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Letter from

### THE CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of the Samarpan family, I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to all those who have lost their near and dear ones this past year.

Needless to say, it has been an extremely challenging year. It has taken great effort from our volunteers, staff, donors and supporters to keep the Samarpan light shining brightly despite the adversities that they faced. My sincere gratitude to them.

Our volunteers and staff displayed extraordinary caring and courage to keep the projects going despite the threat of contagion. I salute them. Let us live in the faith of a better tomorrow.

Love always, Patrick San Francesco.





Samarpan Foundation is a not-for-profit charitable trust, established in September 2006, in New Delhi. We work to provide assistance where there is a humanitarian, ecological, environmental and/or animal welfare need. We are a community of outward-focused volunteers, guided by the principle of doing what needs to be done to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number.

Vision: Shedding light even in the darkest corners

Mission: Changing the universal consciousness by opening minds
and hearts

Philosophy: Love, peace, happiness, kindness, simplicity and clarity

# OUR WORK

**EDUCATION** 

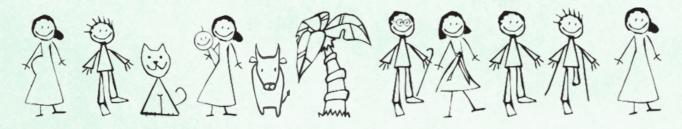
NUTRITION AND DEVELOPMENT

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# EDUCATION

### 'Expanding minds and widening horizons.'

According to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, 150 million children are out of school at present and there's a pressing need to bring them back into the formal education system (The Times of India, 2021). The situation has worsened with the closure of schools since March 2020 with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has impacted 1.2 billion children across the world and according to a projection covering 180 countries released by UNESCO, the number of out-of-school children is likely to double in the next couple of years.

The majority of the out of school children come from economically and socially disadvantaged strata of society. These children have been denied their right to education due to a multitude of factors responsible for this extensive inequality: lack of access to quality education, substandard infrastructural facilities, seasonal migration of families, lack of awareness within the population, gender bias, child labour, early marriage, and financial instability being some of the reasons. Apart from these, the pandemic also created certain challenges for the children with the mode of education being shifted to the online medium including but not limited to inaccessibility to smartphones, internet connectivity, and other technological barriers.

These challenges have made quality education inaccessible for people coming from disadvantaged communities thus affecting their opportunities for development. Many of our beneficiaries have either never been enrolled in a formal education system or had a consistently interrupted educational journey irrespective of their exposure to formal education leading them to drop out or be unable to cope with the curriculum of the formal education system. Another challenge faced by students is that they are enrolled in their age-appropriate classes and at times these students do not have the required credentials which leads them to drop out.

Samarpan Foundation has been working to decrease this disparity within the community with our educational programmes. We assist the students who are incapable of keeping up with the formal education system with training through our contact & bridge schools. These learnings help the students to successfully transition into their age-appropriate classes in government schools. Our informal centres are present within the marginalized communities which not only assists the students with their transition but also impacts the community's outlook toward education.

At present, we are operating through 11 centres pan India and with the continued support and collaboration of multiple stakeholders, we are dedicated to working with the most marginalized urban communities of our country.



### **PRESENCE**



- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Kishangarh, Delhi





- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Hathi Basti, Delhi

- Samarpan Evening Tuition Centre and Preschool, Bagalur Layout, Bengaluru



- Samarpan Tuition Centre, Chimbel, Goa

> - Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Shastri Park, Delhi

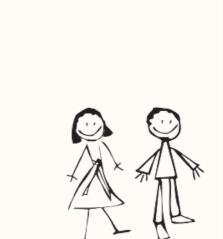


- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Aya Nagar, Delhi



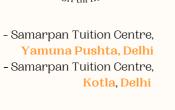
- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Akshardham, Delhi - Samarpan School and

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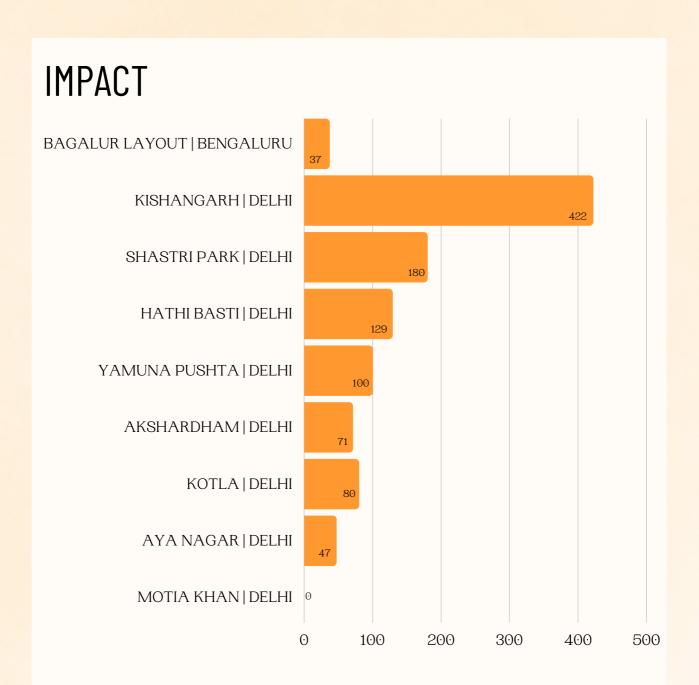


**KARNATAKA** 

**DELHI** 







Total number of students impacted: **1,066** 

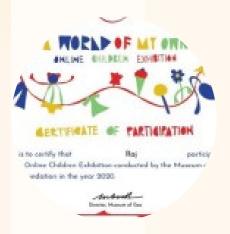
### HIGHLIGHTS



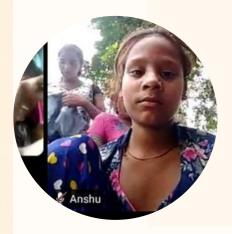
We often wish to support other people, but do not know how. Our benefactor Ankit Gera led the way, showing us that all skills can be useful to serve another. The owner of The Specialist unisex salon gave over 60 of our children free haircuts and ensured that our children stay safe during the pandemic by providing them with a pick-up and drop service from their homes. Children from the Samarpan Tuition Centre, Kotla, had received makeovers as they were pampered by the salon staff with massages and hair washes. The students have been happy with their new looks and were posing for pictures after their day of care at the spa.

