



**RESTORING
DREAMS
FOUNDATION**

Rebuilding lives

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



Dear Friends & Colleagues,

We hope you are doing well and keeping safe.

For almost 25 years, the number of people living in extreme poverty - on less than \$1.90 per person per day - was steadily declining. But the trend was interrupted in 2020 when poverty rose due to the disruption caused by COVID-19 crisis combined with the effects of conflict and climate change - which had already been slowing poverty reduction.

With the pandemic, multiple natural and man-made disasters, and an economic crisis affecting almost every country, 2021 has been a difficult year for everyone. Nonetheless, humanity has triumphed, emerging stronger, kinder, and much humbler as a result of all these setbacks. With people from all walks of life doing everything they could to help those they knew (and didn't), a shared world where everyone survived and even thrived was created.

The Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF) is excited about the future of child and youth participation. As our organization's understanding and practice of participation and representative voice grows, we have developed a strategic direction for child and youth participation to improve our working methods, define new goals, and overcome new challenges in child and youth participation.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our stakeholders for their contributions and collaboration on our journey. Because no dream is realised without the support of others, we are confident that our friends and families would join us in our efforts to help youth, women, and children in need of care and protection. We were able to make an impact and meet our goal thanks to their generosity.

Thank you for continuing to believe in our mission. We will keep our promise to make the world a better, safer, wealthier, and happier place to live.

Co-founder Director

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The Annual Report 2021-22

OUR VISION

A world in which millions of children, young adults, men, and women live a life full of dignity, justice, security, and free from poverty.

OUR MISSION

Our efforts are focused to fight against underlying causes of poverty, building safe, secure, and resilient communities and ensuring a life of dignity for all from the most excluded, marginalised and vulnerable communities, especially among Dalits and Adivasis.

OBJECTIVE

Our overall goal is developing the potential of young population, women and girls to drive long lasting equitable changes. We strategically emphasize on improving people's health and wellbeing, inclusive education, gender equitable and sustainable livelihood opportunities and promoting the rights and voices of women and girls to ensure their full participation in political, social, and economic systems and stand with them against exploitation and discrimination.

THREE YEAR STRATEGIC DIRECTIVES

Our strategic plan run from 2019 to 2022 and commit the organization to making progress on key goals. However due to 2ND YEAR OF COVID19 Pandemic, plans changed and some of the goals were not even touched upon. Lockdown has severely affected children's education especially the children from the underserved populations.

Goal1- Having a greater impact on long-term poverty

Goal2- Having more influence, greater visibility, and increased public engagement

Goal3- Building an Organization to meet multiple challenges and growing a new generation of RDF people

Goal4- Securing the financial resources to implement the plan

Goal5- Climate and Emergencies - Conducting larger, faster, and better humanitarian response

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR - APRIL 2021- MARCH 2022

We are grateful to you for standing with us in support of the important causes of children's needs for care and protection. Violence occurs in all settings, including the home, school, childcare facilities, work, and the community. Violence is frequently perpetrated by someone known to the child. We'd like to share the 2021-22 Highlights to give you a quick overview of what we've been up to in the past year.



CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE & PROTECTION - COMMUNITY
NAVI MUMBAI - MAHARASHTRA- INDIA



It is possible to provide children with a safe and secure childhood environment. Every year, over one billion children are subjected to some form of violence, but this does not have to be the case. Child protection changes people's lives. We want to keep children safe, to speak out against violence, and to help survivors heal and recover

60 children from the Panch-sheel slum attend a nearby school in Belapur Village, Navi Mumbai. RDF has decided to provide long-term assistance to these children. Many of our friends and well-wishers backed this initiative to encourage children to continue their education during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been monitoring these children since then, and this is a long-term support programme to ensure their education, good health, and well-being. At the end of the school year, these 60 children received gifts from the Restoring Dreams Foundation. This is done to encourage them to continue their education and lower the school dropout rate.

CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION
MUMBAI EASTERN SUBURBAN DISTRICT

The Children's Aid Society Mumbai has many institutional care homes for children who require care and protection. One Mumbai Suburban care home houses 400 children aged 1 to 18 years (200 boys and 200 girls). With the start of the academic year 21-22 across the country, most states announced virtual classes for the year.



We were able to provide school books, notebooks, N95 masks, and other necessities to the 177 girls who live in these shelter homes. It made us happy to see these children's smiles. We are great full to Turning Point Church making this program successful.

