



Annual Report

2024-25

Director's Note

Diana Vincent

Fourth Wave Foundation turns 20!!! And our work is evidence that 'children thrive, grow and find meaning for life in the context of a healthy and inclusive community.'

Children find a sense of community at school, home, playgrounds, or in the backyards. Fourth Wave Foundation nurtures mindfulness, helping young adults and teens grow emotionally, intellectually, and physically through their relationships and communities. Healthy communities provide supportive social networks, safe spaces, and opportunities for well-being, leading to improved physical and mental health outcomes. Our evidence-based community development projects create lasting benefits for children, fostering a sense of belonging essential for identity and social inclusion in the society.

The numbers at FWF tell a story - one of ambition, agility, and a deep commitment to change. As a youthful and dynamic force, we reached over 100,000 children, empowering them to dream bigger and access inclusive opportunities. Nearly 50% were girls, paving the way for equity.

Beyond classrooms, we worked alongside over 900 teachers and government staff, strengthening education systems, and engaged over 4000 parents and community members, fostering safer environments and protecting children from substance abuse. Our School Readiness Program ensured over 550 children accessed education and social protection, while policy influence led to the establishment of three new centres and physiotherapy units in rural, semi urban, and slum settings in the districts we work in.

Through Project VENDA, we empowered over 100,000 children and youth to say 'NO' to drugs. The VENDA Cup football tournament provided 960 students across four districts in Kerala with equal opportunities and life-skills-based football training equipping them to choose healthy lifestyles.

Together, we indirectly impacted over 400,000 individuals across 14 districts in two states, shaping socially responsive communities where every child has a safe, healthy and dignified childhood.

This year seemed optimistic for a future where every child thrives, despite the insurmountable challenges further exacerbated by an education system that was not only struggling but also crumbling, leaving an entire generation behind. As I often say, in the unpredictable world we have shaped for our children, building resilience is a radical act of generosity, and offering second chances is the most precious humanitarian gesture.



Our vision is to ensure every child grows up in a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment

Fourth Wave Foundation works to create safe and inclusive spaces for children by developing and testing innovative solutions that can be scaled by governments and civil society partners.

We engage with communities across different segments of society, helping them move towards self-reliance. Our approach turns social challenges into opportunities for change—through collaboration, education, empowerment, ethics, and inclusion.

All our projects are designed to meet the Foundation's core purpose. We work from the ground up, involving communities early in the process so that knowledge and ownership are shared from the start.

Our focus areas include child inclusion, equality, disability, wellness, substance use prevention, and building environments where every child feels safe, valued, and supported.



Project VENDA

Substance abuse impacts not just individuals but also families, schools, and communities—limiting growth, safety, and opportunity. Project VENDA addresses this by empowering children and young people with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make informed, healthy choices. Through interactive learning, community engagement, and awareness sessions, participants build the ability to resist peer pressure, assess risks, and take control of their well-being. The project aims to equip them to lead lives free from addiction, abuse, and wrongful conflict with the law—paving the way for a safer, more purposeful future.



Project Schools Where All Belong

Fourth Wave Foundation Schools Where All Belong project champions inclusive education by addressing the critical gap in integrating children with disabilities (CWD) into mainstream schools—many of whom have been homebound for years. Using a collaborative, multi-stakeholder approach, the project works to strengthen the education system to be more accessible and responsive to the needs of every child. Operating across 20 districts in Karnataka, the initiative has reached over 60,000 children with disabilities through awareness education, school enrolment drives, and bridge programs—demonstrating the power of inclusive, community-rooted solutions in transforming schools into spaces where all children truly belong.

3C's of Impact Framework

Children (spaces where children thrive)

Substance abuse can hurt kids, families, and entire neighbourhoods. We step in by giving children the knowledge and confidence to make smart, healthy choices. At the same time, we ensure children with disabilities aren't left out. Too often, they miss school or opportunities because of access issues. We're changing that by opening doors to education, care, and a fair shot at life. Whether it's saying no to drugs or feeling welcome in a classroom, we're here to make sure every child thrives.

