



**EKAM FOUNDATION  
MUMBAI**

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# **ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**











Baman Mehta, CEO, Darasaw & Company, celebrates the moment with the scholarship awardees at the tenth anniversary event of Ekam at the Taj Palace, Mumbai.

from the desk of

CHAIRPERSON &  
MANAGING TRUSTEE

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Dear friends,

As I write this annual note to all of you, I share with you the joy of the thousands of children and their families that we have touched in the last ten years. I express gratitude to all the donors, advisors, partners, stakeholders and especially the team that has contributed to fruition of the Ekam vision and mission.

Last year was a watershed year in many ways, in our health program; we crossed over 1500 children supported in a single year since inception, and today we are proud to be a pan India organization with referrals from all parts of India including the north east and hilly areas of northern India. As there is explosion of public and private healthcare facilities within the country, especially in tier 2 & tier 3 towns, as a society, we need to continue to work towards making it accessible and affordable to the economically challenged and weaker sections. This year, we also supported several families stricken by the deadly disease, cancer which is not only prohibitive in cost but also emotionally draining. Providing timely and adequate treatment remains the most critical aspect of our support.



Our education programme has grown manifold and remains especially focused on empowering young girls to remain in school and pursue their career opportunities. Out of the 250 students we supported in the academic year 2022-23, there were 181 girls (over 70%) across the country. Alongside this, we continue to build a mentoring programme to support their overall professional development.

In partnership with the Chaitayanam Institute for Human Excellence in Healthcare, and the Lalitya Foundation, we were able to run our health camp and hygiene awareness programs in rural Maharashtra and thereafter start building digital access in schools through the provision of computers and laptops in rural and semi-urban areas. We received a heartwarming thank you note from one of the principals sharing his joy of being able to watch the launch of Chandrayan-3 live with his students, on an Ekam-provided laptop as there was a power outage in the school that day.

Through the Computer Lab (ICT) program, we have been able to reach to schools on a pan-India basis such as in Garhwal, Nagaland, Andaman and Nicobar. We have also supplemented our offering with monthly online learning sessions on health and career guidance which have a multiplier effect on the schools and provide an opportunity for interaction with children, teachers and parents.

We are proud to share that our programmes remain child-centric which allow children even in remote areas of the country to participate in the larger success of India and thereby provide inspiration and impetus to many more children to become scientists and engineers and launch themselves into the world with greater confidence and understanding. As we build our programmes in size and depth, my team joins me in expressing our gratitude for your continued faith and support of us. We remain open to suggestions, feedback, and recommendations from you on programs at all times.

Wishing you a very happy festive season ahead.

Warm regards,

**ameeta chatterjee**

CHAIRPERSON & MANAGING TRUSTEE



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# ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

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## VISION

To improve the health and well-being of a child by providing aid to meet their healthcare and educational needs.

## MISSION

We work as enablers in meeting the health and education related expenses for children in need.

Working in partnerships with medical and educational fraternities, our mission is to provide timely and adequate support to make health and education accessible and affordable to children.

We also work towards preventive healthcare and emotional well-being of children through awareness programmes in schools and communities.

## GOAL

- Addressing tertiary healthcare objectives for neonates to adolescent children up to 18 yrs, by providing access to timely, safe and affordable treatment opportunities.
- Helping underprivileged children and young adults access good quality education in institutions and schools that provide value based education across country, and thereby supporting them in their academic interests.
- Catering to immediate financial assistance for better outcome in healthcare and education.

## IMPACT

- To date we have reached out to over **5500 children** for their healthcare needs, in partnerships with **200 hospitals** in more than **20 states** nationwide.
- Our education support footprints are visible in **23 states**, covering **180 educational institutions**, and helping **over 800** children, in just three years since this program started.
- Under the institutional capacity building program, support has gone to **31 educational institutions and 9 medical institutions** both in the urban and rural geographies of the country.



# ABOUT US

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Ekam Foundation Mumbai is a registered charitable trust that works for better quality health, education, and well-being of children irrespective of their economic status, race, and religious background. With our humble beginning from a library hall at Wadia Hospital for children, we have steered through the challenges of the pandemic to build our programs and our presence as a credible organization, supporting the efforts of the government (the SDG 2030), in addressing health and education needs of the children from the underserved community. In our ten successful years of working in the development sector, we have been able to create impactful milestones in transforming the lives of children and empowering them with better health and education.

Ekam's main focus has always been to provide fair and equitable access to health and education along with positive affirmations to girls in education, as they are often least preferred in the familial hierarchy for being given an equal opportunity in their lives. This goal still stands tall as our guiding philosophy and makes us feel relevant ten years after we started on our mission. A focused approach, to bridge the gap in affordability and access to healthcare and education needs of our children, has helped in building a sustainable organization that provides dignity and compassion to its beneficiaries. The child-centric approach has become the main tenet of the organization as we envision that when these children go out into the world, they will become our brand ambassadors taking our mission forward by creating a ripple effect of outreach and giving.

We have always worked from the premise of trust for our stakeholders. We are transparent in our functioning with the best compliance practices. We have given our donors the reliability and accountability that they look for in a non-profit, along with an outcome assessment and monitoring system that has given them the reason to believe in our work. These have contributed to our sustainability and growth over ten years meeting the needs of our beneficiaries through impactful projects and programs.



**Happiness is seeing a  
family smile together  
at a better future**

# THE PROBLEM WE ADDRESS

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Every child has the right to a happy and healthy childhood, and no child should be denied quality healthcare and equal opportunity to education because of their financial background. A healthy and educated child grows up to become a meaningful and productive member of his or her community and the larger society in the future. This, as our philosophy, espouses our cause of creating better opportunities for a healthy, educated and therefore, a happy child.

Critical childhood diseases are not amenable to preventive strategies. Early detection and prompt diagnosis and treatment are the key to improvement of survival outcome. In India it has shown significant improvement with development of multispecialty care centers and holistic support from various organizations helping people from low-income groups gain access to proper treatment.

One quarter of child deaths in the world occur in India. Poor awareness, delayed diagnosis and treatment abandonment are major hurdles in curing diseases in children in under-resourced populations. Treatment is expensive for most families with low income. Improving accessibility of funds for these families is the first step to assure a chance of a continued treatment for the ailing child. For families uprooting themselves for availing treatment in bigger cities, it is more than survival – it is an additional burden of sustenance. Moreover, modern/cutting edge healthcare services are predominantly restricted to a few tertiary care centers or hospitals in major cities.

Rising health spending is associated with high out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE), catastrophic health spending (CHS), increasing poverty, and impoverishment. The poor people in the poorer states in India pay significantly more to avail hospitalization in public health centers than those in the developed states. Provision of free medicines, surgery and free diagnostic tests in public health centers may reduce the high OOPE and medical poverty in India. High expenditure on health adds to unequal access in health care utilization across regions and socio-economic groups. The high OOPE on health care affects the poor and the vulnerable the most. Protecting people from increasing health care costs is also a priority development agenda worldwide.

One of the greater challenges for the future is to extend the benefits of modern treatment to the 80% of children who have little or no access to it in economically disadvantaged corners of the country.

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If healthcare is accessible to the socially disadvantaged and the economically challenged, there is a good cure rate for their ailments; even critical ones like cancer, heart diseases, and kidney, liver or blood disorders.

