

Strengthening Vulnerable Lives Collectively

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From The CEO's Desk

I am happy to share some highlights from our work in the January – March 2021 quarter. It is important to note that we wouldn't have been able to do any of the work we did, without citizens like you who stepped up by donating and volunteering when India's most vulnerable needed it the most.

Your support has helped us strengthen projects that deal with Education, Special Needs, Skilling and Women's Empowerment. With the second wave of COVID-19 we as an organization have reviewed our priorities in line with ground realities and are looking to address the children impacted due to this second wave. Our Campaign #Waveofhope is aligned to help address the issues faced by children in marginalised communities in areas of health, education, and mental well-being.



We look forward to strengthening our existing partnerships and building new ones building many more sustainable relationships that can enable our vision of India as a child-friendly nation.

- Havovi Wadia,
CEO, Save The Children India.

Transforming Lives

Across all our initiatives, we were able to support our beneficiaries as they built better, more dignified lives for themselves as detailed below:

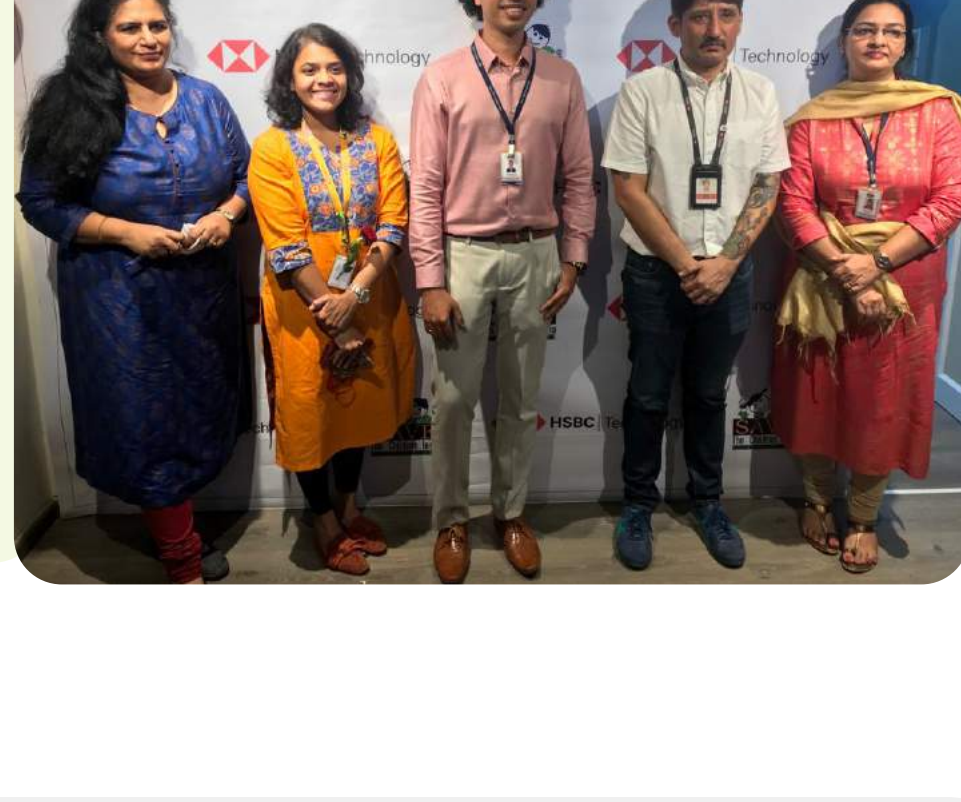


Stepping Out & Stepping Up with HSBC

To help women who were living in the slums of Pune city, we kickstarted Employability Skills Training with the help of HSDI Community Investments. This program aims to skill 4000 disadvantaged women, aged between 18-30. Their training includes new-age life skills, digital literacy, spoken English, gender equality and skills required to understand the retail and BPO/ITES sectors.

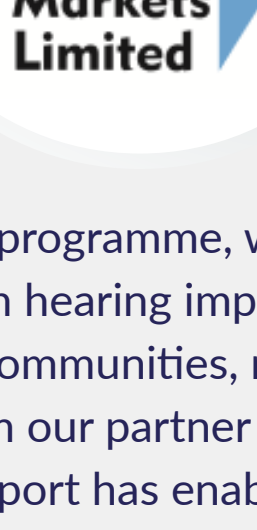
STCI has already organized virtual industry visits for 257 participants who completed their training during Jan – March 2021 and also provides placement support to help things along.

