

# Akanksha Public Charitable Trust

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## Annual Report 2020-21

### THE YEAR THAT WAS

During the year 2020-21, Akanksha continued to build on the work undertaken during the earlier years. This year, the focus of Akanksha's work was providing relief to migrant workers and their families stranded in various parts of India during the total lockdown imposed by the Central Government, sponsoring the educational expenses of school and college students at four locations in India and helping needy people in rural Chhattisgarh access medical and hospitalization services.

The details of such work are given below:

- **Disaster Relief**

Within a few days of the imposition of a total lockdown by the Central Government on March 24, 2020 news regarding the plight of migrant workers stranded all over India started pouring in. In association with volunteers at the Stranded Workers Action Network (SWAN)– an informal network of students from all over India trying to help workers stuck in various places away from their homes to survive during times when their employers and the state had abandoned them, Akanksha set about the task of providing relief to such workers. This was done by remitting small sums of money through banking channels directly to such workers or to daily needs stores in their neighborhoods, so that such workers could purchase the rations and medicines necessary for survival. During the months of April, May, June and July 2020, workers who reached out to SWAN for help were first interviewed by student volunteers to understand their situations and needs, to verify their genuineness to the extent possible and to prioritize their needs. Relief was provided to such workers after the interviewing team made a recommendation to the disbursals team regarding the priority of the need and the amount of relief to be provided. Volunteers also monitored repeat requests from stranded workers carefully. In the Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh, Akanksha provided such relief by distributing rations to stranded workers and their families. 286 workers and their families were assisted through this initiative by expending Rs 552,730 which was approximately 29 percent of the year's aggregate expenditure.

- **Educational Support**

The Trust supported 20 children living in the ghettos of Bhopal who come from families of migrant workers, 18 children in Chennai, and 3 children in Kibai Balenga village in Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh to enable them to continue with their formal education by paying their school and college fees. Many of these children run the risk of being withdrawn from school or college by their parents and being forced to work to 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 their 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.

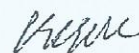
Some of the children whom Akanksha supported under this program in Chennai have now completed their formal education. All these children are financially independent and have successfully pulled their families permanently out of the vicious circle of poverty and debt traps.

Approximately 50 percent of this year's total expenditure i.e. Rs 9,49,859 was incurred on the school and college fees of these 41 children.

### Medical Relief

This year, the Trust helped among others:

- 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 a bicycle, motor cycle and is learning to drive a tractor;



- a middle aged unemployed individual in Chennai grapple with a cerebral stroke that has left him paralyzed by getting regular checkups and medicines;
- a 40 year old father and resident of Balenga Para village cope with his multiple drug resistant tuberculosis.
- a 40 year old father and resident of Balenga Para village cope with 35 percent burns on his body caused when his blanket caught fire at night.
- a 60 year old grandmother and resident of Bunagaon village cope with the cancer in her gall bladder.

The Trust continued to provide primary medical care at Imlee Mahuaa Centre for Education to residents of Balenga Para and neighboring villages and referred them to hospitals when needed.

Approximately 4 percent of the aggregate expenditure this year i.e. Rs 84,763 was spent on Medical Relief.

- **Imlee Mahuaa Centre For Education**

2020-21 was the second 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.

Five 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 and two children wanted to listen to stories, learn music and gain basic literacy and quantitative skills. The children and one of the Trustees worked together through the year 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. The Centre also contributed scholarships to the Public Provident Fund accounts of three needy students studying at the Centre. Dismantling of structures and disposal of assets of Imlee Mahuaa School continued through the year and a large number of bricks were extracted and given away to the villagers of Balenga Para village. Three student members of the Centre took the class 12 examinations of the National Institute of Open Schooling.

Approximately 17 percent of the aggregate expenditure of the Trust for the year or Rs 3,07,207 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 year. Towards the end of the financial year, the group liquidated its savings and distributed them among its members.

## Organization and Funding

The Trust continued to function entirely under the guidance and supervision of its Board of Trustees. The Board met on 3 occasions during the year, 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 two closely held companies 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. This year four regular donors spontaneously reached out to their friends and relatives and requested them to contribute to the work of the Trust. As a result, the Trust received contributions from 57 new donors during the current year.

The Trust 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 2020-21 is as follows.

Amount of donation (Rupees)	Individuals	Foundations and Trusts	Others	Resident	Non-resident
< 5000	46	-	-	46	-
5000 – 100,000	31	1	1	33	-
> 100,000	4	-	1	5	-
Donations in kind		-	-		-
Total	81	1	2	84	-

The average value of monetary donations received during the year ended on March 31, 2021 was Rs 21,440.

