



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019





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Abbreviations

- CCI - Child Care Institutions
- JJ Act 2015 - Juvenile Justice Act 2015
- UCD - Understanding Child Demographics
- MT - Master Trainer
- FBC - Family Based Care

Message From Our Founder



It has been 19 years since I started Miracle Foundation. Our journey over the years has been hard but incredibly rewarding and satisfying.

And it is a thrilling time to be working on behalf of orphaned and vulnerable children. Around the world, a profound shift is underway—from orphanages and residential institutions to placing children in safe and nurturing homes.

This new care model includes supporting children and families to prevent separation, reuniting children with their birth families, kinship care, and adoption. And Miracle Foundation is on the front line!

Thank you for taking so much interest in this worthy cause. Your contribution and support has helped us change the lives of so many children.

Caroline Boudreaux

Message From Our India Country Head



Let me begin with a big thank you.

Your generosity ensured that orphaned and vulnerable children have the opportunity to thrive. At Miracle Foundation India, we meet children wherever they are. Your commitment allowed us to help children both in a childcare institution and once they were placed in a family.

Our Miracle team members work hard everyday for children. We make sure they have nutritious food, a safe and loving environment, a strong education, mental health counseling, life skills and career coaching, and that their voices are heard. This year, we also worked to stabilize, strengthen, and reunite as many children as possible with a loving family of their own. The support from our government partnerships helped us create sustainable change and to tackle the root cause of the orphan crisis by focusing on prevention and family strengthening. In 2018, we collaborated with organizations across the globe on best practices and methodologies.

We worked to redefine the role of Child Care Institutions (CCIs), resettled children who have relatives that can care for them and provided paired funding, training and capacity building to child care institutions which are home to children who currently have nowhere else to go. With advocates like you, these children are loved, educated, healthy and safe. Thank you for shifting the mindset with us.

We start with children first to ensure their voices are heard...then tell stories of change, bring everyone on board, and continue to engage through all phases.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nivedita DasGupta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nivedita DasGupta



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*children live in institutions
worldwide (UNICEF 2015)*

80%

*have a living parent
(UNICEF)*

Not one of them wants to be there.

They want a family.

Our Goal: *A safe, loving family for every
child, in our lifetime.*

Our Approach



Ensure Each Child Thrives

All children deserve an education, nutrition, health, and protective services—no matter where they live. That's why we developed and implemented the Thrive Scale, a proven care model based on the UN Rights of the Child. Currently, we are working alongside hundreds of CCIs to reunite children with their families and to provide each child with the quality of care, and dignity, that is their right.



Strengthen The Childcare System

Every day around the world, social workers, caregivers, and government officials make decisions that impact millions of orphaned children. They are the “boots on the ground.” Together with UNICEF, we provide training and educational resources that empower workers in the childcare ecosystem to give children a better future.

