



Delhi Council for Child Welfare

Giving Children a Childhood and a Future



Annual Report 2022–23

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From the Desk of the President

Dear Friends of DCCW,

With the pandemic easing off, we hope you are safe and well. It is my pleasure to share with you the highlights of the year gone by.

Our programs restarted gradually and gained momentum as excited parents brought their children to our centres. The staff worked relentlessly to bring in new beneficiaries and we were delighted to see almost 2700 children benefitting from our programs, well beyond our pre-Covid levels in most programmes. Our centres underwent much needed repairs after a long period of closure during the pandemic.

By mid-January, our Bal Chetna day care program for special needs children also resumed at Janakpuri. It was at this time that we changed our mission statement to "Giving children a childhood *and a future*".

Our Janakpuri centre, a flagship centre catering to 250 children every day, has been found to be in need of a major structural upgrade of its building. It is being reviewed by experts who have preferred a rebuild over a retrofit reinforcement, for long term safety. For this, we will soon look to you for support and I am confident, as in the past, that we will not be disappointed. Currently, we are operating out of a rental facility.

Our April fundraiser sponsored by a PALNA family was a success. We are grateful to our Patron, Mr Ashok Taneja and corporates National Standards, SNS Foundation, Veda Innovation, Savitri Devi Minda Charitable Trust, Mr Nirmal Minda and many others for their generous contributions. As always, GiveIndia and Fueladream fundraisers not only bring us funds but also new donors. Ms Radhika Ramnath, Executive Committee member published a collection of fascinating stories 'The World of PALNA', featuring some of our PALNA children.

In September we welcomed Mrs Indira Dey, one of our founding members, all of 92 years, but with the mind and spirit of a 25-year-old, to a very inspiring interaction with us. She reminisced about the challenges that she and her colleagues overcame to make PALNA and the other centres a reality.

The newly elected Executive Committee is striving towards increasing the Council's outreach and enhancing the services provided. To further strengthen our team, we welcomed Mr Manoj Mishra, as Assistant Director. He brings in valuable experience in the social sector.

We were honoured by a visit by US Ambassador to India, Ms. Elizabeth Jones and her colleagues at the US Embassy in Delhi. Generous donors like India Vision Institute



carried out vision tests for over 1,000 children and provided spectacles for many. Maulana Medical College held dental camps at many of our centres. We are grateful to Surie Porex Pvt Ltd, Ion Foundation, Asian Supply Chain Ltd, Godrej Consumer Products, Leiner Shoes, Mulani Family Foundation, KLJ Plasticizers Ltd, ICCW, Jaquar Foundation, India Humanitarian, WestBridge Capital, CDPQ, EXL Service India Pvt Ltd, Capital Foundation, International Action, Interpedia Finland, Club The Elte, Institute of Banking & Finance, Turner Project Management India, Bank of Baroda, XL India and many others, and individuals Ms Vinati Kastia Kalambi, Ms Sadhana Alstrom, Mr Sharad Aggarwal, Mr Umang Saran Bhatnagar, Mr Tilak Sarkar, Ms Nikita Chadha and many more for their generous and continued support. We thank Godrej for completing a long partnership of skilling our girls in beauty treatments. At job fairs held by them, our girls impressed the recruiters with their proficiency!

We were awarded the Children's Champion Award by the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights in the category of health and nutrition - a proud moment for the PALNA team who continuously provides delicious, healthy meals for all our resident children.

We celebrated milestone years for our Assistant Directors, Ms Loraine Campos and Mr Sanjay Kumar Mishra, who completed 35 years and 30 years respectively of commendable service to DCCW.

The year was thus a joyous journey and we closed in a spirit of new spontaneity and hope for 2023-24. My heartfelt thanks to each member of the Council family for making every moment, momentous!

Best wishes,



Radhika Minocha
President, DCCW

Highlights 2022-23

Our Mission statement revised

To represent the current objectives and scope of our programmes more accurately, we revisited and revised our Mission statement from "Giving Children a Childhood" to "**Giving Children a Childhood and a Future**".

Programmes

- This year all the programmes that had been suspended / closed during the pandemic were re-started, and some of them enhanced.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of children received at our home PALNA this year, as compared to the last 2 years. However, the trend of a large percentage being special needs children, continued.
- PALNA was awarded the Children's Champion Award (Category : Health & Nutrition) for 2022-23 by the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR), Government of Delhi.
- All our vocational training programmes are now affiliated to the National Skill Development Council (NSDC).
- This year there was a 25% increase in the number of vocational training beneficiaries over our pre-pandemic annual average.
- A new certified course on Tally software was introduced successfully.
- Bal Chetna, our day-care and rehabilitation programme for special needs children from under-privileged families, was the last of our suspended programmes to be re-started. The first unit became operational at Janakpuri in January 2023, and is already at capacity.
- Overall, in most of our programmes, our beneficiaries are back to pre-pandemic numbers and more.

Major setback : Janakpuri building structural issues

In February 2023 our Janakpuri centre was found to have serious structural issues, which had exacerbated in the almost two years of disuse during the pandemic. The building is being thoroughly assessed by experts to determine the best way of renovating it and ensuring complete safety. All our programmes had to be discontinued for six weeks till a suitable alternative rental premises was organised. Getting this centre operational is critical and will be an extremely resource-intensive endeavour, both in terms of the finances and time. **This is the most serious setback we have ever had since DCCW was established, and we will need the support of all our well-wishers to rebuild the centre over the next two years.**

Election of office bearers

The DCCW Annual General Meeting for 2021-22 was held on 29th September 2022 at the DCCW head office. This was an election year and the following office bearers were elected for the three-year term 2022-2025:

Hony President : Ms Radhika Minocha
Hony Vice-President : Lt Gen Sanjiv Chachra, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC (Retd)
Hony Secretary : Mr Asheesh Vadera
Hony Joint Secretary : Ms Radhika Ramnath
Hony Treasurer : Mr. Ishwinder Singh

Milestones

This was a year of milestones! While DCCW marked its **70th anniversary**, our two most senior team leaders, **Ms Loraine Campos** (Asst Director, PALNA) and **Mr Sanjay Kumar Mishra** (Asst Director, Programs) marked their 35th and 30th anniversary respectively, of serving the Council with dedication and commitment in furthering its mission! The entire DCCW team salutes them and are privileged to have them on our team!



PALNA™ / Adoption Programme **(Established 1978)**

PALNA™, our home for abandoned and lost children in the Civil Lines area of Delhi, was formally established in 1978, and continues to be our flagship programme. Appropriately the name “PALNA” means both *cradle* and *nurture*. At any point of time, PALNA is home to 65-75 children, as the children keep getting adopted through the year. To date, PALNA has **placed over 3,000 children in loving families**, many of whom continue to keep in touch.

The majority of our children come through the cradle at our gate, which allows anyone to place a child in it anonymously. Children are also brought by the police and some come through hospitals and clinics. Occasionally, families may come themselves to relinquish a child.



