



Centre for Development

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1. From the desk of Director

Slowly the effect of COVID-19 reducing and public life trying to get its routine work. Many families migrated still have not returned. People struggling to combat the loss of their family members and friends.

This year too, CfD had provided humanitarian support to 11,807 families for securing their food need for one month. For urban poor the scenario has been completely changed, they have to reset their earning and economic enterprises.

CfD team faced challenges in implementing activities under its Inclusive Urban Governance Program. In some areas families moved to their natives still not returned, so community mobilization had to do again with new members.

Funding also became challenge due to shifted priorities for many institutions.

A big setback was, the withdrawal of Childline India Foundation from running Child Help Desks at pan India level. This withdrawal badly affected the Child Protection Program of CfD, as we are managing Railway Childline Centre at Ahmedabad Railway Station. This withdrawal was sudden without any pre arrangements. Hundreds of children who were rescued and reunited with families became unattended.

COVID-19 brought phone addition among children. Mental health became major emerging issue in young children. CfD team understood this issue and inbuilt counselling in its program with children. Our President, who is a psychologist and therapist, made our team aware and equipped to deal with such cases in CfD's area.

But, with all challenges CfD has done its work for empowerment and betterment of most needy people of society.

Rafi Malek

Managing Director



2. Child Rights and Protection

1.1 Mental Health – A new phenomena emerged

Engagement with children's groups was continued in 12 areas of Ahmedabad city. During COVID-19 schools operated classes online for almost one and half year. This created affection towards mobile phones in children. Many children found phone addicted.

Mental health emerged as new aspect to deal with children and parents too. CfD team was trained by Ms. Meera (President of CfD), who is psychologist and therapist. In house training equipped CfD team to deal with such cases.

As per report around 28 children have counselled and provided therapy to deal with phone addiction. Among 28 children 9 were girls and 19 boys.

CfD realized that mental health issues is not that simple but it also creating effects in various ways in one's life. The habit, behaviour, language, attitude and thinking changes drastically. More, work need to do on this aspect in young children in coming years.



3. Education

2.1 Financial Support for School & College Fees

School Level

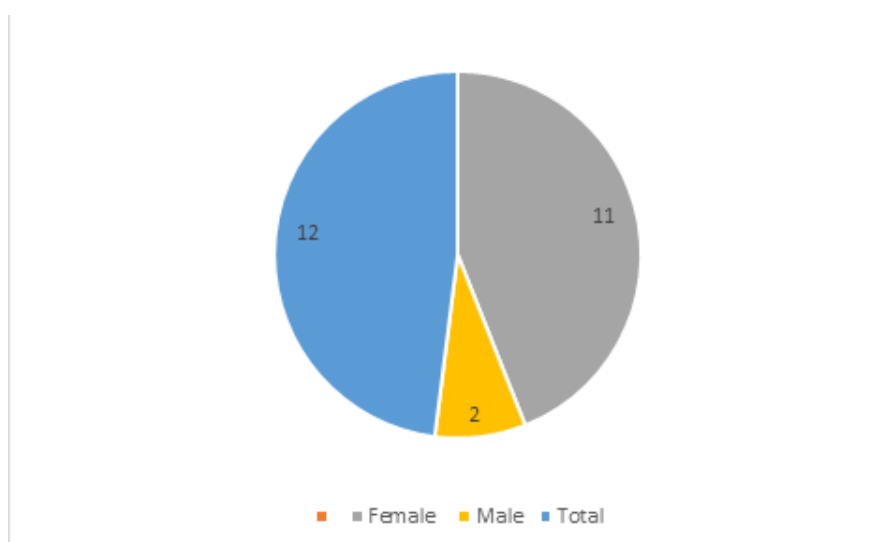
Ten students received fee support totaling ₹46,833. Seven were female, three male. Fees ranged from ₹ 920 (NIOS 12th grade) up to ₹ 13,180 (11th grade at F D English Higher Secondary School), with the majority enrolled in the National Institute of Open Schooling.

