



## **Progress Report**

**Name of the Project:** Prevent school drop out of children in and discharged from Children's and Observation homes

**Project Period:** Ongoing

**Reporting Period:** 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

**Project Goal: Project Objectives:**

- Remedial Education

**Activities & Achievements:** Children in observation homes are one of the most marginalized populations in Mumbai.

Sahaara believes that every person has a dream and our work centers around ensuring that marginalized persons are able to articulate and work towards achieving their dream. Children in observation homes are one of the most marginalized populations in Mumbai.

The children who live in these Homes come from different states of India and are educated in a Marathi medium school run by the Home. The language difference makes it difficult for them to learn. Remedial education helps in coaching the children in the Marathi language as well as their school subjects thereby helping them understand what they are learning and maintaining their interest to continue education once discharged from the Home.

Our Staff have been conducting an After School Remedial class at the Chembur Children's Home for several years. Many of the children have traumatic pasts and are faring badly in School. Unable to cope with the Grade Level Requirements, they are falling seriously behind in academics. Consequently, it was observed that many children from Grade 3 – 5 had struggle in reading letters in the Marathi alphabet and even counting till 20.

Thus, with the support and permissions of the Home & the School authorities in 2017, we decided to launch a three stage Remedial Program for catering to the educational need of the children.

This program involves diagnostic testing in the initial stages, after which the child is introduced to an appropriate curriculum which is designed around his needs. Innovative methods are used to help the child to learn and succeed. After we had run this course we were able to see improvement in the academics of the child thus building confidence in them to flourish in their studies.

**During the period October to December 2019, 95 children were provided with remedial education.**

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### **Ray of Hope...**

Payal\* lives in a high-risk locality of Ghatkopar red light area in Mumbai, housing numerous brothels. Her parents have never been to school and their financial condition is very unstable. Her parents are daily wage workers and find it difficult to make ends meet. Payal\* is regularly exposed to Police raids, and riots. Being a girl, she is at a high risk of being gulped into Human trafficking. She was a weak and feeble child. Academically she was very poor and had difficulty with even the basics of her preschool syllabus.

Sahaara runs an education Centre for vulnerable children in the Ghatkopar red light area in order to impart remedial education, life skills and higher education opportunities and nutrition to children who otherwise would lack the same. Payal\* joined our education Centre 2 years ago. Academically she required a lot of special attention. With regular counselling and nurturing she has progressed very well. Her academic performance is evolving successfully.

Payal\* likes to be punctual to all the classes, she likes to spend time in the education center and enjoys playing with educational aids. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

\*Name Changed to protect identity

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