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Although Covid 19 has prevented us from visiting project areas, our associated charities in India have continued to implement many schemes with great success resulting in a total of 64 new classrooms supported in 2020, continued Covid relief to labourers and their families forced to return to their villages without alternative income, and the commencement of construction work on the new Care Home for Bal Basera.

BAL BASERA AND BACHPAN HIV CARE HOME, JODHPUR

Last autumn construction work began, as did our financial support program : £5,000 was sent by Saffi in September 2020, with further donations pledged as are needed as construction continues.

The architect's impressive drawings are below:





Recent construction photos are shown below:



I-INDIA

We set out below a report from i-India detailing the utilisation of Saffi funding last year:

Covid-19 Response: During the Covid-19 pandemic, the organization together with Saffi Foundation has placed its interventions forefront for responding to the rapidly escalating humanitarian needs around communities in need – saving lives and much more. Under Covid-19 relief program, the organization has undertaken following activities with the support of Saffi Foundation:

1. Dry Ration (Food) distribution
2. Sanitation kit, masks, gloves etc. distribution
3. Supporting the vulnerable groups (children)
4. Making of PPE items & masks through its Ladli vocational training centre



During the Covid19 crisis, food insecurity emerged as much more serious issue, many returning migrants have lost employment opportunities and spent their small savings on travel to rescue their native villages and regions. At this stage, they cannot afford to stock up food supplies and relies heavily on relief programs until they get back to normal life.

Since the month of April, we have undertaken food assistance program to support the government's relief efforts for the needy, affected by the extended

lockdown to curb the Covid-19 spread. During this period, many of communities being also provided replenished of food stock in every 15 days and this work is still progressing in most critical communities and areas of Jaipur. With the support of Saffi Foundation, following communities are being served with food assistance program:

Dry Ration Kits Distributed through the funding of Saffi Foundation UK	
Covid-19 Relief Activity	
Name of Community/Location	Total No. of Kits Distributed
Tuti Puliya, Diggi Road	116
Govind Pura Basti	58
Kiro Ki Dhani	80
Kalakar Basti	44
Rakdi Sodala	30
Vaishali Nagar Slum area	130
Migrant Slum Sanganer	20
Jaisingh Pura Slum	25
Pratap Slum Area	40
Sanganer Slum area	60
Sanjay Nagar Slum area	50
Kathputli Slum area, Jagatpura	80
Total Kits Distributed	733

You would be happy to know that, with the support of Saffi Foundation over 500 PPE Kits have also been donated to major hospitals in the city and state,

including RUHS Covid Center, SMS Hospital, Jaipur, Jaipuria Hospital, Jaipur, JK Lone Hospital, Zenana Hospital, CHC Shree Madhopur, Sikar, Primary Health Center and CHC's of Dudu Block, Jaipur. These kits have also been provided to the police personnel's through IG Jaipur range.

Amid surge of COVID-19 cases in our region, the organization also did their level best to educate and aware people on COVID appropriate behaviour. Under the same objective, our team has conducted awareness campaign and bridged the gap between the supply and demand of cotton, reusable masks for people in need through its free mask distribution drive.



Since, people started stepping out from their homes to secure viable livelihood options during times of distress, they really need to adopt appropriate

behaviour, which is the key to combat the pandemic till a vaccine becomes available. The distribution drive has been supported by Saffi Foundation.

School Construction Project

Due to COVID-19 situation, the construction work of School classrooms was delayed last year due to unavailability of proper construction team and most importantly we did not want to expose our residential orphan and homeless children to external workforce and constructional labours. However, this project is now scheduled to be launched imminently and will provide classroom facilities for over 500 street and slum-based children. A further donation of £19,000 was made by Saffi in Dec 2020

ROUND TABLE INDIA- FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

Since the start of the Pandemic all schools in India have been closed, but we have just learnt that the India Government are planning to allow secondary age children to return to school this month. The attached two progress reports – October and December 2020 – reveal an excellent and relentless program of new classroom projects supported by Saffi but driven by the amazing guys of Round Table India who give their own time and have done a sterling job – a huge thank you! After instigating 64 new classrooms plus toilet facilities, repairs to old classrooms, and play facilities in 2020, the new year 2021 has kicked off with a new 8 classroom project in Jaipur – what a great start !





FUNDING

In September 2020 Hurlingham Estates Ltd donated £50,000 and a further £50,000 in November 2020.

Chairs Ltd have pledged to donate £20,000 to the Bal Basera new home project plus £6,000 raised personally by one of the Directors in a sponsored swim of Lake Windermere.

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