Infants and toddlers usually arrive in a critical state of health, making their survival our first priority. Older children tend to show signs of physical or psychological trauma. Over the years our in-house facilities have improved, with dedicated, round-the-clock medical staff, caregivers, therapists, counsellors, and teachers. They have ensured that mortality at PALNA has been greatly reduced. Each child receives individual care and attention to ensure all-round growth and development. A tangible result is that our children do not have the delayed milestones typically associated with institutional children.

Emerging from the pandemic

After being safe from Covid since the pandemic started in April 2020, we had an outbreak in PALNA in January 2022, affecting 14 children and several staff members. The infection came in with a toddler who needed frequent hospitalisation. Fortunately, not a single affected child showed any symptom, though a couple of staff members did. All of them were isolated and cared for within PALNA, and made

quick recoveries. All our preparations made in the previous year to deal with such an eventuality paid dividends, and we were well prepared in terms of the necessary medical equipment, medicines, and care following all protocols, under the daily monitoring of our doctors.

Recognition for PALNA

PALNA was awarded the Children's Champion Award (Category : Health & Nutrition) for 2022-23 by the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR), Government of Delhi.

Other Updates

We held a successful fundraiser "Giving Children a Childhood" for the Council, with a focus on PALNA, on 30h April 2022, through which we reached out for support to corporates and individuals. The event was sponsored by one of our own PALNA families. The formal presentations were followed by dance and music performances by PALNA alumna. Priya Srinivasan and her students gave a beautiful Bharatnatyam performance, while 9-year-old twins Naina and Tara enthralled on the tabla and keyboard.

The number of children coming to PALNA this year was significantly higher than the previous 2 years, but the trend of many with special needs continued.

After the pandemic restrictions were lifted, we had several visitors, who extended their support to PALNA. These included US Ambassador Ms Elizabeth Jones & her staff members, a team from World Bank & International Finance Corporation, members from the Sikh unit of the Indian army, the daughters of the Honorable Chief Justice of India Dr D Y Chandrachud, as well as our long-time partner Mrs. Sadhna Alstrom. A hepatitis vaccination camp was held at PALNA by the Inner Wheel Club 301. The community service / community citizenship wings of The Srijan School and The Indian School visited PALNA and spent a fun day with our children.

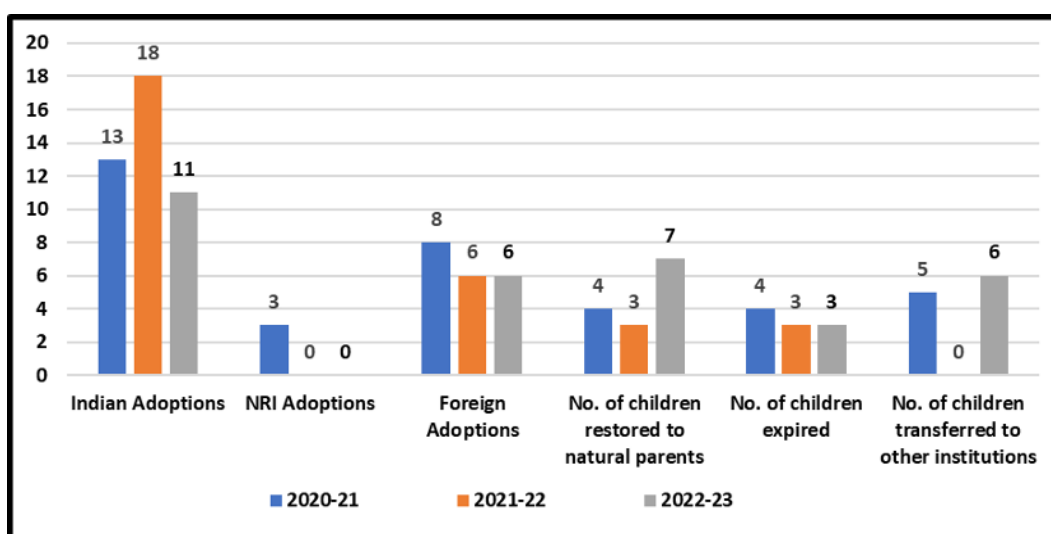
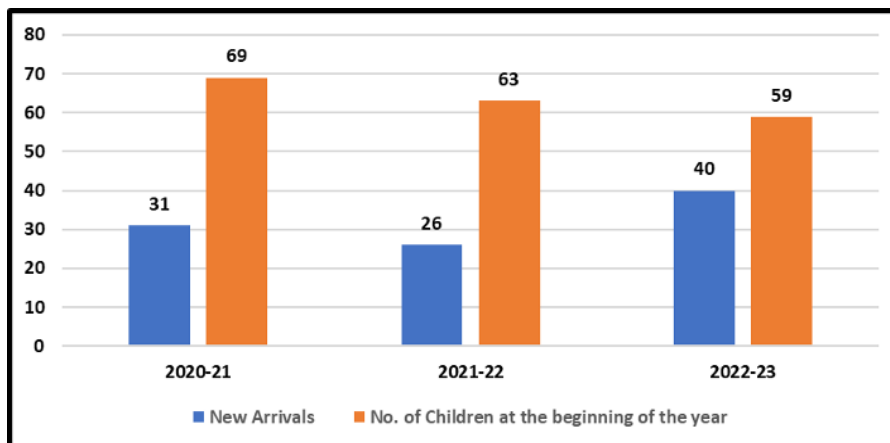
We were also privileged to have several of our PALNA children visited us in the second half of the year - some with children of their own! It was wonderful see where they are today, making a mark in their communities and in society in many different ways!

All the festivals, National days and children's birthdays were celebrated in-house with zest and enthusiasm.

A book "The World of PALNA: A Refuge of Love and Hope" by Radhika Ramnath, was published in collaboration with Roli Books. It follows the fascinating life journeys of several of our children. It is available at online bookstores across the world, and all proceeds from its sale come directly to PALNA.



Statistics for the last three years



* Whenever possible, older special needs children are transferred to partner institutions better equipped for their long-term stay and rehabilitation.

** The 3 expired children were all special needs children, who expired in hospitals. One had been with us 12 years and was diagnosed with cancer 2 years ago. Another was a very critical child who expired within 24 hours of arrival despite immediate care and hospitalisation.

POOJA : Our Miracle Baby!

Pooja (name changed) was an absolutely new-born baby who arrived at PALNA through the cradle at our gate on a winter morning towards the end of 2022. As soon as the siren rang in the premises intimating that a baby was in the cradle, a nurse went out to bring the newcomer in. To her horror she found that there was a plastic shopping bag in the cradle, on opening which she saw a tiny, new-born baby girl inside - with the afterbirth still attached. It was a shocking sight.

The infant was immediately taken to our Medical Crisis Unit (MCU) inside PALNA, and the doctor attended to her immediately. It was not obvious if the afterbirth had blocked her respiration while she was inside the bag.



She was in the MCU for over a month – on oxygen for 10 days and under intensive

care, before she was gradually weaned off oxygen. Since then, she has been doing well under proper medical attention, nutrition and care, and is growing into a normal, active - and absolutely gorgeous - little one!