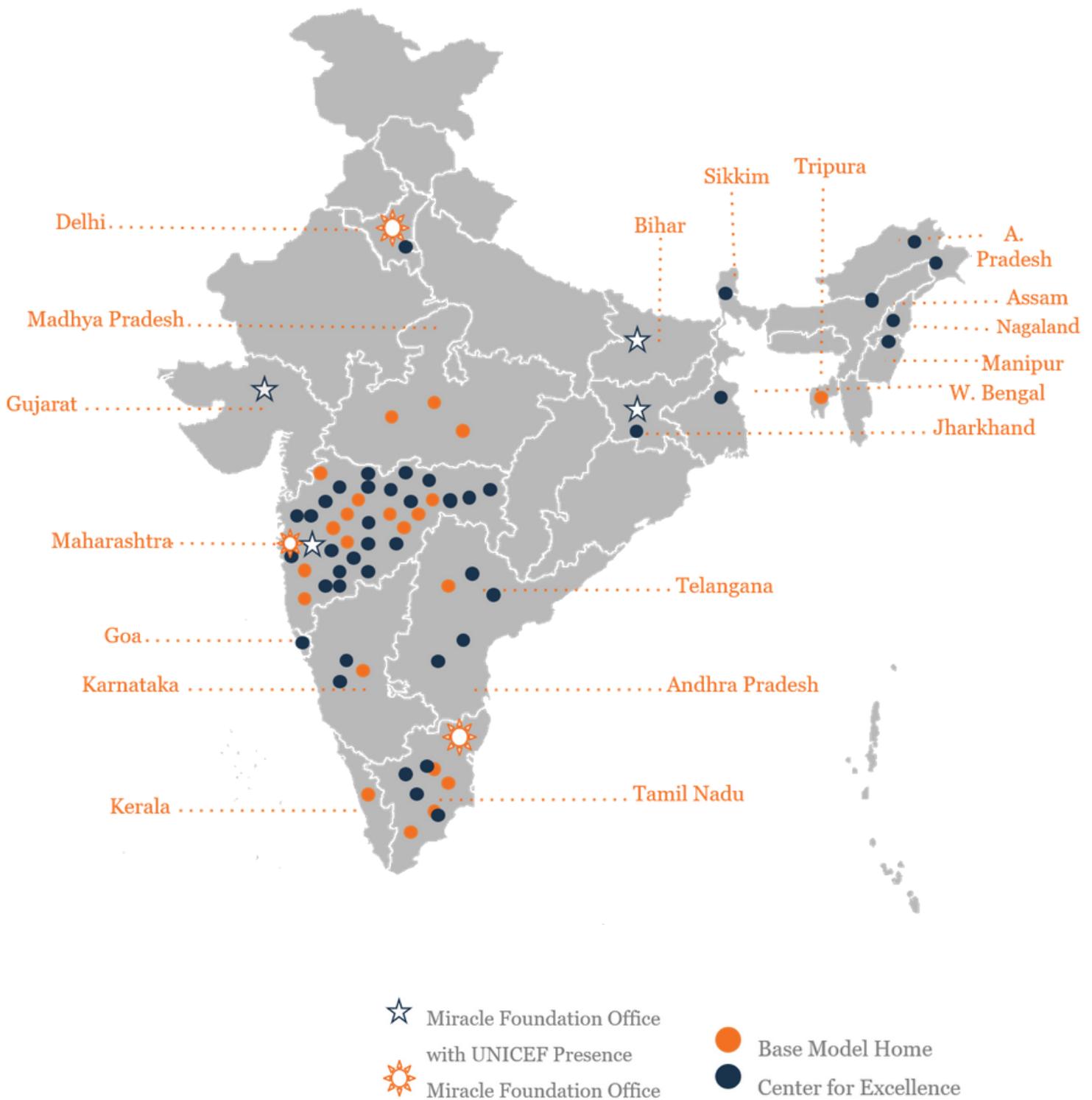


Keep Families Together

Separation of families happens primarily because of family crisis and poverty, not for lack of love. We partner with community programs that identify at-risk children and offer support to vulnerable families long before a CCI becomes a necessity. Prevention is the key.



Growing Together



Accomplishments



Co-hosted the '*Global Collective*' in London

Our team joined the **India Alternative Care Network**



Formed a **public-private partnership with UNICEF**

India to promote Family Based Care across 4 states in India

Developed Framework for Transforming Care

Dialogued with District Authorities on Transformation from Institutional care to FBC

Led a conference in Sri Lanka to teach **43 CCI leaders** about our *Thrive Scale*

Trained 83 children in leadership and advocacy skills

Launched pilot program for  family based care in 2 Child Care Institutions

Held dialogues with families of **children in transition**

Supported **13,800** Children



Initiated family based care dialogues with our partner CCIs

Implemented **WASH Trainings featuring** water testing, water sanitation and hygiene programs in all of our mentored CCIs

Supervised survey along with Shishuadhar for the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Maharashtra

Conducted **House Parents workshop** on the UN's 12 Rights of the Child which has created a nurturing, family-like environment enabling the children to thrive

Right by Right. Child by Child.



