

# PANDEMIC RELIEF & RECOVERY FUNDRAISER

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# A SPECIAL INTERVIEW

### In Conversation with Padmashri Kailash Kher

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**Manasi:** Kailashji, welcome to Share & Care. A very warm welcome to you!

Kaliash Kherji: Thank you, Manasi. God bless you! You are a shining, amazing strength of our team!

**Manasi:** We are very excited because, Kailashji, you are such an amazing artist, a famous musician but your values and ethics are exemplary. Normally, artists get busy in their own success and their own careers that they don't bother about anyone else. But, you are not one of them. You believe in promoting other very talented artists as well. So, please tell us about your new venture "Nayii Udaan". What is it all about?

Kaliash Kherji: Nayii Udaan is a project, a resolution, an earnest urge that I conceptualized or dreamt of when I wasn't in a position to dream about it. So, in the very initial days of my career I had resolved to give a platform to the deserving newcomers when I am at the peak of my career itself; to take them under my aegis, collaborate with them and give them confidence. We have launched at least 25 to 30 newcomers already and through Nayii Udaan, they feel empowered and are doing very well in a short span of 4 to 5 years.

Manasi: It's a fantastic thought Kailashji. When you speak of empowerment, Share & Care also follows the same philosophy. It is imperative for the society to be empowered, especially women empowerment. I wanted to discuss a few points on this subject as well, because you also believe in empowerment of women and have made deliberations in this field as well. So, please throw some light on this subject of women empowerment and your journey through this.

**Kaliash Kherji:** Women empowerment is one such subject that I am passionately promoting. Why? So, in collaboration with Niti Aayog, we wrote, composed, and produced a song on women empowerment and women entrepreneurship, which was supported by FICCI and WPP. So, we involve ourselves in such initiatives and they create an impact. When this song was launched on Doordarshan, in collaboration with Niti Aayog, the director of Doordarshan had tears in her eyes. The words are:

"Kandhe se milake Kandha, Purusho se aage khadi, Bulandio ke shikhar pe Hunar kedum se apne chaadhi, Ma Beti ya Beheno ho inki koi nahi barabari, Muthhi mein bandh le ke sara Jahan... kadmo ke aasma ke chhode Nishan, Sapne satrang le hava ke sang sang... thame hai dor dus aandhi toofan..."

Manasi: This is truly wonderful.

**Kaliash Kherji:** We have written this song in Sanskrit and Hindi. When this song was playing during its launch, the director, who otherwise follows all protocol, became emotional. You see, the Lord can make anyone cry. This is what art is all about, it touches, and it shakes up your heart.

**Manasi:** This is so beautiful. It is such a huge thing you said about women empowerment. This is the power of words and music. Kailashji, what is the essence of your musical journey?

**Kaliash Kherji:** An artist is a 'Saadhak' – someone who accomplishes something. There are many means of achieving success, many ways of attaining happiness. Similarly, the meaning of work 'Kalakaar' is the one who (aakar) shapes (Kal) tomorrow. I want to live a life in which I undertake one project after another that has never been initiated before. I have taken a plunge and with the help of my wonderful team, disciplined approach, and sharp management our strength has doubled in size. You know our team.

Manasi: Oh yes, it's a great team.

Kaliash Kherji: Now we also consider you our extended family, Manasi. If Share & Care comes on board for our projects. People there will see that at this age this person is doing so much. Success is when you can bring a smile on somebody's face, when you can bring peace to someone's soul, when people shower blessings onto you; this is success for me. Success is not what you have achieved. (Laughs)

**Manasi:** This is so true. Kailashji, thank you very much. You have said such remarkable things such as *good deeds are magnetic*. This is so true. Success does not mean material possession; it means making a difference in someone else's life. And this is Share & Care's Motto, this is Kailashji's Motto. Before saying our goodbyes, your fans across the globe, fans in Share & Care have requested a song "Chokh Purao"; if you can a sing a few lines.

**Kaliash Kherji:** I will definitely sing. To the families of all the organizers, managers and volunteers of Share & Care, here's a song for you.

**Manasi:** Thank you so much Kailash Kherji, on behalf of Share & Care for taking the time out from your very busy schedule and we look forward to meeting you soon-in person.

Kaliash Kherji: Namaskaar.

# DEAR PATRONS AND FRIENDS...



### **Letter From the President**

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Most of us know that at standard temperature and pressure, two atoms of the element oxygen bind to form dioxygen, a colorless and odorless diatomic gas with the formula O2 - a must-have for life. Diatomic oxygen gas currently constitutes 20.95% of the Earth's atmosphere. Even though nature has an abundance of oxygen needed for us to survive, it became a life-saving plea from COVID patients, especially in India. Everyonewas called to action, and we at Share & Care were no exception. We immediately set to work, shipping 150 oxygen concentrators to India. But this was just the first step. We are currently working to send other necessary equipment, like thousands of BiPAP machines and ventilators.

This simple scientific reaction of two atoms binding together taught us two lessons:

- Important things in this world are free; however, humans have made it different.
- If two elements join together, they can work wonders.

We are determined, now more so than ever before, to do our part, but we need the second element — our patrons. We need them for the vital support they provide, but we also need them to ensure we're on the right track. The last 16 months have been stressful for everyone around the globe; however, the next few years to come are expected to be more stressful for children who are left without parental care. It is suggested that over a million people may have died due to COVID-related illness in India. Millions more have lost their livelihood. Both of these factors will present huge challenges in the years to come.

#### What should our foundation do?

There is no simple answer, however, not doing anything is surely the wrong answer. We thought that, first and foremost, we must work on prevention by working with several NGOs to maximize vaccination efforts. We have provided food, medications, health kits, and other basic needs; however, simultaneously working on rehabilitation efforts as well as planning for this work to continue is crucial. Preparing for so many unknowns is unusual and challenging, but it is called for during these unprecedented times.





Nature provides us with an abundance of oxygen, but technology can help fill the gap when resources are scarce.

We are constantly brainstorming the types of projects that will be needed, NGOs we can partner with, and the manpower to support it. Being a majority volunteer-based organization, we sincerely request all of our friends and members who may be planning to retire to continue working with us in support of our cause in the coming years. The need is great as we estimate that we may need to assist half a million people in the next 12 months. We are planning to intensify awareness, will campaign to increase our resources, and are prepared to tap into our reserves. Additionally, we will be reaching out to likeminded foundations to partner with in order to increase our effectiveness and reach. For the last 39 years, we have been your trusted vehicle for aid to India and want to honor this reputation for many years to come.

The journey to uplift human dignity, which once seemed to be halfway complete, now unfortunately looks as if it has just started. There will be ups and downs, new learning curves, and frustrations — however, our passion for humanity will remain intact.

Please be safe and well.

Love.

Sharad Shah President, Share & Care Foundation

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# OUR MISSION, VISION, & CORE VALUES



### THE SHARE & CARE MISSION

## To create opportunies for marginalized and economically challenged people in India

by developing and providing quality education, primary healthcare, and supporting skill development — including during disaster relief and recovery — to improve the quality of life, especially in rural India.

Share & Care has implemented more than 800 programs, with a total investment of over \$79M.

### **VISION**

To create an equal world with gender equality, where everyone has access to the fundamental human rights of education, livelihood opportunities, and primary healthcare.



### **OUR APPROACH:**

We design Signature Programs for sustainable change. Our grassroots approach focuses on self-reliance within five years, creating measurable changes.

Our programs have made a real difference in the lives of millions of people.

### What Sets Share & Care Foundation Apart?

- We are financially responsible. We maintain a mainly volunteer-run operation with low overhead costs, and we strive to get the maximum yield on your investments.
- We use a holistic approach, which means we take into account all aspects of the issues we aim to solve

   including emotional, economic, societal, and environmental factors. By partnering with local NGOs who know the needs and customs of the people we serve, we can address the "big picture," ensuring that our programs will be effective. We endeavor to truly *empower*, and to guide beneficiaries toward self-sufficiency so that they may continue helping themselves and, eventually, uplift others around them.
- Our research and reporting methods guarantee that our programs are effective, get measurable results, and have significant impact. Our partners on-ground constantly monitor the efficacy of our programs.



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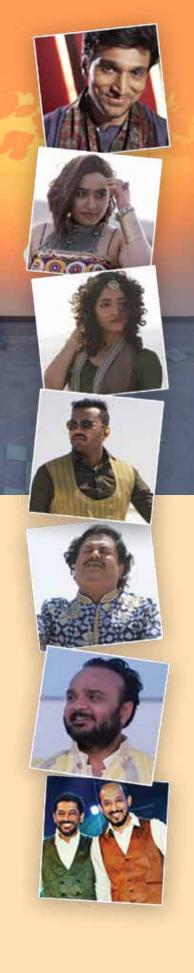
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Soulful Gujarati songs set against the great white Rann, the villages of Bhuj, the bustling tent city, and the harsh brown desert. You have to hear it, experience it. It brings alive the spirit of Gujarat. This awe-inspiring event includes a lineup of top performers at mesmerizing locations, with lively performances and celebrity cameos.

