

Annual Report

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About ChildFund India

ChildFund India, a child development organization registered in India in 1984, has been working with underprivileged children, youth and families from the most remote, extremely backward and hard-to-reach areas, with a vision to build **“an India where children lead a dignified life and achieve their full potential”**.

ChildFund India works in the rural belts of the country, now slowly expanding its focus to urban poverty where child protection issues and violence against children are prevalent. Its programs provide comprehensive support to children from their conception until they reach 24 years of age by integrating health, nutrition, sanitation, gender equality, disability, education, skill training, livelihoods, child protection and humanitarian relief work. ChildFund India annually reaches lakhs of children, youth, and their families across the country, through its long and short-term programs. ChildFund India's unparalleled longstanding community presence in India, long-term partnership with grassroots organizations and relations with relevant stakeholders such as Government ensure that its holistic interventions foster an enabling environment where children can grow to their fullest potential.

Our Approach

ChildFund India takes a life-stage long-term approach to empower deprived, excluded and vulnerable children and youth in need. We support children from birth and stay with them till age of 24 years, ensuring that they become adults who bring positive change to their communities. Also, we promote to establish societies that value, protect, and advance the worth and rights of children.

Our 'Theory of Change' puts the child at the center of all we do and considers the different layers of potential support and risk to children. This helps us to direct our work and engage with children, families and communities to ensure healthy growth and development of children, strengthen institutions and advocate for broader reform and social change.

We believe that a child needs an enabling environment to thrive, which is created at multiple levels including family, community, institution, national and international.



Foreword

As we are heading towards marking 39th year, it gives me immense pleasure to present the annual report of the year 2021-22. This report captures the journey of ChildFund India which has helped us take significant steps towards achieving our mission.

The onset of the year marked the catastrophic second wave of COVID-19 pandemic which had severe consequences in the form of spiralling cases, reduced supplies of essential treatments and increased deaths. During the second wave, the organization took every possible measures to safeguard its employees from contracting the disease and also remained committed at improving the lives of the most underserved children and their families.

During this ongoing crisis, ChildFund India, with the support of its partners, enabled more than 12 lakh children, community members, front line health workers combat the pandemic effectively. Initiatives such as strengthening healthcare system, establishing child friendly COVID centers, and extensive awareness campaigns were undertaken to promote vaccination in states.

Despite the unprecedented times, this year was remarkable in terms of empowering children continue to achieve their potential through innovative and localized interventions in education, health & nutrition, child protection and disaster risk reduction.

Looking back at the journey of this eventful year, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and express my heartfelt gratitude to our staff members, donors and partners for their continued exemplary support and faith in us during the testing times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nirja Mattoo

President
ChildFund India



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Program reach



15
States

67
Districts

4 million
Total beneficiaries

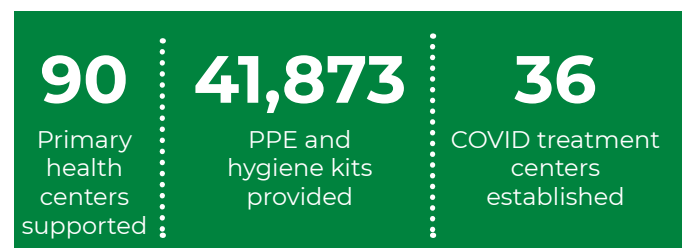
ChildFund India's fight against COVID-19

Medical systems were reeling under tremendous pressure to keep pace with the increasing cases. At this critical hour, ChildFund India strengthened the health care centers through the following interventions:



1. More than **90 Primary Health Centers** across the locations were supported with **21,300 critical medical equipment** such as oxygen concentrators, oxygen flow meters, oxygen concentrator masks, BiPap machines, high flow nasal masks etc.
2. In addition, **over 41,873 PPE and hygiene kits** were provided to the **frontline workers** and vulnerable families to strengthen the existing health care systems.
3. **36 child friendly paediatrics COVID treatment centers** in PHCs/ CHCs were established to ensure quality healthcare for children. The centers were well equipped with medical devices such as Cardiac Monitors, Pulse Oximeter, Adult suction set up, Emergency trolley, Oxygen Concentrators, Self-Inflecting Bags, ICU cots, Child Friendly Paediatric face masks etc. Besides, the centers were also well decorated with wall paintings, toys etc.

COVID-19 had created havoc in many countries and had drastically impacted millions of people across the globe including India. While most concentrated their efforts on healthcare efforts, ChildFund India realized that the pandemic was much more than a health crisis – it was a humanitarian crisis. The need of the hour therefore was to curate a cross cutting sustainable solution to enable the community members, school students develop resilience. During this crisis, ChildFund India implemented rehabilitation interventions in tandem with government's relief endeavour that provide long term security to communities against pandemics and disasters. During such unprecedented times, the organization came forward and provided the following interventions in health, nutrition, education, livelihood, etc.





More than 1,28,000 children and parents were reached through various educational support.

