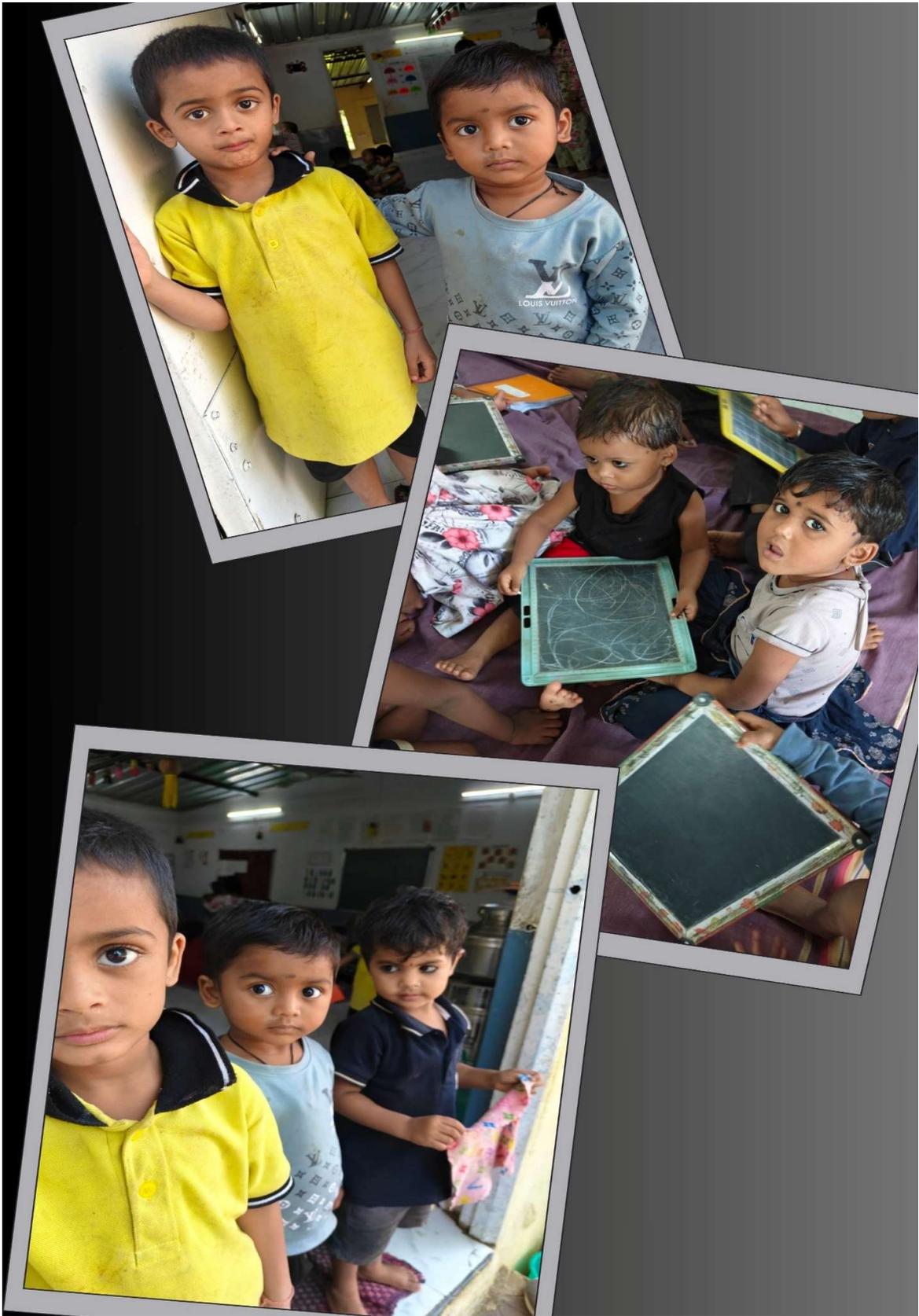




# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2024-2025**



## **FORWARD ...**

This year, our journey has been one of hope, transformation, and profound gratitude. None of what we accomplished would have been possible without the remarkable generosity and involvement of every donor, volunteer, child, family member, and supporter in our community.

To our donors, your unwavering commitment and compassion have opened doors of opportunity for countless children. Your support is the cornerstone of our mission, and your belief in our cause inspires us to push further in ensuring every child lives with dignity, safety, and the chance to dream.

To the children and their families, thank you for your trust and courage. Your resilience, optimism, and pursuit of a brighter life are the reasons we exist. Witnessing your growth remains our greatest reward.

To every volunteer, partner, and well-wisher who stands beside us, your selfless service is the heartbeat of our organization. Together, we have built a force for good—one that uplifts, nurtures, and empowers the most vulnerable.

As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude, hope, and the unshakeable belief that together, we can continue to make lasting change. Thank you for being part of NEW VIISON family and for giving children the gift of a better tomorrow.

Founder Director & President -NEW VISION

Mr. Manish Shroff

## About the Organization

NEW VISION is a non-government; non-religious, apolitical and rights-based Organization located in Pune, registered under the Society's Registration act of 1860 & the Bombay Public Trust Act of 1950. The organisation envisions a world where every child, irrespective of economic status is treated equal and has every right of survival, protection, development and participation guaranteed by the country. New Vision is working in the development sector from 2002, since last 23 years with a mission "To create conducive environment for children, where every Child gets every right."

### Project summaries :

- **Opening Education Pathways for Migrant and Vulnerable children project**
- **Empowering youth for leadership and child safeguarding project .**
- **Family Strengthening – Family based alternative care project.**
- **Ensuring Rights & Protection of vulnerable children and their strengthening their families project.**
- **Young Promises project**

### Opening Education Pathways for Migrant and Vulnerable children Project Summary :

The OEPMC project demonstrated significant programmatic growth and adaptability over the fiscal year. The project began in April 2024 with **353 children across 14 centers** and, after a period of expansion and consolidation, concluded the year in March 2025 with **256 children in 9 operational centers**.