She is our miracle baby!

We are confident that little Pooja will soon get placed in adoption and bring great joy to some fortunate family.

Vocational Training Programme (Established 1976)

Our **Vocational Training Programme** trains adolescent girls - mostly school dropouts - from underprivileged families living in the slums / resettlement colonies of Delhi, to equip them with skills to be able to earn an income. The courses offered are Beauty Culture, Stitching & Fashion Designing, and Computers (Basic & Advanced). This year we also introduced a course on Tally software. Most of these skills enable the girls to work from their homes also if required. The programme operates at 13 centres in Delhi, and has been attracting between 700-750 young participants annually, except during the two years of the pandemic. Despite migration of some of our beneficiary families due to the pandemic, we had **944** trainees by the end of 2023, which is a **25% increase** over the pre-pandemic average

The **major achievements** this year have been an increased focus on the computer programme and the introduction of a new certified **Tally** course, as well as getting all our vocational training courses **affiliated to the National Skill Development Council (NSDC)**, which greatly increases the value of the courses for all the trainees.



(Computer Lab at Trilokpuri)

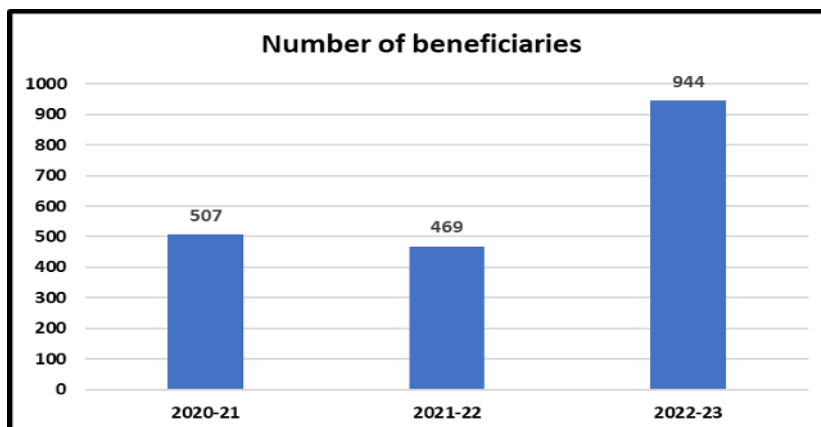
Our partner **Godrej Ltd** has been extremely supportive of the Beauty Culture programme throughout the year, providing skill upgrade training to the instructors, as well as a spoken English training through *Enguru* for the beneficiaries and instructors, assessing the beneficiaries, and organising job fairs. The professionals who came for the job fairs were impressed with our girls' proficiency and several job offers were made, even before the girls had finished their course.

A facelift to the Stitching & Tailoring programme was initiated by taking the first steps towards adding a fashion designing component. Refresher trainings were held

for the instructors.

Dental camps by Maulana Azad Medical College and eye check-up camps by India Vision Institute were held across all the centres, and free spectacles were provided to the children who needed them. Additionally, a Financial Literacy and Awareness programme was conducted by ICICI Foundation for the vocational trainees. Besides this, the trainees underwent self-defence training conducted by Delhi Police. Our long-term partner and well-wisher Mrs Sadhna Alstrom & KLJ Plasticizers Ltd continued their support to one of our Trilokpuri centres.

Statistics for the last three years



VANDANA : Finding a path to earn a livelihood

Vandana lives with her family comprising her parents, elder brother and herself. Her brother who runs a vegetable stall is the only earning member, and they manage their household expenses within the income that he earns.

Vandana learnt about our beauty culture vocational training programme through a friend who had registered for the course. So she came to the centre to get more details. Learning that the course is NSDC certified incentivised her to get enrolled. Her family gave their consent and she signed up.



She took the course seriously, being very regular in her attendance and trying to learn as much as possible. She also got great value from the technical inputs provided by the Godrej trainer. Halfway through the course Vandana started doing freelance work in her neighbourhood, which got her some pocket money, as well as the ability to procure the materials she needed for the for the jobs she was undertaking.

After successfully completing the course and getting her certificate, she got a job with a beauty parlour near her home. She is delighted to be earning an independent income and being able to help her family.

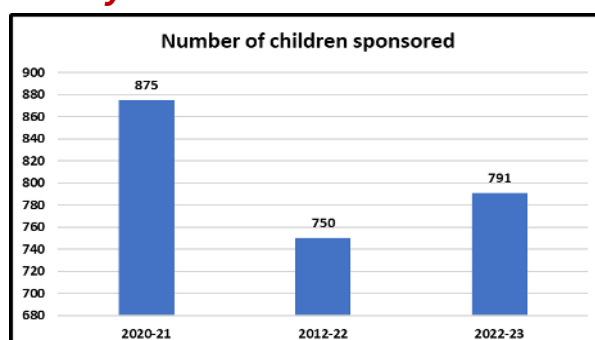
Educational Sponsorship Programme (Established 1979)

The aim of the **Educational Sponsorship Programme** is to encourage parents from lower income groups to send their children to school, as well as motivate the children to remain in school, by providing school-going children with financial support, guidance, and career-counselling. Preference is given to girls, children with disabilities, and those from single parent homes. Individual and institutional sponsors provide monetary support for the supplemental needs of school-going children like conveyance costs, stationery, books, and uniforms. The support is given as a quarterly stipend. **791** children were beneficiaries of this programme this year.



The last two years saw many children drop out of the programme due to their families relocating, or because they dropped out of school being unable to keep up with online classes. From a pre-pandemic average of over 950 beneficiaries, by 2022 we had only 750. This year we have registered many new beneficiaries, and that effort will continue through the coming year. Career counselling and Child Rights & Child Safety sessions were organised for Class X and XII students – **almost 500 children participated in these sessions.**

Statistics for the last three years



SHALU KUMARI : Achieving her dream

Shalu Kumari enrolled in our Educational Sponsorship Programme while in Class VI. Her father works as a lift operator while her mother is a homemaker, and her two younger brothers are in school. The family income is about Rs 14,000/- per month. The family struggled to bear the cost of educating their children and the sponsorship assistance came as a boon to them. Shalu was an above-average science student and the school was hopeful that given the opportunity, she would do something noteworthy and work towards building a career for herself.

During the pandemic, Shalu found it very difficult to cope with online classes. She started taking tuitions from Class XI in Physics, Chemistry and Biology to augment the online classes. Her aim was to become an engineer. Since she was doing well and determined to succeed, her parents supported her by putting all their resources together to enable her to join an online study group to help her prepare for the All-India Engineering and Medical entrance examinations.

Her father's economic condition and the family's whole-hearted support doubled Shalu's determination to make it through the National level examinations. We are proud to share that her determination got her through the entrance examination with a 99.82 percentile! She has got admission in the National Institute of Technology, Suratkal, Karnataka - a premier engineering institution.

DCCW has helped her by giving a one-time financial assistance and her extended family too is helping out from Bihar, as her grandfather is very proud of her becoming an engineer - a first in their entire clan!



