



In The Wake Of A Global Pandemic

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Strengthening Communities

& Lives

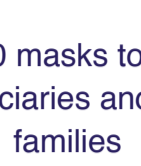


As COVID-19 spread and the lockdown was imposed, STCI sprang into rapid action with the support of corporate grants, institutional donors, individuals and partners to provide relief material across multiple locations in Maharashtra (Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Pune, Satara, Sangli, Solapur, Kolhapur, Nanded, Latur, Osmanabad) and Delhi NCR.

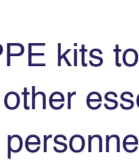
Over the last 6 months, we've spent every waking minute either distributing relief supplies or fundraising to distribute more. Here's a quick glance of the distributions we've enabled in the captioned quarter.



24,554 grocery and hygiene kits to vulnerable communities



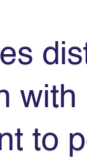
3500 masks to our beneficiaries and their families



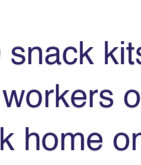
550 PPE kits to police and other essential personnel



444 Direct cash transfers



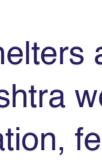
50 batteries distributed to children with hearing impairment to power their hearing aids



6000 snack kits to migrant workers on their way back home on trains



1,20,000 water bottles to the COVID relief centre in Bandra East, Mumbai.



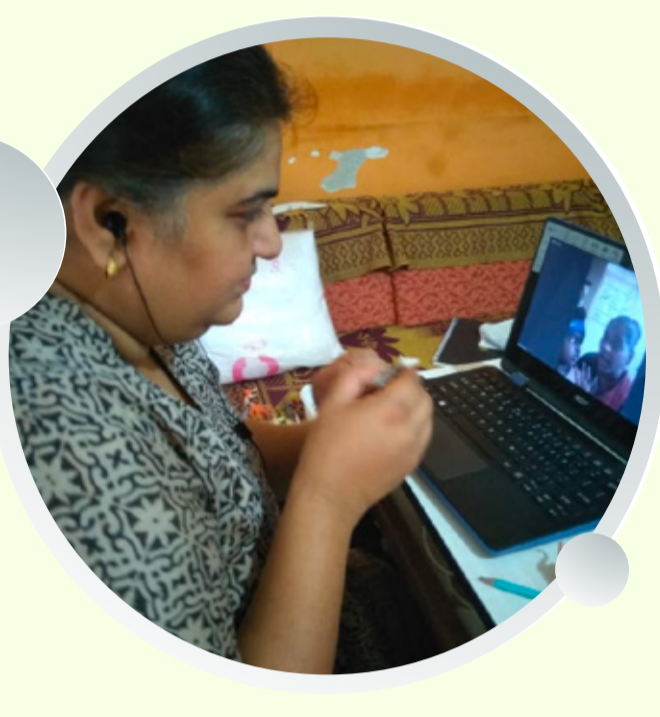
29 shelters across Maharashtra were given sanitation, feminine hygiene supplies, & thermometers to support the women and girls they house.

Overall, we were able to touch the lives of 2,55,090 beneficiaries during the quarter of July – September 2020. Even as our lives slowly inch back to normalcy amidst the pandemic, urban poverty deepens.

Your support can help STCI reach out to more lives across the cities where we have footprints. Do consider donating as frequently as possible.

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Lending A Digital Ear



Pre-COVID, the Dhvani Early Intervention Center would be filled with children and their parents attending therapy sessions and taking audiological evaluations. However, when the pandemic hit, we were forced to rethink how we'd continue our services that our beneficiaries and their parents had come to depend on. Thankfully tele-interventions surfaced and we were able to adapt to the changing times. Over the period of July – September, we conducted more than 500 virtual sessions on auditory training, speech corrections, school readiness, care and maintenance of hearing devices, auditory verbal therapy, parent coaching and various guidance workshops.

We soon realized virtual sessions had also given us the chance to impact more lives across India outside our beneficiary pool! So, we ended up organizing a series of free webinars on subjects of early identification and early intervention, which reached out to an audience of 500 highly motivated Audiologists, Speech Language Pathologists, Therapists, Special Educators for children with hearing loss, doctors, other specialists working in the field of disability and most importantly, more parents.

We were elated to have moderators like Shruti Gupta (Application Analyst & Cochlear Implant Recipient) and Ms. Jaspal Chaudhary (Qualified Psychologist and LSLS Certified AVT) who helped attendees recognize the issue of pediatric hearing loss and emphasized the dire need for early intervention and identification. The webinars were divided into interactive Q&A sessions as well where people from the audience were encouraged to speak about their personal experiences regarding the benefits of early diagnoses and therapy.

"It was an honour and privilege for me to moderate the session and share my life experiences alongside the others panelists. The questions posed by the audience testify to the attentiveness of the participants & I was able to relate many of them to challenges I had faced during my childhood. Thoroughly enjoyed it."

Shruti Gupta

Application Analyst & Cochlear Implant Recipient

Renowned professionals and domain experts like Padmashri awardee Dr. M.V. Kirtane, Dr. Koyeli Sengupta (Developmental Pediatrician), Ms. Geeti Char (Paediatric Audiologist), Ms. Vahishtai J Dabboo (LSLS Cert. AV and Mental Health Practitioner), Ms. Ketaki Deshpande (Audiologist & Speech Language Pathologist) contributed to the webinars bringing considerable insight and experience to the audience.

