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# FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Apne Aap Women's Collective!

I am immensely grateful to all our donors and well-wishers who supported us throughout the last year. Thanks to you despite the pandemic, Apne Aap Women's Collective (AAWC) has continued to serve the community in the red-light area without any hindrance in our ongoing activities.

The strict sanitization measures, since the initial stages of the pandemic, ensured that our AAWC day and night shelter reported **zero covid-positive cases** through the year. Our girls at the center continued their education VIA online schooling with no obstacles in their academic progress. 125+ children and 300+ women beneficiaries of the Red-light area continue to avail our nutrition services to meet their survival needs despite absolute loss of income.

In the last year, the lockdown restrictions, led us to shift all our activities for Umeed beneficiaries (including vocational training sessions) from the center to the area. While the outreach workers manage to find small spaces in the Red-light areas to continue the vocational training, the space restrictions pose a major challenge. The lack of a dedicated space for training, and unmarked funds not only limits the number of women attending the session, but also affects the focus and grasping ability of those already attending the session. Despite these challenges our outreach workers dedicated all their efforts towards counseling the existing women beneficiaries to start thinking about the future and about alternative professions. We took it up as an opportunity to tap into the women's potential with vocational training programs and job placements. The impact was of these initiatives reflected in several women beneficiaries undertaking new income-generation activities. **Fifteen women beneficiaries have completely left the profession and the red-light area in the last financial year.**

We were granted permission for 25 children at our open shelter by the Department of Women and Child Development of Maharashtra. In compliance with the same, we had to reduce shelter services for half of our beneficiaries. The mothers of these children are extremely anxious to put the children back in the center, since there is no scope for healthy growth and development of the children living in the red-light area. In order to pacify these anxieties, we started **daily community classes** in the red-light area. Our teachers go on-field every day to provide education support and preparatory school services to the children so that the lockdown does not get in the way of their progress.

I once again sincerely thank all our donors, the volunteers, Nagpada & V P Road police station personnel, Traffic Control Department, Aadhar Card authorities, Local Nationalized Banks, Post Office, Rationing Department, our caterers, the local groups of well-wishers **for extending the overwhelming response** in these challenging times. My special thanks to Mr. **Aman Bhalla**, our consistent volunteer for initiating and coordinating with various stakeholders to provide cooked meal packets to our women & children beneficiaries during the strict lock down last year. Above all, my **deepest gratitude goes to our women beneficiaries for their cooperation**, volunteering initiatives and drive to help us deliver crucial services in the community during the lockdown.

Regards,

Manju

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# MANAGING COMMITTEE



## **ASHIKA MEHTA, PRESIDENT**

Ashika Mehta has served as the President of the Managing Committee since 2012. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Vassar College and went on to receive a Master of Social Work degree from Columbia University. She currently works as a psychotherapist.



## **AMRUDA NAIR, VICE PRESIDENT**

Amruda Nair has served as Vice President of the Managing Committee since 2012. She has a Master of Management in Hospitality degree. She currently serves as the Head of Corporate Asset Management at The Leela Group and publisher of The Leela Magazine



## **MANECK DAVAR, GENERAL SECRETARY**

Maneck Davar has served as our General Secretary since 2010. He is the sole proprietor of Spenta Multimedia, the largest custom publisher in India. Maneck also serves as Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Children in Western India.



## **SUDARSHAN LOYALKA, FOUNDER/TREASURER**

Sudarshan Loyalka is the original founder of AAWC. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from the University of Washington in Seattle. Today, he is the Managing Director and Board Member of several public companies.



## **ADMIRAL VISHNU BHAGWAT, COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat has been a member of the Managing Committee since 2004. He graduated from the National Defence Academy of India and is a former chief of Naval Staff of India. He has received both AVSM and PVSM medals in honor of his service.



## **JAGDISH JOSHI, COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Jagdish Joshi joined us as a committee member in 2016. A former member of the Indian Administrative Service, he has held important positions in the Government of Maharashtra and Government of India.



## **BHAGWATI PRASAD MANGAL, COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Bhagwati Prasad Mangal joined as a Committee Member in the year 2019. He is the Managing Partner at Agarwal and Mangal Chartered Accountants. He has completed his education in B.com, L.L.B. (Gen), A.C.S., F.C.A and has an experience in the field of Accountancy, Audit of Various Companies and Banks, Taxation and Company Law Matter.



## **VANDITA MORARKA, COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Vandita Morarka joined as a Committee Member in the year 2019. She is a Local Pathways Fellow, with the United Nations Sustainable Solutions Development Network. She is currently also on the Board of Studies for Political Science at Sophia College for Women (Autonomous), Mumbai.

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# ABOUT US

AAWC was established in 1998 in order to work with one of the most underprivileged and isolated sections of Mumbai's society, women in brothel-based prostitution and their children. What began as a one room drop-in center soon developed into a resource center with professional counseling services, medical care, micro savings, and other services. We have designed three programs: Umeed for women in brothel-based prostitution (18+ years), Udaan for their daughters (5-18 years), and Umang for their toddlers (2.5-5 years). By providing our beneficiaries with the tools and resources to create a better quality of life, we seek to empower those women who have been trafficked into brothel-based prostitution, to prevent the intergenerational cycle of prostitution amongst their daughters, and to assist the toddlers in becoming healthy and responsible citizens. Today AAWC operates three centers in Mumbai, shelter home in Kamathipura, a day care in Falkland road and Turbhe road.

## MISSION:

To provide a caring and supportive platform of wholesome services to help women, girls, and children in the Red Light Area make choices for a dignified and better quality of life.

