

Annual Report of Udaan Welfare Foundation - Year 2014-2015

I welcome and greet all the esteemed members, donors, volunteers and our well-wishers.

The Year 2014-15 has been a landmark year for Udaan Welfare Foundation. Apart from sustaining our ongoing projects, we have accomplished our goals set in the year 2014-15. Our vision of setting up the project "Naari Shakti Ki Udaan" has been realised and launched with a new name "SAKSHAM".

It was a proud moment for Udaan Welfare Foundation to be recognised at the World CSR Congress, with the '**Global CSR Leadership and Excellence Award**' held at Hotel Taj Lands End, Mumbai.

Our journey continues with more responsibilities, dedication, devotion and commitment to maintain the highest standards achieved so far.

OUR SUSTAINED PROJECTS

All our on-going projects, have been continuing smoothly for the last 6 years -

1. The **Nutrition program** for 60 children at Anugraha Children's Home continues to nourish the children with healthy breakfast since 2008.
2. The '**PSR Education Fund**' support for upto 70 children at Anugraha Vidya Mandir at Ambarnath continues to be well-sustained and supported to this day thanks to our supporters since 2009.

We also sponsored the higher education of 7 underprivileged girls studying M. Com & MA (Part2), at Smt. P N Doshi Girls College, Ghatkopar, Mumbai. This was possible due to the generous donation by Mr. Dhiren Savla in memory of his sister, late Ms. Bharati Gala.

3. The **Udaan Edufest-2014**, titled "Udaan Naari Shakti Ki" was memorably successful with active participation from over 260 girls from 10th to 12th Standard. Udaan Edufest 2014 was focussed on "Self-defence" and was conducted on 8th & 9th November, 2014. The children were conditioned towards a single minded focus on building mental strength to face any untoward incident as well as being physically fit to ward off such situations. Our experts were in full form and they gave away valuable tips and training to build up courage, remove fear and inhibitions. The presentation at the end of the session by the participants showed our endeavour to be highly successful.
4. **Technology Centre:** The Technology Centre continues to raise the bar of the 300 resident girl children successfully and has completed more than four successful years. The average daily attendance is 80 to 120 children from different grades. The children have shown their continued passion towards learning. We have also introduced TALLY software training classes for the 11th & 12th Std. children. Many children have got employment as a result in different institutions and it has also helped them apply for higher education. We are grateful to the Teachers and the Administrator for giving their best in nurturing these children and helping shape their future.

These children were also assessed during the review visit by a new team of our sponsors - SNS REAAL from Netherlands. They were highly impressed by the way the children

presented their learnings and presentations in Power Point, Excel and Word documents. They profusely praised Udaan Welfare Foundation for its efforts.

The confidence and support displayed by our official project partners - M/s SNS REAAL-Netherlands, WeKare Society - Capgemini India Ltd has helped Udaan Welfare Foundation to successfully manage this critical project in totality, and provide the much needed educational support to over 300 underprivileged girls. The encouraging support from the Rev. Sisters of Ma Niketan continues to motivate us to do more for these brilliant girls. God Bless them with all His might.

5. **Udaan Vigyan Ki:** This project has completed three years and had been running in two schools for the underprivileged at Thane. We have had excellent results in Shri Harikishan English Medium School at Gandhinagar. As a result of our efforts, the Harikishan School and Udaan Welfare Foundation jointly organised a Science Fair at Gandhinagar, Thane. The participation by all the children from 2nd Std. to 10th Std. gave us broad smiles of satisfaction. There were more than 100 projects made by these children and confidently showcased to the parents and visitors.

Sadly, we had to discontinue our project midway due to change of Trust at Sri Ram Vidya Mandir, Thane.

Our team of volunteers was very good and they highly inspired these 150 children.

6. Our '**Udaan Day Care Centre**' had to be temporarily closed due to space constraints since last year. We continued to help change the lives of these children and their families since 2010.
7. In the field of environment, our two main projects, namely - the Waste Water Recycling project at Ma Niketan Thane, and the Rain Water Harvesting at Mukta Jivan, Vehloli, continue to be functional.

Our regular tree plantation drive was also successful with children from Lok Puram Public School, and Success Academy, Thane participating.

