

The Savitri Foundation



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THE SAVITRI WANNEY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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Bachiya Devi from Baliya, UP could see again after three years, due to a successful cataract surgery at AJEH, Bihar



About Us

The Savitri Waney Charitable Foundation (SWCF) is an intimately run philanthropic organisation based in Mumbai, India. The Savitri Foundation is a grant-making body that supports a wide range of worthy causes that work with marginalised communities across India.

We work with some of the poorest rural communities in India, delivering high impact with compassion, working closely with local partners, our donors and above all our beneficiaries. We direct our focus across three main areas; curable blindness, palliative care and environment and livelihoods with an aim of alleviating poverty.

The Savitri Foundation works with local partners and is committed to accountability by ensuring high impact, innovative, sustainable and scalable projects, selected by the Trustee Board and closely monitored by the Team.

The Foundation is registered under Bombay Public Trust Act, and is established to provide medical relief, education and community development to those in need across India.

Charity Registration Number: E-21518 (Mumbai)

FCRA Registration Number: 083781291

Welcome

Dear Friends and supporters,

We are pleased to present our Annual Report for 2015-16, with updates and information from all our supported programmes. We began this journey in 2004 with a vision that **“Every Indian should have access to quality healthcare and a means of earning a livelihood”** and are proud that we have come this far. I am glad that our work is resulting in improving quality of life of the people we work for.

This year our work has benefitted over 20,000 families across our programme areas. Details of the achievements can be found in the pages of this report.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Patron Mr Arjun C Waney who not only contributes generously through our sister organisation The Savitri Waney Charitable Trust UK, but also gives a lot of his time to lending a patient ear to our discussions on the various programmes supported by the Foundation. Thanks is also due to our other donors First Winchester Managers Limited, Azure Hospitality, Firecracker, Mr Hiro Harjani and Mr & Mrs Shaukat Khan; who have been unstintingly supporting the work.

I take this opportunity to Wish you a very Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous 2017. May we continue to grow these programmes together in the coming year.

Dr Prakash Mirchandani
Trustee



An Overview

The year that went by has been a year of transitions. We shifted our office to a new premise in Mumbai, recruited a Financial Consultant and a Medical Consultant to enhance the quality of our programmes. A new Foundation Manager was recruited to spearhead the Foundation in India. Above all we celebrated our 10th year of providing compassionate service to poor people.

During the reporting year, the foundation has directly or indirectly reached out to over 25,000 families through its programmes. Some of key achievements during the year include:

- 20,123 cataract operations in rural Bihar and Odisha including 65 children.
- Inauguration of a 25-bedded secondary eye hospital in Odisha, which will benefit over 20,000 people annually.
- 16 dug wells and five lift irrigation schemes in rural Chhattisgarh, benefitting over 170 families.
- Psychological support to over 250 children at David Sassoon Industrial school, Mumbai
- Supported community based management of 160 severely malnourished children of which 85% recovered to moderate
- Physiotherapy support to 73 people including 12 women and 22 children; and lymphedema care to 38 people.
- Two months' support to after-school-care to over 800 children in Delhi slums

Going forward, the Foundation plans to have more programmes on Palliative Care and Environment thereby taking foundation to further heights. Exciting times ahead....

At the Foundation, we would like to thank all our beneficiaries, partners, supporters and well-wishers for their generous support that has enabled the Savitri Foundation to support such worthy causes.

Eye Care

Eye care continues to be one of the core areas of work for the Savitri Foundation through which it changes lives of thousands of people every year. This year we funded and our partners delivered 20,123 surgeries including 65 for children across rural India. Three young women were supported for 3-year Diploma in Optometry and one girl for Bachelor's degree in Optometry. Arjun Waney Eye Centre a 25-bedded eye hospital in Odisha supported by us was inaugurated in December 2015.

Restoring sight in Bihar

We continue to work closely with the Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital (AJEH) in its goal to eliminate curable blindness in Bihar. This year AJEH delivered a total of 63,181 high quality cataract surgeries, of which 78% (49,316) were completely free of charge to the beneficiaries. 20,000 of these surgeries were supported by the Foundation. The hospital reached out to 198,233 people including over 75,000 women and children.

An elated Brahmadev (Bihar) says "I am just waiting to see my family, but now I would not need their help to move around"

Brahmadev says that he never thought his blindness was reversible till he heard about AJEH and their outreach camps, from some of the villagers. He decided to go for a camp and later for a surgery which he says was a life changing one for him. He would have never been able to go to a doctor due to his poverty and continued as blind if not for the camps organised by AJEH.

Now, on getting his vision back after a cataract surgery, he is helping his family in agricultural activities and supports his family of ten.



Our Founder Mr Arjun Waney at Arjun Waney Eye Centre by LV Prasad Eye Institute in Berhampur, Odisha

The Arjun Waney Eye centre is a 25-bedded eye hospital which will cater to about 25,000 people and undertake about 2500 surgeries annually.

Promoting Eye Care in Odisha

The Savitri Foundation partnered with L V Prasad Eye Institute which is a state-of-art eye care institute providing quality eyecare, education and research for over 25 years; by setting up a 25-bedded secondary eye hospital in Berhampur to cater to the huge unmet need of avoidable blindness in one of the poorest states in India.

The hospital was inaugurated in December 2015 by the Honorable Chief Minister of Odisha, in the presence of various dignitaries including our Founder Mr Arjun Waney.



