



ANNUAL REPORT

2017-18



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

This year of 2017-18 marks the 30-year anniversary of our work. This is a joyous moment for us all, and one where we can truly reflect on what we have achieved in our time so far.

We have been fortunate enough to host major visitors - but just as fortunately, we have had the support and enthusiasm of our volunteers to continue to maintain and expand our projects and reach out to slum residents across the capital. It makes me proud for example that, in our 30th year, we were able to reach 20 new slums to take our service there. A sign, perhaps, that growing up as an organisation does not need to mean slowing down.

This year we also formed the Asha Alumni Association, a one of a kind initiative to partner successful graduates of the Asha programme with those still making the journey. The unique insight that our graduates can bring –into the challenges of living in a slum but also the attitude, commitment and courage needed to make the most of our programme - meant this was a simple yet highly effective way of expanding the impact of our work. Two key principles of ours are gratitude and generosity - and by taking what they have learnt and sharing it with the next generation, we have created a beautiful, sustainable model that uses the knowledge of one generation as a stepping stone for the greater uplifting of the next - and long may it continue.

This spirit was equally on display in our internship and mentorship programmes. In Delhi we are blessed with many major diplomatic missions, government offices and successful multinational businesses. This means that already there is a huge reservoir of skills, experience, ambition and personality that we can harness for the general improvement of those who have yet to experience such opportunity. Through a network of key partners from all these areas, we were able to provide month-long internships for over 50 students and a direct mentoring programme between Delhi's professionals and our own students. By capturing the experience of the former to empower the latter, we can create experience and confidence in our people, and raise their sights to new goals along with arming them with the confidence and the skills to achieve them.

As I mentioned at the beginning, this year marks a milestone for us. Indeed, this being our 30th birthday meant some celebrations were due. And we were blessed with many high profile visitors to join us in the party!

During a week-long celebration in February, we were overjoyed to welcome HRH Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, to experience our work and join our celebrations. During that same week, two of our graduates - Chandan and Dilip - were pride of place in leading and emceeing our main event - presenting with confidence and sincerity, embodying our values and their own potential. Videos from that event also managed to showcase Dr Kiran and Asha's 30 years of work - and the thousands of slum residents we have been able to help along the way.

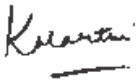
Alongside HRH Prince Edward, we were also privileged to welcome Linda Dessau - Governor of the State of Victoria in Australia and the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, to see our work. Though our work is focused in India, our message of joy, compassion and generosity is global - and it was an honour to give our esteemed guests a glimpse of that work.

Throughout another successful year for Asha I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to everyone who has helped us with our work this year. Alongside many diplomatic missions, companies, such as Macquarie, Pricewaterhouse Coopers Pvt Ltd, Souter Trust, Tearfund New Zealand supported us, as did Friends of Asha in various parts of the world. All of their contributions opened up new horizons for our students and we thank them sincerely.

But my biggest thanks go to the students and slum residents that we work with in our projects every day, for having the ambition and the courage to join us in our work. The first steps to empowering oneself can only be taken alone - and it is our privilege and honour to help those making that journey.

As you read this report, and as I look forward to another year of supporting and expanding Asha's work, I am optimistic that the next 30 years will be as successful as the last and, with compassion in our hearts and generosity of spirit, we can empower individuals across the city to be the best versions of themselves that they can be.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kiran Martin", with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr Kiran Martin

OUR HISTORY



Founded in 1988 by Dr. Kiran Martin, a paediatrician, Asha has travelled the journey from providing primary healthcare to a single slum, to today serving the interests of 700,000 people in over 91 Delhi slums through our holistic approach to slum development. Our ground-breaking community development programmes in health, education, empowerment, environment improvement and financial inclusion have placed us firmly at the forefront of urban community transformation in the developing world and beyond. From the humble beginnings of treating patients under a tree in response to a cholera outbreak, the Asha Healthcare Model has grown to address both direct and indirect factors and covers both curative and preventive approaches to improve standard of health in the slums. The communities have been empowered to lobby for infrastructure like clean water, sanitation and paved pathways to prevent diseases. Asha's slum based primary health centres and partnerships with local hospitals ensure that all slum residents are able to access quality healthcare services while the Community Health Volunteers provide advice and information to prevent illnesses to the community. Committed to empowering slum communities to work in partnership with both state and national governments, we have seen much progress through developing this relationship. Having already secured the provision of safe water supply and drainage systems for a number of slums, under the leadership of Dr. Martin, the 1990's saw Asha collaborate with the Government of Delhi to pioneer a slum housing project which resulted in slum dwellers being awarded their own land titles and permanent brick housing. Through widely praised initiatives such as this, government policy has been greatly influenced to the benefit of hundreds of other slum residents, and Asha has enjoyed fruitful working relationships with various state government officials at all levels. The 2000's brought with them the exciting endeavour of facilitating slum dwellers' access to banking services through our highly successful financial inclusion scheme for the urban poor. Devised in partnership with the Government of India's then Minister of Finance, the launch of this initiative heralded a previously unimaginable increase in slum communities' financial security. The subsequent availability of education loans opened the doors of higher education to our slum children. The first initiative of its kind, our Higher Education programme has to date seen over 2000 slum children gain membership at some of the country's most prestigious educational institutions. One of the most relevant achievements of this year was the enrollment of an Asha Student in the University of Melbourne, Australia. In the recent years, the