Mini Edufest: Two Mini Edufests were conducted in February and March 2015 at Belavali Village, Shahpur and Anugrah Seva Mandal, Ambarnath, respectively. Altogether about 200 children participated in the events and everyone had a gala time. Nutritious and delicious food prepared by the villagers themselves for their children as well as guests was sponsored by Udaan.

Summer Camp: Two very successful summer camps were organised during the summer vacations in May 2014, for the children of Ma Niketan and Success Academy, Patlipada, Thane. Altogether 56 children participated in the month long activities aptly titled as "My Time My Fun". Various skill building, life building, Science, quiz, art and craft activities were conducted. At the end of the session the children organised a well-choreographed program which was appreciated by all the guests.

Nutrition Support

We had the opportunity to get Rice at highly subsidised rates and we procured approx. 12 Tonnes from Ratnagiri directly from the farmers. This consignment was distributed across different NGOs as well more than 700 street children in different suburbs of Mumbai.

The following NGOs benefitted from the Nutrition program:

1. Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Vashi
2. Vidya Aadhar Pratisthan, Virar
3. Anugrah Seva Mandal, Ambernath
4. Dharma Bharti Mission, Mumbai
5. Angel Xpress Foundation, Mumbai
6. Ma Niketan Society, Thane
7. Muktha Jivan Society, Vehloli
8. Anmol Society for girls, Koparkhairne
9. Jeevan Jyot Cancer Relief & Care Trust, Mumbai
10. Nepal Earthquake survivors through Goonj
11. Maranatha Harvest Mission Orphanage, Mumbai
12. Sri Sathya Sai Trust, Mumbai
13. Vijaya Raje School, Bhandup
14. Environmental Medical Association, Karjat
15. Adivasi Seva Mandal, Girls Hostel, Borivali
16. Kshamata, Thane
17. Bal Snehalaya, Thane
18. Security Guards, Hiranandani Estate, Thane
19. Parivartan Mahila Sansthan, Titwala
20. Shree Hariharaputra Bhajan Samaj, Chembur, Mumbai

Several individual donors also contributed towards the nutrition support. Udaan Welfare Foundation appreciates the efforts all our benefactors.

Rice, Jaggery (200 kg) & Dal (400 kg) was also sponsored by Yog Vidya Pranic Healing Foundation and was distributed to the children of Harikishan English School, Thane.

Vegetable Oil - 250 Litres of vegetable oil was received from Liberty Oil Mills and was distributed for the underprivileged at Vishwabalak Trust, Nerul; Wada and Titwala.

Jaggery: We also had the opportunity to get 500 kg of Organic Jaggery at highly subsidised rates from Mr. Prabodh Halde which were distributed to the street children and a few NGOs listed above.

Several items including grains, oil, sugar, stationery, books, cricket kit, clothes, footwear, etc. were donated for the children of Belavali and their neighbouring villages. Majority of the items were shared by the employees of Serco Intelenet Global Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai and the residents of Fiona, Hiranandani Estate, Thane.

Similarly, several above items as well Musical instruments, personal hygiene products, groceries, etc. were also donated by the employees of Serco Intelenet Global Pvt. Ltd., and individual donors for the resident children at Anugrah Seva Mandal, Ambernath. Ice cream for all the participants was provided by Hindustan Unilever and was enjoyed by the youngsters.

Books donated by Trimurti School, Thane were shared with Anugraha Seva Mandal, Ambernath.

Several story books and Management books donated by Kwench Library to Udaan Welfare Foundation were shared with Dharma Bharati Mission & Smt. P N Doshi Girls College (KPSRJ Kanyashala Trust), Ghatkopar, Mumbai.

Blankets, Linen and Beds: We received about 300 new blankets from Capgemini. About 100 were distributed to the needy cancer and TB patients at Bharat Seva Ashram, Vashi and D Y Patil Medical College & Hospital, Vashi.

A large quantity of Linen, Bedsheets, Mattresses, and Wooden Beds were received from Capgemini India and were shared with Anugrah Children's Home, Ambarnath and Bal Snehalaya, Thane.

Independence Day Celebration with Immunocompromised children at Mukta Jivan – With great enthusiasm, the Udaan team along with children from Lok Puram School, Thane and our volunteers celebrated the Independence Day on 15th August 2014 in a gala fashion. Children danced to the melodious tunes of the orchestra. The school children and the volunteers mingled and played with the resident children and enjoyed thoroughly.