Throughout the year, the project consistently received positive feedback from parents, particularly for the engaging ECCD "camp mode" trainings and festival celebrations. Key to the project's stability were the successful partnerships with builders, who provided support for center maintenance, and the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC), which facilitated regular vaccination drives (including Japanese Encephalitis) and health visits. Recurring challenges included seasonal factors, such as extreme heat and heavy monsoons, which led to an increase in child illnesses and required ongoing center maintenance. A major milestone in the final quarter was the large-scale health check-up collaboration with **D.Y. Patil Hospital**, which served 193 children across all active centers, showcasing a deepening commitment to child wellness.

## 2. TOTAL STRENGTH OF THE CENTERS (As of March 2025)

The number of centers and enrolled children fluctuated due to the dynamic nature of labor camp populations. The following tables provide a snapshot of the project's strength at the end of the year.

S.No.	Center Name	0-3 yrs		4-6 yrs		7-10 yrs		11=16 yrs		total
0.1	Ganga New town	1	3	3	7	4	6	2	2	<b>28</b>
0.2	Mantra Insignia	1	2	4	3	2	5	8	3	<b>28</b>
0.3	Amanora Park Town	8	12	7	9	6	5	1	0	<b>52</b>
0.4	ARV New town	4	5	4	3	2	0	1	1	<b>20</b>
0.5	ARV Uthville	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	<b>9</b>
0.6	Kourt Yard	5	3	4	5	2	2	1	2	<b>24</b>
0.7	Mantra Mirari	7	61	13	9	8	4	4	2	<b>53</b>
0.8	Goodwill Metropolis	8	6	6	4	3	0	0	0	<b>27</b>
0.9	Mantra Mangus	2	4	3	4	0	2	0	0	<b>15</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>256</b>

### 3. EDUCATION

The education program grew from providing foundational support to implementing a structured, multi-faceted curriculum that catered to different age groups and learning needs, with a clear focus on improving literacy, numeracy, and life skills.

- **A: School Going, Bridge Course & Support Class**

The programs consistently supported school-going children while bridging learning gaps for others. The curriculum evolved to be comprehensive, utilizing teaching aids and E-learning materials.

- **Language (Marathi):** Instruction grew from basic alphabet recognition to include word formation, expressive reading, and understanding symbols like 'Kana', 'Velanti', and 'Ukar'.
- **Mathematics:** Children learned to read and write numbers from 1 to 100, master multiplication tables (2-10), and perform basic addition, subtraction, and multiplication. Concepts like ascending/descending order and odd/even numbers were also taught.
- **ECCE (3-6 Age Group):** A holistic, play-based approach was used, focusing on cognitive, physical, and social skills through songs, stories, picture reading, and motor skill activities like jumping and walking on bricks.

- **B: New Center Admission and Drop Out Children**

The project experienced significant student turnover, reflective of the transient community it serves. Across the year, a total of **363 new admissions** were recorded, while **418 children dropped out**, primarily due to families migrating for work.



- **C: ECC Pre-school Activity with Parents & Children**  
 Parental engagement was a major success, with sessions evolving to cover a wide range of child development topics. A total of **609 parents** attended these specialized trainings. Key topics included:
 
  - **Nutrition & Diet:** Teaching the importance of a balanced diet and preparing simple, nutritious recipes like *sheera*, sprout *usal*, and vegetable *poha*.
  - **Child Development:** Sessions on Cognitive Development, Language Development, and Pre & Post Natal Care.
  - **Practical Skills:** Parents were taught to create learning aids like stick puppets to engage with their children at home. The "camp mode" training model proved highly effective in boosting attendance and participation.
  
- **D: Value Education Session**

A consistent monthly value education program reached hundreds of children, covering a diverse range of themes to build character and positive behaviour. Topics included **Planning, Cooperation, Empathy, Teamwork, Honesty, Cleanliness, Environmental Conservation, and the Importance of Communication.**
  
- **E: Awareness about Child Rights**

The project systematically educated children on their four fundamental rights: **Right to Survival, Right to Protection, Right to Development, and Right to Participation.** The use of the "Amu and Aman" video series was a consistent and effective teaching tool, simplifying complex concepts and encouraging discussion among children.



#### 4.HEALTH

The project's health and nutrition program matured significantly, moving from a standard meal plan to a targeted, adaptive nutritional strategy supplemented by comprehensive health services.

- **Mid-Day Meal & Nutrition:** The nutrition program demonstrated clear growth by progressively refining the mid-day meal menu to improve health outcomes. Initially providing balanced meals, the diet was enhanced over the year to include **eggs, leafy vegetables, sprouts, various dals, and seasonal fruits like watermelon**. A key intervention was a session with a New Vision dietician, who provided guidance on low-cost, high-nutrition recipes. These efforts were aimed at improving BMI and reducing the number of underweight children, which stood at **231 out of 256 children** in the final health assessment.
- **Health Check-up:** Health services expanded from regular center-level activities to large-scale collaborations. Consistent activities included regular **weight and height monitoring and deworming**. Major health events included the **PMC-led JE vaccination drive** and the comprehensive **health camp by D.Y. Patil Hospital**, where 193 children were examined for various ailments and provided with necessary medication or referrals for specialized treatment.



## 5. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The project successfully fostered a strong community by empowering both parents and children through targeted meetings and assemblies.

- **Parents Meetings:** The project organized regular meetings that addressed a wide spectrum of topics essential for family well-being and awareness. The curriculum for parents grew to include:
  - **Health & Family:** Family Planning, Vaccination, Menstrual Hygiene, and First Aid.
  - **Life Skills & Modern Challenges:** Self-Awareness, Dealing with Life Situations, Decision Making, Stress Management, and Online Safety.
  - **Seasonal Care:** Precautions to be taken during summer and monsoon seasons.
- **BalSabha (Children's Assembly):** The BalSabha was a key platform for child participation and leadership. Throughout the year, children took the lead in planning and organizing numerous events, including:
  - **Festival Celebrations:** Planning for Diwali, Christmas, Holi, Eid, and Dahi Handi.
  - **Major Events:** Annual Day and Summer Camp preparations.
  - **Social & Environmental Projects:** Leading discussions and activities on Waste Management, Deforestation, and water pollution.
  - **UN Days/Special Days:** Organizing activities for Teacher's Day, Children's Day, and Gandhi Jayanti.