At Samarpan Foundation, despite the present pandemic, our students and teachers were able to come together to continue their education and derive the most from the educational programme through digital platforms to successfully participate in a number of activities where the older students supported the young ones and the teachers guided them through voice notes. Festivals were also celebrated despite the lockdown, each event was made more special as this year we adopted a blended approach to share in each other's joy and many people who were previously unable to participate were part of the various functions. The resilience and dedication of the students were visible as they continued to prepare dances and enthusiastically participated in every online class.





We are proud to announce that two of the children under the patronage of Samarpan Foundation Goa have been recognised by the Goa Museum of Art. Our partners, School ki Ghanti, have been taking IVR's with the students of Aya Nagar school, aimed at improving their motor skills. Part of the exercise is assigning them various art projects and to our delight, the drawings by students Raj and Lucky have been chosen to be displayed at the Museum of Goa's online art exhibition for children. The children have been awarded certificates of participation to support and encourage them in their artful journey.



Despite the pandemic, we have continued with our classes and our students have diligently looked for ways to continue studying. The effort of both teachers and pupils are apparent looking at the 10th and 12th grades results. Despite the hardships of access to lectures, all our students have passed their board exams successfully. We take a moment to acknowledge the challenge of uncertainty that they have surpassed and extend a round of applause to all of them!

The Delhi Education Conference, 2021 was organised from the 11th-17th Jan 2021. The virtual conference was aimed to equip educators with updates and tools keeping in mind the Educational Reforms, Delhi. Some issues highlighted were the role of teachers, transition into formal educational institutes and curriculum development. The teachers who attended the programme found it extremely helpful to better understand the needs of the students and their role in it. We are sure that it motivated many to find new areas of skill development, keeping in mind the changes that the reform has brought into the education system.







# NUTRITION AND DEVELOPMENT

### 'Strengthening and keeping mind and body in balance.'

Malnourishment amongst children under the age of five leads to a life marked with cognitive and physical setbacks. Child malnutrition is a long-standing challenge faced in India with one of the most alarming child malnutrition rates in the world. According to the Global Hunger Index 2020, India is at 94th position among 107 countries. According to the data collected by the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) in 2019-20, children are more malnourished than they were five years ago. The results are expected to be worse after the onset of the pandemic and the subsequent nationwide lockdown.

Samarpan Foundation believes that no learning can take place on an empty stomach and believe that educational reforms can only be brought into the community if basic concerns such as food are addressed. Keeping this in mind, we have undertaken our nutrition programme. We focus on providing regular meals to beneficiaries associated with our educational centres. We provide a balanced breakfast and lunch at the school, while the tuition centres offer a delicious and healthy snacks to all students. With this intervention, results exhibit a decline in malnutrition and increment in BMI of the students affiliated with the centres.

For people coming from the lower-income strata of society, access to developmental opportunities is still a distant reality. People from every corner of India come to AIIMS, Delhi to receive medical treatment. However, to ensure that they receive treatment, families exhaust their savings for their treatment pushing them into a dire situation, unable to take care of basic requirements such as accommodations, medicines, food, and basic hygiene products.

Support is also provided to the families of individuals in conflict with the law under the project 'Injustice of Justice'. Survival of a family becomes challenging if the earning member of the family is incarcerated leading them to lose access to even basic resources. We provide monthly dry rations packages and secondary support to the families so that they can move towards seeking developmental opportunities for themselves. While working within the community, we have also come across families who are unable to secure access to basic sustenance jeopardizing their very lives. In such cases, we provide primary and secondary support on a need-based requirement.



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### **PRESENCE**



- All Schools, Delhi

- IJOJ, <mark>Delhi</mark>

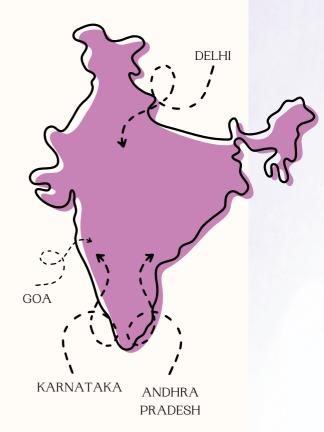


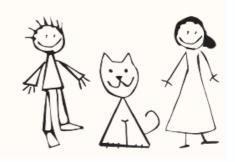


- Samarpan Education Centre, Bagalur Layout, Bengaluru
- Samarpan Tuition Centre, Chimbel, Goa

- Rural Development Trust, **Kadiri** 









Total number of people impacted **1,415** 

### HIGHLIGHTS



During the year, we were able to raise funds and provide scholarships for 15 students as compared to the 5 students in 2019-2020. This includes 10 school going and 5 college students. Due to the ongoing COVID -19 pandemic, earning members of families working as daily wage earners lost their jobs or received reduced salaries. Hence they could not afford to provide the school/college fees and requested Samarpan Foundation for financial assistance. We were able to secure the same to ensure that the education for these students continues uninterrupted.

With the advent of the pandemic and restrictions on movement, the regular nutritional programme was modified to ensure that the nutritional intake of students was maintained. A continuous and ongoing dry ration distribution sponsored by Spencers and Foodbank was put in place for the students and their families, each month. All educational centres were supported through the programme which was a key support for the families, many of whom had lost their only source of income with the implementation of the lockdowns.





The Indian Food-banking Network has been a partner with Samarpan Foundation for many years now. They have supported us in our endeavour to bridge the nutritional gap for our beneficiaries. We were delighted when we received 4,000 kilos of Dairy Milk!! We distributed the all-time favourite chocolates to our beneficiaries who shared their bounty with those whom they came across during the course of the day. Students decided to share the chocolates with local vendors, labourers and auto-rickshaw drivers. They also went around the community distributing the sweets to the residents and other children. In the words of one of the students, 'They work so hard to earn their livelihood and help everyone so they deserve a chocolate more than anyone else.' leaving us in awe of the kindness of the young students.