Tree Plantation – We again organised a tree plantation drive with the active support and participation of over 40 children from the Std. VIII of Lok Puram Public School, Thane. About 100 saplings were planted at Mukta Jivan, Vehloli. 25 Volunteers from Serco Intelenet Global Pvt. Ltd. joined us for the event. Fifteen young students of 10th Std. from Success Academy, Patlipada, Thane also participated and enjoyed with the resident children & Senior Citizens.

Movie Show: Around 200 girls from Ma Niketan, Thane were treated to a special screening of the movie 'Krrish 3' at Cinema Star, Thane. This special show was generously hosted by Cinema Star, Thane.

A talk was organised on Child Abuse by Advocate Mrs. Aileen Marques for 100 children at Harikishan English Public School, Thane.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We thank United Way of Mumbai for helping us raise funds through the Standard Chartered Marathon 2014.

Serco, a MNC BPO continued to support us for PSR Education Fund and by donating several food grain items, books, clothes etc.

Capgemini and WeKare Society continued to support the Technology Centre.

Ivolunteer (an NGO networking with NGOs and Corporate volunteers) for helping us with several volunteers for our projects and content writing for the website and Souvenir.

NASSCOM Foundation for helping us in providing software at highly subsidised costs for our IT Projects.

Help Your NGO for showcasing and rating our organisation.

We thank Symbiosis Institute of Media & Mass Communication for sharing the skills of their students and interning with our organisation.

Udaan Welfare Foundation would like to specially thank all the Faculty, Interns and volunteers for their continuous selfless support.

The organisation has grown further with the help and support of all the Udaan family members. We would like to thank all the members and their families for strengthening our activities and achieving success.

No words are sufficient to thank all the donors for our different projects who have been our constant source of support and strength over the years. With new donors stepping forward, we are steadily gaining the much-needed strength to pitch our projects to newer heights. We sincerely thank M/s Sharda Cropchem, M/s Salt Labs, for their whole hearted trust and support. We would like to specially mention the continued support by Serco Intelenet Global Ltd., Marico Ltd., SNS

REAAAL Netherlands, WeKare Society, Yog Vidya Pranic Healing Foundation and many others in our projects and we aspire to build a lasting relationship with them.

We continue on our mission of empowering the underprivileged with Compassion and Humility. We hope for ongoing support in areas beyond finance – the priceless gifts of time, knowledge and skills. We look forward to having more volunteers join hands with us in making a difference to society as we inspire hope for a better tomorrow for all.

The Way Forward...

Our resolve to start the new project ‘Naari Shakti Ki Udaan’ as envisioned last year is taking shape in a new avatar – ‘SAKSHAM’, and we would be working hard to make it a reality with committed passion and motivation of our members by September, 2016.

‘Saksham’ (means - Capability) - With our rich experience in Health-related issues, we are happy to start a unique Holistic Health Project to nip the major health problems arising due to oral Hygiene, Anaemia and Malnutrition, Personal and Hand Hygiene amongst lesser privileged children and women. We also wish to provide employability opportunities to these underprivileged. Education (Digital Literacy, Basics of Science and Maths; & Spoken English) for the children below 18 years and women will form an important aspect of Empowering Lives.

We have leased the premises about 2100 sq. ft. in Azadnagar, Thane and the interior work is on. We expect to start our operations from September/October, 2015.

This is a very large project and will need constant support to run it efficiently and I am sure this project will lift Udaan Welfare Foundation to an altogether different pedestal.

The members of the Udaan family have always aimed for excellence in all endeavours. Members, partners, donors, volunteers and well-wishers have all individually contributed towards making these initiatives successful and resolve to make a difference in response to the changing needs of our society.

As always, we tremendously value the painstaking efforts and investment of time more than just the financial contributions of each of our stakeholders. We have always found that as our relationships deepen, we have been able to collectively handle any constraint – be it funds, efforts, technology, resources or any other.

We consider it a great privilege and honour to be part of such a committed team as Udaan readies itself to scale new heights of service towards society.

Thanks everyone for standing shoulder to shoulder.