## 6. OBSERVATIONS

Analysis of the year's data reveals several key high and low points that characterize the project's performance and environment.

### High Points:

- **Exceptional Parent & Community Engagement:** The project excelled at involving parents. High attendance at ECCD camps (e.g., 130 parents in January) and parents' meetings, along with the development of strategic partnerships (PMC, D.Y. Patil Hospital, builders), demonstrates strong community trust and support.
- **Rich and Holistic Curriculum:** The programmatic scope was a clear strength. The project delivered a comprehensive curriculum covering academics, value education, child rights, health, and broad life skills for both children and parents, indicating a deep commitment to holistic development.
- **Empowerment of Children:** The BalSabha initiative was highly successful in fostering leadership, planning, and participation among children, allowing them to take ownership of their activities and development.

### Lows / Areas for Attention:

- **Extremely High Student Attrition:** The most significant challenge was the high student turnover, with **418 dropouts** over the year. This rate, exceeding the number of new admissions, reflects the transient nature of the migrant labor community and presents a major obstacle to achieving long-term developmental impact for individual children.
- **Prevalence of Malnutrition (Very High):** The final health data is alarming, indicating that **90% of the children (231 out of 256) were underweight**. This highlights a critical and persistent health issue within the target community that, while being addressed by the project, requires intensive and sustained intervention.
- **Operational Fluctuation:** The project saw a significant reduction in its operational footprint, decreasing from **14 centers to 9** over the course of the year. This consolidation indicates a need for operational stability to ensure consistent service delivery.

## 7. CONCLUSION

The 2024-2025 period was a year of significant achievement and adaptation for the OEPMC project. Despite operating within the highly challenging and fluid environment of migrant labor camps, the project succeeded in delivering a comprehensive, multi-faceted program that positively impacted hundreds of children and their families.

The project's greatest successes lie in its ability to foster deep community engagement and implement a truly holistic curriculum. The enthusiastic participation of parents in training sessions and the active leadership demonstrated by children in the BalSabha are testaments to the project's effectiveness in building trust and empowering its beneficiaries.

While faced with the persistent challenges of high student attrition and severe malnutrition, OEPMC has proven to be a resilient and vital lifeline. By providing a safe space, consistent nutrition, critical health interventions, and quality educational support, the project has established itself as an indispensable community hub. It has successfully laid a crucial foundation for the well-being and future success of some of the most vulnerable children in the community

## Empowering youth for leadership and child safeguarding project summary :

### 1. Target Groups and Beneficiaries

	Number (plan)	Number (real)	(f) %	(m) %	Notes
Target group children/youth Age 0-14	350	353	50	50	
Target group children/youth Age 14-25	300	233	50	50	
Indirect beneficiaries		539			

### 2. Key Activities and Implementation

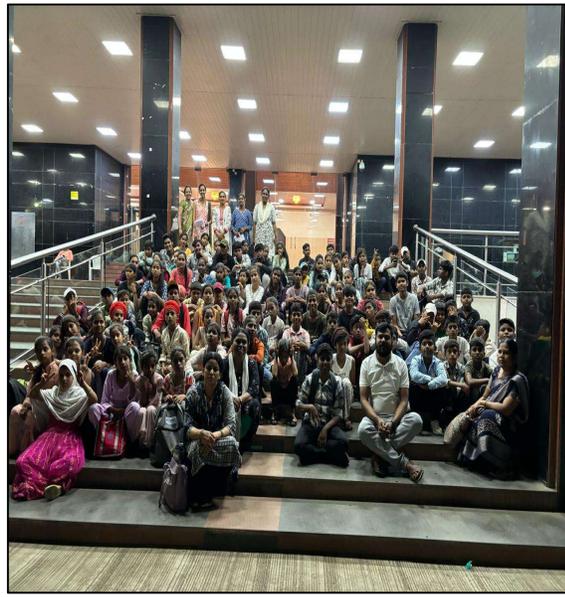
#### 2.1 Education and Child Rights for Children (0 to 14 years)

**Establishing Resource Centres:** Three resource centres were established in Subahs Nagar, Birajdar, and Kharadi. Work in the fourth community, Chinchwad, could not proceed due to migration and community hostility. All three centres operate under annual legal contracts, with regular rent, electricity, and water provided. Each centre is fully equipped to offer a safe, welcoming environment for children and youth to learn, play, and grow. The centres are managed by three full-time community mobilizers who maintain data, organize groups, and facilitate school enrolments. In 2024, 630 children (0-17 years) and 215 youth (18-25 years) accessed the centres. 51 new admissions were made, and 537 children continued regular school attendance, successfully progressing to the next grade. 146 children attended bridging courses, 194 attended remedial courses, and 229 used cognitive materials and games, supporting holistic development.

**Scholastic Material for Centres:** Children began the new academic year in June. To support their studies, the centres provided notebooks, registers, charts, colour pencils, pens, water colours, and educational charts. These materials encouraged creative expression and enhanced learning experiences.

**Educational Exposure Visit:** On 21st December, 50 youth (ages 13-20) and 5 staff participated in a star-gazing trip organized by Vishwa Scientific at Jawan, Pune. Participants observed Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, and the Moon through telescopes, learned about star formation, planetary naming, and the science behind astronomy. The experience was enriched by a PPT presentation and interactive discussions, deepening scientific understanding.

**Observing Important Days Including UNCRC Week:** The project observed key days such as National Youth Day, National Girl Child Day, World Day for Social Justice, International Women’s Day, World Health Day, World Earth Day, National Anti-Child Labor Day, International Day for Families, Anti-Tobacco Day, International Day for Protection of Children, World Environment Day, World Day Against Child Labour, Anti-Human Trafficking Day, Independence Day, Teachers Day, World Peace Day, International Girl Child Day, World Food Day, Children’s Day and Child Rights Week, and World AIDS Day. Activities included drawings, paintings, rallies, educational sessions, and film screenings. On average, 63 children and youth participated in each program.