College Level

Two students— all female—were assisted with fees totaling ₹ 30,955. Amounts varied widely: from ₹955 (SEM-2 B.A.) up to ₹30,000 (coaching professional course), reflecting diverse educational pathways including arts and vocational courses.

Together, these tables demonstrate CHD's dual focus on urgent child protection interventions and longer-term educational support for vulnerable children and youth.

School and College Fees - 2023-2024



In the year 2022–23, a total of ₹85,843 was extended as financial support towards the school. In the year 2023–24, a total of ₹ 77,788 was extended as financial support towards the school and college fees of 12 students from economically weaker backgrounds.



2.2 Orphan Sponsorship program

In year 2023-2024 total 257 orphan children were provided sponsorship for their education, health and general needs. Wherein 129 were boys and 128 girls.

To review the progress of each child and know the family situation 15 mothers' meetings were organized. Wherein 239 mothers and guardians have participated.



2.3 LitClub Program

2.3.1 LitClub sessions

This year in 16 LitClubs total 756 sessions were organized with 197 children, wherein 152 girls and 45 were boys.

2.3.2 World Read Aloud Day

On 5th February, 2024 a day-long event was organized to celebrate World Read Aloud Day. 165 children were participated and engaged whole day in various activities. To support these children 9 community volunteers provided their services. Total 163 children participated in WRAD.

Children performed drama, story making and telling by using words and pictures, sung their made songs, made pictures from the material available with them.

2.3.3 Standup for Girls Day celebration

The objective of this celebration is to aware people about rights of girls and women in patriarchal social structure and sensitize male folk to accept their existence as equal human being and listen them.

This program was organized on 25th December, 2022 at HDRC, St. Xavier's College Campus. Total 93 children have participated.

2.3.4 LitMom Program

Leadership and Advocacy aspect was discussed with the mothers of LitClub children, called LitMom program. The objective of this program was to involve mothers in process to avail basic services and amenities by representations at various urban local bodies and other stakeholders. This way they also became familiar with governance and complaint redressal mechanism.

Specially designed 14 training session were organized with mothers on governance mechanism, application writing, maintaining documentation and how to keep documents safe. Where in 30 mothers participated.

From 2 areas 14 mothers collectively visited their ward offices and submitted application demanding regular functionality of ICDS centres, regularization of peripheral services for pregnant and lactating mothers and nutritional inputs for adolescent girls.

2.4 Admission under RtE Act

79 children got admission under 25% reservation quota as per the guideline of RtE Act in private schools.



4. Inclusive Urban Governance

This is new initiative of CfD to make the city of Ahmedabad more inclusive through active participation in governance mechanism by urban poor. 74th amendment is the base of this initiative. Formation of Samaveshi Shafer Samities of urban poor and empower them to enter in ward level governance structure and proper documents to avail entitlements are the primary objectives.

CfD has selected 7 municipal wards of Ahmedabad city for this project. That includes BSUP colonies and informal settlements.

3.1 Capacity building of Samaveshi Shafer Samiti members

12 - One day training input sessions were planned on Leadership, Advocacy, Networking, area profile making and city level federation formation were provided to 195 Samaveshi Shafer Samiti members. Where in 117 were male and 78 females.

19 quarterly meetings with 310 (115 male, 195 female) members were organized for update, review, replan of work.

One residential (4 days) training was organized with SSS members. Total 38 members have participated.

Two workshops were organized for SSS members, where in 65 members participated. These workshops were like brainstorming session on to understand the community dynamics, dealing with local internal politics and advocacy tactics.

Two training sessions on use of Rtl was conducted with 70 SSS members (34 male and 36 female) in two batches. Later some of them submitted Rtl's to get information of various amenities, budget and projects.