#### **Artists**

Alap Desai
Bhoomi Trivedi
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Jignesh Barot (Kaviraj)

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# WHY GIVE TO SHARE & CARE FOUNDATION?

Founded on the cornerstones of generosity and innovative collaboration, Share & Care creates opportunities for deserving, economically challenged communities and individuals in India and around the world. Such opportunities include village upliftment, women empowerment, disaster relief and rehabilitation, providing access to quality education and primary healthcare, supporting skill development through livelihood training, and more.

Share & Care has been successful and instrumental in rebuilding lives in rural communities throughout India. Our collaborative attitude and deep understanding of the beneficiaries we serve have helped us overcome many challenges. Our success can be attributed to millions of volunteer hours, passionate donors, and our singular vision to improve the standard of living for marginalized and underserved communities. Our hands-on volunteers and staff respond quickly and efficiently to the calls of any emergency situation. We work with a strategic and targeted mindset to ensure help arrives as quickly as possible.

### Our Approach to Creating Long-Term Impact

We work with a holistic approach and partner with NGOs that focus on grassroots solutions. With the support of these reputable on-the-ground partners, we employ locally tailored and comprehensive solutions to create long-term impact and sustainable change. This holistic approach has been a sort of "mantra" in the effort and resources we provide our beneficiaries. By cultivating a cycle of self-sufficiency in the communities we serve, we are ensuring that each dollar you donate will have a lasting impact.

With each year of service, we have learned to create and execute individually and optimally designed programs for specific causes and geographical conditions, thereby ensuring their effectiveness and sustainability. Few organizations, if any, can claim a comparable level of expertise in effectively serving some of India's most neglected communities.

With our proven track record, we are the means for you to fulfill your charitable goals and make a difference in the areas that are most meaningful to you personally.

#### A Commitment to Transparency

At Share & Care, we are dedicated both to the communities we serve and to our donors. As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency, our track records are proven, credible, and accountable — and we can provide in-depth details of our non-governmental partner organizations on request.



We also receive feedback reports on every grant we make. Each report contains the financial health of the project, how beneficiaries are impacted, and how your donation has made a difference.

Most importantly, we are trustworthy and well-recognized. We are a GuideStar Exchange Gold Participant and a four-star rating recipient (the highest rating possible) from Charity Navigator. Share & Care is also one of the few foundations in the United States listed under the Indo-US Bi-Lateral Agreement.





"Arise, awake, stop not till the goal is reached."

-SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

### YOUR IMPACT

### **How Your Gift Makes a Difference**

#### **Donate to Our Ongoing Signature Programs**

\$100	EMPOWERS 1 mother and her child with pre- and postnatal care. (H2U - Healthcare 2 Unreached)
\$130	EMPOWERS 1 at-risk child under age 13 with a secondary education. (E2S - Educate 2 Success)
\$360	EMPOWERS 1 woman with livelihood training and equipment, plus gender equality and self-defense education. (WE - Women Empowerment)
\$500	EMPOWERS 5 marginalized female students with safe lodging, education, and training for personal growth. (E2S - Educate 2 Success / WE - Women Empowerment)
\$1,000	EMPOWERS 1 bright, low-income student with a college scholarship. (E2G - Educate 2 Graduate)
\$5,000	EMPOWERS 1 village and up to 5,000 individual villagers. (NVP - Nirmal Village Program)

#### **Donate to COVID Disaster Relief**

\$25	Essential healthcare kit for one family
\$50	Food assistance for one month for one migrant family
\$100	Vaccination assistance for 100 people
\$250	Rehabilitation for one person
\$500	One oxygen concentrator for health center
\$5,000	Save a Village: Support an entire village living below the poverty line
Any Amount	For COVID disaster relief and rehabilitation

All contributions are truly appreciated. To give, please make checks payable to "Share & Care Foundation," and mail to the following address:

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### **Life Saving Equipment**

Disparities of access to necessary medical equipment and new treatment developments was a visible issue that needed to be addressed in order to battle the COVID-19 crisis in India. It was utterly heartbreaking to read news and see videos and photographs of people suffering due to the lack of essential and life-saving supplies. As soon as we learned about this issue, Share & Care sprang into action and immediately airlifted 150 oxygen concentrators to India. But we're not stopping there — we will continuously evaluate the need in India and respond accordingly.

#### **Sending Hope and Support**

Share & Care is not alone in supporting those in need in India. Our generous patrons have stepped up to supply necessary funds and share messages of hope and heartfelt support during this difficult time.

"In honor of my grandma and everyone in India affected by this horrible situation. Besides a handful of my family living in the U.S., the majority are still in India. It's heartbreaking what's going on, and I would love to help any way I can!"

"For all of the moms out there in India who do not have access to as much care as they deserve, as well as to the mothers who have sadly lost their babies due to these issues. Sending my love."

"I traveled through India 30 years ago and have never forgotten the beauty of the country, and the kindness and patience of the people, even in the face of hardship. Much hope for the future after this terrible pandemic."

"In memory of all those in India who could not survive the COVID-19 virus attack."

"Praying for my country."

"For my daughter's 11th birthday, instead of presents, she asked her friends to donate money for your organization. We hope we can help make a difference in the lives of the children of India. Thank you for all that you do to help make the world a better place."

"A small gesture of my gratitude for all I have received while growing up in India. It is impossible to fully repay those who helped and supported me and enabled me to be what I am today. May this small gift contribute to reducing the suffering so widespread in India today."

"I have many friends with family in India and I know what a challenging time this is. A colleague's mother in India just passed away, a year after her father passed. While I do not know the name of her mother, this donation is in her honor."

"In memory of all our elders and family members we have lost due to COVID-19."



# Food Assistance for Families in Our Own Neighborhoods

In December 2020, Share & Care volunteered and provided funding for the distribution of thousands of emergency food boxes to families in several municipalities across New Jersey (the long-time home of our foundation's headquarters) — including Roselle, Harrison, Paterson, Trenton, and Jersey City.





TOP: Volunteers from Share & Care and the Livingston Lions Club at the Jersey City food distribution event.

BOTTOM: New Jersey residents wait in long lines and winter temperatures to receive food boxes.

We were pleased to partner with the local Lions Club to bring much-needed food assistance to local residents who, due to the pandemic, were facing economic instability and food insecurity. Share & Care and Lions Club International share a mission to react to natural disasters by providing communities with immediate needs as well as recovery efforts.

Through this collaborative effort we provided more than 5,000 food boxes — weighing more than 150,000 pounds total — to long lines of New Jersey citizens in need of help. Local leaders worked right alongside the other volunteers to distribute food and load the 30-pound food boxes into residents' vehicles.

The food deliveries provided fresh foods, including vegetables (e.g., onions, potatoes, celery, bell pepper, zucchini, squash, carrots, lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, grapes, pears, apples); dairy products such as milk, cheese, yogurt, and butter; and proteins such as chicken, pork, and eggs.

Speaking to Share & Care Trustee Amar Shah at the Roselle food distribution event on December 11, 2020, Roselle Mayor Donald A. Shaw remarked, "Because of you, over a thousand people will be able to eat food tonight."

"We thank the Lions Club for organizing their Lions Fighting Hunger partnership with local viable partners like ourselves," said Share & Care president, Sharadkumar Shah. "Like everywhere, there are people in desperate need for others to stand up and care for those who are struggling."

# Nourishment and Medical Resources for Vulnerable Communities in Mumbai

#### **Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation**

People in India's underprivileged communities are not only experiencing health crises and shortages of critical medical supplies — they're also facing shortages of food and shelter due to job loss, dislocation, and other disruptions to daily life (which, for our beneficiaries, already includes significant difficulties).

As India continues to face severe challenges in the wake of this global pandemic, our partners at Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust (RNCT) have worked tirelessly to bring relief to some of the most vulnerable communities in Mumbai. In 2020, with support from Share & Care, their on-the-ground volunteers served hot and nutritious khichdi meals to daily wage workers and others inhabiting the streets of Mumbai, resulting in more than 1.2 million meals served total. More recently, with our continued support, RNCT donated

3,735 oxygen concentrators — a vital medical resource for those experiencing COVID symptoms — across 125 locations in India, including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Nagaland. These devices have already benefited thousands of patients and families who have been affected by the virus.

"The support by Share & Care made our COVID relief efforts possible and we are truly grateful for all the support provided."

- RATNA NIDHI CHARITABLE TRUST





LEFT: Medical supplies donated by our partners at RNCT have already benefited thousands of patients and families. RIGHT: A patient experiencing COVID symptoms receives relief from an oxygen concentrator.





Sakshi, age 15, hopes to become a doctor when she grows up.

