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# Foreword



Dear Friends and Partners,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the strides we have made in enabling children, women and youth to transform their lives through our comprehensive programs in education, health, livelihood and child safeguarding. It is the collective resolve and dedication of our partners and India team that have driven us to achieve meaningful through our work.

In the realm of education, we have witnessed the transformative power of knowledge. We have focused not only on academic excellence but also on creating safe and inclusive learning environments where every child can thrive. The stories of young minds ignited by curiosity and passion for learning are the true testament to the success of our education programs.

Child Safeguarding remains at the heart of our mission. Over the past year, our child safeguarding initiatives have reached new heights, with expanded programs. We have worked on system strengthening and response mechanisms, ensuring that every child has a safe space to grow and develop.

Through our livelihood and entrepreneurship programs, we have provided skills training, resources, and opportunities that have enabled women and young people to become self-reliant and economically independent. The stories of women who have started their own businesses and youth who have found sustainable employment are a powerful reminder that there is immense untapped potential in youth and women of India.

With the growing concern of climate shift and increase in frequency of extreme weather, we have prioritized children's well-being by working to reduce their vulnerability and strengthen their resilience and coping mechanism during disaster emergencies.

This year, we made substantial progress in promoting local ownership by partnering with local Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) that work closely with communities and address local issues. We believe that organizations embedded in these communities have a deeper understanding of their unique challenges, making

the solutions they develop more sustainable and better aligned with people's actual needs. While supporting children, we are also strengthening these organizations by building their technical capacity, enhancing financial management, and establishing efficient systems to help them become self-sustainable and deliver improved services in the coming years. Through a rigorous selection process involving more than a hundred of NGOs, including evaluations and audits, we ultimately on boarded twenty-four partners to collaborate with us.

As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our mission where every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and supportive environment. We are deeply grateful for the support of our donors, government institutions and partners who have walked alongside us on this journey.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our cause. With your continued support, we look forward to another year of progress and great impact.

Warm regards,

**Rajesh Ranjan Singh**

Country Director

ChildFund International in India



# Health

ChildFund International in India's health initiatives focus on mother, children and adolescents. It includes providing adequate nutrition to mother and children, promoting safe motherhood, protection against childhood illnesses, promoting Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) etc.

**10,564** pregnant and lactating mothers received iron rich food and supplements  
**4,289** mothers group formed  
**7,960** benefitted from routine health check-up campaigns



## Mother and Child Health and Nutrition (MACHAN)

ChildFund International in India MACHAN program focuses on "Mother and Child Health and Nutrition". It ensures that mother, infant and young children are healthy, nourished and realize age-appropriate development & wellbeing. This program focuses on identifying and

training women who lead other mothers in their communities. They act as change agents to ensure that the mothers, infants and young children are healthy and well nourished.

**2,778**  
lead mothers identified

## Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (GARIMA)

GARIMA equips adolescents with age-appropriate sexual health knowledge, to encourage them to practice healthy behaviours, form positive relationships, access essential services, and live free from sexual exploitation and abuse.

**4,063** adolescents sensitized through Jigyasa Centres (centres established in communities to provide health services to youth)  
**5,502** adolescents trained on menstrual hygiene management (MHM)



A member of adolescent club conducting awareness session on MHM in her community

## School Water, Sanitation, Hygiene for School Children

The program enhanced community support by providing WASH facilities, gender-separated amenities in schools, strengthening School Management Committees to advocate for WASH, and initiating handwashing campaigns, nutrition supplementation, and life skills education for children.

**56** schools implemented with government 'school health programs'  
**In 42 Schools** Established separate toilets and soak pits boosting girls' attendance during menstrual periods.



## Sustainable Nutrition Education and Health (SNEH)

The project capacitated mothers on breast feeding, complimentary feeding, immunization, hand washing and hygienic food preparation methods by forming mother groups and organizing awareness platforms with their mothers-in-laws and influencing family member in their lives.