Preventing COVID-19 infection through campaigns on Covid-19 appropriate behaviour and vaccination uptake

- Initiatives such as organizing street plays, vaccination on wheels, and developing IEC/BCC materials were conducted. These initiatives encouraged over 4 lakh community members to receive vaccination doses. Further, frontline workers were also capacitated to support vaccination drive and the process of vaccination.
- Project collaborated with private and government hospitals for mobile vaccination sessions with the vision to reduce inequality and increase vaccination penetration. To enable community members from all economic strata, have access to counselling process and vaccination, the project created sterile setups near rural communities.



5,000+

food baskets were distributed among marginalised children & families to ensure significant reduction in cases of hunger.



Strengthening resilience through mental health and psycho-social support

- COVID-19 aggravated mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety. During this time, a total of 2,653 frontline workers from PHCs/CHCs/Anganwadi centers etc. were trained to identify primary-level mental health problems in COVID-19 survivors, and provide basic mental health services to the COVID survivor. They were also trained on providing referrals to the nearest mental health facility for complex cases while enabling the healthcare workers to optimize their own self-care. Further, 15,170 participants provided cascade sessions to the frontline health workers.
- In the second wave, ChildFund India introduced teleconsultations services pro bono and in vernacular languages in rural areas of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. A total of 5,449 teleconsultations were provided and 6,082 community members were provided support through digital app service count. To establish this process, 21 doctors and 111 youth volunteers were trained.

Enabling community members to have access to food

More than 5,000 food baskets were distributed among marginalised children & families to ensure significant reduction in cases of hunger.

Meeting with key stakeholders

With an aim to apprise the government officials on the program of mobile vaccination drives, block level workshops were organised in Municipal Corporations, Community Health Cares and Primary Health Cares. The stakeholders included medical officers, District Program Manager (DPM), Block Medical Officer In-Charge (MOIC), Block Community Mobilisation Officer, Block Program Manager (BPM), front line service provider like AAAs, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) representatives and community groups. Pre-launch meeting was conducted with 439 district govt official, 1,605 block level officials. 4,074 block level officials and ASHA/





ANM workers were also oriented to support the process of vaccination. 399 youths and frontline workers were trained on COVID vaccination process and on maintaining COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. 5,339 community members including youths and frontline worker were identified to be community level influencer to facilitate the process of vaccination.

Group meetings on vaccination for children

Community based organisations including mother groups, adolescent groups, PRIs and frontline workers were extensively engaged in promoting vaccination and increasing awareness on preventive measures. A total of 8,605 mothers were capacitated to not only promote vaccination but also generate awareness on child immunisation, antenatal care, post antenatal care, malnutrition, sexual and reproductive health etc.



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We are grateful to have received medical equipments like oxygen concentrators, flowmeters, non-breather masks, glucometer, BiPAP machine, High Flow Nasal Cannula, Pulse oximeter etc. We also acknowledge ChildFund India's support on delivering vaccines and conducting awareness campaigns on vaccination in remote locations.”

Dr. Rajesh Singh
CHC Superintendent

Health and nutrition



In FY 2021-22, through its initiative on health and nutrition programs, ChildFund India enabled approximately 1.1 million people across 14 states to have access to better health through our programs.

Mother and Child Health and Nutrition (MACHAN) is a holistic model that caters to the multi-sectoral needs of young children by bringing together families, local partners, health centers, government bodies, communities and knowledge partners. This model also focuses on building local women leadership to promote better health practices.



1. Mentor mothers for healthy and nourished children

This intervention ensures identification of malnourished children and emphasizes on enabling the community members seek existing local solutions to address the issue. “Mentor mothers”, is one of the innovations under this intervention which aims at building leadership skills on mother and child health among the women. These women, as change agents, further instill these skills in other women to ensure prenatal care, antenatal care and mother health are not compromised at any stage. Mentor mothers are identified from the community, and possess leadership skills. Each mentor

mother looks after 40-50 households in the community.

2. Positive deviance plus

It is a community-based intervention where efforts are made to identify successful positive practices of caregivers to eliminate malnutrition in the community. Here the idea is to identify local solutions for tackling situation of malnutrition. In this year, 25 Positive Deviance Plus sessions were conducted in Odisha and Uttar Pradesh with 405 participants.

3. Saving lives

Under this intervention, three mothers ‘committees were formed in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh with 202 mothers who were counselled about safe motherhood. This intervention also ensured linking pregnant women, mothers to institutional deliveries and service delivery sites. Further, 140 training sessions on reproductive maternal new-born, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) enabled 3,761 caregivers and 893 community adults stimulation and protection.



In Financial year 2021-22, 389 mother caregivers and more than 2,000 mothers and children from the communities called mentor mothers were trained on identifying and managing childhood illnesses.



4. Nutrition and Caregivers Livelihood Security

This intervention trains caregivers of children under 5 years on agro-based livelihood options and links them to several social security schemes to prevent food insecurity in their households. Under this intervention, more than 5,000 caregivers were trained on agro based livelihood options.

