

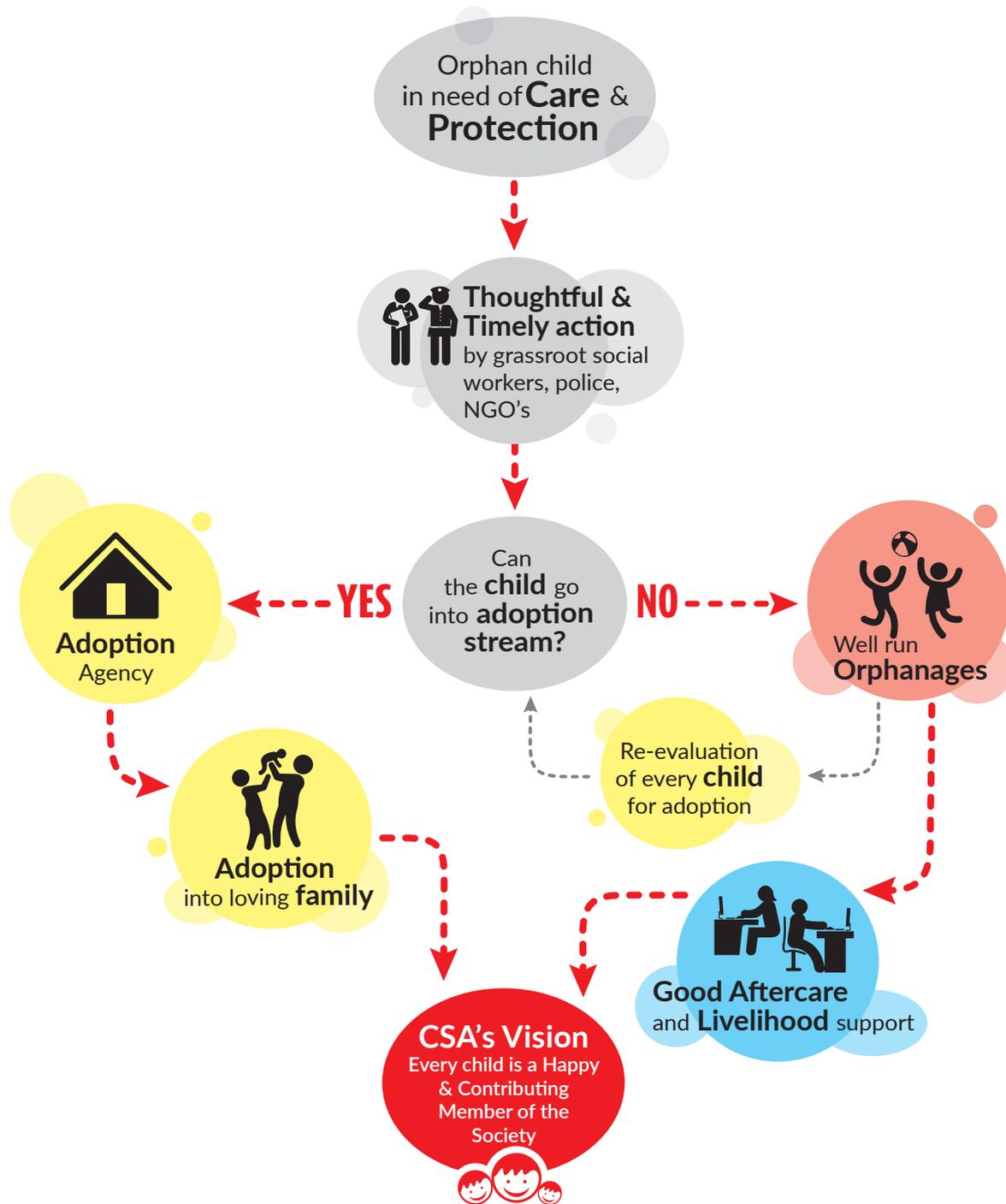


**CSA** Catalysts  
for Social  
Action

*A family for every child*

Ensuring a bright  
future for every  
orphan **CHILD**

# CSA's Vision



India is home to approximately 20 million Orphan children, i.e. the highest in the world. Most of these children struggle to survive and very often end up being trafficked or pushed into illegal works. Less than 3% end up in adoption agencies or orphanages. CSA believes every child who has reached an institution should be nurtured till he/she grows to be a happy and contributing member of society. Further, if we take good care of at least these children, who are within “the system”, we will offer hope to those that are outside the system.

We believe that adoption is the best form of child rehabilitation and every eligible child, should be given the opportunity to have a loving and caring family. Where adoption is not possible, the child should be brought-up

in a well-run orphanages with “family like care”. After the child turns 18 years of age, the aftercare support must continue till he/she is capable of decent livelihood and independent living. This way, we can and must make a life altering difference to the children and by doing so, stop the cycle of poverty and deprivation for them.

