



ASMITA

2020-2021

Empowering the marginalized specially women and Children of the unorganized labourers/ slum dwellers to live a life with total Dignity

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The year 2020-21

The year 2020-21 witnessed Covid 19 pandemic badly affecting the nation as a whole. Lockdown was imposed from April. It took months for the lockdown to be partially lifted. Only somewhere during October that the nation was able to get back to normal.

➡ ASMITA opened its Non Formal Educations centers from October

➡ ASMITA opened its Skill development programs from October

➡ ASMITA CHILDLINE functioned as an emergency service 365 days

➡ ASMITA actively responded to Corona with Covid Relief Work

➡ ASMITA initiated a new project - Health Rejuvenation in the slums



ASMITA Educational Programs



ASMITA is primarily involved in Non-Formal Education at most of the slums in Varanasi city for the past 25 years. With the help of our animators we educate those children who don't/can't afford to or are not sent by parents to schools. After educating them for a year we help them to get admitted to formal schools. Animators take 3 hours class, conduct educational activities and after that an hour is spent on visiting the families and organizing women.

This year due to Covid 19 and the subsequent lockdown the classes were suspended until October 2020. From October on all the centers were reopened with limited number of children and only those above 10 years



ASMITA English classes

ASMITA began English coaching for adolescent girls from February 2021. The intention is to enable the poor children from the slums to learn proper English so that they are not knocked down as they go for their higher studies. Mrs. Bijeta Khandelwal takes 2 hrs classes daily. There are 15 girls benefitting from the class.

ASMITA Rainbows and Rainbow Home

Under the title of ASMITA Rainbow Home ASMITA enrolled 10 poor girl children from various slums, to the hostel associated to St. Joseph's School (English Medium). They are being taken cared and supported by OLP Sisters at Shivpur. The first batch completed their high school and is now pursuing graduation.

We have another similar program called ASMITA Rainbows in which orphan/ semi orphan children are helped for their education. These children stay with their parents and do their studies.



Sl	Name of the Animator	Place	No. Of Children
1	Abhay Masih	Kandwa pokara	27
2	Anita Devi	Panchpandwa	29
3	Asha Devi	Nirala Nagar	17
4	Farzana Bano	Dhelwariya	22
5	Malti Devi	Maheshpur	30
6	Nisha Salimun	Bharlai Shivpur	22
7	Pramila Devi	Khandwa Gate	15
8	Saroj Devi	Jaiprakash Nagar	24
9	Sapna Paul	Cantonment	15
10	Tarannum Bibi	Doshipura	26
11	Usha Gupta	Jhakka	29
12	Vandana Manoj	Ghasiyari Toly	25
13	Vandana Devi	Bajardiha	27

ASMITA Vocational Training

ASMITA trains girls from the slums/villages in tailoring so that they can stand on their legs, earn for themselves. They are provided with one year training and are encouraged to take up tailoring works in their neighbourhood to earn something for themselves. This year ASMITA runs 4 centres.

Sl	Place	Animator	Students
1	Kanshiram Awas	Archana Devi	15
2	ASMITA Hall	Geeta Gupta	25
3	ASMITA Hall	Lalsa Devi	32
4	Khdhipur	Sitara Ansari	12



Health Rejuvenation in the Slums of Varanasi

To reduce the health complications in slums worsened by Covid -19 such as malnourishment in children, anemia in women, pregnancy risks and to create awareness on menstrual hygiene among the adolescent girls in the slums, ASMITA with the support of Manos Unidas initiated a new project titled Health Rejuvenation in the Slums of Varanasi.

- To reduce the risk of malnourishment.
- Ensuring that women in slums not become victims of anemia
- Ensuring healthy living conditions in slums/villages
- Ensuring safe motherhood.
- Creating awareness on menstrual hygiene among adolescent girls.

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| 1 Bajadiha | 7 Jaiprakash Nagar |
| 2 Sunderpur | 8 Lanka |
| 3 Cantonment | 9 Bharlai |
| 4 Chowkaghat | 10 Nagwa |
| 5 Maheshpur | 11 Beniyabag |
| 6 Bhagwanala | 12 Senpura |



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takes care of children in need of care and protection in the district of Varanasi. It is an emergency service 24x7 for children.

It has handled 700 cases in this year.

This includes cases of Child marriages, child sexual abuses, trafficking, child begging, children who run away, Emotional support to children, cyber crime etc. It undertakes awareness programs and outreaches to prevent cases.

