

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



Message from the Chair

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Well-Wishers,

As I reflect on this past year, I am both humbled and inspired by the progress we have made in equipping children and young adults with the tools they need to succeed. At the core of our work is a commitment to education, life skills, and care—key ingredients for building brighter futures for the next generation. This year, we strengthened our efforts in several critical areas:

- **After-School Programs:** Our after-school initiatives provided safe spaces for **[40]** children to enhance their learning, build creativity, and develop confidence beyond the classroom.
- **English Language Courses:** To empower young learners in a globalized world, **[50]** students participated in English language courses that improved their speaking, writing, and comprehension skills.
- **Soft Skills Training for Girls:** We equipped **[500]** young girls with essential life skills—such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and self-advocacy—helping them to not only navigate their academic paths but also lead with confidence.
- **Scholarship Programs:** Recognizing the financial challenges many children face, we awarded scholarships to **[3]** bright and deserving students, enabling them to continue their education and unlock their full potential.
- **Research for Interventions in Slums:** Our team conducted detailed research in urban slums to better understand the barriers to education and empowerment. These findings are now guiding tailored interventions that address challenges such as access to resources, parental support, and safety for children.

- **Awareness on Trafficking:** In collaboration with local communities, schools, and care homes, we launched awareness campaigns on trafficking, reaching **[220]** individuals. These efforts included workshops for college students, and educators on recognizing risks, understanding trafficking victims' rights, and building safe environments.
- **Support for Children in Institutional Care Homes:** For **[250]** children living in 3 institutional care homes, we focused on Nutrition, education, emotional well-being, and clothing, providing them with opportunities to dream and thrive despite challenging circumstances.
- **Developing Digital Classrooms:** In an increasingly digital world, we prioritized integrating technology into education. This year, we established digital classrooms in **[2 schools of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)]** Sitapur Utter Pradesh. These classrooms are equipped with smart boards, tablets, high-speed internet, and access to curated e-learning platforms. Through these resources, **[300]** students have gained hands-on experience in using technology, accessing online learning materials, and acquiring critical digital skills that prepare them for future opportunities.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible generosity of our supporters. **A special thanks to the CSR companies that partnered with us**, whose strategic support has been instrumental in scaling our programs and creating lasting impact. **We also deeply appreciate the contributions of individual donors**, whose kindness and belief in our mission fuel our day-to-day operations and inspire us to continue striving for excellence. Your collective commitment has been a cornerstone of our success.

Each of these initiatives reflects our unwavering belief in the potential of every child and young adult we serve. The stories of transformation we witness every day—from a girl mastering public speaking to a student excelling in digital literacy—are a testament to the power of education and opportunity.

As we look ahead, we are excited to expand our programs, build new partnerships, and continue our work to ensure that every child has the chance to learn, grow, and lead. Together, we can create a world where education, safety, and empowerment are the birthright of every child. Thank you for your trust, partnership, and generosity. Together, we are shaping lives, communities, and futures.

With deepest gratitude,

Kuldeep John (Director)
Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF)



Mission, Vision, Values and Objectives

Mission

Developing the potential of young population, women and girls to drive long lasting equitable changes. We strategically emphasise 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.

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.

Vision

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

Values

Honour, Belonging, Trustworthiness, Creativity, Partnerships

Objective

- **Strengthen Protection for Vulnerable Children in Institutional Care** - Provide tailored support to ensure the safety, well-being, and holistic development of vulnerable children living in underserve communities or institutional care, addressing their unique needs with compassion and dignity.
- **Provide Comprehensive After-School Programs** - Offer after-school programs designed to support the educational and developmental needs of children in underserved communities.
- **Empower Adolescent Girls** - Promote access to soft skills education and awareness of rights among adolescent girls by collaborating with schools, communities, governments, and partner organizations.
- **Modernize Underserved Schools** - Equip underserved schools with modern digital tools and resources to create interactive and engaging learning environments, fostering academic growth and technological literacy.
- **Raise Awareness on Key Social Issues** - Enhance understanding and knowledge among stakeholders about gender equality, children's rights, child marriage, child labor, and human trafficking through targeted awareness and advocacy initiatives.



