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HAPPYNINGS

October 2021



IMPACTING LIVES FOR A BETTER TODAY AND A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Madhavi Devi resides in Uttarakhand. Her family constitutes of her husband, Mohan Lal, and their four children: the eldest daughter, Sumaya, studies in class 11, Dhruv/Arushi study in class 9, and the youngest, Vishali, studies in class 8. Madhavi Devi is a housewife; her husband works as a daily wage labourer.

In 2020, when the pandemic struck, Madhavi and her family were in dire straits as her husband lost his job and the family did not have any other source of income.

However, learning from her previous mistakes, she decided to utilize her past knowledge of animal rearing, and requested the Family Strengthening team, Bhimtal, to support her with buffalo rearing via Income Generation Activity (IGA).



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The financial support helped Madhavi Devi and her family to sustain and get through extremely challenging times. With the help of the animator, she approached the Pradhan and Gram Vikas Adhikari with a request for support of an animal shed; her proposal was approved for a financial assistance of INR 35,000 in November 2020. Along with this, she also attended a training by the Animal Husbandry Department and an exposure visit to Pantnagar Dairy Plant, facilitated by SOS Children's Villages of India to enhance her knowledge in this field for better results.

Finally, with the help of SOS Children's Villages of India in April 2021, she purchased a buffalo for INR 25,000. During the second wave of COVID-19, Madhavi was in a better situation to take care of her family as she now had a daily source of income, by selling up to 4 liters of milk in the market. In addition, she was also able to provide her children with milk and other milk products like curd and paneer.

Three-day Medical Camp at CV Bhopal:

The Family Strengthening team of Bhopal, in collaboration with the Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), organized a 3-day camp on two main themes: a) Medical Camp for checking HB and b) Health and Hygiene Awareness Camp for 150 families, consisting of 300 children, whilst maintaining COVID-19 protocols. These initiatives were held as our priority in the Aredi Kresher Basti of Bhopal. Day 1 saw a discussion take place on several topics: healthy lifestyle, family planning, balanced diet, and healthy environment, with 102 children visiting a Health Camp for checking HB & BMI.



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Financial Literacy Session for SHG members of FS Nagapattinam:

The Family Strengthening team of Nagapattinam organized a financial literacy session for the SHG members. The session was led by Mr. Nagur Pichai, a retired IOB Bank Manager, who is currently the field level officer at IOB RSETI –Nagapattinam. The session mainly threw light on money handling, proper fund utilization, Government loan availabilities, and future plans for the SHGs.



DCPO Patiala and Bachpan Bachao Aandolan collaboratively supported CV Rajpura

Donation in kind, towards support for those affected by COVID-19, was kindly provided by DCPO Patiala and Bachpan Bachao Aandolan collaboratively. They donated 2 oxygen concentrators (5 liters), 3 complete boxes of COVID-care kits (including 10 PPE kits, 2 vaporizers, 2 non-contact infrared thermometers, 1 nebulizer, 20 N-95 and 150 disposable masks, 5000 ml of hand sanitizer, 2 oximeters, and multivitamin tablets), along with 2 small power transformers.



World Mental Health Day celebrated at CV Khajuri Kalan:

On World Mental Health Day, an awareness session was organized by leading psychiatrist Dr. R. N. Sahu, and his team, followed by a check-up camp for our children with special needs, and for those suffering from mental health issues at the CV Khajuri Kalan. During the session, 25 youth boys/girls, and children received counseling and consultation by a team of doctors and psychologists.

Members of Welspun Group visited CV Begusarai during the #JoyOfGivingWeek

Members from the CSR team of Welspun Group visited CV Begusarai as part of 'Daan Utsav'; they distributed groceries to all the Family Homes. This initiative by the corporate to celebrate the Joy of Giving Week was well received by all.



10 girls from CV Bangalore participated in the Wildlife Week

During the Wildlife Week (2nd – 8th October, 2021), 10 girls from CV Bangalore participated in the Biodiversity Documentation and Nature Walk, with expert teams and wildlife photographers, at Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru. All the girls were immersed in the walk as it was a new experience for them and it also provided insight into the wildlife in the region.



Family Strengthening Programme (FSP) starts work with a new cluster in Latur

After several interventions, our community outreach programme in Latur has started to work with a new cluster – Sonwati. In September 2021, 72 families and 143 direct beneficiaries had been enrolled in the new project. We look forward to making a lasting impact in this cluster.



Entrepreneurship training organized for SHG members of FSP Varanasi

As part of entrepreneurship training of SHG members, an exposure programme was organized for one of our transit clusters, FSP Varanasi. After the initial briefing and sharing of experiences on different aspects of the FS Programme, the group went for a field visit to gain first-hand experience of the income generation activities undertaken by the prior FS caregivers.

FRESH FROM THE FIELD

Free Medical Camp organized at Children's Villages Hyderabad

Jodas Expoim, a multinational pharmaceutical company, organized a free medical camp for children at the Children's Village (CV) in Hyderabad. They came forward and distributed free medicines for all the Family Homes. It was a very supportive camp for all our children and SOS Mothers. The event was graced by our ICC Head, Mr. Lokesh Babu.



Children of CV Greenfields were invited for a football match by the Deputy Commissioner

Shri Jitender Yadav, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Faridabad and the members of his jogging club invited our children from CV Greenfields for a friendly football match at the Town Park, Sector-14, Faridabad. The teams were divided between our children and district administration officials.

THANK YOU

For rekindling hope, spreading joy!

Thank you for your thoughtful contributions and relentless support in helping those impacted by the pandemic. You have been our constant companion in making a difference to the communities we operate in. With you by our side, we will continue to empower the lesser privileged, helping them sail through these turbulent times. A little can change a lot. Do your part to help them out during these trying times.

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