programme has grown to provide mentorship and internship, and job placements to the students. Asha has welcomed prominent political figures from India to witness the transformation in their constituency's slums, for which they have since become strong advocates. Numerous overseas Political Leaders and visitors have also accompanied Dr. Kiran on slum visits to Asha project areas and enjoyed a similar experience. Global support has been garnered for Asha through the establishment of formal and registered Friends of Asha societies in Great Britain, Ireland, the USA and in Australia through which supporters regularly fundraise and spread news of our work. Dr. Kiran has lectured at some of the world's leading universities and presented the Asha model at the US House of Representatives and the British House of Commons. In 2002, the President of India presented Dr. Kiran with one of India's highest civilian awards, the Padma Shri. This year, as Asha completes 30 years, its contribution to the field of urban development continues to gain recognition worldwide.

MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of Asha is to work with the urban poor to bring about long term and sustainable transformation to their quality of life. Through a practical expression of the Christian values of faith, hope and love, we aim to provide holistic community-based healthcare, empowerment, financial inclusion, education and environmental improvements by training, resourcing and encouraging the community to receive and enjoy their basic human rights. Asha also aims to influence the lives of its international audience by sharing local practice, experience and vision and facilitating partnerships where awareness and association between different cultures can impact and change individuals globally.

WE BELIEVE THAT

- All human beings are created in the image of God and are of equal worth. Therefore, the poor have the same inherent dignity, and rights that deserve our protection. Every person has a right to affordable healthcare that will allow them the best possible chance of living.
- Every child has a right to an education that will give them the opportunity to reach their potential, earn a living and grow in self-esteem.
- Shelter, safe water and sanitation should be available to all, regardless of their background or status within society.
- Women have equal rights to those of men, and those rights should be protected by both men and other women.
- Communities working together are capable of achieving great change and can influence others to also strive for change.
- The poor deserve the chance to improve their financial status and their quality of life, and to break free from the cycle of poverty.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO

- Working among the poor without discrimination of any kind such as that based on sex, caste, religion, language, race, colour or other status.
- Being at the forefront of the pursuit of justice and peace for the poor and dealing with the systems that make and keep poor people in poverty.
- Challenging oppressive social structures and responding to injustice through non-violence and active peace-making.
- Empowering the poor to lead full and meaningful lives, and building vibrant communities through the advance of love, neighbourliness, forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Practicing a liberating generosity towards the poor and giving them the opportunities, they deserve.
- Demonstrating earnestness in prayer for the needs of the poor and for all our partners.
- Valuing diversity and the skills and gifts of each team member.
- Maintaining excellence in the quality of our programmes.
- Exhibiting good stewardship of limited resources.
- Fostering effective partnerships with the government, funding agencies and other NGOs.
- Becoming a force for liberation and transformation of poor communities.

ASHA VALUES

**GENEROSITY****COMPASSION****TOUCH****GRATITUDE****SIMPLICITY****OPTIMISM****EMPOWERMENT****NON-VOILENCE****JUSTICE****DIGNITY****JOY****AFFIRMATION****PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Through a practical expression of these values, Asha aims to provide access to holistic community-based healthcare, education, empowerment, environmental improvements and financial services to some of the world's poorest communities. Beyond the improvements to circumstances that come about through their application, these values bind us together - they define our identity and that of our communities.

ASHA VALUES

Generosity is the act of giving freely because of the desire to and not because of the expectation of something in return. Generosity is motivated by love and always intends to enhance the well-being of others. It enriches life and makes one feel content with one's share in life.

Compassion means 'to suffer with'. It is a deep concern for the needs of others. It is a recognition of and identification with the suffering of others. Compassion helps one to look past racial and cultural differences and see people as one. It is a powerful and peace giving discipline of the mind and an important part of our spiritual journey.

Touch conveys a whole range of emotions. It spreads goodwill and is highly contagious. It helps us feel free to express ourselves, to share our struggles and to communicate feelings of gratitude, warmth and love.

Gratitude is not just a feeling of thankfulness in response to a gift or a kind gesture. Gratitude is a way of life. It is a conscious choice to focus on life's blessings rather than on its shortcomings. It magnifies goodness, and therefore blocks toxic emotions such as envy, resentment or depression that destroy one's optimal wellbeing.

