

**CONCERN**<sup>®</sup>  
INDIA FOUNDATION

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

# Annual Report



**2021- 22**



- EDUCATION
- HEALTH
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# Financial Statement

## ABRIDGED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS ON 31.3.2022

Particulars	(In Rs crores)
Establishment Expenses	3.18
Legal and Professional Charges	0.08
Audit Fees	0.02
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Depreciation	0.05
Expenditure on Objects of the Trust	46.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.82</b>
Interest	1.85
Donations in Cash or Kind	49.57
Profit on redemption of Mutual Funds	0.87
Income Tax Refund	0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.29</b>
Earmarked amount to be utilised in 2021-22 for objects of the Trust	2.47

## ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR END 31.3.2021

Liabilities	(In Rs crores)
Corpus Funds	5.99
Income & Expenditure A/C	31.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.38</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Fixed assets	0.16
Investments	13.66
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Less: Current Liabilities	23.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.38</b>

Summarised from financial statements audited by M/s Y. K. Bhagwagar & Co., Chartered Accountants.  
Dated: 02 September, 2022 at Mumbai.

### Concern India Foundation is working towards addressing 9 of 17 Sustainable Development Goals.





“ Education is the basic tool for the development of consciousness and the reconstitution of society  
*-Mahatma Gandhi* ”



Reached 11,743 children

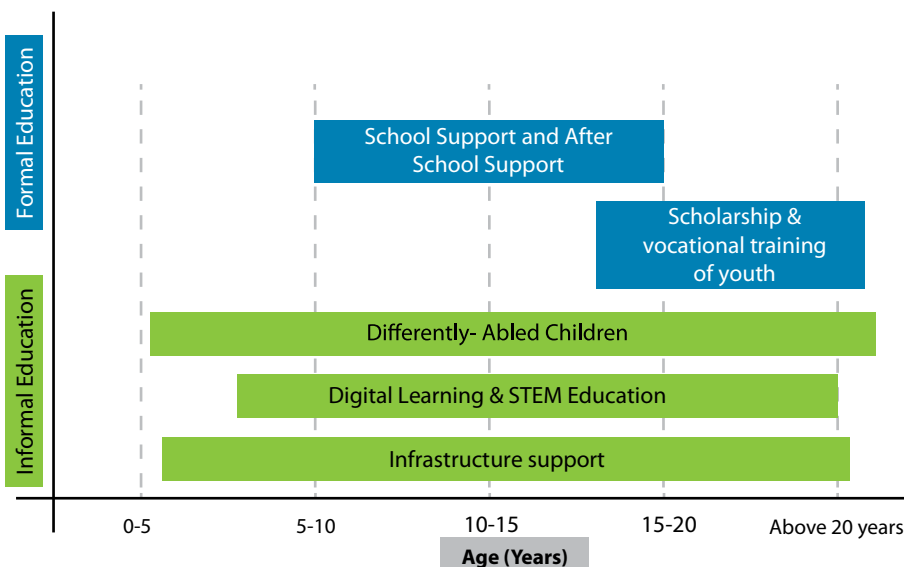
In the last two years, with the advent of the pandemic, the number of students dropping out in India stands at 24 million students as projected by the UN report 2020. Education inequality has increased many folds. The bottom end has poor access to education and faces difficulties in achieving the designed outcomes. We support education programmes across India focusing on children from underprivileged and vulnerable communities:

- of migrant labour
- of daily wage earners
- of construction workers
- orphans and abandoned children
- specially abled and
- slum children.

## Children reached through Educational Projects

Cities	Girls	Boys	Total beneficiaries reached
Delhi	2083	1960	4043
Mumbai	804	1132	1936
Pune	2616	996	3612
Hyderabad & Telangana	753	701	1454
Bangalore	348	350	698
<b>Total</b>	<b>6604</b>	<b>5139</b>	<b>11743</b>

## Framework for Education Intervention



### Sustainability efforts

- Training Teachers and capacity building for parents
- Technical expertise & STEM education
- Mainstreaming children in formal schools



## Strengthening social building capacity in schools:

- **5 Anganwadi Centers** and **10 low income & Government Middle & High Schools** were renovated and refurbished benefitting over **3,000 students**. They have reported an increase in new admissions post the renovation. The refurbishments included renovating classrooms, flooring, changing doors, windows, electrification, ensuring regular water supply, piping, plastering, painting, building kitchens, eating areas, clean drinking water facility, provision for classrooms and teachers.
- **20 toilet blocks** and **5 toilets** were renovated and built in with 24-hours water connection, electricity and other amenities.
- **2 STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) labs** were established through digital learning and **3,038 students** benefitted from **science labs**.



## Building the Future

- Under career guidance **6,948 youth** attended sessions and **1,774 students** underwent digital literacy training sessions in computer labs setup in schools and mobile buses.
- Vocational Training: **314 youth** were trained in vocational skills of IT, retail, packaging, out of which and 65% are now employed. **98 youth** with disability were provided vocational training of which 80% are employed.