This “virtuous” cycle requires all the stakeholders involved to work effectively. CSA has chosen to play the role of a “catalyst” in this process, with the objective of filling gaps, helping streamline processes, and strengthen institutions. We do not run an Adoption Agency or Orphanage ourselves, but work with 60+ existing institutions across four states to raise their standards and outcomes.

# Our Areas of Work



## Work with Orphanages

- Improve Child care outcomes in orphanages
- Build sustainable orphanage capacity and capability



## Aftercare and Livelihood

- Empower every child to a decent livelihood and independent living



## Adoption

- Give every eligible child an opportunity for adoption
- Improve the adoption ecosystem



## Advocacy and working with Government

Partner with government to improve policies and streamline processes



We are one of the few NGO's focused on children in institutional care with goal of creating scalable impact in a cost effective and sustainable manner. Our areas of work cover the major areas of weakness in the entire ecosystem spanning Orphanages, Aftercare and Adoption. We also believe in working along with government to improve policies and their implementation and advocacy based on data and research.

Within these areas, we have identified the gaps and work with existing institutions and stakeholders to fill these gaps and strengthen the systems and processes. We do on

the ground actions that deliver results – more adoptions, happier children, better developmental outcomes, placement into decent jobs etc. These results are real and the difference to the lives of children are clear and heartwarming. At the same time we focus on sustainability, by implementing best practices and processes and transferring knowledge to our partner institutions.

We believe in documenting our work and measuring impact at every stage. We are constantly looking for improvements in our programs to make them more efficient, impactful and scalable.

CSA works with **60+ orphanages** across four states – Maharashtra, Goa, Odisha & MP

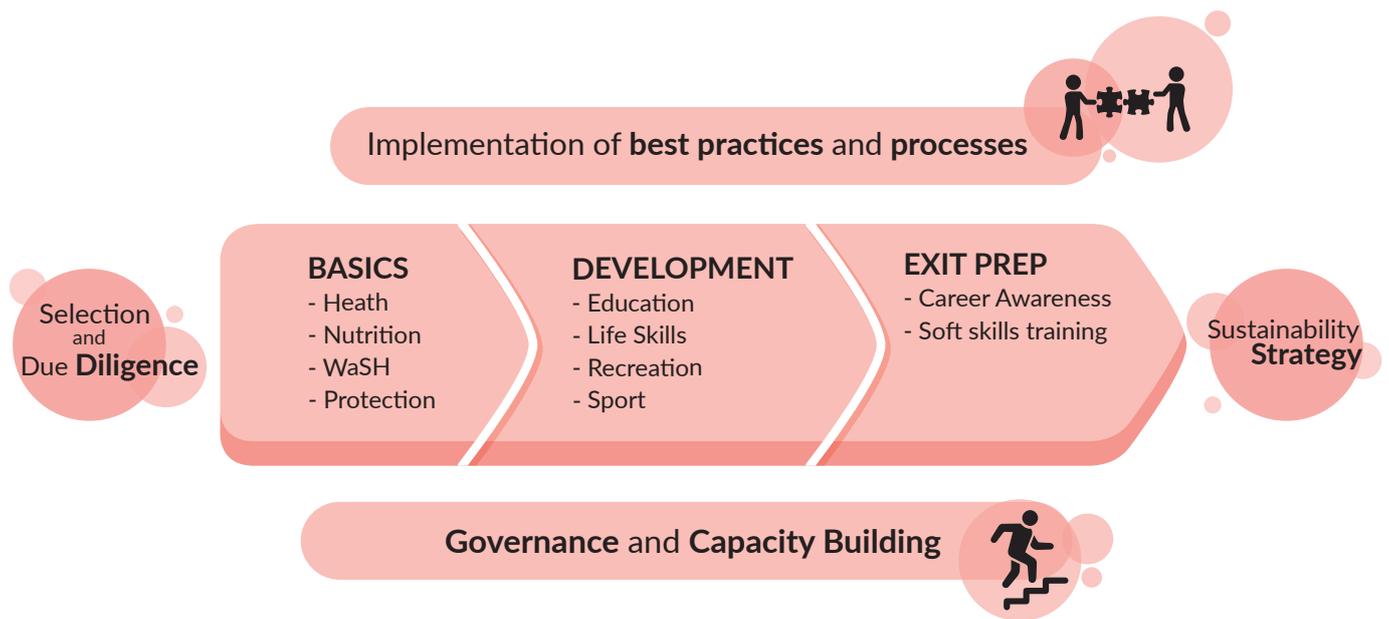
CSA's work impacts **3200+ children** across all the orphanages

CSA has **19 permanent staff** across various locations

CSA spent **Rs 251 lakhs** on Programs in FY 15

CSA received funds under CSR programs from leading organisations like Accelya Kale, ICICI Prudential Life, Givudan and Worldline

# Work with Orphanages



CSA partners with orphanages to improve and enhance the quality of care for children in orphanages. Our intervention originates from our belief that a happy and healthy childhood is the right of every child.

