



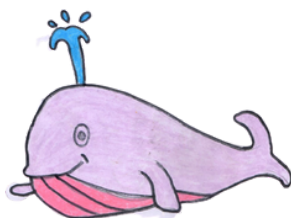
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Greetings from Mumbai Mobile Creches!



Once the pandemic restrictions eased in April 2022, and it became safe for children to come to our centres, our programmes — the Phirti Library and Toy Library, Tablet Based Learning, chess classes, etc. regularised. However, until July, only children above three were permitted to attend. Then from August, we started calling crèche children above one. We also organized regular doctor's visits, monitored the growth of children, distributed nutritional foods and referred children to hospitals when necessary. And after two years we were able to celebrate special events like Khel Mahotsav, Breastfeeding Week etc. at the centres. In June 2022, Bal Palika Teacher (BPT) Training programme for the new batch of trainees commenced at both our training centres. And we helped migrant workers access the benefits they are entitled to. We expanded our Comprehensive Day Care services to a new Brick Kiln site in Naupada. Children on this site will be able to avail of our services throughout the year, unlike those at other brick kilns which run for only for six months.



MMC's Reach in numbers: MMC reached to 2901 children.

Average number of children reached through various models:



Construction sites:

954



Mobile bus:

130



Brick kilns:

67



Slums:

54



CORP:

59

No. of doctor's visits: **408**

1583 immunisations facilitated across all models.

312 Chai-Pani meetings conducted across all models reaching **643** parents every month.

13 Lokdoots conducted reaching **1161** community members.

Notes from the Field

ABACUS

Abacuses are very useful educational tools to foster early brain development among children. Introducing them to young



children not only helps them excel in mathematics, but also boosts their confidence by improving their visualization and stimulating their imagination. 46 children from 5 centres participated in these classes and 29 sessions have been held so far.

Chess class

We conducted a Basic Chess Programme for on an average 65 children every month, at three of our sites.



This will undoubtedly help the children in developing their skills in problem solving, increase their ability to concentrate, and speak more clearly. It will also boost their self-confidence and sportsmanship.

Assessing developmental delays

Our teachers and supervisors have now started working with the parents of children up to the age of three to address developmental delays using the Ummeed Assessment tool. They observe the children's behaviour, question their parents and then come up with solutions that will help children reach their milestone. They also conduct home visits and customize activities for the children.



Khel Mahotsav

Khel Mahotsav is a festival that our children love. In the May 2022 Khel Mahotsav, they played both indoor outdoor games such as tug of war, balancing straw, dog and the bone, lagori etc. These games inculcate both the competitive spirit and team work. Parents were also engaged in playing games.



Shramadaan:

MMC celebrates Shramadaan every May. This year's theme was 'Chote rog, Gharelu yog' (home remedies for minor injuries and illnesses). Children conducted rallies and performed a Lokdoot (street play). They also created dry and wet dust bins, bird houses from waste materials, planted trees, watered plants, and left out water for birds and street animals. These activities helped them understand that every living being on this planet is important and we should take care of them.



Breastfeeding week

Breastfeeding Week is observed nationally every August. This year, the theme was 'Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support'. We have constantly advocated good breastfeeding practices. We also distributed baby care products for children and seasonal fruits to lactating mothers. In some centres, health post and anganwadi workers were present during the sessions and spoke about the importance of breastfeeding.



Notes from the Field

BPT Training new batch

The batch of 2021-2022 passed the course with flying colours. Five trainees were placed and started working in different child care institutions. The new batch of BPT training commenced their training from June 2022 at Navi Mumbai and Wadala centres. 32 trainees were enrolled. Of these, 13 are from construction sites.



Youth meetings

We have always supported children even after they move on from MMC centres. One such initiative is our 'Youth Meets' for children and youth above the age of 12. The meetings which were being conducted twice a year, came to a halt because of the pandemic. From this year, we started conducting these meetings monthly. They are a great way to stay connected with our alumni and understand their problems. The youngsters in turn educate their parents.



Celebration of Independence day

We celebrated India's 75th Independence Day with children singing patriotic songs and dances.

Scholarships for children under BOCWA

Under the Building and Other Construction Workers Act (BOCWA), construction workers and their children can avail various benefits. But because of lack of knowledge or the lack of identity documents, they are unable to do so. We helped 48 children to apply for scholarships and 7 got them. The rest, we are sure, will get them too in time.

Babita Sutare, Community Volunteer

Babita showed great passion and confidence whenever she visited the centre. So the teachers picked her to be a community volunteer and trained her to interact with the community.

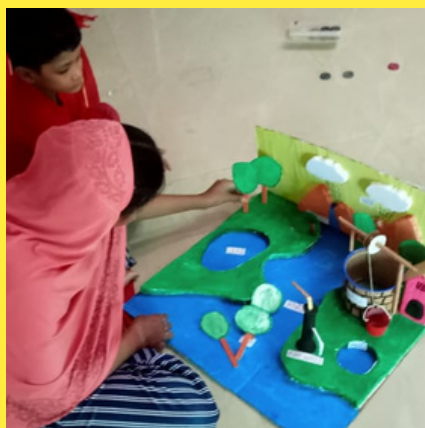
This is what Babita had to say about her experience in enrolling children from her labour camp in schools-

"I am a community volunteer at MMC. I live at a labour camp in Mulund. It came into my notice that three to four children in our labour camp did not attend school. So I went to their house and spoke to their parents about the importance of formal school education. I then accompanied the mothers to nearby schools and got all the four children enrolled. They now go to school regularly and enjoy it."



Fundraising & Friendraising

Children's Art Corner!



Volunteering at the centres:

Both corporate and individual volunteering began at our centres. Volunteers interacted with older children and conducted various activities such as theme based drawing, storytelling, arts and crafts, teaching technical software like Adobe Photoshop, Google Earth and much more. Some volunteers also participated in our paint a crèche activity and painted the outside walls of our day care centres.

Thank you!

Individuals:

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