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From The Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

As I write this India is going through the second wave of the pandemic, the deadliest till date. The last few months have been tumultuous for us. Several staff are infected with COVID-19 in this second wave. Some lost loved ones too. Nevertheless, we tried our best to support our staff, children, families and communities Butterflies is associated with. These are the most precarious times, children are seeing in India and around the world. Neither they nor their parents have seen or were prepared for anything like this.

The most affected population are the people and children living on street & street like situations. The most vulnerable are the children living on the pavement, under flyovers, in front of shops in the market and on the terrace roofs of the shops. Children working in tea stalls, wayside eateries, textile shops, motor parts shops and the daily wage earners and rag pickers.

During these times it is important to keep the children living alone and those that live with their families engaged so that their daily habit of studying and focus built up over the years is not lost in this lockdown. Our CRAs are in constant touch with the children, both living alone and those living with their parents, motivating them, encouraging them to study, make paintings, asking parents to narrate their childhood stories and utilize this time properly. The key is to keep both children and their parents engaged and positive, as a positive household or environment leads to a positive outlook and a resilient spirit. Butterflies is also serving cooked food and dry rations and sanitation items to covid affected families.

This pandemic has forced hundreds of people, children to stay at their home to protect themselves and prevent the spread of the disease. While interacting with children and adults, we observed that children and their parents developed fear, anxiety of the future, or social isolation. Additionally, all outdoor activities have been restricted, schools are closed and children are attending classes online and as a result, many of them spend more time on screens (mobile/laptop/computer). With all these drastic and sudden changes,

children are missing their schools, meeting friends and

playing in the parks.



There is much that is still emerging in terms of the psychosocial issues and mental health consequences for the diverse populations affected by this emergency.

In the midst of the second wave of this pandemic, Butterflies has been able to address issues faced by our children and families. Our work prior to this pandemic over the last several years helped children be more prepared mentally and physically for this disastrous period. Concurrently our campaign against the sexual abuse of boys continued, supported by our valued partner NGOs in several states of India. The lockdown also witnessed Butterflies' Resilience Centre being converted into a temporary quarantine center for children (girls) recovering from Covid.

In the coming years, our thrust areas would be mental and psycho-social support, especially to children and parents who have lost their savings, support parents to get necessary legal documents, to help them access government welfare and reassure them that the worst is behind them and their best years are yet to come.

I thank all our supporters, friends and my colleagues for staying with us and for their unwavering support. We hope in the coming years the state of the world improves, people especially the most vulnerable are vaccinated and safe and we continue our work with the children who need us the most.

Till then Stay Safe, Stay Positive,

With gratitude and prayers for a safer, healthier future,

Rita Panicker



Introduction



Butterflies is a registered voluntary organisation working with vulnerable children, especially street and working children, based in Delhi. Since 1989, our rights-based, participatory, non-institutional approach seeks to educate and impart life skills to vulnerable children to become self-reliant. Butterflies has initiated many innovative interventions and partnered with various agencies to garner support for these children.

Butterflies is a member of *Family for Every Child*, a global alliance of local civil society organisations working together to improve the lives of vulnerable children around the world.

We dream of a world where every child:

Is loved and respected regardless of race, religion or caste	Is fed and clothed and housed within a caring family environment	Has free access to quality education and training in line with his or her abilities
Has free access to quality health care	Has free access to recreation and leisure	Has a voice and can speak out without fear of the consequences
Is free from exploitation and abuse	Is free from the direct and indirect effects of armed conflict and communal violence	Is free to be a child and has hope for the future.

Butterflies addresses the challenge of making the Indian Constitution and UN Convention on the Rights of the Child a reality, particularly for the most vulnerable, neglected, abused and exploited. Butterflies is committed to work towards solidarity among NGOs, Government and all Civil Society organisations, for addressing the concerns of all children.

Our Endeavour

- To listen to children and let our work be guided by their views, suggestions and feelings
- To work in partnership with the government, civil society organisations and international agencies to raise awareness of the problems which affect marginalized children everywhere









- To give vulnerable children a voice and tools to raise issues which have a bearing on their lives and to facilitate change which will enable them to become valued and productive citizens
- To make sure that such children have the opportunity to reach their full potential, whatever that may be
- To encourage today's generation of children to have the confidence, motivation and means to make the world a better place for themselves and for their own children, to influence government policies which affect children and to ensure that children's rights are integral to all political agendas.

Butterflies' goal is to continuously find approaches and strategies for working with children, in their efforts and struggles to protect their rights.

Through the Children's Cooperatives (Children's Development Khazana and Child Health & Sports Cooperative), Butterflies has a presence in 8 countries of South and Central Asia and Africa (Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Madagascar and Ghana). Within India, the Children's Cooperatives Programme operates in eight states and Union Territories - Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

Our Vision

A world where every child is loved and respected regardless of race, religion, class or caste. Is fed and clothed and housed within a caring family environment. Has free access to quality education and training in line with her or his abilities and interest. Has free access to quality health care. Has free access to right to play and leisure. Has a voice and can speak out without fear of the consequences. Is free from exploitation and abuse and from direct or indirect effects of armed conflict or communal violence. A world where every child is free to be a child and live in dignity and has a hope for future. Butterflies addresses the challenge of making the Constitution of India and UNCRC a reality, particularly for those children who are most vulnerable, neglected, abused and exploited. Butterflies is committed within its mandate to work towards solidarity among voluntary organizations, Government and all Civil Society Organisations for addressing the concerns of all children.

