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Dear Friends, Supporters and Partners,



As we look back on another year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the impact that we have created with your support. This report encapsulates our relentless efforts and achievements of Financial Year 23-24 in the child protection, health, education, livelihood, child safeguarding and disaster risk management and climate change in India.

Our mission has always been to ensure that every child, irrespective of their background, gets the opportunity to lead a safe, healthy, educated and sustainable life to reach their full potential. This year, we have made significant strides towards this goal. Leveraging digital technology, working with the communities and partnering with the government institutions have been at the core of our strategy, enabling us to reach more communities, enhance our programs, and create sustainable impacts.

During the last decade, digital technology has revolutionised our lives and increased our dependency on it. It has led to high exposure of children to the internet for accessing information, learning resource etc. raising the concern of online safety. This year we have made a substantial progress in Child Safeguarding and launched the #WebSafeAndWise campaign to create access to safer web for children in India. Our collaboration with State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and other stakeholders has been strengthened, facilitating a more coordinated and effective response to foster a safer web for children.

This year, we focused on providing mental health support to children and their caregivers. In this direction, we partnered with Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi to address mental well-being of children and their caregivers including pregnant women, new mothers, children, teachers, and adolescent students at government schools. In addition to providing mental health support, this initiative will increase awareness, break negative social norms and self-stigma to enable them in identifying mental and psychological illnesses, and maintaining their mental well-being.

To promote safe practices, challenge misconceptions, and reduce the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS, we implemented the Link Workers Scheme Program (LWSP) with support from the National AIDS Control Organization in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Over the past year, we have witnessed remarkable transformation of youth getting skilled and securing a job and women entrepreneurs scaling their businesses. Our programs are designed to provide the tools, resources, and support required to nurture entrepreneurial spirit and create resilient communities. By focusing on skill development, access to financial services, and market linkages, we aim to transform aspirations into actionable opportunities. To enable the small women farmers to empower themselves, we introduced Climate Smart Agricultural Practices which

played a transformative role in increasing their earnings from the same piece of land while enhancing the soil quality.

I feel immense pride to share that in this year, we won the 7th CSR Health Impact Award in the "CSR Nutrition Project for Children" category, for nutrition and health interventions for children and mothers in rural communities.

The achievements outlined in this report have been possible due to the unwavering support of our dedicated team, partners, donors, government institutions and volunteers. Their commitment and collaboration have been instrumental in driving our mission forward.

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our resolve to create a safer, healthier, educated and skilled future for the children of India. Together, we can continue to enable children to empower themselves.

Thank you for standing with us on this journey.

Warm regards,

Dr. Nirja Mattoo
President
ChildFund India

Significant Highlights

 <p>Prioritising mental well-being of children and caregivers</p>	 <p>Launching #WebSafeAndWise campaign to foster a safer web for children</p>	 <p>Enabling women to empower themselves to become entrepreneurs and support the growing need of their children</p>	 <p>Inculcating scientific temperament in children by establishing STEM labs in government schools</p>
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ChildFund India's reproductive, maternal and child health programs focus on providing adequate nutrition, promoting safe motherhood, protection against life-threatening childhood illnesses, promoting WASH, sexual and reproductive health for adolescents and empowering community to ensure universal access to health.

Mental Health Capacity Statement

ChildFund India has integrated psychosocial wellbeing in the existing health and nutrition programs as mental and physical health are interlinked.

To address the issues of mental well-being of children and their caregivers, ChildFund India and Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi have partnered to provide mental health support, increase awareness, break negative social norms and enable people in identifying mental and psychological illnesses.

- More than **900** frontline workers trained on counselling, identification, and referral for neurotic and psychiatric illnesses.
- **4,000** youth sensitized on mental health issues.
- **5,999** adults connected with government helpline support programs.



ChildFund India signed MoU with Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi

Digital Health: Teleconsultation for Women and Children

In the rural areas, ChildFund India leverages the digital technology to ensure women and children get the right health diagnosis, medical tests and medication through teleconsultation.

- **55,000** children and women received teleconsultation.
- **1,100** para-medical personnel trained on teleconsultation.

Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (GARIMA)

GARIMA equips adolescents with age-appropriate sexual health knowledge, to encourage them to practice healthy behaviours, form positive relationships, access essential services, and live free from sexual exploitation and abuse.

