

## **Annual report 2023-24**

### **"Consistency is the foundation of virtue" - Francis Bacon**

We highlight our dedication, collaborative efforts, and achievements in empowering communities in the past year. Special engagements, events, and education are cornerstone initiatives, with expanded reach through digital initiatives and collaborations, to ignite and empower the young minds.

Collaborations with like-minded organizations and esteemed partners have amplified our impact. We extend our deepest gratitude to our donors, volunteers, partners, and the Udaan family for their unwavering commitment. Together, we have accomplished much, but our journey of empowerment continues with steadfast resolve.

#### **Our medical highlights:**

Our regular health services continue to serve the community at large with quality care and at highly subsidised rates. All the doctors and their teams have served selflessly with dedication and servitude.

**Anemia Camps:** Conducted for 103 children at Ma Niketan & 355 students from Navbal Vidya Mandir, Smt. Gunjana English High School, and B M Jaiswar School, TMC 55, Azadnagar, Thane at Saksham Community Centre.

Blood Group was also identified for 355 children from the above schools. This project was sponsored by the American College of Chest Physicians (Western India Chapter).

**Dental Implants and Replanting:** We successfully performed our first dental implant at highly subsidized rates, led by Dr. Akshay Ranade and his team, Dr. Divya Sawant and Dr. Anchal Chanchalani.

**Upgradation of medical facilities -** We at Udaan Welfare Foundation express profound gratitude to our esteemed donors for helping us upgrade our medical facilities in the Dental, Skin and Eye departments at our Saksham Community Centre, Thane.

This enhancement enables us to deliver comprehensive dental care with heightened precision, covering root canal treatments, dental implants for missing teeth, and achieving aesthetic realism through cosmetic dentistry. An added advantage is the incorporation of painless local anaesthetic injections, ensuring a completely pain-free experience and alleviating patients' fears.

Furthermore, this upgrade empowers us to extend affordable cosmetic dermatological treatments, particularly benefiting the young female population in semi-urban areas. Services include facial skin peeling, removal of skin tags, warts, corns, and more, all provided at highly economical rates.

In the realm of eye care, we can now identify and treat glaucoma, conduct detailed retinal examinations, and digitally record findings. This technological stride enhances our capacity to provide advanced care to our patients.

We thank the donors - Mr. Parag U. Parikh & CAF Marine & Offshore Services P. Ltd. for their contributions, in loving memory of Late Shri Upendra Ratilal Shah & Shri Nima Rumba Tamang.

We added a state of the art new dental chair with latest hardware to facilitate 2 dental surgeons work simultaneously in our dental clinic. We thank the donors M/s New Era Informatique P. Ltd. for their support.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the donors for their invaluable generosity, and placing trust in our mission.

Child Counselling service was provided to > 10 students attending Saksham for 3 months by another NGO Parisar Asha. Project was supported by Capgemini India Ltd.

<b>Patient Statistics for the last nine years</b>	
Apr. 2023 to March 2024 (Total)	3011
Apr. 2022 to March 2023 (Total)	2138
Apr. 2021 to March 2022 (Total)	2134
Apr. 2020 to March 2021 (Total) Covid-19	665
Apr. 2019 to March 2020 (Total)	3690
Apr. 2018 to March 2019 (Total)	3069
Apr. 2017 to Mar. 2018 (Total)	2033
Apr. 2016 to Mar. 2017 (Total)	1038
Sept. 2015 to Mar. 2016 (Total)	253
<b>Anemia detection Camp</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Total children</b>
Ma Niketan	103
Saksham Community Centre	597

### **Our education highlights:**

Our regular after school classes for teaching Science, Maths & Science continued. Volunteer teachers Mrs. Sheetal Thool, Mrs. Renu Goyal, Mrs. Varsha, Mrs. Babita Khanna continued to share their time and skills and make an impact on the minds of the children. About 50 to 70 children from V to X Std. participated everyday. Few of the facilities were sponsored by Hyva India P. Ltd.

English handwriting classes conducted for 15 students by Mrs. Babita Khanna, a Retd. Principal.