3.2 Exposure visit/exchange of learning visit

One exposure visit from 16/05/23 to 21/05/23 was organized at YUVA, Mumbai. Wherein core committee members visited different areas of YUVA working in Mumbai on urban governance. Group also met with counsellors and learned how networking and advocacy can be done to attract funds for development of their areas. Total 18 core committee members (13 male, 5 female) of four areas of Ahmedabad participated in this visit.

3.3 Interface dialogue

A series of dialogues with elected representatives and members of ward committees and ULBs.

1. Meeting with MLA for basic amenities issue in Ganeshnagar
2. Meeting with MLA for housing issue.
3. Meeting with local counsellor and opposition leaders of AMC for Sikandarbakht nagar housing issues.
4. Samaveshi Shaher Samiti members participated in ward sabhas and presented the issues they are facing in day to day life. 48 male, 60 female total 108 members participated in 8 wards.

3.4 Team Capacity Building Training

Four days capacity building training was planned for team members on effective networking, strategy planning, tools of effective advocacy and reporting styles. All 10 team members have attended this training.

3.4 Documents and Entitlement Camps

To avail various important documents and entitlements total 32 camps were organized in support with Indian Postal Department, Labour Department and CSC operators. The detail of various documents and entitlements is mentioned in below table.

Sr	No of Camp	Camp Details	M	F	Total
1	11	Adhar card	154	146	300
2	5	PM Svanidhi	23	106	129
3	3	Income & Caste Certificate	24	8	32
4	3	E-Shramik Insurance	16	14	30
5	3	Ayushyaman Card	14	14	28
6	3	Voter ID Card	31	32	63
7	1	PAN card	6	7	13
8	1	E-Shram Card	0	2	2
9	2	Jandhan Account	2	13	15
Total	32		270	342	612

3.5 Health Camps

In collaboration with Gujarat Cancer Hospital CfD had organized 6 medical health check-up camps in 6 different areas. Where in 1408 people have taken various benefits.

Sr	Date	Area	Male	Female	Total
1	17-08-2023	Ganeshnagar	112	166	278
2	02-09-2023	Bheravsinh Shekhavat nagar, Vijaymill	62	166	228
3	18-09-2023	Slkandarbakht nagar	110	197	307
4	13-10-2023	Jashodanagar	80	133	213
5	26-10-2023	Sadbhavnanagar	58	152	210
6	22-12-2023	Saraniyavas, Narol	91	81	172
Total			513	895	1408

3.6 Participation in Ward Sabha organized under 74th Amendment

First time in last 30 years Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation organized Ward Sabha in every Municipal Ward in Ahmedabad city. This was great opportunity for people to pit their demands directly concerned authorities and elected representatives. SSS members took its advantage and represented their areas with demand paper in their respective Ward Sabhas. This had impacted well, in two area drainage and water supply issues which were pending since years solved in next six months, Anganwadi reopened and became functional, massive cleaning in two BSUP colonies, street lights installed.

Sr	Area	Date of Ward Sabha	Male	Female	Total
1	Behrampura	14-08-2023	13	0	13
2	India Colony	05-08-2023	2	5	7
3	Vatva	10-08-2023	9	31	40
4	Odhav	10-08-2023	7	1	8
5	Lambha	11-08-2023	11	6	17
6	Ramil Hathijan	12-08-2023	4	10	14
7	Naroda	11-08-2023	2	7	9
Total			48	60	108



5. Case story: The making of a dynamic community leader – Sunil Chauhan

As a young boy of 11, Sunil went through the pain of displacement. His family had to vacate their house on the banks of river Sabarmati to give way for the Sabarmati Riverfront Development Project. In 2012 they were allotted a house in the BSUP Garib Awaas Yojana site at Vinoba Bhave Nagar, Odhav. He and his family rebuilt their lives through hard work. Sunil had to give up school when he was still in the 8th standard as the family had no means to support his education. He started working to make two ends meet for the family. He works in a factory nearby, making benches, and earns about Rs.400 a day.