Concern India Foundation has been making a difference in every way possible. Thank you for the excellent work carried out in uplifting under-privileged children. By providing opportunities to needy children, Concern is investing in a better future for our country. Best wishes to them, to continue reaching out to children who need them the most.

*-Jyoti Kakar, on-ground partner coordinator*



## Engagement of Teachers and Allied Staff

Teachers, educationalists, therapists are the backbone of any education program. They play a crucial role in building the future of the children. Concern supports salaries of teachers and allied staff to ensure continuity and sustainability in programs ensuring quality access for underprivileged and marginalised students.

- In our programs across the country, a total of 192 teachers, therapists and support staff worked hard offline and online to provide and ensure inclusive education.
- Teacher training sessions were conducted in all projects to build capacity and continue the hybrid model of teaching.

“ Children are happy to have a good surrounding and beautiful school building and this has uplifted the entire space. We would like to express our gratitude to Concern India Foundation for their support and guidance. Children are enthusiastic about learning and are more attentive.

- Abhay Teacher in Matrubhoomi Vidyalaya, Thane



## Voices from the ground:



### Abstract dreams take shape with mentoring support

Ankita's family moved to New Delhi in 2010 as they struggled to make ends meet. However, they ensured her basic education continues. Her mother suffering from Tuberculosis took a toll on the family's economic condition.

In 2016, Ankita applied for the scholarship and was selected. Her interests were in design and fine arts. She joined a diploma course in Fine

Arts at the South Delhi Polytechnic for Women and graduated in 2019.

Through mentorship, she improved her written and verbal communication skills and additionally received career advice. In September 2019, she secured a full-time job as a digital artist at Hike Messenger and continues to work with them.

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One of the positive things that I learnt is the ability to walk alone. It was my habit to walk in a group, like sheep. But now, I feel very confident and do not hesitate in forging a path of my own. I am sure of realising all my artistic aspirations.

- Ankita

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## Computer engineer in the making

To replicate the model of a computer and label its parts was the sheer expression of achievement for 6th standard student Raosaheb Dhanraj Hake. Hailing from Latur Dist. of Maharashtra, his parents decided to move to Pune to give their child a better education. Raosaheb, 11 yrs had seen a computer but never operated it. When the CALC Bus visited the centre in Chakrapani Vasti, Bhosari in December 2021, Raosaheb got the opportunity to touch, feel and operate a computer for the first time. Today he is confident to operate it and use the various features like 'drag-down', open files and play games.

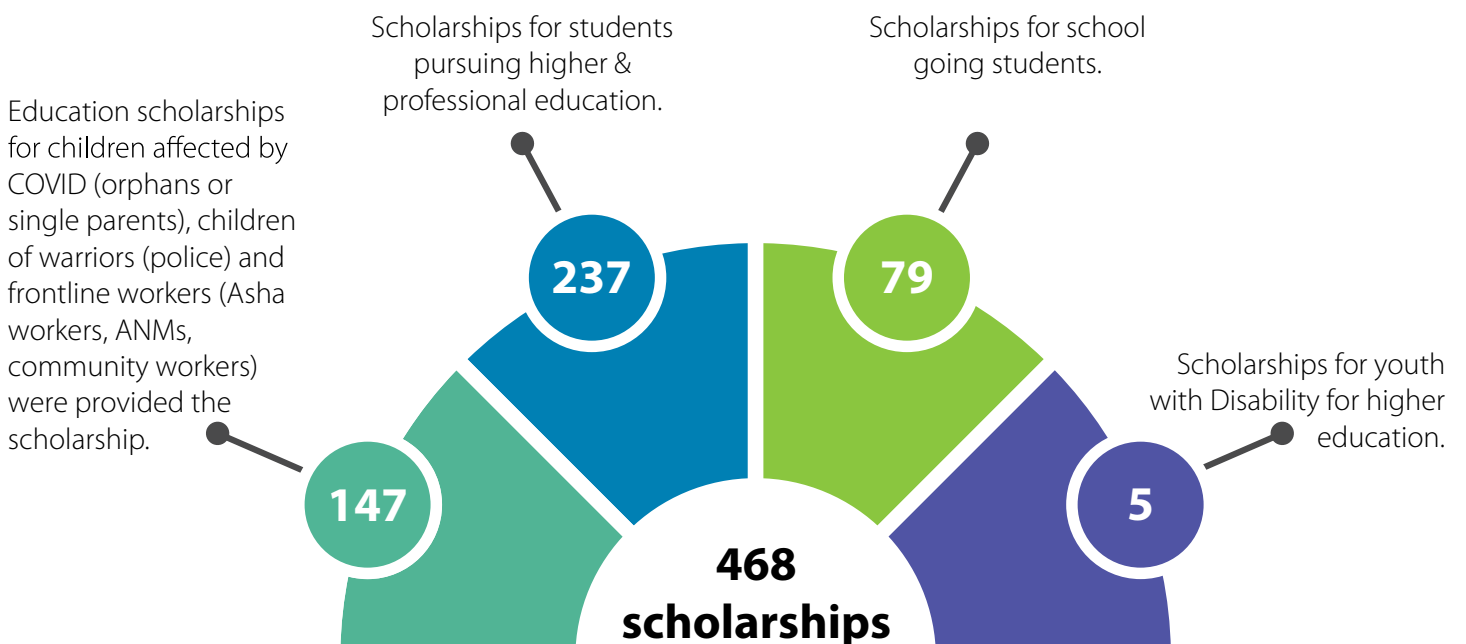
He was thrilled by the digital learning experiences and enthusiastic each time to visit the CALC bus. He keenly followed instructions and was able to identify the parts of a computer - mouse, screen and keyboard correctly. Handling the machine independently added value and now he hopes someday to become a Computer Engineer.



