



Deep Griha Society

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

Quarterly Report October to December 2025

Key Advancements/Highlights

General Program Updates

Aadhar Kendra Sponsorship Program

This quarter saw 11 sponsored children entering the workforce, 2 getting married, and 1 student relocating, bringing the number of supported children to 221.

The activities this quarter were festival celebrations primarily and awareness sessions conducted on reproductive health. The sessions intend to support adolescents in understanding puberty, building healthy relationships, learning about boundaries and consent, developing essential life skills, and feeling safe to express themselves openly, these sessions were organized across all three locations. A total 106 participants from all the three locations attended the session. Participants actively participated in discussions and activities, and found the sessions informative, engaging, and helpful. The sessions were rated as *Excellent* or *Very Satisfactory*. Participants shared that they found the discussions on relationships, safe touch, reproductive health, and understanding right and wrong behaviour very helpful, and expressed interest in attending more such sessions in the future.

As October, November, and December are festival months, this quarter was filled with joyful celebrations, including Children's Day, Diwali, and Christmas. Alongside these festive events, birthdays of participants born during these months were also celebrated, creating an engaging and cheerful environment for the children.

A new feature in celebrations this quarter was the involvement of Aadhar Kendra alumni and Aajis (grandmothers) in the Children's Day celebration. Alumni guided and mentored current children, and Aajis shared stories and songs in an effort to build cross generational relationships. Overall, the event strengthened relationships among alumni, children, and Aajis, creating a supportive, trusting, and nurturing community that promotes learning, cooperation, and emotional growth.

The program currently has limited strategies to effectively increase student enrollment and attract potential sponsors. This constraint poses a challenge to expanding the program's reach and ensuring its long-term sustainability, as growth and consistent funding are essential for maintaining and scaling program activities. We are reworking the initiative with a consultant to ensure a more aware and sensitive approach to ensuring development opportunities for the children, their families and in effect the community.



Sex & Sexuality Session



Diwali Party



Children's Day Celebration

City of Child

This quarter saw two new admissions, bringing the total number of children at CoC to 63 — the highest it has ever been. The quarter was also marked by several celebrations, including Diwali, Christmas, and Children’s Day, with our CSR partners joining the CoC team for some of these events. In addition, a medical camp and a health awareness session were successfully organized during this period. The details are as outlined below.

A health awareness session on TB, HIV, and malaria was conducted at CoC for 63 children by a nurse from Rural Hospital, Yavat, with the aim of promoting disease awareness and the importance of personal hygiene. The interactive session helped children gain a basic understanding of these diseases and healthy personal habits.

The Medical Check-up Camp – Eye Examination & Blood Testing was organized by a partner organization to promote preventive healthcare and early detection of health issues. The camp ensured timely follow-up on existing conditions and helped identify children who needed added support and some even needed glasses.

The Children’s Day Celebration at COC, organized with Kilbil School, Yavat and Deep Griha Academy, was a fun day while promoting values of inclusion and sharing. The visiting school brought stationery, groceries, clothes, and hygiene materials to share with the children at CoC.

In addition Diwali was celebrated in October with our CSR partners. The celebration involved Diwali craft making to encourage the children’s creativity, strengthened the bond between volunteers and children, and created a memorable festive experience. The children and volunteers thoroughly enjoyed the activities planned and had a lot of fun along the way.

Agricultural activities this quarter involved overseeing, watering crops that have been planted and which includes 1 acre of wheat, ½ acre of chickpeas, 3 acres of sugarcane, 0.25 acres of vegetables, and 0.5 acres of onion for inhouse use. A harvest of 600 kg of bajri is available for sale after setting aside what will be used in the kitchen.

The team has identified needs for better management at CoC: an additional staff member who is experienced in childcare and a continuous learning system for the team. The learning needs to cover the understanding of children’s needs, documentation and better planning. Funding insecurity has been a cause of concern and a model with stronger sustainability built-in is necessary.