Simplicity gives one a singleness of purpose, sincerity and honesty within. It allows a person to remove exterior clutter, irrelevant to the chief purpose of our lives. It means ordering and guiding of energy and desires, a restraint in some directions in order to secure greater abundance of life in other directions. It involves deliberate organisation of one's life for a purpose.

Optimism changes the boundaries of one's heart and mind, and the outlook on one's environment. It helps a person to see more possibilities. This openness of hearts and minds obeys the warmth of positivity. It changes one's ability to see the common humanity within others.

Empowerment is enhancing the capacity of individuals or groups to make choices and to transform those choices into desired actions and outcomes. Empowerment enables the true potential of every individual to be unleashed for the benefit of communities and our world.

Non-Violence essentially means abstention from all forms of violence. This includes not just physical violence, but also verbal violence and violence of thought. There is a complete rejection of aggression and confrontation, of thoughts, of words and of actions. It is based on the conviction that forgiveness can change even an enemy into a friend.

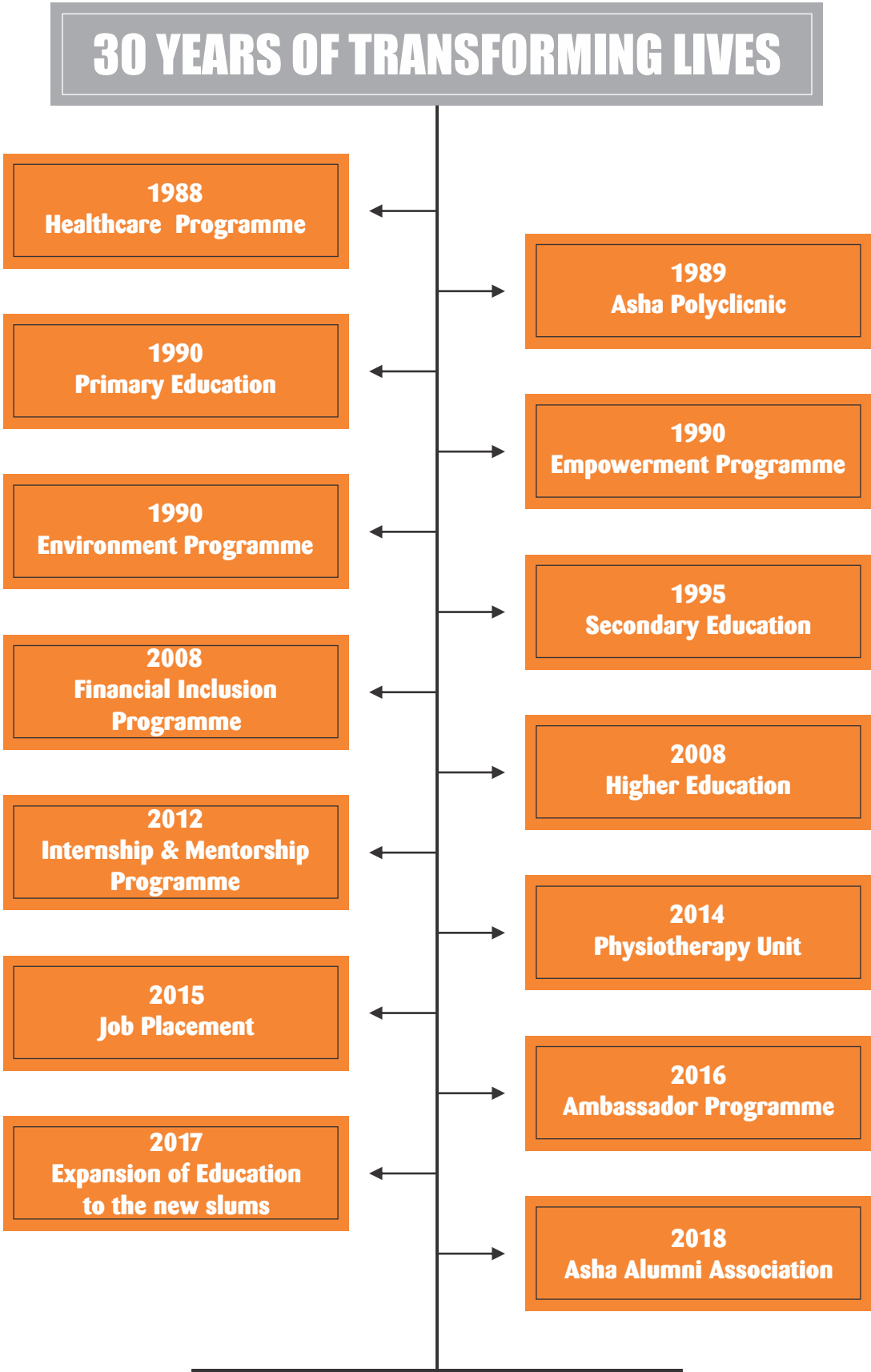
Justice means challenging oppressive social structures and responding to injustice through non-violence and active peace-making. Social justice also requires equal distribution of the opportunities and benefits of development. It insists on the rights of all people to reach their individual potential.