## VISION:

To provide the tools and resources for empowerment to trafficked brothel-based prostitutes, their daughters, and children in Mumbai's Red Light District, and to prevent the cycle of inter-generational prostitution

## WHO WE SERVE?



Kamathipura: Women in the red-light area receiving Iron and multivitamin tablets from AAWC field director

Human trafficking is the third largest organized crime after drugs and arms trade. In India 95% of trafficked persons are forced into prostitution. Of the 20 million commercial sex workers in India 16 million women and girls are victims of trafficking\*. Some of the predominant causes for human trafficking for prostitution are economic deprivation, forcible entry by a relative, deception, religious tradition, and strenuous family structure. For many women, especially for those in rural areas, there is a dearth of education and income-generating opportunities and thus they fall prey and get trafficked for sex trade. Even though the Devdasi system has been abolished in India, old Devdasis continue to work in Kamathipura. In Kamathipura, women are mainly trafficked from Maharashtra, neighboring states such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and country such as Bangladesh. AAWC serves those that find themselves in the sex trade, including other marginalized women associated with brothel-based prostitution.

\*Source: [Thomsan Reuters Foundation](#)

# LEGISLATION

- The Constitution of India states in Article 23 that trafficking human beings is prohibited and is a punishable offense [https://www.constitutionofindia.net/constitution\\_of\\_india/fundamental\\_rights/articles/Article%2023](https://www.constitutionofindia.net/constitution_of_india/fundamental_rights/articles/Article%2023)
- The Trafficking of persons (prevention, protection and rehabilitation) Bill, 2018:  
• <https://prsindia.org/billtrack/the-trafficking-of-persons-prevention-protection-and-rehabilitation-bill-2018>
- The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act:  
<https://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/POCSO%20Act%2C%202012.pdf>
- The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA):  
[https://tcw.nic.in/Acts/Immoral\\_Traffic\\_Prevention\\_Act\\_\(ITPA\)\\_1956.pdf](https://tcw.nic.in/Acts/Immoral_Traffic_Prevention_Act_(ITPA)_1956.pdf)
- IPC section 372: <https://indiankanoon.org/doc/1938563/>
- IPC section 373: <https://indiankanoon.org/doc/530949/>
- The Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013:  
[https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/CSdivTheCriminalLawAct\\_14082018\\_2.pdf](https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/CSdivTheCriminalLawAct_14082018_2.pdf)
- Recent amendments in the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015: <http://cara.nic.in/PDF/JJ%20act%202015.pdf>
- National Legal Services Authority (NALSA): <https://nalsa.gov.in/services/victim-compensation/nalsa-s-compensation-scheme-for-women-victims-survivors-of-sexual-assault-other-crimes---2018>



A snippet from the Red-light District of Kamathipura, Mumbai.



# IMPACT STORIES

36-year-old, Meena\* from Kolkata has been associated with AAWC since the past 8 years. She has been continuously participating in the activities of the organization and has also been availing support like ration, toiletries, counselling, making documents, while attending awareness/ empowerment activities. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, Meena's income source failed her and survival got very difficult. She didn't have money for any of her essential needs. Her only relief was her ration which was provided by AAWC. She opened up about her problems to the outreach workers. When our outreach workers encouraged Meena to brainstorm other ways of earning money, she expressed an interest to start her own vegetable business. The ORWs appreciated her idea & encouraged her to start the venture. In just a few days, she started selling vegetables and was happy that she was earning money. She had support from the police to sell in the area. The ORWs have seen that Meena is able to take care of her finances and deal with customers confidently. She has not started saving money yet but has been able to meet her expenses through a more dignified income source.

Sita\* currently 41 years old, was trapped in poverty and was looking for job opportunities to support her child. Due to the language barrier and her vulnerability she was lured for a job to Mumbai and brought to the community where she was forced to work. When AAWC met Sita\* she was disinterested to even interact with outreach workers since she felt hopeless. However, owing to their continuous follow up in order to protect her from getting infected from various diseases in the area, she was able to trust them eventually. Witnessing our ORWs dedication towards her and other beneficiaries in the area she started taking interest in adult literacy classes. Sita\* showed extremely good potential and was soon provided an opportunity at AAWC to undertake vocational training classes consisting of both tailoring and fashion designing. She showed immense interest in learning new designs and stitches. With her hard work and dedication Sita\* has been able to secure a job with an international bag making company. This gives her a much-needed chance to provide for her child and live a life of dignity.

12 years old Sarina\* came across as a shy and gullible girl when she was first admitted into the day and night care shelter of AAWC in 2019. She belonged from a distant town in Kashmir, thus it took a while for her to get comfortable in the new environment. She did not have a strong background of education and the little education she had received was in Urdu medium. It took strong efforts on the end of the teachers as well as that of Sarina to get acquainted with reading and writing in Hindi. The matter which concerned our staff members the most was that Sarina was not very vocal of her thoughts and had inhibitions to communicate and express herself. She could also be easily manipulated by other people. Often her mother complained about how she would meet any *didi's* demand of getting them things from a shop near the brothel. *Didi's* would request Sarina to either buy tobacco or other intoxicants and unhealthy items. Sarina was always convinced to fulfil their demands. Her mother took a lot of effort to make Sarina understand that she was to refuse such requests. When this was brought into the notice of the staff members at AAWC, they counselled her to be firm and say no to such requests. Several times, the staff reiterated this point and explained to her how things could turn out against her if she would be extremely approachable in such a high-risk neighborhood. The counselling was oriented to instill the idea of being firm against things that she feels are inappropriate. After some time, Sarina went back to reside with her mother in the red-light area for Diwali vacations. Upon arriving back Sarina revealed that she refused to take requests of women from the neighborhood. She said a firm 'No' when they asked her to buy things from the nearby shops or stalls. Her mother confirmed the same. Such changes are stepping stones in healthy psychological development of the child. Her determination to grow reflected in her behavior.

