

An introduction to the work of Family Development Services in the education of under-privileged children





Family|Development|Services

An Indian-registered charity based in Bangalore supporting the education of children living in impoverished conditions.

Two Core Educational Projects



BuildingBlocks



Project+10

Supported by individuals and charities
in India and around the world.



Children born into Poverty, tend to stay in Poverty



But, education can break the cycle of poverty.

The Realities of Home Life

- Our students live in slum housing districts.
- Accommodation is usually a one-roomed shack, with neither water nor electricity.
- Many come from single-parent families.
- The household income generally comes from very low-paid, irregular work as labourers, cleaners, or self-employed as street traders.

Building Blocks



3 years of free pre-school education for kids living in poverty.

Building Blocks Preschool Education

- Physical, social, intellectual and emotional development.
- Building on the child's natural curiosity and creativity.
- Developing a good foundation in numeracy.
- **Teaching Confidence in English** – 88 percent of students going to English-medium schools do not have even a rudimentary understanding of English.



For children at a Building Blocks Preschool, it's a whole new life after a home in the slums.

...followed by:



Project+10

Project +10

10 years of subsidised
education to age 16,

plus

mentoring, coaching
and after-school club.

After-School Programme

- ✓ Personal coaching and help with homework.
- ✓ Excursions and special activities.
- ✓ Surprises at Christmas



Homework Club



Learning how an airport operates.



In 10 years,

... over 1,000 kids from impoverished slum families, have graduated from Building Blocks pre-schools, and a growing proportion have continued with Project +10.

Education is a way to escape from poverty



The challenge . . .

- is to do more, every year, and empower these bright children through education, so that they can break free from the cycle of poverty.



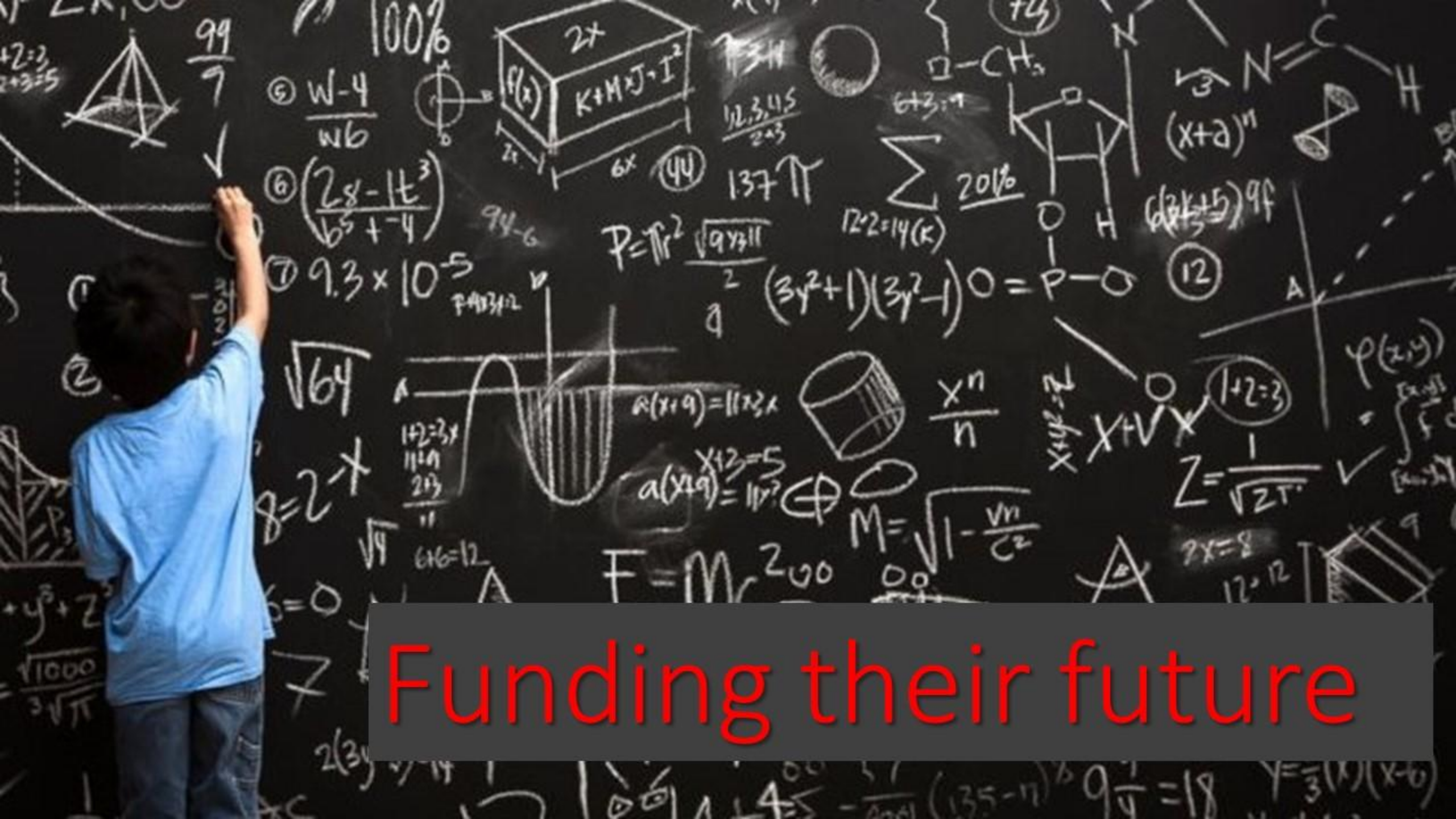
From life in the slums...

- to playful infants . . .



- to becoming lively teenagers.






Funding their future



The budget for running a Building Blocks Preschool is roughly US\$ 35,000 per year. Some are funded by a single donor, but contributions of any amount are always welcome.



After Building Blocks, most of our “graduates” continue in English-medium schools, many with **Project+10** Scholarships that fund them right through to age 16. A 10-year scholarship for one child costs Rs3 lakhs (\$4,300.)



When you educate the child, you change the community



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