**6,691** lactating mothers benefited from the counseling sessions on breastfeeding campaigns  
**3,423** mothers and children benefitted from nutrition gardens



A community health worker sensitising a new mother on breastfeeding best practices

# Education

ChildFund International in India's educational interventions aim to ensure quality education, improve enrolment rates, reduce school dropout rates among children.



## Early and Elementary Education

ChildFund International in India's education initiatives enable children & families, and community members, to access quality early and elementary childhood care and education in.



## Protective, Effective N Context-based Initiation of Learning (PENCIL)

The PENCIL program is a comprehensive education model designed for children and young people between the ages of 3 and 18. It utilizes assessment tools and context-based, multilingual, scientific teaching methods to evaluate skills, develop tailored learning plans, and create conducive learning environments.

**7,502** facilitators trained on scientific and standardised learning modules  
**968** art corners established  
**12,852** children reached through weekly sessions on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

## Early Childhood Care and Education

Early childhood care and education prepares children for primary school by laying a strong foundation for emotional well-being and lifelong learning, thereby promoting holistic development of a child.

**1,132** activity corners established in Anganwadi centres and pre-schools



A student filling in numbers at the math corner of a Child Learning Centre in Odisha.

## Secondary and Higher Education

### STEM Education

ChildFund International in India's STEM Education Program is a comprehensive initiative designed to foster curiosity, creativity, and imagination in young minds. By leveraging innovative approaches, the program aims to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

**5,800** children impacted through STEM education interventions  
**In 12** Schools  
**Upgraded infrastructure** with STEM Labs, Libraries, and Smart Classrooms  
**Trained 188+** school teachers on STEM-related skills



## Udaan Fellowship

The Udaan Fellowship Program is for girls from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds to enable them to transform themselves into empowered and self-reliant individuals. The fellow girls receive financial support, career guidance and counselling in the program to complete their higher education or professional courses.

**385** girls supported with scholarships and trained on 21st-century skills  
**Rs. 15,000** Scholarship received by each fellow

Many girls completed the professional degrees like Management, engineering, law, pharmacy, nursing etc. working with different companies



**Pooja\***, a 24-year-old from Bangalore, considered dropping out of school when she was faced with financial hardships after her father's death. With no one to turn to, she started to look for scholarships. That is when she learned about the Udaan program. The scholarship supported Pooja\* to complete her Bachelors in Urban Planning. Today, she works as a Research Associate for a sustainability-focused company, has built a new family home, and supports her mother. She also extends financial and in-kind assistance to others in her community, whenever possible.

\* name changed

## Dream of Completing School (DOCS)

The DOCS program focuses on improving graduation rates of at-risk students, especially those close to dropping out of school by offering interventions like academic support, counselling, distance learning, and community awareness.

**700** children and youth provided extensive career counselling and guidance  
**300+** children provided financial support to pursue the dream of higher education

# Livelihood

## PACT EEE (Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Empowerment)

ChildFund International in India's comprehensive program PACT EEE (Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Empowerment) catered to the aspirations of adolescents and youth through employability and entrepreneurship skill development and to facilitate their engagement in social development and civic processes.

## Youth Fellowship for Livelihood

Youth Fellowship for Livelihood provided youth groups with a platform to come together, peer learning, update their knowledge, skills and leverage resources for their development. The initiative supported youth in vocational skill development training, higher education and entrepreneurship development. High-performing youth groups were identified and supported financially to take up small livelihood initiatives to address the socio-economic issues affecting their village or communities.



**3,373** youth supported to form and strengthen the youth federation at rural level

*Two youth leaders from Mysore participated in the Peer Learning Exchange program "Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World". They made significant contributions to discussions on enhancing skill development through education, promoting gender equality in sustainability, and increasing youth engagement in eco-friendly practices. The program also spotlighted India's initiatives on green skills.*

## e-Saksham Program

This intervention mainly focused on youth and adolescent girls to provide career guidance, soft and technical skills in remote villages and urban slums across operational areas to pursue employment/self-employment opportunities in market-relevant trades through E-Saksham centres. These centres are equipped with all required facilities for education and skill development, to support the youths for employment through – training, networking and exposure opportunities, career guidance and job placement assistance.