Communities (amplifying impact through people directly supporting children)

Real change happens close to home. That's why we work with parents, teachers, and local leaders—the people kids trust most. We help them spot risks like drug use early and create spaces where every child feels supported. By equipping communities with practical tools and know-how, we build a safety net that lasts long after we're gone.

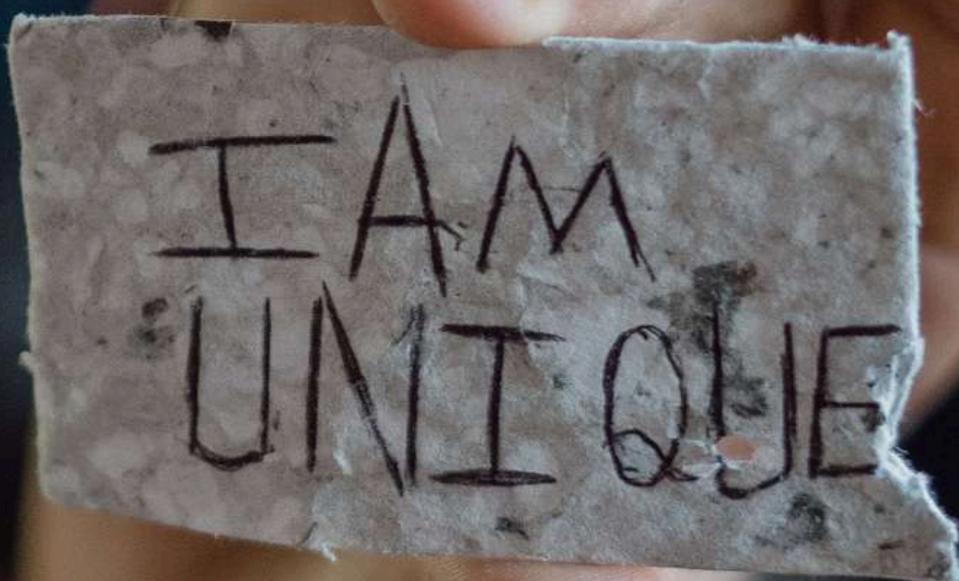
Collaborators (leveraging public private partnerships)

We can't do it alone. Our partners—government offices, businesses, schools, health experts, and local groups—help us make a bigger difference. Together, we're tackling substance abuse, improving access for kids with disabilities, and shaping systems that put children first. These collaborations turn our vision into action, delivering results that matter.

Sustainable Development Goals in Action



With the 3C's of our Impact Framework, our programs are designed to create a positive impact at every level, ensuring safe spaces for all.





Project VENDA

At Fourth Wave Foundation (FWF), we are committed to ensuring every child grows up in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment. Our work focuses on preventing substance abuse, empowering communities, and promoting healthy alternatives to give children the chance to thrive. In 2024, we reached thousands of children, families, and educators across India through programs designed to build resilience, foster inclusion, and create lasting change.

10
Districts

4000
Stakeholders

80,000+
Children and Youth

S.A.F.E. School Program

The S.A.F.E. (Substance Abuse Free Environment) School Program transforms schools into drug-free zones, extending protection to surrounding neighbourhoods. We empower students with the confidence to make smart choices, teaching them about the risks of substance use and the value of healthy living. Teachers learn to spot early warning signs and step in when needed, while parents gain tools to nurture their kids at home. This year, we developed an Assessment Tool to evaluate school safety in 29 schools in Ernakulam, identifying gaps in infrastructure, policies, and community support to make schools truly safe.

Student Empowerment Program

We educated students in schools, colleges, and care homes about the dangers of substance abuse, using science-based lessons on addiction and healthy choices. In Shillong, we piloted the program in 11 institutions with St. Anthony's College and the Meghalaya Social Welfare Department, laying the groundwork for state-wide prevention efforts. During summer holidays, we engaged kids at 26 camps across four districts, keeping them active and informed.

2
States

10
Districts

351
Institutions

80267
Children and young adults

Teacher Sensitisation Program

Teachers are key to safe schools. We trained educators to recognise risky behaviours, start open conversations about substance abuse, and connect students to help when needed. This program strengthened schools as safe spaces for learning and growth.