S.No.	Activity/program description	Outcome
0.1	Establishment of Resource Centres	Three centres established in Subahs Nagar, Birajdar, and Suryaprakash Nagar.
0.2	Reach of centres	630 children and 215 youth accessed the centres.
0.3	Continued school attendance	537 children successfully progressed to the next grade.
0.4	Academic Support	146 children attended bridging courses.   194 children attended remedial courses.
0.5	Educational Exposure visit	50 youth and 5 staff participated in a star-gazing trip.
0.6	Observance of UN days and celebrations	An average of 63 children and youth participated in each program.

## 2.2 Building Youth Leadership:

**Monthly Meetings of Youth Groups:** Seven youth groups were formed across Subhas Nagar, Birajdar, Kharadi, Marketyard, Dandekar Pul, Lohegaon, and Patil Estate, in collaboration with local organizations Green-Tara, Manooday, and Serva Seva Sangh. In total, 123 members participated, with outreach to 185 youth from January to December 2024. Monthly meetings and training sessions covered leadership, self-image, communication, environment, career guidance, gender, mental health, micro-enterprise, and hygiene. About 90% of youth remained consistently engaged, with dropouts mainly due to migration. Annual group elections are underway.

**Monthly Training of Youth Leaders:** 19-20 core “Youth Leaders,” were trained in the year. These leaders received training on life skills, self-image, communication, confidence, environment, career guidance, gender, mental health, micro-enterprise, and hygiene. They then trained 15-20 youth each in their communities, totally to 140 youths from 7 communities in Pune, creating a ripple effect. Over the year, leaders showed significant growth in confidence and civic engagement, reporting and addressing local governance and child protection issues.

**Residential Trainings of 50 Active Youth:** Two residential workshops were held: April 29-30 at YMCA Nilsi (57 youth from three NGOs, ) and November 11-13 at Ekant Resort, Pune (45 youth, with participation from multiple Maharashtra NGOs). Topics included democracy, communication, grassroots engagement, child safeguarding, gender, art, artificial intelligence, and environmental challenges. Activities included presentations, Q&A, forest treks, and collaborative planning. Youth reported increased motivation and learning.

**Participation in Trainings and Workshops:** In August 2024, our community youth - Ritesh attended a national environment workshop in Kolkata, and in November 2024. Akshada , another youth participated in a South Asia workshop on environment, gaining cross-cultural and multi-linguistic experience.



S.No	Activity/Program description	Outcome
0.1	Monthly Meetings of Youth leaders- TOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 youth groups were formed in locations including Subhas Nagar, Birajdar, and Kharadi</li> <li>• 123 members participated, with outreach to 185 youth. Topics covered included leadership, career guidance, and mental health.</li> <li>• 90% of youth remained consistently engaged.</li> </ul>
0.2	Monthly Training of community Youth youths by trained leaders -TOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19-20 "Youth Leaders" were trained in the year .</li> <li>• These leaders trained an additional. 12-15 youth each minimum in their respective communities.</li> <li>• Leaders showed significant growth in confidence and civic engagement.</li> </ul>
0.3	Residential Trainings/Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 residential workshops were held for a total of 102 youth (57 from 3 NGOs and 45 from multiple Maharashtra NGOs). Topics included democracy, AI, gender, and environmental challenges.</li> <li>• Youth reported increased motivation and learning.</li> </ul>
0.4	Youth Participation in external trainings/workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our community youths 1: <b>Ritesh</b> attended a national environment workshop in Kolkata.</li> <li>• 2: <b>Akshada</b> participated in a South Asia workshop, gaining cross-cultural experience.</li> </ul>

### Activating Child Protection Mechanisms:

In September 2024, 196 youth from six communities received training on Child Protection Committees (CPCs), covering committee roles, functions, and formation. Three trainings enabled committees to raise child protection cases and collaborate with youth using government systems.

**Formation and Training of CPC Members:** Two Child Protection Committees (CPCs) were formed in Subhas Nagar and Birajdar, with ongoing training for members.

**Training of Children and Community on CPC Participation:** Community meetings in Birajdar, Subhas Nagar, and Kharadi raised awareness of CPCs, with 175 participants. Three trainings enabled committees to address child protection cases.

**Awareness through Creative Forms:** A street play on child protection, roles, and responsibilities was performed by 20 youth and organized by Vardhan Deshpande. The play was presented to community members, NGOs, and government officials on December 4, 2024, and video recorded for wider dissemination.

**Networking with NGOs and Local Government:** On December 4, 2024, a networking meeting brought together local authorities, NGOs, CWC, social welfare, police, and ward leaders. Youth presented questions on child protection issues, and a street play reinforced key messages. 123 participants (58 boys, 68 girls) engaged actively.

**Exposure Visit to Active WPCPs:** Not conducted in 2024 due to lack of formally operating WPCPs.



S.No	Activity/Program description	Outcome
0.1	Training on Child Protection Committees – CPC's	<b>196 youth</b> from <b>six communities</b> received training on the roles, functions, and formation of CPCs.
0.2	Formation of local committees	<b>Two Child Protection Committees (CPCs)</b> were formed in Subhas Nagar and Birajdar, with members receiving ongoing training.
0.3	Community Awareness	<b>175 participants</b> attended community meetings in Birajdar, Subhas Nagar, and Kharadi to learn about CPCs and how to participate.
0.4	Networking & Collaboration	A networking meeting on December 4, 2024, brought together <b>123 participants (58 boys, 68 girls)</b> from local authorities, NGOs, and youth to discuss child protection issues.

### Promoting Youth Entrepreneurship:

This program was not fully implemented in year due to low response.

**Sessions on Entrepreneurship:** Two sessions were held in Subhas Nagar and Birajdar, led by Vipla Foundation staff, introducing skill training and small-scale enterprise opportunities. 47 people participated.

**Exposure Visit to Startups/Enterprises, Training and Follow-up of Selected Youth, Financial Support to Potential Young Entrepreneurs:** these programs reflect less potential however, we plan to review and possibility restart the program next year.