5. Strengthening Health System

ChildFund India endeavours to cater to a population located at the last-mile in hard-to-reach geographies, and urban-slums, having limited availability and accessibility to primary healthcare services. This year, more than 100+ primary healthcare facilities were equipped. These PHCs were also made child friendly by ensuring the centers have child friendly equipment and eye catching wall paintings.

6. Building capacity of Health Worker

Capacity building is integral to the health projects, as it enhances the efficiency and efficacy of healthcare providers, and the health system. Therefore, this year a total more than 200 ASHA workers, 100 ANMs and 300 AWWs were trained on RMNCAH.

GARIMA

ChildFund India's adolescent reproductive and sexual health program – GARIMA, meaning dignity, works towards empowering youngsters of 11–19 years to achieve improved sexual and reproductive health. The interventions under this model are implemented through “Peer Educators” who play a critical role in instilling significant knowledge in adolescents about sexual and reproductive health including their rights. Following are the interventions that were achieved in this year:

1. Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)

This focuses on providing access to high-quality, evidence-based, comprehensive information on sexuality and reproduction to youth and adolescents through peer educators. This year, a total of 3,733 peer educators, adolescents, teachers etc. from schools and communities were capacitated on the significance of sexual and reproductive health. These peer educators further sensitized a total of 1,280 adolescents including girls and boys on sexual reproductive health including their rights through various meetings and capacity building sessions. In addition, 566 parents/caregivers were also oriented on positive parenting and SRH.



2. Adolescent Friendly Health Services through Jigyasa Centers

This year, more than 500 Jigyasa centers enabled more than 20,000 adolescents to receive adolescent friendly health services. In Uttar Pradesh, seven sessions on adolescent health were organized in Jigyasa centers through IEC/ BCC materials.

3. Families Matter Program

It is a parent focused intervention designed to promote positive parenting and effective parent-child communication on sexuality and sexual risk reduction, including gender-based violence etc.

Under this intervention, 499 FMP sessions of 12 days each were conducted to increase knowledge and understanding around the social norms that increases the risk of unsafe sex and its negative health impacts on adolescents.

4. Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM)

Menstrual health and hygiene interventions are needed to protect dignity, build confidence and improve sexual and reproductive health of adolescent girls. Therefore, under this intervention, approximately 2,485 adolescent girls were sensitized.

Further, 10 youth club centers were also provided with MHM kits and enabled the community members have access to basic hygiene materials such as sanitary napkins, sanitizers, soaps etc.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Unimproved sanitation and unsafe water facilities can have dire consequences in terms of significant increase in the incidences of diseases resulting into poor education related outcomes among children especially girls, and loss of livelihoods among adults. In an attempt to enable the community members, have access to improved sanitation and safe water, ChildFund India achieved the following in 13 districts of three states in Financial year 2021-22:

- In 2021, ChildFund India launched a well-designed model, the SWASH ++, nine locations in seven states in order to improve their health and learning outcomes of these children. The beneficiaries of this program are 69,000 school-going children from 145 schools.
- 99 schools have child friendly toilets with facilities such as hand washing stations.
- 144 Gram Panchayats established community handwashing stations.
- A change of more than 48 % was observed in the current hygiene behaviour of the children resulting in an improved attendance and learning in schools.
- In this year, 2,569 community members including children and adults were trained on WASH.

MUKTI: TB and Nutrition Impact Bond

Mukti is ChildFund India's pilot innovative pay-for-performance program to improve the nutrition of TB patients in the Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. The model was conceptualized by USAID/India in collaboration with ChildFund and the State TB program. The project was implemented in two phases The achievements are as follows:

- A total of 1,099 TB patients completed treatment
- A total of 11,457 home visits were undertaken
- 76% adults show weight gain of 6 kg
- 96% adults gain weight as per the guidelines of World Health Organization (WHO)
- Ensured supplementary nutrition of TB patients by providing 7,078 foods baskets comprising locally procured protein rich food baskets



Following are the achievements:



2,210
patients
attended
sessions
on positive
deviance



1,64,036
multi-vitamins
distributed
to TB
patients

Sustainable Nutrition, Education and Health (SNEH) project

ChildFund India recognizes that the first 1,000 days from pregnancy until the child achieves five years is rather critical. Therefore, as an effort to ensure improvement in the levels of nutrition intake among mothers and children, the organization launched 'The Sustainable Nutrition Education and Health' (SNEH) project. In this financial year, following are the key interventions under this project:

- More than 2,000 moderately malnourished children were identified and provided with nutritious food and nutrimix.