"We are here because we recognize that we play an important role in the lives of the children."

-- Sana,
Program Coordinator North

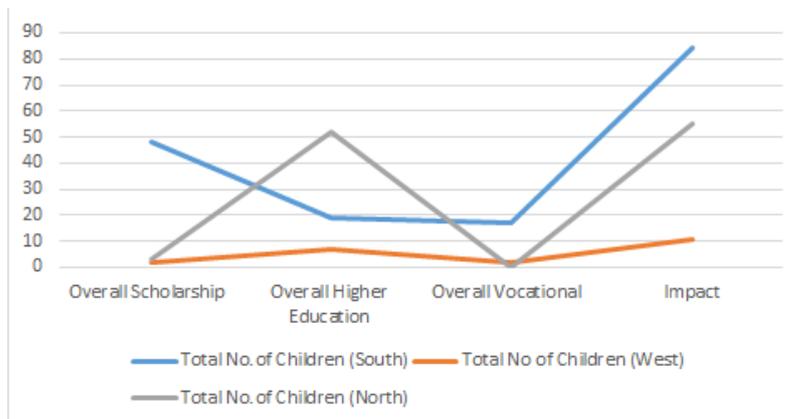


Key Highlights

1 Education

99% of the children we support are first generation learners. Most of them are the first person in their family to attend school. It brings us great satisfaction to see them break patterns in this way. Our education programs are comprehensive, ensuring primary education for all, remedial classes where needed, computer education and an opportunity for each child to attend college. This year, we were also able to ensure 100% school enrollment for our children compared to 55% of Indian children, overall. Also, we had an impressive high school pass rate of 98% to that of 52% of all Indian children (Source: UNESCO, 2016).

Our Results



Gopal, age 10, receiving storytelling coaching



Miracles You Made

Ranjita (now 21) along with her two brothers and a sister came to a Miracle mentored CCI in 2010 after their parents passed away. Ranjita had been struggling in school due to one particular subject. However, she was determined to achieve her goal; to get highly educated. With the help of Miracle Foundation's educational programs, Ranjita not only completed her bachelors with flying colors but she also moved ahead to pursue a master's degree in commerce. Today, Ranjita lives in Pune and has enrolled herself in a company secretary course. She is also working as an intern with a chartered accountant in the city to gain knowledge and understanding of the work. In her leisure time, she loves to read books and teach younger children.

Key Highlights

2 Health & Nutrition

Thanks to supporters like you, we successfully provided regular, high-quality health attention to all children under our care, taught them good health and hygiene habits and provided nutritious and delicious food at every meal.

Quality Health Check-ups!

- We completed health check-ups including hemoglobin tests, annual check-ups on vision, hearing and dental which were followed by treatment if required.
- Our medical partners completed an environmental health audit and conducted orientation & training sessions on different health and hygiene habits for children under our care.

Growth Monitoring!

- We measured every child's height and weight on a monthly basis.
- These growth measurements were plotted on children's individual WHO growth charts on a quarterly basis by the housemothers.



2,277

children have received Life Skills training

441

WASH trainings conducted

Key Highlights



Mental Health

As per the World Health Organisation, one out of four teens in India between the ages of 13-15 years suffers from depression. In addition, our children have experienced great adversity such as poverty, trauma, difficult living situations and much more and are at a higher risk of experiencing mental health issues such as, anxiety, fear, depression and other serious conditions. This is why we promote mental health care to the children. Our approach is aimed at cultivating their social and emotional development. We educate them in life skills and help them develop coping strategies. This prepares them for the challenges of everyday life and helps them to achieve their full potential and live a productive life, from childhood to adolescence and into adulthood.



