

HELP FOR CHILDREN IN NEED FOUNDATION

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1. The Beginnings

The third year of HCNF was the first time it initiated resource mobilisation and fund raising from the public. The public appeal which was sent out to different people were responded satisfactorily and HCNF was able to support the flood affected children and their communities in Kerala. The trend continued in the new financial year with cyclone in Orissa and massive floods in Maharashtra.

2. Towards the objects of the company

Meanwhile the projects Green Catalyst in Ahmedabad, support to marginal farmers and their children in Yavatmal were focussing on children and young people's right to a healthy environment, nutrition and education. The new cooperation which was started in the previous year with Hellmann and RG Cargo continued in the current year with slightly enhanced budget. The project by AFD in Trilokpuri, Delhi and Hasirudala in Bengaluru contributed to preventing school dropouts and enhancing learning levels of children from the marginalised communities. The measures like children's community library, remedial classes and regular interaction with parents and communities contributed to improved schooling.

Forbes Marshall Foundation supported the last year for consolidation of learnings of the Yavatmal project. A lessons learnt workshop was organised to share learnings and experiences with other civil society actors in the region.

The project Green Catalyst in Ahmedabad received support only till December 2019. However the work continues on a voluntary basis.



The support to the small project Khelghar in Pune also continued during the year.

As the year was coming to an end the pandemic COVID 19 started impacting lives of people in different parts of the country including Pune. As the sudden lockdown which was declared left large number of people without wages, work or food, HCNF in partnership with CYDA started supporting food and nutrition assistance to vulnerable children and their communities in Pune.

3. Resources and Funds

Cyclone Fani in Orissa in the month of April - an unusual period as the cyclones have been usually active in the later part of the year. The cyclone destroyed lot of social infrastructure and also houses, school buildings and other shelters. HCNF launched a campaign seeking support for relief and recovery of the cyclone affected communities, particularly children. The fundraising initiative had limited success however it was possible to collect Rs 107,500 and support repair and renovation of a primary school of Baliana block of Khurda district. Within two months of the



cyclone in the east rains slashed the western part of the country and Maharashtra including Pune was severely affected. HCNF sanctioned an initial amount of Rs 50,000/- towards relief work in Pune and subsequently through various appeals raised an amount of Rs 99,100/- (Rupees Ninety nine thousand one hundred only) which too was invested in repairing and renovating a primary school in Sangli district which was damaged by the floods.

4. Institutional Governance

HCNF continued to function with staff of three part time employees and volunteers assuming various responsibilities, the Directors themselves also supported the work as and when necessary. The financial administration was supervised by Director George and volunteer Manager Administration and Finances – Snehal Kulkarni. Receipts were issued for all donations without delays and payments of remunerations including tax deductions and depositing the same were all done on a regular basis. The documents were eventually scrutinised by Damodar Bandi and books of accounts finalised on a monthly basis.

The Directors' meetings were held regularly every quarter or oftener as required following all the regulations and maintaining the documentation. The staff administration was taken care of and the work flow maintained on a regular basis.

Reporting to the donors periodically was done through telephonic informations, reports, presentations and sharing of photographs. Each of the donors received individual reports for the project supported by it.

5. Compliances

HCNF completed all the applicable compliances like financial audit of accounts of the previous year, filing of returns with the Income Tax department and also reporting to the ROC under the Indian Companies Act 2013 within the prescribed time limits. The auditors DKV & Associates and the Company Secretary KANJ & Co. LLP supported the process effectively. Mr Damodar Bandi the Consultant for Compliances compiled and finalised the books of accounts and all other documentation with support from Snehal and other volunteers. Copies of the reports are separately available.

6. Looking ahead:

The work of HCNF did expand during the reporting year. However not as much as planned. For the future more resources and more capacities are required for promoting the objects of the company effectively.

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