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The need of the hour is to make healthcare accessible and affordable. This can only mitigate conditions or diseases that are life-threatening. Only then can India set out to attain the global aim of the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 3 and 4, UN Agenda 2030) for healthier lives, and better education and well-being of its people.





**Happiness is seeing a girl  
stay in education and  
prove herself again and  
again.**

This is Mohini being awarded her  
scholarship at our event.

The health spending in developing countries, unlike that in developed countries, is largely met by households. Studies across developing countries suggest that poor households often resort to borrowing or selling assets to meet the OOOPE for hospitalization. Many developing countries have introduced varying financial protection schemes and strengthened the public health centers to protect the poor and needy from high OOOPE and rising health care costs. However, disparities in access and inequality in health outcome persists across and within countries. In India, rising health care cost is affecting the poor and vulnerable the most.

Over the last few years Ekam Foundation Mumbai has been tirelessly working towards addressing the overarching issues of health and education. As the second vertical of Ekam's work, education support is growing by the year. It has become imperative to stand with children who want to continue studying but face the threat of dropping out due to financial crunch.

While literacy rates for Indian girls remain comparably low, there has been an overall increase in literacy throughout India, with rates increasing from 40.7% in 1981 to 74.37% in 2018. In 1981, literacy rates for women were at 25%, as compared to 55% for men. Due to consequential steps taken by the Indian government to improve education, the gap has decreased significantly since the 80s. However, the literacy gap continues to exist.

As poverty exacerbates gender inequalities and increases the risk of school dropout, outreach activities need to target economically deprived households proactively and provide support to ensure these families have access to all available government schemes and benefits. As dropping out from school is a process, the interventions should develop a strategy to identify the vulnerable households and plan for an intervention at multiple time periods to positively impact, and support families and girls to avoid the dropout process. Schooling enables a girl to efficiently engage in both market-focused and household activities. These affect her family's welfare and enhance her potential contribution to the development of the household, local and regional economy.

Recent studies suggest that the state variations in CHS are large and the spend has increased among the poor and marginalized. Disparities in access and inequality in health outcome persists across and within the country.

Girl child education is the main milestone for women empowerment because it equips them to respond to the challenges, to confront their traditional roles and alter their lives. Girls' education is the most powerful tool to change their status not only within the family but in society as well.

Educated women are more likely to work and be financially independent, and they are also more likely to devote more income to the family's welfare thereby uplifting many families out of poverty.

Girls agency needs to be built through peer group reflections where they can share their challenges and success. Girls from those families with educational aspirations can act as role models for others.

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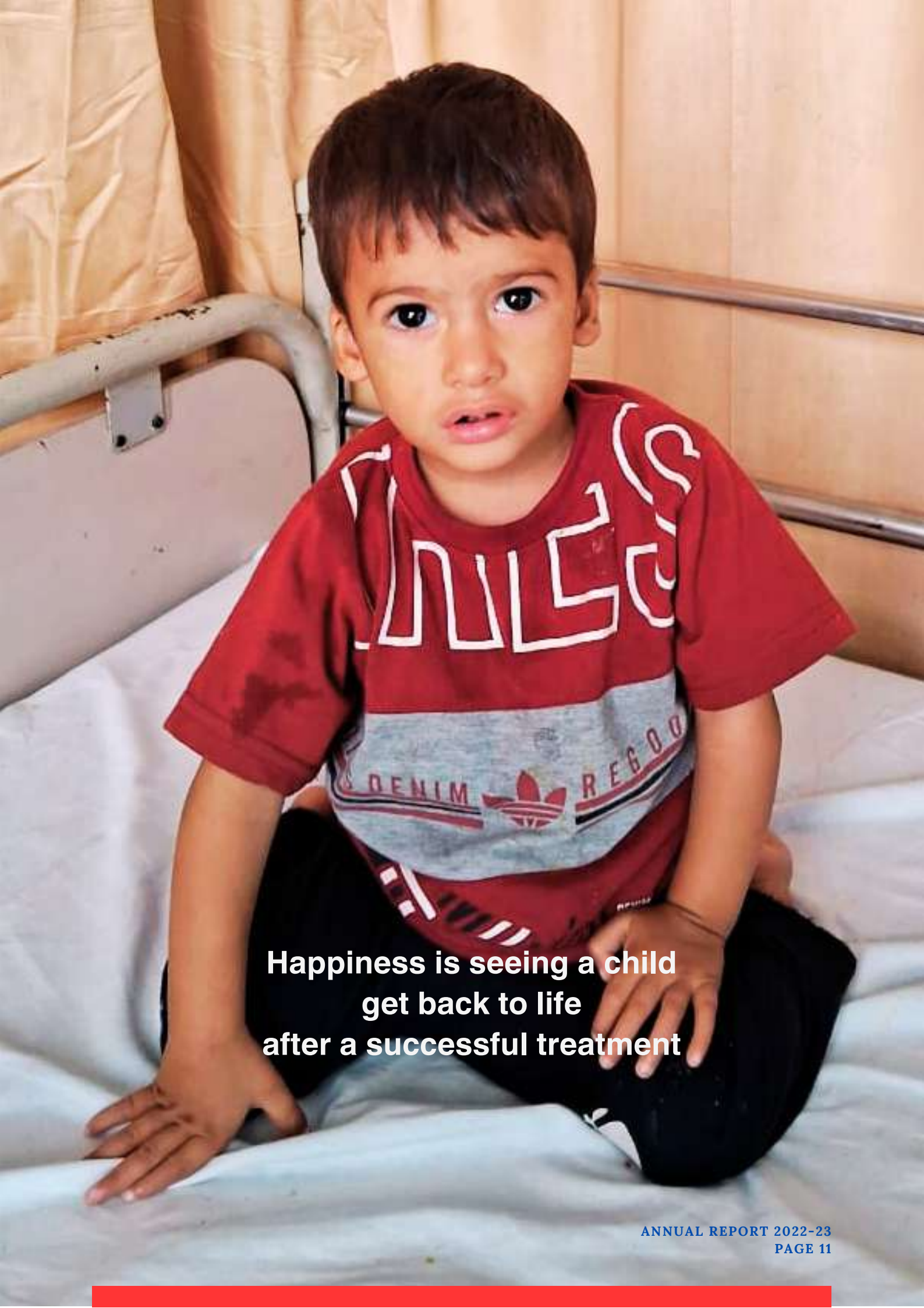
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**Happiness is seeing a child  
get back to life  
after a successful treatment**



# WHAT WE DO

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## THE EKAM THEORY OF CHANGE

### PROGRAM VERTICALS

1. **Surgery Support Program (SSP)**
2. **Ekam Education Program (EEP)**
3. **School Health Program (SHP)**
4. **Institutional Capacity Building Program (ICB)**

### MODEL OF INTERVENTION

1. Provide medical intervention to help children survive and thrive with better health.
2. Support children and young adults to complete their education for a better future.
3. Assist hospitals and schools in building their infrastructure that adds to their capacity building and provide better services.

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## WHO

Children & Young Adults  
from under-resourced  
communities

## WHAT

1. Providing direct financial aid for critical medical treatment and education purposes through SSP & EEP.
2. Creating health and hygiene awareness through SHP.
3. Supplementary program of equipment and infrastructure support in hospitals and schools, through the ICB.