Our programs start with the basics – Health, Nutrition, WaSH (water, sanitation and hygiene), and Protection. To address these, we look at underlying issues like toilets, clean drinking water, hygiene kits, training etc. We then move onto educational support, sports and recreation, life skills and soft skills. Exit preparation is a big gap in most orphanages, but very essential for independent living. As children get to 18 years of age, they get into the Aftercare and Livelihood program. Our programs deliver

very substantial improvements in health and well-being of children as well as improved educational and development outcomes.

In each area, our approach is to measure baseline, decide along with the orphanage management how to fill gaps and not only provide the required assistance, but also put processes in place to ensure their sustainability. We repeat the measurement to ensure that there is clear impact from our programs.

Simultaneously CSA works with orphanage trustees to help build capacity of the orphanage and turn them into model homes which in effect will help them sustain their work at a high level.

**36 orphanages** in our Basic programs and **24** in our **Model Orphanage** programs

All orphanages have **safe drinking water, adequate toilets and hygienic living conditions**

**Health** check-ups and **Hygiene** kits distributed to **2500+** children

All children attend school. **Kits (uniforms, shoes, books, stationary)** provided to all children

**42** after school **tutors** appointed benefiting **1150** children

Overall improvement of **40%** in **36 orphanages** based on Orphanage assessment tools.



# Aftercare and Livelihood

This program starts while the child is in the orphanage, by creating awareness of the variety of career options available to children. This leads to career counselling and planning so that there is a plan in place about what they would do as they leave the orphanages. While they are in the orphanage, we also prepare them for the outside world with life skills and soft skills training.

After the age of 18, when they can no longer remain at the orphanage, we facilitate livelihood training linked to job opportunities so that children, are able to earn and start building an independent life for themselves. During this transition to independent living, CSA also provides mentoring support to each child. This is a very critical phase in their lives and some hand holding goes a very long way into transforming the children into happy and contributing members of society.

Monitoring and Impact Measurement

Counselling and Mentoring



Support for stay, food, day to day essentials

Partnership with skilling institutes

Complete child data collected for **400+ children** that are **14 years** upwards

**50 hours** of **Life skills** training done to **500 children**

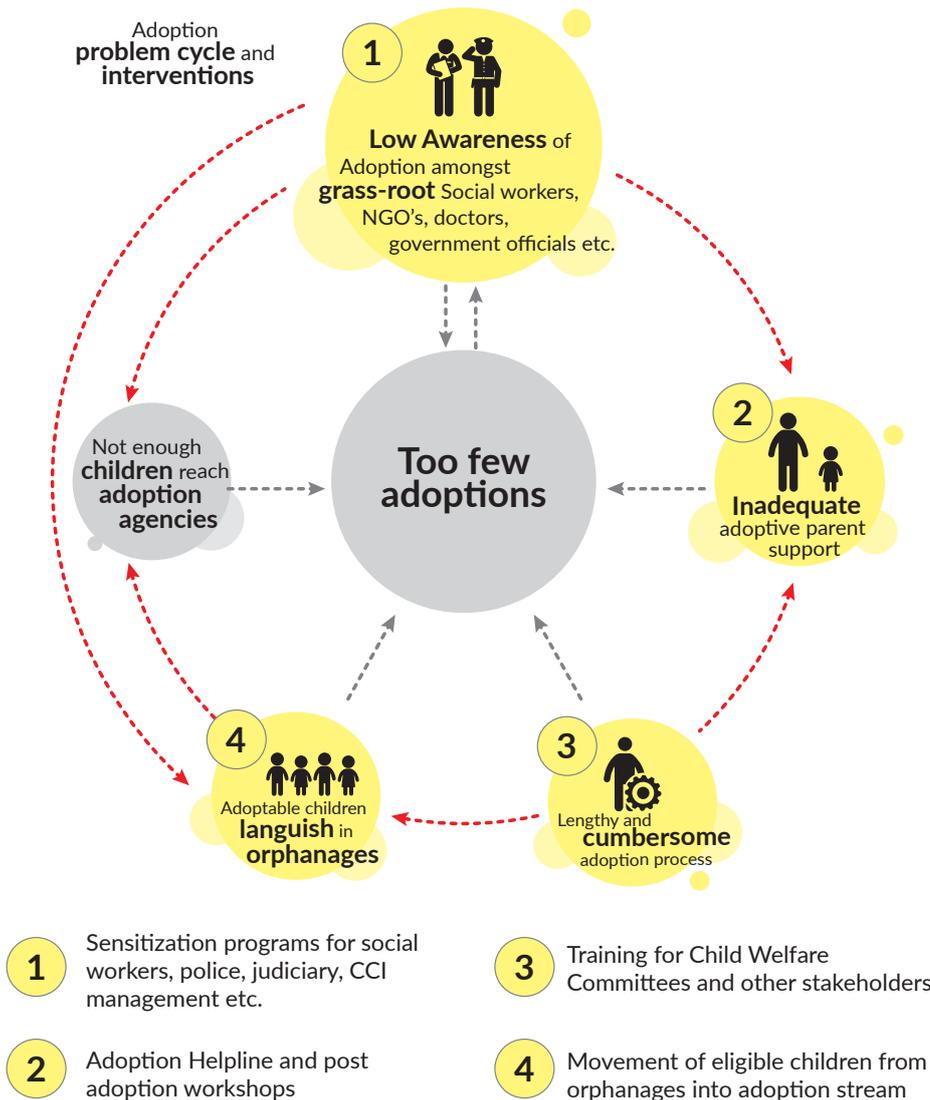
**550+ children** benefited from **vocational** training