Dignity consists not in possessing honours, but in the consciousness that we deserve them. Dignity is an essential part of every human being and it can never be separated from other essential aspects of the human person. It comes not from control, but from understanding who you are and taking your rightful place in the world.

Joy is a settled state of contentment, confidence and hope. It does not indicate a temporary feeling of pleasure or happiness, but rather a constant state of well-being, a continuous journey of flourishing. Its high energy clears one's thinking, disperses worry and other negative emotions making the person more creative, more trusting and more trusted.

Affirmation means to state or assert positively, to maintain as true. It also stands for giving a person a heightened sense of value through the experience of something emotionally or spiritually uplifting. Words of encouragement and affirmation lead to courage, and a sense of security. This brings about a vibrant expression of latent potential within us and causes us to flourish in all the dimensions of our lives.

Professional Excellence is the fruit of great cultivation. Vision, values and character are the invisible keys that determine how one's abilities, knowledge and skills can be optimally used to attain professional excellence. It is measured both quantitatively and qualitatively, enabling one to move from ineffectiveness to effectiveness, from ordinary to extraordinary, from good to great, and achieving excellence.



In the year 2017- 18, Asha extended its services from 74 slums to 91 slums, mainly for higher education. To pay it forward, Asha Ambassadors visited new slums in the past year to identify needy and bright students, who needed mentoring and financial aid. The map below displays the new areas along with the old areas. Asha is working in to transform the lives of over 700000 slum dwellers.



- Old areas
- New areas

HEALTH CARE



Asha's Healthcare model developed in partnership with community residents has been widely recognized by institutions across the world for efficiency and impact in providing quality healthcare services.

Asha has trained women who live in slums working as **Community Health Volunteers (CHVs)**. They regularly visit and monitor the health of the communities particularly the pregnant women, children under five, elderly and T. B. patients.

Many Asha slum areas have a **health centre** staffed by part-time doctors, nurses and paramedical staff. They are able to diagnose and treat patients, perform ante-natal & post-natal checks and immunise children against preventable diseases. **Mobile clinics** enable slums without an Asha health centre to receive an equally high level of care.

For further healthcare, the **Asha polyclinic** has a sophisticated laboratory, ECG, X-ray equipment and a physiotherapy unit among many other facilities. A doctor and visiting consultants provide an excellent level of service at a fraction of what patients would pay elsewhere.

In addition, Asha has developed a **Referral system**, wherein the critical patients from Asha polyclinic are referred to renowned doctors, who treat the patients from slums free of cost, as a part of their pro bono services.



HEALTH INDICATORS

Maternal Health Programme

	India	Asha Slums
Institutional Births (Births assisted by Trained Birth Attendant/other health personnel)	88.7%	99%

*NFHS 4 & UNICEF data



Child Health Programme

Healthcare	India	Asha Slums
Healthcare Children born with Low Birth Weight	29.1%	1%
Children Breastfed within 6 hours of delivery	52.1% (Urban)	99%
Children fully immunized (0-2 years)	63.9%	99%

*NFHS 4 & UNICEF data

Mortality Rates

Healthcare	India	Asha Slums
Infant Mortality	34 per 1,000 live births (1*)	14.6 per 1000 live births
Under 5 Mortality	39 per 1,000 live births (2*)	25.4 per 1000 live births
Maternal Mortality	130 per 100,000 live births (3*)	NIL
Mortality due to TB	32 per one 100,000 population (2016) (4*)	5 in 700,000 (less than 1 per 1000)

*NFHS 4, WHO & India Tuberculosis Report 2018 GOI data

1* NFHS 4 & WHO

2* NFHS 4 & WHO

3* Ref SRS Bulletin (2014-16)

4* India Tuberculosis Report 2018 GOI data



CASE STUDY



Asha building happier and healthier communities

Sushma, a young mother of two daughters who came to Delhi in search of better livelihood along with her husband. They settled in Trilok puri slum community which is in the east of Delhi.

To help her husband financially she started working as a maid. Her husband, an alcoholic rarely went to work, forcing Sushma to work 15 hours a day, till last months of her pregnancy. She did not have time to go for regular antenatal check-ups nor take proper care of her diet during her second pregnancy.

During a house-to-house visit, an Asha's community health volunteer (CHV) came across a very weak Sushma. The Asha team immediately came to her rescue and started monitoring her health. Her husband was also counselled to be responsible for the family. Sushma was soon registered in a government hospital for a safe delivery.

As a result, Sushma's health improved but the new baby girl was underweight at birth. She was motivated to bring her baby regularly to the Asha's community health centre, where baby's and her health was taken care of.