- **20,000** adolescents sensitized through 500+ Jigyasa Centers (community based centers where trained community members, peer educators and visiting doctors provide health services).
- **3,733** peer educators capacitated on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH).
- **499** family matters sessions organized, and 2,485 adolescent girls sensitized on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM).
- User-friendly app developed on adolescent's reproductive sexual health targeting adolescents of 11-19 years, peer educators, facilitators, school teachers, and parents.
- **3,000** adolescents downloaded the app during the pilot phase.

Urban Health Initiatives in Metro Cities

ChildFund India supports the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) by forming an Urban Health Coordination Committee.

- **123** ward committees reactivated for better community engagement.
- **2450** potential urban ASHA workers identified for capacity building and quality service delivery.
- **1050** Mahila Arogya Samities formed to support Mother and Child health.

HIV/AIDS Program (Link Workers Scheme at HRBG and Targeted Interventions):

ChildFund India is the Lead Agency for the LWS program supported by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) in 20 districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states.

The program has been benefiting the population at-risk of HIV/AIDS in **2000** villages in **22** districts.



Dissemination Event on Combating TB Through Nutritional Support and Care.

ChildFund India's educational interventions aim to ensure quality education, improve enrolment rates, reduce school dropout rates among children, support them to pursue higher education and be self-reliant. The program focuses on building the right foundation from early days of childhood, access to quality education and move towards a bright future.

Early and Elementary Education

ChildFund India believes that early and elementary education is foundational for a child's overall development and future success. Therefore, the program is inclusive of cognitive development, social and emotional development and academic foundation.



Protective, Effective and Context-based Initiation of Learning (PENCIL)

ChildFund India's PENCIL model is designed to address specific educational issues and needs in India. Through PENCIL, we work towards enhancing the learning abilities of children aged 3 to 18 years.

Education for the migration effected districts in Odisha

ChildFund India is working in Kalahandi and Nuapada districts of Odisha, heavily affected by migration of male members of the family which led to high school drop. In the last year, following accomplishments were made:

- More than **1500** children got access to education.
- **20** school libraries and art display corners established.
- Established **60** Child Learning Centres (CLCs).
- Capacity of **120** teachers strengthened as child learning centres' facilitators.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

ChildFund India's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is based on the Collaborative for Academic and Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) framework to foster knowledge, skill, right attitude, emotional competence and establish a learning environment to support students' overall development.

- **1435** parents, SMC members and teachers from 18 govt. schools were trained on Social and Emotional Learning.
- **134** teachers trained.

Learning Support Classes and Neighbourhood Sessions

The intervention ensured that children in the age group of 6-14 years have regular access to the child-friendly learning environment for experiential learning approach.

- **2066** children received social and emotional learning and psychosocial wellbeing support.
- Targetted **18** communities in the rural region.

Higher Education

Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM) Education

The STEM Education program aims to foster STEM skills among children by creating an enabling school environment and an ecosystem that supports student learning.

- **6000** students were benefitted from the STEM intervention.
- **12** STEM classrooms were set up.
- **100%** of the teachers transitioned from direct instruction to inquiry and demonstration based methods.
- **161** teachers trained.



Student from a Govt. School, Udaipur demonstrating a STEM experiment

Udaan Fellowship Program

The Udaan Fellowship Program is a development initiative designed for deserving and talented girls from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The aim is to enable these girls to transform themselves into empowered and self-reliant individuals.

The fellows receive financial support, career guidance and counselling in the program to complete their higher education or professional courses like B. Tech. MBBS or job oriented vocational trainings.

- **324** fellows provided support through the Udaan Fellowship Program.
- Each fellow received an annual scholarship of **Rs.15000**



Swabhiman for Adolescent Girls

The Swabhiman project is operational in Udaipur, Rajasthan aiming to combat the prevalent issue of child marriage and enable the girls to pursue their aspirations.

- **5000** children and community members sensitised on the benefits of promoting higher education for children.
- **1000** children trained on Life Skills, Career skills, and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).
- **320** children are linked with government social security benefit and schemes.
- A group of girls who stayed in the program for six years formed a cricket team and won block and district level prizes in the Rajasthan State Rural Olympics 2023



Livelihood and Entrepreneurship

ChildFund India's life cycle approach begins from a child's conception and continues through nurturing them into a healthy and educated individual. The goal is to support their journey to becoming self-reliant, financially secure young adult who actively contribute to their family, community, and society.

Furthermore, ChildFund India supports women and farmers in gaining livelihood through various interventions focusing on empowerment, employment, and entrepreneurship.

