes. During the visit, she interacted with the school authorities to discuss permissions, support, and the smooth functioning of the project. She also observed the trainers and discussed life skills with the beneficiaries of Karhe School.

From July 22 to July 26, 2024, ARSH Project Trainers and SPOC (Single Point of Contact) personnel attended a training session at Tilak Nagar. The training, conducted by Alpha School of Life Skills, covered approximately 10 life skills. Following the training, both trainers began implementing the first life skill, Self-Awareness, with the school and community beneficiaries.





# LIFE ON LAND [SDG- 15]

## Newsletter

### Tree Plantation

#### Rewari, Haryana

On July 6, 2024, a tree plantation drive was held at Modern Senior Secondary School Ground in Berli Kalan, Rewari, Haryana. Over 680 trees were planted at the location. The event was attended by Anoop Kumar, Assistant Station Master, and Dr. Anita Yadav, Juvenile Justice Board member.



### Tree Plantation Drive

#### Haryana

On July 20, 2024, a tree plantation drive was conducted in Haryana, led by Bhupinder and supported by other CHF volunteers. The drive focused on planting a variety of trees, including Neem, Pipal, Bargad, Shisham, Gulmohar, Karipatta, Jamun, Amrood, and Kadam.



# ZERO HUNGER (SDG-2) Newsletter



## Food Distribution

### Talabania, Puri, Odisha

On July 7, 2024, food distribution was carried out in the Talabania area and Railway Complex in Puri, Odisha. A total of 5,000 beneficiaries were served during this event.



## Ration Distribution at Orphanage Odisha

On July 13, 2024, CHF received a donation of 10 quintals of rice and 1 quintal of dal for the supported orphanage in Baripada, Odisha. This generous contribution was made by our donor to support the children at the orphanage.

# ZERO HUNGER (SDG-2) Newsletter



## Food Distribution

### Railway Complex, Puri, Odisha

On July 15, 2024, during the Bahuda Yatra at Puri, a free food distribution event was organized, continuing the tradition from previous years. The event provided meals to numerous attendees as part of the annual celebration.



## Dry Ration Donation

### Angul, Odisha

On July 29, 2024, a monthly donation of dry ration was provided to the CHF-supported orphanage, Khirod Basini Kanyashram, in Boinda, Anugul. The donated items included:

Rice - 70 kg

Dal - 7 kg

Eggs - 3 trays

Potatoes - 30 kg

Onions - 10 kg

Dry Red Chilli - 1 kg

Parle-G Biscuits - 1 carton

Refined Oil - 10 liters

Salt - 5 kg

This generous contribution supports the ongoing needs of the orphanage.



# OTHER ACTIVITIES

## Newsletter



### Donation of Ceiling Fan for Pitahayas Anganwadi Rewari, Haryana

On July 17, 2024, a ceiling fan was donated to Pitahayas Anganwadi to enhance the comfort of the environment, making it more pleasant for children to play and learn.



### Star Rank Competition

On July 23, 2024, CHF team coordinated the Swachhata Powada activity in collaboration with MBMC for the Star Ranking 2024 program. This competition focused on cleanliness within the Mumbai Suburban area. The event recognized and rewarded the top-performing societies, hospitals, and hotels with prizes.

CHF teachers performed a Powada (a traditional form of storytelling through performance) on cleanliness, which was well-received and enjoyed by MBMC staff, NGO representatives, and guests. The performance highlighted the importance of cleanliness and contributed to the program's success.



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