15 years old, Rita\* who was undergoing HIV treatment in Kalwa, Mumbai was fraught with dismay as the news of lockdown reached her. She was anxious about her medical supplies and felt extremely fragile due to the uncertainty of whether or not she would get access to more medicines. Her mother shared the same anxieties. The Indian government plays an active role with the NGOs in the prevention and treatment of HIV, by providing free of cost "Anti-Retroviral Drug" (ARD) to patients from HIV centres. However, the HIV + patients must present their medical record book to collect their prescribed ARD, for maintaining healthcare data. Rita was going through the same treatment of ARD but couldn't access this crucial medical record book, given the sudden lockdown. Her mother couldn't travel from Kamathipura to Kalwa to with the medical record book, and decided to reach out to "Apne Aap Women's Collective" (AAWC). In the last 22 years, AAWC has joined forces with various government medical centers to help tackle the medical needs and difficulties faced by HIV + patients. The organization has a huge arsenal of on-ground staff which works with destitute HIV patients. AAWC immediately contacted the Kalwa government medical authority and obtained the details of organizations working with HIV+ people in Rita's residential area to deliver ARD. As AAWC outreach staff coordinated with the organization, their medical mobile van could successfully deliver the vital drugs to Rita. A mother's prayer was answered and she profusely expressed her gratitude to the organization as both mother and daughter were timely relieved of their anxieties.

4 years old Rima\* could not even hold a spoon when she was first enrolled in the Umang Program. She was severely affected because of her health condition. Annoyed by her cranky behavior, her mother used to hit the child which made the child replicate a similar behavior in the AAWC center. Upon understanding the issue, the child was facing, the teachers focused on improving the health of the child by providing timely nutritious meals. They also oriented the mother about healthy child care practices and soon Rima started showing improvement in health and also demonstrated a controlled behavior. The child now participates in all the activities and is one of the sincerest children in the Umang Program.

*The names of the beneficiaries have been changed to protect their identities.*

# BACKDROP: 2020-2021

The pandemic and the resulting lockdown in the beginning of the financial year was immensely challenging for our beneficiaries. The women in the red-light areas completely lost their income source and the little savings they had were drained since they had to pay daily rentals to secure their places of living. Many faced abuses from the brothel owners and landlords when they were unable to pay rent. Many did not have enough money to manage their daily meals and nutrition needs. Some of them spent days with children under a tarpaulin or on the pavements during the monsoon. The indefinite waits and uncertainties only added to the anxieties of the women and children in the Red light area.

In the last year, we were adapting not only to the lockdown but also a major shift in our day and night care shelter at Kamathipura. In compliance with the license certificate issued to us by the Department of Women and Child Care Department, Maharashtra in May, 2020, the number of children residing in our shelter was reduced to half of the previous count. We were unable to re-admit certain children who had gone back home, since the children already residing at the shelter had to be protected from the virus. Mothers are anxious to put the children back in the shelter, since the conditions in the red-light area are not conducive to their healthy development. In order to ensure that there was no hindrance in the academic development for children who no longer stayed with us due to the DWCD compliance or the lockdown restrictions, we introduced community classes in the Red-light Area at the beginning of the lockdown. Academic supplies are duly distributed in the area to assist these educational activities and the children are overjoyed to find a way to keep in touch with their teachers and with the organization.

## COVID-RELIEF ACTION

### COVID-RELIEF ACTION: AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO MORE

As the world was closing down, our minds were opening up to a newer world of challenges and opportunities. Our team realized that the unexpected backdrop called for unconventional solutions and we were up for the task. Our foremost agenda was to address and counter the sudden survival threat in the community. Apne Aap Women's Collective initiated a prompt response with on-ground Covid-relief action. Daily Cooked meals for almost 6 months, monthly ration, toiletries, and safety kits (Including masks and sanitizers) were delivered to the women in the community. Various awareness and counselling sessions were conducted to spread awareness about the COVID Pandemic. Rigorous orientations were undertaken regarding precautions, importance of using masks, eating healthier food to develop better immunity, importance of washing hands regularly, using hand sanitizers, maintaining overall hygiene. AAWC also provided financial assistance wherever needed and mediated with brothel owners and landlords to help them understand the women's economic situation. It was difficult to reach out to the girls and toddlers in the beginning, but we overcame the challenge in collaboration with police personnel. Thanks to their support, our outreach workers take to the streets of the red-light areas every day to distribute breakfast and multivitamins for the children. Over 125 children in the area receive nutrition supplement, like Pay (bread), banana, khichdi (Rice and lentils preparation) and milk to help meet their daily nutritional requirement. Mothers are constantly informed and encouraged about the shelter home placements VIA Child welfare committee to move the child to a healthier and safer environment. Additionally, our outreach workers conduct daily community classes in online as well as offline modes to ensure that there is no hindrance in the development and growth of the beneficiaries despite the uncertainty of their regular school and classes.



AAWC field director orienting the women in the red-light district of Kamathipura about importance and use of masks during pandemic



# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: OUTREACH

## OUTREACH: UNINTERRUPTED ON-GROUND ACTION

Outreach activities were carried out uninterruptedly despite the lockdown. Diligent need assessments, counselling and interventions were carried out through individual and group visits. While a major focus remained on informing the women about the pandemic precautions, various other sessions were conducted on importance of skill training, creating an alternative income generation source, health and hygiene, benefits of certain government welfare schemes etc. Regular follow ups with the mothers, girls and toddlers in the area were conducted with regards to their education, health and to understand their needs and requirements. Mothers were informed about the processes and benefits of placing their children in a safe shelter home away from the red-light area, by the members of Child Welfare Committee. Unlike previous instances, post this session, many women came forward to talk to our Outreach workers regarding the same. Through outreach the mothers are also made to understand the importance of education and sending their child timely for community classes. It has been noticed that the mothers have begun to take initiative of waking up early and send the beneficiaries to the community classes regularly, on time.

