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About ChildFund India

ChildFund India, a child development organization registered in India in 1984, has been working with children, youth and families from the most remote, extremely backward and hard-to-reach areas, with a vision to build “an India where children lead a dignified life and achieve their full potential”. ChildFund India works in the rural belts of the country, now slowly expanding its focus to urban locations too, where child protection issues and violence against children are prevalent. Its programs provide comprehensive support to children from their conception until they reach 24 years of age by integrating health, nutrition, sanitation, gender equality, disability, education, skill training, livelihoods, child protection and humanitarian relief work. ChildFund India annually reaches lakhs of children, youth, and their families across the country, through its programs. ChildFund India’s unparalleled longstanding community presence in India, long-term partnership with grassroot organizations and relations with relevant stakeholders especially the Government to ensure that its holistic interventions foster an enabling environment where children can grow to their fullest potential.



Our Approach

ChildFund India takes a life-stage long-term approach to provide an opportunity to children to empower themselves facing vulnerability and youth in need. We support children from birth and stay with them till 24 years of age, ensuring that they become adults who can bring positive change to their communities. Additionally, we promote to establish societies that value, protect, and advance the worth and rights of children.

Our Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2026 **‘Theory of Change’** concept puts the child at the center of all we do and considers the different layers of potential support and risks to children. This helps us to direct our work and engage with children, families and communities to ensure healthy growth and development of children, strengthen institutions for social change.

We believe that a child needs an enabling environment to thrive, which is created at multiple levels including family, community, institution, national and international.



Foreword

After a devastating second wave of COVID - 19, hope was hard to find. With its impact reverberating globally, millions suffered its consequences, however, children faced the largest impact. The pandemic not only worsened the learning crisis with closure of the public institutions, but also posed a huge threat on livelihoods, mental and physical health. Given the situation, it was more important than ever to support their developmental process by ensuring they continue to receive an enabling environment to thrive and achieve their truest potential.

As we mark yet another year in enabling children and youth from communities facing marginalisation, to empower themselves, it gives me immense pleasure to present our annual report of FY 2023 which captures our journey and our endeavors to reach out.

Guided by our Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2026, this year was significant in terms of fostering partnerships to enable children and their families to continue to attain higher standards of health and education. We integrated mental well-being with our programs on health and nutrition for children, adolescents and youth. This was imperative especially after the compromising effect the pandemic had on mental health. Moreover, with an increasing number of children shifting to e-learning in the wake of school closure, initiatives on safeguarding children from rising cyber crimes were also taken into account. Further, this year was also remarkable in enabling children receive fellowships to attain higher education and to realize their dreams in STEM. As far as livelihoods is concerned, we continued to strengthen women and youth to participate in the workforce through employment or micro enterprises, to guarantee a sense of financial security during such an unprecedented time. Our efforts in Disaster Risk Management to address the COVID-19 crisis also received recognition at the World Congress On Disaster Management (WCDM) for efficient and exemplary management of the same.

I would like to conclude by extending my heartfelt gratitude to our donors, state governments, and staff for their relentless support in our journey to achieving our vision.



Sincerely,
Rajesh Ranjan Singh
Board Member
ChildFund India



In this financial year, ChildFund India strived in its initiative to improve the health and nutritional standards of children through its interventions which are carefully designed to cater to each stage of a child's developmental process. In this financial year, the following were achieved:

Mother and Child Health and Nutrition

Mentor mothers for healthy and nourished children

"Mentor mothers or lead mothers", is one of the innovations under this intervention which aims at building leadership skills on mother and child health in women. This is to further instill these skills in other women to ensure prenatal care, antenatal care and mother health are not compromised at any stage. This year, over 1,900 lead mothers/mentor mothers were identified and trained across states who in turn provided cascade training to 7,699 mother groups.

Saving Lives

Under this intervention, over 6,238 villagers were oriented on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) through awareness generation and behavior change events. 3,793 parents/caregivers were trained on RMNCAH, stimulation and protection. Under this intervention, approx. 170 pregnant women and lactating mothers were linked to institutions for deliveries. 296 Village Health and Nutrition Committee (VHNC) members were trained to educate the community members on health and nutrition related issues.



Sustainable Nutrition, Education and Health (SNEH) project

ChildFund India recognizes that the first 1,000 days from pregnancy until the child achieves five years is rather critical. Therefore, as an effort to ensure improvement in the levels of nutrition intake among mothers and children, the organization had launched 'The Sustainable Nutrition Education and Health' (SNEH) project. In this financial year, following are the key interventions under this project:

- 1 Over **8,900 children** who suffered from malnutrition, undernourished lactating/pregnant mother received nutritious food and nutrimix.
- 2 **3,730 parents** participated in promotion of locally available nutritious food materials.
- 3 Over **4,000 mothers** from the mother groups were oriented on the importance of nutrition.
- 4 **1,116 children** accessed basic facilities at the anganwadi centers including growth charts, weighing machines, play materials and water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.
- 5 **2,011 parents/caregivers**, Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) / Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers were trained on identifying and managing childhood diseases.
- 6 **3,234 mothers** were reached to educate them on health, nutrition and development needs of their children.
- 7 Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) centers assessed on Early Childhood Education (ECDE) status and around **1,100 staff members** were trained on early childhood development.
- 8 **700 community members** in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan were reached through health camps organized for routine health check-ups on a monthly basis.