168
Teachers



Positive Parenting Program

We supported parents with practical tips to create loving, stable homes. By addressing common challenges, we helped families build stronger bonds, giving kids the emotional support they need to stay on the right path.

1334
Parents

UNODC-DAPC Initiative in Thiruvananthapuram

In partnership with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Drug Abuse Prevention Centre (DAPC), Japan, we rolled out student education, teacher training, and peer-led VENDAs Clubs in schools. These efforts sparked a culture of responsibility, encouraging kids to advocate for drug-free lives among their peers.

18212
Students



Stories of Change

"My father regularly smokes, I was also curious to try. Now after the awareness session, I realise the risks involved and won't try this."

Student, Ernakulam

"Earlier, when we identified students at risk of substance use, we would report them to parents, the police or Vimukthi or sometimes even issue a Transfer Certificate (TC). However, after attending this session,

I realised that substance use is not a moral issue - it is deeply connected to neurological, psychological, and social factors, and how we approach this matters. The session has given me a new perspective on how to support students in such situations. These discussions are essential to creating a school environment where every student feels seen and supported."

Teacher, Thiruvananthapuram

"The session was extremely informative and insightful. It made me realise the shortcomings in my parenting due to a lack of awareness. I am now committed to making changes and will definitely apply the insights I gained from this session moving forward."

Parent, Thiruvananthapuram



Student Care Program

Our Student Care Program supports children affected by substance abuse, helping them heal and rebuild their lives. Through school-based sessions, care camps, and one-on-one support, we provided assessments and ongoing care to guide kids toward recovery. By fostering resilience and hope, we help children return to their schools and communities stronger, ensuring they feel safe and valued.

112 Females **444** Males



Alternative Pursuits

The Alternative Pursuits Program by Project VENDA encourages and promotes engagement in healthy activities such as football, arts, and music as a powerful alternative to drug abuse among teenagers and young adults. This approach serves as a primary prevention strategy, offering youth positive ways to channel their energy and creativity while steering them away from substance abuse.

VENDA Cup 2024

Game for S.A.F.E.
(Substance Abuse Free
Environment)

4 Districts
48 Girls' Teams
66 Managers
121 Fairplay Awards
197 Matches
960 Participants

The VENDA Cup is an annual football tournament that harnesses the power of sports to engage young people in a substance-free lifestyle and provides an inclusive platform, ensuring equal access and opportunities for teens and young adults to participate in sports. This year's tournament themed "Game for S.A.F.E.", was a powerful call to action that brought together communities and stakeholders.

Over forty days, the grounds were filled with excitement, emotions, and exemplary displays of values of fair play, inclusion, and teamwork. The VENDA Cup witnessed hundreds of children seizing opportunities and daring to dream.





Football for Good Program

Project VENDA, in collaboration with the Decathlon Foundation, used the life skills-based football training program to empower children from high-risk communities in Ernakulam district. Through weekly football sessions, the program built resilience and taught valuable life skills to 20 children, helping to prevent substance abuse and other risky behaviors.



Street Theatre Workshop

Project VENDA conducts theatre workshops to empower college youth to deliver prevention messages to children and peers through street plays. Last year, 160 students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) engaged in a dynamic space for creative expression and learning. Through interactive performances, role-playing, and storytelling, they explored themes of substance abuse awareness, peer influence, and empowerment. Today, these students are actively performing in communities, using theatre to spark conversations on health and substance use.

"Thanks to the VENDA Cup tournament, I had the chance to play football. Our school doesn't have a proper playground or a sports teacher, so this was a unique opportunity. The girls' team that was formed for this tournament is actually the first in the school's history.

Before this, none of us knew anything about football. Our boys' team taught us the basics. Initially, our classmates didn't believe in us, but we were thrilled to have the chance to play on a proper turf. Winning the Fairplay Awards was a huge honour for our team. We are incredibly grateful for this amazing opportunity."

Participant, GHSS Chowara, Ernakulam (Girls' Team)

Stories of Change

"Even though we didn't win the VENDA Cup, it opened up countless opportunities for us. Recently, we won a match against a local football club - something we couldn't have imagined before. This victory is entirely due to the motivation and inspiration our children gained from the VENDA Cup.

