



YUVA Urban Initiatives

2023-2024 YUVA URBAN INITIATIVES ANNUAL REPORT





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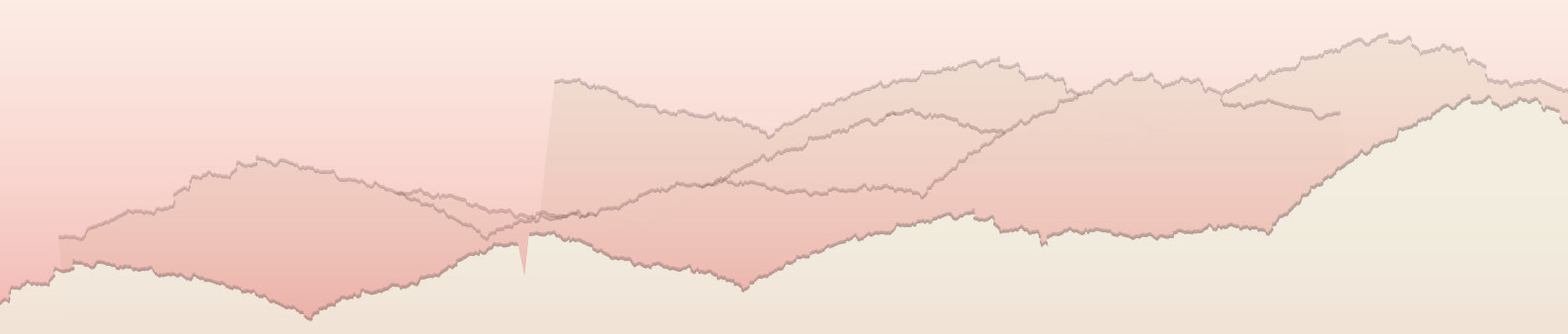
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About Us

YUVA Urban Initiatives

Set up in 2007 in Mumbai, India, YUVA Urban Initiatives aims to address the growing challenges and inequalities arising out of rapid urbanisation. Given the rise in informal settlements (bastis) in cities, coupled with inadequate living conditions, lack of livelihood opportunities, limited awareness of and access to healthcare, YUVA Urban Initiatives adopts an integrated approach to drive change in every aspect.

YUVA Urban Initiatives is a Section 8 Company. It draws inspiration from and is nurtured by the non-profit Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA).

Mission and Objectives

YUVA Urban Initiatives has two key missions:

1. Creating cities that are just, **Equitable** and **Sustainable**
2. Making cities better place for the poor by enabling **Access to Human Rights**



In particular, YUVA Urban Initiatives aims to uphold the rights of the most vulnerable groups in large cities. Rooted in our belief in empowerment, we seek to build the capacities of urban poor communities to address issues related to the quality of their living conditions and livelihoods. With access to healthcare services still highly inequitable, we endeavour to enable access to aid and medical facilities for the urban poor.

Focus Areas

Tackling Vulnerabilities

The urban poor endure harsh and unjust living conditions in cities where they migrate for work and a better life. Yet, their needs are often unheard and they remain misrepresented on many mainstream forums. Our work focuses on developing people's agency by empowering them and encouraging their active participation in decision making. We help develop people's rights awareness and encourage the formation of local collectives, which can help people take forward their demands in their own voices.

By helping address issues of insecurity and vulnerability stemming from inadequate and insecure housing (experienced by about 40 per cent of the city's population) and informality of livelihoods (experienced by nearly 90 per cent of the city's working population), we aim to support the urban poor to claim their rightful place in the city. We also focus on children and youth empowerment, as their conscientisation and development is critical to drive change in society.

YUVA Urban Initiatives is committed to the realisation of Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 11—Sustainable Cities and Communities. The organisation aims to empower people and develop their engagement in city-building efforts with ownership.

Strategic Support

With our decades long experience of working on urban issues, we frequently take up consulting assignments, offering strategic support to other organisations in the sector.