RESTORING DREAMS FOUNDATION: YEAR IN REVIEW 2023-24

1. EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TALENTS

Bihar

Supporting Talented Individuals



Story 1 - Sanjo

Gratitude, Ambition, and a Quest for Knowledge

I Sanjo, first and foremost, want to express my heartfelt gratitude and deepest respect to **Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF)** for the financial aid and support that has been extended to me during this challenging period. This assistance has been a lifeline, enabling me to continue my journey of learning and growth. I wholeheartedly wish to carry forward this guidance and generosity by supporting others in need in the future.

My journey began with a deep-seated greed for knowledge. This hunger for understanding has been the driving force behind my decision to pursue a course in Business Administration with a focus on Financial Markets, Macro Economics, and Financial Assets. While my intentions have broadened to include achieving financial independence, my ultimate pursuit of knowledge remains unwavering. This course is merely a small yet significant step in my lifelong commitment to learning. I aspire to delve deeper into subjects like Political Science, Neuroscience, and Behavioural Economics, as I believe they will provide a holistic understanding of the world and human behaviour.

I am driven by the desire to rise above financial struggles and inspire others to break free from similar constraints. My vision is to lead and guide others, fostering their growth while continuing my own. The support I have received has been a cornerstone of my journey, and I am committed to paying it forward by empowering those around me.

This journey is not just about personal achievement but about creating a ripple effect of positivity, growth, and inspiration. With determination and the generosity, I have been blessed with, I aim to build a future where knowledge and opportunity are accessible to all.



Maharashtra
Supporting Talented Individuals



Story 2 - Karuna
Karuna's Journey: From Student to Aspiring Entrepreneur

Karuna's story is a shining example of perseverance, hard work, and a desire to make a difference. Two years ago, she enrolled in a vocational course with the hope of building a better future for herself and her family. Despite the challenges she faced, Karuna remained dedicated to her studies, determined to turn her dreams into reality.

Her journey would not have been possible without the compassionate and unwavering support of Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF). Recognizing the barriers that financial struggles can impose on talented and ambitious individuals, the organization stepped in to provide Karuna with the financial aid she needed to pursue her education. Their commitment to empowering individuals like Karuna reflects their mission to create opportunities for those who dare to dream big, even in the face of adversity.

This vital support enabled Karuna to focus entirely on her studies without the weight of financial constraints. It became the foundation upon which she built her skills, confidence, and vision for the future. The organization's belief in her potential played a pivotal role in shaping her journey.

After successfully completing her two-year course, Karuna secured a job at a pharmacy. Her hard work and commitment have paid off, and she is now earning a good salary. This milestone is not just a personal achievement but also a testament to her resilience and ambition.

Karuna's aspirations, however, do not stop here. She dreams of opening her own medical store to serve the underserved community around her. Her goal is to combine her professional knowledge with her passion for community service. Karuna's journey is an inspiration to others, demonstrating how education and determination, when supported by compassion and opportunity, can pave the way for a brighter future. Her dream of entrepreneurship reflects her unwavering commitment to giving back to society and supporting those in need.



2. EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TALENTS

Sitapur-Utter Pradesh

Developing Digital Classroom Infrastructure in Need-Based Schools



SDG.4-Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

The rapid growth of digital technology has transformed the educational landscape, making digital learning a necessity rather than a luxury. To bridge the digital divide and create equitable learning opportunities, developing digital classroom infrastructure in need-based schools is critical. Smart classroom is an EdTech upgraded classroom that enhances the teaching and learning process for both the teachers and the students by inculcating audio, video, animations, images, multimedia etc.

Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF) in partnership with **Next Education** developed and upgraded **Two Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) schools** in Sitapur District of **Utter Pradesh** in northern India. These schools provide educational facilities for girls belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, minority communities and families below the poverty line in Educationally Backward Blocks. Our partner Next Education is also involved in training pupils and their teachers in digital technologies

RDF is an Implementing Agency of **State Bank of India CSR Program**. We are committed to the digital transformation of society. Smart classrooms will be benefiting 300 girls' students from disadvantage background who lives in these residential schools.



3. EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TALENTS Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra (Opening of New Hub In Belapur)



RDF Belapur Hub For Young Adults To Expand Educational Opportunities

(RDF), a committed advocate for the education and empowerment of youth, proudly announces the grand opening of its newest center dedicated to providing young adults with diverse educational opportunities. This innovative initiative aims to support individuals aged (10-18) in developing essential life skills, enhancing career prospects, and fostering personal growth. RDF hub has started:

- **Academic Support:** Tutoring and mentorship programs for young adults pursuing higher education or completing secondary education.
- **Life Skills Development:** Sessions on communication, financial literacy, and mental health awareness.