Our Mission

Butterflies will continue to work with the most vulnerable groups of children. To make sure that such children have the opportunities to reach their full potential, whatever that might be. To give children a voice and tools to raise issues which have a bearing on their lives and to facilitate the changes that will enable them to become valued and productive citizens. To encourage children to have confidence and motivation and means to make the world a better place for themselves and for their children. To influence government policies which affect children and to ensure that child rights are an integral part of all government political agendas. To work in partnership with international agencies to raise awareness of problems which affect marginalized children everywhere. To use the Constitution of India and UNCRC to advocate for children's rights. Butterflies' GOAL is to continuously seek approaches and strategies for working with children in their efforts and struggles in protecting their rights.



At A Glance

4,178

children benefitted directly through our health, education and life skills interventions, vocational skills training as well as our emergency helpline ChildLine and Resilience Centre 03

ChildLine services provided emergency support to 2,541 children in crisis situations located in South Delhi, South East Delhi and Nizamuddin Railway Station **850**

children enrolled into formal schools in Uttarakhand

595

children enrolled into formal schools in Delhi

787

children (461 boys & 326 girls) were in our education programme

03

advocacy and research studies completed

8,628

children are members of Children's Cooperatives

Children's Development Khazana

- 5,651 members in 13 organisations from 8 states of India
- 103 branches in 8 states of India
- Rs.13,18,418 savings
- 238 child leaders
- 140 life skills sessions conducted
- Rs. 1,06,200 given as incentives
- 92 children availed advance facility during the pandemic

Child Health and Sports Cooperatives (CHSC)

- 6 national associates
- 98 CHSCs in 5 states of India
- 2,977 members (1,574 boys and 1,403 girls)
- 764 child health educators
- 133 CHEs and 133 CSEs and 148 Buddies leaders elected and trained







Relief Intervention during the Pandemic

- 14,843 meals were served in the lockdown
- 746 food kits were distributed among the families
- 600 personal hygiene kits- masks, sanitizers and hand washing soaps were also provided to homeless families and children in the communities
- Based on a quick survey during the lockdown in May-June 2020 Butterflies identified families who had lost their source of income and were

- provided food material.
- Families who did not have government identity document were helped to obtain such documents and enrolment in public distribution system for accessing government relief.
- The members of the Child Social Protection Committee constituted by Butterflies in the communities and children actively supported and led these efforts in the communities.



The Butterflies Family is delighted to share that our Founder Rita Panicker was presented with the International Cooperative Innovation Award 2020. The award is constituted by the U.S. Overseas Cooperative Development Council to identify, recognize, and celebrate those international cooperative development innovators who continue to advance co-ops as a grassroots, sustainable business model for developing economies.

Rita didi, as she is fondly called by children and colleagues, was awarded at the 2020 Impact Conference held in Washington DC from October 5-10, which was a virtual forum, due to COVID 19 precautions. In Rita didi's words,



"This award is a recognition to all the children and adult facilitators of CDK in India and abroad who work tirelessly to bring this Khazana (treasure) to the lives of the marginalized. Thank you so much and congratulations to all."











Voices of Hope, Voices of Resilience, Voices of Togetherness... from the lockdown

Going beyond studies...

Sana

"The government announced free ration distribution. In okhla mandi area, five families did not have the ration card, due to which they could not get the ration. The children were very worried and called me and asked my help. I contacted a local government representative and he advised to register them through e-ration card which they can link through their Aadhar card. We registered them through this scheme with the help of a Child Social Protection Committee (CSPC) member which helped them get the ration."

Hassan

"Another child also narrated a similar situation where the parents are really worried about the future and sometimes get angry without any reason."

Shareef

"We have counselling
sessions with the children's
parents too. Being distressed
about the future, they too need
support. We have held discussions
with the parents on the phone
and given them tips to engage
themselves and their
children. In some families,
there is a fear of job loss,
reduced incomes, children's
education, lost savings, rent etc.
which gets reflected in
their behaviours."

Meenakshi

"Some parents are worried about their children as they are spending most of their time viewing television programmes. We advised children to play indoor games like ludo, carom and chess and to read books, make paintings and write down their experience of lockdown rather than spending time viewing television programmes. Children approach us when they find any difficulties in completing the assignments. We also advice children and parents on precautions to be followed during this crisis."

Sana- "Some parents have shared about their exhausted savings and their difficulties to get daily meals. Some of the parents are worried about their families in the village whom they cannot contact. A father of an adolescent shared that they had saved some money to repair his house in his village but now those savings are also over. Parents have spoken to me telling me that now they have no money left, whatever little they saved with them is over. And even after the lockdown ends it will be a challenge to survive as they have nothing left with them, neither money nor work."

Stories of Hope

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"Studying is an essential service too...When will we meet you, our school teacher hasn't called us even once", say some children from Hathi Park. One child called us and asked me to make a curfew pass and come and meet them. Another said that their studies also come under essential service and that our centre should be opened."

Children ask questions like – "Bhaiyya what should we do in this lock down. We are very upset. We can't come to the contact point and we are not able to study". "Bhaiya lock down khulwa do na. Mera bhai gaon mai phasa hua hai (brother please open this lockdown, my brother is stuck in the village)". "Bhaiya aap hamari kitni fikr karte ho, kisi school teacher ne aaj tak call nahi kia lekin aapne 3-4 bar call kia (brother you care so much for us, our school teacher has not even called us once)". Another child Karan said "meri colony mai kuch log bechare khana lene bhagte hain unhe dekhkr bura lagta hai mann karta hai ki mai kuch unki madat karun (I feel so sad when I see much poorer and less fortunate than me in my neighborhood running for food. I wish I could help them)."

We keep reminding them how to protect themselves from Corona Virus. We try to console them that they will meet their friends soon, their school will take a favourable decision. Perhaps, some fast tracking approach to complete the syllabus and exams. Children agree...









Street Education Programme

The street education programme is a unique non-institutional approach of empowering street and working children in the city of Delhi in places like bus terminals, railway stations, market places, parks. Through 8 contact points in Delhi (Chandni Chowk, Haathi Park, Kashmiri Gate, INA Market, Sadar Bazar, Jama Masjid, Nizamuddin Dargah, Okhla) it reaches out to more than 1,000 children on a daily basis.