Urban Projects

After successfully implementing programs in rural India for the past seven decades, ChildFund India aimed to bring its expertise to urban locations and metro cities, to address urban poverty. This year, the project was implemented in eight cities and the following were the key interventions undertaken:

- Project identified 2,450 ASHA workers in the urban areas and ensured better service delivery to the health department
- 1,050 Mahila Arogya Samities were formed and were capacitated on mother health, and child health. The members were also oriented on process of immunization in children
- 189 sessions on solid waste management were conducted with key stakeholders to ensure the urban health centers have access to improved infrastructure for solid waste management
- Eight urban health centers provided with IEC/IPC materials

HIV and AIDS - Prevention & Treatment

ChildFund India is the lead agency to implement the Link Workers Scheme Program (LWSP) supported by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO). This financial year, the project was implemented in 20 districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and sensitized over 2,50,000 'High Risk Behaviour Groups' (HRBGs) and other vulnerable population through behaviour change campaigns. The HRBGs include female sex worker, male sex workers, transgender, etc. Out of these, 1,97,571 volunteered for HIV testing. The team further



extended support and counselled 367 HRBGs and facilitated access to the ART services. As a part of promoting safe sex practices, the team also distributed around 48,83,379 condoms to HRBGs.

Further to our intervention, 66% of the identified HRBGs were observed to be visiting STI clinics for medical check-up. 71% of the listed HRBGs were educated about the safe sex and were provided condoms on regular basis. 77% of the contacted HRBGs were motivated to access the Integrated Counselling and Testing Center (ICTC) twice in a year for HIV screening testing.

Convergence

ChildFund India supported the National Health Mission (NHM) in various activities, such as the formation of an Urban Health Coordination Committee. This Committee provided inter and intra sectoral coordination, facilitated linkages with Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to strengthen NUHM with focus on hygiene, sanitation, and livelihood options. ChildFund India is a member of State Health Task Forces and District Task Forces working in more than 15 locations.



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I had been falling ill frequently and was feeling weak. I was unable to concentrate on my studies and other activities. However, after much needed intervention of ChildFund India to address cases of anaemia among adolescents in our village, I started feeling much better. As a part of the intervention, I participated in the health camp where I was diagnosed with low hemoglobin levels and was provided nutrition supplements. I thank ChildFund India for this much needed intervention, as I am now able to focus well in my studies. We were also sensitized on importance of sexual and reproductive health. ”

Bhavana
Andhra Pradesh



Primary education



In FY 2021-22, through its initiative on education, ChildFund India enabled 1,00,000 children and youth in accessing quality Early Childhood Care and Education as well as quality secondary and higher education in 14 states through child sensitive approaches. The approaches were multilingual, and based on play way, and experiential learning methods focusing around social-emotional learning. The theme had following components and the interventions under those were conducted with COVID-19 safety protocols.

Protective, Effective N Context based Initiation of Learning (PENCIL)

This model was developed to respond to specific issues and needs related to education in India. Through PENCIL, we work towards ensuring age appropriate learning outcomes and developing social-emotional learning skills of children between the ages 3 and 14 by implementing the following key interventions:

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for 3 to 6 years:

This year, 18 ICDS centers were mapped and assessed in four states on the situation of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). Two ICDS centers were also supported with necessary infrastructure and learning materials. Further, 13 capacity building sessions were organized to capacitate 191 teachers on play based modules. These modules ensured implementing the activities planned under early childhood care and education using play as an active medium as learning through play helps in achieving

developmental milestones in five critical domains of development process in children. 359 monthly meetings were conducted with 313 mothers' committee members, and 8,119 parents to sensitize them on the significance of ECCE and school readiness.

Bridge classes for 6 to 14 year olds:

This intervention was implemented to enable children achieve age and grade appropriate learning outcomes by involving parents/caregivers, and siblings. A total of 1,00,000 children & their families were reached through following interventions:

- In communities, parents/caregivers were sensitized on the importance of providing supportive learning environment to the children at home. The parents/caregivers were sensitized through storytelling workshops, meetings, workshops etc.



- This year was also significant in ensuring robust operation of child learning centers across nine states which enabled children gain access to improved learning through neighbourhood learning sessions, and Intergenerational Coping Learning kits (IGCL kits).
- In schools, the school teachers were capacitated on teaching learning materials.



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- Further, 95 child friendly libraries and multilingual libraries were established to enable 38,000 children & their families gain access to multilingual content for enhancing their reading skills and developing an interest and love for reading.

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)

SEL is a process or learning system that enables children and adults achieve and use competencies in developing healthy identities and resilience. SEL also helps in building empathy and enables children and youth establish supportive relationships and take caring decisions. Following are the key interventions:

- This year was significant in terms of developing a comprehensive module on SEL which enabled 91 teachers to get capacitated on SEL related competencies. These trainings were further utilised to enable 4,861 children develop SEL related competencies through learning modules.
- 192 sensitization sessions were conducted to instil significance of SEL among 2,469 parents/caregivers and 558 community adults. The sessions were conducted through story telling workshops, and audio-visual mediums.
- 10 capacity building sessions were conducted to capacitate teachers develop SEL related competencies to instil the same among children. As a part of a contract with UNESCO-MGIEP, a cohort of 927 UNESCO certified master trainers on social and emotional learning was formed, this year.
- To enable children, cope with the learning gaps created during the second wave

of COVID, SEL related competencies were promoted among 2,481 children through intergenerational coping learning program.

- Overall in this year, SEL integrated classes were conducted benefitting 8,358 children.