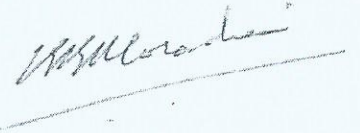
As of March 31, 2021 the position of Employees, Volunteers and Trustees of the Trust was as follows:

Employees	Volunteers	Trustees
None	Anand Bhangariya	Khodadad Moradian
	Deepak Ranade	Oswin Thayal
	Rajesh Panjwani	Prayaag Joshi
	Rakesh Agrawal	
	Ruby Rama Praveen	
	Seema Joshi	
	Vinod Agarwal	

#### PLAN FOR 2021-22

The following work has been planned to be undertaken during the year 2021-22.

- Reach out and provide relief to needy persons affected by natural and man-made disasters;
- Continue to sponsor the educational expenses of needy children at the existing locations and add a new location for such work;
- Continue to provide medical care and hospitalization support to needy individuals;
- Continue to nurture Imlee Mahuaa Centre for Education as a free learning space;
- Complete the dismantling of Imlee Mahuaa School premises and hand the rented premises back to the owners;
- Take on board one or more volunteers who have the potential and are interested in rendering trusteeship services at Akanksha.



Abridged Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2021

	Schedule	As at March 31	
		2021 (Rupees)	2020 (Rupees)
<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
Corpus		88,000	88,000
Surplus		13,94,024	13,95,889
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,82,024</b>	<b>14,83,889</b>
<b>Application of Funds</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Tax deducted at source		13,125	7,500
Cash and Bank Balances	1	14,53,420	14,61,328
Loans and Advances	6	15,479	15,061
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,82,024</b>	<b>14,83,889</b>
Significant Accounting Policies And Notes to the Accounts	7		

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For Velu Muthu Associates Chartered Accountants,

Firm Regn. No. 0045905

Velu Muthu,

Proprietor,

Membership No. 22976

For Akanksha Public Charitable Trust

Oswin Thayal, Trustee

Prayaag Joshi, Trustee

Place: Chennai

Date: January 21, 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

	Schedule	For the year ended March 31	
		2021 (Rupees)	2020 (Rupees)
<b>Income</b>			
Donations Received	2	18,01,018	15,15,655
Interest on Bank Accounts	3	91,677	1,03,662
Excess of Expenditure over Income		1,865	2,48,693
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18,94,560</b>	<b>18,68,010</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Expenditure in connection with the objects of the Trust	4	18,94,560	18,68,010
Balance brought forward from the previous year		13,95,889	16,44,582
<b>Balance carried to the Balance Sheet</b>		<b>13,94,024</b>	<b>13,95,889</b>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

	Schedule	For the year ended March 31	
		2021 (Rupees)	2020 (Rupees)
<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
Donations Received	2	18,01,018	15,15,655
Interest on Bank Accounts	3	91,677	1,03,662
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18,92,695</b>	<b>16,19,317</b>
<b>Application of Funds</b>			
Expenditure in connection with the objects of the Trust (net of write off of assets)	4	18,94,560	18,22,668
Increase or (Decrease) in Net Current Assets (net of write off of assets)	5	(1,865)	(2,03,351)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18,92,695</b>	<b>16,19,317</b>

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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 AAATA6371J.
- 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 our offices 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

Akanksha's purpose has evolved over the years. Today, Akanksha works to learn along with and support individuals caught up in life's unfortunate circumstances through collaborative initiatives in areas of education, health, livelihoods, culture and ecology especially engaging with children, the elderly and with women.

GOVERNANCE

The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees ('the Board') whose details as on March 31, 2021 are given in the table below.

Name	Age	Sex	Position on Board	Occupation	Area of Competence	Meetings Participated
Khodadad Moradian	67	M	Chairman	Business and financial consulting	Business re-engineering	3/3
OswinThayal	50	M	Trustee	Medical practice and business	Medicine and medical diagnostics	3/3
Prayaag Joshi	56	M	Trustee	Farming and forest gathering	Finance and education	3/3

- Akanksha's Board of Trustees met thrice in FY 2020-21 on September 5, 2020, December 5, 2020 and on March 31, 2021. 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 2020-21.
- 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, 2021. There is a personnel policy in place.
- Staff details (as at March 31, 2021)

Gender	Paid full time	Paid part time	Unpaid Volunteer
Female	-	-	2
Male	-	-	5

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

- No member of staff was employed by the Trust during the year. The remuneration drawn by the Executive Head is zero.
- The total cost of National Travel by all members of the Board was Rs 43,048; by all staff (including volunteers, independent consultants, etc) was Rs nil and by beneficiaries was Rs 11,090. The total cost of Domestic Air Travel was Rs 30,766 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 January 21, 2022