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Performance at Brave Kid Festival, Poland

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Grand finale performance at brave kid festival

Greetings from Apne Aap Women's Collective!

I present you with the newsletter from April- June 2019 specifically designed to update you with our Programmes on going activities, developments and challenges faced in the last quarter.

Landmark development of this period was selection of 5 Udaan beneficiaries to participate in the Brave kid festival held in Poland. This selection and participation gave huge boost to their confidence and also familiarized them with different languages, culture and traditions.

The outreach team with their efforts conducted two empowerment camps the Ration Card distribution camp was conducted in collaboration with the 'Rationing & Civil Supplies Department' – Maharashtra State Government in the center to provide ration cards to the needy beneficiaries. They also conducted a camp of Maharashtra State Road & Transport Corporation newly introduced social well fare concession scheme as travel pass for HIV positive beneficiaries.

A medical camp was conducted in collaboration with the doctors from BMC wherein the beneficiaries discussed about their medical issues they are facing in detail with the doctors and received medicines for their problems for critical illness.

To enhance skill of the Umeed beneficiaries vocational training has begun on the basics of tailoring these sessions take place three times in a week its seen that the beneficiaries are highly motivated to learn and do something on their own.

This quarter Our Udaan beneficiaries participated in Gender Justice & Mental Health Social Leadership Program wherein they understood the basic concept of Human Rights & Discrimination and how they can bring about a change.

Our Udaan beneficiaries got an opportunity to be part of various workshops and exposure visits wherein they learned different forms of art, environment friendly way of creating objects, learnt about sculptures and seven wonders of the world.

For the toddlers his quarter laughter day celebration took place in collaboration with Book a Smile, initiative of Book My show. In the celebration a show was presented by a Ventriloquist Artist and Charlie Chaplin artist.

Major challenge faced during this period was the absenteeism of tuition teachers due to which the studies of the Udaan beneficiaries were hampered.

We would like to thank all of you for your perpetual support and encouragement as none of these developments would have been possible without you.

UMEED PROGRAMME UPDATES



Field visit

OUTREACH:

Due to the rigorous outreach, our team has been able to enroll 39 women beneficiaries under the Umeed program, which has helped us to grow and beneficiaries who are already registered in our programs motivate and encourage other women in the area to join our program.

Our outreach team has helped 48 women beneficiaries attain new identification documents. We have been able to conduct 22113 homevisits, this quarter, where we conducted both individual and group sessions with the beneficiaries on various topics.

We conducted a Ration Card camp in collaboration with the 'Rationing & Civil Supplies Department' – Maharashtra State Government in the center to provide ration cards to the needy beneficiaries. As AAWC team had done the back-ground work beneficiaries, did not have to undergo much hassle with the documentation process. The camp went smoothly and the Government officials appreciated the efforts taken by the Organization.

The Outreach team conducted a camp of Maharashtra State Road & Transport Corporation newly introduced social well fare concession scheme as travel pass for HIV positive beneficiaries. The beneficiaries were happy that within minutes without any hassles or going to the government office they got a mean to save their money every time they travel.

SUCCESS STORY

Sarita* ran away from home and married at the age of 16 an old man with no livelihood she was physically abused and faced a lot of difficulty when she had two children extreme poverty brought her to the red light area as she was uneducated and no source of earning. Initially it was very difficult for her to sustain in this area, continuous torture, financial exploitation made her life miserable even though she used to earn decent money which was sufficient for herself and the children. As she came in touch with our outreach team she expressed to learn but not in front of everyone she was then enrolled in the adult literacy programme through Adult literacy she learned and also got awareness about boarding places for her children. She placed both of her children in boarding's. Through financial literacy she learned the method of saving and by her saving she also bought herself a home in the suburbs and currently she has enrolled herself in the tailoring class She is regular and has a lot of interest to learn. she now wishes to start her own tailoring shop



Adult literacy classes

EDUCATION

“I feel good that I am able to read and write that I wasn’t able to do as a child for which I am thankful to the agency”

In Adult Literacy an increase in the interest of beneficiaries was depicted by their behaviour. It was observed that very often beneficiaries were asking for fresh notebook as their old notebook was fully used with the practices. It is very clearly noticeable that they take pride amongst her friends in taking a new notebook showing the old one fully filled with the practices.

For adult literacy the hesitation for beneficiary to participate rise due to their age bringing a feeling of not able to learn and create an awkward scenario before people. It has often been noticed that if one beneficiary takes an initiative to learn it she starts motivating the others.