### Play, Sports, and Social Skills:

**Play and Sports Material:** Sports kits (t-shirts, shorts, shoes) were provided to 100 regular participants.

**Sports and Social Skills (through trained Coaches):** Football coaching began in February 2024 for children from Birajdar, Subhas Nagar, Pandhle Mala, and Mundhwa (ages 10-17). 44 children (16 girls, 28 boys) participated. From April-24, additional sessions at Sangam Ground included children from Green Tara, Nirman, Identity Foundation, and New Vision (80 children: 45 girls, 35 boys). Kabaddi coaching started in October, with 25 regular participants (13 girls, 12 boys). In April-June, sports were held three times a week; from mid-June, twice a week. 105 children participated in football, supported by two coaches. Safe transportation and staff accompaniment were provided. On average, 200 children participated in football and kabaddi in 2024.

**Refreshment and Safe Drinking Water:** Healthy snacks and safe drinking water were provided to 150 children after play, including eggs, milk, cold drinks, fruits, and freshly cooked snacks. Special transportation ensured safe travel to and from playgrounds.

**Sports Kit for 100 Children/Youth:** 100 regular participants in football and kabaddi received t-shirts, shorts, and shoes.

### **Annual Sports Day:**

**External Sports Event (7 December 2024):** Held at Mathurawala Ground, Wanawadi, with participation from New Vision, Green Tara, Identity Foundation, Manodaya, Tara Mobile Creches, Nirman, and B.S.S.K. Events included Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Football, Running Race, Relay Race, and Rope Pull. 141 children (83 boys, 58 girls) and 33 staff (7 male, 26 female) participated. All children received tiffin boxes as prizes.

**Internal Sports Day (14 December 2024):** Organized by New Vision at Mathurawala Ground, with games for age groups 7-10 and 11-14, including Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Running Race, Relay Race, Hanging Chocolate, Sack Race, Lemon Spoon, Three-Leg Race, and Lagori. 156 children (111 boys, 45 girls) and 36 staff (6 male, 30 female) participated. Steel tiffin boxes and t-shirts were given as prizes. Children look forward to these events for learning, fun, and interaction with peers from other NGOs.



S.No	Activity/Program description	Outcome
0.1	Sports participation	An average of <b>200 children</b> participated in football and kabaddi in 2024.  • <b>Football: 105 children</b> received coaching from two trained coaches.  • <b>Kabaddi: 25</b> regular participants took part in coaching
0.2	Provision of Sports materials & refrement	<b>100 regular participants</b> in football and kabaddi received sports kits (t-shirts, shorts, and shoes). • <b>150 children</b> were provided with healthy snacks and safe drinking water after play sessions.
0.3	Annual Sports day	<b>External Sports Event (Dec 7, 2024):</b> • <b>141 children (83 boys, 58 girls)</b> and <b>33 staff</b> participated. • Events included Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Football, and various races. <b>Internal Sports Day (Dec 14, 2024):</b>  • <b>156 children (111 boys, 45 girls)</b> and <b>36 staff</b> participated. • Games were organized for two age groups (7-10 and 11-14).

### Staff Training and Exposure:

All project staff (6 members) participated in POSH and POCSO trainings in July 2024, enhancing field knowledge and understanding.

- Six-Monthly Staff Training: Planned for July and November 2024, covering Child Protection, POCSO, POSH, and Child Development.
- Participation in Trainings and Workshops: From 22-25 July 2024, the Director, senior staff, and youth Sadhana attended the WZ Partnership Workshop in Bhopal, focusing on children, environment, and community development.



2 Monthly Project Review Meetings: Monthly staff meetings reviewed activities, challenges, and plans, fostering team spirit and effective implementation.

### Key Impact of the annual programs for the project :

- **Program Reach:** The project's reach was impressive, with **630 children** (0-17 years) and **215 youth** (18-25 years) accessing the resource centres, which were a central hub for various activities.
- **Academic Progress:** A significant impact was the successful school progression of **537 children**, demonstrating that the educational support provided was effective.
- **Youth Leadership:** The program fostered a new generation of leaders by training **19-20 "Youth Leaders"** who, in turn, trained others. This created a powerful **ripple effect of training and influencing 140 youths from 7 communities** , expanding the program's influence beyond its direct participants.
- **Community Engagement:** Through events like the networking meeting with **123 participants** and the street play performed by **20 youth**, the project strengthened community ties and collaboration between local authorities and non-governmental organizations.

### Family Strengthening – Family based alternative care - project summary

The project is grounded in a comprehensive child protection framework that aims to prevent family separation, transition children from institutional to family-based care, build the capacity of key stakeholders, strengthen community engagement, enhance collaboration with government systems, and establish community-based child protection mechanisms. Implementation has been initiated in two districts: Pune and Kolhapur.

Across both districts, significant strides have been made under each thematic objective. Three Ward-Level Child Protection Committees were successfully formed and oriented on their roles in safeguarding child rights. Anganwadi workers received training on child protection, child rights, and prevention of child marriage, helping them serve as first responders at the grassroots level. In parallel, training was conducted for Superintendents and social workers from Child Care Institutions (CCIs), focusing on child protection policies, psychosocial support, and the importance of internal child protection mechanisms. Additionally, youth volunteers and community facilitators were trained in life skills education to better support children and adolescents in their communities. Baal Panchayat leaders received focused leadership training, equipping them to advocate for their peers and participate in decision-making processes. A specialized training on Psychosocial Support (PSS) was also conducted to strengthen emotional and mental well-being responses.

Each training session witnessed a minimum of 15 and up to 45 participants, indicating strong stakeholder engagement. These efforts marked the first time such awareness and capacity-building programs had been implemented in these localities, which previously had little to no exposure to child rights or protection systems. Prior to the project's initiation, there were no functional ward-level committees; the establishment of three such committees marks a critical systems-level intervention. These committees are now actively involved in community outreach, identifying at-risk children, and facilitating referrals to support services

A total of 136 vulnerable families have been identified under the project's family strengthening component. Of these, four families have already received support, including access to educational aid, health services, and essential ration supplies. These initial cases serve as pilots, setting a model for scalable interventions aimed at keeping families intact and reducing reliance on institutional care.