A Vision for the Future - "This Hub represents our commitment to creating pathways for young adults to lead fulfilling lives," said [Sweta], Consultant of [Restoring Dreams Foundation]. "We understand that education is the foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty and creating lasting change. By offering diverse programs in one accessible location, we aim to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers."

For more information about the hub and how to get involved, please contact (director@restoringdreamsfoundation.org) or visit our website at:

(<https://www.restoringdreamsfoundation.org/>).



4. EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TALENTS

Navi Mumbai- Maharashtra (English Spoken Language)



The Importance of Learning English For Individuals From Hindi and Marathi Speaking Backgrounds

In an increasingly interconnected world, the ability to communicate in English has become a valuable asset for individuals from all linguistic backgrounds. For those from Hindi and Marathi-speaking regions, learning English opens doors to numerous opportunities for personal, professional, and social growth. However, the standard of English education in government and government-aided schools remains a significant concern. Many students, even those in the 10th standard, struggle to read their textbooks properly, highlighting the urgent need for quality language training.

The **RDF Belapur Hub** plays a critical role in addressing this gap, especially for students from slums who cannot afford the high cost of private English classes. By providing free or affordable English language courses, **RDF** ensures that underprivileged children have access to this essential skill. Beyond learning the language itself, these courses help students better understand other subjects like science and physics, which are primarily taught in English. This foundational support not only boosts their academic performance but also enhances their confidence to pursue higher education and better career opportunities.

Since January 2024, the **RDF Hub** has been offering English language courses, starting with a three-month A-level program. The first batch of **50** students successfully completed the course and is now on track to finish the B-level certification. The demand for these programs continues to grow, with another group of **25** students already enrolled for 2025.

Through its dedicated efforts, the **RDF Hub** is empowering students from marginalized backgrounds, giving them the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty and build a brighter future for themselves and their families.



5. EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TALENTS

Bihar & Pune, India

Support To Child Care Institution (CCI)



SDG GOAL 4.1 By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant effective learning outcomes.

SDG GOAL 3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Mahima Home Bihar India - Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF): Empowering Lives through Education and Development. Under its *Education and Development of Talents* initiative, RDF is proud to support **32 children** residing in a Child Care Institution (CCI) in Bihar. This initiative focuses on meeting their comprehensive needs, including:

Educational Support: Ensuring access to quality education to nurture their talents and aspirations.

Basic Essentials: Providing clothing to promote comfort and dignity.

Nutritious Meals: Guaranteeing access to healthy, wholesome food to support their physical and mental well-being.

Good Shepherd Home Pune- RDF successfully contributed to improving the quality of life for children living in the GSH Pune Residential Facilities Center by supporting the provision of **50 benches for the dining hall**. These benches have enhanced the dining experience for the children, offering them a comfortable and organized space for their meals. This support directly meets the basic needs of the children residing in the center. RDF remains committed to addressing the essential infrastructure requirements of such facilities to improve the well-being of children in care. RDF is committed to restoring hope and providing these children with the tools and opportunities to build a brighter future.

Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF) is Implementing Partner of ATEQ India. We are honoured to serve as the implementing agency for ATEQ India's CSR Program. We are deeply grateful to ATEQ India for entrusting us with the opportunity to bring their vision for corporate social responsibility to life. Together, we strive to make a difference in the lives of those in need, fostering growth, education, and well-being within our communities. We are grateful to ATEQ India for giving us opportunity to implement their CSR program.



6. CHILDREN'S NUTRITION FOR GROWTH AND WELL-BEING

Pune Maharashtra, India
Support To Child Care Institution (CCI)



SDG GOAL 2. To End Hunger, Achieve Food Security And Improved Nutrition

Despite global efforts, in 2022, an estimated 45 million children under the age of 5 suffered from wasting, 148 million had stunted growth and 37 million were overweight. A fundamental shift in trajectory is needed to achieve the 2030 nutrition targets.

