



The beginning of the new financial year is always challenging but exciting since we close the reports and accounts for the preceding year and start implementing our plans for the financial year. April started with much enthusiasm, not just because we were ready to begin with our planned activities for the year but also because we were to complete 35 years in May, and this milestone called for a celebration. There was a sense of extreme gratitude and pride at how far we had come from the time Mrs. Vipula Kadri first started working for children in 1982, subsequently registering Save the Children India in 1988. Mrs. Kadri was a visionary and a dynamic woman who led the organisation with much zeal and passion as she envisioned India as a child-friendly nation. She worked endlessly to ensure we create an environment where children can learn, grow, and flourish.

To commemorate this milestone, we planned many activities and events for the entire year, but for the special day, 12th May 2023, there was a wonderful event planned where we all came together to celebrate and reminisce about our journey of impacting lives over the last 35 years. We started the day by unveiling our 35-year logo, followed by a beautiful video that captured our milestones over the 35 years. The video brought to light each of those momentous steps that we took to help us get to where we are today. As the video was being played, it was a nostalgic moment for many in the organisation as they went down memory lane, remembering those beautiful moments, their old colleagues, and their younger selves. But more than that, it was a feeling of happiness at everything we had done to build a strong foundation, a culture, and a path to grow strength by strength.

Mr. Pramod, Nigudkar, our CEO, addressed everyone and unveiled the list of activities planned as part of our 35-year celebrations. With a resolve to take the organisation to greater heights and more significant impacts, he motivated and encouraged all to work towards creating value for every beneficiary we work with and scale our operations in multiple states across India, in keeping with the vision of our founder. We also felicitated some of our employees who have been with us since 1988, and it was heartening to hear their stories, the changes and growth the organisation has witnessed, and their growth over the years. Their commitment and passion for the organisation were much appreciated.

This special day was graced by our Trustees, Mr. Rahul Kadri and Ms. Monisha Shetty, who have been the driving force of Vipla Foundation, taking forward the legacy of their mother with such dedication that has instilled the spirit of humanity and humility within each member of the organisation. As they fondly shared the love and passion of their mother, who tirelessly worked for vulnerable communities, one could only feel grateful for being able to contribute to her vision.

The celebrations on 12th May 2023 ended with a sumptuous lunch, many photographs, and memories for a lifetime. We now look forward to executing each of the tasks planned as a part of celebrations throughout the year, and as each year goes by and we accomplish our mission, we are driven to do more, transform more lives, and make India a child-friendly nation.

Other Highlights

Early Years Intervention

In the Early Years Intervention, summer camps were held on the theme of socio-emotional journey and Nature where many story books were read, and activities were conducted around the stories for the children. The community Outreach program held in Vikramgad included sessions for parents on school readiness. Multiple training programs were also conducted for teachers and mentors during this quarter.



Education

Training programs were also held for teachers and mentors in our Education Intervention. In Himachal Pradesh, infrastructure development projects such as multipurpose sheds, septic water tanks, repainting of school building, etc., were undertaken in several government schools to enhance the learning environment for students.



Special Care Centre

In our Special Care Centre Sign Language training was conducted for teachers of the Hearing-Impaired Section. Storytelling is one of the finest tools to help children learn better and the teachers of the Special Care Center participated in the storytelling session organized for them to enable them to use this tool effectively. In June, admissions for the new session also began for children with hearing impairment and intellectual disability. After a detailed baseline assessment of all new students, goals were set for each child accordingly.



Dhvani

Our Dhvani team conducted screening camps in the community and also at two maternity homes. Parent Empowerment workshops were conducted for children of our Dhvani and Special Care Centre on Care and maintenance of cochlear implants, Awareness about Occupational Therapy, and wireless technology for hearing aids.



Women Empowerment

Under our Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives, our team concluded Phase 2 of its 'Prevention' project 'Strengthening Community-Based Protection Measures for Children At-Risk to Violence including Trafficking'. Phase 2 focussed on piloting a field-based intervention in 50 villages each across the Amravati and Nagpur districts of the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. The intervention was supported by The Counter Trafficking Group [TCTG] and implemented in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Maharashtra.



Trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) is now not restricted to 'brothels' alone but has penetrated massage parlours, cyberspace, spas, and apartments. As a step towards countering the same through a multi-pronged, multi-stakeholder coordinated approach, a Divisional consultation was conducted under Alliance Against Centres of Trafficking (ACT) in collaboration with Maharashtra State Commission for Women (MSCW), in Nagpur. This was attended by over 400 stakeholders, which included the Police Department, District Government, NGOs, Child Welfare Committees, Legal Services Authority, etc. Hon. Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Dy. Chief Minister, Maharashtra, addressed the program along with Smt. Rupali Chakankar, Chairperson, MSCW, Shri. Amitesh Kumar IPS, Commissioner of Police, Nagpur, Dr. P.M Nair, IPS (Retired, DG, NDRF and Civil Defence, Govt. of India), along with other dignitaries who have dedicated their services to the cause.

Programmatic Reach



Early Years Intervention
85%
Community Balwadi children are school-ready

38
Teachers attended Balwadi Teacher Training Program



Dhvani
02
Cochlear implants surgery

179
Families reached through #DialforDhvani free helpline number



Education
72%
Students achieved level 1 proficiency in Language

90%
Students achieved level 2 proficiency in Math



Anti Human Trafficking Initiatives
99
Village Child Protection Committees [VPCs] established out of target 100 villages

25
victims of trafficking trained in Entrepreneurship Development



Special Care Centre
24
Teachers participated in Sign Language Training

27
Teachers participated in Story Telling session



Delhi
100
Children got enrolled in pre-primary (Balwadi) Education in Delhi

3rd
Community-based Patang center initiated in Taimoor Nagar

