

CHANGE IN ACTION

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ENSURING IMPACT THAT EMPOWERS

PROJECTS - BRIEF AND REACH

- The cradle to career approach forms the basis of all our projects, and is based on six pillars: early childhood education, remedial learning / tuitions, health & nutrition, mental health, digital literacy and career development.
- This year, we started the computer literacy program at all projects through which more than 1500 students will be impacted. This initiative will be precluded with quality teacher training.

CHAHAK Bindapur

A brief: Following a comprehensive survey of Bindapur's J J Colony, inhabited by vegetable/fruit sellers and daily wage earners, we identified a significant gap in kindergarten facilities. In April 2023, we joined hands with Kriti Foundation and secured premises to initiate this center.

This project focuses on guiding and preparing children, aged 3–6, for admission into regular schools. In addition, computer classes are also being offered for children of the community. In fact, the center hosts a well equipped computer lab. In addition, we also actively encourage families to recognize the importance of education, health, and hygiene, through workshops.

CH serves more than 280 students via this center:

Number of students availing ECE: 115; Remedial Learning & Tuitions: 170; Computer Literacy: 28

CHAHAK Vikaspuri

A brief: The residents of Vikaspuri camps are chiefly, rickshaw pullers, daily wagers and their families. Within the community there stands a dire need for early childhood education, in order to prepare children, aged 3–6, for formal schooling.

Focus is also placed on health & nutrition, covering physical, mental and emotional health. Generation of awareness amongst families is critical, and covers important subjects like the need for education, health and hygiene etc.

CH serves 175 plus students in this center.

Number of students undergoing ECE: 114; Remedial Learning & Tuitions: 92; Computer Literacy: 13

MCD schools

A brief: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) runs 1,500+ primary schools in Delhi, serving over 700,000 students. In November 2024, CH collaborated with The Education Alliance (TEA); CH implements the project, including recruiting and training teachers, as well as assisting with curriculum implementation.

This program commenced with the appointment of qualified teachers, for pre-primary levels, at three MCD schools - Malviya Nagar, Vinod Nagar and Mandawali.

App. 200 students are served via these three schools.



IMPACT

CHAHAK Bindapur and CHAHAK Vikaspuri

- **100% of students (formal schooling)**, in the age group of 5-7, are school-ready before they enter Grade 1, whereas 75% of students undergoing non-formal schooling are now ready to join the formal education system.
- Students have been showing growth in all four areas of development: **physical, cognitive, social emotional learning and language.**
- In Remedial learning, compared with ASER data on grade-level performance, **there has been a nearly eightfold improvement in Math competency and a threefold increase in English proficiency.**

Anita*, who hails from a family of six brothers and sisters, understands the challenges that first generation learners face.

"We never had enough, even to manage two square meals for each of us. I was in class VIII when I was married of. It's a decision I regret, as it affected my self-esteem and confidence."

Anita has a son and a daughter, who attend school regularly, something which she has made sure to ensure.

When her daughter, Amala, was facing problems with English and Maths, she immediately availed the tuition facility at the school, so that her daughter could understand the basics and build well on the same.

Today, Anita says that her daughter is not only able to understand the logic behind core concepts of basic Maths and apply them, but even teach her friends and brother!

**name has been changed*

MCD schools - Malviya Nagar, Mandawali and Vinod Nagar

- **Students have shown growth in all four areas of development: physical, cognitive, social emotional learning and language.**

"I liked the diverse pedagogic tools applied, which helps us make teaching and learning processes so much more creative, interesting and effective. I was also impressed by the various motivation tools used. I am now implementing the same in my school, and the results have been amazing."

- Parul, teacher, MCD school



FIRST PERSON

I see Children's Hope as a social impact organisation with one clear goal: to empower children to become enablers.

TribesforGOOD has gone beyond academics, running online and offline sessions on AI and Tech, Cybersecurity, Gender Equality, Leadership, Communication and basics of Finance, among other subjects that form a critical part of 21st century skill sets.

Over the last one year, we see that the students have become more curious, confident, and know that their voices matter. We look forward to intensifying our partnership with CHAHAK Bindapur and CHAHAK Vikaspuri, and expanding our impact for the cause of the greater good.

Mandeep Kaur Founder, TribesforGOOD



For Children's Hope, Every Child Counts, which is why they strive to empower the children they serve through their cradle to career approach. Our partnership helps ensure that children benefit from the Remedial Learning program, understand core concepts, build confidence and remain in the formal school system - which is critical. Through simple and creative approaches, children understand core concepts easier and retain them longer.

Gayatri RP, CEO, 321 Education Foundation

At the Children's Hope centers in Bindapur and Vikaspuri, we focus on building strong foundations in the early years through a three-pronged approach. Classrooms are enriched with age-appropriate curriculum and high-quality teaching-learning materials; teachers are equipped with the knowledge and skills required for early years pedagogy and receive ongoing support through regular classroom observations; and parents are empowered through awareness sessions and simple, playful activities to engage with their children at home. This integrated approach enables children to achieve age-appropriate developmental milestones and transition smoothly into formal schooling.

Anjali Govindankutty, Program Lead-Centres of Excellence, Key Education Foundation (KEF)

SPOTLIGHT

For a Better Today and Brighter Tomorrow

TribesforGOOD is a social impact platform that helps individuals contribute meaningfully to their local communities, working on reducing inequity around us.