\*CALC –Computer Aided Learning Center

## Scholarships

In our experience of working with children from vulnerable and underprivileged backgrounds, we have understood that while they have access to education, the quality and support for higher education is a big challenge. Similarly, due to limited access, students do not attempt streams like STEM due to fear of taking science and maths as subjects. After understanding this gap, Concern has supported students from underprivileged and marginalised backgrounds with scholarships which includes fees, hostel, study material, travel etc. on a case-to-case basis. In the reporting year, **468 scholarships** were provided.





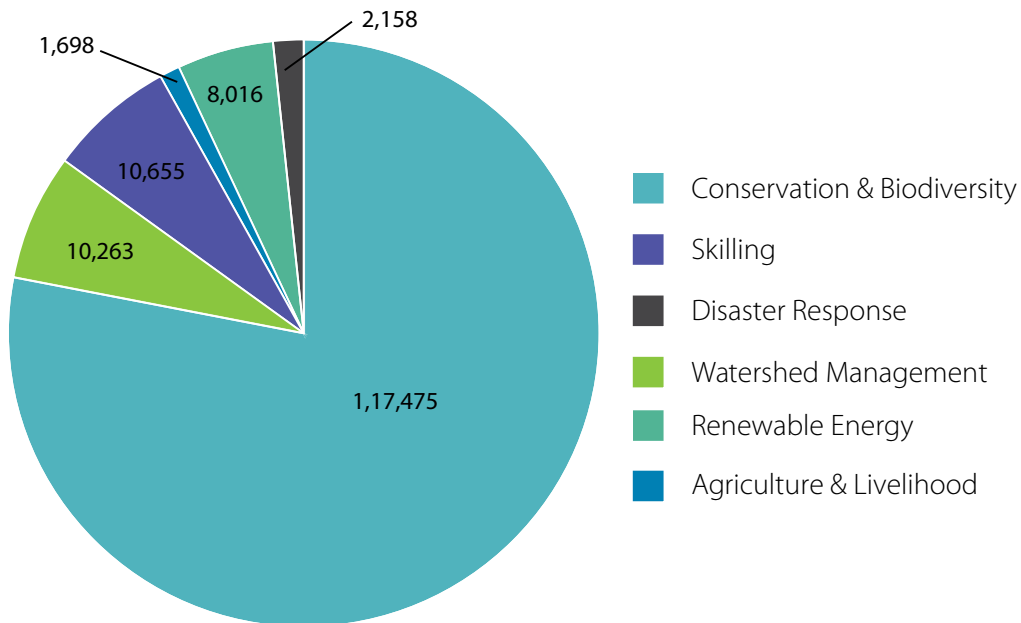
**1,50,265**  
beneficiaries

We respond to a variety of urgent needs which include access to

- Sustainable energy
- Skilling
- Agriculture & livelihood
- Watershed management
- Conservation and
- Disaster response

Our programmes are implemented through collective participation of the community to make informed decisions which leads to social stability, economic transformation and productive lives.

## Beneficiaries under various programs



## Conservation & Biodiversity

Increased anthropogenic pressures on natural resources have been threatening the existence of thousands of species including human beings. Conservation and biodiversity restoration is one of our key interventions to promote our work in climate change. Mangrove restoration, tree plantation initiatives are key areas of work, which has been possible in collaboration with the government, local communities, state forest departments, and various conservation partners.



**200 Ha** of degraded wetland under sustainable use



**1,20,000 saplings** planted



**3.5 lakhs** saplings of 10 species of mangroves planted

## Women empowerment through skilling & livelihood

Our skilling programmes are focused on community mobilisation and entrepreneurship for women. The intent is to support their families through skills learnt. Sustainable livelihood opportunities were created for women in rural areas and further their efforts by providing training and market linkages.