Today, more than sixteen months later, beautiful little Devanshi is healthy happy toddler, who is being looked after by a loving mother and an employed father.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT & ENVIRONMENT



Asha's Community Empowerment and Environment Programmes are interrelated. While the Community empowerment necessarily addresses the social, cultural, political and economic determinants, the environment programme aims at training Women's and Children's Associations on a range of issues like community cleanliness, prevention of air and water pollution, waste disposal, and household safety measures.

The Asha model of participatory development has always encouraged association between the community, public health authorities and local government bodies. The children between the age 6 and 14 and women are empowered to become self-confident and self-motivated to take responsibility for themselves and the community at large. Asha community centre acts as a platform to develop their personalities, augment their leadership qualities and overcome psychological complexes. Through this platform the children and women get an opportunity to interact with civil structures in society and gain confidence to participate in governance at larger jurisdictions, leading to an improved quality of life of the communities.

In the year 2017-18, seventy-one groups of women and twenty groups of children continued to work in Asha slum communities with total members of 1070.

Impact of Environment Programme



217 New Water taps



37 New Toilets and 1 Mobile Toilet



2 New Handpumps



45 New Garbage Bins

CASE STUDY



Women's Association in the new slum

Asha started working from 2013 in the flood plains of river Yamuna, in the east of Delhi, called the New Seelampur. This settlement has a population of 7000 to 8000 thousand, with people forming shanties on dry river-bed.

The sight of the unpaved roads, houses made of plastic sheets, stagnant water and heaps of garbage was a common sight before the 30-member Women's Association was formed in the year 2016 with Asha's intervention.

This women's association conducts weekly meetings to voice their ideas, and work towards making their community better. There is a visible change in their confidence and personality. These women now want a dignified life for their children.

Rekha, mother of Madhu (first child to go to the university from this community) also the member of the Women's Association proudly states, "I am happy to see my daughter study, and hope the same for every child in this slum."



EDUCATION



Asha's education programme is a bottom up model of social development. Since 2008 the transformation has been commendable. The programme which started with 27 students, increased to more than 2000. The programme ensures that every child goes through a positive chain process, thereby preparing her/him for a dignified life, through university or technical education.

Asha's intervention over the past 30 years have ensured that opportunities for education at each level i.e. primary, secondary and tertiary are available to all the students living in the slum communities across Delhi.

The Asha Higher Education Programme provides more than just college education; it also offers:

Ambassador Programme: Asha ambassadors are the backbone of the education movement in the slums of

Delhi. They are a group of 90 bright students who volunteer their time and energy to keep their younger generation excel in academics, aware the community on the importance of education.

Every year these ambassadors reach out to new slums, guiding and motivating students to achieve their dreams.

Job Placement: To help the students gear up to face the country's competitive job market, Asha since 2014 have placed more than 348 students (**as reported**) in well-paying jobs relevant to their qualifications. Within a span of five years, students have made it big to Macquarie, Price water house Coopers, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Hindustan Times, Brackley's, and several diplomatic missions, etc.

Mentorship Programme: Asha helps students from slum communities to connect with professionals. One professional (mentor) is assigned one student (mentee) to help him/her develop proficiencies and knowledge that are needed for personal and professional growth.

Internship Programme: With the objective of helping these youngsters learn basic workplace skills and norms. The students, through this arrangement, get an 'on job' training in their field of study. Such work experiences are highly useful for these students while applying for a job. In 2017-18, 58 students got the opportunity to intern with fourteen partners.

Internship Partners 2017-18



CASE STUDY

ASHA GRADUATE MAKES HIS MARK

Divakar who hails from Kanak Durga slum community is one among the first Asha graduates. Presently, working in Pune as a Customer Sales Executive for the leading manufacturer RAW Pressery.

His father was the only earning member of the family when Divakar was growing up and his meagre income was not enough to sustain the family of five.

Divakar has been associated with Asha for the past 18 years. As a child, he was an active member of the Children's Association. Divakar who always dreamed of becoming a management professional, was guided and supported under Asha's Higher education programme, immediately after his graduation in 2013.

As a part of Asha's internship programme, he got the opportunity to intern at Macquarie in 2012 and in Wheebox & Ericson Phones in 2014. "I can't put it in words how this internship boosted my confidence. It was a new step which honed my future," recalls Divakar.

Divakar bagged a job at Faasos, immediately after the completion of his MBA. Since then there was no turning back.



Divakar is not only moving one step ahead in his professional life but has also raised the bar for his siblings. He counselled his eldest sibling to complete his Master's in Business Administration, who now is a Manager in a hospital in South Delhi.

Although Divakar lives in Pune now, his roots are here in his community, guiding and grooming the young as Asha guided him. He says, "I am and will always be there for my slum community and Asha family. It is because of them I have reached this pinnacle. We all at Asha believe in Paying-it-forward."