#### The Importance of 'Just' One Meal

Sakshi Sudir Pawar is a 15-yearold girl studying in 9th standard at SPRJK Trust School in Mumbai, which provides access to free and subsidized education for underprivileged girls and women. It is the mission of the school to give their students an equal opportunity to participate in socio-economic activities so that they may become liberated and empowered.

Sakshi lives in a small room in a nearby slum with her parents and six siblings. Her mother (a house-

wife) and her father (a plumber) struggle to ensure that every family member is fed. The challenge of financially supporting this large family rests solely on the shoulders of Sakshi's father, which means that the support of "just" one free meal for "just" one child is of huge help to the entire family.

Thankfully, through her school, Sakshi receives free daily meals. Sakshi's mother visits the school every day and gets the food for her daughter, who loves volleyball and aspires to become a doctor when she grows up.

#### **Exposed But Not Forgotten**

**Raju**, age five, resides on a footpath alongside Mumbai's street dogs, where he and his family are exposed to rain and are accustomed to harassment from others on the street, including the authorities. Even at his young age, Raju typically brings in 40% of his family's income, which he earns by begging at traffic lights.

However, since the onset of the pandemic, there are hardly any cars on the road — causing his family's only income channel to disappear completely. But still, they have stomachs to feed. For the past two months, our partners at RNCT have been providing Raju and his family with warm and nutritious khichdi meals. These free meals ensure that this child, and others like him, do not go to sleep hungry.



Pre-COVID, Raju and his family sustained themselves through their only available income channel — begging on the street.

### Vaccination Awareness Drives Save Lives in Gujarat

**Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation** 



SMECT provided vaccination information using printed banners hung in popular areas in the community.

Project 'Life' Saurashtra Medical and Educational Charitable Trust (SMECT), with support from Share & Care, provided vaccination drives throughout the state of Gujarat. This program implemented a multifaceted and comprehensive Vaccination Awareness Drive to dispel the fear and myths surrounding the vaccine and to save lives through both individual immunity and decreased community transmission rates.

#### **Building Vaccination Awareness**

Print banners and posters displaying important information about the vaccine and its benefits were posted in prominent locations and popular areas in the community. Social media sites, like WhatsApp groups, were used to post informative videos, which were shared at regular intervals for maximum reach. Finally, webinars were hosted for more than 15,000 people to discuss the process and advantages of receiving the vaccination.

#### **Trained Volunteers**

Digital training sessions were provided to principals, village leaders, and community members — particularly underprivileged women previously sponsored by Share & Care — to provide them with the knowledge and tools necessary to host their own vaccine awareness webinars. These trained volunteers also provided information to their communities about precautionary measures that help stop the spread of COVID-19 - including frequent hand washing, wearing masks, and maintaining social distance.

#### **Registration and Vaccination**

As a result of this community outreach and through consistent follow-ups with individuals, people were convinced to register for the vaccine. These endeavors were so successful that the registration process is complete for people in the 18-45 age group in the area.



Individuals line up to receive their vaccine.









Healthcare kits were provided to 22 vaccination centers to ensure they could safely serve the community.

#### **Meeting Other Needs**

In addition to providing vaccinations, the program also worked to meet other needs in the community. Family hygiene kits were provided to individuals who visited the vaccination sites. These kits included sanitary napkins, medicated soaps, toothbrushes, masks, and other items to improve healthcare habits. Healthcare kits were supplied to the vaccination centers as well. These kits included pulse oximeters, digital thermometers, first aid kits, hand sanitizers, and other related items to better serve each vaccination safely. Additionally, the site program distributed groceries to families quarantining due to COVID-19 infection or exposure, providing them much-needed support.

#### Creating a Lasting Impact

As a result of SMECT's Health Awareness Program, the organization's Vaccination Awareness Drives:

- Reached 45,000 individuals
- Registered 12,000 people for COVID vaccinations
- Provided 11,000 people their first vaccine dose
- Distributed 11,000 family hygiene kits
- Supplied 22 health kits to vaccination centers

#### Family Members Saved by the Vaccine

Darshit Akbari visited a vaccination center with his parents and older sisters to receive their vaccine. Darshit, along with his mother and sisters, got vaccinated; however, his father Bhagwanjibhai opted out due to fear of the vaccine and myths surrounding it. Unfortunately, the entire family later became infected with the Coronavirus. Despite receiving emergency treatment, Bhagwanjibhai, 50, died from the virus, leaving his family stricken with grief. Fortunately, because they had been vaccinated, the rest of the family members only experienced mild symptoms. Now though, at just 23 years old, Darshit is responsible for his mother and sisters and the welfare of their family. Cases like Darshit's are indicative of both the life-saving power of the vaccine as well as the obstacles of fear and superstition that must continue to be addressed with every vaccination initiative.

# "Together with the support of Share & Care, we're building a healthier nation."

 SAURASHTRA MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL CHARITABLE TRUST

# The True Spirit of Humanity: Preventative Care in Maharashtra

#### **Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation**

In response to the waves of Coronavirus cases in India, Light of Life Trust (LOLT), with support from Share & Care, provided COVID relief and support to the tribal hamlets of Karjat Taluka in Maharashtra through its Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) Program. Through this service, LOLT provided 15 hamlets with relief kits which included groceries and/or preventative medical supplies. A total of 930 households received groceries, while medical supply kits were provided to frontline workers and active community volunteers who were residents of the hamlets.

### **Touching Lives**

#### **Supplying Hope Against Hunger**

Manibai Nanu Pardhi, 65, lives in Waghyachiwadi, situated 35 kilometers from Karjat City. Following her husband's death two years ago, she has lived by herself. Her only daughter is married, lives far away, and does not provide her support. Currently Manibai's only source of income is whatever daily labor she can find locally. In the best of circumstances — pre-pandemic — her income was irregular and uncertain. Amid the pandemic, there is no work available as all activities have halted.

By the time the second wave of COVID cases and subsequent lockdowns hit, Manibai was in dire straits. As most families in her hamlet were in the same untenable situation, she was unable to seek support from anyone. However, the grocery kit provided by LOLT, through Share & Care support, supplied Manibai with enough food for more than a month, ensuring that she would not go hungry before restrictions are lifted and she is able to work once again.

Manibai tearfully expressed her gratitude to the Share & Care and LOLT teams for helping her cope during this time and for thinking about people like her who are alone and without support. She was so grateful that donors supporting Share & Care stepped in to provide



Manibai Nanu Pardhi, a beneficiary who received much-needed food assistance, expresses her gratitude for the program.

much-needed assistance from so far away when her own family members would not.

#### **Equipping Community Volunteers**

Kishore Dharma Pardhi is a student pursuing a master's degree in social work and is a resident of Station Thakurwadi, a tribal hamlet around 15 kilometers from Karjat City. He was selected by the LOLT team to be one of the Jagrut Arogya Mitra (village health volunteers) for the hamlet, composed of 98 households. Assigned to look after 20-25 households in the hamlet, he was responsible for taking residents' temperatures, checking their pulse oxygen levels, and quickly referring anyone showing symptoms of infection to the LOLT medical unit for immediate action and medical treatment. Kishore was also instrumental in distributing grocery kits throughout





Kishore Dharma Pardhi works as a village health volunteer.

the hamlet, ensuring families had enough food to survive until lockdown restrictions are lifted and they can work once again.

Kishore said that the medical supply kit, along with the training given for its use, was an innovative and crucial means of supporting remote populations during the pandemic. The kits included a pulse oximeter, digital thermometer, masks, sanitizer, and instructions for use. He put his kit to immediate use, having checked the oxygen levels of 20 people on the first day he received it. Kishore feels

responsible for the villagers in his care, and expressed immense gratitude to be selected by LOLT for this initiative. He is proud to be doing all he can for his community and grateful for the supplies provided through Share & Care to support them.

#### **Serving Frontline Workers**

Sakhu Janu Paradhi lives in Umberwadi, a tribal hamlet situated 35 kilometers from Karjat City. She was extremely grateful to receive a medical supply kit. As an Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), she is always involved in health activities in the hamlet and knows the importance and value of the medical kit's contents. Because of her position, she has experience checking oxygen levels of villagers, but now she has a kit of her own that need not be returned to her workplace — so she can help at a moment's notice. Sakhu was also extremely grateful to receive additional training and knowledge about practices to fight back against the pandemic.

Sakhu is honored to be part of the community health initiative and grateful to Share & Care for keeping the welfare of poor and remote communities in mind. In

addition to providing her a medical supply kit, LOLT was able to provide groceries to all 66 households in her hamlet. Sakhu said that actions like this are "the true spirit of humanity which keeps us going, even in these difficult times."



Sakhu Janu Paradhi is honored to be part of the community health initiative made possible by LOLT and Share & Care.