Palliative Care

Lymphedema & Physiotherapy Project, Kerala

The Lymphedema & Physiotherapy Project with our partner Pallium India in Kerala aimed to improve mobility, independence and psycho-socio-spiritual wellbeing for those living with terminal illness or life-limiting disease as well as providing support to their families and primary caregivers. This year with our support 73 people including 12 women and 22 children were given care for physiotherapy; and 38 people including 37 women were provided lymphedema care, making it a total of 111 people.



Joy who was joyous when we met him at his house says "My legs are weak, but my heart is strong!"

Anganwadi workers say "we will do our best to prevent malnourishment in our children"

Dibaso and her sister-in-law with the lentil they cultivated in their farm using the water from the dug-well.

Sachin, Ankit & Devashish, who are from poor families, can now see their dreams nurtured with care

Livelihoods

Water Resource Management, Chhattisgarh

We partnered with Action for Social Advancement with a goal of providing improved livelihood to poor farmers in Chhattisgarh, to facilitate dug wells to those farmer families who did not have immediate access to water for irrigation. Families of 124 farmers benefitted from the five Lift irrigation schemes (LIS) supported during the year and 48 families benefitted from the 16 dug wells supported. The project in the last two years have benefitted over 314 families through 28 dug wells and 11 LIS.



Nutrition, Education & Psychological Support

Egg DOT Project, Maharashtra

The project in partnership with Ojus Medical Institute (OMI) provided nutritional support to 576 children in 52 tribal villages of Maharashtra, trained 81 health workers to work with Anganwadis to identify severely malnourished children under 6; provide nutritional supplements such as egg, soya milk and ghee. The caregivers were educated on health, nutrition and hygiene practices to prevent children from slipping into severe malnourishment. The project successfully ended this year after five phases delivering over 85% effectiveness.

Counselling Support, Mumbai, Maharashtra

We work with OMI to support the children at David Sassoon Industrial School (DSIS), one of the seven correction homes in Mumbai. Boys between 11 to 18 reach here for a variety of reasons; some are runaways, some orphans, others for committing crimes. Having experienced difficult times at early stages in their lives, the counselling unit at DSIS gives each boy a second chance at life. We supported the boys' personal growth, and provided them with skills and confidence to succeed in life, as well as cultivate a compassion and respect for others through over 235 counselling sessions and workshops, facilitated monthly celebration of birthdays which the boys look forward to most.

After-School Education, Delhi

This year we supported enabling after-school support programme that not only gave the children academic help, but also strived to impart life skills and all-round education. The Foundation partnered with Project Why which reaches out to over 800 children from classes I to XII running multiple primary and secondary school support in four different locations across the slums of Delhi.

Goals for 2016-17

We are excited about the future and plan to grow our work next year in our core themes while continuing some of the existing work. We are also in the process of putting together a long-term strategy which will guide our programmes. The goals for next year are as below:



Eye Care

34,250 people to directly receive the gift of sight in the rural and remote locations of Bihar, Odisha, and Assam



Four girls to continue their Optometry course at AJEH, two new girls to be enrolled



Strengthening of systems at AJEH



Primary Eye Care support to remote areas in Mizoram and Meghalaya



Livelihoods

15 dug wells with vegetable plots created benefitting 45 farmer families in rural Chhattisgarh



Five new lift irrigation schemes installed benefitting 75 farmer families in rural Chhattisgarh



Palliative Care

A minimum of 400 patients receive treatment and counselling support along with their families as part of palliative care project in the outskirts of Delhi



Over 25 doctors and nurses to get trained on palliative care



Education

Over 600 children in Delhi slums to receive after-school care, enabling education and life skills which will enable their future



Birthday celebrations with special meals and cake plus fun activities for all boys at DSIS Mumbai

Financials

The Savitri Foundation Balance Sheet

All figures are in INR

Assets as on 31/03/2016	
Furniture & Fixtures	6,176.00
Advances (TDS on Term Deposits)	634,349.00
Interest Accrued on Bank Term Deposits	1,786,842.00
Cash and Bank Balances	
In Savings Account with Scheduled Bank	2,338,113.38
In Fixed Deposit Account with Axis Bank With the Manager	45,125,000.00
	24,187.00
Total Assets	49,914,667.38

All figures are in INR

Funds and Liabilities as on 31/03/2016	
Corpus Funds	
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	19,446,250.00
General Fund: Income and Expenditure	
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	28,607,933.95
Surplus as per Income & Expenditure A/c	1,860,483.45
Total Assets	49,914,667.38

Date: 23 August 2016

Auditors: NMAH & Associates

The Savitri Foundation Income & Expenditure Statement

All figures are in INR

Income for the year ended on 31/03/2016	
Donations in Cash or Kind	42,038,106.11
Interests	
On Bank Account	495,866.38
On Bank FD Account	3,330,715.00
Income from other sources	13,619.00
Total	45,878,306.49

All figures are in INR

Expenditure for the year ended on 31/03/2016	
Depreciation	9,264.00
Establishment Expenses	895,693.93
Audit Fees	29,023.00
Expenditure on the Objects of the Trust	43,083,842.11
Surplus carried over to Balance sheet	1,860,483.45
Total	45,878,306.49

Trustee: Dr Prakash Mirchandani



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