Positive Deviance Plus

It is a community-based intervention where efforts are made to identify successful positive practices of caregivers to eliminate malnutrition in the community. Here, the idea is to identify local solutions for tackling the situation of malnutrition. In this year, 35 positive deviation sessions enabled 1,000 children and pregnant women and lactating mothers implement local practices to eliminate the impact of malnutrition.

GARIMA

ChildFund India's adolescent reproductive and sexual health program – GARIMA, meaning dignity, works towards providing an opportunity to youngsters of 11 - 19 years to empower themselves and achieve improved sexual and reproductive health. The interventions under this model are implemented through "Peer Educators" who play a critical role in instilling significant knowledge in adolescents about sexual and reproductive health including their rights. Following are the interventions that were achieved in this year:



Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)

This focuses on providing access to high-quality, evidence-based, comprehensive information on sexuality and reproduction to youth and adolescents through peer educators. Following were the achievements:

- Over **30,800 adolescents**, youth, parents/caregivers were trained on sexual reproductive health and rights through modules, monthly Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) sessions and technology such as mobile applications etc. The adolescents and youth groups were also counselled on SRH by ANMs and ASHA workers.
- **3,506 peer educators** were trained on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- **135 convergence sessions** were conducted with government officials from state and district levels on sexual reproductive health.
- **280** primary health care centers and community health cares regularised adolescent friendly day, where the adolescents were encouraged to come and share health related issues.
- **More than 800 sessions** on SRH were imparted by teachers in schools to educate children on sex and reproduction.



Program to reduce anaemia among women

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This year, **5,263** community members including adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers were supported to develop and practice nutrition gardening.

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3,861 people oriented through awareness camps on improved water and sanitation practices as well as on importance of nutrition to combat anaemia.

The principle focus of the program is to identify adolescents/women suffering from anaemia and provide them appropriate information on food fortification, so that they can manage anaemia locally (at home/community/institutional level).

Adolescent Friendly Health Services through Jigyasa Centers

Community Jigyasa centers or adolescent health centers enabled adolescents have access to adolescent friendly services. The project has established 73 Jigyasa centers across states, this year.

Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM)

Menstrual health and hygiene interventions are needed to protect dignity, build confidence and improve sexual and reproductive health of adolescent girls. Therefore, under this intervention, adolescents were trained on menstrual hygiene management in schools and communities and were enabled access to MHM kits. In this financial year, over 5,700 adolescent girls were enabled access to MHM kits in schools and communities. The girls also received trainings to use the kits and capacitated to inculcate improved hygiene practices during menstruation. 825 villages also received sanitary napkins through ASHA and ANM workers.



Families Matter Program

It is a parent focused intervention designed to promote positive parenting and effective parent-child communication on sexuality and sexual risk reduction, including gender-based violence etc. Under this intervention, sessions on family matters were conducted which motivated 6,297 parents/caregivers to engage with their children through activities such as reading books, narrating stories etc.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Unimproved sanitation and unsafe water facilities can have dire consequences in terms of significant increase in the incidences of diseases resulting into poor education related outcomes among children especially girls, and loss of livelihoods among adults. To enable the community members, have access to improved sanitation and safe water, ChildFund India achieved the following in financial year 2023:

- 1 **2,34,933** people were trained on seven steps of hand washing with soap.
- 2 Over **4,65,000** community members were made aware of hygiene through state-wide hygiene promotion.
- 3 Over **22,700** gram panchayat secretaries and hand washing frontline workers volunteers were oriented on hygiene behavior.
- 4 **144 gram** panchayats and over 1,000 households were provided with handwashing stations.
- 5 Over **300 schools**, anganwadi centers, communities were provided with gender friendly WASH facilities such as incinerators, separate toilet blocks, and sanitary napkin vending machines. The public institutions and communities were also capacitated on safe WASH practices.
- 6 Over **8,900 participants** including School Management Committee (SMC) members, teachers, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) members, parents/caregivers were trained on improved water and sanitation practices including solid waste management, and Open Defecation Free (ODF) sustainability.
- 7 Over **550 WASH committees** and village water sanitation committees were found functional in the operational areas.
- 8 **1,386** children and family members were enabled access to improved sanitation and safe water facilities.



ChildFund India's Response to COVID-19

ChildFund India continued its efforts at building resilience among people through the following deliverables:

- Under the initiative of **"Vaccination on Wheels"** **3,11,877** community members were vaccinated through mobile vans in five districts across three states.
- ChildFund India trained more than **150 master trainers** across 40 blocks in five districts on mental health covering 67 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) The master trainers, in turn, provided cascade trainings to more than 13,000 health staff, frontline workers, mentor mothers, peer educators etc.

More than **7,146** teleconsultation sessions were conducted and enabled the patients to access medicines through health camps.

- **82 pediatric centers** and adult centers were established in primary health care centers and community health care centers. These were equipped with medical equipment.

Mental Health and Psycho-social support

Prioritizing mental wellbeing during childhood means enabling a child to achieve healthy developmental and emotional milestones later in life. Therefore, this year, ChildFund India took an initiative to integrate mental health with its two program models, namely, **MACHAN** and **GARIMA**.