Activities to empower women	Number benefited	Type of support /impact
Livelihood setup	1627	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set up business</li><li>• Bee keeping and extraction uni</li><li>• Food processing units</li><li>• Animal husbandry</li><li>• Goat keeping</li><li>• Poultry</li><li>• Solar dryers</li><li>• Coconut oil extraction unit</li></ul>
Women trained	911	Trained in digital and financial literacy, entrepreneurship, formation of Self Help Groups etc
Artisans and weavers supported	450	Artisans and weavers are provided with upskilling training on embroidery, weaving, and repair of loom machines. Design intervention was given to develop better fabrics and designs. Two weavers groups were given exposure to sell their products in exhibitions

## Agriculture, Water and Livelihood

- **Farmer Producer Company:** We have aided in the setup of small and marginal farmers over the years. The Farmer Producer Company is an organisation with 126 members. Their share capital stands collectively at Rs. 7,70,000/- and their annual turnover is 20 lakhs. Last year they made 2 lakhs profit through millet sales.
- **Work with Farmers:** In our association with over **1,500 farmers**, they are trained on different cropping methods, demonstration farms are developed and seed banks are set up for them. In the reporting year, over 1,200 farmers have undergone training. This inturn has led to an increase in land productivity with an increase in crop diversity, crop integration, cropping pattern and crop yields.
- **Kitchen Gardens: 2027 Kitchen gardens** have changed the bounty harvest yielded by families practising them. This initiative addressed the lack of food supply faced by landless laborers during the pandemic leading to food security. Few families were able to sell their produce, thus bringing a small income to their families with least investment. Marginalised tribal families were supported with fruits & vegetables saplings along with poultry. Women farmers had uncultivable land and had the tools to turn in around and make their land cultivable. Concern supported them with quality inputs, training, infrastructure, agricultural technology like deepening of irrigation wells, drip irrigation, horticulture creeper sheds, surface level pond and solar power system to uplift themselves and be self sufficient during difficult times.



After so many years, the irrigation facilities were installed in our land; finally we are able to do farming regularly.

- Ms. Saroja, L.Endathur Women Farmer Group, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu







### **Water Bodies and Watershed Management:**

Water bodies are an important source of life and we are committed to supporting communities, institutions and villages in conservation of water. Conservation and protection projects were implemented in various places such as Marathwada in Maharashtra, Cuttack district in Odisha and Haveri district in Karnataka. All health and school infrastructures that were renovated have additionally been made water sufficient with facilities of water round the clock. Water filters were set up to make sure children from underprivileged backgrounds had access to safe drinking water and avoid any health risks.

### **Key Achievements:**

- 5 Community Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) Structures were built with water storage capacity of over Four hundred and forty four lakhs litres (44089569 cubic) of water, which will benefit **1,434 farmers** and will support in the irrigation of 2,087 acres of land.
- 2 CNB KT Weir renovated and repaired with a storage capacity of over Two hundred and thirty three lakhs litres (23359400 cubic) of water which will directly benefit **1,500 farmers**
- 5 community ponds were renovated and repaired to increase water capacity, which will support **417 households** with water for domestic use.
- Percolation tank and farm ponds are being constructed





Women are at the center of all our water conservation projects. While working in Odisha the women from the villages expressed their desire for a bathing and changing room. On further inquiry, it was found that most of the houses are huts, and do not have any bathroom facilities. Hence, women had to use the community pond to have a bath or bathe late at night outside the house.

With their inputs along with the grass root partner, Concern built a bathing cum changing room for our women. Two bathing rooms are equipped with a raised tube well, a constructed hand pump and soak pit for waste water to avoid problems later. It was electrified by solar lights and now over 150 women use this facility and they only had blessings to give us.



The primary aim while improving water resources is to improve livelihoods and enhance productivity. By adopting a participatory watershed management approach. Village level User groups (UGs) and self-help-groups (SHGS) were formed to execute activities at the local level. Gram Panchayat (GP) level Watershed Committees (WCs) were formed to support the maintenance. The restoration of Water Harvesting Structure (WHS) and ponds has promoted agro forestry, horticulture, livelihood and livestock rearing.

## Renewable Energy

Though electricity has reached many villages, there are still remote and interior pockets in rural India where electricity is still a luxury. Concern promotes renewable energy through installation of solar street lights in far flung villages. This provision is sustainable, renewable and cost effective and the community is trained on how to manage it correctly. In the year 2021-22, **over 148 solar street lights** have been installed by us in rural villages of Karnataka and Maharashtra. Solar energy was the source utilised for irrigation purposes in Tamil Nadu.



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The movement for women and children in the villages is now safer after sunset. There is reduced fear of street dogs and snakes. They find it safer to step out during late evening hours. Social gatherings during dusk have increased, making it livelier than before.

- Gram Panchayath member, Katmala Village, Karnataka

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We could not provide clean drinking water service to the patients, but with the new water filter, it will help us give patients clean drinking water and reduce dehydration. For over two years, patients could not sit in a room because of leakage issues, but now we are very happy to be seated in a clean room with closed lockers for their documents.