# From Hesitant to Vaccinated: Changing Minds, Saving Lives in Uttar Pradesh

**Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation** 

Since the second wave of COVID-19 descended upon India, the number of cases in Uttar Pradesh has risen exponentially. The Mijwan Welfare Society (MWS), with the support of Share & Care, is combating the virus through educational vaccination programs. Metropolitan and urban areas of the state have had fewer obstacles to overcome to reach widespread vaccination levels, but rural areas remain a battleground where medical authorities and NGOs must fight to dispel myths and cross the digital divide keeping many from registering for vaccinations.



MWS overcame fear, myths, and digital literacy obstacles to ensure the success of vaccination drives in rural areas.

#### **Fear and Myths Slow Progress**

The apprehension of villagers is clearly reflected in the COVID-19 case numbers. Only 12-15% of the population in rural areas has been vaccinated; meanwhile, cases in these areas account for more than 60% of the total cases in India. In the villages of Budhapur Kutub Ali, Bhadsar and Miyapur, myths about the vaccines have gathered enough momentum to deter people from visiting vaccination centers. Misguided WhatsApp and social media posts about vaccines causing side effects (like infertility, erectile dysfunction, and even death) have made the villagers hesitant.

#### A Digital Divide

Myths surrounding the vaccine are not the only obstacle to achieving widespread vaccinations in rural areas. A prominent financial and digital divide has further these efforts. Vaccination hampered guidelines mandate that individuals under 45 years of age must register themselves for a vaccination online using the government booking platform, CoWIN. While this platform was intended to efficiently collect information and ensure individuals have the appropriate documentation for their appointment, it has become an insurmountable hurdle for those with no internet access or limited digital literacy. This has limited the reach of the vaccination drives to the tech-savvy middle class individuals who generally reside in urban areas.

#### **Initially, Drives Fall Short**

While efforts were made to correct the false narratives about vaccines and address the digital divide, initial results were not fruitful. At one drive in Azamgarh hosted by MWS, only a single



person arrived to be vaccinated. Similarly, others refused to register themselves. The camps, organized with internet stations staffed with volunteers to assist with registrations, saw minimal traffic. It became apparent that a new solution was needed in order to raise rural vaccination levels and counter the spread of the virus.

#### **Overcoming Obstacles**

Unless the rural population could be assured that the vaccine was safe and effective, these drives would continue to have low turnout. MWS worked through their Rozgar Dhaba Sanjeevani centers to implement a plan to address these issues. MWS created educational campaigns to dispel vaccine misinformation, going door-to-door to educate the masses. In some villages, this outreach would take place for weeks before a vaccination drive. Some villagers asked to be paid in order to take the vaccine, while others were simply afraid, running away at the mention.

MWS made progress though, reminding villagers of previous successful and safe vaccines such as that for polio. They worked to set expectations, providing details on the vaccination centers, vaccine doses, the process, and how to mitigate post-vaccination side effects. They also often took someone who had been vaccinated with them, so that person could share their story to motivate others. Additionally, MWS would show videos of the vaccinations taking place to ease fears. Along with the educational campaigns, they would also assist with the CoWIN registration process. Using this new model, MWS was able to vaccinate 45 people from one village in a single day — a remarkable and drastic improvement from the previous initiative.

TOP: MWS went door-to-door to speak with families about the safety and benefits of the vaccine.

BOTTOM: A woman displays her excitement to have received her shot at an MWS vaccination drive.





# In Rajasthan, Common Goals Become Bright Spot in a Period of Crisis

**Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation** 

As COVID-19 spread throughout the state of Rajasthan, the government instituted lockdowns and curfews, and community organizations like Jan Vikas Sansthan (JVS), supported by Share & Care, stepped in to help those in need.

#### **Battling Against COVID-19**

JVS fought the virus in whatever ways they could. They assisted government departments and police in securing borders to stop the spread of the virus from village to village. They distributed grocery kits to those in need and supplied masks, soap, and sanitizers throughout the villages in the area. JVS also helped individuals get tested for the virus and distributed information about how to protect oneself from it. As case numbers improved, restrictions were lifted and many of the guidelines that had protected people before began to ease.

Just when it appeared life was beginning to normalize, a second wave of COVID-19 engulfed the area. JVS sprang into action, working once again to save lives and stop the spread of the virus. They again provided Coronavirus awareness and education, supplied PPE kits to frontline workers, distributed information about vaccinations, transported individuals to vaccination centers, and supplied grocery kits to those in need.

Though COVID-19 continues to devastate and wreak havoc, there is one bright spot: so many have come together and cooperated, at every level, to combat this unprecedented crisis. From individual cooperation and volunteerism, to NGOs and governing bodies, all are working toward the same goal of controlling and putting a stop to this virus.





TOP: JVS provided information on ways in which COVID-19 is spread and ways to protect yourself from it. BOTTOM: JVS transported women to vaccination centers so they could receive their shots.



"We sincerely thank Share & Care Foundation, who did not ignore our social commitment and supported us financially."

- JAN VIKAS SANSTHAN

transporting women to health centers, and identifying families in need so the organization could provide groceries.

Sima Devi Dhabaria, 30, is a Project DAWN beneficiary in the village of Bhojiyawas. Even before COVID-19 struck, she was known to always be ready to help anyone. She considers service her highest duty and serves as an elected member of the Gram Panchayat (local governing body). When the virus struck, she went to work. She spread information about the virus and prevention, distributed masks and sanitizers, and helped people in her village get vaccinated.





### **Project DAWN**

Launched in October 2019, JVS' Project DAWN was just being implemented when the pandemic struck. A group of 80 women from four villages were selected as beneficiaries of the project, with a goal to provide each of them the skills and support needed to become financially self-reliant. These women received four months of training in their villages, but just when mass production was set to begin, the nationwide lockdown was instituted. The project was adjusted so that each woman could work out of her home instead, and the organization supported the beneficiaries and their families.

#### **Beneficiaries Give Back**

Madhu Sen, 34, is a Project DAWN beneficiary in the village of Harmada. She is amiable and soft-spoken but well-known and beloved by her neighbors. Madhu was participating in Project DAWN's sewing program when COVID-19 cases began to spread. She decided to put her new skills to use, stitching masks and distributing them door-to-door. She also acted as a liaison between the village and JVS, helping to spread information about vaccinations,



TOP: Mrs. Madhu Sen and Mrs. Sima Devi Dhabaria, both beneficiaries of Project DAWN, put their skills to use to help others. BOTTOM: A village family awaits ration and healthcare kits.

# Community Care in Gujarat: Hospital and Frontline Workers Adapt as Needs Arise

#### **Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation**

The Anjali Society for Rural Health and Development (Anjali) is a committed health service provider serving the small village of Ranasan in North Gujarat. The hospital's construction was supported by Share & Care more than 30 years ago, and its programs continue to receive support to this day. When the global pandemic was declared, the public and hospital staff employed new routines and preventative measures in order to stop the spread of the virus.

#### **Maintaining Health Services**

While many government and charity-based hospitals were converted into COVID-19 care facilities, it was essential to continue to provide vulnerable populations with subsidized general healthcare for illnesses that were unrelated to the virus. Anjali functioned as one such facility during this time, providing subsidized and free medicine to patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, epilepsy, and more. This way, these patients could keep their illnesses under control and not be at further risk of infection.

#### **Stop the Spread**

Sanitizing became the way of life, both in the hospital as well as in the village of Ranasan. The safety and health of the staff was paramount. Hospital staff were provided with a liberal supply of N-95 masks, gloves, aprons, face shield, sanitizers, and PPE kits. Staff members were also provided with



Corona Care Facility Out-Patient Department

grocery kits to ensure their immunity was not compromised by poor nutrition. In addition to providing these kits to their staff, Anjali worked with the Ranasan local governing body to provide groceries to more than 360 families in the village.

Because awareness and preventative safety measures are essential to stopping the spread of the virus, Anjali distributed simple, informative pamphlets in 50 interior villages. Members of the Women and Adolescent Empowerment Project — of which there are 1,800 — became the key to spreading awareness. They demonstrated proper hand-washing techniques and provided information on safety and vaccination. Finally, as vaccines became available, Anjali administered the doses at cost, forgoing service charges as were allowed by the government.

#### **Adapting to the Second Wave**

As COVID-19 case numbers surged once again, access to care became extremely limited. Government hospitals were full, and private hospitals were more expensive than most could afford. The scale of infections and death was unmanageable. Wanting to do all that they could to provide care, Anjali created a Corona Care Facility with bed and oxygen capacity for 20 patients. To ensure the safety of the individuals still needing routine healthcare, a partition was constructed between the main Anjali hospital building and the care facility.

People from interior villages, without the means to visit the cities to access care, depended on Anjali. It was heartbreaking to see patients with oxygen levels as low as 60% walking to the Corona Care Facility. An additional three doctors, twelve nurses, and four cleaning staff members were hired to care for these patients. The staff focused not only on the patients' physical health, but their mental and emotional health as well by providing activities, games, devotional songs, and motivational talks to keep spirits high. Initially, patients were treated at a minimal cost; however, Anjali was eventually able to treat them for free. More than 90 patients were admitted and treated through this facility.