Under this initiative, this year, ChildFund India trained 900 frontline workers such as ASHA workers, anganwadi workers, ANMs, and mentor mothers to identify, counsel and refer cases of neurotic and psychiatric illnesses. Further, initiatives were also taken to design and develop collaterals on mental well-being and generate awareness among 4,000 youth through social media. Further, 5,999 community members were also linked with helplines to enable them cope with any mental health issues better.

HIV and AIDS - Prevention and Treatment

ChildFund India is the lead agency to implement the Link Workers Scheme Program (LWSP) supported by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and Targeted Intervention by Telangana State AIDS Control Society.

- 1,001 high risk groups (HRGs) were counselled by the ANMs/counsellors.
- 1,906 HRGs visited Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) clinics (including PPP clinics) and undertook regular medical checkup.
- 983 individual HRGs were referred and tested at Integrated Counselling and Testing Center.
- Over 500 HIV positive individual HRGs, including female sex workers, people living with HIV, truck drivers, transgender, men having sex with other men, etc. are currently undergoing treatment at antiretroviral treatment centers.

Key Highlights

- 85.45% decrease in average malnutrition risk among children and mothers in the slums of Kolkata.
- Reduction in the cases of child stunting by 66%, child wasting by 96%, and underweight children by 94% in the slums of Kolkata.
- 56% parents and caregivers practicing positive and appropriate childcare and nutrition practices.
- 66% adolescents and youth in targeted communities across states adopt safe and healthy practices pertaining to sexuality and reproduction.
- 8000 people oriented on the communicable and non-communicable diseases.

MUKTI: Tuberculosis (TB) and Nutrition Pay for Performance

MUKTI is ChildFund India's pilot innovative pay-for-performance program to improve nutrition level of TB patients in Dhar and Jhabua districts of Madhya Pradesh. The model was conceptualized by USAID India in collaboration with ChildFund India and the State TB program. The achievements for this year are as follows:



1,127 patients were treated successfully in this financial year in Dhar and Jhabua locations of Madhya Pradesh.



785 patients suffering from tuberculosis achieved a weight gain of more than six kilograms.



116 Multidrug-resistant (MDR) TB cases successfully recovered.



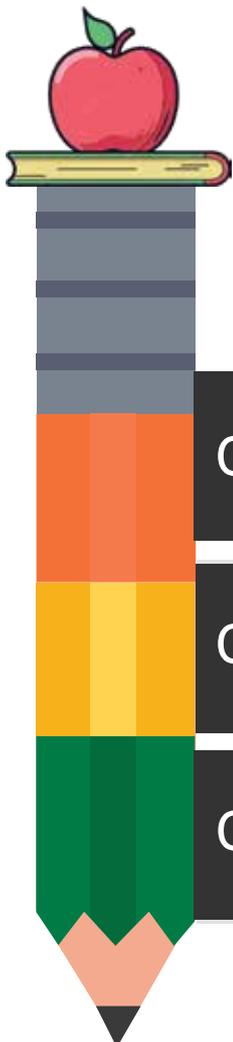
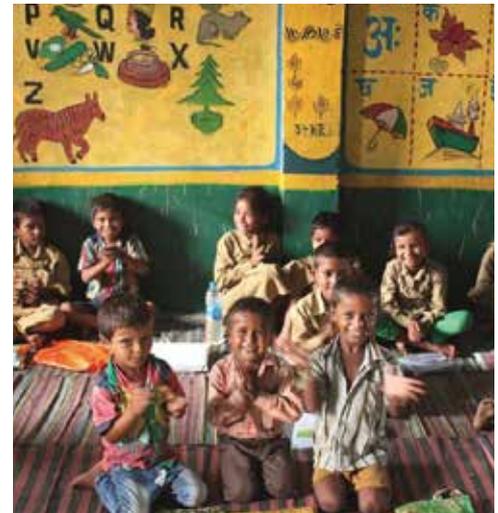
I witnessed significant changes in my child's overall health, by introducing balanced diet and improved hygiene behaviour practices in his daily routine. I wanted to enable other mothers to also adopt these practices for their children. Therefore, I started encouraging mothers on the importance of food and hygiene practices. Eventually, the mothers created their own groups on health & nutrition to discuss best practices.

*Shared by satisfied Mamta**



Early and Elementary Education

ChildFund India's **Protective, Effective N ContextBased Initiation of Learning (PENCIL)** model has been developed to respond to specific issues and needs related to education in India. Through PENCIL, we work towards addressing the learning deprivation situation of children from communities who face vulnerabilities, by ensuring age-appropriate learning outcomes and developing social-emotional learning skills of children between the ages of 3 and 14. This model also capacitates parents/caregivers and community members to ensure children have conducive environment to access quality education and develop values and skills required for their growth and development process. Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) component was also introduced in this year. Following key accomplishments were made in this year:



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)

Early childhood care and education is not only limited to preparing a child for primary school but also lays a strong foundation for emotional well-being and lifelong learning, thereby promoting holistic development of a child. To achieve this, ChildFund India ensured:

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Training over **12,000** parents and community members on the importance of developmental approach to ECCE including preparing children for school.