**985** youth participated in the career guidance program

**130** e-Saksham centres established

## Women Entrepreneurship Program

Mothers of children part of ChildFund International in India were supported under this Women Entrepreneurship Program. During the program, mothers received entrepreneurship development training, financial literacy programme and seed capital support to establish micro enterprises.

**314** mothers received start up fund to start their own business



Women entrepreneurs participating in a group session during training

## Sustainable Livelihood Development Program

Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Program focuses on youth and women to enhance their employability skills, sustainable employability opportunities and entrepreneurship. These interventions aim to improve the participants' socio-economic status, enhance entrepreneurial skills, and their contributions to community development. Micro-enterprises in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry- goaty, poultry farming, dairy farming, small trade enterprises including tailoring, cosmetology, handicrafts, petty shops etc. are the major areas of support.

**930** women joined as members of women entrepreneur groups



# Child Safeguarding

Child safeguarding is the core program of ChildFund International in India working towards ensuring that all children live in protective and enabling environment, free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence.

## Ending Violence Against Children

The initiative focused on ending violence and abuse of children ensuring a deserving childhood, safeguarding them from the detrimental effects of child marriage and child labour.



- 9,881** community members participated in the children and youth led campaign on stopping child marriage, child labor and child trafficking
- 1,469** parents and care givers participated in the training programs on positive parenting
- 1,069** children groups sensitized on taking action on incidences of violence in families and communities



Young children performing a skit on child marriage during a community awareness program in Rajasthan.

## Community Based Child Protection

Community is the foundation and creates the most vital environment for ensuring a safer and thriving environment for children. Therefore, ChildFund International in India gives significant emphasis on community engagement and strengthening to support children's growth.

**938** community members participated in the community based child protection mapping assessment



# Disaster Risk Management

## Child Centred Disaster Risk Reduction

Children are the most vulnerable group during disasters hindering their progress in child welfare and development initiatives. ChildFund International in India prioritizes children's well-being by working to reduce their vulnerability and strengthening their resilience. Key strategies include establishing safe schools, implementing child-centred emergency planning, and offering psychological support.

The program also focused on assessing the risks in the community and schools both structural & non-structural. Based on the findings, children were prepared through hands on trainings and mock drills at the school and community level. Integrated Child Development Services Centres and schools were prepared and resourced for disaster risk management.

**700+**

children, teachers, mothers' group, Integrated Child Development Services workers participated in the risk assessment preparedness

**370+**

children and youth trained on task Force techniques like search & rescue, first aid, early warning etc

**200+**

school management committee members and teachers involved in integration of school safety plan into school development



First Aid training on disaster response

# Climate Change Adaptation

The targeted communities for Climate Change Adaptation have made a significant progress in building resilience, enhancing their productivity and reducing emissions, all of which is contributing to the adoption of sustainable, climate resilient practices. They are now better informed about impacts of climate change and are better equipped to respond effectively and in protecting their livelihoods and the environment.

**900**

children, youth, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) representatives sensitized on climate change



ChildFund International in India represented at G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting under India's G20 Presidency