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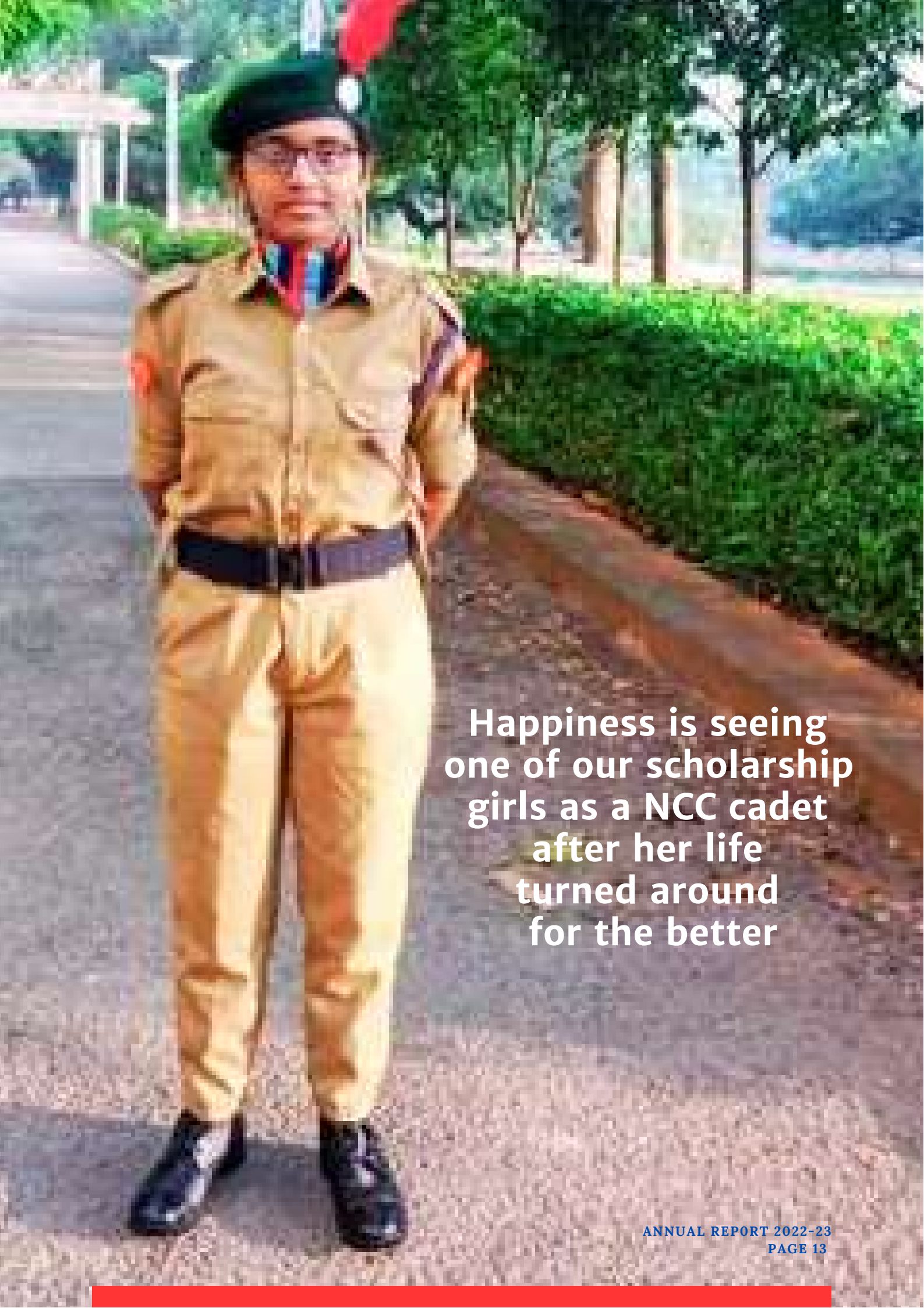
## HOW

Timely and adequate support  
to make health and education  
affordable and accessible to the  
target beneficiaries

## WHERE

Pan India with focus on  
aspirational geographies

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**Happiness is seeing  
one of our scholarship  
girls as a NCC cadet  
after her life  
turned around  
for the better**

# MILESTONES

*Impacting lives, one at a time*



- **2012:** Ekam was born with a focus on the healthcare needs of underprivileged children and neonates
- **2013:** SSP launched and the very first 100 children supported under it
- **2015:** Nurse Training Program initiated. This is being re-evaluated at present to structure it around a skills-building training for health-carers.
- **2016:** School Health Awareness Program launched
- **2017:** First SSP outreach program started in Kolkata in West Bengal
- **2018:** Partnership with the student council of IIM Vishakhapatnam established for outreach expansion in the southern regions of the country
- **2019:** The Ekam Education Fund (EEF) created with the idea of helping children from dropping out of school due to pandemic-induced financial difficulties.
- **2020:** EEF became a full-fledged program of education support in the form of the Ekam Education Program (EEP).
- Scholarship for meritorious girl students announced
- **2020:** Covid-relief support provided to Mumbai Covid-ward and other hospitals under the ICB program
- **2021:** Partnerships established with newer hospitals in eastern and southern parts of India for cancer care
- **2022:** EEP spread outside Maharashtra with focus on Hyderabad. Soon became a pan-India program
- **2023:** First rural outreach camp for SHP conducted in Kolhapur
- **2023:** Institutional Capacity Building program extended to education with setting up of smart classrooms and ICT labs for schools in remote areas.
- Online learning sessions on education, health, and career guidance introduced





SSP Health Camp in Kolhapur village with Chaityanam Institute & Lalitya Foundation



Happy Beneficiaries (names not disclosed)

# OUR PROGRAMS

## Surgery Support Program – SSP Medical Support

The SSP program is Ekam's key program which has been in existence since its inception ten years back and helped save the lives of more than 5500 children to date.

WHAT	HOW	WHO
Provide direct financial aid to underserved children needing critical medical treatment for their health and well-being, thus making medical care affordable and accessible.	Provide timely and adequate financial aid for surgeries and medical treatment across all ailments	Infants and children from disadvantaged populations living in marginalized communities
Save a child's life by timely medical intervention and with adequate financial aid	Have a wider pan-Indian outreach and cater to various ailments that children are afflicted with	Age group 0-18
Address treatment refusal & abandonment issues due to higher OOPE. Childhood diseases are curable if diagnosed early and treated appropriately.	Incorporate a stringent due diligence and meticulous screening of beneficiaries so that help goes to the neediest of the needy	Young adults up to 21 years under exceptional cases