PALNA WeeKids

(Established 2019)

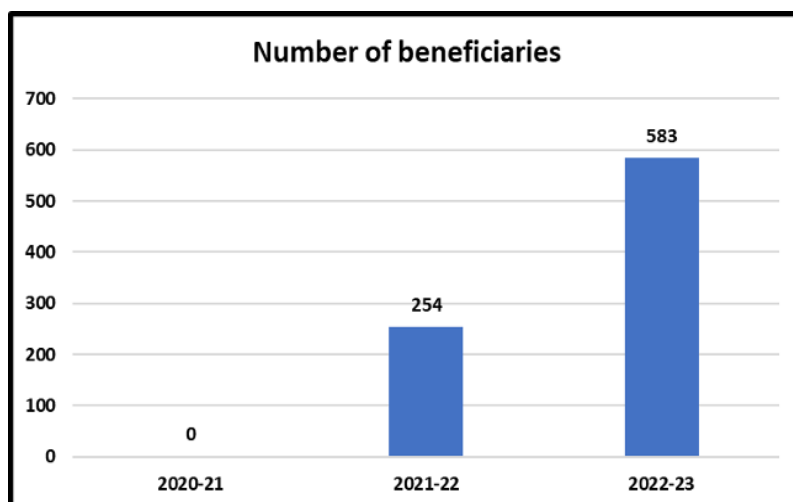
The **PALNA WeeKids** programme prepares underprivileged pre-school children, in the age group of 2.5 to 6 years, for school, and also helps their parents through the admission process. Operating out of 13 centres in Delhi, it caters to children of working parents who are unable to offer the necessary time or resources for the all-round development of their children.

This programme was re-started in March 2022 after being in hiatus since March 2020 in accordance with the pandemic-related guidelines laid down by the Delhi government. When it restarted, though many parents registered their children, few children were actually attending as there was still fear in their minds. Between April and June 2022, the momentum picked up again. Children had got unused to being away from home and so were more difficult to manage in the first couple of months. In 2022-23 we got back to the pre-pandemic strength with **583** children registered across all centres. Of these, **384 children** - comprising over 90% of those eligible - got admission into schools.



This year we have made systemic changes in our method of teaching, incorporating more practical and graphic demonstrations. After getting good results from the centres where it was initiated, this method has been adopted across all our centres.

Statistics for the last three years for PALNA WeeKids



(*Programme was suspended in 2020-21 due to the pandemic)

SARVAGYA : Taking the first steps up the ladder of education

Sarvagya Vedwal joined our PALNA WeeKids programme at our Trilokpuri centre, as a three-year-old. Sarvagya was an introvert with minimal communication and no exposure to any kind of learning.

Within the first few days our Instructor noticed that he was very quiet and did not mix with the other children, either in class activities or while playing. The instructor started paying him extra attention, talking to him during activities and patiently showing him how to hold the pencils and crayons properly. This gradually got him interested in colouring and drawing lines in his notebook. Slowly he started showing interest in his surroundings and participating in all the activities.



Soon he was enjoying coming to the centre so much that he didn't miss a day! His mother was delighted to observe the changes in his behaviour, as well as his budding interest in learning, and encouraged him in all that he did.

Sarvagya has now got admission in L.K.G. at Angel Public School, Delhi. It was a proud moment for his mother who thanked us for all our support in making sure that Sarvagya got into a good school – the first step forward in his academic life!

Supervised Homework Scheme *(Established 1958)*

Our **Supervised Homework Scheme** provides academic assistance to school-going children from underprivileged families, so that they can keep up with their schoolwork, and not drop out of school. The aim is to provide the support that the child is unable to get at home, and help improve his or her academic performance. Currently operating out of 12 of our centres, the programme caters to children in the age group of 6 to 14 years.

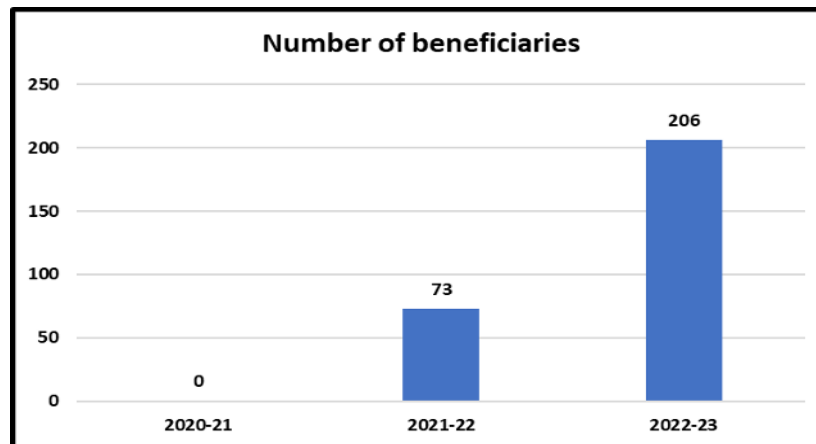
After being suspended in March 2020 due to the pandemic, it re-started only for senior classes on 1st March 2021, but then again had to be suspended for a few months from end-April 2021. It is only in mid-Feb 2022 that the programme re-started fully, and for all classes. By end-March 2022 we had just 73 beneficiaries, which have increased to **206** children this year.



A change that has been brought into the instruction method is that on Saturdays the focus is on activities which exercise the logical and creative thinking of the children, and over the year we have seen that it has improved their understanding, and this has been reflected in their academic performance.

Dental camps by Maulana Azad Medical College and eye check-up camps by India Vision Institute were held across all the centres, and free spectacles were provided to the children who needed them. Besides this, the older children underwent self-defence training conducted by Delhi Police. Children's Day, all festivals and National Days were celebrated at all centres.

Statistics for the last three years



(*Programme was suspended in 2020-21 due to the pandemic)

AREEBA : Making full use of every opportunity

Areeba, a student of the Class VIII, is enrolled in our Supervised Homework Scheme programme, and is also a beneficiary of our Educational Sponsorship programme. She is a very confident and bubbly young girl. She lives at home with her parents and three sisters. She is the youngest in the family and is very attached to her sisters. The family belongs to Meerut and relocated to Delhi over twenty years ago to get better education for the children. Areeba's father works at a shop, while her mother is unable to work due to health issues. Her two eldest sisters work at an office to augment the family income.

Areeba has shown tremendous improvement in both English and Hindi reading and writing under the guidance of the instructor. She is very confident and presents herself very well. She is very good at using the smart board and guides other students on how to use it. Along with academics, Areeba is excellent at extra-curricular activities, including art and craft, as well as dance. She is the class monitor at the centre and has a way of dealing pleasantly yet effectively with all the other students.

She is one of the beneficiaries of our Educational Sponsorship programme sponsored by the Navy Wives Welfare Association. She impressed them when she spoke to them about herself and her ambition to be a doctor.

We are very proud of her achievements and wish her the best for a bright future.