# Financial Statement

ChildFund International USA - India Office  
Balance sheet as at 31st March 2024

|                                                     |       | (Amount in Thousands) |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                                                     | Notes | 31 March 2024         | 31 March 2023  |
| <b>I. EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>                    |       |                       |                |
| <b>(1) Shareholder's Funds</b>                      |       |                       |                |
| Head Office Fund                                    | 3     | 31,756                | 30,135         |
| <b>(2) Non-Current Liabilities</b>                  |       |                       |                |
| Long term borrowings                                |       |                       |                |
| Deferred Tax Liability (Net)                        |       |                       |                |
| Long term provisions                                |       |                       |                |
| <b>(3) Current Liabilities</b>                      |       |                       |                |
| Unspent Fund                                        | 4     | -                     | 74,901         |
| Other Current liabilities                           | 5     | 2,216                 | 3,325          |
| Other Provisions                                    | 6     | 473                   | 6,111          |
|                                                     |       | <b>34,444</b>         | <b>114,471</b> |
| <b>II. Assets</b>                                   |       |                       |                |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                           |       |                       |                |
| Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets | 7     | 7,019                 | 9,876          |
|                                                     |       | <b>7,019</b>          | <b>9,876</b>   |
| <b>Current assets</b>                               |       |                       |                |
| Cash and cash equivalents                           | 8     | 13,567                | 89,192         |
| Other current assets                                | 9     | 13,858                | 15,103         |
|                                                     |       | <b>27,425</b>         | <b>104,595</b> |
| Summary of significant accounting policies          | 2.1   | <b>34,444</b>         | <b>114,471</b> |

The accompanying notes are integral part of the financial statements

As per our attached report of even date

For Ajay K Sud & Associates

FRN: 03939N

Chartered Accountants



(Rajesh Ranjan Singh)

Partner

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Place: New Delhi

Date: 17 SEP 2024

For ChildFund International USA - India Office



Rajesh Ranjan Singh

Country Director



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Statement of Income and Expenditure account year ended March 31, 2024

|                                                                                                 |       | (Amount in Thousands) |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                                                                                                 | Notes | 31 March 2024         | 31 March 2023  |
| <b>Revenue from operations:</b>                                                                 |       |                       |                |
| FC Fund Received                                                                                | 10    | 53,785                | 76,860         |
| Grants Received for Projects                                                                    |       | -                     | 226,814        |
| <b>Other income</b>                                                                             |       |                       |                |
| Expenses paid by International Office                                                           |       | 183                   | 5,654          |
| Miscellaneous Income                                                                            |       | -                     | 75             |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                                                             |       | <b>53,968</b>         | <b>309,404</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                                                                                |       |                       |                |
| Grants expenses for Projects                                                                    |       | 74,901                | 200,296        |
| Personnel expenses                                                                              | 11    | 34,654                | 48,509         |
| Project related expenditure                                                                     | 12    | 14,393                | 8,714          |
| Other/ Incidental project expenses                                                              | 13    | 9,347                 | 12,017         |
| Depreciation and amortization expense                                                           | 7     | 3,064                 | 4,083          |
| Assets Written Off                                                                              |       | 47                    | 192            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                                                           |       | <b>136,406</b>        | <b>273,811</b> |
| <b>Surplus</b>                                                                                  |       | <b>(82,438)</b>       | <b>35,593</b>  |
| <b>Less: Unutilised Restricted Funds (Net) transferred to Balance Sheet:</b>                    |       |                       |                |
| Grants expenses for Projects                                                                    |       | (74,901)              | 26,518         |
| Tax expense:                                                                                    |       |                       |                |
| Current tax expenses for current year                                                           |       | -                     | -              |
| Current tax expenses for Previous year                                                          |       | -                     | -              |
| <b>Excess of (Expenditure over Income)/ Income over Expenditure transferred to working fund</b> |       | <b>(7,538)</b>        | <b>9,075</b>   |

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# Highlights



*21st century life skills training of Udaan scholars in Uttar Pradesh.*



*Youth enrolled in a Graphic Design Course at an E-Saksham Centre – an employment training centre for youth in Pune, Maharashtra.*



*Neighbourhood class session in Maharashtra.*



*Community Awareness on nutrition during Nutrition week in Odisha.*



*Youth trained at E-Saksham centres helping women in their communities by linking them with govt. schemes.*



*Training of mentor mothers on nutrition, health and education in Tamil Nadu.*



*Financial literacy training for young girls under the Livelihood program in Rajasthan.*