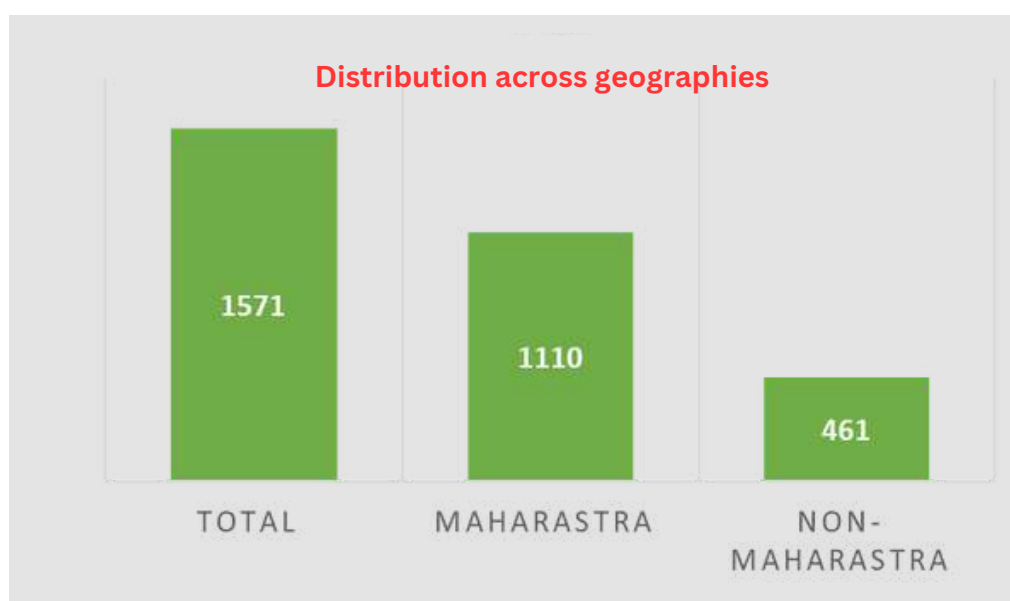
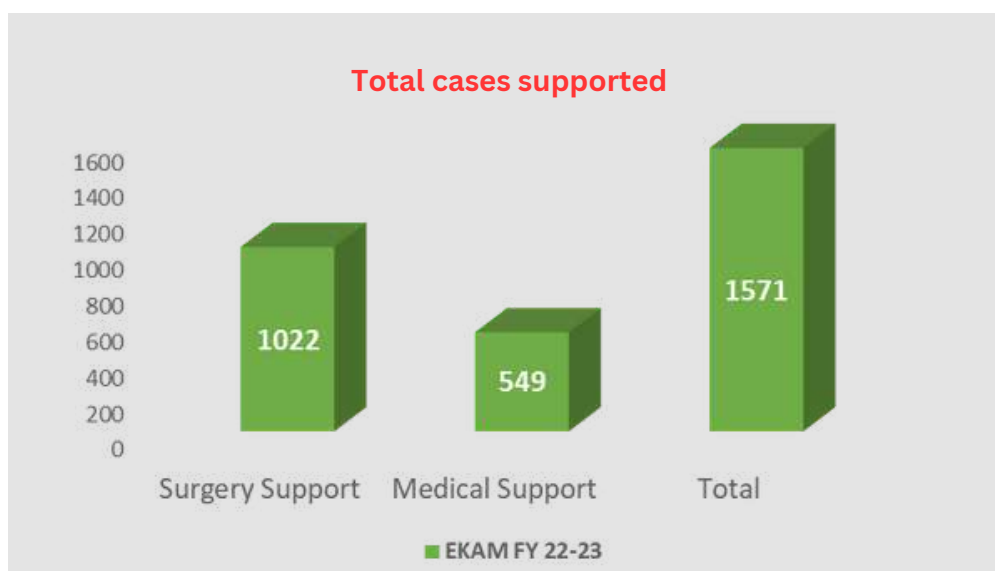
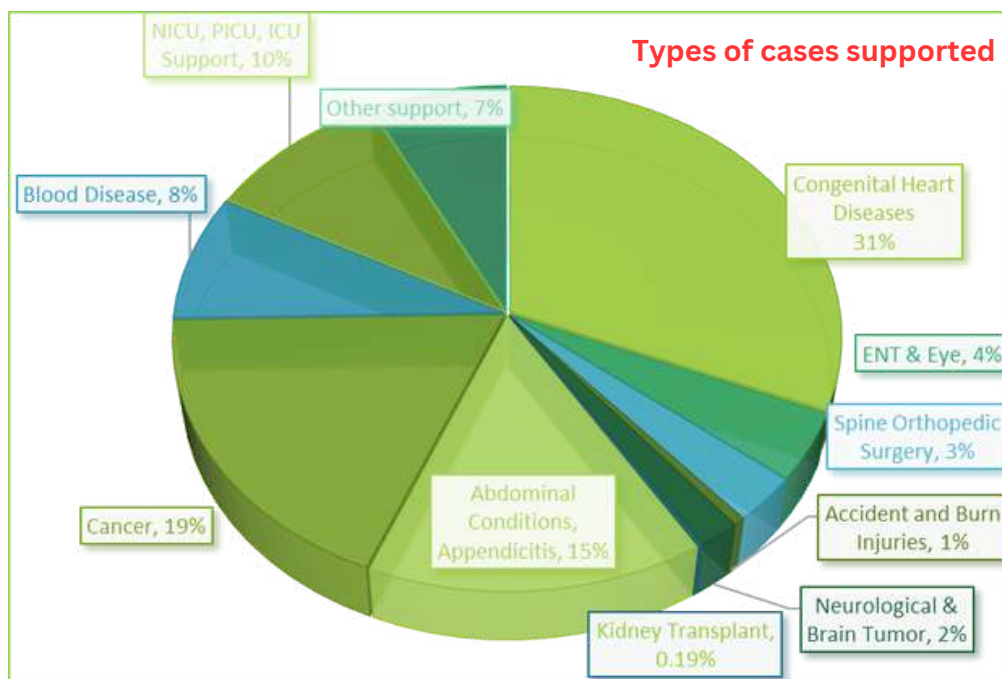




Happy Beneficiaries (names not disclosed)



## Scorecard for 2022-23



# SUCCESS STORIES: SSP



Happy Beneficiaries (names not disclosed)



## CASE STORY

Nikita was a 16-year-old active and energetic girl who after taking her tenth-grade exam in 2020, had already decided on a career path as a teacher, to help raise scholarly children who would contribute to a better society. That fateful summer, she developed a random headache and stomach pain coupled with a nagging cold. Preliminary investigations with the local doctor of Daund, a small town in Maharashtra, came with the usually prescribed medication for her symptoms but did not fetch her any relief after completion of the course. So, a CBC test was called for. The report revealed that she was suffering from Thalassemia and needed immediate treatment. During that time when Covid was still predominant, the main problem for Nikita's family was to get timely treatment. Nikita could not get a hospital bed for treatment because almost all hospital beds were occupied with Covid-affected patients. It was a very difficult time for her and her family.

Finally, she was brought to Mumbai. Her treatment continued at Sion Hospital, she required blood transfusions twice a month. The doctor advised that she needed a bone marrow transplant as a lifesaving treatment so she was referred to MCGM Hospital, Borivali. She did all the required tests for BMT but unfortunately, her and her brother's bone marrow did not match. The hospital suggested searching for a side donor for a transplant and after a couple of months, they found a 100% matched donor. But the problem was how to manage such a huge amount of money for the transplant. Her father had already spent whatever little savings he had. He had lost his earnings as he was unable to work as a daily wage laborer. So, despite finding a 100% matched donor, Nikita's BMT was delayed due to financial constraints.

The hospital social worker understood the family's economic situation and sent the case to Ekam for financial assistance. Ekam has been supporting cancer treatment through its Surgery Support program, and could immediately provide the required bridge fund to the hospital for Nikita's treatment.

On August 9, 2022, Nikita underwent a successful BMT treatment. Today, she is all smiles as she is back to college, leading life of a regular teenager!





