

2019-20

A SNAPSHOT

THE SOCIETY FOR DOOR STEP SCHOOLS, PUNE



YEAR 2019-20: A SNAPSHOT

The Society for Door Step Schools (DSS) was founded by Mrs. Rajani Paranjpe, her student Mrs. Bina Lashkari and other colleagues from Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work in Mumbai in 1989 and later expanded to Pune in 1993. DSS, through its Community and School Intervention programs aims to address the 3 main issues of primary education of the underprivileged children: **Non-enrolment, wastage and stagnation**. DSS also works with parents, community members, school and government officials to raise their awareness and increase their participation in their children's education in order to make the programs sustainable.

OUTREACH 2019-20:

DSS worked with 79,951 unique children through various school intervention programs.

Programs	Number of Sites / Schools	Number of children
Community Intervention Programs	904	13683
School Intervention Programs	207	66268
Total number of children covered	-	79951

You can access a map of our Project areas [here](#).



2020: HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR

RAJANITAI AND BINATAI MEET OUR HONOURABLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



Our New Year began with a great honour as Rajanita and Binatai received an invite from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to meet the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovindji on the 3rd of January, 2020. He commended on DSS' contribution for promoting education among socially and economically disadvantaged children and also congratulated on the grass root level work done by DSS. This has been possible only with your support and encouragement. We thank you for being with us throughout our journey. To many more such opportunities and wonderful associations....!

A NOTE ON COVID-19

This year ended on an unprecedented note with the flare up of COVID-19 everywhere. It has affected all of us but the most affected are the ones who are the most vulnerable coming from the migrant underprivileged backgrounds. We happened to see these effects first hand as we work with them day in and day out. At the same time we also saw the humane nature of mankind which came forward and answered our appeal to help us support these families with food grain kits. By 31st March, we had distributed 286 food grain kits to 286 families across 7 locations in the cities of Pune and PCMC.

COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

PROJECT FOUNDATION

Started in 2003, this program runs Education Activity Centres (EACs) for children of construction site labourers with the help of builders. EACs comprise of:

- A day care or creche for 0 to 3 year old children.
- Balwadi (Kindergarten) for 3 to 5 year old children to prepare them for school and
- Classes for 6 to 14 year old children to enrol them in school and support them to continue schooling.

These classes are not a replacement for formal education system, but aim to provide supplementary educational services for the children who otherwise would be deprived of education.

Reached 6615 children from 99 sites.

COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRES

Children in urban slums are enrolled in schools. However, due to lack of place, books and guidance, their academic performance is low often leading them to dropout from school. Community Learning centres (CLCs) aim to address these issues by providing them a quiet place to study, read books, complete their homework and for self-study along with access to reference material and guidance and mentoring from teachers and volunteers.

Reached 1519 children through 3 CLCs and 11 sub-centers.

SCHOOL ON WHEELS

The School on Wheels (SoW) is Door Step School's signature program designed in order to reach out to children in locations such as temporary slums, road constructions, and areas where street children are found in large numbers and there is a lack of space for conducting classes. These buses are remodelled and equipped with classroom supplies.

7 School on Wheels covered 2613 children from 65 locations.

EVERY CHILD COUNTS

Launched in November 2011, Every Child Counts (ECC) aims to ensure that every child is in school at the right age (6-7 years) thereby increasing their chance of getting an education. Under this program, we conduct regular surveys to identify out of school children, enrol them in school and conduct follow up to ensure that children continue attending schools.

Surveyed 661 sites. Covered 1315 children from 452 sites. 286 children out of 1315 are enrolled this year while remaining are continuing from previous years.

PARENTS' PARTICIPATION IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

This program was launched in 2013, to prepare parents and community members from extremely marginalised backgrounds, towards continued education of their children.

Worked with 836 parents and reached 1077 children from 269 sites.

NETWORKING AND NURTURING

A fairly new initiative, started in 2018, the project plans to have a scalable model and network with other NGOs and nurture them by sharing DSS teaching methodology and best practices towards functional literacy of children.

Trained 82 staff members from 8 NGOs across 11 locations, reaching out to 543 children.

PROJECT WISE REACH

Projects	Number of Sites	Number of children
Project Foundation: Educational Activity centres	99	6615
Every Child Counts: Campaign for enrollment of out-of-school children (site Surveyed 1355)	452	1315
School on Wheels: Mobile Classes in 7 Buses	65	2613
Community Learning centres (3)	11	1519
Parents' Participation in Children's Education	269 (783 site surveyed)	1077 (836 Parents)
Networking & Nurturing (Pune, Chandrapur, Amravati)	8	543
Total	904	13683

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES TOWARDS CONTINUED EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

School Transport: Distance to schools, presence of multilane highways on the way to school and transport being considered as an expense often pose a barrier for children to commute to school. Hence, it becomes imperative to make transport arrangements for children so that they continue schooling. DSS has been providing school transport so that children attend school regularly and do not drop out.