**38 children** in our **18 years+** Aftercare program



# Adoption

Adoption  
problem cycle and  
interventions



## Case Study

### Kalahandi District, Odisha

In a pilot project done in cooperation with the government authorities, CSA studied the parental contact status of every child living in 21 orphanages in Kalahandi District, Odisha. The key findings were as below:

- Data collected from 835 children
- 115 children had either no parental contact or parental whereabouts were not known
- 39 children required social investigation on parental contact

After investigation, case files of 99 children were given to CWC.

CWC decided that adoption was a preferred option for 74 children.

As of date, process has been completed for 44 children and data loaded into CARINGS.

This pilot is a FIRST in the country.



There are less than 5000 legal adoptions in our country. In a country with over 20 million orphans, this number is ridiculously small. Adoption is by far the best outcome for an orphaned child – much better than life in institutionalized care. It is a win-win for the Adoptive parents as well and there are enough parents willing to adopt a child.

There are many reasons why the adoption numbers are low. At the core is the low level of awareness amongst civil society, doctors, social workers, police, NGO's and other stakeholders. Lengthy and cumbersome processes, inadequate support for Adoptive parents are some of the other reasons leading to low adoption numbers. Our field research and work with orphanages shows that there are many children without parental contact that are languishing in Orphanage. This is a travesty of child rights that should be corrected on a war footing.

Over the years, we have moved 50+ children from orphanages into adoption on a case to case basis. We are now working on several pilots involving the concerned government officials such as CWC (Child Welfare Committee) and WCD (Women and Child Development Department)/ DCPO (District Child Protection Officer) to do a systemic investigation into the parental status of all children in orphanages and get them declared as legally free for adoption. The results are very encouraging (see box on pilot project). If this exercise is taken up on a nation-wide basis, it can result in over 10,000 children being made available for adoption.

# Goal 2020

Double the Adoption rate in India

Extend Support programme to 200 orphanages covering 10,000 children

Transform 50 orphanages to Model homes

Establish bridge to livelihood and aftercare support for 1000+ children



## You can help us in different ways

- Fund any of our programs: Adoption, Work with Orphanages or Bridge to Livelihood
- You could also fund the Go-Wide Programs – Health, Nutrition, Education, WaSH or Livelihood across the orphanages in one or more states.
- Give us material that we can use – clothes, food, books, computers, hygiene kits etc.
- Partner with us – we are looking for organisations working in areas of education, skilling, counselling, technology etc.
- Volunteer – we are looking for volunteers in a variety of part-time /short term roles.

## Our promise

- Complete transparency and accountability.
- Highest levels of governance and integrity
- Donor reports with detail activity plan vs actual, spending, KPI's, outcomes, success stories and failures, learnings and improvement areas.
- Constant search for improvement and excellence in our Programs.

## Managing Committee



### Vipul Jain Co-founder and President, CSA

Vipul Jain is co-founder and former CEO of Kale Consultants (now Accelya Kale Solutions Limited). He has co-founded many other organizations including Kale Logistics, Fight Hunger Foundation and Jabarkhet Nature Reserve.

### Other Members

- Shibani Jain (Co-founder)
- Bharati Dasgupta (Co-founder and emeritus Managing Trustee)
- Javed Tapia
- Brijesh Mishra
- Meher Gandevia-Billimoria
- Vinayak Kamat
- Bhaskar Bhattacharya
- Vaishali Sharma

# Registrations & Listings

The Societies Registration Act 1860/ Registration No: MH/1282/2002/Pune dated 03/09/2002  
The Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 vide Registration No: F-18514 (Pune) dated 10/02/2003  
The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act /Registration No: 083930483 dated 01/04/2008  
Income Tax Section 80G- No.Pn/CIT-1/12A(a)/80 G/243/2007-08/4757 dated 01/04/2007  
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