**Giving girls an opportunity to delay marriage and instead focus on their dreams, aspirations and goals**



# Ekam Education Program – EEP

## Education Support

The EEP program is Ekam's key education program which supports children and young adults to complete their education for a better future.

WHAT	HOW	WHO
Support students complete their education for a better future. Provide direct financial aid for preventing drop-outs due to financial constraints	Support school tuition fees (75% or 100% of school fees) for needy children from middle school onwards.	School students from grades 6-12
Target of supporting more girls in education, especially in professional courses, with better scholarships.	Provide one-time scholarship for meritorious girl scholars studying in higher classes or pursuing professional courses	Girls in higher education both in junior college and professional degree courses
Have a wider pan-Indian outreach by catering to needy students from rural and semi-urban areas	Provide additional support in the form of tablets/ laptops or additional tuition support; i.e, any gadget or support that the child would need to study well	Children & young adults from marginalized communities or from single parents or having special-needs or facing financial hardships

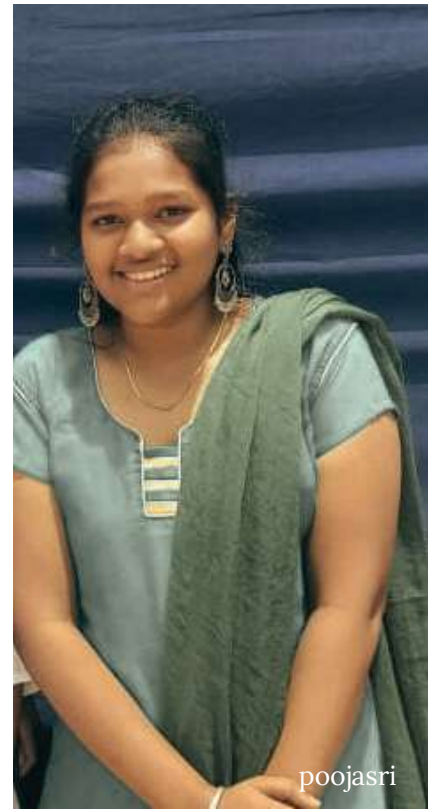




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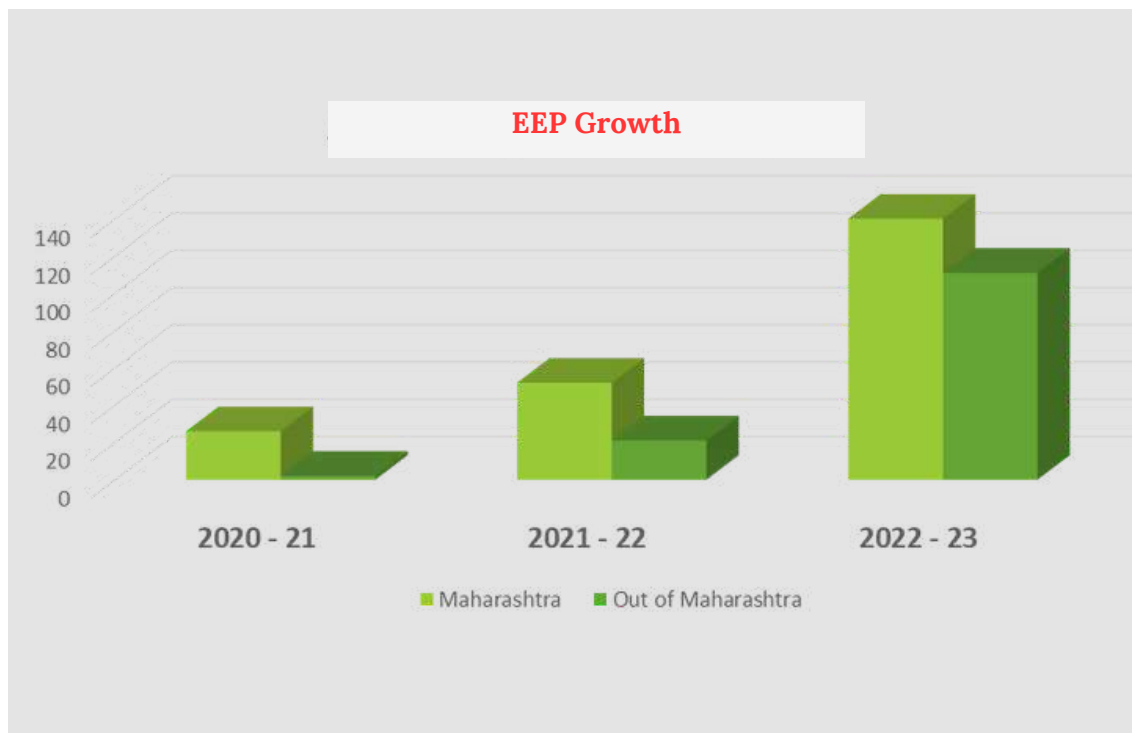
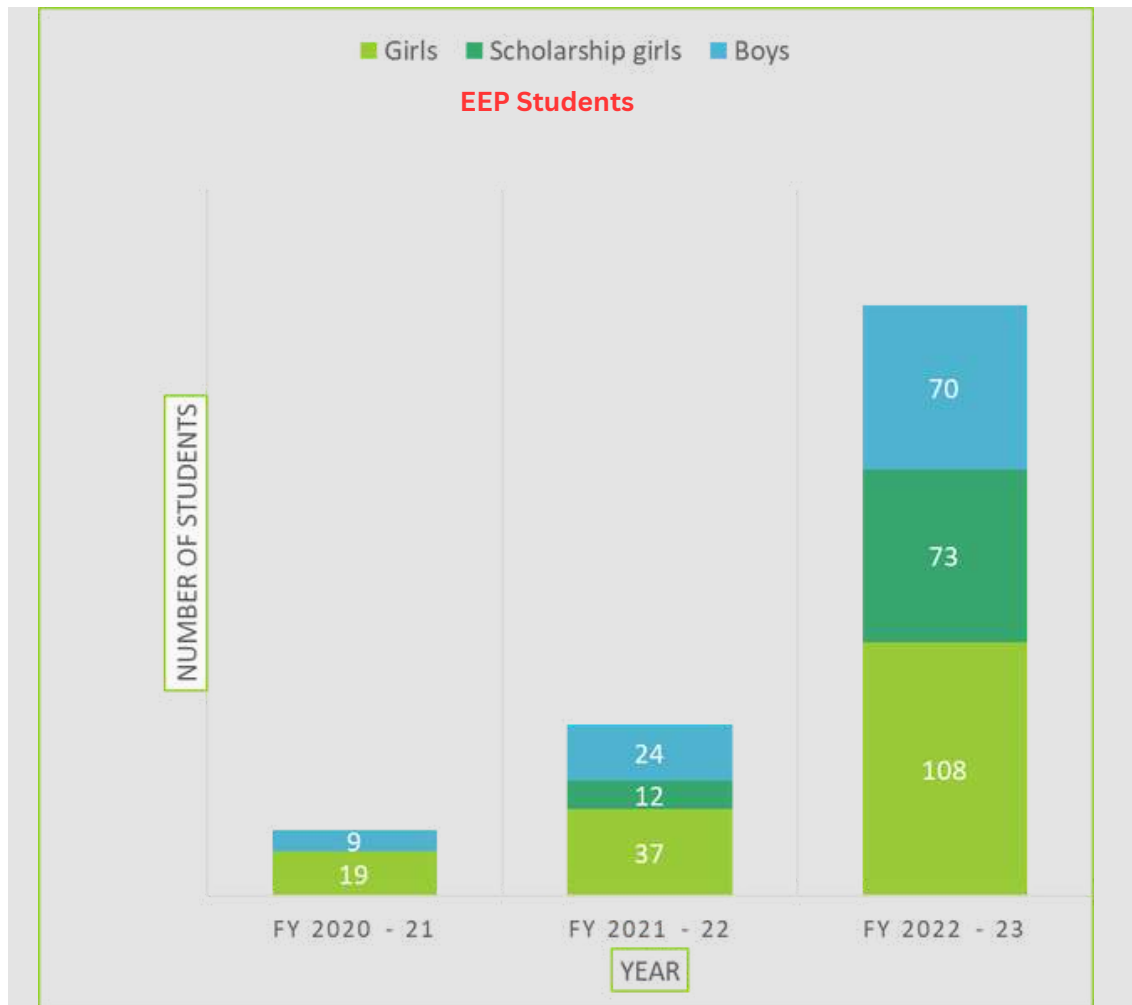
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## Scorecard for 2022-23