Vinoba Bhave Nagar (BSUP Garib Awaas Yojana) Odhav has mainly people belonging to the Devipujak and Bavri communities. Their livelihoods were situated around the river, and once they relocated it became extremely difficult for them to find alternative means of survival. There were at least 10 cases of suicides in this colony over the past few years; it was difficult for families to make two ends meet and most of them were immersed in debt, prey to cruel moneylenders and microfinance companies charging exorbitant rates of interest.

The story of basic amenities and civic services in this settlement is pathetic; be it contaminated water, erratic water supply, overflowing sewerages or collection and disposal of garbage. Neither the officials of the AMC nor their elected Municipal Councilors listened to them or took any step to improve their living conditions. Their constant refrain was that they had to get such work done through the committees constituted for the management of their residential settlements. These committees were not formed at all; which led to a situation where there was no one to represent the residents.

It was at this juncture that CfD initiated the process of formation of the Samaveshi Shaher Samitis and building their capacities. Sunil was enthusiastic and was on the SSS, and keenly participated in all the workshops – Effective communication and writing skills, Leadership Development, Advocacy and Networking, 74th Amendment and the urban governance process and so on. His transformation into a leader, a leader that takes the community along with him, has been phenomenal. He does not fear authorities anymore and confidently speaks to them and to the elected representatives fluently, presenting oral and written evidence to strengthen his case. He also is now an expert on the various entitlements provided by the state and the documentary requirements for submission.

The way in which he presented the issues of Vinoba Bhave Nagar during the Ward Sabha meeting of their Ward was so impressive. He talked eloquently about the water issue, sewerage block and overflow, street lighting and so on in the presence of the Municipal Councilor, the Zonal Officer and the Municipal Engineer. It is remarkable that after the meeting the issues

were resolved within a few days. The water supply is regular and adequate now, and sewerage issues were resolved by bringing in the Jetting and de-watering machines; street lights were installed and bulbs replaced. Garbage Bins (two each) were provided to all households under the Swachchh Bharat Scheme, and the collection of garbage became regular for the first time since they started living there.

Sunil is now known in the AMC Zonal office, and he has been particularly noticed as a result of his written applications on issues pertaining to Vinoba Bhave Nagar. The officials call him if they need any assistance at the community level and as an SSS leader his representations and applications are considered expeditiously.

He also has learned to file applications under RTI. His recent RTI follow up on the quality of drinking water being supplied through the borewell in the colony led to the corporation finally admitting that the water from the said bore was no longer potable, and a new borewell has been sanctioned for their colony. Till such time that the borewell construction is complete and it becomes functional the corporation has started supplying potable water by tankers and will continue till the new borewell becomes functional.

Sunil is a leader who believes in empowering others. He continuously provides inputs to the young people in his area. He feels that they should also learn all that he learned from the capacity building programs of CfD; and carry the work forward.

