

## DYUVAN RAY FOUNDATION (DRF)

### Annual Report April 2022 - March 2023



### Highlights

1. **Samruddhi Project** - 20 SHGs in Vasai- Taluka - Thane District and 2 SHGs in Dhayari- Pune reaching out to 380 women with awareness sessions and entrepreneurship development program. A center office started at Dhayari - Pune for Sammruddhi Project.
2. **Vidya Dhanam Project** - 30 children benefitted from the various inputs given at the remedial education center at Dnyan Prabodhini School, Sade Satara Nali- Hadapsar - Pune.

3. **Surakshit Bachpan** - 587 children benefitted from the awareness sessions on protection of children from Child Sexual Abuse.
4. **Humanitarian Aid** -

### **Summary of the work done in the first year (April 2021- March 2022)**

The **Dyuvan Ray Foundation** in Pune recently celebrated its first anniversary in September 2022, marking a year of dedicated service to the community. In the first year of its inception, the foundation has been actively engaged in empowering underprivileged women through self-help groups (SHGs), providing them with a platform to enhance their livelihoods and foster economic independence. Through various initiatives, the foundation has facilitated skill development, financial literacy, and entrepreneurial training, enabling these women to create sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Additionally, the foundation has been instrumental in conducting school-based training programs on child safety under Surakshit Bachpan Project. Recognizing the importance of safeguarding children, the organization has implemented comprehensive training modules to educate both students and teachers on vital aspects of child protection. These programs encompass areas such as personal safety, protection from child sexual abuse and steps to be taken if in case any child comes across such situations.

The Dyuvan Ray Foundation's efforts over the past year have made a profound impact on the lives of underprivileged women and children in Pune & Vasai (Thane). By addressing their specific needs and empowering them with knowledge and skills, the foundation has played a crucial role in building a stronger, more resilient community.

### **Detailed Report April 2022 - March 2023**

#### **Samruddhi (Women Empowerment Project)**

Through the project Samruddhi, we have provided training in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and vocational skills to enhance their economic prospects. The Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed and strengthened which serve as a platform for women to share knowledge, ideas, and experiences, fostering a sense of camaraderie and empowerment. With our guidance in entrepreneurship development women have been motivated to start income-generating activities. Dyuvan Ray Foundation is committed to the empowerment of women through financial inclusion. In the second year under the project Samruddhi following activities were conducted.

#### **Self-Help Group Formation and Strengthening -**

We also aim to facilitate access to savings and microcredit and support women to start micro-enterprises. By encouraging savings and collective decision-making, we instill financial discipline and promote social cohesion. The SHGs have proven to be transformative, lifting women out of poverty and giving them a voice in their communities. Our commitment lies in nurturing these groups and fostering sustainable development for these resilient women.

We have 20 SHGs at Vasai that were formed in the year 2021 at 2 SHGs at Dhari - Pune City. The SHGs were trained in opening the bank account and bank operations, financial transactions in SHG, maintaining the SHG records, the roles and responsibilities of SHG leaders and the members, and how to conduct the SHG meeting.

### SHG Training and Meetings



### Awareness Sessions on Parenting Skills and Gender Equality







### Women's Day Celebration

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated to honor the achievements of the women's rights movement and to mobilize support for a more just world. The talents, expertise, responsibility, and tenacity of women make a substantial contribution to the advancement of any civilization.

On March 11, 2023, in the Dhayri Center at Pune, the Dyuvan Ray Foundation (DRF) celebrated International Women's Day with its Samruddhi Project beneficiaries. Many songs, slogans, and stories of the women who benefited from the NGO's activities were incorporated to celebrate Women's Day. The Managing Director, Shruti Dimble, spoke to the women about several forms of employment and the formation of a network of female entrepreneurs in Dhayri. Neha Sinha, the Director for Business Development spoke to women about finding inner strength and being receptive to new experiences. Nakul Kate, a Dyuvan Ray Foundation's advisor, spoke on children's rights. Harishchandra dada Dhakane and Mujawar Tai were handled as the program's hosts and coordinators.





### Vidya Dhanam (Right to Education)

**Project Vidya Dhanam** aims at providing remedial education to underprivileged children in Pune, India. With a focus on academic support and personal development, we strive to bridge the educational gap faced by these children. Our dedicated team designed customized learning programs that cater to individual needs and learning styles. Through interactive teaching methods and engaging activities, we developed an interest in learning. This has helped them to boost their self-confidence.