## SUCCESS STORIES: EEP



Ashmitha Mishel Dsouza is a 17-year-old from Mangalore, Karnataka, studying currently in her 12th class. She scored 548/600 (91.33%) in the 11th and dreams of achieving more in the upcoming 12th Boards. She has a sister who is pursuing a master's degree. Her parents were both working and though the family had financial hardships, they managed their expenses well within their means. But a tornado of problems hit them when Ashmitha lost her father just at the beginning of 2023. It became both an emotional and financial struggle for them henceforth as it got difficult for her mother to handle the expenses of both her daughters' education alone. Linet tried her best to support both their fees by working as a general nurse but soon monetary constraints started thwarting Ashmitha's dreams. Fortunately for them, they came across Ekam Foundation Mumbai's scholarship application form online and Ashmitha could get qualified to earn one when her application got selected and approved for the Ekam Education Scholarship.

We found Ashmitha to be a bright student, and despite being unable to go for extra tuition, she scored highly in her class exams. She told us that she gets all her doubts clarified by her teachers, and even her elder sister helps her with her studies. Despite being occupied with school and studies; she makes it a point to help her mother with the household chores. She is very hardworking and ambitious and plans to pursue engineering after her board exams. This is what they have to say about the Ekam scholarship:

*"I motivate myself by taking things positively in life. I am an obedient student in my school do well in academic activities, and study hard for my examinations. Now I can focus on my studies and get to do my assignments and projects on time without worrying."* – Ashmitha.

*"Ekam team was my knight in shining armor. They financially helped my younger daughter when I was struggling with my elder daughter's student loan. I am very grateful to them."*

– Linet, mother.



Tanveer Fatima Hungund is a 19-year-old in her second year of engineering (Computer Sc.). Once she graduates in two years she plans on working in the corporate sector for two years to save funds for her master's degree. Thereafter, she wishes to start her entrepreneurial journey. She is a girl who has her life plans in place and is very focused on achieving them. She has an optimistic approach toward life and finds comfort in changes by accepting them wholeheartedly. Tanveer is a great learner who is always eager to learn new things. She is interested in health and fitness, and though her college timings are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., she makes time for learning Calisthenics. She is hardworking, ready to take up any challenges regarding studies or work, and is a good problem solver.

Tanveer scored 94.05% in her final exams in 2022, without any extra tuition. Her mother is a housewife, and her father retired from his contractual service due to nonavailability of opportunities and tries to freelance to run the household. The family is always trying to battle the shortage of monthly income and their medical expenses. *"Ekam's scholarship helped me pay my college fees. I received the amount just in time when I was in desperate need of it, and would have had to drop out otherwise and lost a year if not my career!"* says Tanveer now.

*"Despite all the challenges, I look forward to what life brings to me. I always try to improve myself in all aspects, be it my personality, my habits, my grades, or my health."* - Tanveer.



# Medical Equipment Support for Hospitals



9 hospitals/medical facilities supported between FY2020-23

# Institutional Capacity Building-ICB Supplementary Program

This program aligns with the bigger goal of Ekam's mainstay programs of Surgery Support & Education Support by augmenting infrastructure and the capacity of schools and hospitals in our partnership.

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OBJECTIVE	HOW	WHAT
ICB comes under the broader goal of capacity augmentation for schools and hospitals thereby supplementing our mainstay programs of health & education	Fund hospitals in building their infrastructure that would add to their capacity in giving better services	Hospital infrastructure includes support with latest euqipment for hospitals
Assist beneficiaries from economically marginalized sections of the society to have access to better education and health services at these facilities	Assist schools catering to children from economically marginalized sections for enhanced classroom-environment	Hospital infrastructure support also included support to Covid-ward during the pandemic
Have a wider pan-Indian outreach by catering to institutions in some of the most underserved areas	Help schools to be digitally equipped for students to gain access to digital information and communication that is essential for education today	Education support includes support with ICT labs/smartclassrooms and other upgradation facilities for schools





Computer Lab and  
Smart- classrooms in  
schools in Garhwal,  
Kolhapur and  
Mumbai





## Scorecard

Infrastructure Support with	No. of Schools	Impact
Computer labs & smart classrooms	7	1211 students
Equipment support	2	484 students
Miscellaneous items like uniform, books, stationery	3	146 students

Numbers denote support in FY2022-23

Infrastructure Support for	No. of hospitals	Beneficiaries impacted
Hospitals in Maharashtra	5	Direct impact: All the beneficiaries treated
Hospitals out of Maharashtra	3	Indirect impact: OOPE of their families
Covid ward	1	OOPE- Out of pocket expenses

Numbers denote support from FY 2020-23

A TOTAL SUPPORT OF INR 1.4 CR. GIVEN FOR EQUIPMENT LIKE OXYGENATORS, MULTIPARA MONITORS, BIPAP MACHINE, VENTILATOR, BUBBLE CPAP, AIRVO, INFUSION PUMP, ECG MACHINE, MONITOR, PORTABLE XRAY MACHINE, BRONCHOSCOPE .



**SHP Sessions in  
Kolhapur &  
Mumbai schools  
in collaboration  
with grassroot  
NGOs**



Chaitanyam Institute & Lalitya Foundation volunteers  
conducting sessions in Kolhapur

# School Health Program-SHP

## Health Awareness Program

The SHP program is a health and hygiene awareness program run in municipal and low-end private schools to bring about behavioural changes in children and their families for overall community benefit

OBJECTIVE	HOW	WHAT
The program is designed to teach children the significance of a healthy diet and safe hygienic measures through easy and fun-filled methods	Knowledge dissemination through tools of teaching that deliver the message with an ease of understanding.	Designed to help children retain and recall lessons easily, thereby imbibing the long-term values of good hygiene and a healthy diet
Sanitation and hygiene come under top 10 SDG goals (2030) for sustainable development.	Use of pedagogical skills in imparting lessons through, instructions, demonstrations, interactions, and recall and reflections	Modules include sessions on handwashing, oral health, sanitation, safe drinking water, and, nutrition and a healthy diet
There is a greater need to address behavioural change in children at the right age to tackle communicable diseases that are rampant in the underserved communities	Use of informative, animated videos, songs and games based on the module, colourful IEC posters for classrooms, module-based handouts like book labels and badges	Run in municipal and low-end private schools twice a year. First outreach endeavour in rural Kolhapur in collaboration with grassroot NGOs









Chaitanyam Institute & Lalitya Foundation volunteers conducting sessions in Kolhapur in the 10 day health camp

## Scorecard

Sessions	No. of Schools	Impact
10 day camp in rural Maharashtra	5	1200 students and ~4800 family members
49 sessions in Mumbai	6	2396 students and ~9584 family members





Students of Sindurgh School watching Chandrayan-3 on a laptop donated under ICB project 2022-23. The school had a power outage and the computer came handy to give these children an experience of a lifetime!