02

Training over **1,000** anganwadi workers and pre-school teachers on a play based curriculum.

03

Equipping **1,185** anganwadi centres with teaching and learning materials, child-friendly infrastructure and trained facilitators.

Foundational Literacy and Enhancement of Learning Outcomes

Aligning with the goals of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, ChildFund India strived at achieving universal foundational literacy and numeracy in schools, and achieved the following:

1. Enabled over **22,000 teachers** and facilitators to adopt scientific and child-friendly pedagogical approach by using scientific and standardised teaching and learning materials.
2. **11,000** children were recorded to have improved classroom participation.
3. Enabled over **5,500 children** access the Child Learning Centres (CLCs) for bridging the learning gaps.
4. Capacitated and strengthened over **2,400 School Management Committees** (SMCs) across states, districts and blocks to play an active role in providing access to quality education to children.
5. Established over **580 active multilingual reading & intergenerational interaction** spaces or libraries. This enabled children, parents/caregivers to access good quality literature and inculcate reading habits. Over 7,000 children were observed using school libraries regularly.
6. Assessed learning competency level of over **19,800 children** and developed a system for continuous and comprehensive evaluation.
7. Over **6,000 children** accessed the learning centres and used the teaching learning materials.



Social- Emotional Learning (SEL)

SEL is a process which allows a learner to acquire competencies to recognise and manage emotions, develop care and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions and handle challenging situations. To enable children inculcate SEL, ChildFund India:

1. Established **236 art corners** to encourage children develop social-emotional skills by engaging in diverse local art forms. Over 12,000 children actively participated in art related campaigns also called "**Khilta Bacchpan**" in schools and communities. Innovative and fun learning experiences through art and craft classes led to a significant increase in the enrolment rates of children in school.
2. Oriented **749 members** from PRIs, school management committees, and community leaders on SEL and apprised them on their role in addressing the same.
3. Oriented over **1,500 parents**, teachers and other facilitators to build SEL related competencies in children.
4. Skilled over **700 parents** in story telling skills through workshops.
5. Encouraged over **34,470 children** to participate in SEL sessions in schools.



Cyber Smart Children

The COVID-19 pandemic brought about several perplexing challenges. One of them was school closure, forcing children to shift to e-learning. In this situation, ChildFund India strived at balancing children's need to access the internet while ensuring their safety in cyberspace simultaneously. Following key accomplishments were made in this financial year:



Over 4,56,000 children equipped with knowledge and skills needed to prevent them from cybercrimes.



1,91,881 awareness sessions conducted in communities on cyber-crime and safety.

Key Highlights

- 73%** teachers with improved competencies on promoting Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) in children after their training.
- 75%** of children achieved school readiness in 12 states and one Union Territory.
- 68%** of the children showed signs of improved social and emotional well-being.
- 58%** children recorded an increase in attendance rate in schools located in 13 states and one Union Territory.
- 54.2%** children in target schools and communities showed improvement in their leaning outcomes.
- 11%** increase in the attendance rate of students in eight schools through social-emotional learning sessions.

With the launch of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the establishment of EduTech startups, India has definitely made some strides in providing quality education. However, accessibility and affordability of quality education still remains an issue for children in India.

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The financial condition of my family deteriorated after the pandemic. Being a single parent, I therefore, had to start working as an agriculture labour. Since my elder child, Sanjeev, used to accompany me to the fields, his education remained largely compromised. As a mother, this is the last I wanted to see. ”* said a concerned mother.

In its efforts towards improving the status of accessibility as well as affordability in education, ChildFund India has been establishing Child Learning Centres (CLCs) in remote villages across its operational states. These learning centers not only enables children to acquire age-appropriate literacy and numeracy skills through activities like stories and games but also fosters an environment where a child can develop social-emotional skills. The centers are well-equipped with a library and ensures that every child has access to age-appropriate reading materials.

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One day a staff from ChildFund India informed me about a learning center which was operating in a nearby government school which was helping children cope with the learning loss. I enrolled my son there without any further delay. Today, he not only has aced numeracy and literacy skills required for his age, but has also developed leadership skills. He is a class monitor too. ” Shared a satisfied mother.

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“Our school was struggling with enrolments because the parents preferred to continuously engage their children in either agricultural works or in taking care of their younger siblings. However, through continuous efforts such as home visits, and robust follow up on the families, we finally could significantly increase the enrolment rates. Today, our school has 250+ students. All thanks to ChildFund India and its efforts at capacitating the school management to undertake this achievement.” Shared Prakash Paliwal*, school headmaster and secretary of the school management committee.



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Secondary and Higher Education

This program helps children make a successful transition from elementary to higher education by strengthening school governance and providing them with special support to access quality secondary and higher education. It also addresses the high percentage of school dropouts. In this financial year, following key accomplishments were made:

Udaan Fellowship Program

This is a unique academic excellence program designed for deserving girls from communities facing marginalisation. It provides scholarships to enable them to achieve their fullest potential by accomplishing their goals in higher education. Following accomplishments were undertaken in this year:

1,400+

children and young adults supported to continue their dream of higher education through Udaan Fellowship Program. This included career guidance and guidance support.

410

children trained on 21st century skills (including life skills and career skills).