Manzil Mystic conducted a 2-month programme with our girls, titled 'Webhor". In sessions, these topics were covered: Self-love, peer pressure, the difference between sex and gender, third gender and queer, the role of gender in society, reproductive organs and menstrual cycle, myth and facts about menstruation, healthy body and healthy lifestyle, love and respect, peer pressure, body image, mental health emotions and women rights. It was an interactive session with games and music and it helped our girls to understand the topics well. 35 girls between the age group of 13 years to 18 years participated in the programme and felt more comfortable speaking about these sensitive topics.





# HEALTHCARE

### 'Investing in wellness.'

Marginalized communities have substandard conditions of living and lack access to even basic resources such as clean drinking water and hygienic sanitation facilities. For people living in these communities, access to quality healthcare is still a distant reality. Healthcare is neither accessible nor affordable for them. Samarpan strongly believes that all-inclusive interventions are necessary to achieve sustainable growth. Therefore, we organize medical camps within the communities on a weekly basis where consultation and medicines are provided. This service is available for all the individuals living in the community. In case of urgent or intensive medical care, referrals to hospital care and financial support are also provided until the individual is rehabilitated. Since the community did not have access to clean water, we have laid pipelines in the communities allowing them access to safe drinking water. All these measures have facilitated increasing the overall health index of the community.





### **PRESENCE**





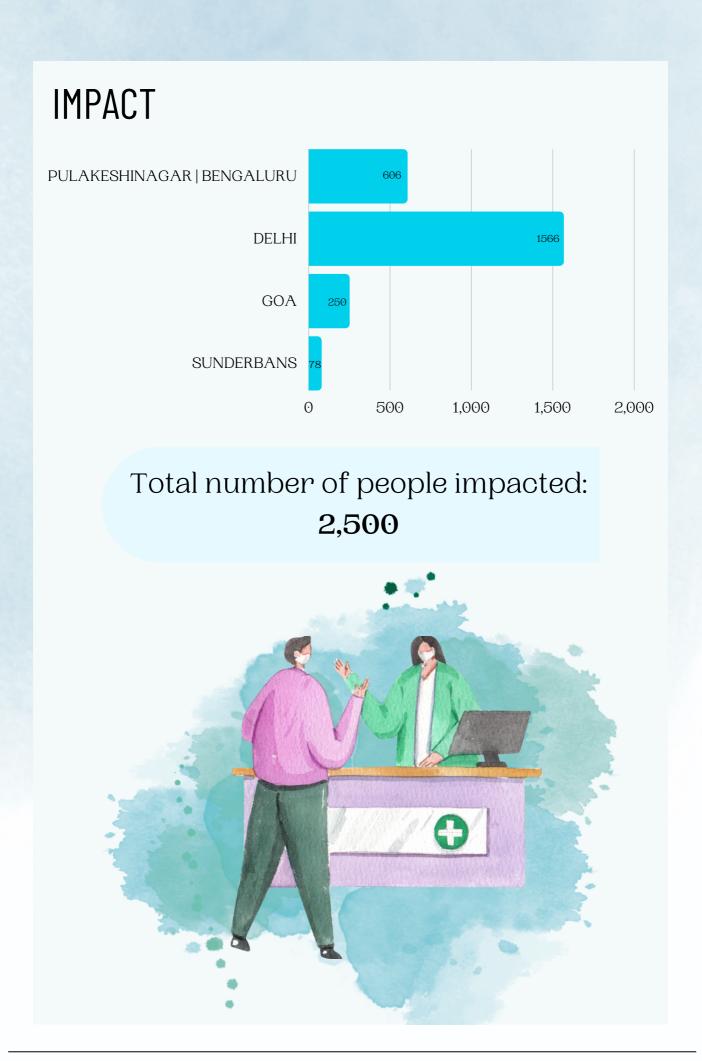


Karnataka









### HIGHLIGHTS



Multiple drives were conducted within the communities to distribute reusable sanitary napkins to the girls and women. Through the efforts of our volunteers and our partner donors, more than 1000 women were given sanitary as well as financial relief. Regular purchase of disposable sanitary pads is not a possibility for many women which forces them to use cloth or other materials, often resulting in infections and ill health. There was also a training session after the distributions on how to use the pads as well as how to maintain hygiene during menstruation cycles. The training was essential as it also provided tips and answered many queries that they had regarding a topic many of them difficult to discuss in their own communities.

For the residents of the remote Sunderbans islands, getting medical services means travelling for miles. This journey is fraught with difficulties and distress due to a severe lack of infrastructural facilities. We are delighted to restart the medical camps to bridge this gap, in partnership with Hope Foundation. The first camp was successfully held with aid being provided to 70 residents at the Samarpan Clinic on Bali island. We look forward to our continued collaboration with the Hope Foundation to provide medical support to our beneficiaries in the Sunderbans.





The Samarpan Foundation volunteers in Delhi, Bengaluru and Goa came together to distribute blankets to beneficiaries in their respective areas of work. The relief was evident on the faces of the recipients as the blankets were given out to more than 500 beneficiaries across the cities. As winters continue to challenge the livelihood of these people, we look forward to continuing our relief work, spreading cheer and love.



# **EMPOWERMENT**

### 'Imparting skills and nurturing talents to create practical solutions.'

The empowerment of women plays a crucial role in achieving sustainable development goals. Equal participation from both men and women is required for the overall development of communities. However, women's participation in the formal labour force in India stands at 24 per cent which is lower than the Asia-Pacific average. Several studies suggest that increased participation of women in the formal labour force will result in the accelerated growth of the country's economy. Aiming for this holistic development, Samarpan Foundation is working with women through two empowerment centres; one in Kishangarh Village and one with Afghan women in Malviya Nagar.

Initially, the project faced resistance from society due to orthodox cultural norms and prejudices associated with gender roles. However, with educational programmes for the children, awareness sessions with women, and appreciation from the community for work done, Samarpan was successful in bringing women out of their homes, and over time the empowerment centre has seen steady participation from the women of the community. The programme aims to make them financially independent and inculcate a sense of dignity within themselves for themselves.