The project was started in the month of September 2022 in collaboration with Dnyan Prabodhini Prthamik - Madhyamik Vidyalay at Sadesatara Nali, Hadapsar. Through the project Vidya Dhanam, DRF supported 20 children belonging primarily to migrant workers who could not attend an online school during COVID-19, who couldn't even read and write Marathi or English, and who was also struggling in Math. Along with this, the children were given inputs in life skills, art and craft, general knowledge, and health and nutrition. DRF also worked closely with the parents to make them aware of the importance of education and the parent's role in the overall development of the child. The children who made excellent progress in academics got special appreciation from the school. Additionally, we have provided access to educational resources, including books, stationery, and technology tools. We aim to empower these children with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed academically and in life. By investing in their education, we believe in creating a brighter future for them and breaking the cycle of poverty.





### Educational Inputs on a daily basis



**Life Skills Training to the Children** - Self-awareness, hygiene and grooming, and communication skills.



**Graduation day** - The children who had improved academic performance and regular attendance at the center were given special recognition at the end of the year, and there was also an outing arranged for all of them.



### Project Surakshit Bachpan

School-based training on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) is crucial as it equips children with the knowledge and skills to protect themselves from abuse and seek help if needed. It also helps to raise awareness among teachers and parents, who can play a key role in preventing and

addressing CSA. Training that we conduct covers topics such as safe and unsafe touch, recognizing warning signs, and reporting abuse. By promoting a safe and supportive environment, schools are able to empower children to speak up and protect themselves, ultimately helping to prevent CSA and supporting victims in dealing with its effects.

A Training on Child Sexual abuse was conducted at Amonora school for 587 children and their teachers on 27th September 2023. The children attentively listen to the inputs given by Mr. Nakul Kate. He is an advisor of DRF on issues related to child rights.

### Photos Surakshit Bachpan



### Humanitarian Aid:

Sujal Mahadev Jadhav, a 19-year-old student lives with his mother Nirmala Jadhav a domestic worker and single mother. He lost his father at the tender age of 3 months and has been looking after his mother without any support from other family members. Sujal is a bright student and aims to become a chef. Sujal was facing health difficulties like severe abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and weight loss. On in-depth diagnosis and follow-ups, he was diagnosed with Annular Pancreas, a condition which is a birth anomaly.



The annular pancreas is a rare congenital condition where the pancreas forms a ring around the duodenum. His doctor recommended an immediate surgical intervention known as a duodenal bypass or pancreaticoduodenectomy, to relieve the obstruction. The surgery cost was rupees two lakhs which the family could not afford due to their economic condition.

The family requested Dyuvan Ray Foundation for support towards Sujal's surgery which was to take place at KEM Hospital, Pune. Dyuvan Ray Foundation extended support of Rs. 50,000/- towards Sujal's surgery. Sujal's surgery had been a success; he has recovered well and Dyuvan Ray Foundation wishes for his bright future.

### Collaboration with other NGOs

DRF's approach of developing a team of resource persons is a strategy to promote active engagement and collaboration with social organizations. By equipping individuals with the necessary skills, knowledge, and expertise, DRF has created a strong network of committed and capable individuals who can contribute to the social sector. These resource persons serve as mentors, trainers, and advisors to organizations, helping to build their capacity and promote effective practices. Overall, DRF's focus on developing a team of resource persons is a step towards more sustainable and impactful efforts towards social development.



The DRF has partnered with the NGO Purnkuti, which promotes women's empowerment and child development in Pune. DRF has given this NGO a team of resource people for its Project Dhara (Women's Empowerment) and Manosakha (Education) initiatives. DRF has three resource persons who worked for Purnkuti from January 2022 to March 2023. The list of the resource persons is as follows.,

1. Neha Thakur - Counselling of the children and soft skills trainer.
2. Smita Londhe - Counsellor and mental health expert.
3. Ujwala Zurunge - Trainer - Beauty Parlour Course.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, DRF's annual report highlights the significant progress made in women's empowerment and child development over the past year. Our programs focused on providing education, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities to women and children, particularly in marginalized communities. We also engaged in advocacy and awareness-raising efforts to promote gender equality and child rights. The report showcases the impact of our work, including improved health and education outcomes, increased participation in decision-making, and enhanced economic opportunities. We remain committed to our mission and look forward to continued collaboration with partners and stakeholders to create a more equitable and just society for all.

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