- Health care providers - Aghai PHC, Shahpur, Maharashtra

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Our health interventions are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Good Health and Wellbeing : Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Reduce poverty and inequalities among poor by promoting access to healthcare



Reached 3,05,174 beneficiaries

With the emergence of Covid - 19 pandemic, there were major disruptions in accessibility to healthcare systems, hence infrastructure strengthening was imperative to provide quality services. Stakeholders supported and contributed towards the outcome of the projects across India.

## Cancer Awareness and screening

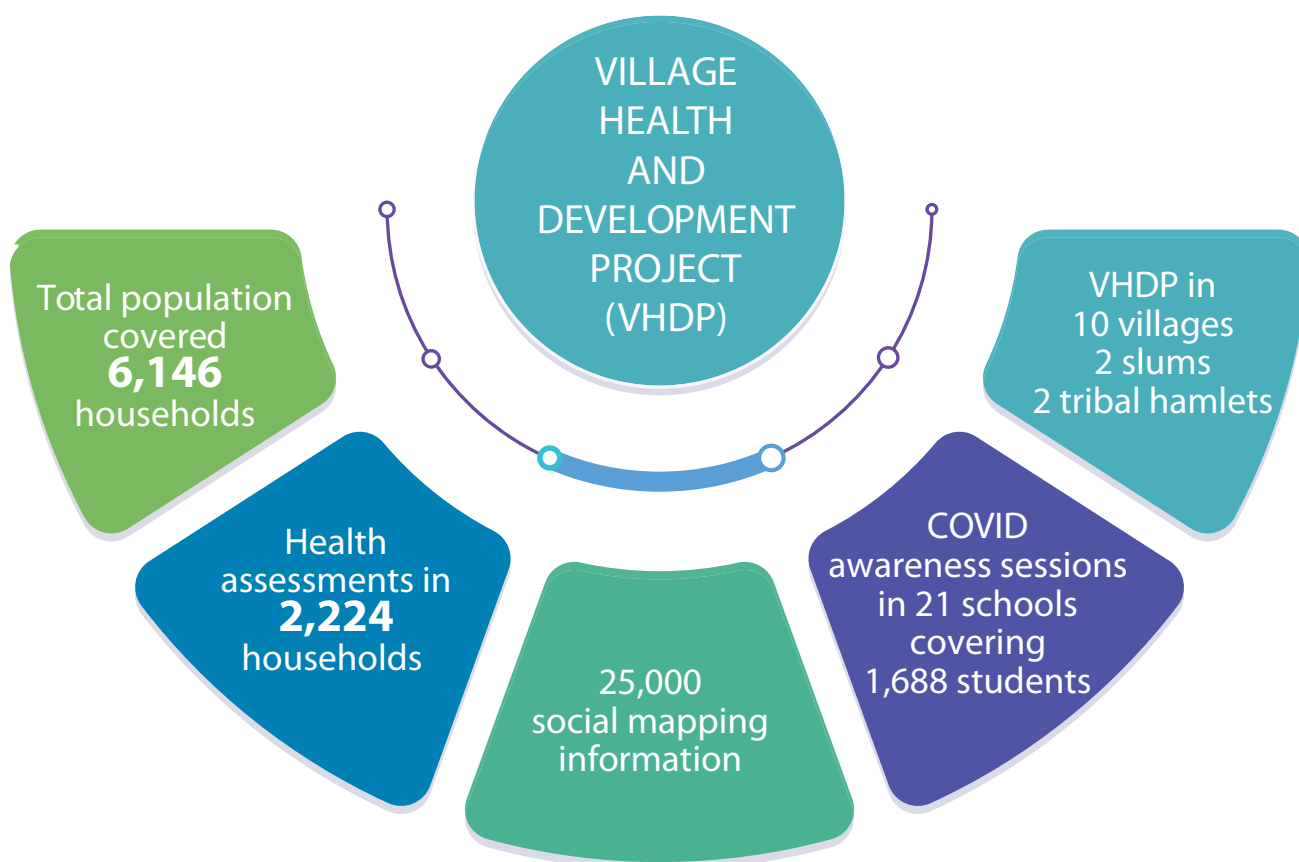
- **14,187 men and women** participated in the marker day events on cancer awareness
- **4,603 women** and adolescent girls were reached with the information on cancer in Mumbai
- **58 cancer screening camps** were attended by 2,741 women of which 9 were suspected with breast anomaly and 30 with cervical anomaly. They were referred to relevant hospitals for further treatment and care





## Addressing Malnutrition in 3 slums of Mumbai

- **5015 children** (aged 0-10) from underprivileged backgrounds in Mumbai slums were screened for malnutrition using the anthropometry tool for assessment; 10% children were diagnosed as Severely Malnourished (SAM), 21 moderately malnourished (MAM) and 32% borderlines. With therapeutic intervention, food support, counselling, training of mothers, demonstrating cooking methods and regular follow-ups we brought down the rate to 1% amongst SAM, 6% among MAM and 32% among borderline children
- **2239 protein powder** packets were distributed to the malnourished children
- **967 lactating & pregnant mothers** were provided with follow-up care and 56 mothers referred to the government in order to register for prenatal and antenatal care.
- Established **20 health library** through whatsapp mobile application and 3,126 women and adolescent enrolled in the health library
- **327 children** were timely immunised