6. Humanitarian Response



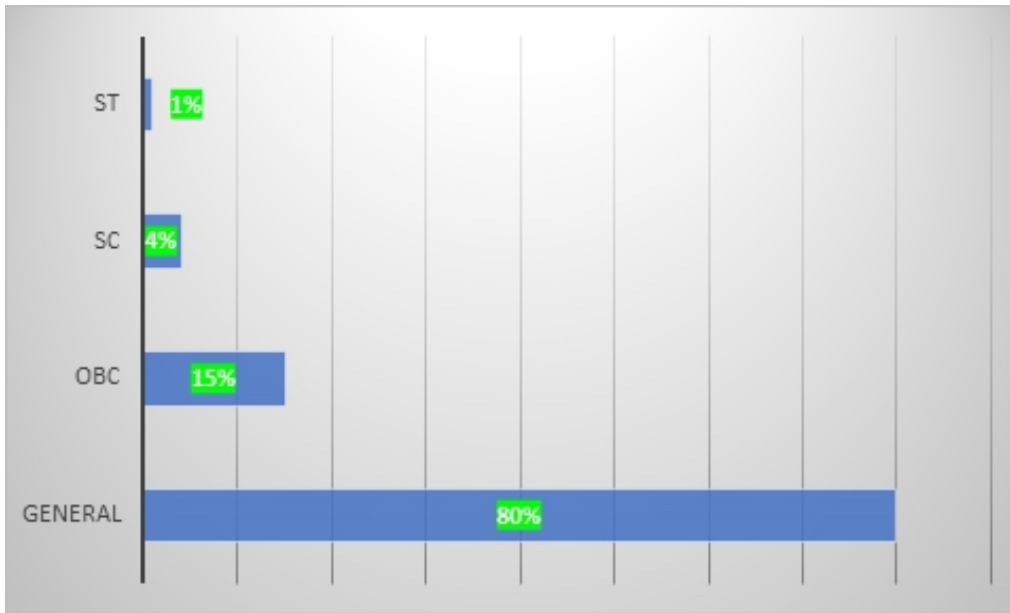
4.1 Dry ration kit distribution

This year CfD provided maximum numbers of dry ration kits to most vulnerable families. In 12 pockets 11,807 families were identified for this support. Mainly daily wage earners, rickshaw drivers, informal labourers have received this support. With Islamic Relief Worldwide, UK.

Social categories covered under Food Kit Distribution

Here is an overview of the social categories covered under Gujarat food kit distribution 2024, along with their respective proportions:

Social Category



The data presents a compelling narrative of inclusivity, highlighting the program's commitment to addressing the diverse needs of society. At the forefront of this distribution are individuals categorized under the "General" category, constituting a substantial 80%. This broad inclusion signifies an acknowledgment of the widespread impact of food insecurity, transcending social stratifications.

This kit contains food items like Rice, Wheat Flour, Chana, Moong Dal, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Salt, Dates, Chilli, Turmeric and Coriender Powder. Total weight of the kit was 33.900 kg. which costs 2,256 Rs.



7. Ahmedabad Waste Pickers Association (AWPA)

The strengthening of AWPA continued in this year too. Total 16 meetings were organized in Saraniya Vas Narol, Ranip Railway Station road, Sabarmati Railway track and Shiv Shaktinagar Odhav.

48 new members joined the AWPA. CfD plans to organize waste pickers in systematic way to make them visible and demand for their special needs.



8. Nutritional support to adolescent girls

CfD has initiated this intervention with two different donors. Whole year 32 adolescent girls were provided food kits to ensure nutrition intake and improvement of health.

All these girls are from St. Rohidas ni Chali, Abadnagar and Site & Service of Danilimda, Bombay Hotel of Behrampura and Madninagar of Ramol.

These kits have pulses, Dal, oil, rice and wheat flour. Sufficient for one month for one girl.



9. Financial Audited Report

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (CONSOLIDATED)
for the year ending on 31.03.2024

Expenses	Annex	Amount		Income	Annex	Amount	
		₹	₹			₹	₹
Expenses towards objects of the Trust (FC) - Funding Agency	B			Interest Income (FC)			
Education		45,73,018		Bank Interest FC			33,070
Social		293,45,716		FD Interest FC			8,146
Administrative Expenses		90,868	340,09,602	TDS Refund Interest FC			10,652
				Grants in aid for specific projects (FC)	A		
Expenses towards objects of the Trust (FC) - CFD Own Funds	B			Unutilised Grant Last Year		15,25,480	
Education		-		Add : Grant Received During the year		334,03,422	
Social		14,534		Add : Interest on Unused Funds		-	
Administrative Expenses		73,074	87,608	Add : Own Contribution / (Excess)		861	
						349,29,763	
Expenses of Projects - Funding Agency	B			Less : Transferred to earmarked Fund		-	
Education		4,34,534		Less : Advance Grant Received			
Social		39,13,141		transferred to Balance Sheet		9,36,291	339,93,472
Administrative Expenses		1,80,439	45,28,114				
				Transfer from Interest Reserve Fund (FC)			51,870
Expenses of Projects - CFD	B			Interest Income (NonFC)			
Education		-		Bank Interest		4,482	
Social		1,61,040		FD Interest		57,656	62,138
Administrative Expenses		121	1,61,161				
				Donation (NonFC)			4,65,100
Excess of Income over Expenditure			3,66,048	Grants in aid for specific projects (NonFC)	A		
				Unutilised Grant Last Year		36,56,235	
				Add : Grant Received During the year		37,62,006	
				Add : Interest on Unused Funds		1,04,970	
				Add : Own Contribution / (Excess)		-	
						75,23,211	
				Less : Advance Grant Received			
				transferred to Balance Sheet		29,95,127	45,28,084
			391,52,532				391,52,532