Working Children's Project *(1987-2022)*

The **Working Children's Project** was started with the objective of providing teaching assistance to school-going, working children. Some of the children assisted their parents in poorly paid and hazardous jobs like rag-picking, bead making, etc, while others worked independently. The project operated only out of our New Seemapuri centre. The children attended school in the mornings, came to the centre in the afternoons, and usually assisted their parents in the evenings or early mornings.

Years of continuous counselling and working with the community, has steadily reduced the number of working children in the area, and has increased the parents' inclination to let their children focus on their education as a better means to a brighter future. To keep the parents motivated, we continued to accommodate such children who were no longer working.

This programme has operated under the umbrella of our Supervised Homework Scheme. Due to the pandemic the programme was suspended from April 2020 to March 2022. Post-pandemic many migrant families have not returned due to loss of employment.

While re-starting our programmes in 2022, it was decided that it made sense to close this programme as it stood, and fold it into the Supervised Homework Scheme & Vocation Training Programme.

Bal Chetna Day-care Programme

Established 2002

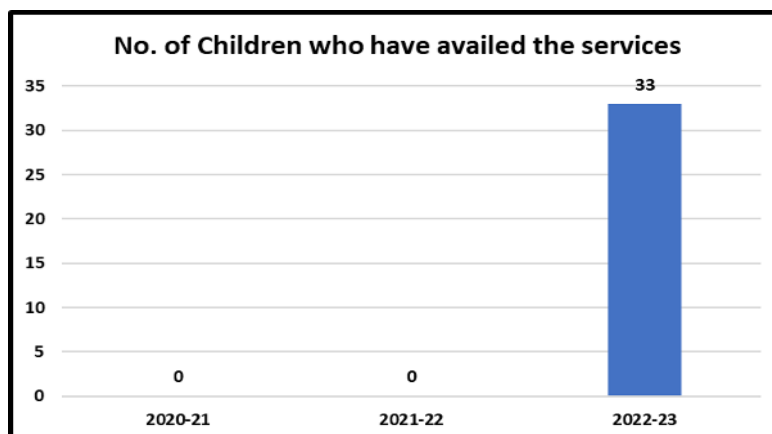
Our **Bal Chetna day-care programme** provides day-care and rehabilitation to special needs children belonging to underprivileged families of Delhi. The idea of starting this programme in 2002 came from the fact that a growing number of such children were being abandoned at PALNA. The objective of the programme is to make each child as self-reliant, competent, and communicative as possible, within his/her constraints, and helping the families in providing holistic care to the children. Till March 2020 the programme operated out of three centres at Janakpuri, Nithari village, and Sultanpuri, each caring for 30-35 mentally and physically challenged children up to the age of 14 years.



Operations at all the centres were suspended from March 2020 in line with the orders of the Delhi Government. We then had to close down the programme in mid-2020 as it was financially infeasible to keep it in suspension for an extended period of time. In October 2022, we got some of the children to participate the Vocational Skill activity of Diya & Candle making.

We formally re-started the programme at our Janakpuri centre in January 2023, hiring anew all the necessary staff. Within two months the programme was running to full capacity and is already making a difference in the lives of the beneficiaries and their families. We hope to start other centres in a phased manner.

Statistics for the last three functioning years



(*Programme was not operational from March 2020 to December 2022; Re-started in January 2023)

PRANIT : Proper care makes a big difference

Pranit, a 4-year-old special needs child was enrolled in our Bal Chetna program when we restarted in January 2023. He had been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at the age of three. At the time of admission, he was hyperactive, had vestibular stimming behaviour (repetitive body movements). He could not sit in one place, did not respond to his name, had poor eye contact and did not interact with anyone at the centre.

After a thorough assessment by our multidisciplinary team, a treatment plan was drawn up, which included sessions of therapy and special education. Various interventions like peg board activity, meditation, group activity and greeting others to enhance social skills, were included.

Block building and clay modelling to improve sitting, thread and bead activity and other interventions to decrease vestibular stimming behaviour were incorporated in the therapy sessions. Pranit's family was very cooperative and consistently followed the recommended home program.

The impact on Pranit was almost immediate! He soon started responding to his name, and understanding and following commands. In three months, he was able to sit at one place and also was making an effort to interact with the other children. He is also beginning to understand emotions.

His parents are amazed at the change in him! Pranit's progress just shows what a difference the right care and attention can make on a child.



Centre-Wise Programmes & Beneficiaries (2022-23)

S No	PROGRAMME ----- CENTRES	VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME			SUPERVISED HOMEWORK SCHEME / WCP	PALNA WeeKids	BAL CHETNA	TOTAL
		Beauty Culture	Cutting & Tailoring	Computer Training				
	Activity							
		(current+completed this year)						
1	Dakshinpuri	6+8	2+0	9+9	6	34		74
2	Gadaipur				2	25		27
3	Madipur	9+4	19+7	17+19	39	63		177
4	New Seemapuri		6+0	5+0	29			40
5	Pandav Nagar	11+4	22+7	27+8		43		122
6	Sultanpuri					6		6
7	Trilokpuri – 1	47+27	31+9	39+55	20	106		334
8	Trilokpuri – 2			15+24	14	96		149
9	Trilokpuri – 3	28+11	15+4					58
10	Bawana	25+5	10+6		9	30		85
11	Begumpur	51+37	17+10		12			127
12	Karala	6+3	5+2		21	43		80
13	Poothkalan	13+5	14+7		7	20		66
14	Nithari	23+15	6+3	2+2		15		66
15	Qudsia Bagh				27	75		102
16	Janakpuri	30+8	24+10	54+47	20	27	33*	253
	TOTAL	249+127	171+65	168+164	206	583	33	1766
		588 + 356 = 944						

*Only Janakpuri Bal Chetna centre opened so far post-pandemic

PALNA HOME - Number of children at PALNA Home (Qudsia Bagh)	: 99
Current 66; Adopted 17 ; Returned to natural parents / expired / transferred :16	
SPONSORSHIP - Number of children in Educational Sponsorship Programme (Qudsia Bagh)	: 791
VTP - Number of children across centres	: 944
SHS - Number of children across centres	: 206
PWK - Number of children across centres	: 583
BAL CHETNA - Number of children (@ one centre reopened post-pandemic so far)	: 33
Total	: 2656

We are back to the pre-pandemic numbers of touching the lives of over 2500 to 3000 underprivileged children every day, through our various welfare programmes running in 16 locations across Delhi.

We are looking at increasing our reach in the coming year.

Well-Wishers Speak

US Ambassador Elizabeth Jones

I was thrilled to visit PALNA and to see the exemplary work done here to take in and care for abandoned and challenged children. The work is ground-breaking and essential for the children and the communities in which they live. Thank you for this wonderful work that benefits so many.

Sita Therese Wilhelmsen

I was adopted from PALNA to Norway at the age of 2 years. I truly appreciate what you have done for me to give me a good start in life and I am impressed by the work you do for all the PALNA children. Keep the spirit, keep shining. Blessings and warm greetings.

Madhu

I'm blessed to be a part of DCCW. I pray to the Almighty to give a bright future to all the children associated with it. I thank all the staff of the organisation for working tirelessly to make a golden future for these innocent children. May God bless you all.