The focus during this quarter was improving the hand writing of the beneficiaries along with taking numerical classes especially addition and subtraction.

Financial literacy:

Adult literacy along with financial literacy goes hand in hand as the beneficiaries become more independent which was seen this quarter that the beneficiaries require less support to open a bank account, deposit and withdraw money. Awareness about various schemes related to saving by the government has led to an increase in planned saving by the beneficiaries.

This quarter, 10 of our Umeed beneficiaries have been able to open their own bank accounts, after rigorous discussions and support from our outreach team.

HEALTH

PHYSICAL HEALTH:

In order to maintain good health of our beneficiaries our outreach team provide nutritional supplement at the door step of the beneficiaries. The supplement provided daily includes banana, moringa seed, soy milk, bread etc. It has also been noticed that the beneficiaries slowly through repetitive follow up have started understanding the importance of eating healthy food.

In order to keep the track on their health improvement regularly weight measurements are taken as increase in weight indicates a healthy sign especially in patients’ dependent on ART.

The outreach team along with nutritious supplements also take regular follow up with the beneficiaries on the treatments undertaken by them. A ration distribution camp was organized for PLWHA beneficiaries. The beneficiaries were joyous and said they look forward to this camp. They were very thankful to the AAWC team for their thoughtful support provided.

We have observed that now beneficiaries are motivated to take good care of their health and takes an initiative in approaching us to get an assistance for hospital referrals or understanding certain health services/benefits.



Nutrition distribution

A medical camp was conducted in collaboration with the doctors from BMC wherein the beneficiaries discussed about their medical issues they are facing in detail with the doctor and received medicines for their problems for critical illness. Doctors provided references to the hospitals for further advance treatment.

In the health camps the strength of the beneficiaries was approximately 88.19 medical referrals have been done for TB patients and 228 medical referrals have been done for antiretroviral therapy (ART) patients. Apart from these, 5 HIV+ women and 1 Tuberculosis (TB) infected women have been identified through regular health check-ups held by AAWC. We have also been able to collect CD4 reports for 27 beneficiaries in order to track the improvement in their immunity.

This quarter awareness session was conducted in form of area activities in which topics like good health, Kidney stone and superstitious belief, Jaundice, benefits of Garlic, Amla, Bitter guard etc, Moringa seeds, harmful radiation of Mobile phone, and use of other electronic devices, benefits of Green leafy vegetables, benefits of eating fruits and maintaining hygiene were undertaken. It has been observed that they understand the topic well and do not hesitate to ask questions if any. Monthly meetings were conducted the topics covered under monthly meeting were use of condoms, the harmful effects of use of Tobacco and safe sex. The methods used were demonstrations and skit. The skit was presented by Udaan beneficiaries and had greater impact as the mothers realized how tobacco usage can change their lives and also affect the lives of their children. They became emotional that their children took the initiative of making them realize how harmful tobacco is and how severe the consequences can be if it reaches the children.



General Medical Health Camp

Sara* has been associated with AAWC since 9 years. She is suffering from HIV as well as MDR(Multi drug resistant) TB. Initially she was reluctant to even accept her health condition, she was in denial phase which resulted in late treatment. After rigorous counselling, she agreed to start her treatment. However, she stopped taking ART (Anti-retroviral Treatment) for HIV. For few months she did not take medicines. ORW team then planned and spoke to her about her health, they immediately started her ART once again from the nearby ART center. ORW take her follow up daily. Since then she has been taking her medication on regular basis. ORW check her CD 4 report and now her CD 4 count has increased than earlier. Her improving health has boost her confidence and hope of living a healthy life

MENTAL HEALTH:

Mental health assistance involves regular counseling and therapy sessions with all of our women beneficiaries. Most of our counseling happens on the field, while therapy sessions take place on individual and group basis at our centers. Few beneficiaries constantly require counselling to make them understand the importance of ART, daily care and their health issues etc., during this quarter we have conducted 110 counselling sessions.



Tailoring session of beneficiaries

EMPOWERMENT

The beneficiaries have started with the basics of tailoring these sessions take place three times in a week. The resource person is very effective as she uses simple technique to teach the beneficiaries which makes learning faster. The beneficiaries enrolled have an interest in the programme and initiative is taken by them to practice even on other days.

The beneficiaries have learnt to make small caps for the new born babies. Learning of new things in the classes fills the beneficiaries with positivity and boost their confidence to open their own tailoring classes one day.