We continued our Online English Classes with Popcorn Phonics: Conducted from July 2023 to April 2024. Forty Eight students of V to VIII Std., from TMC School 55 and nearby private schools at Azadnagar attended 4 sessions per week (2 online, 2 offline). The children showcased their learnings through a play; their confidence, expressions, pronunciations etc. were a treat to watch. This project was funded by WeKare Society (Capgemini India Ltd.) & Capgemini IT Solutions P. Ltd.

Coding, classes were conducted at Saksham Community Centre for elder students & TMC School 55 for students from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Std. four days a week. We collaborated with Pijam Foundation (NGO) to teach Python and Scratch software through Raspberry Pi. 24 students at Saksham & 85 students at TMC School 55 benefitted. This project was funded by WeKare Society (Capgemini India Ltd.). The project learnings were showcased by the students and was appreciated by the donors, parents of the students and guests. The student's presentation skills, confidence, knowledge, enthusiasm gave us sheer joy and excitement for the efforts that was invested in exposing children to newer technologies and future avenues of career building.

We continued the Online Education at TMC School 55, Azadnagar, Thane. Science, Maths & English was taught online to about 101 students from V to VIII Std. We collaborated with eVidyaloka, another Bengaluru based NGO, for content support through an educator app. This project is supported by WeKare Society (Capgemini India Ltd.)

Certificate of achievement from Tally Academy was given to three of our young student for completing the Tally course. Daily classes are conducted from 1 pm to 8 pm for MS Office & 3-5 pm for Tally, 134 students attended MS Office & 6 students attended Tally classes.

#### Data of students

	Educational activities (Apr 2023 - Mar 2024)	
	Total Students	Student Hours
<b>Regular Classes at Saksham (Science, Maths, English)</b>	105	15000
<b>Udaan Digital School at TMC 55 school (Science, Maths, English- V to VIII Std.)</b>	101	25,250
<b>Coding at Saksham</b>	24	2232
<b>Coding at TMC 55 School</b>	85	9520
<b>Spoken English</b>	48	6144
<b>Tally</b>	6	450
<b>MS Office</b>	134	10050
<b>Chess Class</b>	15	30

**Summer camp** - 75-95 children participated daily for 6 weeks. We conducted various activities such as - yoga, art and craft, rangoli making, dry cooking, finance, banking and many more. The children were productively engaged throughout the sessions and utilised their vacations well. Daily freshly cooked snacks/fruits served to sustain their nutritional requirements.

Learnings of past 6 weeks were showcased in front of dignitaries, parents, volunteers and guests. We gratefully thank Mrs. Farogh Mukadam, Addl. Collector Thane (Revenue); Mr. Vijaykumar Thorat, Sr. Inspector, State Excise Dept.; Mr. Rajesh Thool, Exec. Engineer MSEDCL; Mr. Anurag Pratap, VP & CSR Leader, Capgemini India Ltd.; Mr. Ritesh Singh, VP Sika India P. Ltd. for gracing the occasion. We also thank Mrs. Babita Khanna, Mrs. Sheetal Thool, Ms. Nandini Tiwari, Ms. Neha Sonone, Ms. Namrata Sonone, Ms. Khumekshana Kirtane, our committed volunteers and staff for successfully implementing this project. We also thank the faculty who shared their skills and time for the upliftment of the children.

Mrs. Anjali Kulkarni an avid Chess teacher conducted offline & online chess classes for about 15 students once a week.

Personality development program was conducted by Mrs Hema Mukhi Ahuja for about 40 students once a month. Good habits, motivation, focus, values etc. are taught and practiced. This has benefited all the students and have helped them calm down.

Hands on Science lab classes were conducted on Sundays by Mr. Ritesh Singh, VP Marketing, Sika India P. Ltd. for about 25 students. The children have enjoyed the sessions and always looked forward to enhance their knowledge.

Online story telling on “How things work” by international volunteers from USA & UAE once a month was conducted. The students were taken on a video journey of how the railway tracks are made; how pure water reaches their homes, etc. Mrs Archana Pradhan from Dubai and Mr. Sachin Bapat from the US were happily sharing their experiences alongwith the story telling.

Education support for a girl at Navodaya School & Junior College, Thane: We continued to support the educational fees of a girl studying in Std. XI at Navodaya School & Junior College, Wagle Estate, Thane. Her mother was suffering from cancer and father is a motor mechanic. The same girl’s fees were supported along with her brother in the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 as well.