Happy Mother's Day!

Brendan Mullarkey

Thank you so much for hosting us in your beautiful home. The work you do is inspiring and the children are precious. Thank you for all that you do.

Sushmita Tanwar

Really appreciate the work you are doing for the abandoned children. May god bless you and the children you have provided shelter to. Keep up the good work.

Nazima Razick

It is such noble work you are all doing here. It is truly God's work. The children seem so happy and well taken care of. God bless.

Chetana

My daughter spent her first 11 months at PALNA and this is a thank you for that wonderful care, and hoping to pass it on to many other kids who come to PALNA due to their life's circumstances.

Ria Sacthey

My father and mother used to take me to you when I was a child, and you would invite me for Christmas carnivals and I would visit each room and meet all the babies. I cherish those memories with all my heart.

Indira Dey

Former Executive Committee Member, DCCW. Age 92 years

My heart is full of joy, DCCW & PALNA are still what they were dreamt to be because of the love and honesty of purpose of all who joined the Council. May they be blessed and serve the children in providing the opportunities they were deprived of.

Valentina Pitton

International Action

Coming here even for a short time has been extremely touching. The job you are doing is just outstanding and we will do our best to support you and your project.

Ghazwa Ayyad

Great organisation with powerful vision.

Pictorial Glimpses

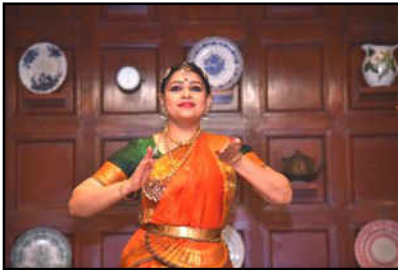
Our Fundraiser



View of the audience



DCCW Patron Mr Ashok Taneja



PALNA alumna Priya Srinivasan, twins Naina and Tara enthral

Visitors



US Ambassador Ms Elizabeth Jones



World Bank / IFC Team



Indian Institute of Banking & Finance



Turner Project Management Pvt Ltd



Isabelle back at PALNA after 30 years with husband Georgios



Mrs Indira Dey, Former Executive Member, DCCW

Partners in action



Job fair organised by Godrej Ltd for Beauty Culture programme



Eye camp by Indian Vision Institute

Centres



Our little MasterChefs!



Republic Day celebrations

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Host Centre	Programme Beneficiaries	Nature of participation / Celebration
July 2022	Annual Meet / Farewell Party	All PWK centres	All graduating PWK children	Gifts & Sweets for the graduating children
July 4, 2022	Refresher Course for Stitching Instructors	Qudsia Bagh Centre	Stitching Instructors	Capacity building session by Specialists
August 24 & Sept 25, 2022	Refresher Course for Beauty Culture Instructors	Qudsia Bagh Centre	Beauty Culture Instructors	Capacity building session by Specialists
August 14, 2022	Independence Day Celebration	All centres	Children from all programmes	Hoisting of National Flag & distribution of sweets to all children & staff
Sept 28 - Oct 17, 2022	Eye Check-up Camps	All centres	VTP Trainees + SHS children	Organised in association with India Vision Institute. Free spectacles were provided to the children who needed them.
October 1, 2022	Annual Evaluation of SHS Instructors	Qudsia Bagh Centre	SHS Instructors	All SHS Instructors underwent a special assessment to assess their level of knowledge.
October 7-22, 2022	Diwali Mela	New Seemapuri, Trilokpuri 1,2,3 Pandav Nagar	Children & Parents (all programmes)	Stalls for selling of items, & games. Award for best stall
October 2022	Self-Defence Training Course	Janakpuri, Pandav Nagar, Trilokpuri 1,2 & 3	VTP Trainees + SHS children	10 days certificate course by Delhi Police
October – November 2022	Dental Camps	6 centres	VTP Trainees, PWK & SHS children	Camps to be organised in association with Maulana Azad Dental Medical College
November 2022	Financial Literacy & Awareness Classes (19 days)	13 centres	VTP Trainees + Older SHS children	Classes held in collaboration with ICICI bank
November 7-14 2022	Children's Week Celebration DCCW's "Programmes Day"	All centres	Children of all programmes	Special activities including- Sports, Cultural programmes, various competitions and fun activities
December 3, 2022	World Disabled Day/ Bal Chetna Day	Bal Chetna centre	Bal Chetna Children	Recognition of therapists
January 25, 2022	Republic day Celebration	All centres	Children from all Programmes	Unfurling of National Flag & distribution of sweets to all children & staff
February 2023	Annual Evaluation of VTP Trainees	All VTP Centres	VTP girls who have completed the course and meet the eligibility criteria	Third party evaluation carried out at all VTP centres

We Seek Your Help

It is about ***giving children a childhood and a future...***

All our programmes and services are targeted at helping and enabling underprivileged children in and around Delhi, and are run on donations. Your contribution will help us continue to work towards our mission.

All Indian donations are eligible for tax exemption as per section 80G of the Income Tax Act,1961. We have FCRA approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs to receive foreign donations.

S No	Donation for	Amount (Rs)
1.	Sponsor complete care of an abandoned child at PALNA for a month	15,000/-
2.	Contribute towards the treatment of an ill PALNA child	7,500/-
3.	Educational Sponsorship of a school-going child for a year	4,800/-
4.	Contribute towards the care of a special-needs child	3,000/-
5.	Support Vocational Training (computer / beauty culture / tailoring) of an adolescent girl	2,000/-
6.	Support informal education of a pre-school child for 2 months	500/-
7.	Sponsor a meal for all PALNA children	3,000/-
8.	Contribute to General Fund	500/- & above
9.	Contribute to Corpus Fund	500/- & above

ONLINE DONATIONS

1. Through our website <https://dccw.org>

You can make the donation through credit card, net-banking, and wallets. Donors in India can also donate through cheques. Only Indian donors are eligible for tax benefit.

2. Through GiveIndia

<https://give.do/fundraisers/support-underprivileged-children-served-by-delhi-council-for-child-welfare>

Indian and US donors are eligible for tax benefits.

This option is also available on our website.

3. Delhi Council for Child Welfare is listed as a beneficiary on the **Benevity platform.**

4. For US donors only: DCCW is eligible to receive donations through **Charities Aid Foundation** (CAF), America. On the CAF website www.cafamerica.org, select Delhi Council for Child Welfare as the grant recipient. Donations are eligible for tax benefits for US tax payers.

Online donors will receive the receipt on email.

DONATIONS THROUGH CASH / CHEQUE

You can make your donation at / to:

Delhi Council for Child Welfare

Qudsia Bagh, Yamuna Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi – 110054

Phones: +91-11-23968907/+91-11-23944655

Cheques should be drawn in favour of “**Delhi Council for Child Welfare**”

(Please specify the purpose of your donation, as well as your full name, address, email, and PAN number to enable us to send you the receipt.)

