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To empower children to reach their full potential

Foreword



Dear Miracle Makers,

I am pleased to present to you the annual report for the year 2020-2021. It has been the most challenging year for our target groups and our teams across India. Understanding the dynamics of the pandemic, we quickly adapted and settled in the remote working style and realised many advantages of it.

One of the major achievements was our Expedited Case Management (ECM), which not only allowed our partner organisations but hundreds of other organisations as well to monitor children remotely. Our major aim was and always will be to ensure that children are reintegrated safely with their families. The ECM was certainly an important tool to ensure this.

We were quick to realise the needs of the families during last year's pandemic and I am extremely thankful to our donors for helping us to support the needy families. It was their generous contribution that ensured that the families had adequate food. My heartfelt gratitude to all our donors.

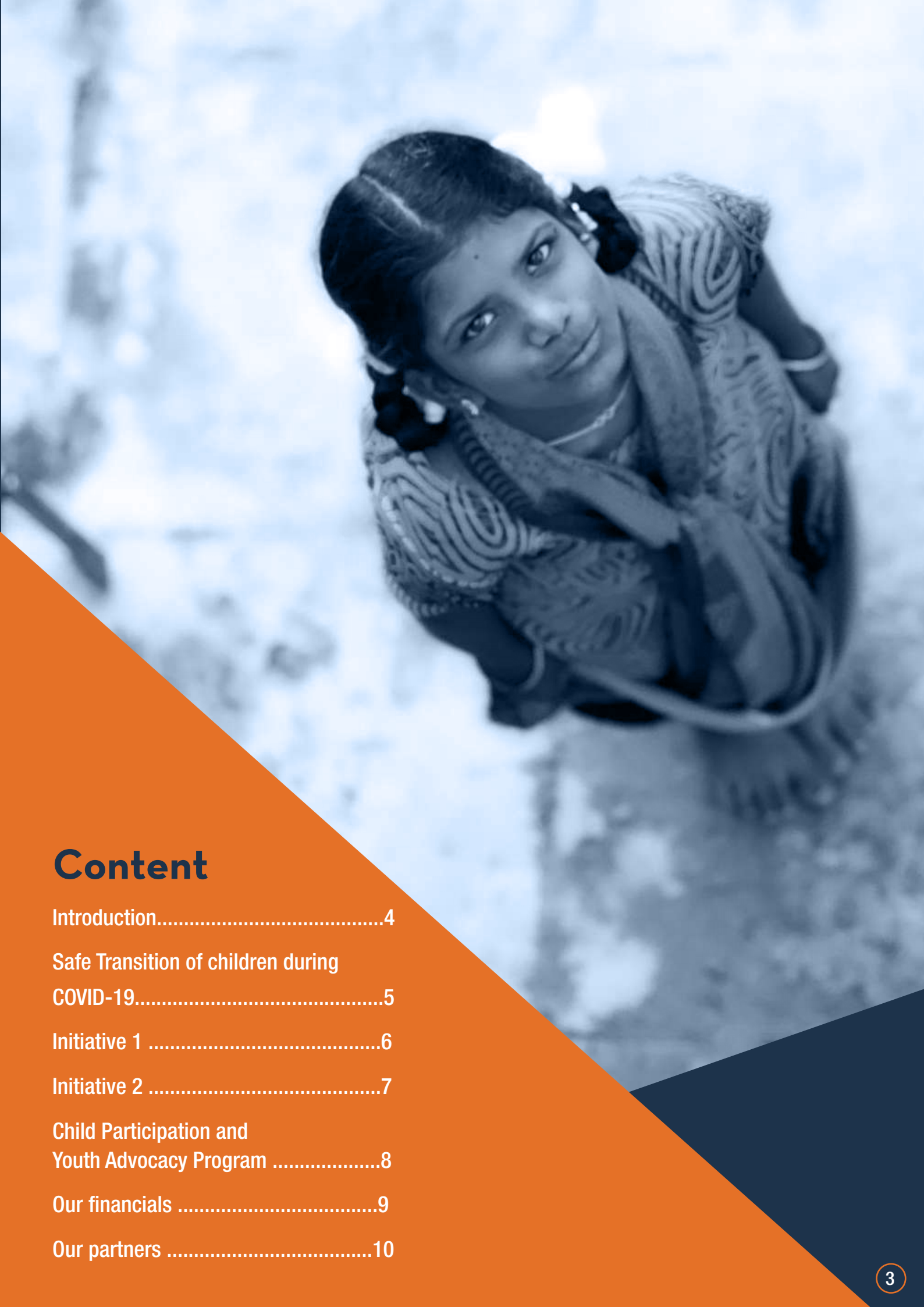
Our team worked relentlessly to support the partners, the children and their families. Without their continuous support & hard work this was not possible, a big thank you to them!