Year in Review

787 children (461 boys & 326 girls) were in our programme	595 children enrolled into formal schools	06 schools have Butterflies in their SMCs
319 home visits made	111 Bal Sabhas conducted	183 community visits made
86 life skill sessions have been conducted	11 students have joined the university	96 Child Social Protection Committee meetings held





Ocean in a Desert

A few years ago, Butterflies set up communitybased participatory structures to prevent violence against children. The result is a Child Social Protection Committee (CSPC) comprised of parents, children, local government representatives (such as police officers and social workers) and teachers. The CSPC members are trained by the staff to collectively identify potential risks to vulnerable children and families buffeted by stressful domestic, educational, and civil/legal situations, of which the COVID19 pandemic is an unprecedented example. We've seen in Asha's profile what one savvy, skilled and dedicated CSPC committee member can accomplish. Here's how the six members of the CSPC — five women and a lone male responsible for the sprawling settlement called the Gandhi Camp in South East Delhi collectively responded to the virus.

The Gandhi Camp is adjacent to the Okhla wholesale vegetable market where the majority of inhabitants are migrant workers living with their children in small rooms with no running water and access to nearby public toilets. Working youth living independently from families are among the laborers who make a pittance in the market as porters, cart pullers, and vegetable sorters. Some adults venture further afield to unskilled construction jobs or domestic positions in private residences.

The COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent overnight lockdown cut off their meager livelihoods. Add fear of the virus in crammed quarters to the stressors, and we see why so many workers of rural origin were set to return to their villages even though this entailed walking hundreds of miles in the heat.

Enter the Child Social Protection Committee (CSPC) whose Butterflies-trained members have been trained, for the past six years, to develop analytical, organizational, and communication

skills, as well as trust-building empathy so that they could devise timely interventions for their community. The most effective actions that bubbled up from their cooperation include:

- Identification of TWO immediate priorities, i.e. the provision of daily meals for the most vulnerable families and the sanitisation and safety of the community public toilets
- Field work to determine where to focus. As one CSPC member, himself poor and uneducated, told the Butterflies Child Rights Advocate, "When we started contacting families, we realized that the number is huge. People also started approaching us with a lot of expectations. It took some time to find those in the most distressed situations who were not receiving any relief".
- Registration of 122 families facing acute food shortages in the Public Distribution System for emergency relief assistance. Armed with the resultant e-ration cards, these destitute family units were eligible to pick up dried bulk rations distributed by NGOs such as Butterflies.
- Containment of Population- Enrolment in the government relief system not only staved off starvation. It tamped down the exodus panic that had initially propelled day workers to try to reach their village homes on foot by walking hundreds of miles without food and water. As a result, thousands more migrants sheltered in place.
- Localized Public Health Messages Using the gathering venue of the common public toilet complex, the CSPC members also organized regular public announcements on the importance of sanitisation and hygiene in lessening the potential risk of virus transmission. Messaging was expanded to re-enforce the importance of keeping children — even masked — socially distanced when they left their room.
- Organization of online academic classes for children- CSPC committee members helped promote Butterflies' Child Rights Advocates' (CRAs) efforts using mobile phones to help









- children complete school assignments, produce stories and art, and drill for exams by staging virtual General Knowledge Competitions, etc.
- Maintenance of Positive Community
 Relationships CSPC members have demanded,
 yes, that responsible government agencies keep
 their migrant camp safe and clean. But they have
 also, wisely, mounted informal campaigns to
 acknowledge the efforts of government workers.
 As one CSPC member put it "the government
 workers, specially sanitation staff, are highly
 burdened these days but whenever we contacted

them, they were always ready to come and sanitize our toilet complexes. We should show our appreciation to them".

One huge deliverable this Committee mobilization achieved is that the experience of intervention in a crisis of such scale and magnitude has boosted the confidence of CSPC members. Hence, the reflection of one of the more proactive CSPC participants, Shubham, who said, "we are also facing the same crisis in our lives – no money, no food at home, no work. In these situations, we realise how our small support is important for others".

Sana, the Butterflies' CRA who liaises with the Okhla CSPC, created an apt metaphor to describe their collective action. "What they did may be a drop in the big ocean of relief work, but even a drop can create ripples and even the ocean would have been lesser without that drop. And for those 122 families, their help meant an ocean in a desert of insecurity and helplessness".



Mobile Schools



Butterflies' Mobile Schools Programme, known as Mobile Learning Centre (MLC) reaches out to children in the remotest areas of Delhi to bring out of school children in the education net by providing quality education till the last mile. Currently the two mobile schools visit Nizamuddin Dargah, Sadar Bazar, Okhla Mandi, Kashmere Gate, Haathi Park and Chandni Chowk.

In Uttarakhand, Butterflies under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Uttarakhand State Government Education Department (Sarva Shikshya Abhiyan) runs a government programme called Sapno Ki Udaan. The programme reaches out to children in the remotest areas of Uttarakhand to bring out of school children and children affected by disasters in the education net by providing quality education till the last mile. Two mobile schools in Uttarakhand are operational in 3 districts of Uttarakhand (Udham Singh Nagar, Haridwar and Dehradun).













Intervention in Uttarakhand

In Uttarakhand, Butterflies under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Samagrah Siksha Abhiyan, Government of Uttarakhand, is supporting out of school children to prepare themselves and join formal schools.

Using multipurpose mobile schools with teaching learning material and educators, the programme reaches out to out of school children in urban areas of Dehradun, Haridwar and Uddham Singh Nagar to bring them in the education net by providing quality education till the last mile.

Children of migrant families, children dropped out of schools or never enrolled are provided learning support for a year at Non Residential Special Training Centres (NRSTCs) in these districts and mainstreamed in formal schools at age appropriate levels.