Khilta Bacchpan

As one of the initiatives of ChildFund India under SEL, **Khilta Bacchpan** aims to promote cognitive, social and emotional learning among children by enabling them to develop awareness and practice local art forms. Further, 42 art corners were also developed for the same purpose.

Convergence

To ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote learning opportunities to all SMCs were trained and strengthened at block, district and state levels on 'Right to Education', school governance and advocacy.



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My child was unable to perform well in studies. Although she was 10-year-old, she was far behind in achieving age appropriate outcomes as per her age. Upon ChildFund's intervention in our village in 2021 my child, Sweta, was identified to be academically weak, and as an intervention bridge classes were recommended to her. The sessions were delivered through poems, storytelling, pictures etc. One of the important components implemented by the organization was social-emotional learning that definitely would help the children in developing healthy identities. Besides, there were regular assessments and progress sharing with parents also. I am quite satisfied with her progress, as not only is she regular in school now but has also started reading stories and performed well in numeracy.”

Shared Sweta's father

Secondary and higher education

ChildFund India launched the Higher Education program to help children make a successful transition from secondary to higher education by strengthening school governance and providing them with special support to access quality higher education. It also addresses the high percentage of school dropouts. The following are the major components through which we enabled 10,000 community members and 6,000 children achieve secondary and higher education with COVID-19 safety protocols.



STEM Education Program

The education program on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) of ChildFund India holds a significant role in engaging a child in a holistic learning process by enhancing logical, computational and problem solving skills. At the same time, this program equips a child with appropriate skill sets and attitude to contribute to technological advancements using interdisciplinary thinking. Following are the key interventions taken under Higher Education in Financial year 2021-22:

1. Infrastructure facilities such as science laboratories, libraries and SMART classrooms were constructed which enabled 6,000 children develop aptitude for science and mathematics.
2. Special event such as STEM community day celebration was conducted and generated awareness among 10,000 community members on significance of STEM.
3. Exposure visits were conducted for 3,700 students to help them develop interest and enhance participation on STEM related events.
4. Monthly trainings were conducted for 150 teachers and capacitated them to demonstrate STEM related skills in the classrooms.
5. 12 schools were equipped with STEM-related equipment and books.



Udaan Fellowship program

This fellowship program is a unique academic excellence and personality development program for talented girl students from underserved communities to pursue higher education. The key interventions undertaken during the financial year are as follows:

1. This program enabled 356 girl students to identify and choose a career
2. The fellowship program also included monthly capacity building sessions on life skills and employability skills. These sessions enabled girl students to acquire adequate life skills and soft skills required for her professional career ahead.

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I was almost sure of discontinuing my higher studies because of financial stress in family. At that point in time, I decided to meet the advisors from ChildFund who were working in our village to promote higher education. I not only received career guidance but also received financial support to pursue my education further. I am thankful to ChildFund to have played such an instrumental role in my life. ”

A 3rd year student
Udaan Fellowship Program

Disaster risk management

In Financial year 2021-22, ChildFund India reached out to **1,832 community members, 1,397 school students, 717 teachers & SMC members, 1,067 caregivers including ICDS workers, helpers, and support staff through Climate Change Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities in 10 states.**

The key interventions under this theme are mentioned below and were conducted with COVID-19 safety protocols.



School Safety Planning

With an objective to ensure safe and conducive environment in the schools, teachers, SMC members, children of 36 schools were engaged in the process of planning for school safety.

School Task Forces

Further to ensuring school safety, 273 children were identified to form 12 emergency management task forces. As a part of the training, the children were enthused with the techniques such as search & rescue, first aid, early warning. As a part of the training, five schools were also provided with task force kits

such as early warning, search & rescue and first aid equipment. Trained children also demonstrated the mock drills in 28 schools with active participation of 955 children.

ICDS risk assessment and safety program

To enable the children have access to safe and protected environment in ICDS centers, ICDS workers, parents, 590 mothers were trained on identifying risks in the communities and were also trained on community level risk reduction planning as well as family level preparedness and resilience planning. These sessions witnessed active involvement of 838 participants from 30 centers.

Training sessions were conducted on emergency skills such as search and rescue, first aid, psychosocial counselling, early warning and coordination.

Community level climate change adaptation and child centered disaster risk reduction

- 1. Build capacity of the youth:** This was undertaken by involving youths from three disaster prone villages. Three capacity building sessions were conducted by engaging the participants in developing social mapping, resource mapping and, hazard mapping. The training sessions were designed to increase the capacities of the youths to identify the risks in the community with an active participation of community members, and prepare DRR plans to mitigate the risks identified.
- 2. Undertake risk assessments:** The trained youths conducted risk assessment in 32 villages and based on the findings prepared robust plans to mitigate the risks identified.
- 3. Form Task Forces:** Task forces were formed in eight villages and 136 task force members were capacitated by the personnel from institutions such as Red Cross and Civil Defense department. A total of five batches of training sessions were conducted on emergency skills such as search and rescue, first aid, psychosocial counselling, early warning and coordination. The trained task force members provided cascade trainings to 75 youths in five villages.
- 4. Distribute Task Force Kits:** Community level task force kits comprising early warning kit, search & rescue kit and first aid kit were distributed to 10 community areas (5 each to Kendrapara CDP & Chennai CDP) to use them at the time of emergency and mock drill sessions.