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Program

STEM learning promotes scientific temperament in students by providing them access to advanced and coherent infrastructure along with methodical pedagogy. Following accomplishments were undertaken in this year:

- **12 schools** supported with STEM infrastructure such as Mini Science Labs, SMART Classrooms, and STEM Libraries.
- **161 teachers and 6000 students** trained on STEM skills.
- ChildFund India awarded for bringing innovation in classroom by Rajasthan Government School.



Special Support Classes

- **1,590 children** who were about to drop out received special support classes for better academic performance.
- **782 children/youth** supported for better transition and regular to school.

Education is something that was difficult for me to complete due to the financial issues in my family and therefore I decided to drop out. Today, I have not only completed my class 12th but I am also preparing for B.Sc Nursing. Thanks to the remuneration received through the Udaan fellowship, my higher education is well taken care of. I am also thankful to ChildFund India who made me believe that I could achieve my truest potential by educating myself.

Said Pooja*, Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh



Key Highlights

- **100% Children** in target communities who have attained the appropriate age, completed 8th class/grade.
- **100% Children** Children in target communities who have attained the appropriate age, completed 10th class/grade.
- **97.3% Children** in target communities who have attained the appropriate age, completed graduation and similar level of vocational or technical courses.



ChildFund India's livelihood programs are designed to achieve the goal of enabling the youth and community members from the communities that face marginalization, to be informed, skilled, and job ready as per market needs. The program also supports women's leadership in the field of agriculture by addressing the deep-seated issues acting as a barrier towards women's recognition. This year through livelihood, the following were achieved:

Women Entrepreneurship and Empowerment Program

The Women Empowerment Program (WEP) has been designed to generate sustainable income, ensuring improvement in the health and nutritional status of family members, especially of women and children. Following were the key interventions in financial year 2022-23:

1. **19,721** women from Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana were trained on initiating a startup. Successful women from the cohort were supported with a startup grant and enabled linkages with the markets.
2. **8,470** micro-enterprises obtained Udyam registration number and license from Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
3. **15,000+** rural women from 10 districts of Uttar Pradesh were trained and adopted the climate friendly agriculture practices.
4. **10 Famer Producer Companies (FPCs)** were legally registered and run by 6,000 women entrepreneurs. These FPCs have a turnover of approx. 30 lakhs and are legally recognized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the State Department of Agriculture.
5. A state level event was organized in Lucknow to promote the women run FPCs. The event was attended by key stake-holders from the government, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) etc.

Strengthening Local Governance System through Community Participation

This program aimed to strengthen the local rural governance systems in India through the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Under this program, PRI members were trained in community development concepts, tools and processes. Emphasis was given on including child protection mechanisms and child-centered planning in the Gram Sabha meetings. This program increased participation and formation of child protection committees, improved linkages with district-level community health institutions and child development schemes. Under this initiative, the following were the key deliverables:



Organized youth festivals/conclaves aiming at promoting their leadership qualities. A total of **817 festivals** were organized to promote the leadership qualities among youth.



847 Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) representatives & adolescent/youth were instilled with knowledge on child protection.

Formation and strengthening of youth groups and federations

- More than 100 youth were trained on external networks/resources available for business promotion, credit access, market linkage etc.
- Total of **7,993 youth groups and 581 youth federations** were formed and strengthened in all the operational locations.
- 890 youths were oriented on social issues, child protection and capacitated on leadership skills.
- 199 youth led-projects on village development were identified and promoted.

Daksh: Skill Building towards Gainful Employment

Daksh centers were established to provide market oriented employability training and placement support for youth in the age group of 19-24 years. In the last financial year, a total of 136 centers were established and enthused skills in the youth ensuring employment of youth.

Promotion of E-Saksham Centers

These are the youth resource centers that are equipped with state of the art facilities to enable the youth to become job ready. The facilities included training, networking, career guidance, and placement assistance. Following were the key deliverables under this program:

- **452 E-Saksham centers** established to support youth with soft skills and technical skills.
- **538 youth trained** with soft skills and technical skills.
- **2,109 youth** supported through career guidance.
- **424 eligible candidates** identified for employability training.
- **790 youth trained** on employment protection policies, labour laws and social security aspects.

Life skills for Adolescent and Youth

ChildFund India designed and developed the “life skills” module in vernacular languages for youth to enable them to lead in decision-making, leadership and problem-solving roles in their personal as well as in professional lives. In this financial year, more than 9,000 members of youth groups trained on life skills, conducted cascade trainings for eligible youth at village level on life skills - covering all 56 modules during youth group meetings in a phased manner.



Sustainable Livelihood Development Program (SLDP) - Entrepreneurship skills and business promotion among youth and women

Under SLDP, youth and women from families experiencing lack of resources who display an interest to start their own business are identified and supported to initiate their micro-enterprises in the areas of agriculture, animal husbandry, poultry farming, small trade enterprises including tailoring, cosmetology, handicrafts, petty shops etc. In this financial year, following were the key accomplishments:

- **1,290 women** entrepreneur groups formed.
- **596 parents** and caregivers trained on entrepreneurship and over 390 parents/caregivers supported to initiate their own livelihood.
- Promotion of entrepreneurship among youth in agriculture. **304 youths** trained on agriculture & allied activities.
- **125 migrant families** with limited or no access to resources, were provided a start-up fund in agriculture and allied activities and to set up micro-enterprises.
- **63 Persons** with Disabilities (PWDs) trained on livelihood / entrepreneurship and 27 of them received start up fund for the establishment of enterprises.
- **605 families** trained on integrated farming system and received a start-up fund.