As we step into yet another challenging year, I am confident that our donors & well wishers will continue to believe in our work and support us.

Sincerely

Nivedita DasGupta

India Country Head II Miracle Foundation India



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Introduction

For the past 10 years, Miracle Foundation India has improved the lives of more than 15,000 children and impacted nearly 300 Child Care Institutions (CCIs). Today, we are an industry leader in family-based care, helping to reunite children with families, and working at the local level to keep children from ever entering the orphan crisis system in the first place.

We utilize the power of data to create real, sustainable change. Our proven Thrive Scale™ methodology is based on the UN Rights of the Child and allows us to systematically measure and improve all aspects of a child's well-being, both in an institutional setting and as they transition into family based alternative care.



Our initiatives

We have a two prompt approach

1. Prevent children from entering the orphan crisis in the first place

Each day - social workers, caregivers and government officials make decisions that impact millions of vulnerable children.

We, along with UNICEF and other partners, have trained government officials and caregivers while activating child-protection committees and empowering youth-led initiatives. All of this outreach works to identify and support at-risk children and vulnerable families long before formal interventions become a necessity. This is the future. This is how we break the cycle.



2. Transitioning children from CCIs into permanent families

To facilitate this we have adapted our Thrive Scale™ methodology to measure the impact on the child's right after their return to the family. We also encouraging CCIs buy-in on the concept of family reintegration.



Safe Transition of children during COVID-19

During the sudden outbreak of Covid followed by a country level lockdown, all the CCIs were advised by the government to send the children back to their families. These children were being sent back without following a proper process. The above action by the government acted as a blessing in disguise for the Miracle Foundation. We shared and implemented our tool Expedited Case Management (ECM) with all our partner CCIs. Through our ECM process, our team placed children in permanent and safe families by reintegrating with their biological parents, placement in kinship care, and other family-based alternative care options.



The other major concern for us was the indefinite closure of schools all across India. Hundreds of children could not access online classes due to unavailability of an internet enabled device.



To ensure that every child in our care received consistent access to classroom education and learning, Miracle Foundation India immediately raised support to provide tablets with preloaded apps, educational materials, and wi-fi connection. This initiative covered 400 vulnerable children and families, helping to bridge the digital divide. So many generous supporters stepped forward to make this happen and impact the lives of these children.



Key Highlights



Delivered 400 tablets to children to continue their education



Provided rapid relief packages to more than 2,000 families in need during lockdown



Reintegrated 66% of the children we support with families in 2020



Permanent placement & close monitoring of 275 children through our ECM tool



Developed a grant initiative for youth with lived experience in care to give them a chance to make an impact in their community



Launched Student Ambassador Program in India where we invited school and college going students to run crowdfunding campaigns to support vulnerable children



8346 Individuals Impacted

Initiative 1: Prevent children from entering the orphan crisis in the first place

Miracle Foundation India partners with state governments, UNICEF to provide highly specialized training and educational resources for the “boots on the ground”, social workforce in the childcare ecosystem who make decisions that impact millions of vulnerable children. The organisation also has community programs that identify and support at-risk children and vulnerable families long before child placement in a CCI becomes a necessity.

District officials trained in standards of Family based and Alternative Care and Family Strengthening (FBAC & FS)

463

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District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) officials enhanced their understanding in standards of FBAC & FS