The empowerment centres were set up in the community itself to eliminate the challenge of travel restrictions, where women are trained in stitching and tailoring. Our project is supported by Singer India which certifies women as professional tailors after the successful completion of their training. To assist in the transition to making them financially independent, regular workshops and training sessions are conducted which not only enhance their skills but also create awareness on topics such as financial literacy and participation in the labour force.





### **PRESENCE**



- Women's Empowerment Centre, **Kishangarh, Delhi** 



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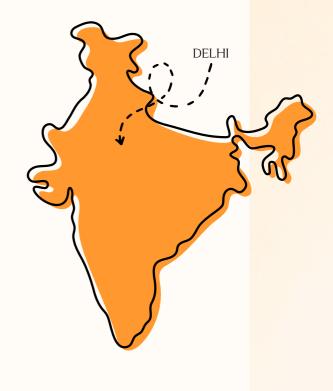
Malviya Nagar, Delhi

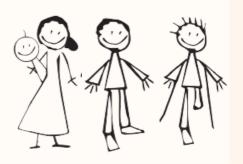
-Women's Empowerment Centre,

Jama Masjid, Delhi (project completed)

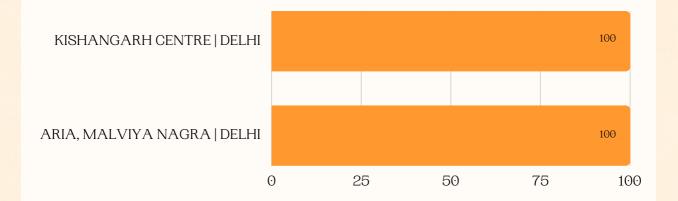
- Women's Empowerment Centre,

Sultanpur, Delhi (project completed)





## **IMPACT**



# Total number of people impacted: **200**



### HIGHLIGHTS



Samarpan Foundation along with Sachi Saheli had launched the menstruation awareness week to break the taboos around menstruation and begin open conversations around the myths associated with it. During a week-long affair, children wrote poems, made drawings and openly discussed the various taboos on women during their periods with each other. It was an important time as it was the first time for many of them, irrespective of age when open space was provided for them to speak about their experiences and the many difficulties they faced both from the outside and their own learnings about periods. The women felt equipped to speak about periods to people around them and pledged to continue to break the stereotypes associated with menstruation.

Very often fabric wholesalers are left with surplus fabric and garments which are never used. On the other hand, many people around the world, like our beneficiaries, are only able to access clothes that have been handed down from another. To support the need within these communities, Usha Garments, a manufacturer based in Mumbai, has taken the initiative of donating fabrics and garments to the women's empowerment programme of the Samarpan Foundation. The clothes made by the women are then distributed to people who cannot afford to buy new clothing for their families. We feel a great amount of gratitude for being associated with them and look forward to seeing the collaboration flourish.





While wearing face masks has become a mandate in public, for many families access to masks is still a problem. Purchasing masks on a regular basis is not financially feasible while a shortage of supply is also a reality. To contribute to their community's safety, the women of the Samarpan Foundation's empowerment programme have decided to use their skills to produce face masks. With the contribution of fabric from Sony Exim, our women have been able to create beautiful, sturdy masks for individual use in their community. The masks have been appreciated for not just the thought behind them but also for the display of entrepreneurial skills of the members of the empowerment programme.



# ANIMAL WELFARE

### 'Our family extends beyond human beings.'

Samarpan Foundation has been working to achieve new heights in animal welfare by bringing people together and engaging in activities that protect animal safety. Animals on the streets are subjected to the vagaries of both natural and human cruelty in their attempt to survive. They are victims of frequent violence and are exposed to harsh weather conditions which makes their battle for survival arduous.

Animals are as much an integral part of nature and their welfare often depends on the Human's capacity to provide care for them. The pandemic and the stringent lockdown conditions heightened this struggle and further impacted their safety and welfare.

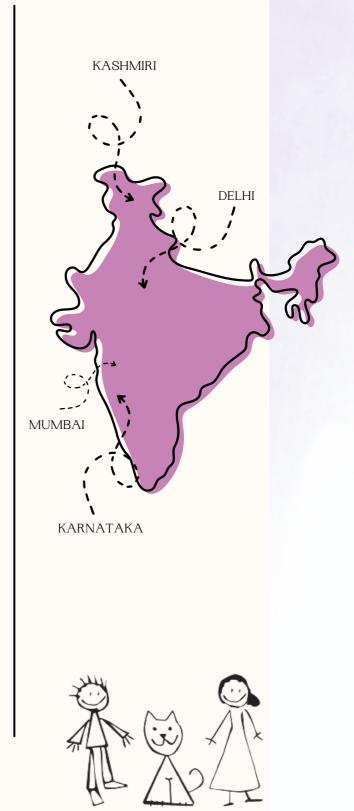
Samarpan Foundation has been working to provide care and rehabilitation for these gentle souls. We provide food for dogs, cats, and cows regularly in the vicinity of Bengaluru and Delhi. Animal Birth Control and vaccination drives are frequently conducted for stray dogs and cats to protect them from various diseases and unwanted pregnancies. In case of any injuries, medical care is provided to the animal from the point of rescue till reintegration. Our staff proactively identifies cases that require immediate attention and carry out the necessary tasks to improve their lives.