Following the second wave of COVID-19 cases, Anjali added a Corona Care Facility with bed and oxygen capacity for 20 patients.

In addition to the Corona Care Facility, Anjali also began their Out-Patient Department (OPD) to quickly diagnose suspected COVID-19 cases through rapid tests and provide medication free of charge. Prior to this program expansion, people would travel 25-30 kilometers to a city and wait in extremely long lines to receive a rapid antigen test. In just two months, Anjali's OPD program provided more than 300 people with rapid tests. Additionally, the OPD program began providing home care for asymptomatic patients who had tested positive for COVID. The program provided medication, pulse oximeters, thermometers, masks, gloves, and quarantine guidelines free of charge to more than 50 patients.

#### **Saving Lives Without Economic Burden**

Bhikhaji Hemtaji Chauhan, 65, lives in Shampur, a village 20 kilometers away from Anjali. When his son brought him to the OPD program, he was only semi-conscious with an oxygen level of 62%. He was immediately admitted and started on oxygen. On his third day in the Anjali's Corona Care Facility, his condition had deteriorated and he was referred to a higher-level care center. However, his son said the family could not afford the private hospital and urged them to keep him under care at Anjali, no matter what. This request was not uncommon given the economic status of the villages Anjali serves, so staff members did all they could to care for their patients. After being admitted for 15 days, Bhikhaji was able to be discharged. He left the facility smiling and thanked everyone who cared for him.

Ramansinh Dhulsinh Chauhan, 70, was brought by his family to the Corona Care Facility. His oxygen level was very low and he was immediately admitted and pro-

vided treatment. After five days, he was feeling better, but after learning of a death in the ward, he demanded to go home. Both his family and staff members tried to convince him to stay as his health was improving, but he was insistent. An Anjali counselor told his son to bring him back immediately if his health began to worsen. After three days, his son brought him back and Ramansinh again needed to be admitted. He agreed to stay this time until the doctors had cleared him to be discharged. After another seven days, he was able to be discharged. He told staffers that many in his village had been admitted to private hospitals and paid high costs to receive care. He was extremely grateful that Anjali cared for him without any cost to his family.



More than 300 people received rapid antigen tests in the first two months of Anjali's OPD program.

# Transformation in Gujarat: Where Compassion Is Planted, Humanity Blossoms

#### **Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation**

Our partners at the Environmental Sanitation Institute (ESI) in Gujarat believe it's time for transformation. While there is the threat and fear of Corona, there is an opportunity to let Karuna (compassion) flow. Just as immunity is essential to the health of an individual, humanity is essential to the health of society — and humanity blossoms with Karuna.

India had barely gotten over the first wave of COVID when the second wave halted our world, creating additional concerns for families, medical personnel, and volunteers. While the ESI ecosystem was already responding with Karuna, their Lokmitras (friends of the people) stood like lighthouses in service to their communities.

At the beginning of the second wave, many Lokmitras and their family members were themselves struggling due to COVID; however, this did not keep them from helping their communities. Gandhiji said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." And in times like these, the best way to find equanimity is to cultivate the practice of service, in whatever capacity one can serve. With this mindset, one shall blossom wherever planted.

For more than a year our Lokmitras have been working in many villages, generating awareness about COVID through the "Karuna Care Journey." They have facilitated the setup of isolation centers and provided medical kits and medicines with help from government primary health care workers. ESI's intentions are to connect hearts and operate with the spirit of being the change, holding personal transformation at the core by sharing "masks of mindfulness" and "groceries of gratitude," and amplifying generosity among villagers.

Despite challenges, our partners at ESI say they are grateful for the opportunity to serve humanity during this difficult yet spiritually deepening time, and for the chance to raise awareness, create impact, and drive transformation.



An ESI beneficiary receives a vaccination from a primary health care worker.

#### **Raising Awareness**

To combat myths, stigmas, and immense misunderstandings about the COVID virus and vaccinations, the ESI team — including Lokmitras and Ashram teachers — are educating individuals virtually and in person throughout 17 villages, and have distributed 3,000 printed brochures door to door.

In addition, 16 Lokmitras are undertaking a Karuna Care Journey to offer detailed information through personalized communication. This journey includes driving from house to house to provide care and education, and displaying large banners in each village for mass awareness. The Lokmitras are also leveraging social media to spread information about government programs, and as a result many village leaders have reached out to the Karuna Care team about how to generate awareness in their own communities.





Through ESI, hundreds of people have received Karuna Care Kits.

#### **Creating Impact**

- Groceries of gratitude: 626 grocery kits were shared, with priority support for widows, pregnant women, mothers of infants, and needy families
- COVID medicine and vitamin kits: 500 care kits were distributed to malnourished people, in consultation with Public Health Centers (PHCs)
- Medications for COVID patients: Prescribed by government authorities and provided to COVID patients under PHC guidance
- COVID tests for doubtful patients: Facilitated through PHCs
- Medical equipment and supplies: 100 oximeters, 100 thermometers, 100 steam machines, and 2,000 sanitizers provided to needy patients in consultation with PHCs
- N-95 masks: 3,000 masks were distributed among elderly individuals, pregnant women, and families affected by COVID
- Connecting people with opportunities: Serving as catalysts for empowerment, Lokmitras connected villages with government programs to receive groceries, gas cylinders, and vaccinations



- Livelihood support: 100 artisan women are supported in 10+ villages
- Meals for students: Hundreds of students of Sabarmati Harijan Ashram Trust (and their families) were supported with grocery kits

#### **Driving Transformation**

**Generosity cultivated within villages:** Lokmitras inspired affluent individuals in three villages to provide 40 food kits, each month, to local needy families.

**Planting hope:** Across 16 villages, 10,000 plants (such as local trees like peepal and banyan) are being planted by local communities, ensuring future sustenance and providing employment for village youth — all while engaging local village leadership in the process. In some locations, nurseries are preparing to provide employment to villagers, while the plants will be cared for by the local youth volunteers.

Raising vaccination awareness: Thanks to ESI's dedication, nearly every person in the associated villages is ready for vaccination — plus, the daily quota set by the government is now fully realized. In addition, these onthe-ground workers are joining forces with teachers to speak with students at educational institutions to convince them and their families to receive their vaccinations. Through these efforts, approximately 36,000 people have been educated about vaccines, more than 7,000 villagers have received their first dose, and more than 5,400 have taken their second dose. Families who are getting two doses of vaccinations are gifted with moong, green lentils, and fruits.

ESI extends its gratitude to Share & Care supporters, who help to make these programs possible and who display the spirit of Ubuntu: "I am because we are."



As thousands of new plants grow, so will opportunities for village youth.

# A Beacon of Hope for Isolated Villages in Jharkhand

#### **Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation**

While the second wave of COVID-19 cases has devastated the whole of India, rural areas have been especially hard-hit. Chronic poverty levels, unemployment, and food insecurity have amplified the effects of the disease and subsequent lockdowns.

To combat these issues, PRADAN worked with Gram Panchayats (local governing bodies) in remote villages that were not being reached by relief supplies and services.





TOP: PRADAN hosted mass awareness campaigns and provided relief in isolated villages.

BOTTOM: Following PRADAN's mass awareness campaigns, people lined up to receive a vaccination.

Together, they devised a massive awareness drive, with the support of Share & Care, reaching nearly 65,000 households from 377 villages across four districts.

These drives focused on increasing vaccination rates and promoting COVID safety practices. Additionally, PRADAN helped renovate area hospitals, establish village isolation centers, and support vaccination centers. They used volunteers to reach all levels of the many communities, and PRADAN supplied volunteers with the knowledge and equipment necessary to safely carry out their duties. In turn, the volunteers helped PRADAN provide their communities with disinfectants, protective supplies, public health information, livelihood assistance, and medical assistance.

Through this project, PRADAN was able to:

- Supply more than 56,000 individuals with their first dose of the vaccine
- Administer the second dose to more than 10,500
- Provide health check-ups for more than 28,000
- Engage 372 volunteers in the fight against the virus

#### Village Battles Against COVID Outbreak

The village of Bardewa in the Hazaribagh district experienced a devastating COVID outbreak in April. The first case was reported on April 13 and spread rampantly throughout the village, exposing roughly one-third of the village to the virus. By the end of the month, 10 people had died from the virus.

PRADAN coordinated with village leaders and volunteers to impose a 10-day lockdown in the village to prevent further spread. The village entries were closed and checkpoints were posted to ensure that only district officials or medical teams could enter the village. PRADAN established a team that began going door to door, providing health checks, offering COVID testing, and conducting a mass awareness drive so the villagers understood the gravity of the situation.





PRADAN distributed information to encourage vaccinations.

