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INTRODUCTION

As we reflect on the months of August through November, we are excited to share the progress, achievements, and milestones that have been made in our programs. With your continued support, we've empowered children, and marginalized communities, focused on the well-being of vulnerable children, and enhanced educational and skill-building opportunities. In this edition, we highlight the remarkable journeys of our students, women, and families, showcasing their resilience and growth. From impactful education and health camps to skill development workshops and meaningful community events, this quarter has been filled with positive transformations.

Children Supported by NBI residential homes During the Quarter

RH	BGH	CGH	FBH	SGH	CBH	SBH	LUH	SG	Total
71	72	27	79	30	41	54	76	63	513

IMPACT DURING THE QUARTER:

During the last quarter, Need Base India made a significant impact on the lives of 513 underprivileged children across nine residential homes. Here are some of the achievements we are proud of:



Education:

We provided education and learning opportunities to over 513 children in our programs, including through school enrollment, scholarships, tutoring, and after-school programs, career guidance, life skills & value education. Our education programs have helped improve children's literacy and numeracy skills, and have also helped them develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

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Healthcare:

From August to November 2024, our healthcare programs provided medical care to 513 children, ensuring regular check-ups, vaccinations, and timely treatment for illnesses and injuries. As a result, 85% of the children showed improved overall health. Additionally, our counseling services reached 513 children, offering counseling and intervention, leading to noticeable improvements in emotional well-being and coping skills.

Nutrition:

We provided nutritious meals to 513 children through our nutrition programs, ensuring they received essential nutrients for healthy growth and development. This initiative contributed to improved overall well-being, better concentration in studies, and increased energy levels among the children. During the reporting period from August to November 2024, 38 underweight children achieved a healthy weight through our nutrition programs, demonstrating significant progress in their overall health and well-being.



Protection:

From August to November 2024, our residential home continued to provide a safe and secure environment for vulnerable children, including those who have faced abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Through our dedicated support services, we helped them heal and rebuild their lives. During this period, our team rescued 42 children from vulnerable backgrounds, ensuring they received the necessary care and protection at our centers.

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Advocacy:

During the quarter, we advocated for the rights of children, including their right to education, healthcare, and protection. We engaged parents, community leaders, government officials, and other stakeholders to raise awareness about the needs and challenges facing underprivileged children and to advocate for policies and programs that support their well-being.



CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER:



Nakshatra Event:

On September 1st, 2024 Children participated in various activities at St. Francis College, showcasing their talents in dance, skits, clay molding, drawing, and more. 12 children won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the spell bee competition, arts & crafts and cultural activities. The event promoted confidence, creativity, and teamwork among the children.

Cluster Level Sports Competition:

On August 1st, 2024 Vaishali, a 10th-grade student from CGH, won 2nd place in the Relay, earning a medal and certificate for her outstanding performance.

Inter-School Kho-Kho Competition:

Jyothi and Vaishali from Grade 10, along with Tanushree from Grade 8, secured 2nd place, receiving medals and certificates for their achievement.



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Broad Ridge Fest:

On October 8th, 2024, children from 9 residential homes participated in Broad Ridge Fest, showcasing their creativity in arts and crafts. They not only crafted unique items but also learned to present their creations. The children enthusiastically explained their artwork to employees and successfully sold over 560 products. As a result, they earned ₹18,000 from the festival, showcasing their talent and entrepreneurial spirit.

Extracurricular Achievements:

In August, primary school students showcased their athletic and artistic talents by excelling in cluster-level kabaddi and kho-kho competitions. Their success continued at Prerana 2024-2025, where they won prizes in pick and speak, group dance, solo dance, and group singing categories. These achievements boosted their confidence, teamwork, and overall skill development.



Prathiba Karanji Event:

On September 13th, 2024, children from Sneh Ghar actively participated in various activities, demonstrating their talents. Adi won 1st prize for his patriotic song, while Ambresh secured 2nd prize in the pick and speak competition. Their achievements boosted their confidence and encouraged them to further develop their skills.

**NATIONAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS:
EMPOWERING CHILDREN THROUGH CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT**

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During the reporting period from August to November 2024, a total of 513 children actively participated in the national festival celebrations organized by Need Base India. These events, including Ganesh Chaturthi, Children's Day, Diwali, and Independence Day, provided a platform for the children to engage in cultural activities, learn about national traditions, and develop a sense of unity and pride. The children actively participated in various activities such as decorating spaces, preparing traditional foods, performing dances, singing patriotic songs, and learning about the significance of these festivals. Through these celebrations, they gained exposure to diverse cultural practices, promoting creativity, teamwork, and leadership skills.