1,60,000+  
Field Visits  
serving  
2,400+  
Beneficiaries

Due to the pandemic restrictions, the mothers of the girls at the shelter were advised to speak with their daughters over calls instead of in person. As the lockdown restrictions eased, the mothers were called to meet their daughters, once a week with due precautions of social distancing and masks. Regular school visits were conducted to understand the admission process about current academic year, fee payment, information with regards to online classes and also in order to undertake feedback of the performance of the beneficiaries. Major impacts of regular outreach have been that the women beneficiaries are more aware about our services, there is an increase in the program enrolments, women beneficiaries are undertaking the idea of family planning, an increase is noticed in enrolments of adult literacy sessions, beneficiaries have become more responsible about their medicines and treatment without much dependence on our field workers, mothers are getting their children immunized, and ANC mothers are registering themselves earlier with the hospitals.

Sanitary Pad distribution for the women in the Red light district



Mother's meeting in progress by AAWC Field-worker



Women beneficiaries collecting monthly ration kit from Apne Aap Women's Collective center at Kamathipura, Mumbai





# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: EDUCATION

## EDUCATION: ADAPTING FOR PROGRESS

When the lockdown hit, we were determined to not lose the impact of the increased interest levels in our beneficiaries, who had become more willing to learn. Initially, when our outreach workers weren't able to travel due to the lockdown, they conducted regular mask-making classes over calls for the women beneficiaries. A virtual learning approach was adopted VIA phones to impart literacy lessons to the women. This mode was particularly engaging for them and they expressed how they enjoyed the pictures. They continue to show an immense interest in the adult literacy classes. They have been extremely involved in practicing and learning how to write and sign their names. The consistent financial literacy sessions and reiteration of the importance of savings has led to women beneficiaries to saving small amounts when possible. Women beneficiaries came forward to open their bank accounts, and many insist on having their own post office savings account in order to avail the government scheme benefits. This sense of initiative from the women is an encouraging impact due to our field workers consistent efforts to sort issues of each beneficiary.

In the shelter, it has been observed that girl beneficiaries are gradually inculcating the habit of self-study. Through various educational activities the beneficiaries' understanding of their subjects has improved. They showcase improved reading skills and have developed problem solving skills. Apart from normal schooling and theoretical education beneficiaries are involved in various other educational activities that help them improve their vocabulary, retention skill, writing skill, communication skill and presentation skills. Activities such as daily Journal writing, general knowledge, Spoken English sessions, storytelling, etc. have helped beneficiaries to strengthen their foundation. This has resulted in improvement in their academics.

In the daily community classes, it has been observed that the younger beneficiaries are quick learners and have grasped the concept of alphabets, numerical, colors, identification of objects, distinction of wild and domestic animals, parts of the body etc. are slowly being prepared for formal schooling. The older beneficiaries in the community classes are helped with their queries, homework and other educational support. They continue to show enthusiasm for their online schooling after the community classes.

Adult Literacy  
Enrolments: 194

Formal School New  
Admissions: 43

Community Classes  
Enrolments: 117



Adult Literacy classes in progress with our women beneficiaries in the Red-light district at Kamathipura



## ONGOING ACTIVITIES: EDUCATION



Academic supplies being distributed by AAWC field director during the community classes in the Red-light area.



Shelter-based residential girl beneficiaries attending online classes at the AAWC Day and Night Care shelter at Kamathipura.



# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: HEALTH

## HEALTH: PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING

When the lockdown restrictions made it difficult for women to travel, mobile medical vans were arranged to ensure that their treatment remains uninterrupted. The counselling sessions were anxiety relieving and helped our women beneficiaries develop better coping mechanisms through the lock-down. Strong efforts were directed towards busting myths around Covid-testing, the fear of hospitals had to be eradicated from the community. One of the most crucial impacts of these counselling sessions was that several women, who had stopped visiting the hospitals, realized that their fears were not logical and started their treatment once again. In addition to monthly medical check-ups, health camps for immunization and hemoglobin checks, regular medical referrals were conducted with women beneficiaries as well as the girl beneficiaries. The impact of nutrition distribution was visible in increased weight in the women as well as heights in child beneficiaries. More number of women received daily nutrition and reduced consumption of junk food, and thereby their daily expense. They look neater and healthier now. ANC-PNC mothers demonstrate more responsibility about their own health as well as the child's immunization.

Owing to the constant efforts of our team, the women have become more receptive to reliable guidance and prefer hospitals and doctors, instead of seeking self-medication or going to the quacks in the area. In order to help the child beneficiaries in the area to meet their minimum nutritional requirement, we had introduced daily breakfast distribution, which is to continue throughout the lockdown. Breakfast meals are distributed every morning to the kids in the red-light area, so that they can sustain themselves until their next meal. Health and hygiene sessions were conducted throughout the lockdown in the community as well as at the shelter. The shelter beneficiaries continued their morning exercise, karate sessions and yoga, and were also introduced to art therapy. Considering the need to strengthen emotional and mental health for our girls, these sessions were designed to help them express their emotions in a more articulate and therapeutic manner. The art therapy helped beneficiaries to build conversations around opportunities instead of obstacles.

Medical: 1,277  
beneficiaries

Counseling & therapy  
sessions: 1,988

Nutrition served: 1,679  
beneficiaries

Daily breakfast distribution for the children of red-light district



Dental camp for the child and women beneficiaries



General medical camp, Aawc center Immunization camp set-up in red-light area to assist PNC mothers through lockdown





# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: EMPOWERMENT

## EMPOWERMENT: OPPORTUNITIES OVER OBSTACLES

Throughout the lockdown, when the women beneficiaries saw our outreach workers on-field everyday despite the dangers of the pandemic, their trust in them and the organization increased manifold. Building on to this strengthened rapport, our team directed focused efforts towards counselling the women to consider alternative income generation opportunities. The lockdown had already stifled their income source and they were in dire need of the same. We complemented the focused counselling with stipend supported skill training programs for tailoring, embroidery and Mehendi design for our beneficiaries. Gradually, a few women have acquired the skill of Mehendi (Henna) design and are able to make an income by applying Mehendi for their friends and other women in the area. Another skill training involved making herbal facewash powders, the women were able to create the same and market the product in the area as well. This also proved to be a decent alternative income source for them. The women learnt how to stitch masks, cloth bags and a few are even undergoing job skill training at a partner organization. Continued follow up reveals that they are motivated and await completion of the advanced training to attain a job. A few beneficiaries are being introduced to basic skill training program online and in the area, where they learn to create simple new sellable products from waste material. They proudly show their creations like bowl covers, book covers, satin flowers, book marks, wall organizers, bows, draw string bags, present pockets and more. Constant follow-ups were in process for identity documents and bank accounts for the women as well as the girls. Owing to the efforts of our field workers, the women beneficiaries who had their own bank accounts received INR 15,000 under a government welfare scheme for Covid-relief. This money came to them at a time they needed it the most and hence they repeatedly expressed gratitude towards our team for the assistance. Many women were assisted with Job placements in various organizations that were involved in bangle making, bag making etc. A few of these beneficiaries managed to completely leave their profession and the Red-light area, moving towards a life of dignity. For our residential girl beneficiaries at the center, one of the most empowering events was setting up the child internal committee. Their meetings are conducted regularly to help Udaan beneficiaries understand their responsibilities, put forward their concerns and also discuss solutions with regards to the concern raised. It has been observed that beneficiaries have divided themselves into groups like food committee, education committee, health and hygiene committee etc. and are developing problem solving skills as they help in ensuring smooth functioning at the shelter. We have observed improved leadership qualities and increased team bonding among beneficiaries. Various empowerment sessions, like drama, mentor-mentee sessions, music, art and craft, social skills, etc. were conducted with the beneficiaries. The drama sessions have specifically helped beneficiaries overcome their hesitance of stage performance. A felicitation program was organized for beneficiaries who are part of the commercial drama group (Red nose juniors). Vocational training was conducted online where the girls learnt to make hand-made keychains, scrunchies, cord organizers, block printing etc. they also learnt about marketing products, fixing price of products and increasing visibility of the product. The elder beneficiaries are also involved in easy cooking sessions, where in they learn to bake cake, make parathas and other light snacks. An Udaan beneficiary participated as a speaker in a webinar conducted by Brave Kids (Children Festival) earth, Poland. She presented the COVID situation of her hometown and learnt about various issues faced by other countries. Another beneficiary participated in the Corona Quilt project, where through the medium of art, children expressed their understanding of the pandemic scenario. Annual sports event was conducted with Udaan beneficiaries wherein the beneficiaries participated in various sport activities with great enthusiasm and zeal. Post the completion of sports beneficiaries were felicitated with certificate and medals which brought immense satisfaction to the winners but at the same time it provided motivation to those who could not acquire a position.

Activities Conducted: 3677

Government Documents: 206

Bank Accounts Opened: 299

Book Reading in community



Art Activity at the AAWC shelter



Music activity with Umang beneficiaries





# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: EMPOWERMENT

Vocational training activity conducted by interns for Udaan



Dance session in progress at AAWC day & night shelter



Girls teaching instruments to younger beneficiaries



A snippet from the Udaan-Umang Annual Sports Day event



Child Internal Committee meeting in progress at shelter



Online Drama session with the older Udaan beneficiaries





# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: EMPOWERMENT

Umeed women displaying the hand-stitched cloth bags they learnt to make in their AAWC vocational training sessions



Women attending the online vocational training classes for Tailoring at AAWC center, Kamathipura



AAWC field worker conducting a practice session of mask-making for our women beneficiaries in the red-light area.





# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: RECREATION

## RECREATION: KEEPING THE SPIRITS UP DURING THE LOCKDOWN

Recreational activities included festival celebrations like, Navratri celebration, Independence Day, Diwali, Teacher's day, World AIDS day, Republic day, Makarsankranti, Women's day, Christmas etc. International day celebrations like Women's Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Mother's Day etc. were also conducted with the women beneficiaries in the area and center. During festival celebration women and girl beneficiaries show pro-activeness and participate with great zeal. They are enthused to prepare for the activities in the area as well as at the shelter.

Regular festival celebration has developed community bonding and increased confidence among the beneficiaries who are able to now to speak in front of large crowds. Even though space constraint is an immense challenge in the area the women neither hesitate to perform activities on the streets nor do they show reluctance in getting together in a small room. Beneficiaries are also involved in activities such as art and craft, dance, music etc. to unwind from the stress of their daily struggle. In the shelter, other recreational activities include indoor games, garden visits, motivational movies, dance, music, and more.

Shelter Residents: 21  
Annual rehabilitation: 43

Women holding up cards created for Women's Day



Udaan beneficiaries sharing significance of Makar Sankranti



Udaan girls decorating Falkland Road center for Christmas



Residential beneficiaries practicing for Navratri celebrations





# STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING

In the last year, the Apne Aap Women's Collective staff attended multiple staff capacity building trainings, concluding with a Disaster Management session, to equip the team for prompt action in case of fire hazards. The staff attended all sessions with drive to strengthen the team and optimize efficiency in the organization's everyday operations.

Considering the development and clarity about legal knowledge of the entire team, multiple sessions were held on the Juvenile Justice Act, Child and Women Rights (By Pratek Organization), and Immoral Traffic Prevention Act (By Department of Women and Child Development in collaboration with International Justice Mission). Various capacity building seminars were conducted for the outreach team that attends to the medical requirements of our Umeed beneficiaries. In collaboration with the Gaurabai Hospital, sessions on New guidelines for ART medication and New Drugs for Tuberculosis were organized. Another session on Tuberculosis awareness was held on the world tuberculosis day.

For the staff involved in the Udaan and Umang programs, an in depth session was held, explaining the process of Child Welfare Committee. Following which, multiple sessions were conducted on the Individual Care Plan (ICP). Miracle session collaborated with the Department of Women and Child Development for the first ICP session, while the second one was conducted by the students of SNDT College.