#### Annual Plan and Progress of the Project :

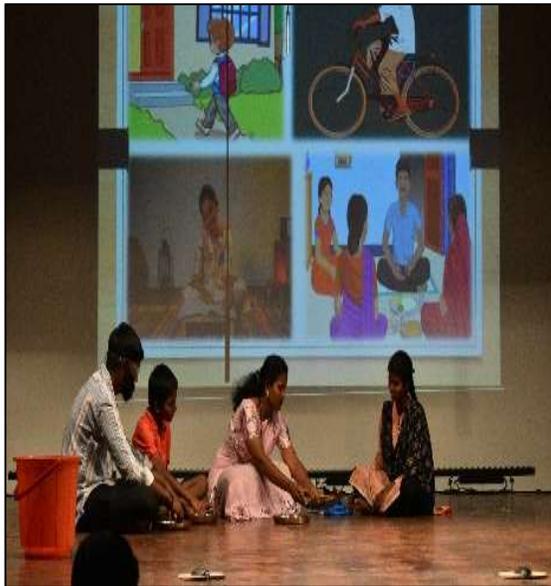
Program	Performance Indicators	Annual Target	Annual Achievements	Cumulative Progress
Situation analysis- Family identification	Number of families identified	150	136	113
Situation analysis - Children Identification	Number of children identified		314	313 (One Child is Deceased)
Community-led child protection mechanism	Number of CWPCs formed	5	5	3
	Number of initiatives taken by VCPC	0	0	0

	Number of Bal Panchayats formed	10	8	8
	Number of initiatives taken by Balpanchayat		4	4
Trainings Conducted	Number of stakeholders trained	150	507	507
Case management process	Number of children in case management process	150	136	20
	Number of youth reached			
Family strengthening	Number of families linked with social protection schemes	113	78	0
	Number of children linked with health insurance, cumulative	0	0	0
	Number of training/meetings held with parents	0	2	2
	Number of training/meetings held with children	0	11	11
	Number of children/adults receiving mental health support	0	0	0
	Number of children receiving career counseling support	0	29	5
	Number of children enrolled in educational institutes	0	157	5
CWC-level prevention and gatekeeping	Number of children reached for gatekeeping	0	2	2
	Total number of children with whom Thrive scale completed	0	20	20
Transition	Number of CCIs reached	3	3	3

## New Vision – 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Day :

New Vision's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual day program this year featured a powerful play based on the theme of **Past, Present, and Future**. Performed by children and youth from the Birajdar Nagar, Subhash Nagar, and Kharadi centers, the skit explored how people's lives and mindsets have evolved over time, on **Themes** based on **Education, Health and Lifestyle**

The performance took place on February 28, 2025, at Nehru memorial Hall- Pune and was the culmination of two practice sessions: one in Hadapsar on February 23, 2025 and another in Amanora on February 27, 2025. The play was a great success, earning praise from the audience for the children's fantastic effort. Totally 81 children 38 Girls and 39 boys and all 40 New Vision Staff participated



**Program Impact:** The project's key impact lies in its successful, first-time implementation of a comprehensive child protection framework. This involved building capacity at multiple levels and creating formal mechanisms where none existed before.

The program successfully **formed and oriented three Child Protection Committees (CPCs)**. This is a critical achievement, as these committees did not exist in the localities previously. They are now actively involved in identifying at-risk children and facilitating their access to support services.

Training was a central pillar of the project, with strong stakeholder engagement. The program trained various groups, including:

- **Anganwadi workers**, who are now equipped to serve as first responders for issues like child marriage and other protection concerns.
- **Superintendents and social workers** from Child Care Institutions (CCIs), who received training on essential child protection policies and psychosocial support. **Youth volunteers and community facilitators**, who can now better support children and adolescents with life skills education.
- **Baal Panchayat leaders**, who were empowered with leadership skills to advocate for their peers.

Each training session saw **15 to 45 participants**, highlighting the high level of interest and engagement.



## **Ensuring Rights & Protection of vulnerable children and their strengthening their families- project summary**

The project goal is to **enhance the holistic development of 650 children** (ages 0-17) over three years. This will be achieved by:

- **Establishing Child Protection Committees** in five targeted locations.
- **Maximizing the potential** of the children, including 150 from construction sites.
- **Strengthening the economic stability** of their families to ensure the children can remain with them.

The project achieved significant outcomes in foundational development, educational support, and community building. A baseline survey of **478**

**children** was completed, establishing a crucial foundation for measuring future progress.

- **Counselling & Mental Health:** The program successfully conducted **55 group sessions** and **25 individual counselling sessions**, addressing issues like stress, anger, and violence. These interventions led to improved behaviour and stronger relationships among youth.



- **Educational Support:** **500 children** received scholastic kits, and a remarkable **160 sets** of cognitive toys were distributed, exceeding the target by **290%**. This supported both academic learning and holistic development through play.



- **Health & Nutrition:** **150 young children** (0-6 years old) received daily nutritious meals, and an annual health check-up camp served **542 children**, providing free medication and referrals.

- **Community & Parent Engagement:** 112 ECCD training sessions were implemented for parents, exceeding targets. Additionally, 10 parent groups were formed and received training on topics from civic rights to child protection, fostering increased awareness and empowerment.



- **Youth Leadership & Enrichment:** The program exceeded its goal for youth leadership training, with 75 youth (150% of the plan) trained on child protection. 10 youth groups were formed, and an exposure trip to a science park enriched the learning of 75 children.
- **Infrastructure & Documentation:** Five learning centers were successfully established, serving over 525 children. Proactively, documentation was completed for 132 families, helping them access government benefits and promoting self-reliance.



- **Staff Development:** 17 staff members received comprehensive ECCD training on 8 trainings (6 ECCD topics Cognitive, Physical and motor skill, creative & Emotional and Social development + pre/post-natal care & nutrition).