### Health camps conducted for:

- Non-communicable diseases
- High risk pregnancies
- Anemic women and adolescents
- Children from the villages

## Upgrading Health Infrastructure

- 5 PHC ( Primary Health Centre) renovated and refurbished in Karjat block of Raigad district
- Toilet renovation and refurbishment in 7 PHCs with water connection and supply ensured
- Rainwater harvesting with 2,000 Litres water storage tank installed in 6 PHCs
- In 2 PHCs the bore wells were recharged, with piping and water connection to the facility
- 5 PHCs & 1 sub center were enabled with solar electricity panels with inverters of 7 KVA and 6 backup batteries with uninterrupted electricity supply for Ice lined Refrigeration of vaccines and the facility
- 5 solar street lights installed
- Provided consumables and medical equipment to 8 PHCs & 2 sub centers in Maharashtra and Kerala
- Installed water filters in 7 PHCs Maharashtra and Kerala
- 4 PHCs were supported with digital upgradation which included computers & printers and electrical connections



## Disability Program

Although People with Disabilities (PwD) are referred to as a single population, this is actually a diverse group of people with a wide range of needs. It is our endeavour to support the education and vocational skills among children and adults with disability. Concern supported 16 schools with educational aids, remuneration of teachers, therapists and counsellors. 44 children were mainstreamed into normal schools. 872 students & 5 youth with disability were provided with aids, educational materials, hearing aids, batteries etc. 98 youth with disabilities were provided with vocational training and 80% of them were employed at the centers. Concern also supported the renovation and repair of the Swaranaad Pre-School in Pune for children with hearing disabilities.



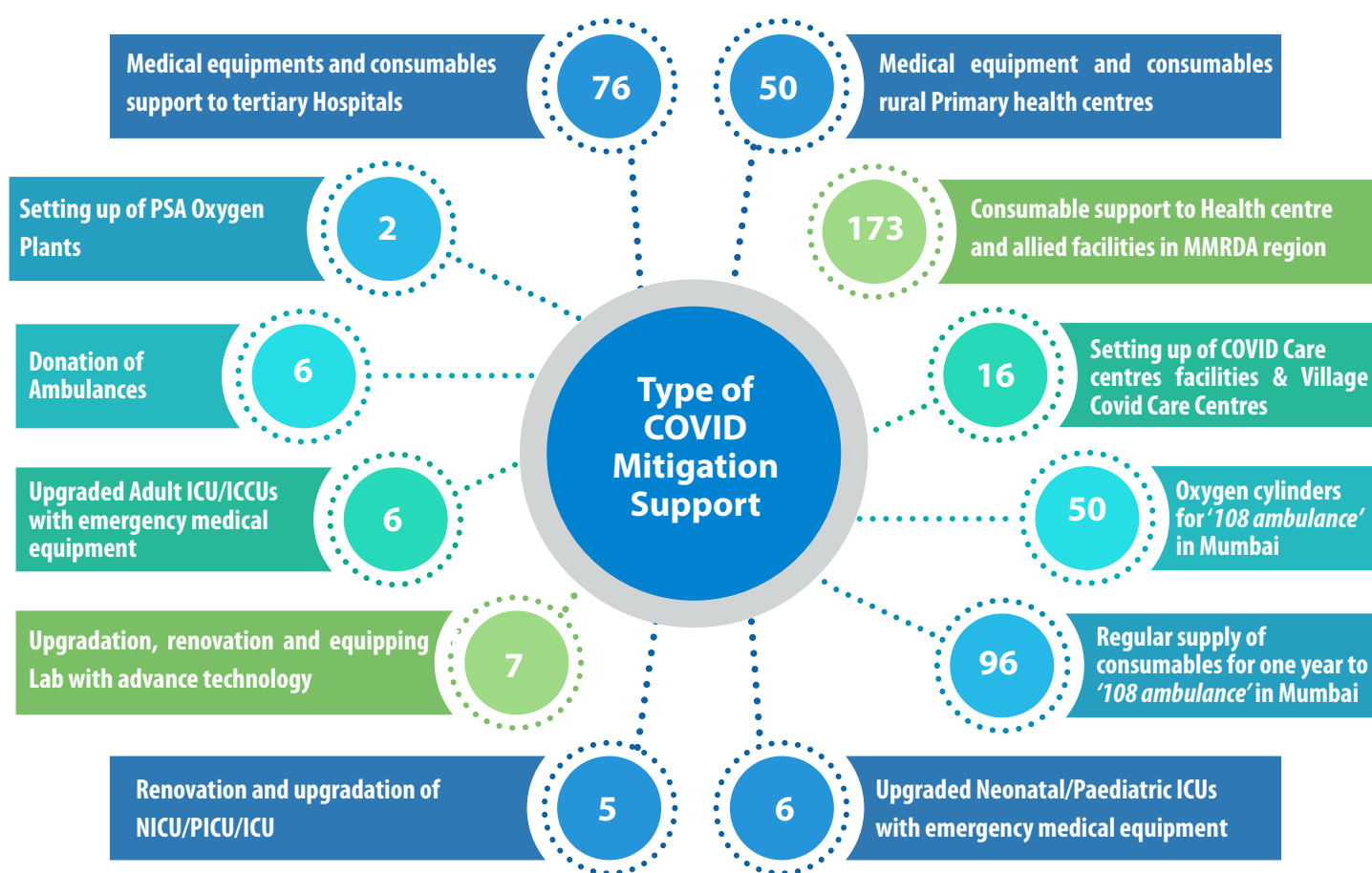
# COVID -19 support to Government and low income hospitals in India