Jeevan Jyoti Cener- is our partner Day Care centre for children situated in the Red Light Area of Budhwar Peth, Pune, India. The hub and heart of the city's business centre, within whose entrails exists, unknown to all except those who wish to know, the secret world of darkness, deprivation and bondage. This is a new initiative by Restoring Dreams Foundation to provide support for social protection, safe and nutritious food to **30 children (1-5 yrs)**. Nutrition in early childhood, particularly between ages 1-5, is crucial for physical growth, cognitive development, and immunity. Children in such challenging environments are especially vulnerable to malnutrition, which can have long-term effects on their health and opportunities.

By ensuring access to safe and nutritious food, the Jeevan Jyoti Center can help these children grow healthier, support their ability to learn, and provide a foundation for breaking cycles of poverty and exploitation. Integrating this with social protection further ensures that their holistic needs are addressed, creating a safe haven where they can thrive.



7. SOFT SKILLS EDUCATION INITIATIVE IN SCHOOLS Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra Empowerment of Adolescent Girls & Young Women



SDG GOAL 5. To Achieve Gender Equality And Empower All Women And Girls

The best way to bridge the equality gap and impact young girls' overall development. RDF empower Adolescent Girls & Young Women Navi Mumbai. We have reached to 500 young girls in CBD Belapur schools. Our goal is that every adolescent girl in India, completes secondary school and is safe, strong and empowered. Health education initiative is a part of advocacy drive to accelerate actions and investments to prevent gender bias, discrimination, violence and abuse. It is centred on the empowerment of adolescent girls and young women and the achievement of gender equality in India with secondary education as the strategic entry point.

8. CAPACITY BUILDING & AWARENESS Mumbai - Maharashtra

"We have more enslaved people in the world now than at any other point in history!"



The fight against human trafficking requires collective action, education, and empowerment. RDF leverages research and technical expertise to sensitize colleges, universities, schools, and private-sector organizations while convincing companies and individuals to take meaningful action. Over the years, RDF has successfully conducted multiple education and awareness campaigns against the **Sexual Exploitation of Children**



and Human Trafficking. One of the key initiatives was launched in collaboration with Kohinoor Business School in Mumbai. **150 students** were trained on:

- Recognizing the signs of human trafficking and children’s rights violations.
- Preventing sexual exploitation and safeguarding vulnerable individuals.
- Reporting suspected cases to relevant authorities and ensuring timely intervention.

Impact Achieved:

- **Amplified Awareness:** Through these campaigns, young individuals are more equipped to act as responsible citizens, capable of identifying and addressing human trafficking cases.
- **Community Multipliers:** The trained students further spread awareness within their communities, amplifying the reach and impact of the campaign.
- **Strengthened Partnerships:** Collaborations with educational institutions and corporates enhance cross-sectoral approaches to combat trafficking.
- **Action-Oriented Frameworks:** Clear guidance and tools for identifying and reporting cases empower individuals to take action rather than remain bystanders.

9. RESEARCH

Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra

Understanding And Addressing The Needs of Slum Communities



Research is the cornerstone of impactful interventions, particularly when working with underserved communities in urban slums. These areas are often characterized by high population density, inadequate housing, limited access to clean water and sanitation, and insufficient healthcare and education facilities. Slum dwellers face compounded challenges such as poor living conditions, lack of security of tenure, social discrimination, and restricted access to basic services—all of which significantly affect their quality of life.

Before implementing any programs, we believe in first understanding the unique challenges and needs of the communities we aim to serve. Listening is at the heart of our approach. Engaging directly with community members ensures that their voices are heard and their lived experiences are central to the planning process.



Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF) in collaboration with research team of **Kohinoor Management School (KMS)** conducted research in underserve communities in MIDC Airoli, Rabble and Belapur Navi Mumbai. Our goal is to identify and address the issue of underserve communities to bring inclusive and sustainable change in the lives of its resident. Thanks to the dedication and expertise of the **KMS** Research Team, we are able to gather valuable insights through participatory research and needs assessments. This work helps us design targeted interventions that truly address the root causes of systemic inequality and deprivation.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Kohinoor Business Management research team for their unwavering commitment and inspiring work. Your efforts are lighting the way for sustainable change and setting a benchmark for excellence in community-driven research.

FUTURE PLANS 2024-26 **SOCIAL JUSTICE & POVERTY**



Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF) remains committed to driving digital transformation in schools, equipping both students and teachers with the tools and knowledge to thrive in the digital age. Our key objectives for the 2025-26 annual plan include:

Supporting Innovative Projects for Smart Classrooms - Introducing smart classrooms in partner schools to enhance interactive and technology-driven learning, ensuring social justice and equal opportunities for all learners. Providing digital devices, high-speed internet, and curated educational content tailored to curriculum needs. Delivering initial and ongoing training programs for teachers to effectively integrate digital technologies into their teaching practices. Focusing on addressing challenges related to poverty and diversity to promote social inclusion and ensure equitable education for marginalized communities.