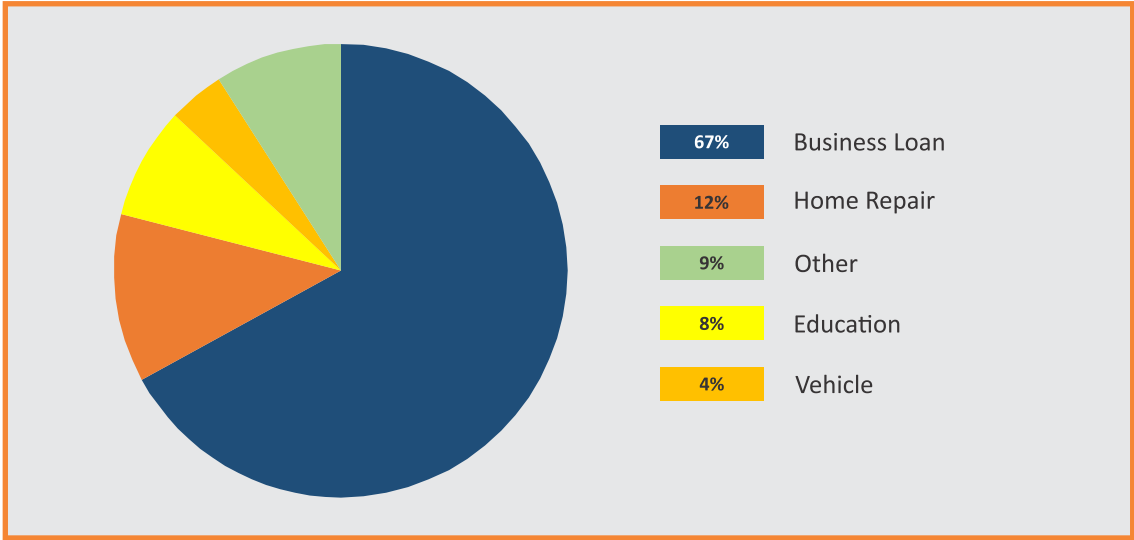
FINANCIAL INCLUSION



Asha's Financial Inclusion Programme in last 10 years has provided equal opportunities to every slum resident to avail all the banking facilities. The programme has led thousands of slum dwellers have access to zero balance bank accounts, as well as avail business and education loans. The repayment rate of loans in Asha communities is about 98%.

The impact of the programme can be vividly seen in the improved life style of the communities. This intervention not only opened new avenues but also liberated the communities financially.

Loans Granted since 2008



CASE STUDY



Asha's Financial Inclusion Program is keeping the elderly strong

After she was married at an early age, Munni considered financial independence as the last thing. Life battling the toxic fumes from burning lubricants and deafening sounds of disowned vehicles being hammered into scrap welcomed her. Munni's shanty-town is the neighbour to one of Asia's biggest scrap market, Mayapuri - an urban chaos and a nightmare for a population of around 30000 slum-dwellers.

Munni's late husband was a labourer, with meagre income which was not enough to sustain a family of six. It was during that time Asha's Financial Inclusion Programme had just started and the team was conducting surveys in every home in all the Asha communities.

Munni like many others knew nothing about the bank facilities, and was exploited paying high interest rates to the local money lenders.

"I never had a bank account, Asha assisted me open one in a nationalised bank" recalls Munni. Subsequently with Asha's guidance, she soon also applied for a business loan for Rs 30,000, which was approved by the bank. This was the transformation Munni was looking for in her life. With the loan amount, she set up a small general store which is providing her a decent earning from the year 2010.

Today, Munni is independent and supporting her family through her earnings.



ASHA'S 30th YEAR

To mark the splendid thirty years of Asha's work in Delhi slums, we had a week-long celebration of events starting from February 7 with the visit of HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex and concluding with the main event on February 10. We were delighted to have our friends and supporters from across the globe to celebrate the thirty transformational years.

HRH Prince Edward visits Asha

We were honoured to host His Royal Highness, The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex KG GCVO, The British High Commissioner to India, The Honourable Sir Dominic Asquith KCMG and his wife, Lady Louise Asquith who visited our Jeevan Nagar centre on February 7, 2018.

His Royal Highness was delighted to learn about Asha's work particularly its health initiatives and the women association's work in the local slum.



Celebrating Asha's 30th Anniversary at the Irish Embassy

His Excellency Brian McElduff, the Ambassador of Ireland, hosted Dr Kiran Martin, Asha volunteers, the Friends of Asha Trustees and Co-ordinators and the Asha team for a dinner at his Residence on February 7, to kick-start Asha's 30th Anniversary.

Celebrating Asha's 30th Anniversary at the British High Commissioner's Residence

Sir Dominic Asquith KCMG, the British High Commissioner to India, and Lady Louise Asquith were very kind to host Asha at their Residence on February 8, 2018, over a cocktail evening. The theme, 'Slums to University', celebrated the achievements of Asha's young University students.