Umeed monthly meeting

RECREATION

Mother's day was celebrated for which mothers of Udaan and Umang beneficiaries were invited. Udaan and Umang beneficiaries performed dance and sang songs to appreciate the efforts their mothers take for them. They also shared what they feel about their mothers. It was an overwhelming moment for the mother's and they cried as they felt proud to see their children perform it was the first time that Umang and Udaan younger beneficiaries performed in front of their mothers.

UDAAN PROGRAMME UPDATES



Wonder park visit

OUTREACH:

Through constant follow up and counselling, we had 10 new enrollments of Udaan girls at our center. Once the beneficiaries are enrolled they can avail the facilities that would enhance their skill, empower them and help them achieve their dreams and aspirations. Beneficiaries have access to facilities which include formal and informal education, all forms of assistance with their health (ex: referrals, camps, nutritional support, etc.), awareness activities, counseling and therapies, vocational training, life skills sessions, rehabilitative measures like night-shelter house and boarding homes, etc. among other general support.

In this quarter around 473 home visits were conducted to identify new beneficiaries and to understand the reason of absenteeism and to convey information to the mothers to send beneficiaries regularly to the center

SUCCESS STORY

Rekha* Age-13, has been enrolled in Udaan programme last year. When she joined she had a lot of inhibitions in staying at our organization. She used to cry loudly, throw tantrums & get hostile. She underwent couple of counseling session where she got an opportunity to be comfortable and share about her traumatic background freely.

After these sessions we took an action of enrolling her in school along with different vocational classes. She loves these classes as it has helped her divert her focus and calm her down. Being a bright child she has picked up the pace and participates in all the activities of the center. She was awarded the best sports girl during our annual sports day for which she was appreciated by all the staff. She loves the organization and never wants to leave it. As an organization it gives us immense joy to see Rekha improving by leaving all the challenges behind that she had faced in her life.

EDUCATION

FORMAL EDUCATION:

Our team changed the method of teaching which focused on helping children understand the concept rather than by-heart method as it would help them retain the concepts better. For school admission the beneficiaries sat for written test along with a personal interview in which they performed well and attained admission. The beneficiaries have started their school activities in which they participate actively as they have accommodated to the school environment well.

To inculcate a reading and writing habit in the beneficiaries and to improve their English language along with journal writing on a daily basis the children are provided with books according to their age groups for reading due to the activity being regular the children have shown rising interest in reading and learning the meanings of different words that they come across while reading.

Every week spoken English classes are conducted for the beneficiaries these classes boost confidence in beneficiaries to communicate in a better way and be responsive towards all. To further enhance the communication skills our beneficiaries underwent a speech and communication workshop through which they have understood the need of good communication skills. They have learned to talk on impromptu topics and maintaining a good body posture while communication.

The beneficiaries also undergo computer classes in order to enhance their skill in Microsoft word, excel, Power point as well as Internet Usage. This in the long run would help the beneficiaries utilize technology in the correct manner to do their work efficiently.



Hamsa painting by Udaan beneficiaries

INFORMAL/NON FORMAL EDUCATION :

Our beneficiaries participated in Gender Justice & Mental Health Social Leadership Program wherein they understood the basic concept of Human Rights & Discrimination and how they can bring about a change. The topic covered were Peace and conflict resolution, working in teams as a leader & building teams. Disability and Empathy. Constitution and their rights, Mental Health & Learning how to advocate for your cause. It was observed that the girls were really engrossed in the sessions and have actually taken keen interests for completing their tasks that used to be given to them as homework.

To instill the importance of schooling the beneficiaries were also shown a documentary by UNICEF Meena series as the documentary was in Hindi the beneficiaries understood each and everything the movie depicted and it made them realize how important it is to utilize small little opportunities that come their way.



Leadership programme



World environment day celebration at CMVS

The beneficiaries were taken to CSMVS for summer workshop wherein they learned about different artistic forms such as landscape building, printing with sunlight, landscape painting with garden waste along with this they also got an opportunity to make solar powered toy and experience object theater. At the occasion of world environment day, the beneficiaries participated in workshops in CSMVS where they learned about beej ball making and ill effects of water pollution. They also got an opportunity to see different sculptures and understand to which Indian state it belonged. Story telling session by using objects and children museum visit was part of the workshop.

