

STRENGTHENING VULNERABLE LIVES COLLECTIVELY

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From The CEO's Desk

Over the past three months, we launched and sustained our Wave of Hope initiative to counter the distress that the Second Wave of COVID-19 brought.

Our teams were quick to adapt and respond where outreach and relief was necessary. Through Wave of Hope, we connected vulnerable children back to education, their peers, basic nutrition, and an overall sense of mental and physical well-being. Our Wave of Hope also reached underserved communities, giving them access to resources, support and relief that sustained them during these tough times and helped them manage uncertainties.

We are grateful to every corporate sponsor, collaborator, government authority and individual donor who stepped up during this time and strengthened our Wave of Hope initiative - it is because of you that we were able to impact **83,097** individuals, and especially vulnerable children, in a time when they needed hope and support the most.

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#WaveOfHope

A Wave Of Hope

Our COVID-relief initiative during the Second Wave, Wave of Hope was officially launched on 26th April 2021. The support we have received till date, from donors, sponsors and supporters has been inspirational. This support has translated to driving a pivotal impact across the lives of **83,097** vulnerable individuals across Maharashtra and Delhi.

The Wave of Hope Reaches Vulnerable Children

As always, Save the Children India (STCI) put vulnerable children from disadvantaged communities at the top of its priority list. Our on-ground teams, community associates, and early childhood educators continue to work tirelessly to address lesser-known problems faced by children.



STCI has partnered with the Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD) Maharashtra to set up a **helpline** for children orphaned and made vulnerable due to COVID-19.

The helpline can be accessed at:
740005518 / 8306992222.

STCI's expert educators developed a one-of-its-kind manual, Umang, that fosters physical, lingual, cognitive, emotional, and social development among children.

It has helped parents from underserved communities foster better mental development and well-being for their children.

20,097 children's familial lives have been enriched as a result.

STCI worked with DWCD to prevent the marriage of 16-year-old Geeta (name changed) from a village in Maharashtra.

Acting on a tip from an STCI volunteer, DWCD officials and the local sarpanch reached out to Geeta's family and alerted them about the legal consequences of the marriage.

The family called off the marriage and promised to let Geeta pursue her dreams.

The Wave of Hope Reaches Vulnerable Communities



8998 callers have been given information about Covid, vaccination, and connected to various schemes, thus supporting **40,000** individuals. This has been possible through **HelpDesks** set up in collaboration with **Community Workers**.

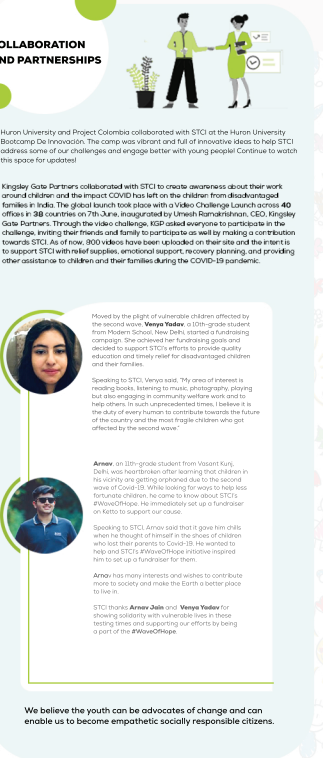
Our **Community Help Desks (CHD)** enable vaccination registrations by giving verified information about vaccination centers, calming fears about side effects & answering queries.



200 Auto Drivers have been enabled to register for financial aid from the government. **88** have already received a support amount of **INR 1500**.

#WaveOfHope On The Ground

With the help of corporate partners and donors, STCI has reached out to **5,167** families in Mumbai, Pune and Delhi. **11,500** children have received access to food, learning materials, cooked meals, and nutritious snacks. Overall, this outreach has impacted **23,000** individuals amongst the underprivileged families affected by the second wave across Mumbai, Pune, and Delhi.



247 essential food kits distributed to families along with **80** signature cooked meals in Sarai Kale Khan & Khirabad, Delhi.

13 Oxygen concentrators donated to the COVID-Care center in Mumbai.

261 Essential Food Kits distributed to disadvantaged families in Mumbai.



50 families in Kurla & Chembur in Mumbai were given essential food kits.

1000 nutritious snack boxes with chocolates & cookies distributed to children in Mumbai & Pune

250 families supported with essential food kits in the Sarai Kale Khan community within Delhi.

The support of our corporate partners and donors is what makes this #WaveOfHope possible.

The team at STCI thanks each partner and donor who has helped the Wave of Hope travel this far!

COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS



• Huron University and Project Colombia collaborated with STCI at the Huron University Bootcamp De Innovación. The camp was vibrant and full of innovative ideas to help STCI address some of our challenges and engage better with young people! Continue to watch this space for updates!