In the past, we have supported Child Rights and You (CRY), a non-profit based in Mumbai, to develop their urban child rights programming strategy. Along with a team of consultants, we have also conducted strategy review and development on a UNICEF project for children in urban Bhopal.



Interventions

Child Protection and Rights

Impact in Numbers

239

INTERVENTION CASES

209

AWARENESS PROGRAMS

19

MEETINGS ATTENDED

36

OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS

1363

CALLS/CASES HANDLED

Ensuring Child Rescue and Rehabilitation: Rapid Response for Children in Need

Since 2008–09, YUVA Urban Initiatives has partnered with Childline India Foundation to operate a 24/7 toll-free helpline (1098) for children in distress. Our teams, operating from City Childline, Dadar Railway Childline, and Navi Mumbai Childline, respond to emergency calls involving protection from abuse, neglect, or exploitation, providing shelter, medical help, emotional support, and addressing missing children's complaints.

Holistic Development of Children

While child rescue and rehabilitation are our core focus areas, we also work towards the holistic development of children. In partnership with Railway Children India, we strengthened child protection in three informal settlements near Dadar Railway Station.

Through community activity centres, we provided non-formal education, life skills sessions, and fun activities. We also offer counselling for children and parents on the importance of education. Despite challenges like forced evictions and lack of fixed spaces, children have resumed regular schooling, and we've formed five children's groups to educate them about their rights.

Collaboration with Government and Civil Society Organisations

In 2023, we enhanced our collaboration with government authorities and civil society organizations to improve child protection. Highlights include the active involvement of the Child Help Group at Dadar Railway Station, regular discussions with the District Women and Child Development Commission, and increased case referrals and partnerships for broader coverage of child protection and welfare.

Training and Workshops for the Team

Our team improved their skills through training on laws related to child labour, trafficking, begging, sexual abuse, and children in need of care and protection. We also conducted workshops on the Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO Act, and child rights violations for stakeholders, including systems authorities, community-based organisations, children, and parents.

Awareness Campaigns and Creative Activities

We built awareness on Childline through open house programs and campaigns like Childline se dosti, distributing pamphlets, conducting sessions on child rights and the 1098 helpline, and organising creative plays. Our Dadar Railway Childline team participated in a survey to identify children living on railway platforms and moved them to safe shelters. We also held focused group discussions with street children in Mumbai to understand their living conditions and needs.

Navi Mumbai Childline Initiatives

Navi Mumbai Childline, as part of the Thane District Taskforce, continues to address rising child vulnerabilities post-COVID-19. Over the past year, we have advocated against child begging, labour, and rehabilitation issues while facilitating access to schemes like Bal Sangopan Yojana. To support early childhood care, we pushed for anganwadis in Tatanagar and Turbhe Quarry, linking children to nearby centres due to space constraints. We continue to support their advocacy efforts and have provided scholarships to 25 children from financially struggling families to help them resume their education.

Case Studies Rescuing and Supporting Children in Distress

Ensuring the safety and well-being of children is of utmost importance. Our team at Childline is dedicated to responding promptly to distress calls, rescuing children from abusive situations, and providing them with the care and support they need. Below are two impactful case stories that highlight our efforts.

Rescuing a Young Girl from Abuse



On 12 July 2023, during an outreach program, a Childline member received information about a 9-year-old girl who was being physically abused by her father and grandmother. The young girl was also burdened with all the household chores. Concerned for her safety, the Childline member immediately alerted the Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

Following the CWC's order, Navi Mumbai Childline, with the help of local police, quickly intervened. They rescued the girl and brought her before the Committee. To ensure her immediate safety, she was placed in a Child Care Institute. The team then contacted her mother in Karnataka. After thorough verification of all details, the girl was safely reunited with her mother, providing her with a loving and secure environment.



Providing Counselling to a Harassed Boy

On 03 August 2023, Childline received a call from CCC 1098 about a distressing email from a 12-year-old boy. The boy wrote that he was being harassed by his parents. Without delay, the Childline team, along with local police, visited the provided address. Upon speaking with the child, they learned that he had been physically abused by his parents.