Mrs. Manju Vyas addressing Team AAWC, post the staff capacity building session about Tuberculosis on World Tuberculosis Day



# IMPACT STATISTICS

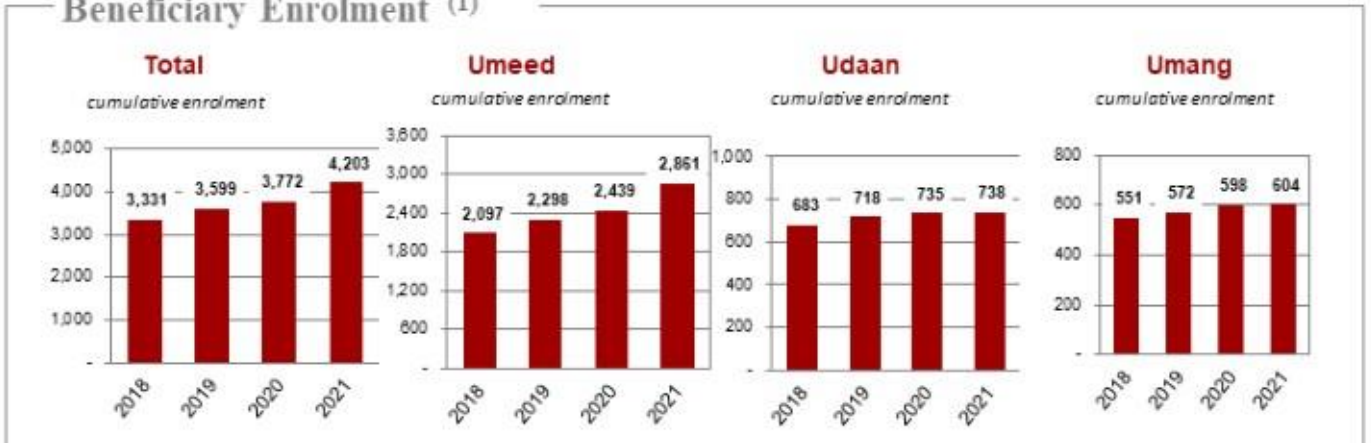
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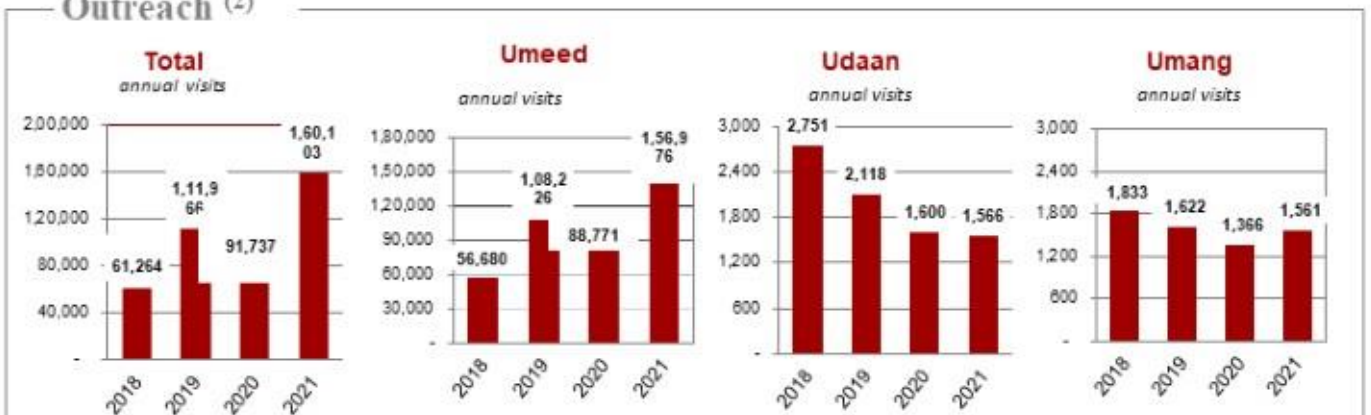
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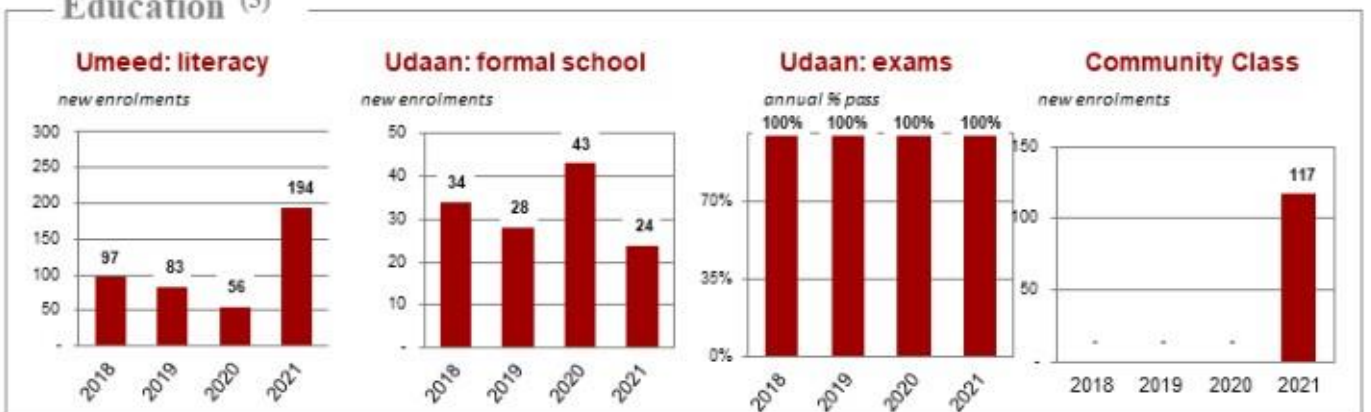
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#### Outreach (2)



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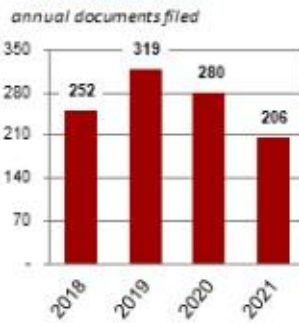


- As of 31 March 2020, AAIWC has served more than 4203 individuals, *Excluding non-beneficiaries*.
- Includes visits by field team to beneficiaries' homes, boarding homes, as well as visits by beneficiaries to the AAIWC centre.
- Umeed Adult Literacy program. Includes new school enrolments of members and non-members. As per new rules, BMC School and private schools are taking admission in mid-year also, Community Classes started in the area.