DONATION THROUGH DIRECT BANK TRANSFERS

Important: *Please send an email delhi.council@gmail.com for donations made through bank transfers, to enable us to send you the receipt.*

Within India

Our Banker's Name	Canara Bank
Address	St Xavier's School Branch Raj Niwas Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi- 110054
Beneficiary Name	Delhi Council for Child Welfare
Savings Account	91152010002352
IFSC Code	CNRB0019115

From Overseas

Our Banker's Name	State Bank of India
Address	New Delhi Main Branch 11 Sansad Marg, New Delhi- 110001
Beneficiary Name	Delhi Council for Child Welfare
Savings Account	39847120180
Branch code	00691
IFSC Code	SBIN0000691
SWIFT	SBININBB104

For US Dollar Remittance :

Please remit the amount via Swift to:

Beneficiary: Delhi Council for Child Welfare,

Beneficiary Bank account : As above

Correspondent Bank : State Bank of India, New York, Code : SBNY, Swift code : SBINUS33, Account No. 77600125220002

For Euro Remittance :

Please remit the amount via Swift to:

Beneficiary: Delhi Council for Child Welfare,

Beneficiary Bank account : As above

Correspondent Bank : State Bank of India, FFT (20.0), Code : SBFRE, Swift code: SBINDEFF, Account No. 52607101120001

For GBP Remittance :

Please remit the amount via Swift to:

Beneficiary: Delhi Council for Child Welfare,

Beneficiary Bank account : As above

Correspondent Bank : State Bank of India, London (15.0), Code : SBLN, Swift code: SBINGB2L, Account No. 00035601

For SGD Remittance :

Please remit the amount via Swift to:

Beneficiary: Delhi Council for Child Welfare,

Beneficiary Bank account : As above

Correspondent Bank : State Bank of India, Singapore (25.0), Code : SBSN, Swift code: SBINSGSG, Account No. 27710001120001

DONATIONS IN KIND

We accept donations in kind also, especially dry rations, baby food, toiletries, computers, furniture, and medicines. Please note that **we are currently not accepting used clothes and toys.**

Please contact us for further details.

Annexures

MANDATORY DISCLOSURES FOR TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY & GOOD GOVERNANCE

ABOUT DELHI COUNCIL FOR CHILD WELFARE

Delhi Council for Child Welfare (DCCW) is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) established in 1952. The Council first started its work among children who had been displaced, lost, or abandoned in the riots surrounding the partition of India, providing them day-care, a mid-day meal, and recreational activities.

Over the decades, DCCW's programmes have grown and diversified to cover educational sponsorship, medical services, nutrition, vocational training, adoption, rehabilitation of physically and mentally children and the provision of day-care and non-formal preschool education to the underprivileged children of Delhi and the surrounding areas. Today, these services reach nearly 3,000 children daily and are provided virtually free of cost to them.

VISION

A society where all children have all that is rightfully theirs, and every opportunity to realise their potential.

MISSION STATEMENT

"Giving children a childhood and a future"

To undertake programmes and provide services to the underprivileged children of Delhi and the neighbouring areas, to preserve their health, development and economic and social well-being.

LEGAL IDENTITY OF THE ORGANISATION

Delhi Council for Child Welfare (DCCW) is :


- Registered as a Society under the Societies' Registration Act (XXI) of 1860. Registration No. S-2236 of 1963-64 dated- 16/05/1963.
- Registered with the Income Tax Department under Section 12 A. Registration no. AAATD5531HE20214 dated- 28/05/2021, valid up to AY 2026-27.
- Registered with the Income Tax Department under Section 80 G (50% tax exemption). Approval number: AAATD5531HF20214 dated- 31/05/2021 valid up to AY 2026-27.
- Registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, for undertaking CSR activities. Registration no. CSR00005527 dated 12/05/2021.
- Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), Registration No: 231650267 dated 26/03/1985 valid up to October 2021 vide letter no 0300008202016 dated 22/08/2016. Renewed for a further period of 5 years through Notification No. 0300005722020 dated 15th November 2021.
- Affiliated to the Indian Council for Child Welfare.

- Accredited by GiveIndia, Charities Aid Foundation America and Credibility Alliance, for transparency, accountability & good governance.
- Issued Income Tax PAN (Permanent Account Number) AAATD5531H and TAN (Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number) DELD06944A






MANAGEMENT











The Executive Committee is an elected body that is responsible for the overall management of DCCW's affairs. Its members work strictly in an honorary capacity. No remuneration, sitting fees or any form of compensation is paid to any Executive Committee Member, nor does any Executive Committee Member receive travel fees towards attending DCCW meetings.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

S No	Name	Photo	Position in DCCW	Position currently held
1	Shri Ashok K Taneja		Patron	Ex MD & CEO, Shriram Pistons & Rings Ltd.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS ON 31ST MARCH 2023

S No	Name	Photo	Position on Board	Board meetings attended 2022-23	Associated with DCCW since
1.	Ms Radhika Minocha		Honorary President	6 + AGM	2012
2.	Lt Gen Sanjiv Chachra PVSM,AVSM,VSM,ADC		Honorary Vice President	6 + AGM	2019
3.	Mr Asheesh Vadera		Honorary Secretary	6 + AGM	1996
4.	Mr Ishwinder Singh		Honorary Treasurer	6 + AGM	2013
5.	Ms Radhika Ramnath		Honorary Joint Secretary	6 + AGM	2009

6.	Ms Sunita (Anshu) Parmar		Honorary Executive Committee Member	3 + AGM	1984
7.	Ms. Meenaxi Gupta		Honorary Executive Committee Member	3 + AGM	1987
8.	Ms Asha Gupta		Honorary Executive Committee Member	4 + AGM	1988
9.	Ms Kiran Dalmia		Honorary Executive Committee Member	3 + AGM	2003
10.	Ms Barkha Kumar		Honorary Executive Committee Member	5 + AGM	2006
11.	Ms Tia (Sunita) Luthra		Honorary Executive Committee Member	3	2006
12.	Mr Mukul Bhatnagar		Honorary Executive Committee Member	4 + AGM	2007
13.	Ms Brinda Goradia Shroff		Honorary Executive Committee Member	6 + AGM	2007
14.	Mr Pradeep Kuckreja		Honorary Executive Committee Member	2	2014
15.	Ms Sangeeta Aswani		Honorary Executive Committee Member	6 + AGM	2016

WE CONFIRM THAT:

- No remuneration, sitting fee, transportation allowance, or any form of compensation was paid to any Executive Committee Member during FY 2022-2023.
- No Executive Committee Members are related to each other by blood, marriage or any other relation.

DETAILS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD DURING 2022-2023

S No	Committee	Date	Strength of members at meeting
1.	Executive Committee	13/04/2022	10/15
2.	Executive Committee	08/07/2022	10/15
3.	Executive Committee	22/07/2022	11/15
4.	Executive Committee	29/09/2022	13/15
5.	Executive Committee	07/12/2022	12/15
6.	Executive Committee	23/02/2023	13/15
7.	Annual General Body	29/09/2022	14/66

DETAILS OF DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL (2022-23)

No staff member / volunteers / board members undertook any national or international travel at the expense of the organisation during the reporting period.

