

# Akanksha Public Charitable Trust

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## Annual Report 2019-20

### ABOUT AKANKSHA

Akanksha was born when a group of friends started volunteering on weekends at public hospitals and homes for destitute children and women in Chennai in 1998. Akanksha Public Charitable Trust was created on July 15, 2000 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and registered soon after, when some of its volunteers decided to devote more time and energy to Akanksha to make it their primary work.

### PURPOSE

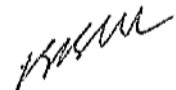
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### ACTIVITIES

Over the last decade, Akanksha's work has involved the following activities:

- Volunteering at state owned 'children's observation homes' to help them deliver better by organizing activities for their children and helping children who have strayed away from their homes to get in touch with their families and return home.
- Volunteering at state owned hospitals for women and children, helping cancer afflicted children and their families cope with hospitalization and medical treatment by organizing recreational activities and financial aid for them.
- Providing relief material to those affected by floods, earthquakes and tsunamis.
- Augmenting the work of other not for profit organizations whose work is closely aligned with that of Akanksha by providing voluntary services and / or financial assistance to such organizations.
- Sponsoring medical expenses of needy people especially women and children.
- Sponsoring the educational expenses of needy children.
- Establishing and operating a rural school and education centre in a tribal area.
- Working with rural women to enable them to take collective control over common assets that they use, to demand and receive amounts outstanding from third parties and to take care of each other's financial needs through the formation of a women's small savings self-help group and training them to acquire vocational skills of their choice.
- Helping build entrepreneurial skills among rural youth.

Today, Akanksha's work primarily revolves significantly around the last seven activities.



## THE YEAR THAT WAS

During the year 2019-20, Akanksha continued to build on the work undertaken during the earlier years.

The work of the Trust was located in Balenga Para and Kumhar Para villages in Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh state, In Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The highlights of Akanksha's work during the year are summarized below:

### • Educational Support

The Trust supported 20 children living in the ghettos of Bhopal who come from families of migrant workers, 16 children in Chennai, and 39 children in Kumhar Para village and 4 children in Kibai Balenga village in Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh to enable them to continue with their formal education by paying their school fees. Many of these children run the risk of being withdrawn from school or college by their parents and being forced to work and provide economic support to their families.

The parents of the urban children work as small entrepreneurs, drivers, domestic helpers, school workers and rag pickers while the parents of the rural children are traditional craftspeople, subsistence farmers and landless laborers. Many are single parents. Some of the children that Akanksha supports in Bhopal are also rag pickers. The children supported by Akanksha hail from minority communities, scheduled tribes, scheduled castes and other backward classes.

The parents and guardians of all these children have promised that they will allow the children to continue with their formal education as long as they wish to. In return, Akanksha has agreed to continue to pay for their school or college fees until the child wishes to continue her/his formal schooling.

Some of the children whom Akanksha supported under this program in Chennai have now completed their formal education. All these children are financially independent and have successfully pulled their families permanently out of the vicious circle of poverty and debt traps. This year, a 20 year old girl who was supported under this program completed her Bachelor's degree course in Nursing from a reputed college in Chennai and will be studying to be a critical care nurse in the coming academic year.

Approximately 53 percent of this year's total expenditure i.e. Rs 9,57,210 was incurred on the school and college fees of these 79 children.

### • Medical Relief

This year, the Trust helped:

- a 13 year old resident of Balenga Para village get his Jaipur foot changed as his leg continues to grow (he has coped with his tractor accident of a few years ago well and continues to climb trees, has learnt to ride the bicycle and studies at Imlee Mahuaa School);
- a middle aged unemployed individual in Chennai grapple with a cerebral stroke that has left him paralyzed by getting regular checkups and medicines;
- a 13 year old residing in Balenga Para village grapple with nephrotic syndrome, which had significantly affected her overall health and well being and to which she succumbed during the year;
- a 25 year old resident of Balenga Para village cope with significant physical pain and disability due to pleurisy in his spinal cord after a fall from a palm tree;
- a 40 year old resident of Balenga Para village cope with his multiple drug resistant tuberculosis.

The Trust continued to provide primary medical care at Imlee Mahuaa School Centre for Education to its students, staff and visitors from Balenga Para and neighboring villages and referred them to hospitals when needed.



Approximately 3 percent of the aggregate expenditure this year i.e. Rs 55,862 was spent on Medical Relief.