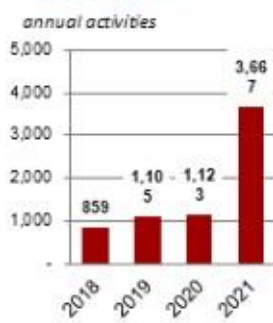
# IMPACT STATISTICS

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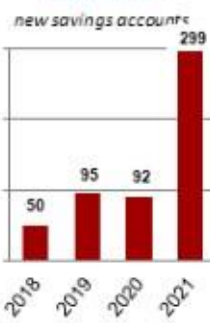
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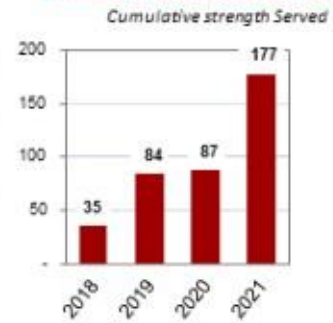
### Activities (2)



### Finance (3)

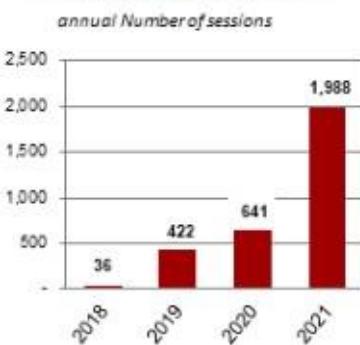


### Umeed: Vocational Training

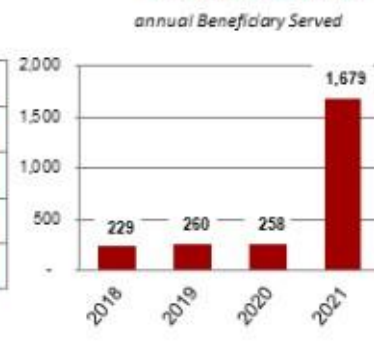


## Health

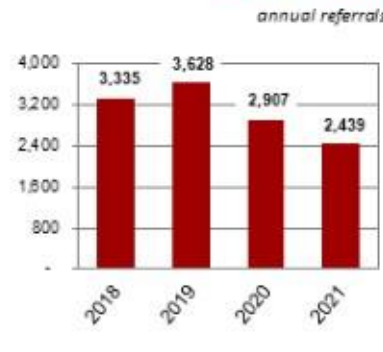
### Counselling Sessions (4)



### Nutrition Served

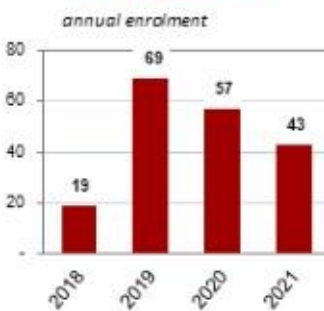


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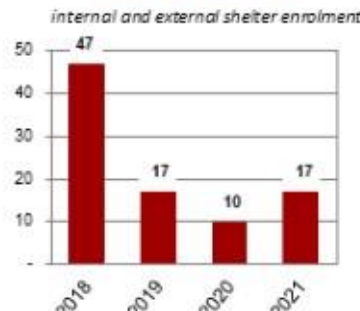


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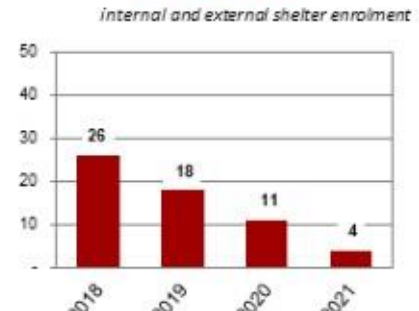
### Rehabilitation



### Udaan: Shelter



### Umang: Shelter



- Documents include Ration card, PAN card, Aadhar card, gazette filings, health card, voting cards, birth certificates, birth affidavits, general affidavits, and death certificates and other services provided.
- Activities include all workshops and excursions for legal awareness, general health knowledge, reproductive health knowledge, government schemes awareness, creativity development, career exploration, life skills development, professional skills development, physical fitness, human rights awareness, recreation, and other extracurricular purposes.
- Includes micro-saving accounts held at Indian Post Office, and formal bank accounts held at Bank of Maharashtra, Union Bank of India, Sukanya scheme, and other banks.
- Umeed Vocational Training includes Mehndi Class, Tailoring Class, N. N. Skill Training, etc for helping them to self income generation.
- Counselling - General Counselling, Major Health Counselling, Therapeutic Session, Special Therapy sessions for Mentally disorder
- Nutrition served states number of beneficiaries served nutrition in the form of Khichdi, food packets and shelter services to the area beneficiaries and to shelter beneficiaries
- Medical referrals are provided to ensure beneficiaries are properly treated at hospitals, where they are often denied service due to discrimination. Medical camps include general health, dental, vision, and immunisation camps.
- Rehabilitation - Quit Profession, Own House, Shelter Home, Referral to other organizations
- AAWC night shelter for Udaan and Umang Program is located in Kamathipura, while external shelters are located throughout Greater Mumbai.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020-21

