



**INTER-MISSION CARE AND  
REHABILITATION SOCIETY**



# **Annual Report**

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# Our belief:

IMCARES believes that every human being is made in the image of the living God. And God is most honoured when those who worship Him take care of the sick, offer friendship to the lonely, feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, clothe the naked, comfort the distressed and be a family for the homeless and orphans.

# Our strategy

**SEEK** - We go looking for those who are trapped and voiceless in pain, sorrow, trauma and left lonely to live a undignified existence and even to die.

**PROCLAIM** - We proclaim that every human being has a right to live a dignified life. We facilitate, organise and leverage resources in order that those that we serve experience hope.

**ACT** - We believe in action. We practically reach out to people in need at their point and time of need. This includes dressing wounds, taking the sick to hospitals, feeding the hungry, being a family for life for the homeless and those who were orphaned.

# Our activities

**Agape Sparsh:** Reaching out to the sick and wounded homeless poor on the streets of Mumbai with practical care and a message of hope and a dignified life.

**Medical:** Reaching with medical support and care to an extremely marginalised through regular Medical Clinics and Medical Camps.

**Project Ankur:** Reaching out to children living with disabilities and life-threatening medical conditions who are often hidden from the main-stream society. To offer counselling, therapy and facilitate access to available resources.

**Agape Day Care Centre:** Reaching out to undernourished and poverty-stricken children living in slums of Mahim (Dharavi), with nutrition, medical care and pre-school education.

**Agape Village:** Providing a family care to children rescued from vulnerable situations. The Agape Village provides a safe shelter, education in the village school, food & nutrition and overall development of the child.

# **Our achievements**

## **Total beneficiaries: 5558**

***(Direct 5218 + Indirect: 340)***

**Agape Sparsh: 2687**

**Pavement Ministry: 504**

**Male: 294, F: 210**

**HIV: 64, TB:74, Dressing Wounds: 12**

**Hospitalization: 11, Food: 58**

**Counselling: 181, Hospital Visits: 16**

**Agape Sanjeevani Kendra: 575**

***Drop-in-centre for the homeless***

**Food: 575, Dry Rations: 57, Rest: 104**

**Weekly Medical Clinics: 436**

**Clinics: 48, Male: 281, Female: 158: 5**

**Medical Camps: 1712**

**Camps: 23, Male: 1166, Female: 546,**

**Children: 577**

**Agape Day Care Centre: 73**

**(Direct 65, Indirect 195)**

**Male: 34 Female: 39**

**Disabilities: 39, HIV: 14, Died: 4**

**Project Ankur: 57**

***(Direct 57, Indirect 170)***

**Male: 17 Female: 40**

**HIV: 14, Other disabilities:39, Died 4.**

**Agape Village: 18**

***(Direct 18, Indirect )***

**Male: 9 Female: 9**

# Testimonial

**PINKY** - During one of their searches in the slum at Mahim (Dharavi), IMCARES staff came across a little 5 years old, Pinky (name changed). She was unable to walk and lay on the floor for the last 4 years. The parents told the staff that Pinky fell down on her head when she was just 1 year old and since then she has been bedridden. The parents took her to several hospitals but unable to bear the cost of the treatment, they discontinued her medication. Pinky's parents are casual labourers and would leave her unattended for over 8-10 hours a day in search of jobs. The family lives in abject poverty. A flicker of hope was seen when IMCARES staff began to interact with this family. They counselled the parents and offered to stand-in-the gap so that Pinky can be treated. IMCARES got Pinky connected to various Govt. hospitals and the treatment started. They also got her enrolled in the IMCARES Day Care Centre in the vicinity where she learnt to interact normally with the other children. Soon Pinky began to show signs of healing. With regular physiotherapy and a walker she began to walk too. Once she began to walk and see hope around she even began to talk and interact with the other children at the Day Care Centre. Both the parents receive regular counselling from IMCARES staff as well as support towards Pinky's disability. Once Pinky was hidden and lost due to her disability, but now through the work of IMCARES, she has begun to show that she is indeed differently-abled!

**HARISH** - During one community visit IMCARES found 4 years old Vihan sitting alone in a corner his small slum house. Vihan's father is unemployed and an alcoholic and his mother works as a housemaid barely earning Rs.3,500/- per month. Vihan's father is also a very violent man and often beats his wife-up in his presence. This had traumatized Vihan so much that he did not speak much and whenever he did, he stammered. His mother kept him secluded in the house fearing for his safety. IMCARES staff encouraged the mother to admit Vihan to the Day Care Centre. It's been one year since Vihan has been attending or Day Care Centre. Through love and counselling he has now started to speak and his stammering has also stopped. Because of IMCARES counselling there has also been a healing in the relationship of his parents. His father has found a casual job and has given up alcohol. There is an overall positive holistic change not only in Vihan but also the whole family because of IMCARES Day Care Centre.

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**JAGDISH** - During one of their daily pavement rounds on a foot-over bridge one of our staff could feel the stench of rotting flesh. They soon found Jagdish, around 45 years of age lying in a corner and his leg leg covered with many plastic sheets. He was lying extreme pain in his own excreta and the stink was unbearable. The staff went close to him and introduced themselves and offered help. IMCARES staff carefully picked him up and brought him down from the foot-over bridge. They opened the plastic sheets carefully only to reveal that his wounds were oozing with maggots. People passing by stopped to see the spectacle while IMCARES staff passionately began to clean his wounds. The maggots had already eaten away his toe and one other finger. The pain was unbearable for him. After cleaning his wounds, IMCARES staff bandaged him. They also gave him a cup of tea. They also referred him to the nearest Govt. hospital for further treatment.

**NEELIMA** - She was just 2 months old when her 16 years old mother who herself was trapped in prostitution wanted to give her away. IMCARES staff brought her home to their Agape Village. We called her Neelima, the queen. Today, 15 years later Neelima is now a very happy girl and studying in 9th standard in school. She is learning to cope with her traumatic past and experience of rejection right from her mother's womb. IMCARES will continue to be her family for life. Neelima loves to go to school, cooking and doing daily chores in the house. Indeed she is a queen in the Agape Village.

## **Other activities:**

- **11th April- Strategic meeting with staff & beneficiaries led by Valerie Bowels (UK)**
- **CORINTH Network meetings: 2 nos**
- **Polio Vaccination camp with Govt. agency.**
- **Cleanliness drive at Rey Road slums.**
- **Christmas Dinner**
- **Christmas Programmes in all projects.**
- **Volunteers Miriam Mendl & Katarina Haas - Occupational & Physiotherapist respectively, for two months(February-March 2019).**
- **Staff Training for Ankut Staff conducted by Miriam Mendl, Katharina Haas, Nancy Rachel & Christine Burg.**
- **Annual Staff Retreat 2nd January to 4th January 2019.**
- **Promotional trip to Germany & UK by the CEO.**
- **Visits by SeekAndCare Board Members and volunteers.**
- **Visit by OPC-Ireland team led by Stephen Douglas.**
- **Visit by Indian sponsors Staneley & Rhoda.**
- **Visit by Valerie Bowels- UK.**

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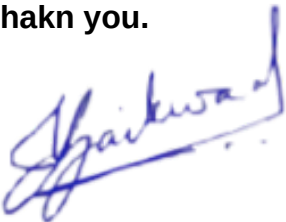
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Thakn you.



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