The programme contributes significantly to ensure the objectives of the Right to Education in the state of Uttarakhand.

Along with academic teaching learning, children also learn life skills though Bal Sabhas, health sessions and creative activities such as arts and crafts, poetry writing, daily newspaper reading. The mobile schools are well equipped with a laptop, library and play material for children.

Parents meetings are organised regularly in order to share the progress of children and also inform them about different schemes and programmes for children and families.



Year in Review

850 children (399 boys & 451 girls) were mainstreamed into formal school.

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
1	99	95	194
2	135	142	277
3	57	94	151
4	45	42	87
5	39	31	70
6	21	44	65
7	2	2	4
8	1	1	2
Total	399	451	850

Interventions during corona pandemic

- Community visits to help children for their security and education
- Dry ration to needy families
- Stationery to all children to continue studies
- Online and door to door education for children















Childrens Development Khazana (CDK)





Conceptualized and initiated by Butterflies in 2001, as a vehicle to empower street and working children, Children's Development Khazana (CDK) is a life skills education programme, educating children and adolescents financial management & democratic values. Children of the age group of 9-18 years are the members of CDK which is now present in six countries in Asia (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India) and two countries in Africa (Ghana and Madagascar). In India it is operational in eight states and Union Territories - Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

At a Glance

- 8 countries
- 10 international partners and 12 national partners
- 5,651 members in 13 organisations from 8 states of India
- 103 branches in 8 states of India
- Rs.13,18,418 savings
- 238 child leaders
- 140 life skills sessions conducted
- 157 parents reached through 10 meetings
- Rs. 1,06,200 given as incentives
- 92 children availed advance facility during the pandemic



Session on Budgeting & Finance for Parents



Atmanirbhar (self-reliant), the CDK way

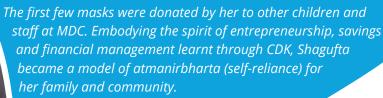
How learning one skill helped a family survive the lockdown

Shagufta
was learning tailoring
when the lockdown struck on 25th
March 2020, suspending all non-essential
activities. For some life slowed down, for some like
Shagufta Parveen it was a new challenge of daily food.
Fortunately, being a member of Children's Development
Khazana (CDK), at Mahila Development Centre, Muzaffarpur,
Bihar helped her find a way out of this situation too.

Shagufta (18 years), used to learn stitching clothes at a shop after school. As the pandemic struck with the consequent lockdown, essentials were getting over, so was the confidence of people. Shagufta approached the shop (where she used to practice stitching) which also was facing the heat of the lockdown, with her idea to stitch and sell masks to earn some money for herself and her family. The shop owner told Shagufta that she could use the machine, if she can arrange the money (3000 INR) to buy raw materials for the masks.

Shagufta immediately checked her savings in her CDK Passbook and having only half the required amount reached out to two other members, who contributed their savings too.

Purchasing the raw materials, Shagufta took the sewing machine and started her journey of making masks which were one of the much sought-after commodities in the market. Ever since she began (two months ago), she has been able to stitch and sell 300 masks which helped her family survive the lockdown.













Child Health and Sports



Cooperative (CHSC)

Child Health & Sports Co-operative (CHSC) is a unique initiative which began in the year 1995 as a Child Health Cooperative. One of the key objectives of CHSC is to promote safe and healthy living among children and communities. The cooperative is based on the principle that through collective action children can collectively advocate for services.

Child Health Educators (CHE) of CHSC are promoters and grassroots health educators among their peers and community. Every year, selected children undergo training which includes administering first aid, addressing minor health issues and hospital visits to understand the functioning of hospitals.

In 2019, the mandate of CHC was broadened, to include mental health and a sports component to the health cooperative, it is known as Child Health and Sports Cooperative (CHSC). Today, the health cooperative works on holistic health for all its members and families. The CHSC has buddies who are the focal points a member (child) can reach out when he or she has a problem, is unhappy about something. The Buddy is trained in basic communication and counselling skills and is able to reach out to a friend and support the person to get in touch with the adult counsellorsocial case worker if the issue is serious and

needs an intervention. The Sports Educator, who organizes play and sports for the members, sees to it that it is inclusive and ensures children with disabilities are involved in all play and games including team sports. Butterflies, uses sports as a tool for emotional wellbeing of the child. Play and sports, helps in improving both physical and emotional health.

The mission of the Child Health & Sports Cooperative is to educate every poor child on the importance of safe and healthy living which would help them to stay healthy and reduce their vulnerability to preventable illnesses, thereby saving them from medical expenses and further poverty.

In New Delhi, India, Butterflies runs a curative component of CHSC which includes a wellequipped mobile health van with a doctor and nurse visiting all contact points on a weekly basis to provide medical treatment to children in need.

At a Glance-

06 national associates	98 CHSCs in 5 states of India	764 child health educators
2,977 members (1,574 boys and 1,403 girls)	49 sports events and meetings conducted	34 collective actions undertaken

133 CHEs and 133 CSEs and 148 Buddies leaders elected and trained

- 399 parents reached through 19 meetings
- 12 Health Bulletins issued during the pandemic to sensitise children and parents
- 6 videos developed and disseminated focusing on health and safety during the pandemic



"I particularly found the session on Covid-19 and health bulletin on How to wear a mask useful. After listening to the session, I made wearing of mask mandatory for all my cohelpers, customers visiting the shop I work at. I would ask all the customers and even the people sitting outside our shops to leave if found not wearing a mask."

-Mrs. Pooja Mathur (parent).