## Fight to Finish COVID 19

Supported government Private public hospitals with:

- Provisions for consumables
- Vaccination drive
- Educational scholarship for children of Covid warriors

## Upgrading the health infrastructure during the pandemic in India



## COVID Vaccination

With the support of the local government, Concern reached out to people who were hard to reach and had limited access to vaccinations. Communities reached out were largely migrants, daily wage earners and local members from the communities. Vaccinations were given to a total of **15,946 people** in three cities.

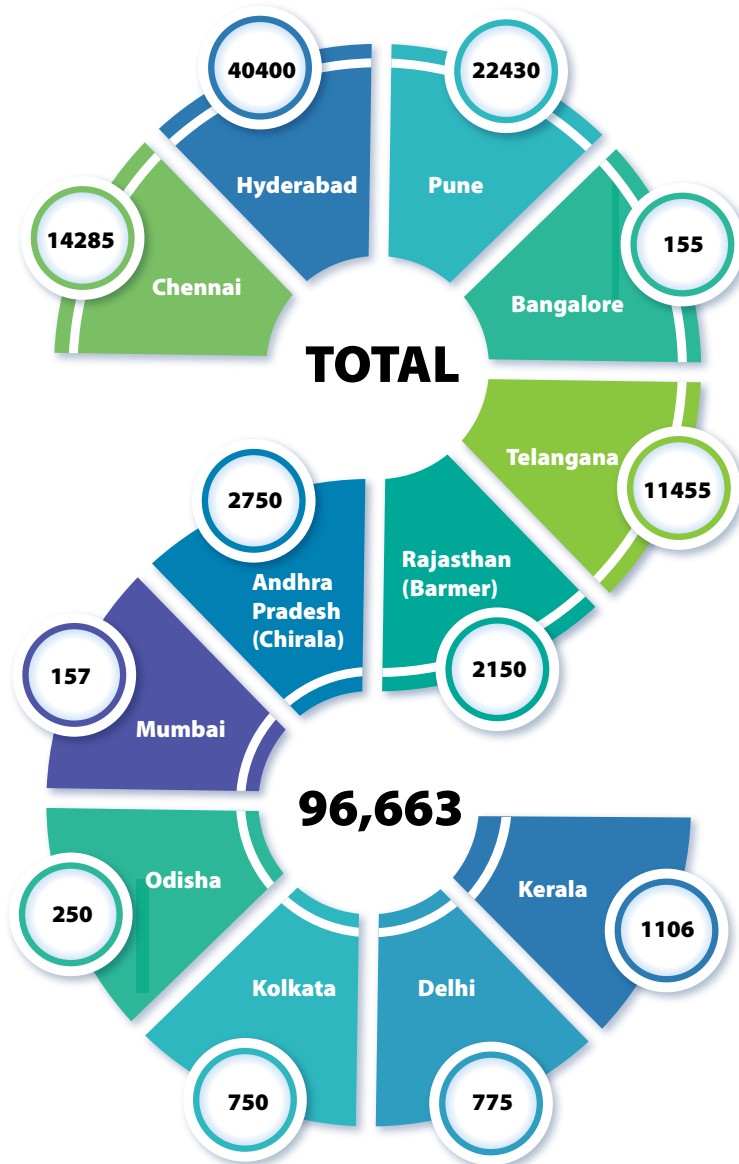
	BANGALORE	MUMBAI	DELHI	TOTAL
No. of Beneficiaries Dose 1	2870	2712	1516	7098
No. of Beneficiaries Dose 2	5241	2068	1539	8848



## Ration support

With the pandemic and the shutdown thereof, many families had to struggle with basic necessities like food. Concern through its partners reached out to the underprivileged communities in eleven cities with Ration. The city wise break-up of the distribution is mentioned below

### No. of people supported through ration support

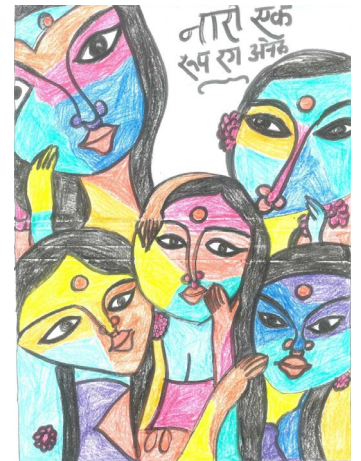


# Beneficiary Events

Children with disabilities account for about 2% of the total child population in India. At concern, we have an inclusive approach through organising initiatives like Splash and Roshni to help children focus on their strengths and gain confidence in a social set-up. Amidst a series of lockdowns in India, it was imperative that we do not overlook vulnerable children. We committed to take the digital route and continue our activities virtually.