SALARY DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF AS ON 31/03/2023

S No	Gross salary plus benefits (Rs. per month)	No of staff (Male)	No of staff (Female)	Total Number
1.	Up to Rs. 5,000 (Part-timers)	01	00	01
2.	Rs. 5001-10,000	00	20	20
3.	Rs. 10,001-25,000	15	68	83
4.	Rs. 25,001-50,000	04	04	08
5.	Rs. 50,001-1,00,000	03	01	04
6.	Rs. 100,001- above	00	01	01
7.	Partnership basis	00	58	41
8.	Consultants	02	04	03
	Total	25	156	181

DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL HEAD, HIGHEST & LOWEST PAID STAFF (2022-23)

SNo	Item	Name	Designation	Annual Remuneration
1.	Operational Head of the organisation	Dr Sandhya Bhalla	Director	12,36,000/-
2.	Highest paid person in the organisation (Staff or consultant)	Dr Narender Tomar	Resident Medical Officer	14,96,588/-
3.	Lowest paid person in the organisation	Ms Rajni (Regular full time)	Peon	Rs. 1,97,949/-

MALE / FEMALE RATIO IN THE ORGANISATION (2022-23)

SNo	Category	Male	Female	Total
1.	Executive Committee Members	05	10	15
	EC members total	05	10	15
	Staff			
1.	Regular Professional Staff	06	18	24
2.	Regular Support Staff	16	41	57
3.	Daily Wager Staff	06	30	36
4.	Staff on Partnership	00	58	58
5.	Medical, Social media & Legal Consultants	02	04	06
	Staff Total	30	151	181
	Grand Total (EC+ Staff)	35	161	196

Abridged Annual Accounts as on 31st March 2023

Particulars	2022 - 23		2021 - 22	
	INR (lacs)	%	INR (lacs)	%
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Corpus Fund	92.69	4.97	82.93	4.69
Designated Fund	1120.15	60.03	1040.55	58.80
General Fund	181.38	9.72	160.43	9.06
Capital Assets Fund	465.86	24.97	479.81	27.11
Current Liabilities	5.94	0.32	6.06	0.34
Total	1866.02	100.00	1769.78	100.00
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Fixed Assets	478.52	25.64	493.93	27.91
Securities Deposits	1.19	0.06	1.19	0.07
Investments	1369.00	73.36	1255.00	70.91
Cash & Bank Balances	14.88	0.80	17.70	1.00
Deposits & Advances	1.30	0.07	0.72	0.04
Sundry Receivables	1.13	0.06	1.24	0.07
Total	1866.02	100.00	1769.78	100.00

Abridged Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2023

Particulars	2022 - 23		2021 - 22	
	INR (lacs)	%	INR (lacs)	%
INCOME				
Indian Sources (Projects Grants & Donations)	479.10	66.45	435.87	63.90
International Sources (Projects Grants)	143.26	19.87	163.79	24.01
Corpus Donations	10.85	1.50	3.20	0.47
Interest on Deposits	80.69	11.19	73.94	10.84
Miscellaneous Receipts	7.05	0.98	5.32	0.78
Total	720.95	100.00	682.13	100.00
EXPENDITURE				
Indian Sources (Projects Expenses)	405.88	56.30	220.24	32.29
International Sources (Projects Expenses)	116.29	16.13	198.59	29.11
Admin. Expenses	88.46	12.27	88.49	12.97
Corpus Transfer	10.85	1.50	3.20	0.47
Designated Fund Transfer	99.47	13.80	171.61	25.16
Total	720.95	100.00	682.13	100.00

Receipts & Payments Account for the Financial Year ending on 31st March 2023

All figures are in Rs. Lacs			All figures are in Rs. lacs		
Receipts for the year ended on	31/3/2023	31/3/2022	Payments for the year ended on	31/3/2023	31/3/2022
Opening Cash and Bank Balance	17.70	55.68	Programme Expenses incl. Admin	608.31	504.64
Earned / Self-generated income	87.73	79.26	Capital items/ assets purchased for beneficiaries	0.00	0.00
Donations from Indian sources	489.95	439.07	Purchase of investments	536.00	765.00
Grants from Indian sources			Grants/ donations to other organisations		
Donations from International sources	143.26	163.79	Loans and advances/Receivables	1.29	0.92
Grants from International sources			Other payments	0.98	1.57
Sale of investments	422.00	550.00	Total Payments	1146.58	1272.13
Loans			Closing cash and bank balance	14.89	17.70
Other receipts	0.82	2.02			
Total Receipts	1161.47	1289.83			

Hony. President:
Mrs Radhika Minocha
DCCW

Hony Secretary
Mr Asheesh Vadera
DCCW

Our Auditors:
T.R. Chadha & Co. LLP
B.30, Connaught Place,
Kuthiala Building
New Delhi – 110001

DCCW Centres

S.No	Location	Year Estd	Address
1	Bawana	1976	Village Chaupal (Dulan Pana), Northwest Delhi - 110039
2	Begumpur	2007	House No. 386 (Near MCD School), Village Begumpur, Northwest Delhi 110086
3	Dakshinipuri	1977	F- Block, Street No 5, Dakshinipuri Resettlement Colony, (Near Mother Dairy) South Delhi 110062
4	Gadaipur	1979	Mehrauli Road, Near DTC bus stop, South Delhi 110030
5	Janakpuri	1991	D-34, Institutional Area, Pankha Road, Janakpuri, West Delhi 110058 (Currently operating from : 25/3, D Block, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi 110058)
6	Karala	1979	Village Chaupal, (Satghara), Northwest Delhi 110081
7	Madipur	1976	D- Block, Park No. 2, (Opposite to H. No. D-470), Madipur Resettlement Colony, West Delhi 110063
8	New Seemapuri (WCP)	1982	Block - A (Balmiki Mandir), New Seemapuri Resettlement Colony, Northeast Delhi 110095
9	Nithari	2008	Village Chaupal, (Near Fauji Vatika), Northwest Delhi 110086
10	Poothkalan	1979	Village Chaupal, (Karman Pana), Northwest Delhi 110086
11	Pandav Nagar	1975	A-B Block Park Area, (Opp House No B-475), Pandav Nagar Resettlement Colony, West Delhi 110008
12	Head Office	1948	Qudsia Bagh, Yamuna Marg, Civil Lines, North Delhi - 110054
13	Sultanpuri	1976	P-I Block Community Centre, Sultanpuri Resettlement Colony, West Delhi - 110086
14	Trilokpuri-1	1976	Block 5-6, Park Area, (Opposite to House No. 6/235) Trilokpuri Resettlement Colony, East Delhi - 110091
15	Trilokpuri-2	1976	Block 27, Park Area, Opp Mairaj Nursing Home, Trilokpuri Resettlement Colony, East Delhi 110091
16	Trilokpuri-3	1976	Block 27 Park Area, Opp House No 27/10, (Near MCD Office) Trilokpuri Resettlement Colony, East Delhi 110091



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