- **Imlee Mahuaa Centre For Education**

2019-20 was the first operational year of Imlee Mahuaa Centre For Education. The Centre has been conceived as a space for learning and education where individuals and groups determine the fields of inquiry and learning they wish to engage in free of any external authority.

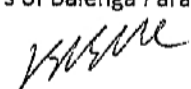
Seven children enrolled in the Centre at the beginning of the year with different objectives. Three children sought guidance in preparing for their class 12 public examinations, two children wished to read textbooks in Social Studies at the class 6 level and also learn the rudiments of everyday arithmetic and basic English, and two children wanted to listen to stories and learn music. The children and one of the Trustees worked together through the year with these objectives in view and nurtured the space as a place to come to and be in freedom, to learn to be non-judgmental and sensitive to each other's preferences and responsible to oneself, to each other and to the place. The Centre continued to evolve as a place to which its individual members came at their own will and convenience, engaged in activities that interested them, got absorbed in doing things that fascinated them, developed hobbies, coexisted happily in their differences without fearing reprimand or being expected to fall in line, and learned deeply. Highlights of the work undertaken by members of the Centre through the year are given in the paragraphs below.

***April to September 2019***

- Three students took the examinations of the National Institute of Open Schooling;
- A member volunteered at the Government Primary and Middle School, Balenga Para between June and September 2019 engaging the primary school students in various activities such as music, art and story - telling. The work could not continue due to lack of support and occasional opposition by the school teachers;
- The Centre contributed scholarships to the Public Provident Fund accounts of five needy students studying at the Centre;
- The Centre shifted to a new location with smaller premises in village Balenga Para;
- Various fixed assets of Imlee Mahuaa School were dismantled with the help of the residents of Balenga Para village;
- The village library program in which children from each of the 60 houses in Balenga Para village receive a folder of 10 story books from the School's library to read at home and exchange books for a different set after a fortnight continued;
- The Centre hosted Mrs Renu Dandekar, a writer from Dapoli, Maharashtra and Mr Chandrasekharan, Kamala and Bharat from Sabari Gandhi Ashramam, village Chatti, Andhra Pradesh;
- Children and staff visited Sabari Gandhi Ashramam at the invitation of their trustees.

***October 2019 to March 2020***

- A member presented a paper on educational methods at Srushti Degree College, Bengaluru;
- The Trust supported an ex-student of Imlee Mahuaa School to set up his provision store;
- The village library program was reorganized as a home-library program, and each house in Balenga Para village received a grant of 25 books for its home library;
- Dismantling of structures and disposal of assets of Imlee Mahuaa School continued and assets such as roof tiles, windows and doors extracted from the structures were purchased by the villagers of Balenga Para village at



concessional rates, a new tent house was purchased out of the contributions of the villagers and handed over to the village;

- Three students took the class 12 examinations of the National Institute of Open Schooling;
- The members, and a parent of the Centre participated in the Craft Week at Marudam Farm School, Thiruvannamalai and learnt to make a wide variety of handicrafts.
- A member participated in a dialogue on education held at Saathi Samaaj Sevi Sanstha, Kumharpara village.
- The members of the Centre and some children studying at the Government Primary and Middle School, Balenga Para visited Pune and Bhopal and trekked to various forts in the Sahyadri mountains near Pune, lived in and participated in Anand Niketan Democratic School, Bhopal and visited the site of prehistoric man in Bhim Baithaka.
- A member participated in a meeting of Swaraj Peeth Trust, working with radicalized youth in Jammu and Kashmir and in Bihar helping them to tread the path of non-violence and Gandhian values.
- A member participated in a dialogue on education at Hyderabad;
- The members went on a day long cycling trip to Benur dam;
- 10 students supported by the Trust in Bhopal and 2 teachers of Anand Niketan Democratic School went on an excursion to Mumbai;
- A member participated in a workshop that prepared citizens to counter the forces of hate and intolerance in the country at Sambhaavnaa Institute, in Himachal Pradesh.

Approximately 44 percent of the aggregate expenditure of the Trust for the year or Rs 8,09,596 was spent on the work of Imlee Mahuaa Centre For Education.

- **Women's empowerment and livelihoods**

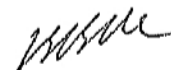
The Trust continued to support the work of Durga Mahila Swa Sahayata Samooh, Balenga Para by rendering advice and assistance to the members of the women's self help group whenever required. The group functioned independently through the year and did not require any financial assistance from the Trust.