**GIRLS IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION
ULHASNAGAR- DISTRICT THANE**



Ulhasnagar is a city in Maharashtra's Thane district. This city is part of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, which is managed by the MMRDA. It had a population of 506,098 people.

While Mumbai was experiencing heavy rains in July, we travelled to the city's outskirts to assist 37 girls living in this government shelter home. Survivor girls living in this home are from different part of India. RDF support kits included school books (Marathi and English medium) for grades 1-10, notebooks, drawing books, watercolours, stationery, hand wash & N95 children masks, cloth masks, and 1000 ml bottles of hand sanitizer for the home. Thanks to Turning Point Church for supporting this program.

**CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE & PROTECTION
LEPER COLONY DOWDALE PHAGLI – SHIMLA HIMACHAL PRADESH- INDIA**



35 leper families live in shanties just below the old bus stand on the main circular road in Downdale, Phagli Shimla. This Leprosy colony is isolated from the rest of Shimla's population. In the same neighbourhood, there are another 120 marginalised families. We visited this colony almost two decades later and discovered that many of them had died during that time. Some of the people we met are still dealing with a variety of issues.

People with leprosy are frequently subjected to discrimination and stigma. This situation has a negative impact on access to diagnosis, treatment outcomes, and care outcomes, as well as violations of civil, political, and social rights. The complete removal of discrimination, stigma, and prejudice is critical to

the elimination of leprosy.

Children with specific areas of weakness or disability frequently have additional areas of strength or ability. When deciding which work skills to help a child develop, it is generally wise to choose those in areas where the child excels. Children in the DOWDALE Phagli Leper Colony have big dreams.

Shubam, a 14-year-old boy with special needs, enjoys technology. He wants to learn computer programming and is willing to travel every day to do so. We are raising funds for his monthly transportation, which totals INR. 3000 per month, so that he can attend a special needs school (CSN). The programme costs INR. 76,000 for a one-year course.

There are 80 young children interested in the education and employment programme. We are grateful for the support of our donors, friends, and family member's in establishing a small centre that will allow us to work towards fulfilling these children's dreams.

CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE & PROTECTION DISTRICT CHAMPARAN, BIHAR- INDIA

According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), India has approximately 30 million orphaned and abandoned children. SOS Children Village conducted a study in 2011 and concluded that orphans in the country equal 4% of India's child population.

RDF is concerned about the safety of children. We know that children's sense of well-being is influenced by their sense of safety and security. We believe in collaborating with families, schools, government agencies, and children themselves. We believe that child protection can help to rebuild and transform lives, and we want to make a long-term difference in our Indian cities.



This year, we were privileged to serve 32 children (3-18 years old) from Mahima Home, one of the residential Child Care Institutions (CCI) in Bihar. These children come from a variety of backgrounds and are raised in a loving, caring, and protective environment, which is the foundation for their development.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT- With the help of our Restoring Dreams Foundation friends and well-wishers, a small one-time educational support was provided to the Mahima home. These children's annual costs are INR 120,000.

HEALTHY FOOD SUPPORT - School-aged children should consume foods from all five healthy food groups - vegetables, fruits, grains, dairy and protein. RDF extended this support for children to Mahima home beginning in January 2022. The monthly grocery needs of children are approximately INR 15,000.

We are grateful to our friend Renuka who have consistently supported this initiative. When adults show compassion and love in meeting the needs of children, we help them grow up to be strong and caring individuals.

**GIRLS IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION
MUMBAI WESTERN SUBURBAN DISTRICT**



It was our privilege to assist 35 human trafficking survivors living in a private run rehabilitation and skill development centre in the Mumbai Suburban District of Borivali. Material assistance is intended to provide victims with a means of subsistence because many victims are completely without material resources once they are released from the hands of traffickers. The survivors in this home are enrolled in the NIOS programme (10th and 12th grades) as well as an 18-month skill development programme. We gave them sanitary napkins. Period products such as sanitary pads are among the most-needed items in shelter homes for as many as one-third of low-income menstruating women cannot afford these items. We also gave them school notebooks, stationery, and bath soaps.

**WOMEN IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION
MUMBAI WESTERN SUBURBAN DISTRICT**



Restoring Dreams Foundation is just getting started on its journey to address gender inequalities, empower women, and contribute to SDG 5 for transformative change. At a privately run shelter home for girls in Borivali, Mumbai, we held a workshop on women's safety awareness and self-defense with 35 survivors of trafficking. The main goal of this training programme was to build girls' confidence by empowering them to defend themselves in times of danger. The training provided advice and techniques for dealing with emergencies and difficult situations.