Increased parental involvement: Increasing parents' participation in their children's education is imperative if children are to continue their education. This is done by encouraging them to take responsibility of school enrolment, transport etc.

Preparatory camps: These camps are conducted to introduce children to the idea of formal schooling and work on their pre-reading and pre-writing skills before enrolling them in school.

Tracking of migrated children: Tracking of migrated children helps to understand the sustainability of programs by number of children continuing their education after migration. Out of the 2805 children who migrated across programs, 82% children were tracked and 84% of them are now attending schools in the new location.

Below are the number of beneficiaries who benefitted from above support activities:

Support Activities	PMC	PCMC	ZP	Total
Preparatory Camps	70	393	6	469
School Enrolment done by DSS	177	145	21	343
School Enrolment done by Parents	378	565	159	1102
School Transport provided by DSS	295	394	25	674
School Transport provided by Parents	243	154	32	469
Children walking to school	490	497	141	1128

SCHOOL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

PROJECT GROW WITH BOOKS

For children to continue schooling, it is imperative to develop their skills and interest in learning. This is done through this program in Municipal and Zilla Parishad Schools. The program comprises of

- First Steps Forward (FSF): daily 45 minutes sessions for 1st standard
- Reading class: 90 minutes weekly sessions for 2nd to 4th standard
- Home lending library for 1st to 8th standard
- Support Classes for 2nd to 4th standard

This program was run in 207 schools in Pune, Pimpri Chinchwad and Mulshi area covering 59040 children.

The project also works towards strengthening School Management Committees in 30 schools.

PROJECT CHETANA

Also started in 2018, Project Chetana works in collaboration with 3 NGOs in Pune to develop and implement a model to build capacity of teachers from Pune Municipal Corporation Balwadis.

DSS covered 1828 children from 20 PMC Balwadis.

TEACH THEM YOUNG

This program which is also run in Municipal schools aims to teach the children proper use of toilets and proper way of eating food and avoiding wastage. It is crucial to inculcate these habits at a young age because only then will they carry these with them all through their life.

21154 children were covered from 60 schools.

Details of the school intervention programs:

Services	Number of Schools	TOTAL
Chetana Project - Balwadi	20	1828
Teach Them Young - Balwadi to 4th std.	60	21154*
First Steps Forward - 1st std.	207	8581*
Reading Class - 2nd to 4th std.		31989*
Home Lending - 1st to 8th std.		58593*

*Same children are part of these programs / activities.

“PARIVARTAN” TRAINING CENTRE

The Training Center-“Parivartan” has been the backbone of DSS since 1999. From training new teachers and field associates at DSS to teachers and associates of other NGOs and Corporation schools, Parivartan also conducts regular refresher trainings and sessions on capacity building of management staff.

168 sessions were conducted for 720 people from DSS and other NGOs.

OUR MAJOR PROJECT PARTNERS 19-20

Funding Organizations:

- Asha For Education – Asha Seattle
- Asha For Education - Asha Silicon Valley
- Bal Raksha Bharat (Save the Children)
- Chance Foundation
- Help Them Grow (Vibha)

Individuals:

- Abha S Dhopeswarkar
- Chandan Raghunath Nene
- Hemant Bhatt
- Malti Sharad Kelkar
- Nitin Keshav Paranjpe
- Padma Sathe
- Rahul Dilip Shah
- Sharmila Nitin Paranjpe
- Vinayak Pai

Corporate Sector:

- Alfa Laval (India) Ltd.
- Avaya India Pvt. Ltd.
- Bajaj Auto Ltd.
- Benevity, Inc.
- Bitwise Foundation
- Brembo Break India Pvt. Ltd.
- Crisil Foundation
- Ernst & Young Foundation
- Fiserv India Pvt. Ltd.
- Forbes Marshall Steam Systems Pvt. Ltd.
- Fundtech India Pvt. Ltd.
- Goodrich Maritime Pvt. Ltd.
- Greenspan Agri tech Pvt. Ltd.
- Indus software technologies Pvt. Ltd.
- JK Groups INC (Bank of New York,Mellon)
- Nice Interactive Solutions I P L
- Persistent Foundation
- Schindler India Pvt. Ltd.
- Springer Nature Technology and Publishing Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- Sungard availability services IPL
- Syngenta Services Private Ltd.
- TATA Consulting Engineers Ltd.
- Wipro Cares
- Yardi Software India Pvt. Ltd.