Awareness Session



Health Check Up Camp



Sugarcane Cultivation

Deep Griha Academy

The activities in this quarter celebrate DGA's achievements; the inauguration of the Growing Museum, sharing lessons from the Girls Gearing Up Leadership Academy with other schools, and the Annual Day with Sustainable Development Goal 4 as its theme that showcased to parents and guests how DGA works with the children.

The Growing Museum project, conducted at Deep Griha Academy with 32 students facilitated by Anagha Kusum, an artist and anthropologist, stands out as a significant achievement in promoting quality experiential learning. The Grasslands of Deulgaon Gada. By engaging students in hands-on activities related to local flora and fauna, specifically the types of grasses, the project successfully nurtured curiosity, environmental awareness, and a sense of responsibility toward nature. Students developed a deeper connection with their local ecosystem and enthusiastically observed, drew, and recorded their surroundings, actively sharing their learning through the museum group. The initiative has effectively strengthened students' understanding of the natural world while fostering long-term interest in environmental conservation.

The Showcase of Scholars (Annual Day), held at DGA with all students participating, showcased children's learning and DGA's contribution to SDG 4. Parents and guests appreciated the program for genuinely reflecting students' skills, confidence, and depth of learning, and the event received coverage through local newspapers and social media.

The Teacher Training program "Education Today, Society Tomorrow," held in Panchgani, provided new perspectives on inclusive and reflective teaching, positively influencing lesson planning, classroom management, and student engagement. The CLR Listening and Speaking Program in Yerwada, Pune helped teachers strengthen students' language skills, with resources now being effectively used in classrooms, especially for students with low confidence in English.

Two exposure visits were organized to help students explore future skills and sustainable innovations. In November, students from Grades 6 to 8 visited the 3D Printing facility at Ramtekdi (DGS), where they learned about 3D printers and their applications, gaining insight into emerging career opportunities and innovative technologies. In the same month, 25 students visited a Biogas Plant at Dapodi (Kedgaon) to understand how biogas is produced from organic waste such as kitchen waste and animal dung. This visit enhanced their awareness of biogas as a renewable and eco-friendly energy source, with students appreciating the practical demonstration and the owner commending their curiosity and confidence in asking questions.

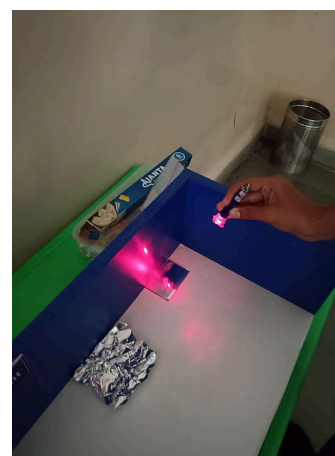
The GGU sharing session at a ZP school and the invitation from Vrindavan School, Sangamner highlight opportunities to expand the program's reach and impact. Challenges include losing admissions due to transport issues and challenges arising from certain parents' attitude to fees.



Growing Museum



Bio-gas plant visit



3D Printing Visit

Healthy Ageing

This quarter the total number of participants in the Senior Citizen Program was 4,572, higher than the target number of 4200.

Two day residential picnics, celebration of World Senior Citizen Day, Diwali Celebration and health check up camps were the highlights of this quarter.

On the occasion of World Senior Citizens' Day (2 October), with the aim of giving our elderly a break from their daily routine and a change of scenery, a visit was organized to Weekend Home – Madhurangan at Bhukum. This visit proved to be extremely joyful for the Ajjis (grandmothers). They spent two wonderful days that started with a loving welcome, including prayers, games, cultural programs, light exercises, and engaging conversations. They described this visit as one of the most memorable experiences of their lives.

World International Senior Citizen Day was also celebrated with a special movie screening at our centres. In addition, the Pune Municipal Corporation's Urban Community Development Department staff celebrated Senior Citizen Day with 86 elderly participants. During the program, 86 senior citizens were felicitated by them. Snacks, tea, and roses were distributed. This initiative also helped senior citizens gain awareness about PMC health schemes and strengthened positive bonding with the municipal staff.