Key Highlights

- 59% overall improvement in family status.
- 57% improvement in nutritional level and health status in the family.
- 56% improvement in education of children.
- More than 65% of the community members have received the benefit of external linkages in terms of marketing and loan procurement; also licensing and MSME registrations.

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I used to cultivate paddy and wheat, however, due to incessant rains, the produce used to fail miserably, leaving us under impoverished conditions. My husband doesn't earn anything and often stays under the influence of alcohol. Therefore, there was no one but me who could pull my family out of poverty. Very recently, I had to also sell my jewellery to be able to pay for the medicines of a family member. I was clueless about how to support my family until I heard about an initiative to improve agricultural yields through scientific practices. Much to my surprise, I learned more than just agriculture techniques. ” said Lakshmi*.

With a realization that women's participation remains hugely restricted, despite 80% of them contributing to agriculture, ChildFund India embarked on a project in 2021 with the support of Barnfonden. The collaboration focused on strengthening women's participation by addressing various factors that restricts their growth in the field of agriculture due to gender bias, and societal pressure. Through this initiative, ChildFund India, thus far, has strengthened entrepreneurial skills in over 15,000 rural women, across 10 districts of Uttar Pradesh, enabling them to establish a farmers' producers' company in each of these districts.

One of the many capacitated women is Ramsakhi*, resident of Jalalpur District Ambedkar Nagar, also a board member of "Janshikshan Omen Farmer Producer Company", a company formed under the initiative.

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In one of the sessions, we were trained on scientific techniques, such as conducting seed treatment, preparing field for sowing, ensuring line sowing of seeds, preparing vermicompost for fertilizers etc. I took inspiration from these trainings and decided to pilot vegetable cultivation in eight biswa of land. I decided to travel 85 kms from my place to buy seeds, and other materials required for my farm practices. To my surprise, I experienced a fruitful harvest and incurred a profit of INR 500 per day from the daily sell, which roughly stood at INR 15,000 per month. Further, I could also save INR 4,000 per month, since now I do not have to spend in buying vegetables from the market. In total, my earnings far exceeded my initial earnings of INR 50,000 per year. I feel satisfied to have been able to provide for my family, and also to learn best practices in farming. I can now undertake better networking with the stakeholders to supervise the operations of my company, as a board member. ”

concluded satisfied Ramsakhi. Under this project, currently, over 6,000 women shareholders like Ramsakhi* are steering the wheel of leadership in their respective farmer producers' companies.*



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Thanks to the support from ChildFund India, I received 100 chickens along with some equipment such as feeder, drinker etc. to run the poultry. After rearing the chickens for three months, we decided to sell 80 of those and received INR 20,500. The income earned was spent on family needs and the remaining money was invested to grow the poultry business, further. Thanks to the training provided, I am confident enough to run the business.

Said Ajoy*, Odisha.



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India is exposed to a wide range of sudden and slow-onset natural hazards, from hydro-meteorological threats such as flood cyclones, droughts, earthquakes etc. Therefore, preparing children and their families to respond better to any disaster risk related situation is an ongoing initiative of ChildFund India. The following key deliverables were achieved in this financial year:

- **15,982** community members from 10 states joined disaster risk reduction forum.
- Capacitated **176 community** development program staff on developing plans on school safety / ICDS Safety. The members were also oriented on child-centered disaster risk reduction and climate change. The trainings were attended by children, school authorities, mothers' group and ICDS workers, village youth, community members, PRI etc.
- Risk assessment exercises were conducted in **30 schools, 23 ICDS** centres and five villages to identify structural and non-structural risks. During these exercises, over 1,790 participants including school children, school management committee members, teachers, ICDS workers, youth were involved. Based on the findings of the exercises, disaster risk management plans were updated in public institutions and villages with the support from government and local self-government.
- Task Forces were reoriented about their roles & responsibilities in schools and communities. Approximately **2,361 children and 125 youth** were trained on techniques such as search & rescue, first aid, early warning & coordination by civil defence/red cross/fire department trainer. Further, the trained children and youth demonstrated the training techniques in various schools and communities.
- Increased awareness about climate change among target stakeholders and communities: Over **8,900** participants including children, youth, PRI members were oriented on climate change and its impact on health and livelihood through mass awareness, street plays, folk ballads, and meetings. Further, 428 farmers were capacitated with knowledge on climate change vulnerability and coping strategies with trainings on improved techniques for climate-friendly agriculture.

Mahakalpara, located in Kendrapara district of Odisha, is one of the disaster-prone areas in India. Due to its proximity to the coast of Bay of Bengal, the residents of this place have frequently been affected by cyclones, which continuously have been worsening lives of the residents by ruining their shelters, shattering their livelihoods and deteriorating their health.

“Whether it is the Super cyclone, Titli, or Yaas, the villagers of Kendrapara district have seen them all. Although the cyclones have increased our resilience, however it was imperative for us to be better prepared for the disaster before, and after it strikes, especially for our children.” said Biswajit Basu, sarpanch of Jamboo Gram Panchayat.

