

Apne Aap Women's Collective (AAWC)

the right to a better life for women and children in red light areas

Dear Associates,

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

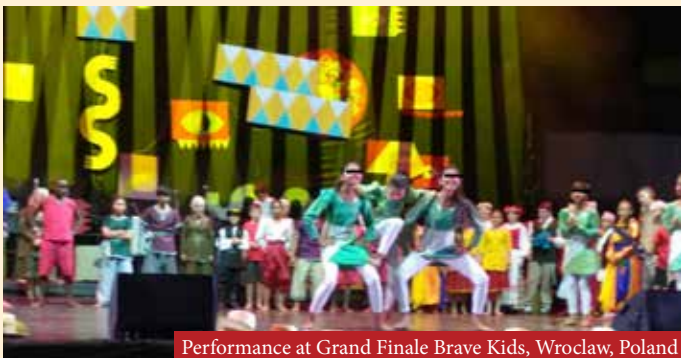
The last quarter had been a special quarter for AAWC for many reasons as observed the landmark developments. During this quarter, we experienced two especially proud moments. The first was the selection of six girls from Udaan program for the 'Brave Kids' project, allowing them to spend three weeks in Poland and to participate in various workshops and performances with approx. one hundred and twenty children from sixteen other countries.

The second moment was a week-long event organized by 'Clowns Without Borders' in Stockholm, Sweden where the same six Udaan girls had a chance to preform five clowning shows in front of a large audience. In the months before these two events, AAWC conducted extensive preparations, including the relevant social skills. Despite facing many challenges throughout the process (including obtaining passports for the girls), the girls' enthusiasm and the spark in their eyes, made it all worthwhile.

In order to acknowledge and appreciate Udaan girls for their overall performance and development, a "Felicitation Day" was conducted where six Umang girls graduated to Udaan and were welcomed with school backpacks. The event was conducted with a lot of pomp and show and included activities such as mime and role-plays. They were also awarded prizes under the categories of attendance, participation, cleanliness etc.



Sessions with Umang Kids



Performance at Grand Finale Brave Kids, Wroclaw, Poland



Clowning Shows at Stockholm, Sweden



Vocational Training Workshop with Umeed women beneficiaries

On a platform provided by our well-wishers, Udaan beneficiaries showcased their paper quilling skills. The sessions by Ms. Marina Dutta were thoroughly enjoyed by Umang beneficiaries and as a result a positive change had been noticed in children's behavior. As for Umeed beneficiaries, a rise in awareness regarding the importance of learning has been noticed, which was demonstrated in a peak participation in the program – 81 beneficiaries, including 22 new beneficiaries enrolled in the Adult Literacy Program.

Another special moment this quarter was being selected by DHL Global under their 'DHL's Go Heart' CSR campaign wherein our long-term volunteer Mr. Aman Bhalla (a DHL employee) had recommended and represented AAWC.

On behalf of AAWC, I thank all of you for your perpetual support and encouragement.

Manju Vyas, CEO, AAWC