- **Organization and Funding**

The Trust continued to function entirely under the guidance and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Board met on 5 occasions during the year, at least once in every quarter to review the work of the Trust and to give direction wherever needed.

The activities of the Trust were entirely supported by donations made by private individuals, trusts, foundations and one closely held company during the year. The Trust continued with its policy of not accepting donations and grants from government, semi-government and other corporate and non-corporate funding agencies including funds earmarked by companies for fulfilling their Corporate Social Responsibility obligations, so that it could safeguard its own independence. Thus the Trust continued to receive donations from many individuals who have been contributing to it for many years and from some new donors too. It renewed its annual listing with Give India an internet portal that connects donors and not for profit organizations. The listing helps the Trust to spread its donor base across a large number of individuals who are able to contribute small sums to causes that interest them.

HelpYourNGO, an organization that independently reviews the work of NGOs and lists them on its website and in its Yearbook and also rates the NGOs for their financial performance continued to list Akanksha this year too. Akanksha has received a 5 star Financial Score from the organization.



Like in the earlier years, the Trust has made maximum disclosures as recommended by the Credibility Alliance in this Annual Report too. These disclosures have been given in the last section to this Annual Report – Credibility Alliance Norms Compliance Report.

The distribution of donations received by Akanksha across donors during the financial year 2019-20 is as follows.

Amount of donation (Rupees)	Individuals	Foundations and Trusts	Others	Resident	Non-resident
< 5000	33	-	-	33	-
5000 – 100,000	17	2	-	19	-
> 100,000	2	1	1	4	-
Donations in kind	1	-	-	1	-
Total	53	3	1	57	-

The average value of monetary donations received during the year ended on March 31, 2020 was Rs 26,590.

As of March 31, 2020 the position of Employees, Volunteers and Trustees of the Trust was as follows:

Employees	Volunteers	Trustees
None	Seema Joshi	Khodadad Moradian
	Dr Deepak Ranade	Oswin Thayal
		Prayaag Joshi

#### PLAN FOR 2020-21

The following work has been planned to be undertaken during the year 2020-21.

- Provide financial support to 79 needy children in four locations to help them pursue and complete their formal education, to add 4-6 more children in these locations and to reach out to children at a new location;
- Continuing to support needy individuals especially in rural areas to access healthcare facilities when needed;
- Working with children in the Balenga Para region through Imlee Mahuaa Centre For Education organizing various academic activities, home libraries, excursions and workshops for them and constructing new premises.
- Supporting the work of women's self help groups in the Balenga Para region;
- Helping rural entrepreneurs in the Balenga Para region set up their own businesses;
- Reach out to persons affected by natural disasters with relief and rehabilitation materials;
- Reach out to rural youth on matters concerning the Constitution of India through workshops.

# Abridged Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2020

	Schedule	As at March 31	
		2020 (Rupees)	2019 (Rupees)
<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
Corpus		88,000	88,000
Surplus		13,95,889	16,44,582
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,83,889</b>	<b>17,32,582</b>
<b>Application of Funds</b>			
Fixed Assets			43,944
Current Assets			
Tax deducted at source		7,500	1,398
Cash and Bank Balances	1	14,61,328	16,70,573
Loans and Advances	6	15,061	16,667
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,83,889</b>	<b>17,32,582</b>
Significant Accounting Policies And Notes to the Accounts	7		

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

	Schedule	For the year ended March 31	
		2020 (Rupees)	2019 (Rupees)
<b>Income</b>			
Donations Received	2	15,15,655	25,55,311
Interest on Bank Accounts	3	1,03,662	96,708
Excess of Expenditure over Income		2,48,693	38,321
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18,68,010</b>	<b>26,90,340</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Expenditure in connection with the objects of the Trust	4	18,68,010	26,90,340
Balance brought forward from the previous year		16,44,582	16,82,903
<b>Balance carried to the Balance Sheet</b>		<b>13,95,889</b>	<b>16,44,582</b>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

	Schedule	For the year ended March 31	
		2020 (Rupees)	2019 (Rupees)
<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
Donations Received	2	15,15,655	25,55,311
Interest on Bank Accounts	3	1,03,662	96,708
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16,19,317</b>	<b>26,52,019</b>
<b>Application of Funds</b>			
Expenditure in connection with the objects of the Trust (net of write off of assets)	4	18,22,668	26,90,340
Increase or (Decrease) In Net Current Assets (net of write off of assets)	5	(2,03,351)	(38,321)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16,19,317</b>	<b>26,52,019</b>