Through its program titled “Child Centered Disaster Risk Reduction” ChildFund India has been working in the district since 2014. Under this program, the community members, as members of the task forces are capacitated by a civil defense trainer on response mechanism when a disaster strikes. The trainings are designed to equip the members on early warning, search and rescue, first aid and coordination training.

“We, as task force members are now better prepared to give warning before cyclone and rescue people from high risk places to a safer place and provide basic first-aid. The community members are also well equipped with task force kits and safety measures instruments. We thank ChildFund India for preparing us for such disasters.” Concluded the sarpanch.



“I am thankful to the officials of the fire department to conduct a training on disaster risk management for the task forces formed in our school. I am really thankful to ChildFund India to have facilitated the session.” said Santosh Kumar Singh, Principal, Composite school Sondhiya.*



Child Protection

ChildFund India's Child Protection program works towards ensuring that all children live in protective and enabling environment, free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence. This intervention, therefore, is intrinsically woven into all our programmatic interventions as we believe that abuse of any sort threatens a child's health, learning opportunities and other development areas. This year, through Child Protection intervention, following key accomplishments were achieved:

Providing Children and Youth Opportunity to Empower Themselves

ChildFund India continued to capacitate children to identify and prevent violence. Therefore, this year, ChildFund India with a concerted effort, ensured:

1. Over **80,000 children and youth** were capacitated to identify child protection related issues in their communities.
2. **1,356 peer educators** identified and capacitated on child protection and reporting mechanism. These peer educators further provided cascade trainings to over 4,000 children and youth.
3. In various communities, child clubs were formed and approximately **2,700 members** were strengthened through meetings, capacity building sessions on violence prevention.
4. Over **2,000 adolescents** with focus on girls capacitated on life skills sessions. The sessions provided were in alignment with Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG), a centrally sponsored scheme of Government of India.
5. Over **550 children groups and parents** took an initiative to liaise with the village level child protection committees.

4. **1,597 key functionalities** and structures on Ending Violence Against Children at Gram Panchayat level were capacitated on mechanism and processes to prevent, monitor and report towards the prevention of violence against children.
5. **113 key stakeholders** from government at district/sub-district levels were capacitated on preventing and responding to violence against children.
6. Trainings were provided to district level child protection authorities and duty bearers to increase their capacity in responding to child protection issues and enhance functionality. **100 people** participated including representatives from the Police, District Child Protection Units (DCPU) / Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC), CHILDLINE and Child Protection Welfare committees.
7. **50 block level child protection committees** were trained on Integrated Child Protection Scheme/Mission Vatsalya.
8. Meetings held with over 270 government authorities towards improving child protection systems & services at various levels such as district, state & national.
9. **442 village level child protection committees** and ward level child protection committees were formed with over 3,000 members.
10. **382 panchayat members** and CSO staff were trained to identify child protection related issues and address it.

Key Highlights

- 74% Community members, parents/caregivers were protective of children's well-being.
- 67% Parents were found to be aware of the importance of education, dignity, care, and protection of children from violence.
- 48% Children in the targeted communities availed child protection services.
- Over 4,500 members of the children groups and youth groups took initiatives to prevent violence in their families/communities.
- Over 300 PRI members adopted motion/byelaws in six states to actively prevent child labour, child marriage, child trafficking in their village.
- Over 130 Gram Panchayats undertook regular monitoring of key child protection indicators, integrated child protection issues in Gram Panchayat development plan. They also reported and resolved child protection issues in their respective operational areas.
- 35 Gram Sabha meetings had representation from the Bal Sabha.
- 1,215 families facing vulnerability linked with government social security schemes (such as Palanhaar Yojana).
- 315 families supported for livelihood related interventions to prevent negative migration. 1038 farmers were oriented and capacitated on high yielding animal husbandry practices.

Capacity Building Sessions

This year, ChildFund India capacitated over **40,000 community members**, including parents/caregivers, child protection focal points etc. through awareness generation events, and various capacity building sessions on child protection issues, child protection reporting mechanism, breaking social myths etc. Staff and consultants were also trained on child safeguarding to make the organization a safer place for children.

Convergence with External Stakeholders

1. Over **11,265 people** participated in capacity building programs and meetings organized with all stakeholders including children, PRI members, teachers, ASHA workers from village to district level on protection.
2. **10,434 child protection committees**, and Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committees (VHSNC), PRI members and mothers' committee members were capacitated.
3. Over **700 VLCPC members** were trained on child protection risks and pathways to address the same.

India has a comprehensive policy and legal framework addressing protection for children. As per, National Child Protection Policy, it is imperative to develop child-friendly zones in all public institutions. It is to ensure that every child receives a comfortable space to express himself/herself right from the time a complaint is lodged with the police against him/her. With the support of Barnfonden, ChildFund India revamped Gogunda Police Station by creating a small corner for books and games and vibrant wall paintings. The project also worked closely with the officials in redesigning the methodology used to question children and made it more child friendly. Efforts were also made to capacitate the personnel on the importance of child welfare committee, community building organizations, and the newly amended Juvenile Justice Act.