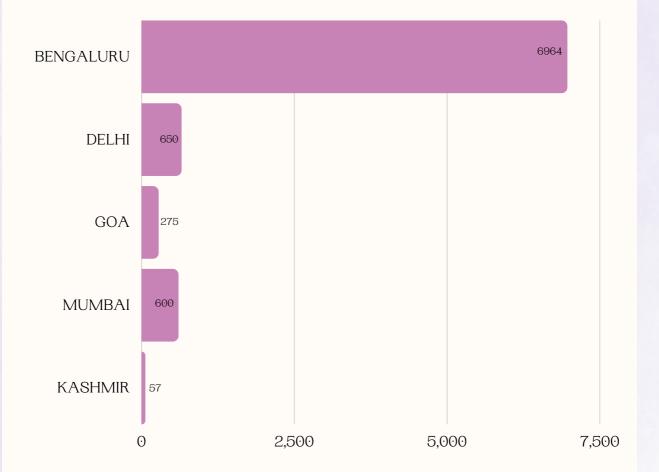


### **PRESENCE**









Total number of animals impacted: **8,546** 

### HIGHLIGHTS



Samarpan Foundation started supporting cat and dog feeders in different parts of Mumbai, Goa and Kashmir. Volunteers Nandita Saigal, Cheryl Amaral and Vivette work with their own network of feeders and fosters including housewives, milkmen, fishermen, flower sellers, rag pickers and pushcart vendors, who live in the neighbouring areas. A partnership has also started with the Kashmir Animal Welfare Foundation. Times have been very difficult for all animal helpers, especially during the pandemic. Samarpan was able to donate cat and dog food and veterinary medicines to support these brave teams. The increasing number of volunteers and partners has resulted in a substantial increase in the number of animals reached for support in the many cities with over 5000 animals now being provided care.

Bengaluru, a city that has traditionally welcomed pets, has a high number of homeless animals. However, the need for regular treatment, vaccinations, neutering and feeding programmes has not kept pace with the growth in their numbers. This leaves them in pain, suffering and fear. Samarpan Foundation along with volunteers from the Bangalore Cat Squad looked to address the lacuna in the care of homeless cats in Bengaluru with a neutering programme. Fuel-A-Dream ran a crowdfunding campaign for us through their online platform allowing us to raise over Rs. 6 lakhs. Consequently, we were able to spay, neuter and vaccinate 190 cats. This was a major achievement for us, as the government authorities do not run any neutering programmes for cats. The government runs neutering programmes only for dogs.





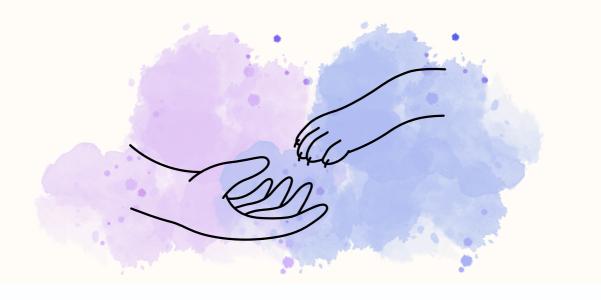
The pandemic has affected humans and animals alike. Staying true to our motto, 'no one left behind, volunteers and donors of Samarpan expanded their reach by helping animals in Mumbai, Goa, Delhi and Bengaluru through the provision of daily meals, medical treatment and rehabilitation. Feeding India and Zomato stepped in and partnered with Samarpan to provide for 1500 dogs in Bengaluru, providing much-needed relief to our four-legged friends.



On World Rabies Day, the Foundation's animal welfare team initiated a new campaign to sterilize and vaccinate dogs. Working with Dr. Akshay and his team at Sarvodaya Sevabhavi Sanstha, Samarpan Foundation volunteers in Bangalore vaccinated 89 dogs against rabies and distemper.

India's first virtual adoption camp was held in association with the Bangalore Cat Squad. Whilst we all know how badly humanity has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, not enough thought has been given to the animal kingdom. Not only have several pets been abandoned but they are also victims as a consequence of living on the streets. Samarpan Foundation in conjunction with Bangalore Cat Squad organised a virtual cat adoption camp in May. The live session on Zoom was telecast, allowing people to see the cats, adopt and talk to the specialists and volunteers. The prospective adopters had gone through prescreening, and virtual house checks and were finally connected on a Zoom video call to choose from many beautiful kittens. It was a highly successful camp and we look forward to bringing in more virtual sessions as a viable way to spread awareness.







## HOMES

### 'Opening our doors to the abandoned.'

Research has shown that a problematic environment at home has a disruptive effect on a child while caring for and nurturing them with necessities like food, clothes, access to quality education, etc. plays a crucial role in their transition from a child in need to a participating member of the society. With this belief, Samarpan has started two children's homes in Delhi. At the children's home, all provisions such as safety, comfort, health and nutrition are taken care of. The children are also enrolled in educational institutions to empower them with resources and make them future-ready.

Regular capacity building exercises, awareness campaigns, skill-building workshops, etc. are organized to provide exposure with the intention of developing their interest in diverse fields; enhancing their aptitude skills and boosting their personality development in a positive direction.

Samarpan also organizes regular adoption programmes through its Samarpan Programme for Adoption Research Counselling Consultancy and Care (SPARCC), Pune centre where prospective adopters and adoptees are brought together under the same roof. Regular workshops are conducted to provide a smooth transition for every stakeholder involved and to create awareness on mitigation of future challenges that may arise. Samarpan also offers a solution-oriented approach to adopters and adoptees as they begin their new journey of life.

Rehabilitation of at-risk children living on the streets is also part of the work at the Foundation, through educational, nutritional, and healthcare support.





### **PRESENCE**



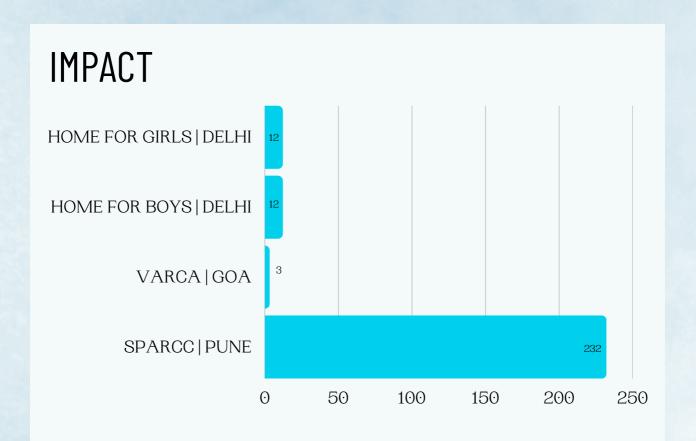
-Home for Boys, **Delhi** -Home for Girls, **Delhi** 



SPARCC, Pune







Total number of people impacted: 259



### HIGHLIGHTS



The SPARCC team led by Dipika Maharaj Singh was extremely happy to publish its second book on adoption-"Voices from the Hearts". The SPARCC team contacted adoptive families and their young adult adoptees and asked them to share their parenting journeys. The response was overwhelming and more than 50 families trusted the SPARCC team with their stories that described both the joys and frustrations along the way. The stories were translated with care so that the spirit and the emotions in each of the stories were retained. The book is available online and has received a very enthusiastic response. It is proving to be a valuable guide especially for prospective adoptive parents about to embark on their own journeys as parents. This book is a fitting sequel to "Voices from the Cradle" previously published book by psychotherapist Ms. Sarika Glover, who has documented the challenges faced by teenage adoptees growing up in the Indian social background.