The beneficiaries were taken to American Consulate Dosti House for a tour of the American Library. The beneficiaries were given a detailed tour of the library along with information regarding what are the various sections in it & how it functions. The girls were excited to see such a big library and were trying to relate the library with their school library. Post the tour the beneficiaries were shown “Brave” an animated Disney movie.



Paper bag making workshop

The beneficiaries were also taken to Rani Baugh where the beneficiaries attended a workshop on making Paper bag along with Japanese flower. After this workshop some beneficiaries implemented the method of bag making to create gifts to be carried to Poland for the host families.

The beneficiaries are enrolled in fashion designing course where they learn about various stitches and applicability. All the beneficiaries take good interest and create varied designs using different stitches on the cloth. This quarter the beneficiaries have started designing on dupattas and Kurtas.

As our beneficiaries have been selected to be a part of Brave Kids festival full-fledged preparation are being done by the beneficiaries for their performance. The beneficiaries prepared a six-minute dance performance and also learnt two songs one Hindi and English. The efforts of the team made it possible for the beneficiaries to receive the Passports & Visa and successfully leave for Poland to participate in the brave kid's festival.

The beneficiaries were taken to the wonder park where they could physically see the miniature replicas of the seven wonders of the world. This visit gave them an understanding of the monuments and also an understanding why it is known as a seven wonders. The beneficiaries were really excited during the visit as it was a new place for them to explore. They also enjoyed a train ride around the park.



General medical health camp

HEALTH

PHYSICAL HEALTH:

During this quarter, the diet chart was regularly followed and the multivitamin supplements were provided in the right time. As part of our Nutrition Aid, 5 times nutrition and 1-time, multivitamins are regularly provided to approximately 70 Udaan beneficiaries. This quarter there has been a noticeable increase in height of the beneficiaries and the weight has been maintained.

The health checkup camp is a positive way of getting the services to maximum number of beneficiaries direct and indirect. Through these camps they are made aware about their health status so that further treatment can take place immediately via medical referral in the hospital.

The beneficiaries for monthly check up were taken to Gaurabai Hospital wherein the children were not detected with any severe illness apart from slight cold and cough. The children were also taken for eye checkup as they were constantly complaining of headache. The beneficiaries have been given spectacles according to their requirement.

To maintain the physically fitness the beneficiaries participate in outdoor games and also undergo training in Karate. Currently the beneficiaries are learning Kumite technique. Utilization of this technique happens when the beneficiaries have to defend themselves from any kind of risk.

In order for the children to maintain their health and hygiene beneficiaries attend healthy habit session in which the beneficiaries talk about daily basic habits such as brushing teeth, combing hair, taking bath etc that needs to be formulated in order to maintain good health. Through continuous session the beneficiaries have understood the necessity of maintaining hygiene and have started taking initiative on their own to explain the younger once the importance of it.



Music classes

MENTAL HEALTH:

In order for the beneficiaries to have a healthy mind we engage our beneficiaries in different activities such as theater classes, music classes, and art classes and sports activities.

This quarter the beneficiaries have learnt nine bhavas during the drama classes and got an opportunity to attend a show named In the Shadow of the Gods: An Interpretive Dance Performance by Revanta Sarabhai. The beneficiaries really focused during the show they appreciated the grace and finish in the performance and learnt a lot about expression, tone modulation and more. The music classes are conducted regularly during this quarter the girls have prepared full songs along with various instruments such as key board and guitar. It has been observed that the beneficiaries have started getting confident about the instruments that they play.

The children have drawing classes in a regular basis they had a continued session with Antoinette related to Hamsa Painting. This time she wanted the beneficiaries to go bold with technicolor and design and the outcome of the freedom was wonderful as the children came up with creative and very delicate designs with intricate work on it.

Bjorn a consistent Swedish volunteer also conducted an activity to draw cartoon figures just like in a newspaper and formulate a story through it. The children were very excited with the new activity and used all their minds creatively to depict various stories related to life, environment etc. He also took a session where he taught the girls to make diary of single pages the beneficiaries were excited to learn and very thankful towards him for teaching.



Beach play



Mother's day celebration

RECREATION

Bjorn also conducted games during the garden visit which the beneficiaries enjoyed immensely. He even organized a beach visit for the girls as it was just after the exams. Our beneficiaries enjoyed the new place, its serenity and excitedly they played with mud and tried building different things from it by using their imagination.

A team of volunteer's conducted various activities with the beneficiaries such as drawing, art and craft, music and dance, strategic games, easy cooking etc our beneficiaries participated actively in all the activities.