At first, villagers were hesitant to get tested as they were afraid they would be forced to go to quarantine centers if they tested positive for COVID. However, once a school in the village was converted to a COVID care center and villagers were confident they would not be sent away, more agreed to get tested. A group of 37 villagers tested positive in a single instance of testing. Those who tested positive were treated at the COVID care center, and the remainder of the villagers — now understanding the severity of the outbreak — isolated themselves and continued to get tested. As a result of the PRADAN's intervention and the vigilance of the village residents, there remains only a single COVID-positive patient in the village, who will isolate at home until cleared.

#### **Volunteers Help Others Find Relief**

**Geeta Devi**, 52, a volunteer from the Hazaribagh district, has mobilized many fearless leaders from villages to work as frontline volunteers in this pandemic. When the pandemic hit, she not only worked to provide affected communities with information and protection kits, but also assisted individuals in accessing available government benefits. Similarly, **Kanchan Devi**, a frontline volunteer and PRADAN community help desk member in the Koderma district, has been working tirelessly to spread awareness about critical health and hygiene practices. She has played a crucial role in providing people with knowledge related to the pandemic and has been an immense support in helping PRADAN reach the most deprived communities to provide available government assistance.

**Neelam Desi**, a resident in the Koderma district, experienced Kanchan's support firsthand. Neelam's father was

taken to the hospital with COVID symptoms. "After we reached the hospital, the doctors said he had died, but instead of recording COVID as the cause of death, they put cardiac arrest," she said. "The doctor told us there was no need to check whether my father was COVID-19 positive since he was already dead." Her uncle died soon after at another clinic. Neelam is now left caring for her mother and a child, having lost both of the wage-earners in her family.

Kanchan was the first person to reach out and offer to help Neelam seek assistance. She has already received some financial support from the local governing body and her application has been forwarded to her district for additional support. Kanchan also helped Neelam receive aid from local charitable organizations and NGOs. Without the courage of community volunteers and the far-reaching resources available through donor support, it would not have been possible to bring the much-needed interventions to hard-hit communities and people like Neelam.





TOP: PRADAN volunteers and staff traveled from village to village to raise awareness about vaccinations and COVID safety practices.

BOTTOM: Following PRADAN's awareness campaigns, people were convinced to get vaccinated.

### Impacting Lives and Easing Suffering in Kutch

**Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation** 



Sadhviji Shilapiji educates villagers about safety and vaccination drives.

Under the guidance of Acharya Shri Chandanaji, Veerayatan provides humanitarian services at multiple locations across India. In the district of Kutch (supported by Share & Care), many work as day laborers, agricultural farmers, or are self-employed or employed by small businesses. In the best of times, many families struggled to meet their needs, but due to the speed and severity of its devastation, the COVID-19 pandemic took an unprecedented toll.

As lockdowns were instituted to prevent further spread of the virus, the economy came to a standstill. Families across India suddenly found themselves lacking even the most fundamental necessities such as nutritious food and basic healthcare. To address the immediate food insecurity crisis, Veerayatan prepared and distributed thousands of grocery kits to

"The blessings and love with which ration and health kits are being provided in itself is making us feel better — to know that someone cares."

- SALIM KURESHI



Veerayatan volunteers and staff packed health kits containing masks, thermometers, pulse oximeters, sanitizers, and medications.



### "Words are not enough to express our gratitude for this unconditional support to our village."

#### - GOPAL BHAI

families throughout the Kutch region. Each kit contained more than 25 pounds of groceries, including rice, flour, oil, lentils, sugar, tea, and other nutritious items.

In addition to distributing grocery kits, Sadhviji Shilapiji, who leads Veerayatan's operations in Kutch, personally took the lead in educating villagers about COVID safety behaviors and vaccination drives, and distributed health kits containing masks, digital thermometers, pulse oximeters, sanitizers, and necessary medications. Approximately 3,000 health kits were distributed in Mandvi, Rudrani, Kandarai Choki, Talwana, Jakhania, and other villages in the district of Kutch.

Additionally, Share & Care provided Sadhviji with 15 oxygen concentrators, which are being used for COVID patient care in a nearby hospital.

"We are amazed and in awe that an organization unknown to us would seek us out and come and help in such a practical way with our wellbeing in their heart."

— LATIF BAKHAI







TOP: Veerayatan prepared and distributed thousands of grocery kits to families throughout the Kutch region.

MIDDLE: Villagers lined up to receive grocery kits, each containing more than 25 pounds of rations.

BOTTOM: Thousands of grocery kits were distributed to families throughout the district of Kutch.

### Delivering Relief to the Unreached in Rajasthan

#### **Project Supported by Share & Care Foundation**

A scarcity of basic resources has long been a problem for people who live in remote areas of Rajasthan and the Thar Desert. Communities in this "unreached" region remain largely invisible in the trajectory of mainstream development. Sadly, the pandemic has acted as a stress multiplier, amplifying the existing uncertainties around health, food and agriculture, water and sanitation, and employment and debt. Those facing the most dire economic hardships include marginal farmers and the migrant and informal sector workers who lost their jobs and sources of income, and whose families now struggle to make ends meet.

"With no adequate testing or medical facilities available, people are left to fend for themselves in rural areas."

#### - GRAVIS

Aside from economic hardships, the pandemic has taken an almost unimaginable toll on the lives and health of people in these regions. To date, Rajasthan has registered over 951,000 COVID cases and over 8,900 deaths, with nearly 112,200 cases reported in the city of Jodhpur alone.

In Western Rajasthan (the Thar Desert), the number of new cases reached approximately 9,000 per day at the peak of the second COVID wave, with a large number of cases and deaths occurring in rural areas and among younger people. (These trends were not seen in the first wave of cases last year.) Despite some relief — such as an improvement in the availability of supplies — there are still many challenges faced by local communities, including the economic crisis and food shortages, which are likely to linger for guite some time.

#### Short- and Long-Term Relief

GRAVIS, a longstanding Share & Care NGO partner, has undertaken both short- and long-term measures to help communities affected by the dual food and economic crises.

In 2020, COVID relief efforts from GRAVIS reached approximately 160,000 people. Since April 1, 2021 — with continued support from Share & Care — GRAVIS has supported nearly 170,000 people, totaling more than 330,000 disaster relief beneficiaries since the beginning of the pandemic.

The GRAVIS team's work is guided by a three-pronged strategy, with relief interventions revolving around providing humanitarian aid, livelihood support, and lifesaving medical care to address the following key challenges:

- · Delayed access to income channels and purchasing capacity (even after lockdowns end) for rural communities
- No income whatsoever for many beneficiary families since March 2021
- · Limited availability and affordability of seeds and manure for farmers, who hope to resume work by monsoon season
- Stalled or slowed operations at major regional employers (such as stone mines)
- · Lack of income from smaller channels such as tourism, handicrafts, private transportation, and local shops
- Limited access to vaccines and testing in some areas
- · Low registration numbers for vaccines and testing due to technology limitations













LEFT, MIDDLE: A couple stand in front of their home with food and hygiene kits from GRAVIS.

TOP LEFT: Women in a remote, "unreached" village receive food kits to help sustain them and their families in the face of COVID-related food shortages.

TOP RIGHT: A woman receives a COVID hygiene kit.

BOTTOM RIGHT: A COVID patient is cared for at the GRAVIS hospital.

BOTTOM LEFT: A woman consults with a healthcare worker at a mobile clinic.



A GRAVIS worker instructs others about proper social distancing.

GRAVIS's short-term efforts include immediate relief and protection, while long-term measures aim to foster robust processes to deliver entitlements for food, water, healthcare, and intermediate livelihood support. The primary goals of this relief include ensuring that the region's most marginalized and vulnerable families are made economically sustainable, while also providing food and safety kits wherever required. Since April 2021, these efforts have provided:

- Food and hygiene kits for 14,308 families (about 115,000 people) with supplies lasting for a month for a family of eight
- Cash aid support (for vaccinations and testing) for 2,308 families
- 1,600 home isolation kits, distributed to home isolation patients

- 100 pulse oximeters, provided to rural health workers
- Health check-ups and medical supports (by mobile medical teams) for 3,300+ rural people
- Medical support for 1,760+ patients at the GRAVIS hospital, which operates a 10-bed COVID isolation ward and has procured 12 oxygen concentrators

Moving forward, GRAVIS will focus on food and hygiene supply kits, home isolation kits, vaccination and testing support, community education, and livelihood support. •

### SIGNATURE PROJECTS



### Glimpses of Our Beneficiaries

H2U, E2S, and WE Transform Lives



Through WE, women are provided vocational training, such as this para veterinary training, to become more self-reliant.



H2U provides comprehensive healthcare, with an emphasis on illness prevention, basic hygiene, rehabilitation, and treatment.



WE and E2S create opportunities for women by providing access to education, whether through continuing of formal secondary education or by providing vocational training.