Collective Action by JKSMS, a partner Organisation in Rajasthan





Awareness program by Pratigya, Jharkhand



Drain being built as a result of children's collective action



News bulletins









Being Ahead of the Game

Long before the COVID-19 pandemic -Butterflies trained Child Health Educators in India's most marginalized communities to promote safe and healthy practices to their peers and other vulnerable kids. Read how Prachi shared the "correct way of washing hands" and the "importance of clean surroundings" years in advance to promote healthy and safe living and forestall the spread of disease causing viruses. Child Health Educators (CHE), are one of the important child facilitators of Child Health & Sports Cooperative (CHSC) and are promoters and grassroots health educators among their peers. Every year, selected children undergo training which includes administering first aid, addressing minor health issues and hospital visits to understand the functioning of hospitals. Prachi is one

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such CHE who was elected a few years ago. During her tenure she proactively organized weekly sessions on health issues and also led a collective action on cleanliness and proper disposal of garbage in her locality. Here's how she carried her training as a CHE into her own neighborhood during the lockdown.

Prachi (15-years old) lives with her mother and two siblings in a rented accommodation in Sadar Bazar, Old Delhi. She is smart, intelligent and a natural leader, a perfect student of any teacher. Prachi was studying in grade 7, when she first joined Butterflies' education programme in 2017. What caught her attention was the health sessions especially the philosophy behind CHSC (being responsible for not just one's health but others' health too).

In her own words, "after joining CHSC, I attended many sessions on dengue, malaria, balanced-diet, life style diseases, personal hygiene, dehydration. But I was particularly influenced by the sessions on personal hygiene, cleanliness, and sanitation. The information shared during these sessions made me understand the importance of adopting good hygiene practices. Though I was doing it before but I wasn't doing it regularly. But gradually things changed and I started following good hygiene practices regularly with my family."

Prachi was elected CHE in 2018 and during her tenure she proactively organized weekly sessions on health issues and also led a collective action on cleanliness and proper disposal of garbage in her locality. People in her neighbourhood would dump garbage all over the street. Prachi raised this issue in the Bal Sabha and along with other CHSC members pasted posters in the neighbourhood and spoke to the shopkeepers

and the residents about the importance of cleanliness. As a result shopkeepers assured the children that both they and their customers will properly dispose the garbage in the area.

In this Covid-19 lockdown, Prachi and her family are strictly maintaining their sanitation and hygiene habits and encouraging others too. "I am continuing to use the knowledge gained during the sessions like frequent hand washing (seven steps taught by didi for full 20 seconds), keeping common surfaces and our houses clean. We used to keep our house clean to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes and to protect ourselves against Dengue and Malaria but now we do it more rigorously. We now even wash or clean things we buy from outside such as grocery items, medicines, etc. Objects or areas that we would clean every few months or weeks, we now try to clean every day or every few days. We know that the only key to keeping one safe from this virus is personal hygiene and cleanliness. Another thing that my family has adopted is the policy of 'no outside food.' Earlier I would avoid outside food to stay healthy but now we are doing it to keep ourselves safe from the virus as well", says a confident Prachi.

With proper education and awareness on health and hygiene, children can become advocates of health and hygiene and be responsible not just for themselves but for others' health too.

Resilience Centre And Childline





Butterflies Resilience Centre is a licensed shelter home for boys licensed under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000, as amended in 2006. It has a capacity to accommodate 15 children who stay 24X7 in the Resilience Centre until their restoration with parents or transfer to long-term children's home. Since its inception, the Resilience Centre has been providing care, protection and restoration service to a number of children in distress. The Resilience Centre also houses the CHILDLINE (1098), which is a national toll free helpline for children in crisis supported by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India. Psychosocial, medical and legal support are also provided to children in crisis. Considering the Child's Right to Family as imperative, maximum efforts are made by the team to link the children with their families. A high number of children are restored from the resilience centre every year after home study/ social investigation.

Year in Review-

- 2,541 children were provided assistance
- 149 children were facilitated to lodge police complaints
- 48 children were rescued from child labour and assisted to get their lawful compensation
- 45 children were restored to their families
- 15 children were rescued from child marriage
- 30 children were placed in the de-addiction center
- 195 children's parents/Relatives/ Neighbours approached the helpline to provide the

- institutional care facility to the children. 68 children were placed in CCI
- 22 children were facilitated in completing their school admission process.
- 45 children were assisted in resolving the issues with the school management
- 181 children who were unaccompanied in different circumstances
- 134 children's family were traced and restored to them
- 47 children were placed in CCI









- 23 children and their parents were helped to get the movement passes during lockdown to reach their native places.
- 16 children and parents were guided about the sources that from where they can get the immunization of the infant.

Child Protection & Mental Health Programme

Butterflies' Child Protection & Mental Health Programme (CPMH) exists to build the capacities of children and communities, to create a supportive environment for the children to lead a mentally healthy life and to prevent and respond to violence against children.

Year in Review-

- 8 Child Social Protection Committees (CSPCs) active
- 85 members in CSPCs (51 parents, 5 SMC members, 4 community members, 7 shopkeepers, 2 government functionaries and 16 child/adolescent representatives)
- 56 meetings and 5 review-cum planning meetings held
- 31 collective actions undertaken
- 30 capacity building sessions held for Butterflies' staff and partner organisations
- 41 life skill sessions conducted on topics like self-esteem, substance use, building and maintaining healthy relationship, behaviour that hurts: anger management, problem solving, and understanding CSA and POCSO
- 144 parents reached through workshops on non-violent communication, anger management, and career guidance for children
- 6 video lessons produced and disseminated during the lockdown





Hope Knows No Limits

How ONE Child Social Protection Committee Member Multiplied Butterflies' Food Relief Efforts

The following profile of a remarkable woman called Asha (whose name in Hindi means 'hope') is an apt, timely example of how Butterflies uses collaborative structures — like the Child

Social Protection Committee (CSPC)—to gather collective input that helps street and working children develop initiative and self-reliance.