- **And 17 Staff** received trainings on Child protection laws (POSH, POCSO) and other professional development topics, ensuring the program's effective implementation and sustainability

Programs	Key progress	Key Effects / Outcomes
<b>1. Baseline Survey &amp; Identification</b>	<b>478</b> children identified (96% of goal).	Baseline report is available for reference.
<b>2. Counselling Sessions</b>	<b>55</b> group sessions and <b>25</b> individual sessions completed. Topics included hygiene, stress, anger, and social media effects.	Improved mental and behavioural issues, better family and peer relationships. <b>92%</b> of group sessions and <b>100%</b> of individual sessions completed.
<b>3. Learning &amp; Scholastic Kits</b>	<b>500</b> kits distributed to children aged 7-18.	Kits supported children's academics and facilitated peer learning. <b>100%</b> result achieved.
<b>4. Cognitive Development</b>	<b>160</b> cognitive toy sets purchased. Children engaged in indoor and outdoor games (football, kabaddi).	Improved cognitive, physical, and mental development. <b>290%</b> of planned sets purchased.
<b>5. Nutrition Program</b>	<b>150</b> children (0-6 years) provided with nutritious meals.	BMI showed slight fluctuations due to seasonal changes and migration. <b>100%</b> of targeted children were provided with nutrition.
<b>6. ECCD Training for Parents</b>	<b>8 trainings</b> (6 ECCD topics Cognitive, Physical and motor skill, creative & Emotional and Social development + pre/post-natal care & nutrition)	Manuals and flip charts developed. <b>100%</b> +results achieved.

Programs	Key progress	Key Effects / Outcomes
	conducted at <b>14 construction sites</b> , totalling <b>112 trainings</b> .	
<b>7. Annual Health Check-up</b>	<b>542 children</b> (83% of goal) attended the camp across 5 centers and 7 sites.	Free medicines and referrals were provided. Improved health conditions were noted, especially where ASHA workers are active.
<b>8. Documentation</b>	<b>132 families</b> had documentation completed for government benefits.	Families experienced increased security and self-reliance. <b>100%+</b> results achieved.
<b>9. Learning Centers</b>	<b>5 centers</b> established, with <b>525 children</b> (7-18) and <b>150 children</b> (0-6) attending.	Children are growing well academically and holistically. Centers are seen as a safe space. <b>100%</b> establishment rate.
<b>10. Parent Capacity Building</b>	<b>10 parent groups</b> (men's and women's) formed across 5 locations. <b>8 training sessions</b> held on topics like civic rights, child rights, and gender.	Parents' awareness of child protection increased. <b>100%</b> group formation achieved.
<b>11. Annual Women's Meet</b>	Not conducted as planned.	Planned for the next year.
<b>12. Youth Protection Training</b>	<b>75 youth</b> (150% of plan) trained on child protection. <b>20 sessions</b> completed.	Youths are developing as discussion leaders and show interest in learning more.
<b>13. Youth Group Formation</b>	<b>10 youth groups</b> formed for children aged 7-11 and 12-18.	Children are <b>13</b> exposed to community and child protection issues and are getting empowered. <b>100%</b> results achieved.
<b>14. Exposure Trip</b>	<b>75 children</b> (12-18) visited a science park.	The visit increased scientific knowledge and curiosity. <b>100%</b> of the program completed.
<b>15. UN Day Celebrations</b>	<b>12+</b> important UN days were celebrated/observed.	Awareness was created through rallies, slogans, and activities. <b>100%</b> of the program completed.
<b>16. Field Training</b>	<b>17 field staff</b> were trained on <b>6 ECCD modules</b> . <b>24</b>	Staff are well equipped with the training and modules. However, <b>67%</b> of the

Programs	Key progress	Key Effects / Outcomes
	parents sessions were conducted.	program completed due to challenges with high parent turnover
<b>17. Staff Induction &amp; Training</b>	<b>17 staff</b> trained on POSH, POCSO, child laws, and project management.	Staff capacity was built, leading to better performance. <b>100%</b> staff participation.
<b>18. Staff Meetings</b>	<b>12</b> monthly staff meetings with reviews were held.	Project review progressing towards systematic achievement of goal and staff improvement in planning and implementation <b>100%</b> meeting with staff participation

#### Key impacts across the program areas include:

- **Improved Mental and Behavioural Health:** Through **55 group and 25 individual counselling sessions**, the program directly addressed issues like anger, stress, and violence, leading to noticeable improvements in behaviour and relationships among participating youth.
- **Enhanced Educational and Cognitive Development:** The distribution of **500 scholastic kits** and an impressive **160 sets of cognitive toys** (290% over target) supported academic progress and critical thinking skills. This holistic approach helped children develop both academically and intellectually.
- **Boosted Health and Well-being:** By providing nutritious meals to **150 young children** and conducting a health camp that served **542 children**, the program significantly contributed to the physical health of its beneficiaries.
- **Empowered Communities and Families:** The formation of **10 parent groups** and the implementation of **112 ECCD training sessions** fostered greater community awareness and provided parents with the knowledge to better support their children. Furthermore, completing documentation for **132 families** helped them access government benefits, directly improving their self-reliance and security.
- **Cultivated Youth Leadership:** The program successfully exceeded its goal by training **75 youth** in child protection, transforming them into community leaders and agents of change. The formation of **10 youth groups** and an educational trip for **75 children** further enriched their skills and knowledge.
- **Strengthened Program Delivery:** The establishment of **five learning centers** created safe, dedicated spaces for all program activities. Training **17 staff members** on essential topics like child protection laws ensured the program's sustainability and effective implementation for years to come.

## **Young Promises Project**

Young Promises is a youth development project designed to guide and support young people/youths aged 16 -21 toward a productive and balanced adult life and the fulfilment of their career goals.

**Individual Progress Reports of the children in the program are :**

- **Vinod**

Vinod successfully passed his second-year Bachelor of Physical Education exams and is now in his third year. His college is closed for summer vacation from May 8th to July 15th. With a keen interest in athletics, he has used this break to focus on his training, maintaining a balanced routine of practice, academics, and a part-time job on weekends to support his family

- **Jyoti**

Jyoti is a second-year D.Ed. student who finished her exams on April 29th and is awaiting her results, expected in September. Due to financial difficulties at home, she has accepted a position as a teacher in the OEPMC Project to help her family. She is also considering pursuing a BA degree alongside her new job. Jyoti's father's alcohol addiction has caused family stress, but the situation is now showing signs of improvement.