"It was an honour to be invited by Dhvani, Save the Children, India to be part of the August panel. The panel was really well structured and well conducted."

Ms. Vahishtai J Dabboo

LSLS Cert. AV and Mental Health Practitioner

Rising to India's Challenges

With Heart

Over the last quarter STCI has entered into successful partnerships which have been instrumental in helping us improve the support systems for the vulnerable women and children we support.



SBI Capital Markets Limited's generosity has enabled us to impact the lives of children with hearing impairment through a grant that supports cochlear implant surgeries, creating a hearing aid bank and even providing for calibration, insurance and maintenance of audiological devices.

Nestlé India's support has enabled us to feed 2000 of Mumbai's iconic Dabbawalas under our Premacha Dabba initiative by sponsoring essential dry-ration kits which ensure that Mumbai's original food delivery heroes don't sleep hungry. Additionally, Nestlé India also contributed towards 500 grocery kits for vulnerable families in Thane.



Highway Concessions - One and Godrej Consumer Products Limited have been pillars of strength in building community resilience and awareness regarding the importance of hand washing and hygiene amidst the pandemic.

STCI thanks all the organizations who are giving back to society in this unprecedented time of need. Their support helps us strengthen our mission and resolve to impact the lives of millions in need.



Lives, Dreams & Hopes

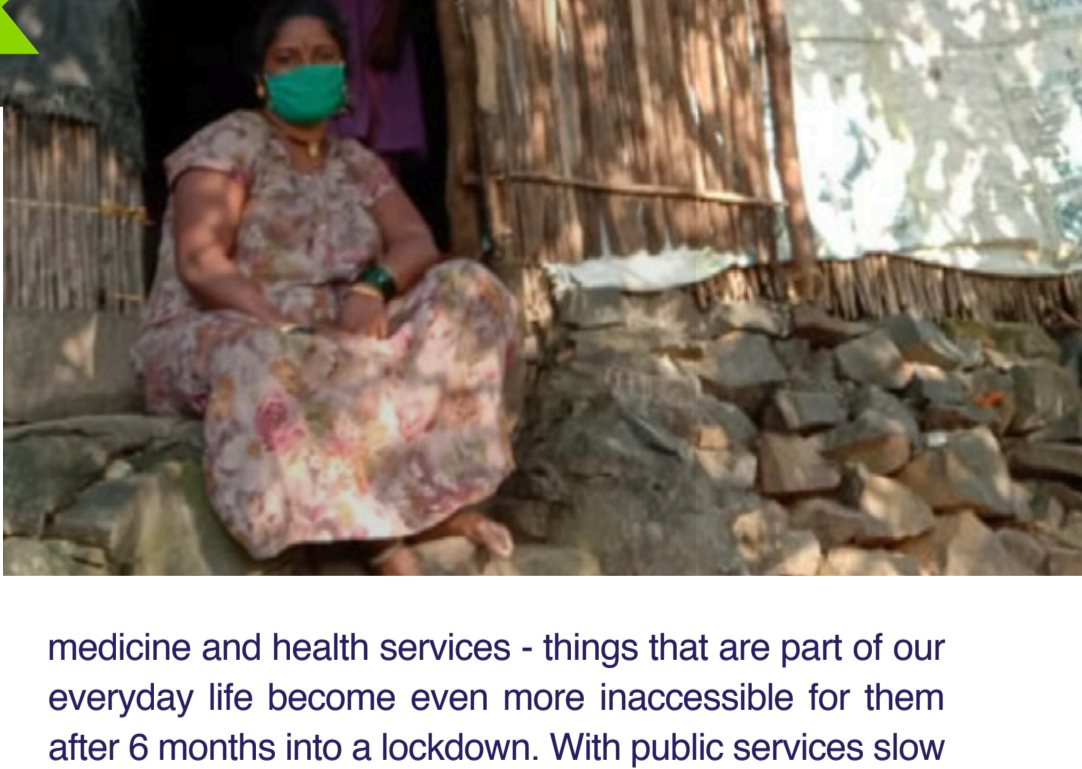
Interrupted

Namita (name changed) is barely educated, having only reached Grade 4 in her short stint in school. Her husband made it till Grade 7. Their three children however were set to change the course for the family, with all three enrolled in school and their parents determined to see them through their secondary education.

But with no paid work over the past six months, their dream stands blurred and their determination dented. Namita stands as a domestic help, and her husband is a daily wage labourer. Their savings ran out within a couple of months and since then they have only managed to scrape enough together for a meal or two every day.

It is no surprise that the children don't have access to education anymore. The only way to continue their education would be online, accessed through a phone. The family has none.

There are many such families in our own cities and neighbourhoods. Food, a smart phone, access to



medicine and health services - things that are part of our everyday life become even more inaccessible for them after 6 months into a lockdown. With public services slow to start, daily wage opportunities being too far & few in between, more of the urban disadvantaged now rely on contributions from people like you, which can help us reach out to them with grocery kits, education and skilling programmes where possible, that can help people find paid work.

Support STCI and enable us to reach out to families like Namita's, to ensure their dreams of better lives for their children are supported.

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