The digital world has created possibilities which were, to many of us, unimaginable a few years ago. Prerna Initiative, a student-run, the non-profitable organisation has been taking digital classes for the residents of Samarpan homes, to spread awareness about healthy living and the need for independence to achieve goals. Hailing from various countries, the students have formed a deep bond with our children, resulting in a deeply enriching experience for all. We are thankful for the support of the Prerna Initiative towards the growth of our students.





SPARCC has been collaborating with the Family Association for International Adoptees (FFIA), Sweden, the L K Jha foundation and others, supporting one another in their common goals of working for children through nutritional support, education, and counselling and care. CARA reached out to adoption agencies seeking suggestions to improve the adoption process. SPARCC laid down clear points covering the process right from the point of registration by prospective adoptive parents, the home study reports to the post-placement follow up of the adopted children. The challenges faced and suggestions are hoped to be included in the new guidelines prescribed by CARA.

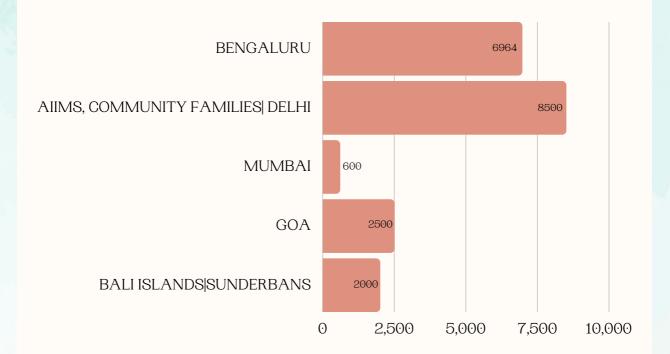






# COVID-19 RESPONSE





Total number of people impacted: 27,668



A daily food distribution drive for the homeless was conducted in March. Hot meals were given out to the homeless of Panjim, Goa. Initiated by one of our volunteers, the successful drive has provided food for more than 2000 people. The ITC group also added their support for the initiative, providing meals for the homeless.



Samarpan Foundation expresses its gratitude to Amit Mittal, his family and staff members for providing 130 piping hot and hygienic food packets to the shelters at AllMS. The family provided the meals for 47 days and we salute the family and the team that cooked and provided the packets to the needy during the peak of the pandemic.



Samarpan has identified over 1000 families in Delhi region in immediate need of support to meet daily needs. An initiative to provide monthly ration kits including food grains, basic toiletries, masks and sanitisers, has been started. The initiative helped ensure that no one sleeps on an empty stomach due to the loss of their jobs amidst the pandemic. We are being supported by Responsenet in this venture.



Students re-joined classrooms with phones donated at Shastri Park by Akashdeep Kaushik and Shivangi Shukla. With the lockdown, students are only able to resume their classes digitally. Each device can help more than 4 students to get back to their classroom. These devices ensure that the students are not deprived of their education.



Samarpan Foundation has been associated with Rural Development Trust (RDT), an organisation that supports and empowers rural communities. One of their projects is an orphanage for speech, hearing and sight-impaired children in Kadiri, Andhra Pradesh. We have worked closely with Sr. Sleeva, who runs the project since 2011. RDT is often approached by the local community for help. Drought-led migration makes girls prey to trafficking and HIV cases are high. Samarpan Foundation provided for dry rations, blankets and other essential requirements for the community during the COVID-19 lockdowns.



The National Disaster Response Force provided dry rations for the community of Hathi Basti, AIIMS and the Satya Jeevan Leprosy Society. The community, comprising of elephant mahouts and farm labourers were provided with much needed relief as the first lockdown was implemented. The drive was initiated and facilitated by the Vikas Khanna Group soon after the advent of the pandemic to ensure emergency relief was made available for the residents who had lost their only source of income and had no recourse to support themselves and their families.



We worked with Etasha Society to distribute masks and sanitisers in large quantities to one slum dwelling under our care. It acted as a pivotal step towards increasing awareness of healthcare in community settings, amidst a pandemic through tangible and intangible ways.



Dhruy Krishan, a Class XII student at DPS R.K. Puram, approached us to extend his support towards our women who are beneficiaries the Samarpan of empowerment programme. volunteered to sell face masks made by the women, to generate income-earning opportunities for them. Dhruv relentlessly promoted the face masks through social as well as by personally approaching individuals, urging them to buy these masks. he has managed to sell 1,000 such masks. He visited our centre at Kishangarh village to meet the women, and to motivate them to continue making more masks.



## **COVID HEROES**



Seema (Shastri Park)



Ranjeet (Hathi Basti)



Rita (Motia Khan)



Pappu (Akshardham)



Meenakshi (AIIMS)



Manoj (Kishangarh)



Kamal (Yamuna Pushta)



Madhu (Shastri Park)



Deva (Pulakeshinagar)



Bharti (Kotla)



Shalu B. (Kotla)







# SUCCESS STORIES

### Muskan

She has been living in the slums of Yamuna Khadar, Delhi along with her family. Initially, she did not go to a formal school and studied in the madrassa within the slum. Though a participant of the tuition centre, she was not serious about her studies nor did she take part in any activities in the Samarpan school. But the closure of the schools during the pandemic resulted in her madrassa being closed as well and it created a change in her. With the start of online learning many children who were unable to study due to lack of phones but Muskaan took up the initiative of continuing her studies with her father's phone and also used her phone for the other children in her community. When the girls of our school had to participate in online events related to menstruation, the other girls were hesitant to do it but Muskaan took the lead and encouraged all the girls to make a video, making the event a success. Now, not only has she become serious about her studies but she also participates in all the activities in the Samarpan school, helps the children of her neighburhood to complete their daily work and the teachers are also being supported because of this girl child.