## Balance Sheet

	F. Y. 2020 - 21	
	INR ₹	USD \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash in Hand	46,400	638
Bank account (domestic)	51,43,265	70,667
Bank account (international)	6,52,138	8,960
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>58,41,803</b>	<b>80,265</b>
Deposits & Advances	5,34,971	7,350
TDS Receivable	7,60,778	10,453
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>71,37,552</b>	<b>98,068</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Bombay Mercantile Co-Op. Bank Shares	900	12
Fixed Deposits & Accrued interest	5,66,29,100	7,78,069
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>5,66,30,000</b>	<b>7,78,081</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Computers	75,529	1,038
Camera	4,310	59
CCTV	32,565	447
Equipment	47,503	653
Furniture and Fixtures	2,53,550	3,484
Mobile Phone	13,279	182
Motor Car	3,81,192	5,237
Printer	7,021	96
Cycle	4,033	55
Fan	2,843	39
Projector & Screen	8,362	115
Water Pump & Water Filter	9,888	136
Refrigerator & Washing Machine	24,283	334
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>8,64,358</b>	<b>11,876</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>₹ 6,46,31,910</b>	<b>\$ 8,88,026</b>

## LIABILITIES

### Current Liabilities

Membership Fund	8,591	118
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### Earmarked Funds

Domestic Earmarked	2,14,42,638	2,94,616
International Earmarked	61,38,003	84,335
Fixed Assests Fund	1,25,137	1,719
Education Fund	-	-
<b>Total earmarked funds</b>	<b>2,77,05,778</b>	<b>3,80,670</b>

### Corpus

Corpus (domestic)	72,44,289	99,535
Corpus (international)	2,68,406	3,688
<b>Total Corpus</b>	<b>75,12,695</b>	<b>1,03,222</b>

### Liabilities

Liability for expenses	8,38,908	11,526
TDS payable	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8,38,908</b>	<b>11,526</b>

General Funds (Income & Expenditure A/c)	2,85,65,938	3,92,489
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### TOTAL LIABILITIES

	<b>₹ 6,46,31,910</b>	<b>\$ 8,88,026</b>
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# AAAWC



## Income Statement

	F. Y. 2020 - 21	
	INR ₹	USD \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>General Donations</b>		
General Donations (Domestic)	30,99,185	41,751
General Donations (International)	5,73,501	7,726
<b>Total General Donations</b>	<b>36,72,686</b>	<b>49,477</b>
<b>Interest</b>		
Bank Interest (Domestic)	-	-
Bank Interest (International)	67,045	903
Interest on I. T. Refund	42,043	566
Fixed Deposit Interest	43,42,614	58,503
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>44,51,702</b>	<b>59,972</b>
Other Income	19,350	261
Payables w/off	5,05,056	
Transferred from Earmarked Funds	1,92,66,316	2,59,551
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>₹ 2,79,15,110</b>	<b>\$ 3,69,261</b>

# AAAWWC

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020-21

## EXPENSES

Administrative	16,82,842	22,671
<b>Program</b>		
Umeed	71,57,826	96,428
Udaan & Umang	1,40,66,057	1,89,494
	-	-
Total Program Expenses	<b>2,12,23,883</b>	<b>2,85,922</b>
Audit Fees	30,000	404
Depreciation	1,70,530	2,297
Receivables w/off	3,01,143	4,057
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>₹ 2,34,08,398</b>	<b>\$ 3,15,352</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>₹ 45,06,712</b>	<b>\$ 53,909</b>

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# ACCOLADES



Global Giving - Top Ranked 2020



For Social Good- 2019



Inspire Awards Manju Vyas-2019



Women Icon Award Manju Vyas-2018



CERTIFICATE OF MERIT  
World CSR congress Award -  
2017



Global Giving- Top ranked certification  
2016



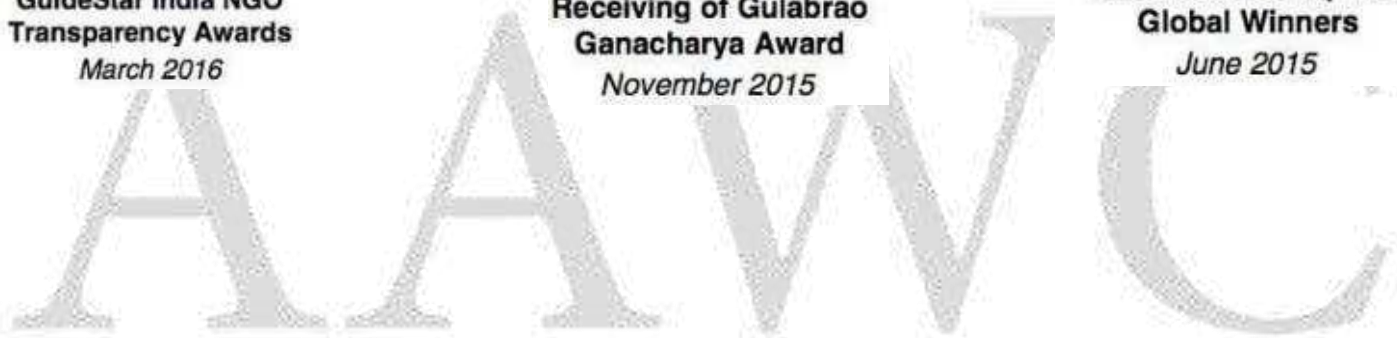
GuideStar India NGO Transparency Awards  
March 2016



Receiving of Gulabrao Ganacharya Award  
November 2015



BASF Connected to Care I  
Shortlisted as top 150 Global Winners  
June 2015



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- Garware Charitable Trust.
- HDFC bank
- Hexaware Technologies Limited
- Inspire Award
- Indian Post Office
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- J. J. Hospital
- Cricket Soho Limited
- Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai Office
- NPO Supporting Nursery Schools in India
- Nair Hospital
- Nasscom Foundation
- Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work
- Pelicans Automotive and Promotional Products Pvt. Ltd
- Raymond
- Sahachari Foundation
- Samhita
- Selan Exploration Technology
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- Spenta Multimedia
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