Children reintegrated in families

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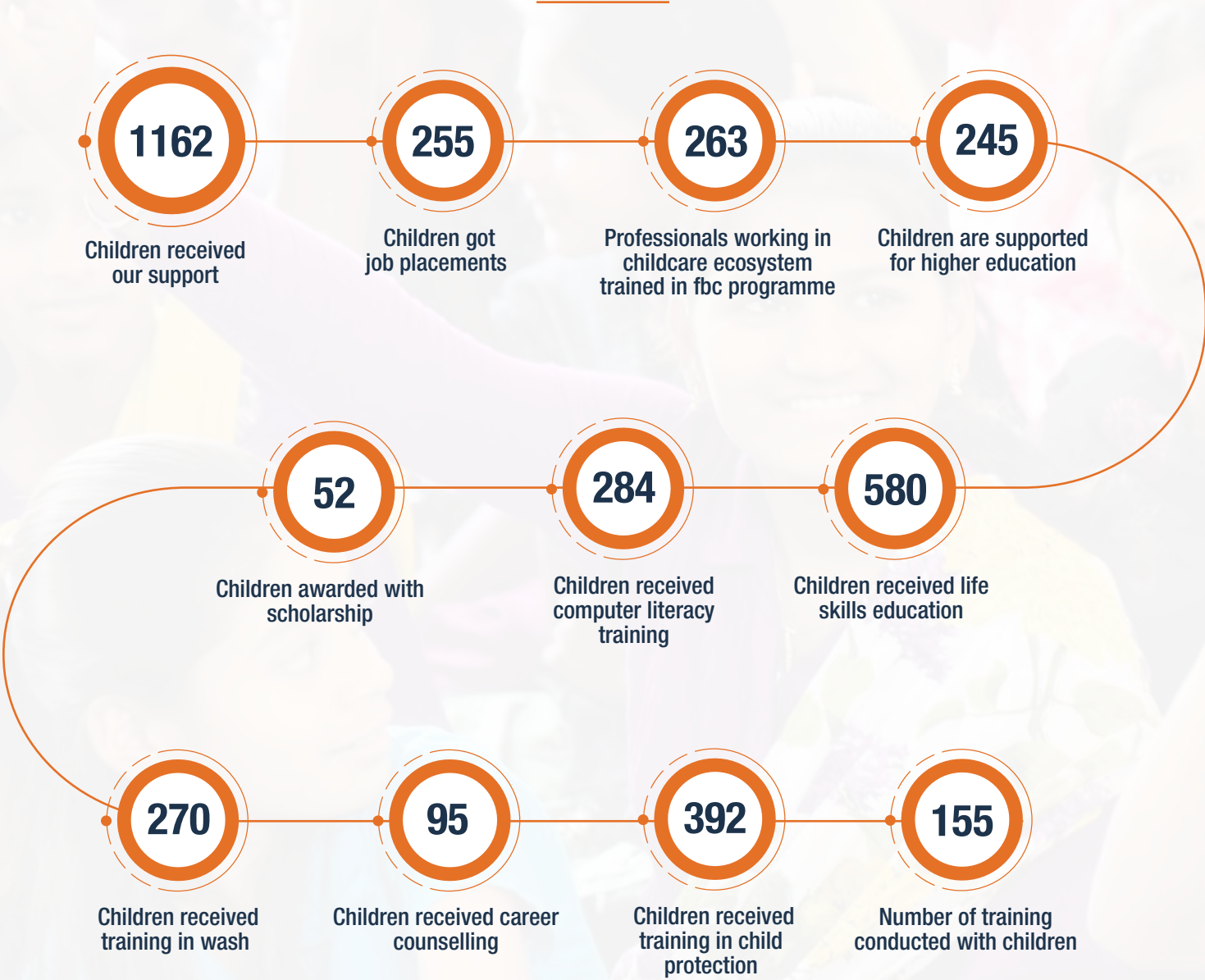
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Children reached through the programme



Initiative 2: Transitioning children from CCIs into permanent families

All children deserve and are entitled to live in a family, have access to education, nutrition, health, and protective services. Over the past twenty years, Miracle Foundation has developed the proprietary Thrive Scale™ methodology, based on the UN Rights of the Child. The organisation is deploying a systematic case management approach, process for safe and permanent reintegration of children with their families.



Child Participation and Youth Advocacy Program

The Child Participation and Youth Advocacy Program (CPYA) strengthens current child participation systems, such as Children's Committees (CCs), and utilizes external resources so that children are empowered to propose and work towards issues related to children's rights - especially the right to a family - at the individual child level as well as within the surrounding community.

While children have always been at the forefront of Miracle's work, they will now also play an active role in shaping Miracle's strategy going forward. One direct outcome is the identification of advocates who will be ambassadors for Miracle's work and galvanizing change towards children's rights and family-based care, at the local, state, national and international level.

Children and youth are empowered to actively engage in the improvement of the child care and protection system at all levels, with a focus on family-based care (FBC) and alternative care.