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ChildFund India exposed me to prevailing issues of global warming and how I can play a role. A module named “climate change for children”, given by ChildFund India helped to understand the importance of planting trees, avoiding single use plastic and using the concept of reduce-reuse-recycle concept. I am also a part of school task force and actively participate in school safety planning I thank ChildFund India to provide us theoretical and hands on knowledge on climate change and disaster risk reduction.”

Laxmi

A student of 6th std.

Child protection



Under the Child Protection program, this year was significant in terms of forming 1,095 Village Level Protection Committees (VLCPCs) to address the child protection issues in the communities. Through various interventions, ChildFund India also sensitized 50,000 community members on child protection issues.

Strengthen Child Protection Mechanisms in schools and communities

ChildFund India forms and strengthens several Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) like Child Clubs, Parent Groups and Village Level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) to ensure a child remains safe and protected in a community. This intervention also entails duty bearers and institutions play a vigilant role in child protection (prevention & redressal). In this year, following were the key interventions:

- 1 1,255 parents and 1,236 children were sensitized on child protection and safeguarding policy through 147 capacity building sessions. Further, sessions were also conducted to sensitize 100 parents on violence on children
- 2 The organization also formed and strengthened the capacities of 456 VLCPCs

through events such as 74 awareness campaigns, 171 orientation sessions to capacitate them on child protection, child protection risk.

- 3 The importance of child protection mechanism was delineated in schools as well, where the organization sensitized teachers on incidences of violence among children. A total of 61 sensitization sessions were conducted.
- 4 87 meetings and 8 orientation sessions were conducted with key stakeholders such as PRI members, district officials including District Child Protection Units to sensitize them on child protection and enable them adapt bye laws to actively prevent child marriage, child labour etc. These sessions also enabled three Gram Panchayats to include the agenda of child protection in the meetings of Gram Sabha and also integrate the issue of child protection in their annual development plan.



Create Child Friendly Environment through Community Engagement

The parents and children were sensitized through 1,693 awareness drives special events such as celebration of child rights week. More than 50,000 parents and children were sensitized through direct interventions. Further, 480 staff members were trained on different child protection issues and reoriented on child safeguarding policy.

Strengthen Child Friendly Governance

In partnership with UNICEF, ChildFund India implemented a program on strengthening child friendly governance in three states Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana.

- 1 **Meetings with the ward members and PRI leaders on Child Rights:** Activities were conducted with an active involvement of 1332 community members & stakeholders. The participants were oriented on Child Rights and Child Protection and were sensitized on incorporating the issues faced by children in their Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP).

- 2 **Training to community level workers and local organization representatives on Child Rights and role of PRI members:** A total of eight such training sessions were conducted and witnessed active involvement of 207 community members & stakeholders. The participants were capacitated on Child Rights and role of PRI members in identifying and addressing the issues pertaining to child protection.
- 3 **Orientation to sarpanchs and Village Level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs):** A total of 23 such orientation sessions were conducted and involved 453 sarpanchs and VLCPCs and oriented them on the significance of creating a tracking mechanism of child violation cases. Such involvement with these key stakeholders sensitized and capacitated them to actively address child violation cases like child marriages, child abuse, corporal punishments etc.
- 4 **Strengthening Child Protection Committees at village level:** 28 such activities were conducted with an active involvement of 489 children who were oriented on child rights, child protection & GPDP.
- 5 **Interface meetings with key stakeholders at village level:** A total of 18 activities were conducted with 371 key stakeholders such as sarpanchs, GP members, ASHA workers and ANMs. The meetings emphasized on reducing school dropout rates, child abuse and child labour.



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6. Formation of Bal Sabhas and Orientation of the Newly Constituted Bal Sabha Members:

Total 33 Bal Sabhas were formed, strengthened and about 594 children were involved in the activity. The existing Bal Sabhas were being oriented about child rights and also participated proactively in Panchayat level meetings and village level committee meetings.

7. Meetings with Anganwadi Workers, ANM, ASHA and other village level functionaries on child rights:

Further to an effort to sensitize various stakeholders on child rights, 306 village level functionaries such as anganwadi workers, ANM, ASHA etc. were also reached this financial year.

8. Orientation of School Management Committees and teachers:

In this year, the team organized 18 meetings to orient 204 school management committees and teachers on child rights and child protection.



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Due to the financial issues in my family I had to include my daughter in my bangle making business.

ChildFund India helped me to enroll in livelihood schemes to increase my income, thus allowing my daughter to continue her school.

Now she can enjoy her childhood and go to school. ChildFund India has also provided additional study materials. ”

Shyama Devi
Sonam's mother

Livelihood

Under livelihood theme, this year a comprehensive 3E (Employment, Entrepreneurship and Empowerment) program was implemented which empowered the youth and the adults. The theme had the following components in Financial year 2021-22 and the activities under each component were conducted with COVID-19 safety protocols.