The livelihood program aligns with the changing market needs and opportunities, striving to prepare the youth for employment through technical and vocational training.

Women Entrepreneurship Program (WEP)

Women Entrepreneurship Program aims to provide sustainable livelihood opportunity for women from marginalised sections of the society by developing their entrepreneurship skills and enabling them to earn a livelihood.

- **3403** women from Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Raichur trained in establishing and managing small businesses enabling them to earn an additional income of Rs. 5,000 to 8,000 per month.
- **150** women entrepreneurs' groups formed.
- **3671** women trained on entrepreneurship, livelihood, and financial literacy.
- **1882** women linked with government programs and schemes for skill enhancement and livelihood opportunities.



ChildFund India team visiting the women entrepreneurs, once part of women livelihood program

Gender and Climate Change

To increase women participation and involvement in decision making process, ChildFund India worked with women farmers by organising awareness programs on gender and climate change.

The program emphasized on promoting gender equality, gender mainstreaming & empowerment, awareness on climate change, advocating for women in agriculture & food security, health & education in the context of climate change, gender sensitive responses to climate change, addressing gender inequality & climate change and reducing plastic usage.

Building resilience of Households affected by migration

The project contributed to improving the employment of young adults affected due to migration in Kalahandi and Nuapada districts of Odisha.

- **1000** small holders implemented climate-adapted agricultural production, organised in 4 producer groups.
- **1000** youths trained on market appropriate skills and either found gainful employment or were self-employed.
- The capacities of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) strengthened to support community-based organisations (CBOs) in carrying out their functions.
- Facilitated and trained **563** youths under government skill development programme.



Arvind from Kalahandi district, trained at RSETI, has secured safe and meaningful employment.



Driving the change: A woman agripreneur from Eastern Uttar Pradesh

ChildFund India's Child Safeguarding program works towards ensuring that all children live in protective and enabling environment, free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence.

#WebSafeAndWiseCampaign

ChildFund India launched **#WebSafeAndWiseCampaign** to address the risks emerging in the digital environment while enabling children and young people to become digitally aware and responsible.

This campaign ensures that children are connected to the internet to access information, learning resources, and expand their social engagement while being safe.

To raise awareness among children, parents, and teachers, four radio jingles and a short video were developed.

ChildFund India has entered a Memorandum of Understanding with the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) aimed to jointly work to fostering a safer online environment for children in Karnataka.

KSCPCR and ChildFund India jointly launched the **#WebSafeAndWiseCampaign** to provide a safer web for children in Karnataka.

A National Stakeholders Meet was convened, bringing together government officials, law enforcement agencies, non-governmental organizations, technology companies, civil societies, and child representatives to collaboratively promote a safer web for children.



#WebSafeAndWise Campaign Launch in Karnataka
From Left: Sri Madhu Bangarappa, Hon'ble Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Govt of Karnataka, Smt. Laxmi R. Hebbalkar, Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development, Disabled and Senior-Citizens Empowerment, Govt. of Karnataka and Shri Rajesh Ranjan Singh, Board Member of ChildFund India.



Smt. A. Srija, IES, Economic Advisor, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India addressing the stakeholder meet

Ending violence against children (Child Marriage and Child Labor)

ChildFund India is committed to providing children with a deserving childhood, safeguarding them from the detrimental effects of child marriage and child labor.

- **35,000** children, youth, parents, and community members of Firozabad's bangle-making region made aware on the lifelong impact of child labor.
- **835** boys, **1,323** girls and youth groups made aware about their rights, demerits of child marriage, the child protection laws, government schemes etc.
- **1650** adults, and **445** children participated in the awareness campaigns on child protection issues in the Kalahandi district of Odisha.

Community-based Child Protection

ChildFund India considers the community to be the most essential environment for optimal child development. Therefore, it places significant emphasis on community engagement and strengthening to support children's growth.

- Established **17** Ward Level Child Protection Committees in Firozabad district and built the capacities of the members.
- Launched 'Sports for Protection' initiative with village youth groups in Rajasthan to combat early marriage and promote gender equality.
- **1500** ward and village level committee members, 1000 children and 200 community stakeholders participated in the community led child protection initiatives.



Children are at the greater risk and susceptible to disasters and climate change. The Disaster Risk Management program focuses on children's well-being by aiming to reduce their vulnerability and enhance their resilience. Effective strategies include creating safe schools, ensuring child-cantered emergency planning, and providing psychological support. When communities are better prepared for disasters, children are less likely to suffer severe physical injuries, educational disruptions, and long-term psychological trauma.