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For Velu Muthu Associates For Akanksha Public Charitable Trust

Chartered Accountants

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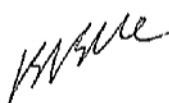
Velu Muthu Oswin Thayal Prayaag Joshi

Proprietor Trustee Trustee

Membership No. 22976

Place: Chennai

Date: August 21, 2020



## Credibility Alliance Norms Compliance Report

### IDENTITY

- Akanksha Public Charitable Trust ('Akanksha' or 'the Trust') was created as a public trust on July 15, 2000 under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 and registered (Reg. No. 1003 of 2001 of Book 4 dated September 3, 2001) with the Office of the District Registrar Madras South.
- Akanksha is registered as a Public Charitable Trust under sections 12 AA and 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (Reg No. DIT(E) No.2(182)/2000-01) and Its Permanent Account Number is AAAT63711.
- Akanksha is registered as an Educational Association under section 6(1)(a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (Reg No. 075901259).
- Scanned copies of this annual report, trust deed and the letters of registration, audited financial statements from the inception of the Trust, minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees are exhibited on our website www.imleemahuaa.org. These documents are available for inspection at the registered office too.

### Name and address of our Main Bankers

ICICI Bank Limited, Chennai Branch, 459/1, Anna Salai Road, Teynampet, Chennai 600018

State Bank of India, L B Road, Tiruvanmiyur, Chennai 600041

### Name and address of our Auditors

Velu Muthu Associates, Chartered Accountants, 1 B, Prabha, 17 Bishop Wallers Avenue (East), Mylapore, Chennai 600004

### PURPOSE

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### GOVERNANCE

The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees ('the Board') whose details as on March 31, 2020 are given in the table below.

Name	Age	Sex	Position on Board	Occupation	Area of Competence	Meetings Participated
Khodadad Moradian	66	M	Chairman	Business and financial consulting	Business reengineering	5/5
Oswin Thayal	49	M	Trustee	Medical practice and business	Medicine and medical diagnostics	5/5
Prayaag Joshi	55	M	Trustee	Participating in learning communities	Finance and education	5/5

- Akanksha's Board of Trustees met five times in FY 2019-20 on April 4, 2019, August 5, 2019, October 5, 2019, January 5, 2020 and March 31, 2020. Minutes of the Board meetings are documented and circulated. All members were present at each meeting of the Board over the telephone.
- None of the members of the Board are related to each other by blood or by marriage. A Board Rotation Policy exists and is practiced.
- The Board ensures that all the activities of the Trust are in line with its stated purposes and approved objects, key decision making is consultative and roles and responsibilities are defined for staff and volunteers. The Board approves programs, budgets, annual activity reports and audited financial statements and ensures the organization's compliance with laws and regulations.

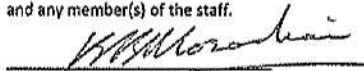
### ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid since the inception of the Trust to any trustee or member of the Board.
- No reimbursements were made to any Board Member during FY 2019-20.
- All staff members are issued letters of employment and draw equal remuneration, linked to their hours of work. The Trust did not have any employee on its rolls on March 31, 2020. There is a personnel policy in place.
- Staff details (as at March 31, 2020)

Gender	Paid full time	Paid part time	Unpaid Volunteer
Female	-	-	1
Male	-	-	1

All members of the Board are volunteers and have given their time pro bono. They are not included in the table above.

- The single paid member of staff who was employed during the year drew monthly gross salary and benefits that were less than Rs 5000. The average salary was Rs 4,340, and the median salary was Rs 4,340 per month. The remuneration drawn by the Executive Head is zero.
- The total cost of National Travel by all members of the Board was Rs 1,51,630, by all staff (including volunteers, independent consultants, etc) was Rs nil and by beneficiaries was Rs 2,98,352. The total cost of Domestic Air Travel was Rs 74,055 and the total cost of International Travel whether paid by Akanksha or by external sponsors was NIL.
- The financial statements indicate the method and basis of accounting. There are no serious adverse notes on any material point in the statements. The Trust has not entered into any material transaction that involves a conflict of interest between the Trust and any member(s) of the Board or between the Trust and any member(s) of the staff.



Khodadad Moradian

Chairman August 21, 2020