Sustainable Livelihood Development Program

The intervention aids youth and women in starting microenterprises across various sectors such as agribusiness, poultry farming, animal husbandry, handicrafts, etc. The following were the key interventions under the program:

- 17 financial literacy trainings were conducted to capacitate 40 parents/caregivers and 291 youth.
- 24 entrepreneurship trainings were provided to 78 parents/caregivers; 49 youth members were capacitated on entrepreneurship trainings.
- 109 parents/caregivers from Odisha and West Bengal were trained on establishing external linkages for business promotion, credit access and market linkages.
- Two exposure visits were conducted for seven youths and 16 parents/caregivers from the states of Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

Daksh Centers

Under its 'Employment' initiative, ChildFund India has established five Daksh centers to provide placement-linked skill development

to youth from underprivileged families. With the support of various Government schemes.

The youth groups were provided training across diversified sectors including Hospitality, Retail, Desktop Publishing (DTP), Nursing, Automobile, Agriculture, etc., and were placed across different organizations. Following are the key interventions under this program:



24 entrepreneurship trainings were provided to 78 parents/caregivers; 49 youth members were capacitated on entrepreneurship trainings.



During this financial year, through this program a total of 15,600 women were identified from eight districts of Karnataka and Maharashtra to capacitate them in entrepreneurship skills.

E- Saksham Centers

This is an initiative to enthuse employability skills such as soft skills, managerial skills etc. among youths and to ensure placements. Following were the key interventions:

- 27 youth federations were strengthened through meetings.
- An E-Saksham center was established to support youth with soft skills and technical skills.
- 10 capacity building trainings were organized to train 227 youth on employment protection policies, labour laws and social security aspects.
- 35 career guidance sessions were delivered to 873 youths.
- 13 youth led projects were promoted in five states. A total of 293 youth was actively involved in these projects.
- 27 events such as festivals were organized to promote leadership qualities among 1599 youth members .

Convergence

- Eight interface meetings were organized with key stakeholders such as government agencies and institutions working for youth at local and district level.
- 118 sensitization sessions on child rights, protection and & advocacy held for adolescent/youth were conducted with an active participation of 415 parents and 1,335 community members including adolescents and youth members.

Agriculture and Allied Livelihoods

This intervention addresses issues of poverty and food insecurity with a focus on climate informed agricultural practices, market support services and linkages with government programs in order to promote diversified livelihood options. Under this the following interventions were conducted:

- In Eastern Uttar Pradesh, ChildFund India in collaboration with European Union and Barnfonden capacitated 58,786 women farmers from 600 Women Farmer Groups (WFGs) on gender sensitive governance, socio-economic rights participation, relevant methods & techniques of climate informed agriculture, sustainable livelihoods, entrepreneurship development etc. This year was also significant in terms of successfully registering women led Farmer Producers Companies (FPCs) formed by selected trained women members from WEGs.



Women Empowerment Program

The Women Empowerment program has an objective of creating a positive impact on livelihood security, education, health and nutritional status of children and family members. This program has been designed as a rehabilitation program to generate sustainable income by ensuring improvement in the health and nutritional status of family members especially of women and children. Following were the key interventions in Financial year 2021-22:

- During this financial year, through this program a total of 15,600 women were identified from eight districts of Karnataka and Maharashtra to capacitate them in entrepreneurship skills. Further, the trained women were supported with start-up fund of INR 12,000 to initiate their small business enterprises on tailoring, animal husbandry, flour mills, catering, snacks stalls, beauty parlor, art and craft, fruits and vegetables vending etc.

Linkage with Government Schemes and Networking

- During the financial year FY 2021-22, ChildFund formed 1,669 new Women entrepreneurship (WEG) groups. The groups were further linked with relevant Government schemes.
- In Mumbai, 775 eligible beneficiaries were linked with the ongoing Government loan scheme (PM SVANidhi) and majority of the beneficiaries were received Udyam Registration Certificate from MSME.
- In Karnataka, a total of 567 beneficiaries were linked with various Self Help Groups, financial institutions such as Sanjeevini-KSRLPS SHGs, Sanghamitra, SBI, HDFC and other micro finance institutions sources for accessing micro loans.
- A total of 389 beneficiaries were registered under Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME); 75 beneficiaries and 10 groups were linked with NRLM/SRLM platform and 645 beneficiaries were linked with various NGOs for skill training.

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After my husband met with an accident he was unable to continue operating the small vegetable shop that we had. At that point in time I decided to take control, and enroll myself in the training program on entrepreneurship organized by ChildFund. Currently my monthly income through the shop stands between INR 2,000 to INR 3,000 which provides me enough opportunity to undertake better treatment for my husband and enable my children continue with their education. I am really thankful to ChildFund and Paras Foundation for all the support ”

Sheila Devi
Ayodhya



Events and engagement

1. Stage on Wheels Campaign

In collaboration with Odia Language Literature & Culture Department, Department of Information and Public Relations, Odisha and UNICEF, we organized the 'Stage on Wheel Campaign' to promote hand hygiene, COVID-19 appropriate behaviours and vaccination drive in eight districts of Odisha. This campaign witnessed active participation from 1,000 locations. The event witnessed a performance by the cultural folk team to disseminate the key messages on COVID-19 protocol.