- **Ritesh**

Ritesh, a second-year B.Com. student, passed his exams with a First Class and has been admitted into his third year. After his exams, he started a part-time job as an Account Specialist but had to quit due to a family emergency when his grandfather suffered a stroke. Now that his grandfather is recovering, Ritesh has completed an entrepreneurship workshop and is considering starting his own photography business to support his family.

- **Akshada**

Akshada has passed her third-year B.Com. exams and has enrolled in a Hospital Billing course at Tech Mahindra. She is also awaiting the results of a Tally course exam she recently took. Akshada's family faces significant financial difficulties due to her father's alcohol addiction, and she hopes to provide financial support after completing her new course and securing a job.

- **Sadhana**

Sadhana, a second-year B.A. student, failed her English subject exam but has been admitted into her third year. She is also attending a Hospital Billing course at Tech Mahindra. Sadhana is the daughter of a single parent and lives with her grandparents, which has presented personal and emotional challenges.

- **Saddam Hassan**

Saddam is in his second year of MBBS, a demanding period of medical education. He is fully committed to his studies, demonstrating a strong dedication to consistent attendance and active participation in his classes. With his second-year exams scheduled for later this month, he is diligently preparing to ensure he is well-prepared to advance in his medical career.

All the above youths are met personally, guiding them counselling them when needed by the coordinator of the project. Every support possible is extended to them to move ahead in life.

### Stories of change :

1: An empowered 17.5-year-old girl from the Birajdar community successfully prevented her own marriage, handling the situation positively with crucial support from staff. Initially the girl's family/mother and grandmother forced her while she was 17.5 years old, more than 2 years now. However, within the last year she has been able to take a stand and protect herself with our local staff support and has much emotional and mental stability. As an organisation we have stood with her through counselling, mentoring, emotional, educational and vocational skill support. This case exemplifies the power of child self-advocacy in combating child marriage.

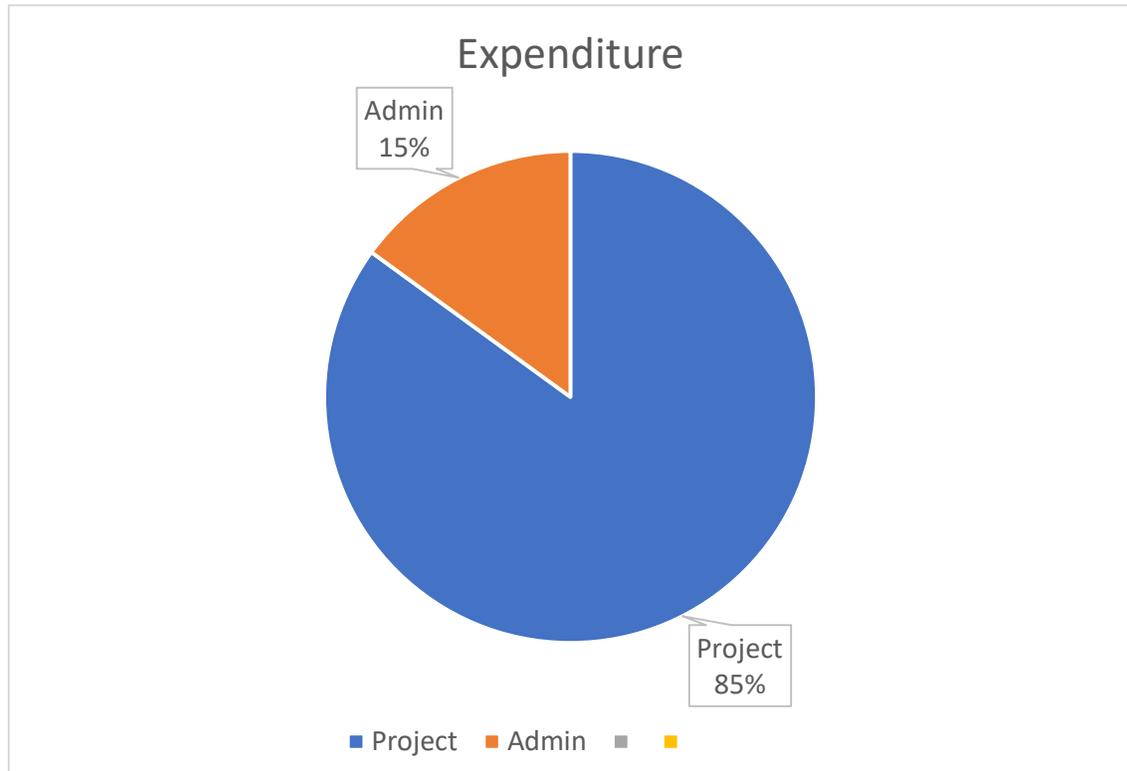
2: Youth and staff successfully intervened to prevent the illegal marriage of a 17.5-year-old girl in the Kharadi community. Although the girl was protected, the intervention caused a mixed community reaction due to the financial losses incurred by the victim's family, underscoring the deep economic challenge in combating child marriage. Following the incident, staff faced threatening calls, causing a temporary setback to the work. However, with the support of local social activists, the situation slowly normalized, and we continued our work. This decisive action has currently halted child marriages within the community's immediate vicinity, though such marriages may still occur in nearby villages.

3: In the Birajdar community, a case of household utilities and valuables robbery by local "goons" was successfully resolved through community intervention, youth and CPC's members, which included organizing patrolling and securing police support. This demonstrates the effectiveness of community-led action in addressing internal security issues.

4: Two boys, aged 11-12 years, were found wandering the streets of Subhas Nagar, their survival needs unmet and their safety compromised due to severe family neglect. Their environment was characterized by their mother's chronic alcoholism and promiscuous behaviour, coupled with the prior death of their father due to alcoholism. Recognizing the immediate danger, our staff, along with youth volunteers and Child Protection Committee (CPC) members, collaborated to intervene. They successfully

utilized the system to enroll both children into government-run Child Care Institutions (CCIs), ensuring their protection and access to care.

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**“Children deserve the right to think that they can change the world.” ~ Lois Lowry**