As part of celebrations mother's day was celebrated. The beneficiaries planned the entire programme it was an emotional journey during that day as the mothers could not stop the tears rolling from their eyes when they saw their children perform in front of them and hear their thoughts about them. We celebrated the festival of Eid wherein the older Udaan beneficiaries shared with all the importance of Eid and Why is it celebrated after which the beneficiaries hugged each other and fed each other Sheer- Kurma and wished everyone a very happy Eid.

The beneficiaries were taken for a visit to YaYa Play zone where the beneficiaries got to try varied rides and games the younger beneficiaries enjoyed the trampoline and slide games the most. They had a joyful time and enjoyed the snacks that they were provided with. Birthday celebration took place every month for beneficiaries the celebration involved cake cutting ceremony of the children which they thoroughly enjoy.



Easy cooking session

UMANG PROGRAMME UPDATE



Freeplay activity

OUTREACH

With the continuous efforts of our outreach team, this quarter we have been able to enroll 11 new members in our Umang program and 453 home visits were conducted to our Umang mothers. Upon enrollments, these beneficiaries have access to kindergarten education (Balwadi), all forms of assistance with their health referrals, camps, nutritional support, etc., therapies, interactive activities, exposure and recreational visits and rehabilitative measures like night-shelter home amongst other general support and aid.

SUCCESS STORY

Ritu* 5 years old, she was enrolled in AAWC night shelter two years ago. When she was enrolled she was very weak, she could not even walk properly as her mother suffers from health issue she could not take care of her daughter's health properly. Instantly Ritu was given five times nutritious meal according to the diet chart along with calcium and Vitamin D syrup on daily basis to strengthen her bones. Considering her weak health, teachers started conducting fine and gross motor skills activities with her. Teachers also observed that she had not developed her speech when she was 3 years old, so they focused on her language development as well. With such continuous efforts of teachers, she started showing improvements while playing games and reciting poems. Not only her muscles strength improved but also she started to speak in lower tone. Day by day she is improving, her participation in the outdoor activities has increased tremendously.



Educational activities

EDUCATION

This quarter teacher's not only focused on their academics but also have started to focus on their social development hence, the activities were involved around the sense of self, responsibility of self and others; and social behavior. Through the activities such as observation game, Friendship, Role-play and teacher assistance etc.; teacher tried to improve the abilities of the children to adjust in new situations, to respect and care for classroom environment and materials, the ability to recognize the feelings of others and respect others.

E-learning sessions have been conducted to help the children learn more through visual perception. The topic covered were about the earth, moon, sun and water cycle. The children were astonished to see how the earth looks from space and had many questions regarding the water bodies visible and living beings. Along with this video they also got an opportunity to explore google maps and understand India is a part of the earth. The concept of rain became very clear to the elder Umang beneficiaries and they were very attentive and also cleared their doubts through questions. Another group session highlighted the importance of water and why we should not waste it. The session was interactive and filled with questions from the beneficiaries which made the session helpful and gave a better understanding of water and its use to the beneficiaries.

Ms Marina Dutta's sessions were conducted in which she conducted activities such as yoga, puzzles, life of Mahatma Gandhi and storytelling through flash cards and collage making. The objective of the activity is to develop the Physical-Motor skills, Cognitive- Language skills and Social- emotional skills among the beneficiaries. It has been observed that the techniques used by her is effective as she motivates the children to speak loud and clear in her session.

Udaan and Umang session were conducted in which Udaan beneficiaries have been teaching songs and poems to the Umang beneficiaries, they also tell them moral stories so that they inculcate good values in them, they have started teaching their younger counterparts about clock and life cycle of butterfly to the beneficiaries the concept was explained in very simple words and it was understood by the beneficiaries very clearly.

The child future planning session (CFS) was conducted to make the mothers understand the importance of the identity documents of children required for school enrollment, the harmful impact of the consumption of tobacco and importance of Family planning to be able to take care of their children better.

Social skill sessions are regularly conducted with the beneficiaries on topics such as Good touch bad touch, Toilet training and cleanliness, No Fighting and hitting other children, not to cling to the visitors or teachers. Eat without making fuss. Not using abusive language. A group session was conducted to inculcate the habit of sharing and caring for others this was done through storytelling and video presentation on pet animals and the reciprocation of affection and care from the animals when showed care.

Regularly art and craft activities are conducted with the beneficiaries to enhance their skills this quarter the beneficiaries have learnt to make carrot out of paper, wall hanging and collage. The beneficiaries also learnt finger print painting using watercolor.