COVID19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

During this reporting year 2021-22, RDF responded to the needs in government shelter homes as identified by the chairperson of various CWC's in MMR Region. Our support supply consisted of the following things:

- * 5000 sanitary pads were distributed to adolescent girls and women living under institutional care.
- * 1000 N95 children mask in 3 shelter homes in MMR Region.
- * 2000 cotton mask given in 3 shelter homes in MMR Region.
- * 1000 hand sanitizers distributed in homes.
- * Medical bills worth 15,000 rupees paid of COVID 19 patients in Thane Municipal hospital.
- * 2 children who lost their both parents due to COVID19 taken under RDF care for their further education

STORY 1- GULAB SINGH

Leprosy is an infectious disease that affects over 200,000 people worldwide each year. India has ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). The National Leprosy Eradication Program of India is currently one of the world's largest leprosy eradication Program.



Gulab Singh is the oldest resident of the Faguli Leper colony and has played an important role in the leadership of this small community. In 2010, his leg was amputated at the Mother Theresa Institute in Delhi. In the month of August, he underwent kidney surgery at the IGMC hospital in Shimla. Because he is recovering and unable to go to Mall Road to beg, his wife Timika begs in the same location near Mall Road.

RDF provided support to Gulab Singh for his medication. The primary concerns of the residents of this area are their children and their housing. The social welfare office has built a few housing facilities for leprosy patients. The Himachal government has not given them property rights over housing. As a result, many of them have remained in their decade-old shanties, which are recognised by the Shimla municipal corporation. Gulab Singh is now the president of the Leper Colony Association, and he is fighting for their rightful cause in the Himachal High Court.

STORY 2 - KARUNA CHANDALIYA

My name is Karuna, and I was born and raised in one of Mumbai's Bandra East slums. I am 20 years old and have successfully completed my HSC in the science stream. My father, Kishan Kumar Chandaliya, works as a plumber, and my mother, Lakshmi Kishan Chandaliya, is a housewife. During the lockdown, our family suffered greatly and struggled to meet our basic needs.



Shashi Kote College of Pharmacy

I was unable to continue my studies in a regular college due to financial constraints, but by the grace of God, I am now pursuing a diploma in pharmacy at Shashi Kote College of Pharmacy (BVR Group of Institutes) in Bengaluru, Karnataka. My programme lasts two years. Following completion of this course, there are numerous job opportunities in medical stores. My first month's salary will be around INR 15,000 which will help me and my family. One day, I hope to open my own medical store and serve the community around us.

The cost of my two-year course is INR 150,000. I am grateful for RDF's support of INR 87,000, which arrived just in time to help me restore my dreams, and I am hopeful for a balance of INR 63,000.

STORY 3- MUNNI

Munni Rachel (name changed) moved to Mahima, Bihar, with her brother Chandan and sister Babita when she was 12 years old. A quiet, obedient child who was always sad. Her father died of leprosy, and her mother died from a poisonous snake bite. They came from the village of Chitaranjan in the Indian state of Bihar. She finished her 12th grade (high school) this year and is now 19 years old.



Dhamtri Christian Nursing College in Raipur (Chattisgarh) has accepted her admission. Having completed her board exam in Hindi, this is a significant leap and a challenge that she is successfully navigating.

Munni sings beautifully in Hindi and Bhojpuri, as well as a few English songs. RDF considers itself fortunate to be able to help children like this who are eager to learn and succeed. Her perseverance and determination provide hope, encouragement, and motivation to other young people.

School & College of Nursing Christian Hospital Dhamtri Bihar India offers a three-year Nursing & Midwifery programme. The total course cost is INR 383,940. The total amount raised and paid this year is INR 69,150, with a balance of INR 314,790 for the next two years, which includes her meals, stay, and course fee.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM CHILDREN



We are grateful to our friends, family members, and local donors for the support RDF has received this year, and we believe in transparency. We cannot continue our programmes without your assistance. In 2022-2023, we hope to reach 2000 underserved marginalised women and children.

Press donate button to help RDF continue to be a bright light of love to the vulnerable living in Mumbai Metropolitan Region Maharashtra, Shimla Himachal Pradesh & Bihar India.

Thanks

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Note- Faces blurred, locations and other details about CNCP withheld as per the India Juvenile Justice Act, 2000