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It is an innovative concept to be introduced in a place like Gogunda. Thanks to this initiative by ChildFund India, we have observed a behavioural shift among the children when they visit the police station. Even during the process of questioning, children effortlessly share the reasons for which they conflict with law. We also thank the organization to have supported us in conducting one rescue operation. recounted one of the personnel from the police administration department.”



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“During one of the meetings with the PRI leaders in our village, we spoke on the growing contamination in the river. We were contracting water borne diseases and falling ill. After sharing our concern, the Mandal Development Officer, and Panchayat Secretary paid a visit to the site and arranged for its purification process. Today, people from six villages are able to access safe water from the cleaned tank.”
said Venkat, Secretary, Bal Sabha.*



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1. In June 2022, ChildFund India led the launch on Sexual Violence Against Children in India in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The event had participation from 50 CSOs, and several government stakeholders.

2. ChildFund India organized child-led best practices documentation workshop on child participation in six states (Bihar, MP, Maharashtra, UP, Rajasthan, and WB). 140 children, U.P. State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (UPSCPCR), and MP State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MPSCPCR) actively participated in the event.



3. In collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit headed by District Probation Officer of Firozabad, a capacity building training was conducted for 30 child welfare police officers. The training was on identifying child abuse, prohibition of child marriage, child and adolescent labour, and role of child welfare police officer.

4. ChildFund India and DCPU-VIII, South East Delhi jointly developed and launched Behavioural Change Communication (BCC). The materials reached out to 50,000 children and community in select schools, hospitals anganwadi centres, and railway station within the jurisdiction of DCPU-VIII on Child Protection.

5. On World AIDS Day 2022, Telangana AIDS Control Society (TSACS) awarded ChildFund India with three awards - 'Best implementing partner for implementing LWS-Programs', 'Overall performance', and 'Best Link Worker Program.'

6. In September, ChildFund India added another feather to its cap by winning the BW Healthcare World Excellence Awards '22 under the category 'Excellence in Covid Crisis Management - Social Institution' for its contribution as a healthcare leader with expertise, empathy, innovation, and foresight.

7. ChildFund India won the WCDM-DRR AWARDS 2021 for Efficient and Exemplary Disaster Management – COVID-19 Response. The award ceremony was solemnized on 22nd June 2022, in New Delhi in the presence of the Hon'ble Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Shri G Kishan Reddy, and numerous national dignitaries.

8. In May 2022, ChildFund India won the Gold and Bronze awards in 'WASH Initiative' and 'CSR COVID Relief Project' at CSR Health Awards 2023.



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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST,MARCH,2023

	SCHEDULE	AMOUNT IN INR	
		F.Y.2022-23	F.Y.2021-22
SOURCES OF FUND			
I. FUND BALANCES:			
a.General Fund	[01]	9,54,45,163	8,03,41,302
b.Asset Fund	[02]	1,56,62,128	1,17,56,163
c.Project Fund	[03]	4,64,40,658	2,30,13,834
d.Corporus Fund		4,39,037	4,39,037
TOTAL Rs.		15,79,86,986	11,55,50,337
APPLICATION OF FUND			
I.FIXED ASSETS	[04]	1,56,62,128	1,17,56,163
II.INVESTMENTS	[05]	3,90,814	5,94,87,068
III.CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES:			
a.Loans & Advances	[06]	3,40,76,529	2,67,24,946
b.Other Current Assets	[07]	8,18,014	6,83,873
c.Cash & Bank Balance	[08]	13,33,62,610	6,80,76,514
	A	16,82,57,154	9,54,85,333
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS:			
a. Current Liabilities	[09]	2,63,23,109	5,11,78,227
	B	2,63,23,109	5,11,78,227
NET CURRENT ASSETS	[A - B]	14,19,34,044	4,43,07,106
TOTAL Rs.	[I+II]	15,79,86,986	11,55,50,337

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts [17]

The schedules referred to above form an Integral part of the Balance Sheet.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023

	SCHEDULE	Amount in INR	
		F.Y.2022-23	F.Y.2021-22
I. INCOME			
Grants	[10]	60,03,35,354	82,35,56,283
Donation		87,20,118	1,09,69,142
Interest Income	[11]	36,89,961	70,38,890
Other Income		87,988	2,50,000
		61,28,33,421	84,18,14,315
II. EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure on objects of the society			
Relief to the Poor Projects	[12]	27,46,35,228	19,36,39,519
Livelihood Projects	[13]	7,75,19,441	33,23,52,711
Education Projects (Non-Formal)	[14]	2,77,06,456	2,28,42,050
Preventive Healthcare Programme	[15]	10,78,78,669	18,68,57,723
Operating Expenses	[16]	9,95,57,519	9,06,80,043
Non Recurring Expenses		1,04,32,247	82,19,696
Depreciation	[04]	65,26,282	44,92,115
Depreciation transferred to Asset Fund	[04]	65,26,282	44,92,115
		59,77,29,560	83,45,91,742
III. EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	[I - II]	1,51,03,862	72,22,573
IV. EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL FUND		1,51,03,862	72,22,573

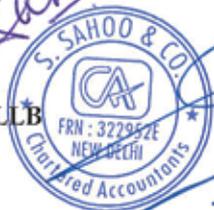
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