Art and craft activity

HEALTH

PHYSICAL HEALTH:

During this quarter, a new diet chart was introduced to the beneficiaries in accordance with the season as it is summer season a lot of liquid items Ampanna (raw mango Juice), buttermilk etc has been added to keep the children hydrated. The multivitamins were also given at the right time daily to the beneficiaries.

Whenever the beneficiaries had any health issues they have been taken for referral to both government as well as private hospitals. It has been noticed that referrals are reducing in number and none of the beneficiaries have been suffering from major illness.

Regularly monthly medical checkup is conducted in the nearby hospital. This is done to keep a track on all the beneficiaries health under the supervision of doctors and nurses this helps us detect the smallest of illnesses which helps us treat it at the earliest.

This quarter general health camp was conducted in collaboration with the doctors from E- ward. During the camp the beneficiaries were asked about their problems, checked and were prescribed medicines accordingly.



Beneficiaries at yaya play zone

MENTAL HEALTH:

To combat further development of their emotional instability and prevent any mental health crisis in the future, we hold various therapy sessions with our Umang beneficiaries. This include art therapy and referrals to external experts for aid with severe mental health issues. To provide a congenial environment and sufficient amount of exercise we take the beneficiaries for garden visits where they play games and enjoy outdoor activities.

The beneficiaries are also involved in many indoor games that help them improve their concentration and thinking capability. To maintain good health, we conduct fitness activities such as yoga and sports. The beneficiaries are regularly involved in exercise and meditation that keeps them energetic throughout the day and has also helped the children calm their behaviour.

RECREATION

This quarter laughter day celebration took place in collaboration with Book a Smile, initiative of Book My show. In the celebration a show was presented by a Ventriloquist Artist and Charlie Chaplin artist. The beneficiaries enjoyed the Charlie Chaplin show they were laughing to their hearts content and also few beneficiaries got an opportunity to be part of the show. For recreational purposes the beneficiaries were taken to YaYa play zone and Wonder park, the children enjoyed both the places and got an opportunity to play different games and enjoy a train ride.



Beneficiaries playing during garden visit

CAPACITY BUILDING

The Kindergarten teachers underwent training conducted by ICRI. In the training teachers learned about phonics and ice-breakers before starting any activities. It has been noticed that teacher's immediately started implementing the activities they have been taught in the training sessions. They have learned that every activity has objective behind it and they first need to have an objective and then see if the objective is being fulfilled after implementing the activity.

The other topic covered was how to introduce numbers through readiness activity. This training helped our teachers to understand the procedure and the sequence of introducing maths-shapes, sizes, counting etc.

The staff members attended a training session conducted by the occupational therapist that aimed to familiarize the staff with Child Psychology and counselling and the process of learning among children. The session involved making the staff familiar with the importance of five senses in children, the importance of sense of balance and sense of movement. The staff members brought forward all the activities that they are conducting with the beneficiaries to familiarize them with their senses. The participation of the staff and efforts were appreciated by the therapist.

The other session involved information regarding visual perception and auditory perception and different activities to be conducted keeping in mind various concepts to develop visual perception and auditory perception. Concept's such as form constancy, figure group and scanning, spatial relationships and discrimination was explained in detail along with examples that made it very clear to the staff member's when and where they could utilize it.

The other training session of the occupational therapist was based on stress management. She introduced the staff with various techniques of stress management amongst children as well as the staff themselves. The techniques taught was easy and the staff has been able to implement it easily. The techniques taught have made it easier for the staff to handle children sensitively with behavioral issues.

US consulate training on 'Effective Business Communication' attended by Fundraising & Communications Manager and Program Manager.

US Consulate Mumbai Open House: workshop on fundraising – "The bidding process for funding opportunities" attended by Fundraising & Communications Manager.

Social media and its usage - by Karen Sutherland(lecturer) and four students from University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia.

Participation in the 'Digital Fundraising' through powerful 'Storytelling workshop by Mastek foundation attended by Fundraising & Communications Manager.

'Digital Fundraising through powerful Storytelling' workshop by Mastek foundation – attended by Fundraising & Communications Manager.

CHALLENGES

Passport making & acquiring visa for the girls going to Poland to participate in Brave Kids International children festival due to lack of having sorted documents and are single parent child.

Can't enroll any more children/girls in day or night shelter due to lack of space at Kamathipura center.