Over the past six years, as a CSPC member, Asha spotted vulnerable street children and helped them get enrolled in state schools while referring them to Butterflies for programmes ranging from the education cooperative at the contact points to cooperatives such as the Children's Development Khazana, the Child Health and Sports Cooperative, and the Butterflies Broadcasting Children (BBC).

Then the pandemic hit. Asha has, in true Butterflies spirit, listened to the children's expressed needs during COVID19. She then determined what she could do with Butterflies to help. This is the inspiring result.

Asha lives near the historic Jama Masjid in Old Delhi where for generations the homeless have worked as porters and street vendors. After a day's punishing labor, they sleep on congested streets once the few public night shelters fill up or travel back to their villages at night. When the virus erupted, the government imposed its draconian lockdown, sealing the crowded, unhygienic area to control the movement of humans viewed as potential virus transmitters. At this point, people did not know what to do, where to go.

Though providing relief services to this population was risky business, when the strict curfew prevented other members of the CSPC to venture from sheltering in place, Asha was determined. She visited the local police station, obtained permission to visit the sealed areas, and walked the alleys only to learn that some daily laborers, including working kids, lacked essential materials for survival. The government distributed rations but many stranded labourers lacked cooking facilities. As one CSPC member said, "When Asha ji came to me and asked what

we could do to support each other and children working in the market, I said that I could offer cooking gas because we had an extra cylinder".

Given her CSPC role, Asha's primary focus has been the children who work in tool shops or the market, living independently on the pavement after work. At the start of the precipitous sequestration and railway shutdown, Asha was preparing simple sustenance meals for some of these trapped kids. But her heroic effort was not sustainable both because her husband lost his job — the only source of family income — and because of the increasing scale of the hungry. Alerted to this situation, Butterflies' School of Culinary and Catering (BSCC) staff stepped in to provide prepared cooked lunches for these homeless children and adults.

When a few Corona-positive cases were detected, the quarantined tightened. BSCC altered its feeding scheme to provide raw food grains, dried legumes, spices, and oil instead of perishable packaged meals. This is when Asha, identified and contacted roughly 80 families in the most critical situations; provided space in her small one room home for safe storage of the bulk rations; mobilized the local police to manage distribution of the Butterflies' relief supplies; and matched working youth and adults living without families to form groups and cook meals together.

Hear this humble woman view her association with our child rights NGO not as a burden but as a privilege. "My association with Butterflies has given me a great opportunity to learn about people's lives, their emotions, their difficulties, their challenges. I used to observe their situations from a distance but now I understand their lives better. I would never be able to do it otherwise"









Alliance





Delhi Child Rights Club

The 'Delhi Child Rights Club' was initiated by Butterflies on Human Rights Day 10 December 1998. Butterflies invited children associated with NGOs working with children in Delhi for becoming members of the club. With adult's failure to protect children's rights in Delhi, the children took it upon themselves to ensure action to promote and protect their rights. Children pledged to form a citywide "Delhi Child Rights Club" as one mechanism where-by they could work together towards creation of a child safe and friendly city. This Club enables children in Delhi to meet together to find ways to increase awareness and action about children's rights. Moreover, the Club seeks recognition as a forum of children who should be consulted whenever city policies or decisions are being made that affect them. DCRC has a core group, which has three child representatives from each DCRC member NGO. This core group meets once in a month to share their issues and plan their activities. Through discussions, workshops, drama, songs and games DCRC members share their experiences, plan and undertake actions (awareness campaigns, rallies and programmes) which promote their rights. DCRC members also conduct studies on issues concerning their lives and share it with decision makers and the media.

Year in Review-

- 71 children from 12 organizations participated in an online DCRC drawing and poetry competition
- 177 children from 14 organizations participated in an online Art & Craft competition themed on creating craft with the help of waste/unused materials
- 52 children from 14 organizations participated in an online science exhibition
- Webinar on New Education Policy 2020 with our NAGN & DCRC partners conducted by Dr. Ajit Mohanty (Retired Professor of Psychology-JNU and Eminent Educationist), Dr. Daisy Narain (Retired Professor of History-Patna University and member of several of several Government bodies, Eminent Educationist)

- and moderated by Ms..Zarin Gupta (Psychotherapist, Chairperson and founding trustee of Salaam Balaak Trust, Mumbai).
- 5 issues of Delhi Childrens Times were prepared and were circulated among the Alliance partners.







National Alliance of Grassroots NGOs

National Alliance of Grassroots NGOs (NAGN) is a network of grassroots organizations committed to the protection of children's rights. NAGN is based on a shared vision and common understanding on the issues concerning children to build solidarity for the cause of children and move forward unitedly to ensure effective action at the grassroots level for the protection of children's rights. One organization in each state takes responsibility of the state level coordination as State Convener of the Alliance.

Year in Review-

- 6 issues of NAGN e- newsletter were prepared and were circulated among the Alliance partners
- Technical support to Mahila Development Centre, a partner organization in Bihar was provided to institutionalize Children's Councils (Bal Sabhas) in their programmes.





Alliance News

ember- December 2020

In This Issue

- Initiatives and actions of our NAGN Alliance partners
- · Changes in norms for charitable insti-80G and 12A/12AA
- . The impact of Covid -19 and the pol-
- Impact of COVID-19 and lockdown on mental health of children and adoles

We are happy to share November – December 2020 issue of the NAGN e-newsletter. The key objectives of this e-newsletter is to share significant information on child rights issues and to provide a platform where Alliinformation on child rights issues and to provide a platform where Alvanace members could share their initiatives, innovations and social actions for mutual learning. Hope you will find the articles selected for the newsletter useful and informative. We are requesting all members to send write-ups on their initiatives, innovations and social actions for publishing in this e- newsletter. NAGN members' write-ups will enhance our knowledge and facilitate collective learning.