#### **Livelihood:**

We conducted tailoring classes for about 40 women daily to provide them a sense of self confidence and financial independence. Our teachers Mrs. Seema Chaube & Mrs. Surekha Muluk shared their skills for the upliftment of the underprivileged.

#### **Saksham Poshan:**

We provided freshly cooked snacks and fruits to 75-95 kids from April to May daily during our summer camp.

Freshly cooked snacks were served daily to > 50 children from July onwards after their regular classes at Saksham. These snacks prepared by M/s Sakshi Foods has been a delicacy for the children and they enjoy the varieties prepared for them. We are grateful to WeKare Society, Hyva India P. Ltd. and individual donors for sponsoring the snacks in the financial year.

Rice distribution - We received 150 kg of Rice from our member Mr. Pradeep Nair which were distributed to our children, ladies and staff.

#### **Festivals celebration:**

Teacher’s Day Celebration: The children made and presented gifts to their beloved teachers and sought their blessings.

Independence Day Celebration: The children put up a dance and play performance. The ladies in the tailoring workshop participated and played various games organized for them.

Raksha Bandhan: We celebrated Raksha Bandhan, by encouraging the children to make rakhis and the result was amazing creations. They then tied the rakhi to the boys attending the classes.

Vrukshabandhan: Our member & Trustee Mrs. Rama Chandrasekhar lead the students from TMC 55 school to make large Rakhis and tie to the trees around the school and area nearby. They were then encouraged to take a pledge to take care of the plantations around.

Ganpati celebrations: The children at Saksham made beautiful Ganpati idols with clay followed by an eco-friendly visarjan. The children with the best three Ganpati idols were awarded with cash prizes.

Navratri: The children were taught garba as part of festivities for Navratri and on the 7th day of Navratri, they played Garba to celebrate the festival. This was facilitated by Pravruddhi NGO, Thane.

Christmas was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 with about 15 Divine Drummers members as a Street Play. Several children enjoyed playing Djembe Drums with the guests. Thereafter, the Divine Drummers donated 3 Djembe Drums to Udaan for facilitating continued practice by the children. Then, on 25<sup>th</sup> December, we again organised a musical program for the children, wherein they enjoyed the songs sung by Mrs. Mitta Rout and her family, the children also enjoyed singing a few Hindi and Marathi songs. The children were then served healthy snacks.

Republic Day: Students performed various skits showcasing the freedom struggle and unity amongst the communities, and were served healthy food.

We celebrated the birthday of Late Shri Preetam Gulrajani, as a tribute to one of our benefactors, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024 as Preetam's Music Day. Mrs. Manju Gulrajani, Mr. Avinash son & Mrs. Varsha daughter alongwith about 15 senior citizens created a musical extravaganza, and fun filled activities. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

### **Welfare:**

Utility bags distributed: we received about 100 utility bags from Ek Muthi Anaj organisation for sharing with the students. We distributed the same to our young computer students, volunteers and ladies attending our tailoring classes. They were overjoyed to receive a utility item.

Donation of multiple stationery items, notebooks and snacks by Jivdaya group - Students were happy to receive multiple stationery items, notebooks, dry snacks & confectionary from ladies of Jivdaya Group.

5 Djembe drums were donated by Divine Drummers group for the children to learn and play drums. The Divine Drummers have been instrumental in instilling an interest in music amongst the children. A few students have showcased their talents and keen interest in learning drumming. We intend to conduct drum classes once a week.

Blanket Distribution: we received about 500 blankets from Ek Muthi Anaj for distribution to the underprivileged. We distributed 45 blankets to the street children at Maher Ashram, Koparkhairne and Pune.

350 blankets to the families residing at 1) Musai wadi , 2) Shenva, 3) Shid Pada, 4) Rumal Pada, 5) Kharli, 6) Shirgaon - all tribal community villages in Shahapur Tehsil with the help of Mr. Mukund Bhagat, a social worker in the locality.