Total cases attended

Case Category	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Medical	7	3	3	3	0	0	2	3	0	1	2	0	24
Shelter	1	6	4	3	3	6	4	3	10	4	9	2	55
Restoration	6	3	4	13	2	12	13	5	9	21	8	8	104
Protection from Abuse	9	5	11	13	11	17	15	23	25	18	20	13	180
Sponsorship	0	0	0	0	101	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	103
Child Lost	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parents Asking Help	3	4	5	2	4	2	5	0	5	7	3	2	42
Ref to/from Other CL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	4
Ref by/to Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	5
Emotional Support	0	3	1	0	2	1	4	3	1	6	1	6	28
Didn't find/ intervene	3	3	9	1	3	5	3	4	4	1	10	15	61
Child labour	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	13	2	4	29
Other	68	35	20	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	131
Total	97	62	57	37	128	50	52	43	56	74	57	53	767



CHILDLINE se Dosti Week

CHILDLINE as a team met Shri Neelkand Tiwari, Minister for state Tourism and Culture, Shri Saurav Sreevastav, MLA Varanasi Cantonment, Shri Deepak Agrawal IAS, Commissioner Varanasi Division, Shri Kaushal Raj Sharma IAS, District Magistrate Varanasi, BB Singh, CMO Varanasi, Shri Anurag Darshan - SP Protocol, Shri Praveen Kumar Tripathi DPO and shared Friendship Card to them

3 Day's Awareness camp on "Child Care" was conducted from 17.11.2020 to 19.11.2020 at ASMITA office in collaboration with ASSI.

Outreach through Radio FM with Mirchi Trisha was held, reaching out to more than 3000 people with the message of child protection.

On the occasion of Chat Puja, CHILDLINE Varanasi team conducted awareness program at the Ghats. CL canopy was put up at Assi Ghat. The whole of CL team with our volunteers and police personals with mission Shakti programs spent the entire afternoon and evening at the Ghat spreading the message of safety of women.

On 22/11/2020 CHILDLINE Varanasi conducted a Bike Rally. This was aimed at spreading an awareness on CHILDLINE toll free number 1098 and that we are there to reach out to children in need. 30 bikes/scotty with 50 people participated in it. Shri Saurav Sreevastav, MLA, Varanasi Cantt flagged off the rally

Children's Day celebration - A quiz competition was held at 16 slums in Varanasi. Around 450 children participated.

The winners were given prizes and certificates. After the competition the day was celebrated with the children with songs, dance and awareness programs.

Mission Shakti team from Sigra Police station, Varanasi joined us to celebrate with us.

On 23.11.2020 CHILDLINE conducted a social media campaign. A posture on CSD was prepared and was shared in social media platforms. As many as 500 sharing were done during the day reaching out to 30,000 above people.

In the middle of November CHILDLINE Varanasi celebrated a week long program called CHILDLINE se Dosti week from 17/11/20 to 24/11/2020. It organized the following programs



Women's Day Celebration

ASMITA celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March. Mrs Rachana Agrawal, UP convenor for Beti Bahcavo Beti Padavo campaign, Dr. Anshu Shukla, Asst Professor at VKM and Dr. Niranjana Srivastav, Asst Professor at VKM were the guest speakers. 400 women participated. The 2 hour long program was intended to motivate household women and adolescent girls to become leaders in their own families and the society. The guest speakers motivated and guided them towards living up to their dreams. Girls from different slums came up with creative programs on women's day theme.

Christmas Celebration

ASMITA celebrated Christmas with children from the slums. The intention of this celebration is to promote religious harmony and to give a sense of belonging to one another. People across the city specially those associated with us from the slums, children, neighbours participated in the celebration. There were around 500 people participated in it. Children from the slums put up various Christmas programs.

ASMITA Social Awareness Programs



Asmita COVID-19 Response

Cooked Food Distribution

ASMITA, in our outreach found that many people who came to Homi Baba Cancer hospital for cancer treatment from far away states were unable to return home after treatment. They were without food. From March 23 to April 24 the team fed 200 above people on a daily basis. Our neighbours were of a great help in preparing meals.



Covid -19 and its impact on the lives of people need no introduction. From the time lockdown was declared, the Team ASMITA put in our whole strength to help the people stranded, those without food. It has taken up the following activities-

Tele-Counselling from the Covid War Room Visits to Isolation and Qurentine homes



Awareness programs on Covid Care



Ration Distribution

During lockdown, due to shops being closed and non availability of jobs, daily wage labours were in distress. Most of them ran out of food. ASMITA in its first round of ration distribution, reached out to 650 families with 5kg Rice, 5 kg Wheat flour and 2 kg Dal. In its second round it distributed 5kg rise, 5 kg Ata, 3 kg Dal, 5kg Potato-Onion, 1 kg salt, 3 masks, and 3 saps to 1300 families in its slums.