Enhancing Student Digital Literacy - Organizing workshops and hands-on training for students to build foundational and advanced digital skills, empowering them to overcome social and economic barriers. Introducing specialized programs like coding, programming, and digital safety awareness, with an emphasis on fostering inclusion and equal access to opportunities.

Promoting Good Practices and Collaboration - Facilitating knowledge-sharing sessions and best practice workshops among schools and educators to advance social justice in



education. Encouraging collaboration between schools, communities, and corporate partners to sustain and expand the initiative while prioritizing social inclusion and equity.

Establishing a New Hub for Learning and Growth - The Hub is designed as a welcoming, inclusive space where young adults can explore a range of educational activities. From vocational training and digital literacy to academic support and creative arts, the programs cater to the varied interests and aspirations of the participants. The goal is to empower young adults by equipping them with skills to thrive in today's rapidly changing world. Key features of the Hub include:

- **Vocational Training Programs:** Practical, hands-on courses in areas such as technology, hospitality, and entrepreneurship.
- **Digital Literacy and IT Skills:** Workshops on coding, graphic design, and basic computer skills to enhance employability.
- **Creative and Performing Arts:** Art, music, and theatre classes to foster self-expression and confidence.

A Special Focus on Survivors of Violence and Trafficking - Aligned with our mission to support survivors of violence and trafficking, the Hub will offer specialized counselling, career guidance, and reintegration programs. These tailored services aim to create a safe and nurturing environment where survivors can rebuild their lives and reclaim their futures.

Community Collaboration - We believe that impactful change is rooted in collaboration. RDF **Hub** will partner with local businesses, academic institutions, and community leaders to create a network of opportunities for young adults. Volunteers and donors are encouraged to join this initiative to amplify its reach and impact. Community members, partners, and supporters are invited to celebrate this milestone and learn how they can contribute to this transformative effort. These objectives aim to empower underprivileged communities, bridge the digital divide, and create future-ready learners and educators, ensuring a lasting impact in education with a strong focus on social justice and inclusion.

Restoring Dreams Foundation (RDF) in collaboration with corporates, friends and families reaching out to underserve population in Bihar, Maharashtra and Utter Pradesh.

FINANCIALS - 2023-24



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024


	Note No.	31st March 2024		31st March 2023	
		₹ thousand)		₹ thousand)	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Shareholders Funds					
Share Capital	3	100.00		100.00	
Reserves and Surplus	4	1315.68	1415.68	1274.03	1374.03
Current Liabilities					
Trade Payables	5			-	
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises		45.58		-	
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises		01.42	47.00	48.52	48.52
Other Current Liabilities	5		55.81		78.53
TOTAL			1518.50		1501.08
ASSETS					
Non-Current Assets					
Property Plant & Equipment and Intangible Assets					
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	80.64		17.20	
Other Non-Current Assets:	7	30.00	110.64	-	17.20
Current Assets					
Cash and Cash-equivalents	8	1404.51		1473.61	
Short Term Loans and Advances	9	03.36	1407.86	10.27	1483.87
TOTAL			1518.50		1501.08

Notes 1 to 14 form an integral part of these Financial Statements

Per our report of even date attached to the Financial Statement


For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of
RESTORING DREAMS FOUNDATION


For R. K. KHANNA & ASSOCIATES
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SANJEET P SINGH
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Mumbai ;
Date: 13th September 2024




Kuldeep John
Director


Leena John
Director



**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Note No.	2023-24		2022-23	
		₹ thousand)		₹ thousand)	
REVENUE					
Revenue from Operations					
Donations received			2237.50		2471.08
Other Income			16.06		4.18
Total Income			2253.56		2475.25
EXPENSES					
Education	10	750.30		832.60	
Relief of Poor	11	1299.83		179.51	
Depreciation	6	24.22		3.95	
Other Expenses	12	137.56		82.71	
Total Expenses			2211.90		1098.77
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year			41.66		1376.48
Tax Expenses			-		-
Surplus / Deficit for the year			41.66		1376.48

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