Sincerely yours,

Moushumi Baruah National Coordinator

Initiatives and actions of our NAGN Alliance partners

- Salaam Balaak Trust (Mumbai)- On 3rd December 2020, on account of International Day of Persons with Disabilities ,UNESCO & IIC had present Ms.Zarin Gupta work with children in India & abroad with performing artist from 20 Countries
- by Panchayat and Block Level Child Protection Committee in the Auditorium Building of Muraul Block, Mr. Ranjit Kumar Secretary- Amar Trishala Seva Ashram Instructor, Block Development Officer, Circle Officer, Block, Chief Medical Officer, Education Officer, Child Development Project Officer and Public Representative and Women Development Secretary Paramahansa Prasad Singh lit the lamp and participate actively in the orientation programme.
- Pratigya (Jharkhand)- Mr.Ajay from Pratigya was awarded *Sewa Samma 2020* by All India Small and Medium Journalist Welfare Association for its $efforts\ and\ contribution\ towards\ Covid-19\ relief\ responses.\ The\ token\ of\ appreciation$ ciation was given in the presence of Shri Badal Patralekh (Hon'ble Agricultur Minister), Shri Sudesh Mahto (Ex-Vice CM of Jharkhand), Shri Rajesh Kachhap (Khiiri MLA). Srimati Asha Lakra (Mayor of Ranchi).
- Mr.Ajay from Pratigya was awarded *Sewa Samman 2020













Research, Training And Advocacy Centre



The Research, Training and Advocacy Centre (RTA) at Butterflies is the knowledge hub of the organization that conducts scientific (participatory) researches, trainings on issues of children & childhood and advocacy activities for influencing the state and other stakeholders in transforming the lives of children and their families thereby striving to ensure a safe and protective environment for them. The RTA was set up recognizing the need to evolve and improve our programme interventions with children and families in order to respond to the rapid changes in socio-economic, technological and political situations of our country and the world.

Studies and Publications-

Breaking the Silence- Sexual Violence against Boys in India- This study focuses on perspectives and childhood sexual experiences of boys in the context of masculinities and sexuality. Mapping the interventions of government as well non-governmental organizations, it further examines different practices and challenges faced in the process of addressing the issues emanating from the dominant notions of masculinities and sexuality in the context of India.

Desk Review on Sexual Violence against Boys- The purpose of this desk review is to engage with Media professional/ journalists on sensitive and ethical reporting of sexual violence against children, especially boys and draw some lessons that could inform a future policy and implementation strategy. Through this study, Butterflies aim to help journalists reflect on the gaps, issues and ethical considerations about child protection while reporting cases of sexual violence and make people go beyond labels and see who the child is.



Study initiated to gauge the impact of Covid among families in Delhi



Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering



A two year vocational training programme in food preparation and catering for teenagers, Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering (BSCC) has proved to be a great institution wherein teenagers above the age of 17 years quickly learn important skills like decision making, leadership, teamwork, management, entrepreneurship, communication, etiquette and discipline. Our expert training involves teaching different cuisines, nutrition, packaging, distribution and marketing and financial management skills. In addition we also impart life skills to holistically enable these teenagers enter the hospitality sector as complete professionals, comparable to graduates from world class institutes. BSCC focuses its training on imbibing students with entrepreneurial qualities so that they get good jobs in leading hotels or even start their own ventures. Our school has all the basic necessities for practical training, a coordinator, professional nutritionist, and a chef from registered hotel management institute, an assistant chef, a supervisor/instructor and one NIOS educator.

Year in Review-

- 14,843 meals prepared in the kitchen of Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering and distributed
- 746 food kits distributed among the families.
- 600 personal hygiene kits also provided to homeless families and children in the communities.
- Water bottles provided with a packet of glucose solution (ORS) to people walking back to their villages during the lockdown











A Call beyond Duty, to Drive, to Serve...

A call beyond duty... "I know what hunger is, I myself was a street child once."



Bhawan Singh, Chef, BSCC-"I know what is hunger, I myself was a street child once. I don't want any other child to go hungry anymore. The lockdown had begun and I had almost reached my village in Uttarakhand when I received a call from office

to come back to help prepare and serve meals. I turned back and began my journey back to Delhi. By then buses had stopped plying, vehicles had already started refusing to take anyone anywhere out of fear of the virus. I started walking back, and after sometime managed to board a truck bound for Delhi, I reached the outskirts of Delhi and had to get off due to the heavy checking by police. I walked again and boarded another truck to south Delhi. I then walked again to our kitchen at BSCC (Butterflies School of Culinary & Catering) in Malviya Nagar. I never felt upset as this was my duty; it's the least I can contribute to my fellow brethren who are staring at a bleak future, without job, money or food."

passes. We then set off to the most affected areas, where most of our children were left without food, a roof or their jobs. Our priority was to reach the children first. The first day was overwhelming, seeing the gratefulness in their eyes on seeing us coming to them with food gave me more satisfaction than anything else. They were treating us like an angel or something. I can't explain how it touched me and we came back even more determined."

Staying back to serve...



Readying the next meal

Madhav, Pappu and Chand, our kids at BSCC decided to stay back and help in the meal preparation and distribution. Masked and gloved the whole BSCC led by Bhawan Singh got together to serve the hungry and the forgotten, the homeless children, adults and families, where once they too belonged.

Driving to give life...



Getting ready for his next trip

Rishi, Driver, Food Van, BSCC- "I have been driving the food van to our catering events often. But this time it was different. This time I was catering to stop hunger, to serve food to the hungry who may have not eaten for many days. I had to first apply for a curfew pass for the food van. Oli sir helped us get the

Children's Media





Butterflies children's media is an alternate media program to educate children with the new media technologies and as a life skill education to express themselves through different media platforms. This media program gives space to children to create their own media productions and train them to bring out their unheard voice into the general public. The children's media comprises of Butterflies Broadcasting Children, Children's Theatre and Children's Newspaper. The objective of the children's media program is to provide children with a platform of communication, to equip them with the practical knowledge and skills in the new media technologies, and make them self-confident and articulate in expressing their own ideas and views in the general public, as a life skill education and path way to find their own field of interest.