• Kingsley Gate Partners collaborated with STCI to create awareness about their work around children and the impact COVID has left on the children from disadvantaged families in India. The global launch took place with a Video Challenge. Launch across **40** countries on 7th June, inaugurated by Umesh Ramakrishnan, CEO, Kingsley Gate Partners. Through the video challenge, KGP asked everyone to participate in the challenge, inviting their friends and family to participate as well by making a contribution towards STCI. As of now, **800** videos have been uploaded on their site and the intent is to support STCI with relief supplies, emotional support, recovery planning, and providing other assistance to children and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Moved by the plight of vulnerable children affected by the second wave, **Venya Yadav**, a 10th-grade student from Modern School, New Delhi, started a fundraising campaign. She achieved her fundraising goals and decided to support STCI's efforts to provide quality education and timely relief for disadvantaged children and their families.

Speaking to STCI, Venya said, "My area of interest is reading books, listening to music, photography, playing but also engaging in community welfare work and to help others. In such unprecedented times, I believe it is the duty of every human to contribute towards the future of the country and the most fragile children who got affected by the second wave."



Arnav, an 11th-grade student from Vasant Kunj, Delhi, was heartbroken after learning that children in his vicinity are getting orphaned due to the second wave of Covid-19. While looking for ways to help less fortunate children, he came to know about STCI's #WaveOfHope. He immediately set up a fundraiser on Ketto to support our cause.

Speaking to STCI, Arnav said that it gave him chills when he thought of himself in the shoes of children who lost their parents to Covid-19. He wanted to help and STCI's #WaveOfHope initiative inspired him to set up a fundraiser for them.

Arnav has many interests and wishes to contribute more to society and make the Earth a better place to live in.

STCI thanks **Arnav Jais** and **Venya Yadav** for showing solidarity with vulnerable lives in these testing times and supporting our efforts by being a part of the #WaveOfHope.

We believe the youth can be advocates of change and can enable us to become empathetic socially responsible citizens.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD



The Incredible Journey of Lina

The lockdown due to the pandemic played devastating roles in the lives of many, and 31-year-old Lina (name changed) was no exception.

Her husband lost his job due to the pandemic, and the burdens of house rent and bringing up two children were draining her, pushing her to financial vulnerability. A beautician by profession, she had to take on extra work at a massage parlour, where she was rescued by the police from a sex work. As a part of the process, she was placed in a shelter home away from her family, especially her children. Lina was deeply anxious, angry, and battling with feelings of guilt and shame when she met counsellors from STCI. Our counsellors first helped calm her anxieties by explaining that she was the victim and not the accused, which helped build her confidence. While in the shelter home, she was also counselled to enhance her entrepreneurial skills to run a micro-enterprise dealing in beauty services from home.

Lina participated with enthusiasm and her commitment to bettering her life, which led her to complete the Entrepreneurship Development Programme and get her certification. STCI helped her set up the micro-enterprise with material support and seed capital. We also counselled her family to accept her back unconditionally and support her new endeavour. STCI walked with her every step of the way and in a few short months, she was able to develop her network and earn about Rs. 13000-15000 per month. She is now keen to take on advanced courses to build her business and soar higher than ever.

NEWS AND UPDATES

• On 31st May 2021, STCI participated for a #TwitterChat organized by Prerana Anti-Trafficking on the pressing subject of Mental Health in the times of #COVID-19.

• STCI has been awarded an 'Advanced Level-Gold Certification' by GuideStar India, a leading portal for NGO-related information in India. This is a testament to our commitment to empower vulnerable children and women with quality education, care and support that enables independent and dignified lives.



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GuideStar India Certifications: Gold FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17, FY 2018-19
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• Recently STCI joined a panel discussion on The Missing girls of Mumbai on #MaxWoman, an online platform that focuses on socio-political, economic, cultural, educational and other issues of women. Our program director Pravin shared his views on why there's a rise in cases of missing girls and what preventive measures could help stop this. [WATCH THE DISCUSSION HERE](#)

• On 8th June, our CEO Havoli Wadia appeared on India Today for a special segment along with Enakshi Ganguly (HAQ: Centre for Child Rights) to explore solutions to two pressing concerns - the way forward for children affected by COVID19 and Govt. plan to identify the right beneficiaries. [WATCH NOW](#)

• RuPay, India's leading financial services system, furthered our #WaveOfHope initiative by simplifying our donor journey with its UPI payment service.

DONOR OF THE MONTH

Thank You Nestle India for making the Wave Of Hope stronger.

Our partner Nestle India has made it possible for us to support vulnerable families in Mumbai and Pune regions. A total of **4000** ration kits were distributed among families affected by the second wave. Nestle's generous contribution has further strengthened these families, bringing smiles to the faces of many children, even in these challenging times.

KEEP THE WAVE OF HOPE GOING!

For millions of children, the pandemic has blurred the image of a happy childhood by severely impacting their lives. Some have lost their parents to COVID, some belong to families who have lost their only sources of income, and some are struggling to battle child abuse and discrimination.

Your smallest contribution has the power to change a life.

Support us and help make India a child-friendly nation!

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