### Neha

She is a class 10th student from The Samarpan School and Tuition centre, Yamuna Pushta, scored 73 percent and achieved the first position in her class. Over the past several months, their school has closed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, cutting off students from their teachers, peers and their place of study. Neha has also been playing an important role of facilitating student-learning, wellbeing and growth by conducting classes with her digital devices when the teachers are unable to be physically present in class. She has also been helping other students with their daily work which has been severely impeded due to a lack of devices in the community.

### Abhishek

He has been studying at Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Aya Nagar for the last four years and actively takes part in besides activities studies, such gardening. His interest led him to plant many saplings in the school and inspired by him, other children have also started taking interest in gardening. Part of the education at Samarpan schools also includes how to keep surroundings clean. Abhishek started to spread this learning to other residents of the community when he saw around him throwing garbage carelessly. He started telling people about wet waste and its usefulness, and how to properly dispose of dry waste. He has even started his own YouTube channel to make more people aware of these issues: cleanliness of the environment, and how to keep it pollution-free.

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During the pandemic, the meetings with the families and students at the schools were restricted and was impacting the mental health of the children. The teachers of the schools initiated regular calls to keep in touch with the parents and children over phone to alleviate the frustration being faced by the children due to the lockdowns. During Diwali, the teachers initiated a **Happiness Celebrations Week**, where each child in a family gifted something of their choice to a friend or a family member within their communities to reiterate the sense of togetherness and belonging within the children. Measures like this throughout the lockdown ensured that the children were able to cope with the disastrous effects of the pandemic, especially in scenarios where parents had lost all their sources of income.



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A Labrador had been surrendered due to unavoidable circumstances of his caregiver. Unable to care for him, she had approached Kitchen for Paws, Delhi, the animal welfare programme under the aegis of Samarpan Foundation. After considerable checks, he was successfully adopted by a family and has been completely integrated with them. He is loved, is secure and pampered by everyone in his new home.



### Shikha





She is a mother of three from Faizabad, joined the Kishangarh centre in 2015 as a basic student and is currently in the advanced batch. One of her children is suffering from blood cancer and is undergoing treatment at AIIMS, Delhi. Due to poor financial conditions of her family, she decided to learn stitching and has been a very hardworking, sincere and a very enthusiastic learner. After completing her day at the women's centre, she goes straight to the hospital to be with her child. In her words, "My working at the centre gives me peace of mind. I am able to pay for the treatment of my child and the rest of the money is being spent on buying small gift items and toys for my other two kids. My husband is very supportive of my work. He helps me to keep the money and spend it wisely." She adds further, "Coming to the centre has helped in building my confidence. I socialise more. Now, I can talk to anyone without hesitation and express my opinions and viewpoints. We all are a team here, a family. We share our happiness and sorrows with each other." For Shikha, her work has given her the confidence and capability to take care of herself as well as her loved ones.

### Azada

Azada came to India from Afghanistan in 2014 with her family and has been residing in Malviya Nagar. She works at the Archisha women's empowerment centre and is one of the most talented women there. As part of the team there she ahs been able to earn and support her family. Like most of us, the pandemic affected Azada not just financially but also psychologically resulting in depression during the lockdown. Unable to work, her fear was that she would not be able to support her family in these trying times and had been disturbed. However, Azada has since been seeking counselling services provided to her through Samarpan Foundation. The therapy has been very helpful for her and has made it possible for her to start earning her living by creating artisanal products.



Minu





Minu had started feeding dogs independently on the streets of Bengaluru a few years ago. Initially she would go out at night, sometimes alone, to feed them. As a volunteer with Samarpan Foundation, she now supervises a team of staff who help her with the cooking and feeding. Since then, we have also provided cleaning supplies, muzzles, veterinary medicines and paid for treatment of animals under her care. Alone, Minu was feeding approximately 800 dogs per day but has now ramped up her initiative and is able to feed 1,200 dogs per day. Whenever Minu has come across orphaned puppies and dogs needing vaccination and treatment, we at Samarpan have provided all the necessary support.

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### Sridhar

He sells tender coconuts for a living in Basavanagudi area, Bengaluru. Alongside this, he also devotes much of his energy in catching and securing injured as well as sick dogs around the area. This kind man suffers from diabetes as well as high BP—issues which cause him to black out and has resulted in him having to be admitted in the ICU. The Bengaluru branch of Samarpan Foundation supported him during his period of illness and have cleared a part of his medical bills. Successfully, he has made a complete recovery and is back at work, offering refreshments to customers and care to the dogs.



A couple from Rajasthan, who had unsuccessfully tried the IVF path to become parents, registered with Samarpan Programme for Adoption Research Counselling Consultancy and Care, Pune, in 2018. Being fond of girls, the couple wanted to adopt a female baby. One day, a baby was found in a crib of an orphanage. She was only a day old and weighed less than 2 kilos. She was referred to the prospective adoptive couple in late 2020, after a significant wait. The overjoyed couple travelled by road to Rajasthan from Maharashtra amidst the pandemic to bring her home. The attitude towards female babies is orthodox in parts of Rajasthan; they are abandoned as compared to male babies. Unfortunately, the couple travelled back to their home and found out that the baby had umbilical hernia. The counselors at SPARCC helped the couple understand the implications of the hernia and ways to resolve it. Now, the baby is quickly achieving her milestones with the love and attention of her parents. It is commendable that the lucky parents fought cultural stigmas of adopting a female child and fought for their own happiness. We are proud that we could be there to support them in this journey.