When the Project VENDA team encouraged us to coach our students, we took it as a challenge. We appointed a coach, began training and in just two months, we started winning matches. Our students are not only motivated but also more focused and disciplined, striving collectively to be better. Even something as simple as receiving a full football kit boosted their confidence immensely. Now, they are preparing for the sub-district tournament, ready to take on new challenges.

The VENDA Cup is more than just a means to keep children away from drugs - it is a powerful platform that proves when given equal opportunities and access, every child has the potential to thrive."

Stephin, Manager, Boys Team, GHS Anavoor, Thiruvananthapuram

Community Intervention

S.A.F.E. Village Program

The S.A.F.E. Village Program works towards building substance abuse-free communities by engaging local stakeholders in a structured, phased intervention. The program focuses on awareness, capacity building, and sustainable action, ensuring that individuals and groups are equipped to address substance abuse challenges within their communities. The program aims to create long-term impact by encouraging community-led efforts that promote safe and healthy living spaces for all.

Awareness sessions were conducted for multiple wards to sensitise community members on the issue of substance abuse and its far-reaching consequences. Through these, Project VENDA built the capacities of 87 women of a coastal panchayat in Ernakulam to implement the pilot ward-wise awareness sessions in their panchayat.

VENDA Kootayma is a community-driven initiative by Project VENDA that fosters collective responsibility in creating a Substance Abuse Free Environment for children and young adults. Through cultural enrichment and meaningful engagement, VENDA Kootayma empowers communities to take ownership of safeguarding their youth, ensuring a healthier and substance-free future. A total of 2025 community members participated across 3 districts.



Mapping Substance Use in Ernakulam: A Comprehensive Analysis of Prevalence and Effects on Youth

Project VENDA is conducting a comprehensive survey across 12,000 households in Ernakulam to assess the prevalence and impact of substance use prevalence in the district, which will provide critical data to inform future policy making and prevention strategies in the district. To ensure community participation and ownership, 100 college student volunteers were onboarded and trained, equipping them with the skills to support the initiative. The survey has already been initiated in two Panchayats, laying the foundation for data-driven policy-making and targeted prevention strategies.





Project Schools Where All Belong

At Fourth Wave Foundation, we ensure every child, including those with disabilities, thrives in inclusive spaces. Our Schools Where All Belong initiative helps children with disabilities (CWD) access education and healthcare. CWD often face exclusion from mainstream schools. We aim to maximise their potential through inclusive education by providing personalised learning, therapy, and early intervention. We train teachers, enhance school accessibility, and advocate for inclusive policies with communities and governments.