Celebration Of 30 Years in Asha's Slum Communities

The celebratory week witnessed the inauguration of the state of the art Physiotherapy Centre at the Asha Headquarters, bringing all the physiotherapy facilities under one roof, and the opening of the pre-school for slum children in Ekta Vihar slum colony, called 'The Starlight Room'.

A thanksgiving celebration was also held, followed by Asha friends' and supporters' visit to the slum communities, where each centre had organized a cultural programme to celebrate Asha's 30 years.



Asha Turns 30: The Final Celebration

Asha's 30th year celebrations concluded with a gala event on February 10, 2018 at the India Habitat Centre, where the presence of honoured guests from High Commissions and Embassies, global Friends of Asha, supporters, women, children and students from Asha supported slum communities made for a unique celebration.

The event saw a mix of cultural performances by Asha's very enthusiastic and talented children and students and first-hand stories from the communities, showcasing Asha's role in the transformation of slum dwellers in the last 30 years. Audiences were taken on a 30 year journey through a photo slide show. Asha graduates also expressed their gratitude towards Dr. Kiran through a video and poems. Asha's supporters from various walks of life were felicitated for their dedication and contributions towards the work of Asha.

ASHA STUDENT'S ABROAD

Asha in the last two years has given opportunities to Asha Ambassadors to travel to the different parts of the world to give them an exposure, they could never imagine or afford. Asha took the responsibility of honing their talents and taking care of their education.

In the year 2016 & 2017, six students accompanied the Asha Director and Associate Director to the UK and USA, to learn, interact and share their inspirational stories with the overseas Asha supporters.

The year 2017 was a special one for our young ambassadors Chandan and Sandeep from Asha's Jeewan Nagar and Peeragarhi slum community as they embarked on a trip to UK and USA respectively.



A trip of a lifetime for young Ambassador Chandan

Asha ambassador Chandan had the opportunity of a lifetime to accompany Dr Kiran to the UK in the month of July to share his journey with the old and new Asha supporters. Chandan inspired many with his humble story. A very excited Chandan, shared his wonderful experience of his UK trip and was humbled with the hospitality, positivity he received by the Asha supporters there.

Asha extends its heartfelt gratitude to the UK community and supporters for their generosity!

Sandeep's dream travel to USA

Asha Ambassador Sandeep accompanied Dr Kiran to the USA in September and met many old and new Asha supporters. They travelled to Napa, California, addressing school students from different backgrounds. Coming from an extremely humble background, Sandeep inspired many with his story. We extend our gratitude to the US community for their wonderful hospitality!



FRIENDS OF ASHA

The Asha family is a global one: supporters around the world have been drawn to the Asha values and have been inspired by visiting the Asha communities in Delhi. In the United Kingdom, Ireland, United States of America and Australia, Asha supporters have set up 'Friends of Asha' organisations to support Asha's work. These independent registered bodies that run on a voluntary basis, extend phenomenal support to Asha in India.

Getting in touch with Friends of Asha



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FRIENDS OF ASHA (IRELAND)



The Holywood Bookworms Featured The Belfast Girls, with The Assistance Of Its Author, Gerry McCullough.



Asha supporters in Hollywood Parish organized Festival Brass.

FRIENDS OF ASHA (GB)



October 2017 was eventful for the Friends of Asha Great Britain as they had a grand Big British Curry Night.

AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS OF ASHA (AFOA)



The board members of Asha Australia with Dr Kiran in October 2017.



Dr Kiran was hosted by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), both in their Sydney and Melbourne offices.

ASHA (USA)



On their visit to USA, Dr Kiran was invited to address the Boys and Girls Club of Napa.



The 17th Annual Asha Day was celebrated on 23rd September 2017, at Jamieson Ranch Vineyards, California. We thank Rita Bresee, daughter of Kailash Chaudhary, Congressman Mike Thompson, Representative of Napa, and his wife Jan Thompson for their support.

DIGNITARIES, SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS AT ASHA

DIGNITARIES

Each year, we have a privilege of meeting and hosting supporters, volunteers and heads of diplomatic missions, leading political parties, senior government officials from within India and abroad. Their presence, support and words of encouragement to the slum communities hugely impacts their lives, giving them a renewed sense of self belief and dignity. This year too we have had a wonderful opportunity of meeting some of the renowned people from all walks of life. Here are a few glimpses:



We had the honour of having Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria and her husband Mr Anthony Howard QC who visited Asha's Kanak Durga slum community on 3rd October.



Founder and Director, Dr Kiran Martin and Associate Director, Godfrey Martin had the pleasure of meeting Justin Trudeau on 26th of February 2018 at Canada House.



Dr Kiran and 25 young enthusiastic children from Asha were invited to take part in Victorian Premier's Cricket Event on 18 January 2018 with the hon'ble guest, the Premier of Victoria, The Hon Daniel Andrews MP.



Dr Kiran Martin met with HE Panos Kalogeropoulos, Ambassador of Greece in India on 22nd February 2018 to start a new partnership for Internship opportunities for Asha students.

