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**MUMBAI  
MOBILE CRECHES**  
FUTURES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## Greetings from Mumbai Mobile Creches!

## MMC in numbers:

MMC's reach- 4037 children

Average number of children reached  
every month- 1419436 doctors visits were  
conducted79 health camps were  
facilitated15 school enrollments  
were facilitated693 immunisations  
were facilitated251 Chai Pani meetings  
were conducted reaching  
715 parents every month25 lokdoots were  
conducted reaching 2021  
community members27 children received  
scholarships through  
MMC104 children every month  
benefitted from tab  
based learning83 children every month  
benefitted from Life  
Skills sessions

We are excited to bring you the latest news and updates on our ongoing efforts to support the children of migrant workers on construction sites and other underprivileged communities. In the past few months, we have made significant progress in our mission to provide education, healthcare, nutrition, and other essential components to our children and their parents. With your continued support, we have been able to:

- Expand our reach to more children on construction sites and other underprivileged communities through our different models
- Conduct visits to source villages to understand the availability of resources for children of brick kiln workers and interact with the stakeholders
- Look after children from birth to three-year-olds at our DCCs from November 2022
- Celebrate Health Week after five years across all centres
- Facilitate Life Skill Sessions again for children above six years

Capacity  
building for  
our staff

Workshops on National Curriculum Framework, planning learning corners through NEP and Steiner Waldorf pedagogy implementation conducted by AECED

Parenting workshop by Muktangan Education Trust

Fire Safety and disaster management, POSH, POCSO and first aid

# Notes from the Field



## Bal Palika Teacher Training (BPT) Programme

We were able to conduct several activities for the BPT trainees during the last six months. We took them to SOS Children's village where they learnt about the unique setting in which this organisation works with children and how it overcame operational challenges. The trainees also visited the Bal Mela created by students of Dr. Bhanuben Mahendra Nanavati College of Home Science, Matunga. This learning reflected in the two-days long Teaching Aids Exhibition organised by the trainees. This year's theme was 'अजब गजब अनोखा परिवार' (Unique, Marvellous Family). To prepare our trainees for the competitive environment in the outside world, we facilitated English speaking and basic computer training classes for them.

## Teaching Aids Exhibition at Schindler India Pvt. Ltd.

Our trainees received a one of its kind opportunity where they were invited by Schindler India Pvt. Ltd., our longtime supporter, to host a teaching aids exhibition in their office premises for their employees. Our trainees set up a model of what our day care centres on construction sites look like, as well as teaching aids and educational games. This enhanced our trainees' communication skills and self-confidence.



## 13th Annual Book Week

This year's theme for the Annual Book Week was - 'किताबों की दुनिया में मस्ती का सफर' (Fun Filled Journey Through Books). Book Week was celebrated at all our centres from November 14 to 18, 2022. Guests from various fields attended. There was an exhibition on the last day, featuring the art created by children. 1309 children received books as gifts.



## Annual Puppet Festival

Our Annual Puppet Festival took place in all our centres in January. This year's theme was 'पपेट से करेंगे संस्कृति की पहचान' (Recognising culture through puppets). Puppets created by children made of boxes, bottles, socks, masks, etc. were displayed at a puppet exhibition. They, along with our teachers, staged puppet shows. 207 people from various NGOs and educational institutions attended the exhibition. During the festival, our puppet experts also conducted a workshop for participants from various educational institutions.



## Health Week

We celebrated Health Week at all our centres in March. This year's theme was Water and Respiratory diseases. Due to constant exposure to dust, pollutants, the harsh and unhygienic environment all those who live on active construction sites are prone to respiratory tract infections like cold, cough, fever, and pneumonia. We talked about why patients with respiratory diseases should drink water. We also conducted games and practical activities for our children and distributed health kits to help them practise good hygiene. Their parents, too, learnt a lot.



# Notes from the Field



## Annual Camp

Annual camps were held after two years. This was the first time that children from our brick kiln sites came to the camps. 382 children from 18 centres attended the camp.

## Annual Camp at Yusuf Meherally Centre and Gram Mangal

## MMC at Mumbai Marathon

We participated in the Mumbai Marathon held on 15th January. Six of our youths ran for us. It was a very thrilling experience for them and helped build their confidence. This year, 40 runners from Owens Corning India Private Limited—our corporate partner and five other individual runners supported our cause and ran for MMC.



## Engagement with Alumni

At MMC, we have always maintained a strong connection with our alumni. Every year we conduct an outing for them and this year we took them to the Yusuf Meherally Centre in Panvel. Over 50 alumni attended the outing. We also continued conducting monthly meetings with the alumni. 566 youth participated in 15 meetings.

## Volunteering at the centres

The team of Owens Corning India Pvt. Ltd. And United Way of Mumbai visited one of our centres and participated in arts and crafts activities with the children. Reliance Foundation volunteers celebrated Christmas at two of our centres. They invited Santa to interact with our children and distributed gifts to them. They also took 83 children to Jio Wonderland for a day, where the children enjoyed several rides at the amusement park. Volunteers from Accenture India, Eastman Chemical India Pvt. Ltd., Tata Chemicals and Tata Consumer Products Ltd. also visited our centres.



## Parenting Workshops

This year, MMC's creche and balwadi teachers underwent parenting training using the tools developed by the Hincks Dellcrest Center (Canada) adapted by Bala Mandir Research Foundation. The teachers disseminated this information during chai-pani meetings. They discussed the importance of parents being involved in their children's development and helped them improve their psychosocial relationship with their children.

## ECCE workshops conducted by MMC for other organisations

Our expertise lies in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). We use several creative techniques for teaching, especially puppets. We conducted puppet making workshops for institutions like Mumbai Smiles, SAVE Ngo and SNDT Women's University, Juhu. Over 140 participants including teachers, anganwadi workers, students, and women from self-help groups participated.



# Fundraising & Friendraising

## Playtime with Children!



## Thank you!

### Individuals

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