



Deep Griha Society

"Empowerment of the marginalised through capacity building and sustainable rural and urban development programmes"

Quarterly Report January to March 2025

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General Programme Updates

Aadhar Kendra Sponsorship Programme



The Quarter started with a picnic to Thorat Agro Tourism, 170 children with 8 team members and volunteers from other programs to help look after the children. The children had been keen on a picnic for a while and they were very excited when this activity came together. The 'rain dance' and swimming pool were the favorites for sure, other activities included a play area, a magic show, and of course lunch. The children and the young adults had a lot of fun, with feedback like 'most memorable day of my life' for some. We intend to bring regular picnics back for the children.

Children's meetings with Field Staff continued, ensuring the voice of the children is present in the plans that the team makes for the programme. A Legal Awareness session was conducted at the three centres, to ensure that the children understand their legal rights as well as accountability as citizens. The team also let the attendees know the steps that they could take in situations where they may need legal assistance.



City of Child

City of Child had 54 registered children in this quarter although 2 students were absent for most of the quarter and 33 of these students had part sponsorship.

9 students and a teacher from their school, travelled to Solapur, a town about 133 miles away, for a Drop Ro Ball competition. The children are happy to participate in these inter school competitions and realised that this time they hadn't practiced as well. They won silver. These opportunities are exciting and encourage the children to participate in multiple competitions, where the exposure and experience in itself count for a lot.

The students also visited an Agriculture exhibition at KVK, Baramati which is a district level Farm Science Center. The Centre provides innovative solutions available to farmers. As children at City of Child observe and participate in the farming activities at City of Child this visit was informative, the children had insightful questions and were very excited about their visit.



Since last year City of Child has been organising an Annual Day, where the team and the students showcase what they are facilitating/learning at City of Child throughout the year. Long hours of practice, a lot of excitement goes into making the day successful. The performances and events organised at their respective schools are missed by most of the parents as they live too far away. This event makes sure that the parents can watch their children's performances and celebrate them.

Volunteers from BNY Mellon painted across the premises, this time using Warli art which is a traditional folk art from the Warli tribe of Maharashtra, India



Holi celebration with Sangam volunteers



Cyclothon participation organised by Care for You

Agriculture

This quarter saw the agri team harvest 2400 kg, almost 5300 lbs of wheat.

In a wonderful demonstration of collaborative efforts, Asimit has been working with COC for retail sales of produce in the city. The wholesale rate that COC can charge is lower than the retail rates that Asimit has been able to sell the produce for which makes it a win win for everyone. As an income generating initiative Asimit has been supporting the sales of the millets and pulses produced. The rate that CoC gets for selling in bulk is lower than the profit possible through retail sales. They got a couple of seniors to help with the process, ensuring income generation for the ladies.

Deep Griha Academy



The school organised an 'Art and Handicraft' day to celebrate the dignity of handwork and promote creative expression through different art forms. 110 children and adults visited school to be part of this day. Activities included Warli painting, Bamboo weaving, Pottery and Puppetry and apart from showcasing their ability, the artisans helped everyone try their hand at the craft.

February saw the students work on a National Science Day Exhibition and Model Presentation at the school. Students presented innovative models on topics like Rainwater Harvesting, Global Warming, DNA, Robotics, Chandrayaan spacecraft, Water Cycle, Day & Night Cycle, Seed Germination, Automatic Bridge, Hydraulic Crane, Volcano Eruption, Periscope, and Electric Circuits. One of the children wanted to design a bike that only starts when the rider is wearing a helmet, an innovative solution for road safety.



A team from the Kedgaon Public Health Center conducted a general health check-up camp at the school and also administered the JE vaccination. (Japanese Encephalitis)

Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) is actively conducting a comprehensive Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccination campaign across various schools in the city. This initiative is part of PMC's broader public health strategy to combat vector-borne diseases in urban areas. The campaign aims to protect children from the deadly JE virus, which is transmitted through mosquito bites and can cause severe brain infections with potentially life-threatening consequences. (pmc website)

Healthy Ageing

The programme continued its efforts to support senior citizens in accessing government services and maintaining their well-being. Key achievements this quarter include:

1. Total elderly – 4465
2. Total Home visit - 11567
3. Total Community Meetings - 90
Total attendees (elderly) - 1232
Total attendees (non elderly) - 901
4. Total Home health checks - 1994
5. Total eye checkup camps – 10
Total elderly at the camp - 388
- Total eye surgery - 59
6. Total Social Security Scheme camps conducted 2 for the benefit of 526 individuals
7. Health check-up camps - 17
Total attendees - 507

60 women from the Senior Citizen Programme visited Maher, another nonprofit near Pune. It was a fun picnic and exposure day where they travelled to Maher with women from other programmes, a total of almost 180 women went through Asimit.

We had 100 blankets distributed to the community from a local Rotary club. This initiative has a big component of local fundraising for donation in kind. Apart from groceries for the daily meals, and medication needed for the general clinic, we received 15 abdomen belts, 1 wheelchair, and sugar strips for regular blood sugar testing from various donors.

Dance and Movement therapy sessions, meditation sessions, grocery distribution, movie day continued through the quarter as usual. The Connecting NGO conducted a session on Stress and Lifestyle for the participants.

Income Generation Programme (IGP) - Asimit (Without boundary)

This quarter saw the ladies cooking 16,955 meals through the months, approximately 5652 meals per month. It has been incredible to watch the team grow in confidence, grow in reach and meet new challenges regularly. Three women have learnt how to ride a bike, the process for the purchase of an Electronic delivery bike is underway and soon deliveries will be done by the Asimit women.

A new development for Asimit has been purchasing produce from City of Child and using it for the meals, and selling it in the city. They have sold 184 kg of millets and 132 kgs of pulses.

We are working on a homemade hydroponics system in an attempt to grow some of the vegetables that we need for our meal programme. The system has been designed by an ex- Aadhar Kendra student who has been working on a part time basis with Asimit.



Tech SMART Centre, Gokhale Nagar

Through the year the SMART centre has trained 279 students with 96 students trained through the last quarter. The placement rate currently stands at 55% with the target of at least 70% to be placed.

The team planned a Food Festival as part of the Republic Day celebrations. Everyone brought in dishes from across the country to share with each other. It was a fun day full of food. To keep students engaged the team plans activities through the quarter, some are for fun to bring the students together and help them to get to know each other whereas some are focused on visibility in the community to generate an interest for new admissions and others are to help the students as they start on their first job. We planned an exposure visit to a mall to see potential workplaces, the team also conducted placement fairs to give the students exposure and eventually access to various different kinds of jobs.

CHW Research Study

729 OGTTs conducted till the end of the quarter with 267 positives. 17 postpartum OGTTs with no positives.

Dream Proposals

Renovation of the Cultural Centre in time for 5 July 2025. - underway have used savings.

A Creche Programme that is run by women in the community.

Areas of Greatest Need/General Donations

The general donations in this quarter were spent on the running of the Deep Griha Cultural Centre, the funds also covered security, bank charges, staff welfare, tax, and administrative salaries. We are grateful for the general donations that cover costs necessary for the smooth running of the organisation as a whole.