

# IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

## Equipping vulnerable families with adequate means to provide for their children

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### Project Details

Project Number:	10277
Project title:	Equipping vulnerable families with adequate means to provide for their children
Project duration:	Dec 2019- Feb 2021
Approved Budget:	Rs.105 lakhs
Major Stakeholders:	Children & their caretakers
Location:	Latur, Jaipur and Pune
Implementation Agency:	SOS Children's Villages of India
Assessment Agency:	impactDash

India has more than 30 million orphaned and abandoned children. According to UNICEF, an "orphan" is a child who has lost one or both parents, whereas an abandoned child does not live with either his/her mother or father. Abandoned children could also be defined as those who are not adequately cared for by their families, relatives, friends, or government or social agencies.

SOS Children's Village of India initiated the Family Strengthening Program in this context. The Family Strengthening Programme aims to enhance the capacities of families to achieve economic empowerment. The program combines providing direct essential services with supporting families in attaining economic security. Moreover, the project addresses structural issues such as fragmentation within communities, gender relations, and inadequate focus on child protection, thereby fostering a positive, child-sensitive, and child-friendly environment for child development and reducing child abandonment within the community.

Bajaj Finance Limited has supported SOS's Family Strengthening program in Latur, Pune, and Jaipur through the project "Equipping Vulnerable Families with Adequate Means to Continue Investing in their Children in Three States" from 2019 to 2021. The program has reached out to around 1500 children from 680 families. It has succeeded in improving the economic conditions of these families while promoting the development of children in education, health, and child participation.

## 02 Key Activities

Support caregivers and youth to create sustainable livelihood and employment means for improved family income:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income generational supportive measures and need-based training</li> <li>Creation of self-help groups</li> <li>Organizing SHG exposure visits</li> <li>Provision of SEED money and assistance in micro-enterprises creation</li> </ul>
Access to health and other essential services to improve health and hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensitization of the community on safe hygienic behavior and practices</li> <li>Hemoglobin/ blood checkup camps</li> <li>Training on mental well-being and nutrition, healthy diet, and menstrual health among students</li> <li>Grocery kit distribution during COVID</li> </ul>
Interventions in Education and allied support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of tuition support and exam preparedness activities to children</li> <li>Education material distribution</li> <li>Organization of competitions, science exhibitions, and math Olympiads</li> <li>Virtual Engagement between teachers and children during COVID</li> </ul>
Awareness creation on child rights, child safety, and child participation in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formation of and strengthening of Bal-panchayat functioning.</li> <li>Observance and awareness sessions conducted on important days (National Girl Child's Day, World Cancer Day)</li> <li>Participation of children in E- E-Tarang activities</li> </ul>

## 03 Key Impact

The impact assessment is based on the OECD DAC framework on Development Evaluation, to understand efficiency at the project or organization level using six evaluation criteria – relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability. The study has looked into the impact of the four major areas of intervention of the program among the three locations.

### Academic Improvement

This parameter measures participation in tuition services, the impact of tuition and improvement among children because of the tuition.

#### Latur

**89%**

Children have been supported by SOS with tuition out of this around **95%** have been provided with English, **55%** with Science, and **95%** with Maths.

#### Jaipur

**88%**

Children have been supported by SOS with tuition out of this around **85%** have been provided with English, **75%** with Science, and **67%** with Maths

#### Pune

**93%**

Children have been supported by SOS with tuition out of this all of them have received English and Maths tuition whereas around **98%** have been provided with Science

### Improvement in Income Generation

This parameter measures the improvement in income generation, participation in SHG activities and the impact of training activities.

#### Latur

**100%**

Participants received help income generational support from SOS Children Village. Around 80% of participants are earning more than 8000 as opposed to 8% before the program implementation

#### Jaipur

**96%**

Participants received help income generational support from SOS Children Village. Around 74% of participants are earning more than 8000 as opposed to 32% before the program implementation

#### Pune

**100%**

Participants received help income generational support from SOS Children Village. Around 92% of participants are earning more than 5000 as opposed to 3% before the program implementation

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### Improvement in Health and WASH awareness

This parameter measures participation in health check-up camps, WASH training camps, menstrual health classes, etc along with improvement in behavior and knowledge in these areas.

#### Latur

**89%**

Children participated in WaSH activities. 99% of children who participated in WASH activities have had improvement in awareness whereas 97% of children have started practicing more hygienic practices.

#### Jaipur

**90%**

Children participated in WaSH activities. 96% of these children have had improvement in awareness whereas 94% of children have started practicing more hygienic practices.

#### Pune

**69%**

Children participated in WaSH activities. 96% of children who participated in WASH activities have had improvement in awareness whereas 97% of children have started practicing more hygienic practices.

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### Improvement in Child Participation and Awareness Creation

This parameter measures the participation of participants in Bal panchayats, activities conducted as part of Bal panchayats, and improvement in children's awareness of Child rights, safety and participation.

#### Latur

**90%**

Children participated in Bal panchayats with 36% participating in Bal panchayat once a month, whereas 47% twice a month and 17% more than twice a month.

#### Jaipur

**69%**

Children participated in Bal panchayats with 70% participating in Bal panchayat once a month, whereas 15% twice a month and 15% more than twice a month

#### Pune

**58%**

Children participated in Bal panchayats with 71% participating in Bal panchayat once a month, whereas 29% twice a month.

Overall, there has been a positive influence on children and families, due to the intervention of SOS Children Village. Improvements can be seen among the families and children on all the interventional indicators with major improvement could be seen in the economic and education spheres of the children. Substantial improvement could also be seen in the participation of the children in Bal panchayats participation and in awareness of safe/ unsafe touch, menstrual health, child rights, etc.