As per our audit report of even date

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BALANCE SHEET (CONSOLIDATED) As on 31st March, 2024

Capital / Liabilities	Annex	Amount	Assets	Annex	Amount
		₹			₹
Interest Reserve Fund (FC)	F	69,521	Fixed Assets (FC)	C	1,44,022
Fixed Assets Fund (FC)		1,44,022	Other Loan and Advances (FC)	D	9,89,940
Unutilized Grant (FC)	A	9,36,291	Cash and Bank Balance (FC)	E	61,800
Other Current Liability (FC)		21,794	Fixed Assets (NonFC)	H	1,23,221
Expenses Payable			Fixed Deposits (NonFC)	C	45,32,068
Corpus Fund (NonFC)	F	5,60,737	Other Loan and Advances (NonFC)	D	98,987
Non Corpus Fund (NonFC)	G	13,66,057	Cash and Bank Account (NonFC)	E	4,05,962
Fixed Assets Fund (NonFC)		1,23,221	Grant Receivables (Non FC)	A	3,29,007
Other Current Liability (NonFC)	I				
Liability for Expenses		1,39,230			
Unutilized Grant (Non FC)	A	33,24,134			
		66,85,007			66,85,007

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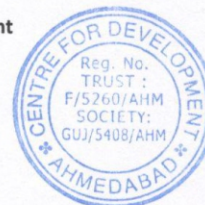



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (CONSOLIDATED)
For the year ended on 31st March 2024

Receipts	Amount		Payments	Amount	
	₹	₹		₹	₹
Opening Balance (FC)			Payments Made towards Project &		
Central Bank Of India	12,25,237		Exps. Of Project (FC)		
State Bank Of India	4,711		As per I/E Account	339,33,268	
Fixed Deposits (FC)	2,14,637		Less : Previous Year Rent Deposit	-19,000	
Cash Balance	4,977	14,49,562	Less : Previous Year Advances (Last Yr BS)	-1,23,720	337,90,548
Foreign Contribution Received (Annexure A)		334,03,422	Administrative Expenses (FC)		
			As per I/E Account	1,63,942	
			Add : Upaid Audit Fees (Last Year)	10,000	1,73,942
TDS Refund Received		1,22,030	Closing Balance (FC)		
Interest Income (FC)			Cash Balance	1,490	
Bank Interest	33,070		Central Bank Of India	52,333	
FD Interest	8,146	41,216	State Bank Of India	7,977	61,800
Opening Balance (NonFC)			Program Advance Given		9,89,940
Central Bank Of India	3,17,143		Payments Made towards Project &		
Fixed Deposit	48,79,728		Exps. Of Project (NonFC)		43,94,912
Cash	630	51,97,501	Administrative Expenses (NonFC)		1,80,560
Income Received During the year (NonFC)			Rent Deposit Paid		54,000
Grant Received	38,66,976		Closing Balance (NonFC)		
Donation (NonFC)	4,65,100	43,32,076	Bank Balance	4,05,962	
Interest Income (NonFC)			Fixed Deposits	45,32,068	49,38,030
Bank Interest	4,482				
FD Interest	33,442	37,924			
		445,83,731			445,83,731

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