Our partnership with TribesforGOOD has enabled sessions for children and youth on diverse subjects that fall under the gamut of **21st century skill sets, including Design Thinking, Health Equity, Social Entrepreneurship, Basic Coding, STEM, and others.**

Since the sessions are creative and interactive, conducted by children, under the guidance of a TFG team member, student motivation and participation are good.

These session are conducted in a hybrid mode.



The Mind Matters

Mental Health is one of the pillars on which our cradle to career approach is based. It is an important pillar, especially so in today's fast paced time and age.

- In order to strengthen the mental health pillar, we have onboarded **a counselor to take group and individual sessions for students and teachers.** These sessions are held on a regular basis so that challenges being faced are understood better; this also encourages all stakeholders to find solutions, together.
- **Play hours** have also been allocated, within school hours, with the objective of securing a balance between studies and play, and energizing the mind.
- In addition to the above, **Slam Out Loud** also held sessions on **Social and Emotional Learning**, which used media like the Arts and games.
- In partnership with **Amar Nath Sehgal Private Collection museum**, art sessions are regularly conducted with students, the best works from which are exhibited. In fact, recently some of the children, under the guidance of the museum, did an art wall project for **Medanta hospital.** These initiatives serve as a major boost for developing and maintaining a positive attitude towards life via creative endeavors.



The Hands and Hearts Behind the Artwork



Khushi, Nitika, Priya, Sakshi, Sadhna, Palak, Sneha, Raunak,
Musarrat, Shiva, Aradhana, Sana Parveen, Deva, Riya, Shekha, Kartik
Anam Ansari, Tannu Kannolian, Sanam Ansari, Kaial, Aradhya, Jvoti, Mantisha, Manthsha



SPOTLIGHT

Empowering the Enabler

Enabling teachers is critical for the holistic growth of children, as they are important stakeholders.

Besides regular trainings on new and innovative didactic tools and methodologies (by our partners KEF and 321 Foundation), we also encourage teachers to focus on their wellbeing: 'Self Care' workshops conducted by the Amar Nath Sehgal Private Collection (Museum) focus on mental and emotional health, while amalgamating the same with the Arts. Teachers are also encouraged to be a part of health and wellness camps.

In addition, teachers have started visiting the community to spread awareness about the importance of Education, encouraging additional enrollments.



Health is Wealth

- **VisionSpring Foundation** works towards enhancing learning outcomes among children by addressing vision-related issues. Recently, the Foundation conducted eye camps, free of cost, for 151 students and 12 staff members. From those screened, 15 students and 4 teachers were provided free spectacles.
- A free cancer check-up camp was organised by **Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre** for about 180 individuals. Besides this, an open camp for BP / sugar level measurements was also held for community members.



Making Music your Manzil

Manzil Mystics is an NGO (Teach for India incubatee), whose mission is to transform lives by enabling access to music with the objective of triggering creativity, learning and social change in low income communities.

The Music Bus, which is India's first mobile recording studio, music classroom and performing stage, visited CHAHAK Bindapur.

Besides this, regular sessions on vocals are being conducted, with the objective of introducing singing and music as a skill, and for, indirectly, supporting the mental health pillar.



Money Matters

Lakshya Jeevan Jagriti is a TFlx org working in the space of gender equality and equity.

Their **Aao Saath Maa program** works extensively with mothers and girls from vulnerable communities, with specific focus on issues such as the need for education, retention in schools, skilling, and creating sustainable livelihoods.

A session on financial literacy was held for mothers and adolescent girls, which covered topics such as preparing household budgets, saving, financial planning and financial literacy.



SPOTLIGHT

For a Better Today, and Brighter Tomorrow

Arunima is an NGO that cares and empowers children and youth with disabilities. **CH sponsors the summer camp organized by Arunima, each year.** This year, the children and their mothers took actively part in various activities, together. This served as a wonderful opportunity for both, mother and child, to bond over fun and laughter.



Katha has been creating reader leaders since more than three decades. As part of our collaboration, Katha has provided our CHAHAK centers with wonderful books that motivate children to read and learn. The StoryPedagogy on which all of Katha's books are based plays a very important role in bringing the joy of meaningful learning to children, helping them create a kinder, more equal world for all.



Relief programs play a vital role in supporting communities during times of crisis, offering immediate assistance, essential supplies, and emotional support to those most affected.

Some of our initiatives include: Distribution of essentials for the harsh winter season; support with education items like uniforms, books, stationery and such; and distribution of hot and nutritious meals.



A GALLERY OF CELEBRATIONS



Children participating in programs on the occasion of Republic Day



Enjoying the festival of colours - Holi



Celebrating Independence Day with aplomb



Coming together on the occasion of Eid



Children and teachers observe Teacher's Day



The festival of lights - Diwali - being celebrated



Dr. Dina Pahlajani, Co-founder & President, Children's Hope India (CHI) at CHAHAK Bindapur, along with CH trustees and CHI team members



Dr. Dina Pahlajani, Co-founder & President, CHI, at CHAHAK Vikaspuri, along with CH trustees and CHI team members

FROM THE FIELD



Regular meetings & interactions between parents and teachers



Workshops for parents are being organized on a regular basis



Morning prayer assembly in progress



A health camp in progress



Nutrition, along with physical, mental and emotional health, is critical; thank you Epigamia for your support.



Planting a sapling initiative



An art class output being presented at one of our partner MCD schools



Winter uniform distribution at CHAHAK centers



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