



MUMBAI
MOBILE CRECHES
FUTURES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

THEY **BUILD THE HOMES** FOR A GROWING AND PROSPERING NATION, BUT THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES REMAIN **DEPRIVED, FACELESS AND MARGINALIZED.** THE HUSBAND AND WIFE BOTH WORK, SO EVEN VERY YOUNG CHILDREN ARE EITHER LEFT IN THE CARE OF SIBLINGS, WHO THEMSELVES ARE CHILDREN NEEDING TO BE NURTURED, OR HAVE TO **FEND FOR THEMSELVES** AMIDST THE HAZARDS OF CONSTRUCTION SITES. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BY 2035, MORE THAN HALF OF INDIA WILL BE URBANIZED, BUT EVEN TODAY, **MORE THAN TEN MILLION CHILDREN ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.**

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is comprehensive; our objective is simple: to ensure that children living on construction sites are safe, healthy, well-nourished and educated. We believe that focusing on the needs of the young child helps build the foundations of a healthy, well developed and respected society.

“At Mumbai Mobile Creches, we pursue a vision in which all children can have a happy and nurturing childhood.”

Vrishali Pispati
CEO, Mumbai Mobile Creches

OUR HISTORY

In 1969, on a construction site in Delhi, Meera Mahadevan picked up and soothed a wailing infant. From that impulsive act, Mobile Crèches was born.

After it was established in Delhi the organisation branched out to Mumbai and Pune, reaching over half a million children. In the last forty years, we have worked on hundreds of construction sites, and developed a model programme that can be replicated anywhere.

Thousands of local women have benefitted from our training programme since its inception, many now helping us to provide day care for children all over Mumbai.

Since 2006, Mumbai Mobile Creches has been registered as an independent identity, outside Delhi Mobile Creches. Today, we operate 30 centres throughout the city with over 80 full-time teachers. We reach 4,500 children every year. Each of the children we care for is nurtured and supported so that they can grow up healthy and happy.





WHAT DO OUR CENTRES OFFER?

- Every centre has a creche for children under three, a balwadi for three to five year olds, and after school support classes for children ages six to fourteen.
- A nutritious lunch and snacks are served daily, and doctors visit each centre weekly to monitor the children's growth and treat those that are sick.
- We help older children to get into local schools, provide scholarships, and offer supplemental programming so that they stay in school.
- All children are taken for regular field visits and outings.

WHY MOBILE?

Construction labourers go wherever their work takes them, and live in shanties on building sites. We open a day care centre if there are at least 25 children at any site. When the construction work is finished, the workers and their families move to another site, and so do we.



“THERE IS SO MUCH LOVE
HERE. WHAT WE ARE
DOING IS CREATING A
FUTURE FOR CHILDREN.”

- Shubhangi Yeram

One of MMC's longest serving teachers, reflects on her 28 years of working with children at our centres

INCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Mumbai Mobile Creches works closely with:

Parents: To enroll them in our teacher training programme to become certified care-givers and have monthly meetings that address their concerns and problems.

Government: To provide health, education and other services to our children and to design and promote supportive policies.

Builders: To help us build the centres and create “child-friendly” sites.

Educational Institutions: To facilitate “Child to Child” exchanges with schools and to hold workshops for colleges, universities and NGOs.

Civil Society: To educate citizens’ groups on the problems of construction labourers and promote children’s rights through networks, campaigns and coalitions.

Corporations: To aid centres, provide volunteers and run in the Mumbai marathon.



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Rs. 3000

covers a child's nutrition expenses for the year

Rs. 6000

supports a local excursion for 30 children from construction sites or slums

Rs. 18000

pays for a child's care, health, education and nutrition expenses for a year

Rs. 30000

pays for a year's training that enables a local woman to become a pre-school teacher

You can support us by sponsoring a centre, a trip, or just one child.

Please address cheques to "Mumbai Mobile Creches"
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HELP US GIVE CHILDREN
A CHANCE AT A FUTURE.





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