# OUR PEOPLE





### ARUNA, VOLUNTEER

I have been associated with Samarpan Foundation as a volunteer since 2010. Previously, I used to seek healing from our chairperson, Patrick San Francesco. It has been a wonderful journey since I started volunteering for the Foundation's projects in Kolkata. I always wanted to do something for the underprivileged, for which I got the opportunity at Samarpan. It was wonderful interacting with the children and their parents in our centres of work. We used to look forward to the next day to be with them, and they too waited for us. We also started going to the Midnapore Correctional Home to provide dry rations for the families of lifetime convicts. That was also a very unique experience meeting with convicts and their families, and hearing their stories and experiences. Meeting so many new people from all over the world—the love, compassion, the spirit of giving, and the dedication to support anyone for anything under the sun is just so wonderful at Samarpan. It has changed my outlook towards society. Hearing inspirational talks and attending meditation sessions by Patrick has completely changed me.



### AISHA KASSAL, VOLUNTEER

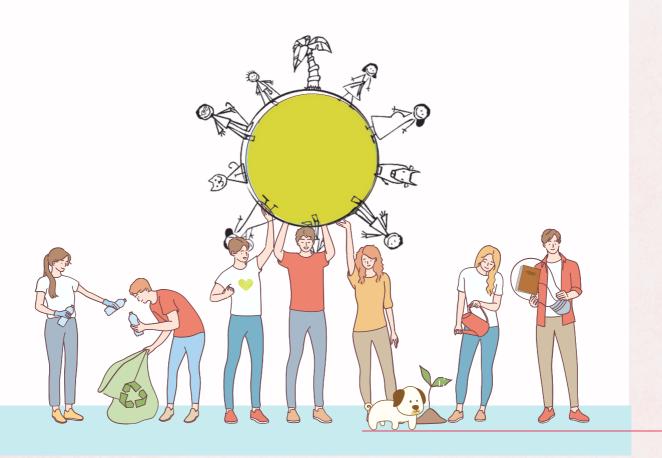
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I took the initiative to get involved with Samarpan Foundation almost a year before the pandemic. I started to volunteer as a teacher at Kotla, a slum area near my locality, and taught English and Mathematics to most wonderful and bright young children there. It is so heartening to see these young children being so eager to learn despite their circumstances. Personally, this interaction has been one of the most eye opening and enriching experiences of my life. It's been an absolute honour and privilege to have worked with this amazing Foundation and helped these lovely children in whatever way I could. A big thank you to Samarpan Foundation for giving me an opportunity and for being the Foundation that it is and what it stands for.

To be able to volunteer is a privilege, and a gift given to only a few. In volunteering lies growth. I have experienced the reality of these two statements in my association with Samarpan Foundation over the years, nearly a decade. From helping out in whatever needed to be done to managing programmes and raising funds, through being a purely volunteer-led effort to a structured organization, I am happy to say that at each stage my experience with Samarpan Foundation has been one of satisfaction, joy and pride. The satisfaction of knowing our donors' gifts of resources are being maximised for our beneficiaries; the joy of seeing our beneficiaries—whether students or women-blossom at school and in our empowerment centres; and the pride of seeing our beneficiaries make better lives for themselves. And underneath all that lies a quiet knowing: that I have benefited as much as all our beneficiaries. My perspectives have widened, my judgment has lessened, my focus has shifted from myself and what I want to others and what they need. And I have the guidance of our chairperson and the support of our team at Samarpan Foundation to thank for that.





# **OUR PARTNERS**

### Anurag, CEO and Co-founder, Manzil Mystics.

"Manzil Mystics first collaborated with the Samarpan Foundation in 2017 and have been connected together ever since. The immense dedication and compassion of the team members to serve those who are actually in need is a big inspiration. Samarpan Foundation is one of those organisations which really works at the grassroots to ensure that not only do the children get enrolled in schools but support the whole family through various skill development programmes of theirs. It always feels like a family to be working with Samarpan, and we wish that you reach more and more lives and transform them in the best way."





### Christine, National Program Manager, Narmada Foundation

"We at Narmada Foundation are delighted to partner with Samarpan Foundation for over five years now. Over our years of association with them, we have seen their dedication in running the education centres. Their innovative teaching methods, the efforts they put into training their teachers and the daily nutrition programme together ensure that children not only join but also excel in mainstream schools. They have met the most daunting challenges of the pandemic with great endurance and perseverance to support not only the children but also the communities that they work with. We wish the Samarpan team the very best in all their endeavours."



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### INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Expenditure	Set N				
To Project Exp	Sch. No.	Amount (Rs.)	Income	Sch. No.	Amount(Rs.)
To Administrative Exp	VI	3,73,00,892.51	By Donations		2,50,55,470.58
To Depreciation	VII	45,78,886.07 By Bank Interest 12,39,869.46 By Grant Utilised		2,68,867.15	
	III			1,64,75,746.35	
			By Interest on IT Refund		2,509.00
			By Excess of Expenditure over Income		13,17,054.96
Total					
Total		4,31,19,648.04	Total		4,31,19,648.04

For SAMARPAN FOUNDATION

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer Roohi Sharma

As per our report of even date attached For Arun K. Agarwal & Associates Chartered Accountants Firm Reg. No. 003917N

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LIABILITIES	Sch. No.	Amour	rount (Rs.) ASSETS			Amount (Rs.)	
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Total			2,56,27,085.08	Total			2.56.27.085.0

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For SAMARPAN FOUNDATION

Chief Executive Officer



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We look forward to your participation in shedding light even in the darkest corners. To create a ripple that turns into a wave, join us by:

- By giving your time to Samarpan
- By raising awareness about our initiatives
  - By supporting us with logistics
    - By helping us to raise funds
      - By making a donation

Please contact us at volunteer@samarpanfoundation.org and let us know how you'd like to get involved

### **DONATE**

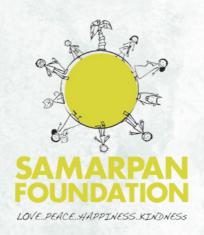
Join us to bring about change!
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We will ensure that your donation is allocated accordingly.

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