**EKAM LOOKS FORWARD TO THE DAY  
WHEN E-EDUCATION  
WILL NOT BE A DISTANT DREAM  
FOR ALL THE CHILDREN IN INDIA.**





Students from a primary school in Garhwal use the Computer lab set up under the ICB project



Ekam-donated laptop being used for projecting lessons for students in Mumbai school





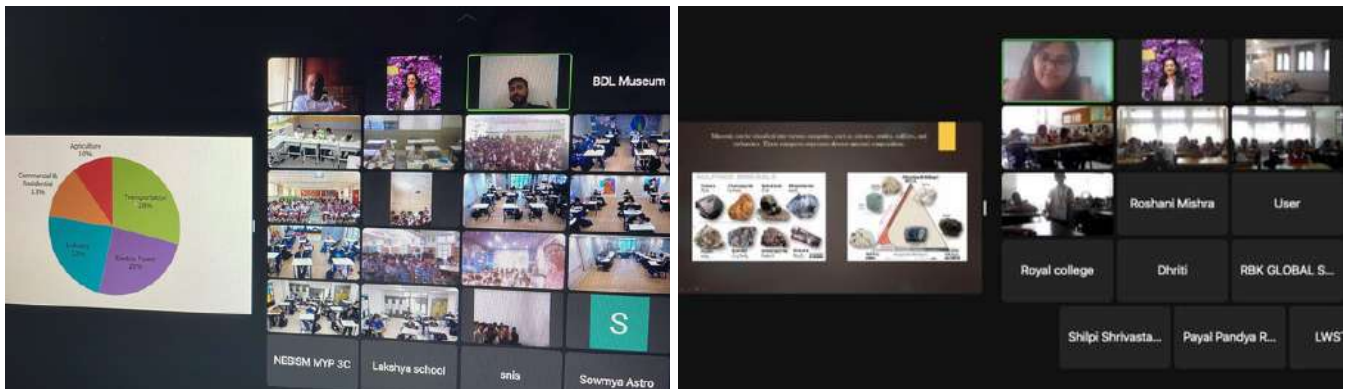
# Career Guidance Session

Engineers and IT professionals from McKinsey & Co. conducting in-person session at Ekam office



# Discussion sessions on health, education and career-options

The hybrid program is a knowledge dissemination session on various topics related to health and science-enrichment education outside the school syllabus, or an interactive session on broad-based discussions on career-goals, conducted by specialists in the field, held monthly/bi-monthly online or offline, engaging students, teachers and parents.



Online science enrichment sessions conducted by **STEAM Academy**



Ms. Rashmi Das from IBM conducting mentoring session at Ekam



# EVENTS



**At a celebration to honour its donors and patrons on its 10th anniversary, Ekam** hosted leading corporate leaders and doctors at the Taj Mahal Hotel, for a brunch, with some of its scholarship students who were awarded their certificates at the event.

The chief guest was Gen. VP Malik, former Chief of Army Staff, who spoke about empathy and service in the army, the importance of mainstreaming the remote border areas, and the role organizations like Ekam could play in that. He spoke about reaching deep into the country far away from cities to provide education and health services to bridge the existing disparity.



Guest of honour, Mr. K.V. Kamath, ex-Chairman of ICICI Bank, spoke about the importance of entrepreneurship for girls going into engineering and higher education with the help of Ekam scholarships. He also spoke about leveraging technology to deliver objectives as most tech platforms are available across the socio economic strata at marginal costs. He also mentioned how staying focused on your primary goal and working towards the objective is the only way to success and sustainability of any organisation. Guest of honour, Ms. Ashwini Bhide, Additional Municipal Commissioner in charge of two of Mumbai's most important infrastructure projects, the Mumbai Metro and the coastal road, spoke about the Bombay Municipal Corporation's efforts behind schools, education and schemes to support those in need and how these public-private partnerships could deliver a far more effective support to underprivileged sections of society.



Ameeta Chatterjee, Chairperson and MT, Ekam, looks on as Dr. Vasantha Nair, Medical Director, Ekam, delivers her speech



Amit Chandra, Managing Partner, Bain Capital Asia, addressing the audience



Ashwini Bhide, Additional Municipal Commissioner, Mumbai, being felicitated

The concluding remarks for the event came from leading philanthropist and Managing Partner of Bain Capital Asia, Mr. Amit Chandra, who spoke about the importance of giving for capacity building and creating a future for all children, and cited his own example in what a difference it made towards opportunity and career. Our MT, Ameeta Chatterjee, spoke passionately about the need to support children from underprivileged communities to survive and thrive through better health and education. 13 of our young scholars who interacted with the many invitees were evidence that a broad mission that covered both education and health could thrive in the hands of a competent foundation, like Ekam!



Gen. VP Malik, former Chief of Army Staff, with the scholarship students as they display their certificates





**N. K. Jain, Independent Director, JSW Gr. sharing a hearty conversation with Farin Daruwala, CEO, StanChart India**



**Anjali Tendulkar, co-founder SRT Foundation, sharing a special moment with Ameeta Chatterjee**



**Mathew Cyriac, Chairman, Florintree Advisors with Elezabeth Cyriac**



**Kalpana Morparia, former CEO, J.P.Morgan with Arun Nanda, former Executive Director, Mahindra & Mahindra**



**Sonjoy Chatterjee, Chairman, Goldman Sachs, India in conversation with Siddharth Sharma, CEO, Tata Trusts**



**R.V. Kamath, former MD, ICICI Bank**





**Sonjoy Chatterjee, Chairman, Goldman Sachs, India with Dr. G. Daver, Medical Director, Reliance Hosp.**



**Guest of Honors, Amit Chandra, K.V. Kamath and Ashwini Bhide with the Chief Guest, Gen. Malik**



**Dr. Ranjana Malik and Gen. Ved Malik interacting with the scholarship awardees**



**Vikram Gandhi, faculty, Harvard Business School, co-founder, Ashoka University**



**Members of the Ekam Advisory Board, Soumendra Lahiri and Dr. Anil Khandelwal, engaging in a conversation post the event**



**Dr. Rekha Daver, Academic Head, Obs & Gynaecology, Reliance Hosp. sharing an interesting moment with Ajay Saxena, PPP-Expert, Asian Development Bank**