With coaching support our youth ambassadors (YAs) have made significant progress. YAs have participated in various conferences and seminars where they were able to share their stories with larger audiences. YAs reached out to children and families in communities to alert them on COVID-19 and prevention. We saw their participation on platforms like YPAT by YUWaah and extended support to the YPAT team to enhance their systems by providing their inputs and working with the teams. Care Leavers also received an opportunity to participate in an international level care leaver convention and shared their inputs on "declaration on responding to the transitional needs of care leavers in the midst of COVID-19 and beyond" in the last year.

Voice of Our Youth Ambassadors



"I want to ensure that there are no orphans left in the world, and that, instead, every child is raised with the love, care and affection of both parents in a happy family environment."

- Sagunthala

"India that I dream of where girls and boys will be equal and there will be no discrimination, everyone will get an equal opportunity and everyone will grow together"

- Bramhadev



"Every child has a right to participate in the decisions taken for them, the decision needs to be in the best interest of the child and children have right to participate and discuss about it"

- Nivetha

"If my mother was educated then my life would have been different, however now that I have an opportunity, I will study. I strongly feel that one should complete their education first and then get married. Girls need to be financially independent. As a Youth Ambassador I will be aware of others."

- Rajashree

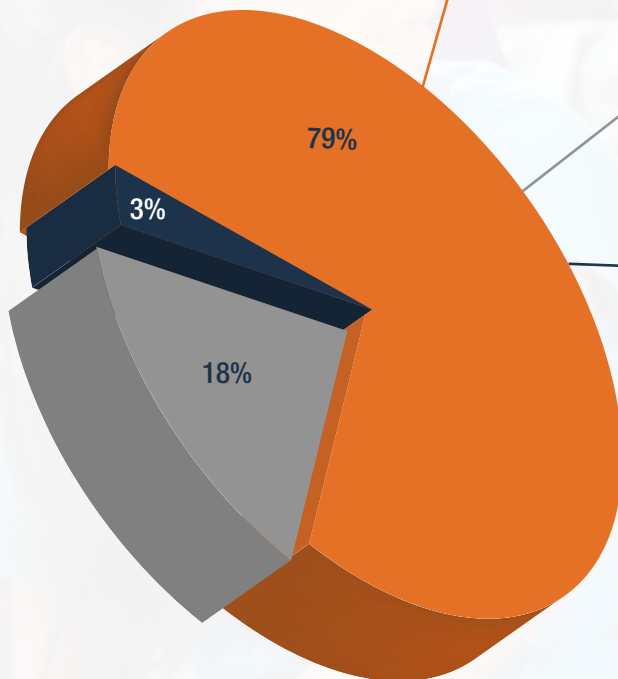


Our financials

Particulars	Total Expenses (April'20 to March'21)	Expenses %
Program Expenses		
Expenses on welfare of Orphan children		
-Contributed Support	2,91,73,238	32.85%
-Traning	28,94,213	3.26%
-Workshops	35,411	0.04%
-Healthcare	4,05,000	0.46%
-Quality Control & Mentoring	74,089	0.08%
-Travel	1,57,767	0.18%
ID Screening & Assessments	39,180	0.04%
-Salaries and Allowances	2,34,65,271	26.43%
-Communication	3,18,405	0.36%
-Office Rent	9,42,644	1.06%
-Printing & Stationery	940	0.00%
-Consultant Expenses	1,21,82,206	13.72%
-Print & Publication	20,379	0.02%
Sub total (Program)	6,97,08,743	78.50%

Admin Expenses

Salaries and Allowances	1,21,87,357	13.73%
Other Admin Expenses :	8,99,935	1.01%
Office Rent	10,58,368	1.19%
Communication	1,94,842	0.22%
Office Utilities	11,02,550	1.24%
Auditor's Remuneration :		
-Audit Fees	2,50,000	0.28%
-Taxation matters	1,18,000	0.13%
-Other matters	49,678	0.06%
Professional & Other Fee	9,58,662	1.08%
Printing & Stationery	15,433	0.02%
Local Travel	15,624	0.02%
Capital Expenditure		
Furniture & Fixtures	97,999	0.11%
Sub total (Admin)	1,60,48,513	18.07%
Grand Total	8,87,96,752	100.00%



Marketing & Fund Raising expenses

Marketing	20,54,407	2.31%
Salaries and Allowances	8,99,935	1.01%
Communication	9,529	0.01%
Consultant Fee	75,625	0.09%
Sub total (Marketing)	30,39,496	3.42%

Program Expenses Marketing Admin

Our partners

Corporate Partners



Program Partners



Deepak Foundation



Thank you!

For helping us getting one step closer to
Our GOAL- 'A family for every child in our lifetime'.