## Splash

Splash is an initiative to support the artistic skills of children with disabilities to express themselves and unleash their imagination. This event was virtually held in the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Pune and Hyderabad with 380 participants from different NGOs. It is wonderful to watch children express themselves through art and let their thoughts free; their full potential emerges.



## Roshni

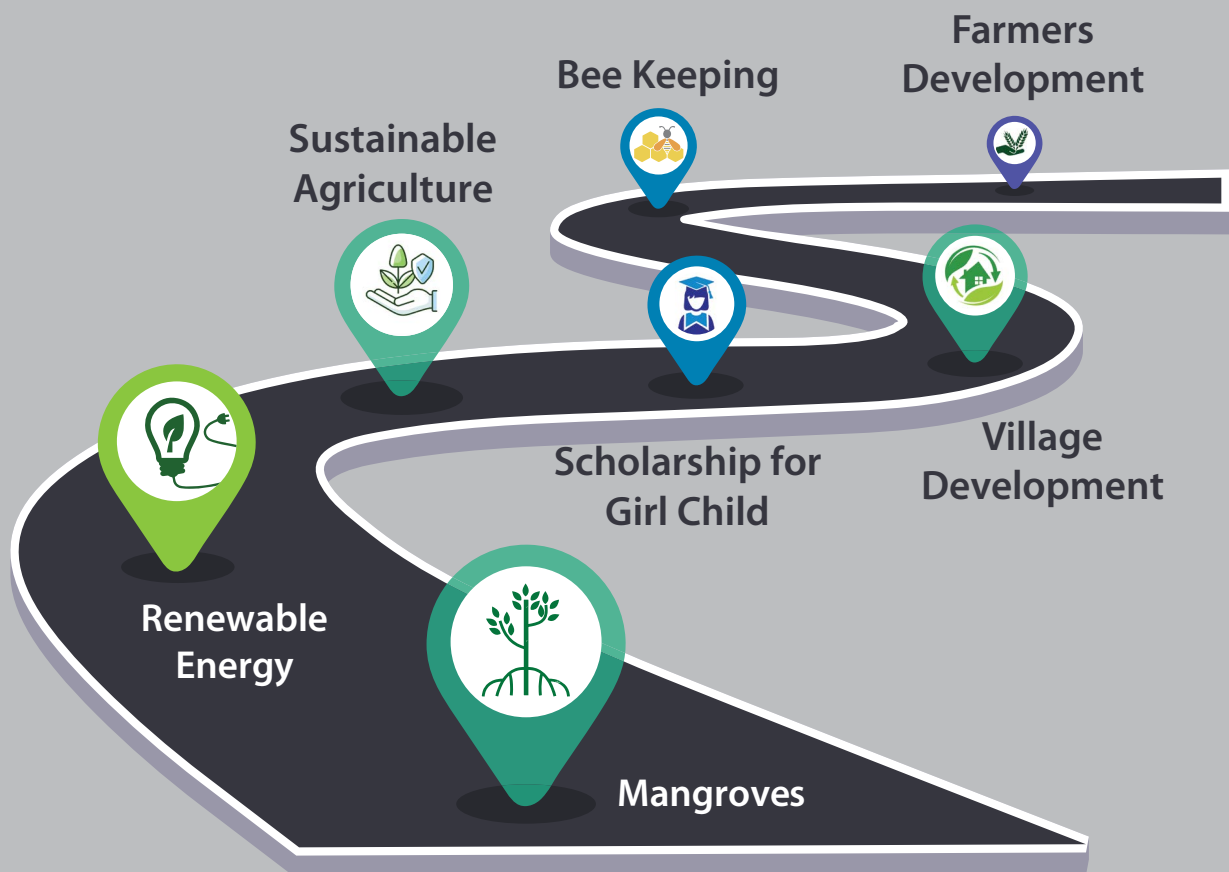
Roshni is a music and dance talent show for children with disabilities. It culminates in a performance celebrating every child's talent and achievements. Uniquely talented 150 children from various NGOs in Mumbai and Delhi participated. The hard work of the children, their coordinators and their parents were visible in their performances. We had participants under various categories of group singing, solo singing, group dance, duet dance, solo dance, and solo instrumental.



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## A glimpse into the journey ahead



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