Girish Bidani, Head of Center Operations and Damini Khaire, Corporate Sustainability Lead visited Pune District Office on 8th March 2021 and were happy to observe the progress of the program. They also attended a graduation ceremony, and celebrated International Women's Day with our beneficiaries. We are grateful to HSBC for their compassionate and generous support that is helping young women rebuild their lives.



"There was no better way to celebrate IWD2021 than being a part of the felicitation ceremony with our partner Save The Children India"

- Girish Bidani,
Head of Center Operations,
HSBC Technology.



Leaving No Child Unheard with SBI Capital Markets

Our Dhvani programme, which supports children with hearing impairment from vulnerable communities, received generous support from our partner SBI Capital Markets Ltd. The support has enabled us to upgrade our audiological equipment, ensure proper sanitization of audiological rooms and

procure hearing devices for the therapy and support of more children with hearing loss. STCI deeply values this early intervention support which gives more children with hearing impairment the chance to participate in regular schools.

Spreading the joy of hearing

Through early identification and intervention, we're helping underprivileged children win over their hearing loss by providing them with adequate resources, care, and support.



Chair for Care

A Collaboration with Aalim Hakim

grooms celebrities like Virat Kohli, Hardik Pandya, Arjun Rampal and more.

Every rupee contributed towards the haircuts were donated forward to us by Aalim to support our disabilities programs. We thank every single one of you who have graced the Chair For Care, have helped spread the word, and have shown your support via social media!

230 children with disabilities continue to build independent and dignified lives

Sayali Shines Bright

Sayali Sane, lives in a low income settlement in Yerwada, Pune, Maharashtra. The national lockdown pushed her family into a financial crisis. While Sayali gathered the courage required to support her family, her lack of knowledge & technical expertise only resulted in repeated job rejections.

Through STCI's skilling initiative, she was able to complete a 45-days program that included skills training for effective communication in English, computer skills while also gaining an understanding of the retail and BPO sectors.

Our skilling program proved to be the spark she needed, which helped her land a job in



a Reliance Fresh Retail Mart in Wagholi, Pune. She continues to work there as a Retail Executive and earns INR 11000/- per month. Her income has enabled her family to stay afloat during these tough times. Sayali's success inspires us to continue giving more young women the skills and opportunities they need to make way for new aspirations while securing their families financially.

"Being economically independent has developed my confidence and strengthened my self-reliance. I am very happy that STCI has enabled me to learn and support my family."

Sayali
(translated from Marathi).



I.M. Kadri
President, Board of Trustees
Save The Children India

Lifetime Achievement Award
by Construction Industry Development Council

An Iconic Achievement

We congratulate Mr. I.M. Kadri, President, Board of Trustees, Save The Children India, and renowned architect, who has been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Construction Industry Development Council. The STCI family wishes him the best as he continues to shape the story of India with his iconic architectural offerings.

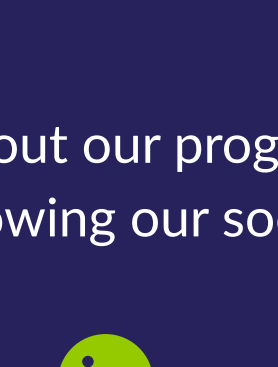
Bracing For The Second Wave

By the time this newsletter reaches you, it is likely that our beneficiaries and our volunteers and staff will be facing the worst of the COVID second wave. We will need better digital infrastructure (electronics & internet data) to reach the vulnerable children we educate, as well as to continue the skilling of disadvantaged women. We will also need material and academic support to strengthen children with intellectual disabilities and hearing impairment. Our community vigilance programs will need to be rolled out to more vulnerable locations to prevent sex-trafficking, while more enabling programs will be needed to prevent survivors being pulled back into sex-trafficking.

We aim to address the current challenges by creating a different kind of wave, i.e. the #WaveOfHope. We are arranging resources to connect these children back to an education system, provide them with recreational material to keep them engaged and positive and ensure they don't go to bed empty stomach. Our children with intellectual disabilities and hearing impairment need us more than ever now. Getting the right resources and support for their needs is a priority for STCI. Our community vigilance programs will need to be rolled out to more vulnerable locations to prevent sex-trafficking, while more enabling programs will be needed to prevent survivors being pulled back into sex-trafficking.

We look forward to your continued support to strengthen our efforts to create the

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