SUPPORTERS



Our long-time supporters Macquarie visited our Kalkaji centre on 12th May 2017.



Stephen Curran from UK, supporter of Asha's work visited New Seelampur slum community on 27th January 2018.

VOLUNTEERS



Young volunteer Clara Park, from The River NYC, volunteered with us for 3 weeks at Jeewan Nagar slum community in the month of August 2017.



Teachers and students from Ballymena Academy, The Royal School, Armagh and Methodist College Belfast from Northern Ireland, volunteered at Asha's slum communities.



Team Trinity from Australia volunteered in Asha's Zakhira slum community in the month of January 2018.



Asha supporter, David Briggs and his wonderful team of teachers from the UK volunteered for a week at Asha's Seelampur centre in October 2017.

EVENTS

Celebrating Asha's 2017 High School Toppers

Asha celebrated the triumph of High School batch 2017 on June 03 at Asha Headquarters. Dr Kiran proudly welcomed the bunch of fifty-two bright enthusiastic teenagers and applauded them for their outstanding dedication and hard work displayed in their exam results, with the highest score being 93.2 percent.



Launch of Asha's 2017 Internship Programme

Asha's trailblazing Internship programme for 2017, was launched at the Australian High Commission on June 02. Now in its sixth year, this programme has become one of the main highlights of the lives of the Asha students. So far 200 students have interned at various High Commissions and corporations. This year 53 students have received Internship opportunities.



71st Indian Independence Day celebrations at Asha slums

On 15th August 2017, enthusiastic Asha teams at different centres celebrated the 71st Year of Independence across Asha's slum communities with great fervour. Children danced to patriotic songs and enacted a drama which presented the rich history of the struggle for an independent India. The events concluded with the raising of the Indian flag and the singing of the National Anthem.

AUDIT REPORT

Asha Community Health & Development Society Abstract of Financials for the year end March 31, 2018*

S.No.	Particulars	Amount (In INR)	
A	Sources of Fund		
A.1	Capital Fund	168854984	
	Less: Application towards Fixed Assets	99037965	69817019
A.2	Restricted Funds		82017767
A.3	Staff Gratuity Fund		7529569
Total (A1+A2+A3)			159364355
B	Application of Funds		
B.1	Change in Working Capital		
B.1.1	Current Assets & Loans and Advances		
→	Current Assets		
	Closing Stock	148917	
	Cash & Cash Equivalents	158788779	
→	Loans And Advances	1718813	160656509
B.1.2	Less:Current Liabilities & Provision		
	Security Deposit(Salary)		1292154
Total (B1.1-B1.2)			159364355

Financial Activities during the F.Y 2017-18**

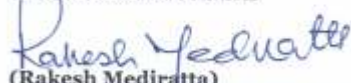
S.No.	Particulars	Amount (In INR)	
C	Revenue(s) earned		
C.1	Income from All Contributions, Donations and Grants		50380784
C.2	Clinic Receipts		3733819
C.3	Other Receipts		32788
C.3	Interest (From Bank & Income tax Refund)		12280374
Total (C1+C2+C3)			66427765
D	Expense(s) incurred		
D.1	Running & Maintenance Of Clinics/Centers		48466929
D.2	Welfare of Children		11574806
D.3	Asset Procurement		958763
D.4	Administrative Expenses		2391453
D.5	Other Expenses		4168
D.6	Depreciation on Assets		2546594
Total (D1+D2+D3+D4+D5+D6+D7+D8)			65942713
E	Excess of Revenue over Expenses (C-D) transferred to fund(s)		485052

*Please note that this balance sheet is an abstract only and is solely meant for the purpose of being published in the Annual report of Asha. This statement is not meant to be used before any other forum. For the actual set of Balance Sheet and allied financial statements prepared in accordance with law in force in the territory of India, Asha may be contacted for having a copy.

**F.Y 2017-18 in India extends from April 01, 2017 till March 31, 2018

Signed in terms of our report of even date

For R.Mediratta & Associates
Chartered Accountants


(Rakesh Mediratta)
FCA, Proprietor
Place: New Delhi
Date: 11/6/18



For Asha Community Health and
Development Society


(Treasurer)

the 1990s, the incidence of *S. flexneri* has increased in the United Kingdom [10]. In the United States, *S. flexneri* has been reported as the most common serotype in children with acute bacterial dysentery [11].

There is a paucity of data on the epidemiology of *S. flexneri* in the United Kingdom. In the 1970s, *S. flexneri* was the most commonly isolated serotype from patients with acute bacterial dysentery in the United Kingdom [12]. In the 1980s, *S. flexneri* was the most commonly isolated serotype from patients with acute bacterial dysentery in the United Kingdom [13]. In the 1990s, *S. flexneri* was the most commonly isolated serotype from patients with acute bacterial dysentery in the United Kingdom [14].

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