85 blankets were distributed to the tribal communities living in remote areas, such as Juwlke Upper Village, Juwlke Lower Village, Patharwadi, Dehne brick kiln workers, Retwadi Thakarwadi, Manjrewadi brick kiln workers, Donde sugarcane cutters, Shirolu Thakarwadi, and Dhamangaon. These groups include tribal populations, roadside dwellers, sugarcane workers, brick kiln laborers, and the impoverished Thakar and Katkari tribal communities at Rajgurunagar, Dist. Pune. This

distribution was facilitated by Mumbai Mata and Bal Sangopan Sanstha, Mumbai. We thank Ek Muthi Anaj for giving us the opportunity to reach out to the poorest of poor through different organisations and individuals.

Bicycle donation: We received 12 brand new bicycles from Marico Ltd. for distribution to the needy children attending our Saksham Community Centre. We identified the students who had to walk down for their classes from distant places and gifted them these bicycles. We thank Dr. Prabodh Halde & Mr. Raja Suganth for facilitating this activity.

Sewing machine donation - Two new Sewing Machines were donated to one of our tailoring teacher & a young student attending our tailoring classes who aspired to become an entrepreneur. We thank the donors for this support.

We donated 10 first used laptops at to young school going & undergraduate students at Lohagad village, Nagpur under the aegis of Shri Shivaji Maharaj Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha, Nagpur. The President of the organisation and also one of our Founder Trustee Dr. Prabodh Halde was instrumental in organising this project.

We also donated one laptop to the Gram Panchayat School, Lohagad on 25th November, 2023.

We received multiple used bedsheets, pillows, pillow covers, blankets, Hand towels etc. from Marico Ltd. The same were donated to Mumbai Mata and Bal Sangopan Sanstha, Mumbai for their charitable hospitals in Mumbai & Rajgurunagar, Pune.

### **Special engagements:**

Wada Raha Sanam: Again a grand musical program featuring a host of talented musicians, was held at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Mumbai, organized by Mrs. Radhika Mohan & Mr. Mohan Iyer of SwarOm Events and Entertainments as a fundraiser for Udaan. SwarOM Events have been a consistent supporter of Udaan for showcasing our achievements through these musical shows,

Origami workshop Omatra Foundation: People from Omatra Foundation visited Saksham, and held an art and craft workshop for the children at the community center. They also gave an informative presentation on origami to help the children understand the art better.

Tata Mumbai Marathon: As in the past 8 years, we again participated in the Tata Mumbai Marathon and raised funds for our educational services at Saksham Community Centre, through their Charity partner United Way Mumbai. We thank all the runners, especially doctors from Akola, for participating through us and supporting our cause.

Visit at Sika India Pvt. Ltd.: 27 children visited the office of Sika India Pvt. Ltd. on 12th June, 2023 to participate in their annual day celebrations. Young girls attended an awareness session on Menstrual Hygiene and >10 children shared their Warli Art skills with the employees who in turn helped Udaan raise funds.

In a heartwarming display of Corporate Social Responsibility, Capgemini organized a mini science fest, on 1st November, 2023, bringing together 30 global senior leaders and 30 enthusiastic students from Udaan Welfare Foundation. It was more than just corporate-NGO collaboration; it was a day of connection, inspiration, and empowerment. The event featured engaging scientific activities like

making a spectroscope, basics of electrical circuit with clay, and receiving a personalised greetings; fostering bonds and understanding.

Again on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, Capgemini organized an event for their 30+ global senior leaders to assemble and donate 75 laptop tables to Udaan Welfare Foundation. A few of our children also participated in assembling the laptop tables. The children enthusiastically participated and interacted with the Leaders and thereafter enjoyed a hearty meal with them. Capgemini's commitment to community upliftment and talent nurturing shines through, creating a brighter future. Our heartfelt thanks to Capgemini India Ltd. for this opportunity.

### **Event participation:**

Dr. Anil K Luniya, President of Udaan, attended the eVidyaloka Roshini Program on 15th July, 2023 in Bengaluru where all partner NGOs of eVidyaloka met to discuss on various projects being undertaken by them and how to build sustainable projects.

Mood Indigo: Udaan Welfare Foundation was one of the NGO partners for the Mood Indigo annual cultural festival of IIT Mumbai wherein we got our presence felt to more than 250000 participants across the country apart from Corporate.