Recognizing the need for emotional support, the team provided counselling to the boy over several sessions. During these sessions, the boy opened up about his struggles with anger. The Childline team guided him on effective anger management techniques. Simultaneously, they engaged with his parents, stressing the importance of better communication and spending quality time with their son.

Over time, the boy reported positive changes in his relationship with his parents. He expressed that his parents were now treating him well and requested the closure of his case. The parents, grateful for the intervention and support, thanked Childline for their invaluable assistance.

These case stories exemplify our unwavering commitment to protecting and supporting children in distress. Through timely interventions, counselling, and collaboration with authorities, we strive to create a safer and nurturing environment for every child.

ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

Board of Directors

Director, Chairperson

Helen Anthappa Joseph

Director

Nisreen Zafar Ebrahim

Director






Lata Narayan

Director

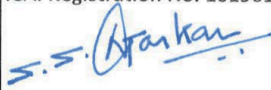

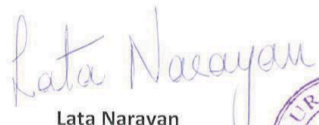


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Financial Information

YUVA URBAN INITIATIVES CIN: U85310MH2007NPL296526 BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024			
Particulars	Note No	As at 31st March 2024	As at 31st March 2023
I. EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
(1) Shareholder's Funds			
(a) Share Capital	3	1,00,000	1,00,000
(b) Reserves and Surplus	4	23,57,233	27,95,449
(2) Non-Current Liabilities			
(b) Other Long term liabilities	5	-	-
(3) Current Liabilities			
(a) Other current liabilities	6	32,380	1,24,653
(b) Earmarked Funds	7	-	-
Total		24,89,612	30,20,102
II. Assets			
(1) Non-current assets			
(a) Property, Plant & Equipments (i) Tangible assets	8	114	114
(2) Current assets			
(a) Cash and Bank balances	9	11,84,159	12,62,206
(b) Short-term loans and advances	10	75,122	1,78,496
(c) Other Current Assets	11	1,10,885	1,02,200
(d) Child Line Project Receivables	7	11,19,331	14,77,084
Total		24,89,612	30,20,102
Significant accounting policies 2			
The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.			
AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE FOR C N K & Associates LLP Chartered Accountants ICAI Registration No. 101961 W/W-100036  Suresh Agaskar Partner Membership No: 110321  Place : Mumbai Date: 28 SEP 2024		FOR AND ON THE BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YUVA URBAN INITIATIVES  Lata Narayan Director DIN: 01037356  Place : Mumbai Date: 28 SEP 2024	
		 Helen Joseph Director DIN: 00394309 Place : Mumbai Date:	

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YUVA URBAN INITIATIVES CIN: U85310MH2007NPL296526 STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2024			
Particulars	Note No	For the year ended March 31, 2024	For the year ended March 31, 2023
Income:			
Donations & Community Contributions	12	2,36,818	32,19,315
Other Income	13	22,077	21,205
		2,58,895	32,40,520
Expenses:			
Other expenses	14	6,53,424	15,78,515
		6,53,424	15,78,515
Surplus/(Deficit) before tax		(3,94,529)	16,62,005
Tax expense:			
Current tax		-	-
Short/(Excess) Provision for Tax Written Off		43,687	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		(4,38,216)	16,62,005
Significant accounting policies		2	
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SAFEGUARDING THE WORKPLACE

YUVA Urban Initiative's Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Committee is guided by the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. While the Act specifically addresses women, YUVA extends the scope of its policy to include all individuals across genders engaged with the organisation, including employees, volunteers, interns, and consultants.

The Internal Committee (IC) has been constituted in accordance with prescribed norms and includes an external member with legal expertise. Throughout the year, training and awareness sessions are conducted to strengthen understanding, foster a safe and supportive work environment, and proactively prevent instances of sexual harassment.

Presenting the IC 2024–25 report:

0 complaints of sexual harassment received over the year

0 complaints disposed off during the year

0 cases pending for more than 90 days

1 workshop/awareness programme conducted for IC members and employees each

No action needed to be taken by the IC and the management





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