2. Breastfeeding Week

ChildFund generated awareness among mothers and communities to support breastfeeding across different levels of society. We reached 50,000 people in nine districts of Odisha and Chhattisgarh.



3. Local4Nutrition 2.0

Through our signature campaign, we organised a talk show on "Nutrition & Covid-19" and generated awareness on power of nutrition against infectious diseases.

4. Webinar on Role of Nutrition in Overcoming Tuberculosis

A webinar was organized on "Role of Nutrition in Overcoming Tuberculosis" on 23rd September.

The conversation explored how nutrition and other impact focussed interventions can help India become TB free. The panellists include professionals from ChildFund India, USAID, and Fortis Hospital.

5. Webinar on Returning to School

To ensure mental wellbeing of children in the new normal, two webinars were organized to understand how returning to schools may impact children struggling with learning gaps, stress and trauma in collaboration with UNESCO-MGIEP, Fortis Hospital and HCL Foundation.

6. Webinar on Education during the New Normal

ChildFund India participated in 5th World Congress on Disaster Management, New Delhi, and organised a webinar. The webinar highlighted importance of education in schools during the new normal. The event was conducted on 11th November, 2021 emphasized on the importance of preparedness, timely response, and resilience.

7. Joining Forces

ChildFund India is one of the active partners of Joining Forces for children in India. A desk based study on "Sexual Violence Against Children in India" was published to disseminate this study report with Government Officials, CBOs' Representative to make them aware about this issue and make an effective plan on how this issue could be addressed through a joint action.

8. Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh, Received the Best Performance Award

Under the Link Workers Scheme project, the team in Kadappa district, Andhra Pradesh received recognition from district officials for their efforts in reducing the cases of HIV/AIDS in the district.

9. Sports Day

On International Women's Day, we organized a football match and sensitized on issues such as child marriages, school dropouts, child labour, and distress migration. The event witnessed participation of 60 youths who took an oath to generate awareness on these critical issues.

Financial Statement

Child Fund India

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST,MARCH,2022				
		AMOUNT IN INR		
		SCHEDULE	F.Y.2021-22	F.Y.2020-21
SOURCES OF FUND				
I. FUND BALANCES:				
a.General Fund	[01]	8,03,41,302	7,31,18,728	
b.Asset Fund	[02]	1,17,56,163	80,28,582	
c.Project Fund	[03]	2,30,13,834	3,95,99,050	
d.Corporus Fund		4,39,037	4,39,037	
TOTAL Rs.		11,55,50,337	12,11,85,398	
APPLICATION OF FUND				
I.FIXED ASSETS	[04]	1,17,56,163	80,28,582	
II.INVESTMENTS	[05]	5,94,87,068	5,69,24,049	
III.CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES:				
a.Loans & Advances	[06]	2,57,04,458	35,38,478	
b.Other Current Assets	[07]	17,04,361	22,11,247	
c.Cash & Bank Balance	[08]	6,80,76,514	6,01,36,198	
	A	9,54,85,333	6,58,85,923	
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS:				
a. Current Liabilities	[09]	5,11,78,227	96,53,156	
	B	5,11,78,227	96,53,156	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	[A - B]	4,43,07,106	5,62,32,767	
TOTAL Rs.	[I+II]	11,55,50,337	12,11,85,398	

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts [17]

The schedules referred to above form an Integral part of the Balance Sheet.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2022			
		Amount in INR	
	SCHEDULE	F.Y.2021-22	F.Y.2020-21
<u>I. INCOME</u>			
Grants	[10]	82,35,56,283	37,41,66,158
Donation		1,09,69,142	2,03,60,529
Interest Income	[11]	70,38,890	64,38,465
Other Income		2,50,000	-
		84,18,14,315	40,09,65,153
<u>II. EXPENDITURE</u>			
Expenditure on objects of the society			
Relief to the Poor Projects	[12]	19,36,39,519	19,44,80,520
Livelihood Projects	[13]	33,23,52,711	5,77,41,955
Education Projects (Non-Formal)	[14]	2,28,42,050	3,62,57,613
Preventive Healthcare Programme	[15]	18,68,57,723	5,68,35,018
Operating Expenses	[16]	9,06,80,043	4,44,50,446
Non Recurring Expenses		82,19,696	50,41,956
Depreciation	[04]	44,92,115	21,73,848
Depreciation transferred to Asset Fund	[04]	44,92,115	21,73,848
		83,45,91,742	39,48,07,509
III. EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	[I - II]	72,22,573	61,57,644
IV. EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL FUND		72,22,573	61,57,644

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts [17]

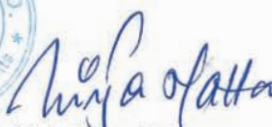
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