Child Centred Disaster Risk Reduction

Disaster risk reduction program focuses on increasing capacity of the Children and youth in the target communities identify and minimize disaster and everyday risks and better prepared to face on-set humanitarian crisis.

- More than **16,000** children, youth and communities reached through different activities of the Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change across six states in India
- Risk assessment exercise carried out in **30** Schools, **23** Integrated Child Development Services Centres and 5 villages by involving school children, SMC & school teachers at schools
- **400** children and **125** Community youth trained on Task Force techniques like Search & Rescue, First Aid, Early Warning & Coordination

Climate change adoption focuses on to engage children, youth, women and Panchayati Raj Institution members to demonstrate an increased resilience, enhanced productivity and reduced emissions leading to sustainable climate resilient practices. It also includes working with farmers to increase their understanding on climate change and adoption of climate smart agricultural practises.

Climate Change Adaptation for farmers

Climate change poses significant challenges for farmers, affecting crop yields, livestock health, and overall farm productivity. ChildFund India supported farmers to adopt to the changing climate by implementing a variety of strategies and practices designed to enhance resilience, maintain productivity, and ensure sustainability.

- **9000** people including children, village youth, PRIs sensitized on Climate Change and its impact through mass awareness campaigns
- Awareness drives conducted on erratic changing behaviour of the climate, its impacted on health & livelihood aspects
- More than **400** farmers sensitized about climate change vulnerability and its coping strategies
- Training given on improved techniques on Climate Smart Agriculture and use of climate resilient crops and shock resilient seeds.



A woman farmer practicing Climate Smart Agriculture

Major Donors and Partners



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Recognition



ChildFund India won the 7th CSR Health Impact Award for Amway's "Power of 5" campaign in the "CSR Nutrition Project for Children" category.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST, MARCH, 2024			
SCHEDULE	AMOUNT IN INR		
	F.Y. 2023-24	F.Y. 2022-23	
SOURCES OF FUND			
I. FUND BALANCES:			
a. General Fund	[01]	10,21,80,569	8,76,72,649
b. Asset Fund	[02]	1,20,29,698	1,56,62,128
c. Project Fund	[03]	1,15,42,774	5,42,13,172
d. Corpus Fund		4,39,037	4,39,037
TOTAL Rs.		12,61,92,078	15,79,86,987
APPLICATION OF FUND			
I. FIXED ASSETS			
	[04]	1,20,29,698	1,56,62,128
II. INVESTMENTS			
	[05]	3,54,14,556	3,90,814
III. CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES:			
a. Loans & Advances	[06]	2,35,33,819	3,40,76,529
b. Other Current Assets	[07]	4,94,282	8,18,014
c. Cash & Bank Balance	[08]	5,89,73,619	13,33,62,610
	A	8,30,01,721	16,82,57,154
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS:			
a. Current Liabilities	[09]	42,53,897	2,63,23,108
	B	42,53,897	2,63,23,108
NET CURRENT ASSETS	[A - B]	7,87,47,824	14,19,34,045
TOTAL Rs.	[I+II]	12,61,92,078	15,79,86,987

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 31/03/2024			
SCHEDULE	Amount in INR		
	F.Y.2023-24	F.Y.2022-23	

I. INCOME

Grants	[10]	33,91,89,072	59,25,62,840
Donation		1,02,53,255	87,20,118
Interest Income	[11]	30,62,820	36,89,961
Service Agreement Income		1,01,71,857	-
Other Income		2,809	87,988
		36,26,79,814	60,50,60,907

II. EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on objects of the society			
Relief to the Poor Projects	[12]	14,64,31,359	27,46,35,229
Livelihood Projects	[13]	4,68,63,823	7,75,19,441
Education Projects (Non-Formal)	[14]	1,17,04,933	2,77,06,456
Preventive Healthcare Programme	[15]	10,12,36,525	10,78,78,668
Operating Expenses			
Operating Expenses	[16]	7,06,93,867	9,95,57,519
Non Recurring Expenses		9,26,915	1,04,32,247
Other Expenses		1,95,639	-
Depreciation			
Depreciation	[04]	45,59,345	65,26,282
Depreciation transferred to Asset Fund	[04]	45,59,345	65,26,282
		37,80,53,062	59,77,29,560

III. EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE [I - II] -1,53,73,248 73,31,347

IV. EXCESS OF EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL FUND -1,53,73,248 73,31,347

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