



Apne Aap Women's Collective

Newsletter

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The right to a better life for Women and Children in red light areas.

Editorial

Dear readers,

Greetings to you all from Apne Aap Women's Collective (AAWC)!

This quarter, AAWC experienced for the first time in its history a chockfull adventurous fundraising mission called **Red Rickshaw Revolution (RRR)**, conceptualized and undertaken by Ms. Laura Turkington of Vodafone India Foundation, Ms. Carina Deegan and Ms. Sunita Choudhary, the first North Indian rickshaw driver.

The Red Rickshaw Revolution aimed to celebrate the achievements of inspirational women across the country and raise essential funds for three NGOs (including AAWC) working to empower women and girls.

In 10 days, Laura, Carina and Sunita travelled over 1,500 km covering five states by rickshaw (from Delhi to Mumbai). Along the route, they discovered and met ordinary women who have done extraordinary things across India. The entire expedition was shared online to celebrate the achievements of these amazing women.

Furthermore, AAWC also got selected for Vodafone India Foundation's 'World of Difference' program. World of Difference is Vodafone's unique corporate giving initiative that mobilizes their employees to take time out to work for a charity of their choice. Mr. B'jas Murthy, Operations Director East, under this program, passionately supported AAWC with his best efforts to make a contribution towards bringing a difference to deliver a social change.

On behalf of AAWC, I pay my deepest gratitude to Laura, Carina, B'jas and Sunita for their distinctive efforts to support our endeavors. I am also thankful to all our donors and well-wishers for



Red Rickshaw Revolution by Vodafone Foundation



Mr. Sumer Juneja

Ms. Amruda Nair

Ms. Jessu John

their direct or indirect contribution and commitment in supporting this critical cause.

Ms Manju Vyas

Director, Apne Aap Women's Collective (AAWC)

AAWC Update

> We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Pratik Agarwal, Mr. Sumer Juneja, Ms. Amruda Nair and Ms. Anita Jain for running the half-marathon and to Ms. Jessu John for running under the Dream Maker race category. We are very thankful to all the runners for pledging their support to our cause of preventing the second generation of prostitution through education

& vocational opportunities. We look forward to your continuous support for another magnificent marathon next year and the years to come.

- > A dental check-up camp was conducted by Nair Dental College Hospital & Smiles 32 Foundation at the Falkland Road Centre and the Kamathipura Centre respectively.
- > A stall of products being made by the beneficiaries was put up



Dental camp by Smiles32 foundation

at Vodafone's branches at Lower Parel and Elphinstone Road. The stalls got a positive response from the employees.



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"Though my perspective as a short-term volunteer and foreigner likely differs greatly from the full-time staff and other locals, I was very impressed by each and every one of the beneficiaries I met. I found them all to be very respectful, friendly, and appreciative, which amplified my passion for working with AAWC"

—Ms. Heather

UDAAN Update



Holi celebration with eCoexist volunteers



Annual Sports day

- > The Annual Sports Day was organized for girls at Gilder Lane School ground, Grant Road. They were cheered by Mr. Noel & his CERES Group & Inner Wheel Club members.
- > A Nail Art workshop was conducted by our Japanese supporters.
- > The girls were invited as guests of honour by DSB International School for the annual carnival. We were given an opportunity to put up a stall of products made by the beneficiaries. Another

- school also wanted the girls to perform a song & dance programme for them.
- > An Art Competition was organized by Vodafone Foundation. The participants were given a theme of 'Red Rickshaw'. The girls drew very good pictures which were judged by Mr. Vikas, an artist.
- > Our most beloved and elderly supporter Ms. Antoinette taught and conducted a calligraphy & Devanagari script workshop. She also taught Islamic art to the girls. Ms. Antoinette

organised a visit to Jehangir Art Gallery, Colaba, for the girls.