## Surgery Support Beneficiary Event in Mumbai

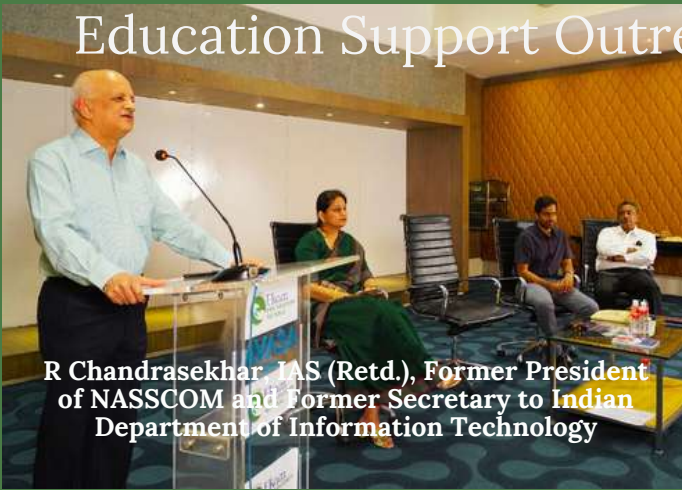


The Annual Beneficiary Event organised in December was especially for all the little children who have been supported by Ekam medically. The event was attended by doctors, and medical social workers along with the children and their families who underwent a challenging medical journey. The event was graced by **Dr. Sujata Sharma**, dept. of pediatric Hematology-Oncology, LTMG Hospital, and **Ms. Kajal Thadani**, President, Rotary Club .





## Education Support Outreach Event in Hyderabad



**R Chandrasekhar, IAS (Retd.), Former President of NASSCOM and Former Secretary to Indian Department of Information Technology**



**Pullela Gopichand, Former Badminton player and Chief National Coach for the Indian-National Badminton team**



**Srinivas Reddy, CEO & MD, MTAR Technologies, with the students of Hyderabad schools and Ekam Team.**

The Ekam outreach event held in December, for the children supported under EEP in Hyderabad, was graced by Mr. Pullela Gopichand, Former Badminton player and Chief National Coach for the Indian-National Badminton team; Mr. R Chandrasekhar, IAS (Retd.), Former President of NASSCOM and Former Secretary to Indian Department of Information Technology; and Mr. Srinivas Reddy, CEO & MD, MTAR Technologies Ltd. The main purpose of this event was to motivate our scholars to share their journey of overcoming the odds for taking another step closer to their dreams. The event also aimed at creating a community with Ekam & its patrons who can act as an empowering & guiding light for these scholars in their journey of self-reliance.





# WHY US:

## The Ekam USP

- Child-focused approach to the problem
- Focus more on depth rather than breadth
- Goals are always aligned with our philosophy of saving and empowering lives, one child at a time
- The leadership team works pro-bono or for a nominal retainer, and overhead cost is kept at a minimal
- We are very passionate about espousing our cause



Due diligence and meticulous screening of beneficiaries is our strength and differentiation. Corporate governance, integrity in utilization of donor monies following a proper M&E system, and accountability for our work are the driving values of the organization.



We have a competent team, and a senior paediatrician on our board. Nearly 90% of funds are allocated directly to programs so our administrative cost is low.



We work in partnerships with hospitals, educational institutions and other NGOs for referrals.



We are registered through 12A, and have obtained the 80G certification to get the donor's tax exemption. We submit required audited UCs for donations at the end of each financial year. We are also FCRA approved.

# COMPLIANCE

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Ekam Foundation Mumbai has been awarded **Gold Certificate** for transparency by **Guidestar India** since FY2018-19 (GSN 11245)

We have successfully completed the **Compliance Complete Certificate (CCC) programme with Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy (CAP)** in March 2019. The CCC Program is a comprehensive compliance review and capacity building exercise that educates NGOs on compliance requirements covering core areas of NGO management. It has created a space for us to institute policies and systems that ensure we remain compliant and thereby enhance our credibility.

We are registered under the **Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) 2010** and are eligible for foreign donations

## Key Documents

Registered Name of the organization: Ekam Foundation Mumbai

Registered as a Charitable Trust in Mumbai [E-31034 (Mumbai)]

Date of Registration: 20th October, 2014

PAN : AAATE5999C

NITI Aayog Darpan : MH/2018/0183341



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# TEAM

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## Leadership



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“COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING! KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS! WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS.”



# FINANCIALS

## Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2023

			(Amount in lakhs)	
Liabilities	2022-23	2021-22	Assets	2022-23 2021-22
Corpus Fund	28.36	27.84	Fixed Assets	0.91
Restricted Fund	55.04	115.40	Loans and Advances	1.45
Loans & Duties			Sundry Debtors	
Sundry Creditors			Deposits	112.05 98.77
Outstanding Expenses		1.37	Cash & Bank	4.72 72.10
Capital Fund		27.71	Total Assets	116.77 172.32
Excess of income over Expenditure	33.37			
Total Liabilities	116.77	172.33		

## Income & Expenditure Account For the year ended 31st March 2023

(Amount in lakhs)		
	2022-23	2021-22
Income		
Donation	940.26	514.09
Other Income	7.07	2.41
Excess of Expenditure over Income		
trs to capital fund		-
Total Income	947.33	516.50
Expenditure		
Donation Expenses		
Medical Expenses (Surgery Support)	750.91	298.05
Admin Expenses	101.57	57.81
Educational Expenses	88.67	21.82
Covid relief	-	134.96
Audit Fees	0.50	0.62
Excess of income over Expenditure		
trs to Capital Fund	5.67	3.24
Total Expenses	947.32	516.50

Note: Admin cost (Employee Cost, Rent and other office expenses) under 12% of amount received.



# FINANCIALS

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950 SCHEDULE : VIII [Vide Rule 17(1)] <b>EKAM FOUNDATION MUMBAI TRUST</b> Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2023					
FUNDS & LIABILITIES			PROPERTY & ASSETS		
	Rs.	FY 22-23		Rs.	FY 22-23
<b>Trust Funds or Corpus :-</b> (As per Schedule 'A')		2,836,050	<b>Immovable Properties :- (At Cost)</b>		
<b>Restricted Funds :-</b> (As per Schedule 'B')		5,504,081	<b>Movable Properties :- (At Cost)</b> (As per Schedule 'D')		9,180
<b>Current Liabilities :-</b> (As per Schedule 'C')		125,005	<b>Accrued Interest :-</b>		118,546
<b>Income and Expenditure Account:-</b> Balance as per last Balance Sheet	2,771,005		<b>Advances:</b> To Security Deposit for DGP House		450,000
Add : Surplus as per income and Expenditure Account	566,742	3,337,747	To Tax Deducted at Source (As per Schedule 'E')		65,312
			To Other Advances (As per Schedule 'F')		130,736
			<b>Cash and Bank Balances:</b> (a) In Bank. Accounts (As per Schedule 'G')		467,333
			(b) Cash on hand (As per Schedule 'G')		4,952
			(c) In Fixed Deposits with Banks (As per Schedule 'H')		10,556,824
<b>Total Rs.</b>		<b>11,802,883</b>	<b>Total Rs.</b>		<b>11,802,883</b>

As per our report of even date

For HFK Madan & Company  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm Registration No :- 113950W

Hemilal Madan  
Membership No. 044426

UDIN : 23044426BGVRDT4197  
Place : Mumbai.  
Date : July 11, 2023

For Ekam Foundation Mumbai

Anurag Chatterjee

Trustees

Place : Mumbai.  
Date : July 11, 2023

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