Mental Health Results

Initiation of therapy rating system for children & therapist to rate impact of every session

Psychiatric medicines remained low. Only **4** children were prescribed medicine

46

Children & staff received counseling through the Mental Health Experts

51

Children received counseling through their Social Workers

183

Children underwent group counselling

Areas Supported

- Impulse dyscontrol
- Learning issues
- Trauma- related issues
- Sleep disturbances
- Emotional issues



A young girl, age 10, was placed in one of our mentored CCIs. At age 12 she started showing signs of behavioral concerns; hyperactivity and lack of concentration. This was brought to the attention of our mental health resource person through the social worker. After a couple of therapy sessions, it was discovered that the child was undergoing symptoms of depression. She was deprived of the loving care and affection of a family and she felt un-loved. After months of therapy and continuous follow-up by our team, the child's symptoms improved. The therapist also reinforced the need for her to be placed in a family setting. Our team then prepared the child for a session with prospective adoptive parents in consultation with the Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA). Today, this young girl is a part of a beautiful family and continues to thrive.

**Identity of child has been changed for protection*

Miracles You Made

A 15 year old orphaned child was moved to live in one of our mentored CCIs. Due to separation from his two sisters (as they were in a different institution), the child had significant emotional and relationship issues and difficulty adjusting to his new environment



Our social worker began helping the child with one-on-one counselling. She felt that involving him in group activities along with other children would help him adjust after the anxiety of separation. A Miracle Foundation appointed mental health resource person supported the young boy through life book activities which helped him bond with other children.

The young boy soon started to open up to the social worker about his relationship with his sisters.

After a few months of counselling, his relationship with his sisters improved. Our team focused on family bonding through planned meet ups with the child's sisters. Today, he enjoys spending time with his sisters and also looks forward to future bonding.

**Identity of child has been changed for protection*

Key Highlights

4 Family Based Care Initiatives

Strengthened & streamlined the existing JJ Act tools for child & family assessments

Created new tools to better enhance the case management process such as Resource Mapping and Risk Assessment, Placement Plan Reports & Understanding Children's Demographic (UCD)

Provided in-person and remote trainings to other projects to enhance their capacity in family based care

Participated in family based care trainings led by other organisations and learned from their best practices

Became part of various national forums working in family based care and alternative care domain

Finalized the Pilot Children's Institutions for demonstration of transformation of care work

Developed the 'Evolving Plan'; a road-map to highlight major elements of the transformation process



"Family is the fundamental group of society and the natural environment for the growth, well-being and protection of children, and efforts should be primarily directed to enabling the child to remain in or return to the care of his/her parents, or when appropriate, other close family members."

--UNCRC



830

Children placed in families

*all time

Miracles You Made



For 35-year-old Deepa, driving an autorickshaw to augment her income as an ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) in her village in Thiruvananthapuram's Annakulam panchayat hasn't been easy. But the hard work bore fruit when she was able to bring her daughter Avani back home in March this year after a four-year stay at one of the Miracle supported children's homes. "I became more determined to bring her home after counselling sessions revealed that Avani was stumbling in her exams because of dysgraphia, a writing disability. It was also making her insecure. It was suggested by the counselor that her condition could improve if I brought her home and continued therapy for the disability. People laughed when I started driving the autorickshaw as I was the first woman in the village to do so. But I didn't let it bother me. Miracle Foundation India and the CCI staff helped me. Since Avani came home, she has shown good progress. For me, this is no less than a miracle," said Deepa.

**As covered by Journalist Swapna Majumdar for Hindu Business Line*

Key Highlights

5 Center for Excellence

Objective: To help more children through a sustainable approach by implementing programs at the Government level. This top-down approach, when combined with bottoms-up programs, can lead to systemic change.

Dreamland Centre for Excellence

- 17 CCI institutions benefited from the program
- 50 staff members of various CCIs trained on Miracle Methodology
- 20 Master Trainers trained to become Life Skills Education trainers
- 396 children educated on Life Skills Education
- 25 children trained in leadership and advocacy
- 400+ children were given vaccinations
- 250 children trained on personal hygiene, sanitation and environmental hygiene.



