

Make meals matter started during the pandemic to cater to the food needs of the underprivileged-Our initiative towards eradicating hunger. We have come together to provide access to healthy, nutritious, vegetarian meals to the needy, educate about other SDGs. We are a team of 6 students from D Y Patil International school, Mumbai.

This year we continued supplying food groceries to the orphanage, Titwala village, Maharashtra and the slums. We started food supplies for 50 underpriveliged families at the Municipal school. Weekly provided 51 cooked meals to the hungry (people and animals) in the streets of Mumbai & outside Tata Cancer hospital. Our efforts provide employment and jobs to many. This is one way we measured our impact.



# © OUR SDGS

QUALITY EDUCATION: We have been reading stories in English to the orphanage children daily for the past 8 months over zoom. This has resulted in better grades in English in school, raised their confidence in themselves and some children can now converse well in English. Moreover, this has created an interest in reading. We donated some books and started library in a box at the orphanage. Seeing their keen interest in reading, we organized a book donation drive in our school and have started a library of 270 books and growing for the orphanage children. We conducted several art and drawing activities, teaching them various art techniques. They did drawings on kites for our local kite festival. And art on T shirts, which we sold at our school art fest as a fundraiser for MMM. We created a Science lab to encourage underprivileged children at municipal school to take up STEM subjects.

 $_{N}$  GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING Providing healthy vegetarian food. Set up bathrooms, toilets, tiling, mesh to prevent rodents, snakes. 100 slum families and 30 orphanage children stayed COVID FREE during the pandemic.

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION: supplying as per the need to ensure zero waste

PARTNERSHIP FOR GOALS Inner Wheel of Mumbai - funded the Science Lab, Drawing activities paradise group builders & developers - funded bathroom , toilets, tiling at orphanage Robin Hood Food Army- distribution of cooked meals at slums



















# **ERADICATED HUNGER**

50 Families in slums (200 people)

30 Orphanage Children 50 Families at Municipal

School (200 People)

## **FUND RAISING & IN KIND**

- Inner Wheel club of Mumbai
- Paradise Group Builders & Developers
- Art Fest in School
- Food Fiesta by Seniors in School
- Private individual sponsors
- Friends & Relatives
- Smitha Singh W/o Police Commissoner of New Mumbai



COVID free healthy children Better grades in **English** 

Conducive environment of well being for children -Bathrooms & toilets

100% attendance from children in **Digital Connect** Reading sessions

# **TEAM WORK TIME: 1570 HOURS**

**Cooked Meals:** 

4700

**Food Groceries:** 

30000 kgs Books: 270

Other supplies: 670

Funds & In Kind Raised: £18120

Direct Impact: 8850 people

**Indirect Impact:** 

1100000 people

**CHEARNING** 

- IWC of Mumbai, sponsoring orphanage with 2-3 years supply of food provisions.
- Sponsors for providing monthly food at municipal school & slums(100 families)
- Daily online English teaching to children at the orphanage- by MMM club & students.
- A live-in cook at the orphanage, to cook 3 meals daily for the children. MMM has raised funds to support the payment for the cook.
- Formation of MMM Club in school for peers and juniors. The club has been in effect since 10 months to encourage students to take action towards SDG#2 Zero Hunger. The club will continue even after we (the core team) graduate, thus maintaining a sustainable chain and increasing impact intensity.
- Robin Hood Food Army to distribute cooked meals.
- Science lab to encourage STEM at Muncipal School.
- Library at the orphanage.

# VALUE LIFE

Life and hardships of underprivileged

INAB

- Value of food and nutrition
- Importance of team work

# **SKILLS ACQUIRED**

Planning & Execution | Public Speaking | Fund Raising Partnership Formations | Digital Communication



**OUR BIGGEST LEARNING:** "Selfless giving is the art of living" It is so reassuring to see people come forward to help, support and uplift others. We experienced this first hand through our MMM project. The SDGs are so intricately woven one into another. As we started looking in zero hunger, education and well being goals followed.

Value and importance of food, the inequality that exists around us. Not to waste food just because we are previleged to always have our plates full. We are full of gratitude to have beyond our needs. This brought in feelings to give back to society. We want to Make each Meal Matter.

Communication It gave us a wider understanding of the world, how people communicate, market, influencers, see different faces of the outside world. We used out-of-the-box thinking to bring the SDGs in our community. Underprivileged children have a keen interest in learning – just like us.

Sustainability is very important socially and for the entire human existence. It's important to hear each other out and this can really change perspectives. we did not raise as much money directly this year. so we appealed to our partnerships and sponsors contribute in kind, as per the needs of the underprivileged. This made it rather stress free and easy for us to achieve much more.

Having continued the project for the 2nd year running, it was a challenge for us to dip into the same pool of contacts for sustained funding. We overcame this by innovatively reaching out to various partners for either commitments in monthly expenditure or contributing in kind like: Paradise Builders built the bathrooms and toilets, tiling. IWC of Mumbai funded and set up the science lab and art supplies. Private sponsors provided school supplies and furniture for the orphanage, factory owner to supply rice, wheat and lentils.

We lacked consistency in posting content on our social media. We figured out convenient schedules that enabled us to meet deadlines and post more often but also helped each member to try out different modes of social media. We were trying to balance and make time in our packed study schedules for MMM. We enhanced our management skills, focused academically and finished schoolwork ahead of time so that we could dedicate fully to MMM.

# **Anandita Patil**

Aarsh Mamania Ananddi Singhania Kiara Ladhani Maahika Kanakia **Associate member:** Harshvardhan Sony **Club Members: 15** 





# **AWARENESS**

Write up on MMM in leading newspapers

Times of India | Maharashtra times | Janam Bhoomi Gujarati

- · School newsletters
- Social Media Awareness thru Instagram, Blogs, Podcasts, YouTube, GSL website
- Survey at school for students & their families to create awareness towards zero hunger.
- Speaking at school about SDGs & encouraging students to join MMM club
- Art Fest Fund raiser
- Donate-a-book drive at school & community

\* CHALLENGES

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