WE and E2S provided opportunities for women and students to connect and find joy during the pandemic.



E2S takes a holistic approach to to ensure each child develops into a productive, compassionate, and confident member of society.

## SIGNATURE PROJECTS

### **Women Empowerment** (WE)



#### Dr. Ketki Shah, Chair

The COVID pandemic has impacted people of all backgrounds; however, in our work we have seen women and children bear some of the greatest burdens - including an increased risk of abuse, exploitation, and neglect, as well as inequality in having access to relief programs. Other challenges have arisen, of course, due to the health and safety implications of COVID. Some personnel were affected personally by the pandemic, and many programs faced difficulties due to the need for social distancing and the closure of schools and group activities.

Since the pandemic began, we have worked with NGOs to adapt to the changing needs of the women and communities we serve, all while maintaining the primary objectives of the project.

For instance, our livelihood projects continued to provide training by transitioning to virtual platforms when possible. Ensuring that our beneficiaries had access to smartphones or computers was a challenge, but thankfully many recipients were able to share a family member or a neighbor's phone, and some were provided equipment by NGOs.

"We and our NGO partners continue our battle to bring real empowerment to women."

Some of the programs continued as usual while observing social distancing, and in one instance, women stayed home and sewed masks, which were

distributed by NGOs at no cost. Most of our NGO partners focused on COVID awareness for women and girls - with an emphasis on the importance of hygiene, social distancing, and mask use — and provided direct relief in the form of food, medicines, and other items for improving hygiene. Organizations that worked with school-age girls adapted to remote communication while implementing COVIDrelated education. In addition, an NGO with a focus on preventing child abuse opened helplines for counseling those whose mental health was at stake. It is amazing to see the teamwork and willingness of everyone to come forward and help where they can.

#### Nirmal Village Program (NVP)



#### Mr. Dilip Parikh, Chair

We have placed 12 men and women Lokmitras in 12 Gujarat villages, where they are laser-focused on the COVID crisis. These Karuna (compassion) Karyasevaks have implemented COVID awareness and preventive measures, and have also distributed masks, grocery kits of gratitude, health kits, and oxygen concentrators. They are now canvassing about vaccination drives to serve over 35,000 villagers in their 12 villages and other neighboring village-communities.

The Lokmitras also assist with other village-level issues - for instance, by conducting classes to address the educational needs of children during the pandemic, creating livelihood opportunities and connecting villagers with government entitlement infrastructure programs, and solutions for women's healthcare needs. We have successfully leveraged their presence to encourage and motivate other individuals and corporations to become partners in this journey by infusing cash and in-kind supplies, which will help to develop and uplift these villages to eventually become modern communities.



### Educate 2 Graduate (E2G)



#### Mr. Dilip Parikh, Chair

Over the past 15 years, our Educate to Graduate Signature Program has awarded \$2.3 million in scholarships to 1,700 brilliant yet economically challenged scholars to pursue college degrees in fields such as medicine, engineering, and IT. Our typical scholar comes from a needy family of four or more, with an average household income of less than Rs 2 lac/yr. Before their scholarships, most of our beneficiaries could scarcely dream of attending a four-year college — and during the COVID crisis that brought unemployment to many, we supplied food kits to the families of the scholars.

The 800 scholars who have graduated from this program so far earn salaries ranging from Rs 2 lac to 50 lac per year. As these individuals graduate and enter the workforce, they are liberating themselves and their families from the vicious and generational cycle of poverty, transforming into middle and uppermiddle-class families. We are happy to state that these incredible E2G graduates are becoming a new generation of nation builders.

### **Educate 2 Success (E2S)**



#### Dr. Shirish Patrawalla, Chair

Our Educate 2 Success Signature Program Committee, consisting of only a few members, worked enthusiastically to evaluate and make adjustments to the E2S program during the pandemic. We are grateful to our hardworking NGO partners who worked tirelessly in rural areas of Maharashtra, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan and used digital media to remotely educate, support, and continuously motivate our high school student beneficiaries.

Our NGO partner, based in Maharashtra, brings supplemental education to at-risk children (mostly girls) using a holistic approach which includes involvement from parents, family members, and other members of their villages. Even at the peak of COVID, the retention rate for this program was 80% — which is remarkable. The dedicated team of social workers, health personnel,

and teachers worked together to achieve their goal of keeping students in school.

A gift of just \$130 provides a student with education for an entire year. These students not only enjoy classes relating to STEM, arts and craft, and sports, but they also receive lessons and guidance on self-motivation and leadership development.

### Healthcare 2 Unreached (H2U)



#### Dr. Bharati Palkhiwala, Chair

For years our Healthcare 2 Unreached Signature Program Committee has focused on many health issues in rural, remote, and poor areas — such as the reduction of infant and maternal mortality, anemia correction, early detection and prevention of breast and cervical cancer, vaccination, and general health. We also work with NGO partners who focus on nutrition, hygiene, growing vegetable gardens, and addressing mental health issues.

We have covered many different states in India, such as Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Manipal. When the COVID pandemic began affecting these areas, it became extremely challenging as these areas have very few healthcare facilities. And sadly, some of the health workers themselves tested positive for the virus, making it more difficult to deliver services to our beneficiaries. These areas were also affected economically, with many people facing unemployment and food insecurity.

Our roles at H2U were more challenging than ever, but we took immediate action and worked with Share & Care's Disaster Relief Committee to provide face shields and masks, hygiene kits, oxygen equipment, food kits, and more.

We look forward to continuing our mission to use the funds given by Share & Care supporters to improve the health and lives of those in need in India as well as in the U.S. •

# YOUNG PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

The Young Professional Committee (YPC) is a dynamic group of individuals from all over the country with a mission to volunteer and fundraise for the causes Share & Care supports while fostering a community for young professionals to connect over their passion for nonprofit work.

In early 2021, YPC kicked off their fundraising season with a virtual poker tournament sponsored by Fluent, Inc. The tournament included participants from all walks of life who were able to connect with each other while competing and slowly being eliminated from their respective tables. The top three finishers were awarded prizes and the event was able to raise more than \$3,000 for Share & Care's Village Upliftment program.



YPC's virtual poker tournament raised more than \$3,000 for Village Upliftment.



All profits from this AARYAH necklace will benefit COVID relief in India.

The committee's summer fundraising effort is a partnership with AARYAH. Founded by U.S.-born Indian designer and longtime YPC member Megan Kothari, AARYAH released an ASHA ("hope") necklace for India. Hand-cut in New York's diamond district, 100% of the profits from this piece will be donated to Share & Care's disaster relief fund to help fight the COVID-19 outbreak in India. Necklace sales have already raised more than \$2,000 since its release. To support YPC and purchase a necklace, please visit aaryah.com/collections/support-india.

Members have the opportunity to join the host committee and attend a variety of organization-wide benefit events throughout the year. In addition to fundraising programming, the committee also hosts seasonal networking events for its members, sponsors, and potential new volunteers.

To get involved with the Young Professional Committee, please email us at YPCashareandcare.org.

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# KIDS4KIDS



Kids4Kids (K4K) is a committee hosted for students by students, with a vision to help underprivileged children in India receive the education they deserve. K4K is open to students ages 12-18 across New Jersey and New York. Our motto is "one child for one child," and the membership donation of \$130 immediately impacts the life of a child in India by covering tuition and school supplies needed for a whole year. Ongoing committee fundraisers have raised more than \$5,500 in the first two quarters of 2021.

## Fundraisers .....



## Partnering with Local Grocery Stores

With the help of K4K member Nolan Griffith, grocer Subzi Bazaar of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, has generously agreed to add a donation

box for the humanitarian crisis in India caused by the surge of COVID-19 cases.



#### **T-Shirt Sales**

K4K is selling t-shirts to fund education expenses for children in India. The shirts are designed to show off K4K pride and can be purchased at **shopshareandcare.square.site**.



#### **AG Kitchen**

Anika Gandhi, a high school freshman and a current K4K member, discovered her passion for cooking and baking during quarantine. She began her own food blog where all proceeds are donated to K4K. To learn more, visit her site at <u>agkitchenblog.com</u>.



#### **Instagram Bingo Boards**

Each week, K4K members post a bingo board to their personal Instagram pages, allowing followers to enter the game and choose a position on the board.



#### **Virtual Art Class**

Kids4Kids kicked off the year with an art class led by Aarav Gandhi, a dedicated K4K member and talented artist. He shared his skills and techniques with participants in a virtual training session.