Key Highlights

5 Center for Excellence

Salesian Centre for Excellence

- Capacity building for 3 provinces; Chennai, Trichy, Mumbai
- 24 facilities trained on standard of care to be given in CCIs as per the JJ Act 2015
- 49 staff members trained on Miracle Methodology
- 6 sisters became Master Trainers (MT) & 5 became Core Master Trainers (CMT)
- 2018 children impacted
- 9% increase in standard of care
- CCIs started focusing on children's health, nutrition, child participation, guidance and child protection



“The self-guided assessment tool is really an amazing tool, which help us to know where we were and what were the gaps we needed to work on. Now, we don’t need someone to guide us all the time. Thanks to Miracle Foundation for creating such a wonderful tool”

-- Sr. Emelda



Project Reach

Key Highlights

6 Children's Leadership Council



This year, we also hosted two children's leadership councils; one for our children from Western & Northern regions and another for children from our Center for Excellence Model. We prepared children, aging-out (after 18 years) of institutionalized care, to face the outside world. Through this 3-day workshop, we trained them in advanced life skills and leadership development. We empowered children emotionally for the new chapter in their lives through individual counseling, group discussion and sharing opportunities.

Voices

Impact

- Enhanced self-esteem
- Growth in academic performance
- Openness to new experiences among participants
- Emotionally stronger
- Better decision making capacity
- Stronger alumni network



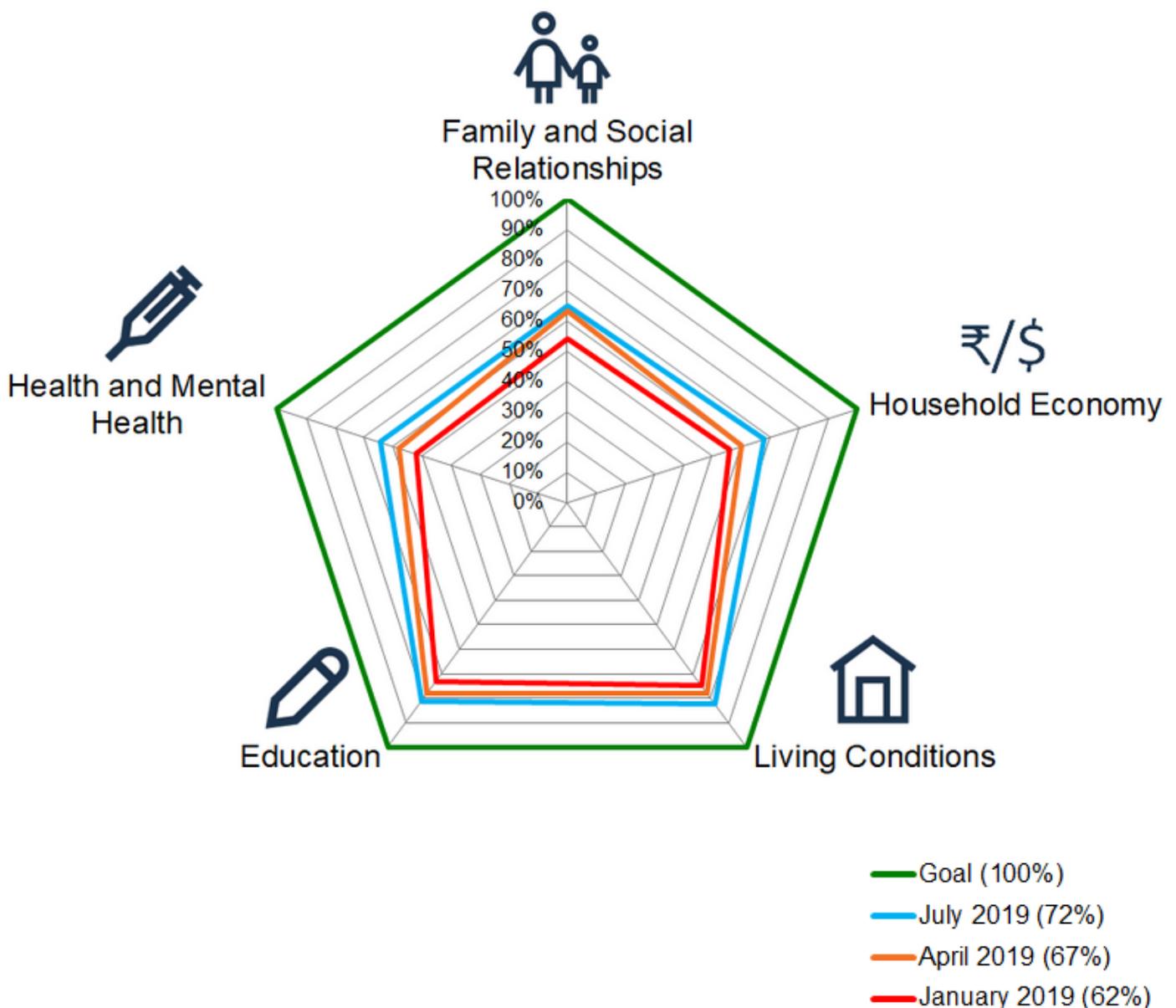
"I feel that the best things about living with a family is the love you get from your parents which you can't get from anywhere else."