Events & Celebrations:

- > The girls were taken to visit a Mummies Exhibition which was organised by the British Museum, London, at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Sangrahalaya. The introductory 3D film on mummies was thrilling, effective and enjoyed by all the girls. We are very thankful to Ms. Marina Dutta (Chairperson of Programmes for Children) for organizing the visit.
- > Republic Day was celebrated with the children. A girl (IV STD) delivered a speech on the Indian freedom movement. Memory & self-introspection games were organized for all followed by snacks. Everyone enjoyed the event thoroughly.
- > eCo-exist volunteers celebrated Holi with the girls. All participants enjoyed the songs and games conducted by program staff. Our overseas volunteers enjoyed applying natural colours to one another.



AAWC girls at DSB School



Republic Day Celebration



Ms. Sayana (16yrs)



Ms. Pradnya (9yrs)



“I cannot express how much happy I am after my granddaughter’s (8yrs) adoption as she has got a new & healthy family to take care of her.”
—Ms. Sulekha (62yrs, Deudasi)

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Statistical updates for this quarter:

Falkland Road Centre Number of New Beneficiaries:	
Total new <i>balwadi</i> admissions	8
Birth Certificates and Affidavits	3
General Affidavits	1
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries)	55
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries)	48
Total no. of new women members	11
Aadhaar card received	3
Total no. of new bank savings/RD accounts	17
Total medical referrals	45
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women	8
Total no. of women under Adult Literacy Program	19
Women’s death	1
Shelter Home Placement of Women	1

Kamathipura Centre Number of New Beneficiaries:	
Total new <i>balwadi</i> admissions	2
Total school admissions	3
Birth Certificates and Affidavits	28
General Affidavits	9
No. of children immunised	47
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries)	110
Total New Udaan admissions	10
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries)	238
Boarding Placement	1
Total no. of new women members	41
No. of Ration Cards made	6
Aadhaar cards received	46
Total no. of new bank accounts opened	16
Total no. of new Post Office savings & RD accounts	5
Centre visits by women	110
Night shelter beneficiaries	2
Total medical referrals	86
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women	36
Total no. of women under Adult Literacy Program	4
Women’s death	2
Death certificate	1

We need the following materials at our two centres:

Umang (Falkland centre: 30 and Kamathipura: 30)

Udaan: (Falkland centre: 36 and Kamathipura centre: 45)

Sr no	Particulars	No of items	Sr no	Particulars	No of items
1	DVD Player	1	12	Washing machine (wash capacity - six kg)	1
2	Grocery steel container (up to 50kg and above)	2	13	Toasters	2
3	Computer	1	14	Cloth dusters	10
4	Laptops	2	15	Doormats	10
5	Multimedia speakers	2	16	Projectors (medium size)	2
6	Small folding table	1	17	Godrej locker	1
7	Shoe racks	2	18	We have a monthly groceries requirement for 153 girls. Any contributions towards this are welcome.	
8	Mixer	1			
9	Tea cups	24			
10	Thermos water bottle (5 litre)	2			
11	Rack for utensils (small size)	1			

Note: You can directly donate material to AAWC or send a cheque to our address. For more details on donations, please check our website: www.aawc.in

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UMEED Update



Women’s Day celebration



Monthly meeting with women

- > A haldi-kum kum programme was organized on Makarsankranti for all the women followed by group games and a kite-flying program on the office terrace. The women were gifted sarees.
- > A one-day picnic was organized for

- > Women’s Day was celebrated with a Marathi film & theatre actress, Ms. Ketaki Thatte.

- women from Falkland Road and women from Kamathipura were taken to J.J. Nursing Home for a residential sensitisation and fun camp.

- > Monthly meetings were held at both centres and women were made aware of recent developments on ration cards (PDS), Aadhaar number and other government documents.

UMANG Update



- > A kite-painting workshop was conducted on the occasion of the Makarsankranti celebrations.
- > Meetings with parents were held regularly at both centres. The physical, psychological and cognitive development of children depends primarily upon their parents. Parents were kept updated on the progress of children.



Holi Celebration with kids