As a result, the children not only gained a deeper sense of cultural awareness and pride but also developed essential life skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership, which will benefit them in their future personal and academic endeavors. These celebrations were a vital part of the holistic development approach that Need Base India strives to provide for the children under its care.



ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM

Introduction:

VIA 2024, initiated in Bangalore in June 2024, is a child-centric road safety program that educates students on mobility issues around schools and promotes safe commuting. The program follows multiple phases, including awareness, commitment, training, and competitions, empowering students to become road safety ambassadors.



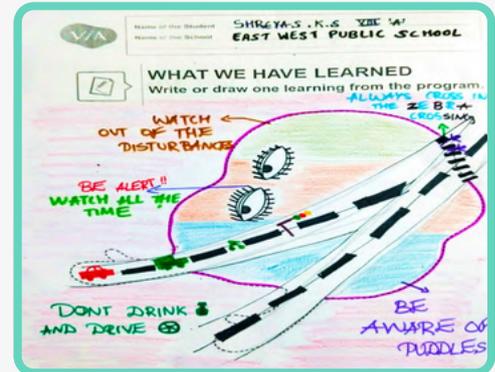
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Key Achievements:

- Awareness Phase: Sensitized **8,263 students** across **36 schools** on road safety rules and hazards.
- Commitment Phase: **Selected 1,180 students as ambassadors** through surveys, worksheets, and poster-making activities.
- Training of Teachers (TOT): **26 teachers were trained to facilitate the program.**
- Ambassador Evaluations: 50 students were initially selected, with 20 finalized as road safety ambassadors.
- Thematic Projects: Schools worked on projects focusing on safe entry, dispersal, school buses, and road safety journalism.
- Poster Competitions: **Conducted at school, city, and national levels, with East West Public School representing Bangalore and securing second place at the national level.**
- Felicitation Event: Recognized schools, teachers, and students for their contributions to road safety.



Impact:

The program successfully enhanced students' leadership, confidence, and communication skills while fostering collaboration with local authorities, schools, and the community to improve road safety awareness.

FUTURES PROGRAM

The Need Base India-Futures Program supported 39 young adults (ages 15-23) through education, career guidance, life skills, and personality development initiatives. The program focused on academic achievements, skill development, health, and exposure visits to enhance job readiness.

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Key Achievements:

- Successful completion of 10th and 12th-grade exams by several students, with college admissions secured.
- Career placements: Sathya K and Arusha K were placed in billing jobs, Chandrikala completed a diploma as a health inspector, and Vidhya R became an assistant nurse.
- Various career guidance sessions, industrial exposure visits, and legal & financial literacy workshops were conducted.



Notable Events:

- Exposure visits to Micron Industrial Company, Bosch, banks, and post offices for skill-building.
- Legal literacy sessions on anti-sexual harassment and women's safety.
- Self-identity and relationship management workshops by Samvada and Durga Foundation.
- Health initiatives, including a reproductive health awareness session.

Success Stories:

- Sathya K overcame financial hardships by completing a vocational course and securing employment.
- Vidhya R was raised in Rainbow Home, was successfully trained as a nurse, and now supports her family.



Conclusion:

The program has been instrumental in enhancing the safety, education, career prospects, and overall development of young adults. Future improvements will focus on fostering greater enthusiasm for learning and new skills. Rainbow Foundation India's support remains invaluable in empowering these youths.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

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1. **Online Classes:** Conducted classes across multiple clusters and residential schools, enhancing student participation and engagement.
2. **CA Meetings:** Regular meetings to monitor program activities like NSIC, classes, and Math's Day events across 39 centers.
3. **Raman Award:** Conducted in 3 schools, recognizing student achievements and promoting educational initiatives.
4. **EDGE Program:** Implemented to empower students through goal-setting and leadership skills across various centers.
5. **Breast Cancer Awareness:** Programs conducted in multiple schools to educate young women and girls about breast cancer.



MENSTRUAL HEALTH & HYGIENE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN CHITRADURGA, KARNATAKA:

The objective of this project included creating awareness among girls and women about healthy hygienic sanitation practices, dispelling the taboos, myths, and misconceptions about menstruation, building a supportive and comforting environment at home and school during their menstrual cycle, helping the community to effectively manage and sustain menstrual hygiene and sanitation practices and facilitate safe disposal of menstrual waste.



Activities Conducted:

- Sensitization sessions held in 9 schools, distributing pads to 1200 girls.
- Sensitization sessions held in 7 villages/communities, distributing pads to 900 women.
- Quarterly awareness sessions on Menstrual Hygiene for girls and women.
- General Health Check-up camp conducted by a Gynaecologist.
- Quarterly distribution of pads to beneficiaries.
- Installation and management of pad destroyer machines in schools.
- Advocacy and lobbying with PHCs, Anganwadis, Panchayats, Education Department, and SHGs.



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