Panel Discussion at IIT Madras: Udaan Foundation participated in a collaboration project with 180 DC IIT Madras, one of the flagship events conducted by 180DC IITM on 5th November, 2023. One of the deliverables from IIT Madras to Udaan was the outsourcing of a problem statement, online publicity and branding and access to mailing lists and logo integration. We delivered a sponsorship amount of INR 30,000 and a problem statement to be solved by the participants of the event.

Participation in NGO Mela organized at Capgemini Office, Airoli: The staff of Saksham put up a stall at the NGO Mela at the Capgemini Office on 8th November, 2023. They sold the Warli paintings made by the children on 1<sup>st</sup> November, as a fundraiser.

FSSAI Eat India Fit India event participation 29th April: FSSAI Mumbai invited Udaan to participate in the Eat India, Fit India program held as part of International Millets year in Thane. Our students were given the opportunity of performing Lazim Dance to welcome the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra and also performed a few dances in presence of the audience. They also participated in drawing competitions.

### **Awards and recognitions:**

“Non – profit Company of the Year” by the Chamber for Advancement of Small and Medium Businesses was awarded to Udaan.

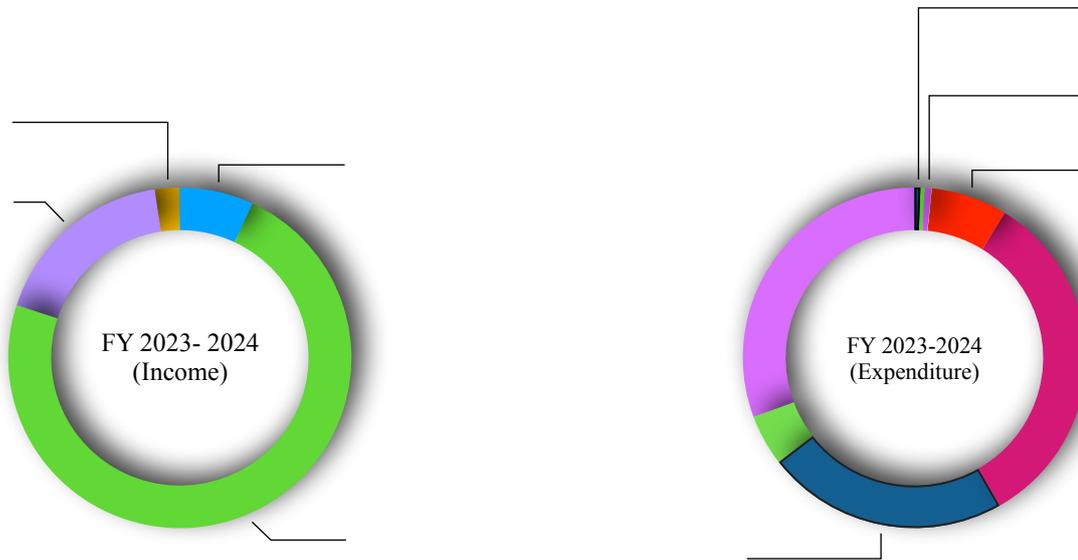
### **Miscellaneous:**

Receipt of MS Office 365 licences at subsidised rates from Bigtech NASSCOM Foundation.

### **Internships:**

We continued to have students from Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication, Pune; Mumbai University; SNDT University; Nirmala Niketan; NMIMS Business Management, Navi Mumbai; NMIMS Schools of Design and Technology, Mumbai; ITM University, Navi Mumbai; Sasmira Business School, Mumbai; and Flame University, Pune. We are grateful to all the Institutions for choosing our organisation for the internships.

## Income and Expenditure:



## Acknowledgements:

We sincerely thank everyone who has been a part of our journey and has provided unwavering support and encouragement. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to our donors, beneficiaries, members, staff, faculty, interns, volunteers, and well-wishers for their valuable contributions.

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The Udaan family has always strived for excellence in all aspects of our work. Each individual's dedication and commitment have played a crucial role in the success of our endeavours. We deeply

appreciate the time and effort invested by our stakeholders, recognizing that their contributions extend beyond financial support.

Through our collective efforts, we have overcome various challenges and continue to make a positive impact on society. It is an honor to be part of such a committed team as we aspire to reach new heights in our service.