Builders:

- 84 Construction Sites (throughout the year)
- 48 Developers

Substantial Contribution In Kind by:

Individuals

- Mr.Akshay Choudhary
- Ms. Amruta Singh
- Ms. Jyoti Kulkarni
- Mr. Manesh Tijare
- Mr. Nikhil Singh
- Mr. Nitin Kumar
- Ms. Niyati Mutha
- Mr. Sudeep Sastry
- Mr. Sudhir Kantilal Parekh
- Mr. Umesh Shevale (Alfa Laval)

Organisations

- Kumar Nirman
- Loylogic Technologies, Pune
- Mercedes-Benz India
- Quest (Science & Math Education Program)
- Sangam World Center (World association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts)
- Tata BlueScope Steel Pvt. Ltd.
- VIBHA Pune

Others:

- BMM of North America
- CASP Shikshan Project
- Inner Wheel Number Five
- N G Paranjape Pratishthan
- Shri Babulnath Mandir Charities

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can contribute to Door Step School's activities by:

- 1) Spreading the word about Door Step School
- 2) Volunteering with Door Step School
- 3) Making Donations

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- Teaching English, Maths, Science, Computers and other subjects. Helping children with homework.
- Conducting surveys of out of school children, helping with school enrolment and follow up of children enrolled in school.
- Art and craft activities, story-telling, conducting science experiments, sessions on personal hygiene and environment, sports activities, preparing teaching aids, etc
- Organising events, picnics and exposure visits for children.
- Writing scripts, directing street plays, participating in them to create and spread awareness about Right To Education Act.
- Creating training modules/ delivering training to our staff on various topics.
- Helping with data entry, documentation, translations, taking photographs.
- Designing newsletters, e-mailers, posters, and other promotional material.
- Help in fundraising activities.

Please register by visiting our website www.doorstepschool.org → Volunteer Now

HOW TO DONATE

Donations can be made by issuing a cheque in name of 'The Society of Door Step Schools' OR

Direct Bank Transfer to the bank details mentioned below.

Name of Bank	Union Bank Of India
Bank account number	541302010015347
Type of Account	Savings Account
Name of account holder	The Society For Door Step Schools
Bank Address	Shop No.3 & 4, Kalpataru Enclave, D.P Road, Aundh, Pune, Maharashtra 411007
SWIFT Code	UBININBB
RTGS/IFSC no	UBIN0554138 (Fifth Character is zero)
Bank MICR Code	411026027
Bank Branch Code	554138

All donations are exempt under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

Once you make the online transfer, we request you to email aforementioned details to finance@doorstepschool.org.

Details required: Name (receipt will be issued in this name), Contact number, Email (to share soft copy), PAN number and complete postal address (to share hard copy), Date of transfer and Any preference to use the donation.

डोअर स्टेप स्कूल प्रकाशित पुस्तके / DOOR STEP SCHOOL PUBLICATION

Sr. No.	पुस्तकाचे शिर्षक	List of books	Price (Rs.)
1	मुळाक्षरांचा संच भाग - १	Marathi graded learning books (set of 8) - Part 1	50.00
2	मुळाक्षरांचा संच भाग - २	Marathi graded learning books (set of 8) - Part 2	50.00
3	हिंदी बाराखडी सेट	Hindi graded learning books (set of 8)	48.00
4	चला चित्रे रंगवूया	Colouring book (set of 3)	51.00
5	सराव पुस्तिका संच	Practise books (set of 3)	48.00
6	जोडाक्षर सराव पुस्तक	Practise book for composite letters	20.00
7	गोष्टी इकडच्या तिकडच्या गमती जमतीच्या संच	Set of 7 story books - "Goshti ikadchya tikadchya gamti jamtichya"	73.00
8	मजेदार कथा संच (जोडाक्षर विरहित)	Set of 12 fun story books	117.00
9	रंगित गोष्टीची पुस्तके ५	Set of 5 books (coloured story books)	100.00
10	जोडाक्षर विरहित रंगित पुस्तके ४	Set of 4 books (coloured story books jodakshar virahit)	100.00
11	शब्दकोश	Marathi dictionary	150.00
12	चला, गाणी गाऊ या... भाग- १ते३ संच	Set of 3 books of poems and songs	65.00
13	आमच्या गोष्टी आमची चित्रे १/२/३	Stories by our children (3 books)	300.00
14	सापशिडी पूर्ण बाराखडी चिन्हांची ५ चार्ट	Snakes and ladders (5 charts for learning Marathi)	250.00
15	पुस्तक भाषिक खेळांचे	Learning Marathi through games (1 book)	10.00
16	कोडीचा कोडी मजाच मजा	Puzzle booklet	18.00
	पुस्तक सेटची किंमत	Total cost of entire set	1450.00
	इतर वस्तु	Other items	
1	टी कोस्टर	Tea coaster	110.00
2	पेन स्टॅण्ड	Pen holder	100.00
3	श्रीटीग कार्ड (per card)	Greeting card	5.00
4	पणत्या (जोडी)	Diwali diya pair (during Diwali)	30.00
5	कॅलेंडर २०२०	Calendar 2020	100.00



Teaching tools



Children using teaching tools



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