We get their care, their values. If we have this, then we can overcome any hurdle."

--Rupali

WHAT'S NEW?

We introduced the Thrive Scale 2.0. - an impact measuring tool that will allow us to track the quality of a child's placement to ensure the child has food, access to education, a safe place to live, healthy relationships with friends and neighbors and much more.



COLLABORATION



This year, we entered into a public-private partnership with UNICEF India and the State Governments of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Jharkhand & Bihar. Our partnership is aimed at transforming family-based and alternative care across these four states with ONE goal in mind; a safe, loving family for every child.

Strategic Initiatives

Building capacity of child protection functionaries in standards of family based and alternative care

Building capacity of child care institutions' functionaries in standards of family based and alternative care

Family and community strengthening

STATE

DURATION OF PROJECT

Maharashtra	3 years
Gujarat	3 years
Bihar	2 years
Jharkhand	2 years



CSR Partners



We Love Our Implementation Partners

Aarambh Education & Community Development Society ● Anbarasi Social Action ● Asha Kuteer ● DKSHA
Erode Auxilium Society, Marialaya ● Jeevodaya Society ● Kovai Auxilium Salesian Sisters Society ● Mahesh
Foundation ● Matru Mandir Devrukh ● Parivartan Mahila Sanstha ● Rural Foundation ● Samparc ● Sangli
Government Girls Home ● Shasakiya Mulanche Varisht Balgrah (Solapur) ● Shasakiya Mulinchi Vaishtha Balgrah
(Shirur) ● S M S S Hindu Mahila Mandiram ● Social Action for Manpower Creation ● Socio Economic
Development Trust ● TOUCH ● Vijaya Foundation Trust ● Voluntary Health Association of Tripura

Program Partners



St. Stephen's Hospital



झारखण्ड सरकार



सुरक्षित बचपन-विकसित समाज



Ministry of Women and Child Development



महिला व बाल विकास विभाग
महाराष्ट्र शासन

emerging leaders



2018-2019 Financial Report

2018-2019 Revenue

All funds raised in India go towards program support



We supported over 13,800 children

We are committed to creating systemic change by training government and community-level caregivers to identify at-risk children, support vulnerable families and prevent children from entering the institution set-up.

**data is for all time*



Board Members & Leaders

Our incredible board has always been supportive of our work for children. Together as a team, we work hard everyday to give children an opportunity to thrive.



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**UNTIL EVERY CHILD HAS
A FAMILY**

Let's create miracles for them



Thank You!



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