#### 2021 K4K Board Members

- Akshay Mehta (President)
- Muskaan Bhansali (Vice President)
- · Anushka Shah (Liaison)
- Aagam Kothari (Secretary)
- Rishin Shah (Assistant Secretary)

- Anika Gandhi (Marketing Director)
- Parth Mehta (Assistant Marketing)
- Rehan Shah (Newsletter Secretary)
- Krish Sheth (Treasurer)
- Krishi Shah (Volunteer Coordinator)

The team at K4K thank participants for their support during these and future endeavors. Please follow K4K on Instagram at <a href="mailto:instagram.com/scfkids4kids">instagram.com/scfkids4kids</a> and TikTok at <a href="mailto:tiktok.com/@shareandcare.org">tiktok.com/@shareandcare.org</a>. If you have any questions, please reach out at <a href="mailto:kids@shareandcare.org">kids@shareandcare.org</a>.

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"To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it."

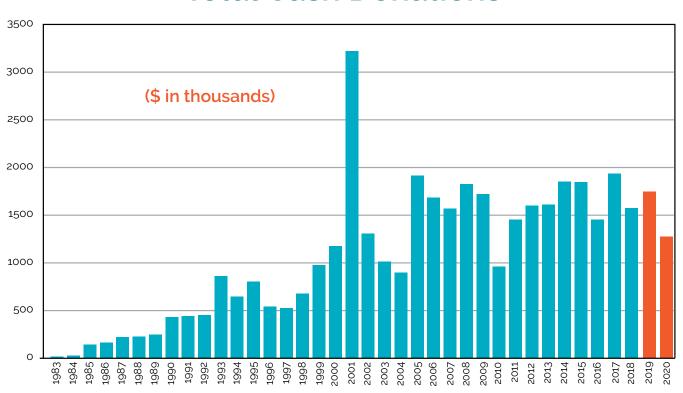
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## We thank all of our generous donors, who continue fueling our lamp of hope.

# PROGRESS REPORT

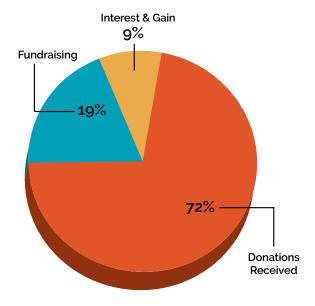


## **Total Cash Donations**



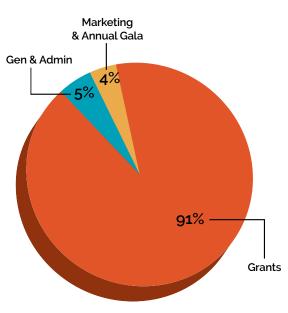
## 2020 Revenue & Support

100% = \$1.8 mil



## 2020 Grants & Expenses

100% = \$1.94 mil



# **AUDITOR'S REPORT**



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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees Share and Care Foundation for India Rochelle Park, New Jersey

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Share and Care Foundation for India ("Foundation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2020, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the Foundation's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Share and Care Foundation for India as of December 31, 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Report of Summarized, Comparative Information**

We have previously audited the Foundation's 2019 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated August 18, 2020. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Certified Public Accountants

Sobel NCO; UC

Livingston, New Jersey June 16, 2021

# **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### SHARE AND CARE FOUNDATION FOR INDIA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(With Summarized, Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

	Without Donor		With Donor			2019
	R	estrictions	Re	strictions	Total	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,177,221	\$	882,251	\$2,059,472	\$ 632,789
Investments, at fair value		892,577		-	892,577	2,506,200
Pledges receivable		-		17,201	17,201	24,800
Security deposit		4,600		-	4,600	4,600
Prepaid expenses		5,116		-	5,116	3,036
Total Assets	\$	2,079,514	\$	899,452	\$2,978,966	\$3,171,425
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
LIABILITIES:						
Grants and donations pledged	\$	_	\$	372,098	\$ 372,098	\$ 430,005
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES						
NET ASSETS		2,079,514		527,354	2,606,868	2,741,420
Total Liabilities and						
Net Assets	\$	2,079,514	\$	899,452	\$2,978,966	\$3,171,425



### SHARE AND CARE FOUNDATION FOR INDIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

(With Summarized, Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

		Year End				
	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor			2019
			Re	estrictions	Total	Totals
Revenue and Other Support:						
Contributions	\$	168,326	\$	785,047	\$ 953,373	\$ 1,122,413
In-kind donations		340,038		- -	340,038	29,350
Fundraising		309,828		30,495	340,323	588,339
Investment income		61,316		-	61,316	55,404
Net realized and unrealized gains on		110,826		-	110,826	148,533
Total revenue	1	990,334		815,542	1,805,876	1,944,039
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:						
Satisfaction of time and		905.029		(005.020)		
expense restrictions		895,928		(895,928)		
Total Revenue and Other Support		1,886,262		(80,386)	1,805,876	1,944,039
Expenses:						
Program services		1,772,261		-	1,772,261	1,503,320
Support services:						
Management and general		85,382		-	85,382	84,855
Fundraising		82,785		-	82,785	116,680
Total Support Services		168,167		-	168,167	201,535
Total Expenses		1,940,428		-	1,940,428	1,704,855
Changes in Net Assets		(54,166)		(80,386)	(134,552)	239,184
NET ASSETS:						
Beginning of year		2,133,680		607,740	2,741,420	2,502,236
End of year	\$	2,079,514	\$	527,354	\$ 2,606,868	\$ 2,741,420

## **WITH THANKS**

## You have made a difference. Thank you!

This year brought unprecedented and unexpected challenges, including a second wave of COVID-19 that devastated communities across India. However, with every struggle there is an opportunity to spread generosity and compassion — and we are truly appreciative of the many experts, volunteers, donors, and well-wishers who support our work to mitigate the effects of this ongoing crisis. The Share & Care Foundation, along with our patrons and NGOs, have teamed up to reach and help over half a million people.

#### The Share & Care Foundation sincerely thanks you for helping us in our COVID-19 disaster relief efforts.

All Healthcare and Frontline Workers All Contributors, Donors, and Volunteers

#### Reflections of Kutchh by Gujarati Jalso

Thank you to all who performed and came together to create this soul-inspiring musical. Nitya Events & Entertainment Team and Umangi Majmudar for 24/7 support

#### Friends & Well-Wishers

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## Jaydev Unadkat Indian Cricketer

July 4, 2021

To: Share and care Foundation

Attn: Mr. Sharad Shah

President

Share and Care Foundation

350 West Passaic Street, 2nd Floor

Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

USA

Dear Sharadji

I thank you for considering myself in your fabulous cause of charity.

I had a chance to talk to Mr. Rushikesh Pandya, Chief Development Officer, Project LIFE about your lovely Share and care Foundation, Dr. Ketkiji, Shri Amarbhai and you. I was very pleased to learn about you all and your efforts over more than 3 decades. I am also aware of your special efforts to empower women, who are historically not treated equally. Without a doubt Gender Equality and Equity are very crucial in today's world. I admire work of your foundation and LIFE, especially in Saurashtra as I did have a chance to witness it. Your efforts are distinguished!

I fully agree that we all have to join in to uplift people who need an extra helping hand. The current pandemic is taking a toll on our world and we all have to do our share to overcome the losses from it. I am delighted that you all remember our mother India and doing excellent work to help out.

I encourage everyone to join and participate in your humility. I am hoping that I will be able to participate with lovely people and supporters of Share and Care in the future. It will be also my pleasure to see you, Dr. Ketkiji and other team members very soon.

I wish you very best for your upcoming 39<sup>th</sup> annual event. I pray for your success and raising substantial funds to help out millions of people. My warm regards to your kind patrons, well wishers and your team member.

**Best Wishes** 

Very truly

Jaydev Unadkat

Mr. Jaydev Unadkat is an Indian professional cricketer who has played for the Indian national team. He plays for Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League and for Saurashtra in domestic cricket. He represented India in the Under-19 Cricket World Cup in 2010. In March 2020, Unadkat became the first man to captain Saurashtra to the Ranji Trophy title.

# **SHARE & CARE ANTHEM**

Manavta Se Bada Dharam Nahi Koi, Sewa Se Bada Karam Nahi Koi

Lakshya jeevan kaa....Jodain tinka-tinka

Ek naya sansaar banayenge

Share Karen hum....Care Karen hum Auron ke Liye, Prayer Karen hum

Har ghar main khushaali hogi...Holi aur Diwali hogi Chote-bade ka bhed na hoga...Kisi ke mann main khed na hoga

> Share Karen hum....Care Karen hum Auron ke Liye, Prayer Karen hum

Aisi ek subah hogi.... Bhookh, Ashiksha mit jaayegi Aankhon main aashaaon ke sapne...Sab ho jaayenge bas apne

> Share Karen hum....Care Karen hum Auron ke Liye, Prayer Karen hum

Sukh-dukh hum sabse battenge.... Mil-jul kar jeevan kaatenge Hum samaaj se lete aaye....Ab samaaj ko dekar jaayein

Share Karen hum....Care Karen hum

Auron ke Liye, Prayer Karen hum

The Share & Care anthem was composed by Sandeep Nath — a Bollywood singer, lyricist, composer, screenwriter, director, and producer.