However, we also face a few challenges. We are unable to conduct more programs in the community due to the unavailability of suitable spaces. Additionally, when programs are organized at the DGS office, it is difficult to bring a large number of elderly participants to the center because of distance and transportation costs. We are hoping to hire a physiotherapy intern for bedridden elderly patients for the next year.



Madhurangan Trip



PMC, UCD Dept, Visit

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

This quarter was marked by empowering women with opportunities to confidently showcase their products in large corporate offices, along with increased volunteer engagement.

The 23 member cooking team from ASIMIT prepared 22,754 meals this quarter, averaging 7,584 meals per month. Timely preparation and delivery of tiffins were ensured while maintaining high standards of food quality, hygiene, and accurate records of deliveries and payments, resulting in an increased demand for tiffin services. Also Customer engagement was strengthened through regular calls for feedback and consistent communication with both existing and new customers.

Since the tiffin program is now well streamlined, we have shifted our focus to sewing orders. During this quarter, we received orders for quilts and successfully made and sold four quilts, ensuring full customer satisfaction which contributed to the growing confidence among our team members.

We also set up a stall at a corporate office as part of the initiative, which aimed to provide women with a platform to showcase and sell their products, gaining market exposure, practical business experience, and confidence. Participants successfully sold their products and received positive feedback from customers.

A volunteer engagement activity was conducted with 18 staff, to raise funds with creativity and teamwork. Over 256 volunteers actively participated, making bracelets and keychains, which successfully contributed to fundraising (raised USD 10,989 GBP 8,000). The activity helped our team explore easy to share designs with the volunteers and gave them the confidence of keeping a large group enthusiastically engaged in an activity. They were ecstatic when they learned about the amount raised and are keen to participate in more activities like this.

The program faces competition from other tiffin services and food providers. Changing customer preferences and inconsistent demand pose a challenge too. The team's adaptability and willingness to learn keeps them growing.



Products Stall at Corporate Office



Quilt Making

CHW Research Study

Screening, OGTT, and Follow-up 1 were stopped as the sample size was completed as per the protocol. Approval for the protocol amendment was received from the KEM Ethics Committee on 19 November 2025 and from the Weill Cornell IRB on 26 December 2025.

However, Total OGTT conducted: 775, of which 299 tested positive. Follow-up 1 done with 99.9% respondents and Follow-up 2 with 73%. Two participants were found to be Type 2 Diabetes positive and have been referred to KEM Hospital. Treatment has already been initiated for one of them.

A health camp was conducted with the support of FPA to provide free screening and basic medical care. Free blood tests for HIV, VDRL, HBsAg, Blood Group, and Hemoglobin were carried out, along with general health check-ups and medicines as required. A total of 108 participants from low-income groups attended. It was observed that the camp location was not central to the community, which affected attendance, highlighting the importance of selecting an accessible venue for future camps.

Framework meetings with Anna, a psychologist from Belgium, were held to support work on mother-child attachment. Discussions covered family issues affecting women, the Community Health Workers own needs, highlighting the good and challenging aspects of working in the community. Key insights highlighted the need for counselling, through strong listening skills, CHW limitations in the participant's family matters, and women's financial dependence and limited decision-making power at home.

From October to December 2025, continued training sessions were conducted for CHWs in various healthcare topics to strengthen their ability to provide accurate health information in the field. The main objective was to equip CHWs to address women's queries beyond diabetes, resolve basic health doubts, and share essential maternal and child health information. The training covered care of preterm neonates, tuberculosis (types, diagnosis, care, and treatment), thyroid disorders, Hepatitis B (symptoms and treatment), thalassemia (types, diagnosis, and treatment), and asphyxia in newborns.

Planning for the 2nd Annual Diabetes Conference, to be held on 18 April 2026 in Pune, is underway. Meetings have been conducted to finalize the theme, venue, speakers, and target audience.



Framework Meeting



Training sessions



Health Camp

Dream Proposals

YUVA - Youth and Adolescent intervention

Day care facility under Asimit

Areas of Greatest Need/General Donations

We didn't receive funds from DGS, USA or FoDGS UK in this quarter so the spending will be the same as in the last quarter