Year in Review

- 5 issues of Delhi Children's Times were published and disseminated in this period carrying articles written by children on a range of issues affecting their world.
- 20 episodes of children's radio programme ('Bachon Ki Nazar Se- Through the Eyes of a Child') were produced and broadcast by Butterflies Broadcasting Children through All

India Radio FM station. Major topics covered by children were Corona virus (Covid -19), migrant workers/daily wage earners, Online education & safety, Stress management, Communicable diseases, Immunity, Bullying, Special children, Yoga and Meditation, Women Empowerment, Independence Day, Drug Addiction, Child Trafficking, marriage & abuse, Anger Management, Gender Equality, Bullying, and Plastic - its use and effects in our life.















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- · Misereor, Germany
- · Comic Relief, UK
- · Azim Premji Foundation, India
- · Human Dignity Foundation, Ireland
- · Family for Every Child
- · Butterflies USA Inc
- Childline India Foundation (Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India)
- Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Department of Education, Government of Uttarakhand
- · Government of Delhi
- · Juvenile Justice Board, New Delhi
- Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS)
- Council for Social Development
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- NASSCOM Foundation
- · Online Giving Foundation
- Benevity
- US Overseas Cooperative Development Council

Corporate Support

- · Tata Trent Mumbai
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- · Sapient, Gurgaon
- · Punjab National Bank
- JW Marriott Hotel, New Delhi
- Pusa Institute of Hotel Management, New Delhi

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- Kaartikeya Chauhan
- John Deiner
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- Christoph Keller
- Stephan Neuhaus-Kiefel
- · Presentation Convent School, Delhi
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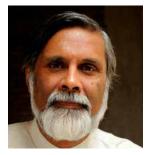
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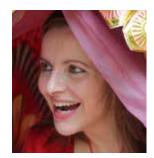
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FORM NO. 10B

(See Rule 17B)

Audit Report under section 12A (b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in the case of charitable or religious trusts or institutions

We have examined the balance sheet of BUTTERFLIES AAAAB0109L [name and PAN of the trust or institution] as at 31/03/2021 and the Profit and loss account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said trust or institution

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above-named trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper Returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us subject to the comments given below:

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us the said accounts give a true and fair view: -

- in the case of the balance sheet of the state of affairs of the above-named trust as at 31/03/2021
- in the case of the profit and loss account, of the profit or loss of its accounting year ending on 31/03/2021

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

Place :NEW DELHI Date : 08/11/2021

UDIN: 21088416AAAACK6020

For ANUBHA AND RAMAN Chartered Accountants

> (RAMAN BHATIA) PARTNER

Membership No: 088416 Registration No: 009944N



NEW DELHI







BUTTERFLIES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31,2021

	Schedule	As at 31.03.2021 Rs.	As at 31.03.2020 Rs.
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Corpus Fund Reserves & Surplus Donor Reserve Fund	A B C	2,900,000 82,339,715 24,512,371	2,900,000 73,729,502 22,537,694
Loan funds			
TOTAL	_	109,752,086	99,167,196
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Investment		-	-
Fixed Assets Net Block	D	62,481,785	60,134,670
Current Assets, Loans and Advances	E _	62,481,785	60,134,670
Cash & Bank Balances Other Current Assets		45,414,651 7,579,161	39,820,131 6,224,166
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NOTES FORMING PART OF ACCOUNTS

As per our report of even date attached herein

NEW DELHI

For Anubha & Raman

Chartered Accountants

FRN: 009944N

CA Raman Bhatia

Partner M No. 088416 Place : New Delhi

Date :08/11/2021 UDIN: 21088416 AAAACK6020

For Butterflies

Dr. Saju Paracka Poulose

Chairperson

Ms. Rita Panicker Pinto

Director



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Partner M No. 088416 Place : New Delhi

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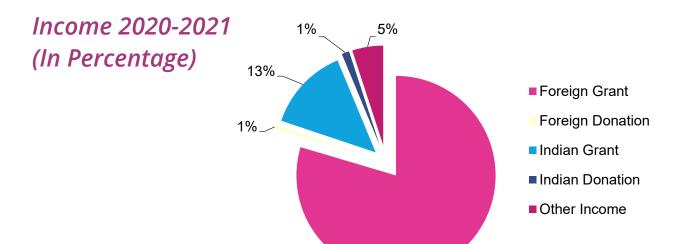
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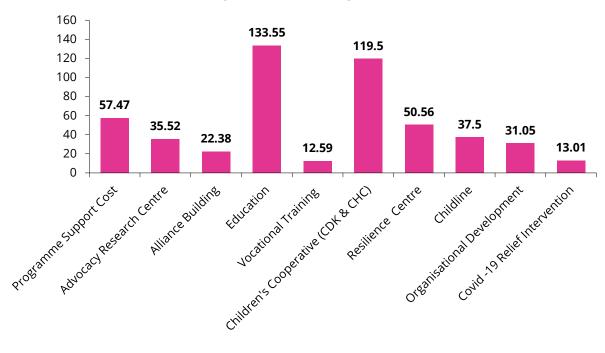






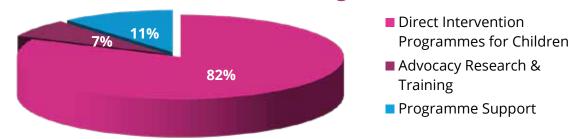


Expenditure 2020-2021 (In INR Lacs)



80%

Expenditure 2020-2021 (In Percentage)







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