12
Districts

1500+
Stakeholders

700+
Children with
Disabilities

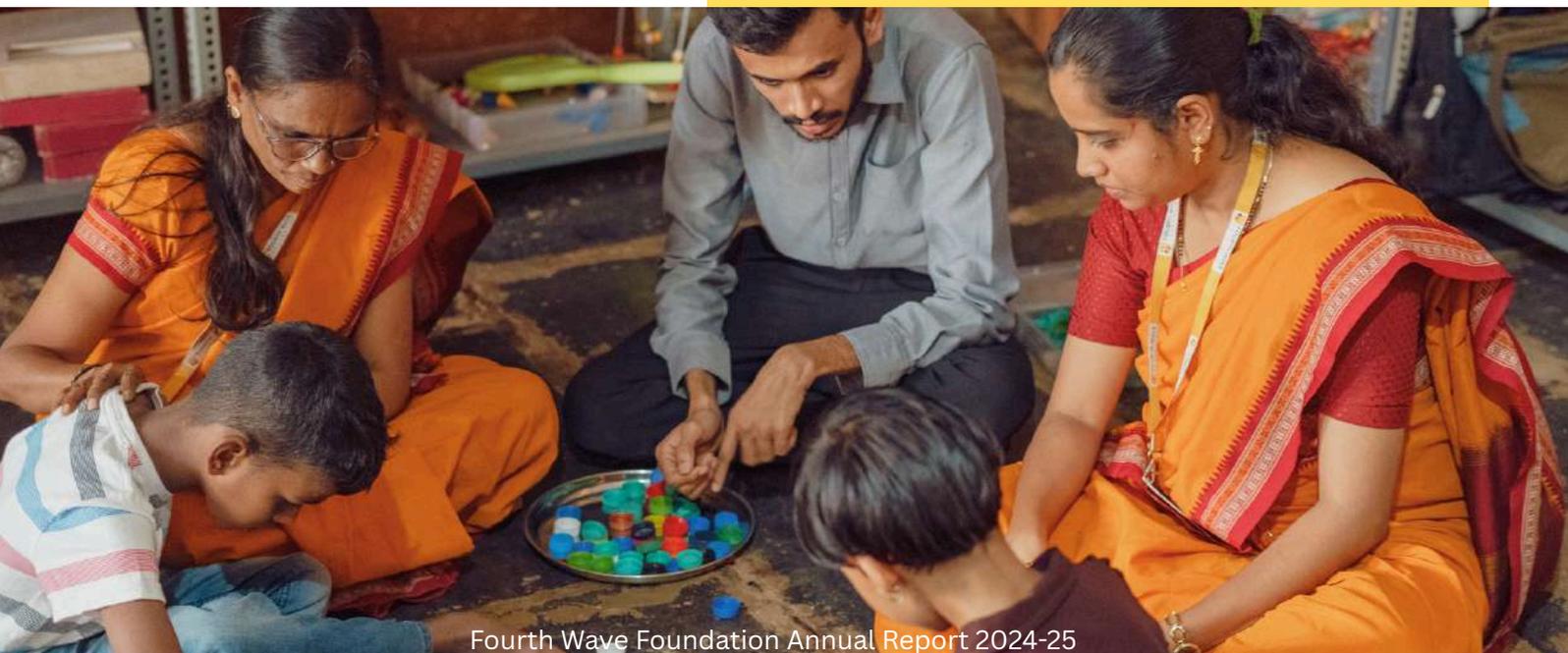
550
CWD

13%
Mainstreamed

16K+
Hours of Art,
Speech and
Physiotherapy

School Readiness Program (SRP)

The School Readiness Program (SRP) at Fourth Wave Foundation empowers children with disabilities (CWD) aged 5-18 in rural Karnataka to thrive in mainstream schools. Each SRP center, housed in government schools, supports 50 children with tailored education, therapies, and life skills. Individualised Education Plans (IEPs) address learning, nutrition, hygiene, and social skills, ensuring holistic growth. Using assistive technology and accessible infrastructure, SRP facilitates enrollment and smooth transitions into regular classrooms. By providing healthcare and therapy, we enhance CWD's quality of life and readiness for inclusion. In 2024, SRP created safe, inclusive spaces, helping children with disabilities join their peers and shine, aligning with our mission to ensure every child has a fair chance to succeed.



Assessment and Building Capacities for Inclusive Education (ABC-IE)

Fourth Wave Foundation launched the ABC-IE training to equip teachers and local staff with skills to support children with disabilities (CWD) and foster inclusive classrooms. This state-level program trained educators and panchayat staff across nine districts, ensuring sustainable skills to manage bridge centers that mainstream CWD.

Focus Group Training

Building on ABC-IE, focus group training gathered feedback from participants, including Block Inclusive Education Resource Teachers (BIERT) and Village/Multipurpose/Urban Resource Workers (VRW/MRW/URW), to assess progress and identify challenges in supporting CWD. Participants created taluka-wise action plans, and monitoring committees were formed to ensure accessibility, reinforcing our mission to create safe, inclusive spaces where every child thrives.

9

Districts

1000+

BIERTs and
VRWs/MRWs

28

Talukas



Stories of Change

“As a teacher for two years, I’ve learned patience and understanding working with Fourth Wave Foundation’s inclusive education project. Engaging with children at the SRP brings me joy.”

Dharmavathi
Teacher, Koppal

“Before coming to SRP, Hiba was quiet and did not communicate much. But after coming here, she started talking to everyone and showing interest in learning and playing. Physiotherapy helped her a lot, she learned to sit on her own, crawl forward, and has even started to try doing things by herself. She has also become independent in her daily tasks, she brushes her teeth, dresses herself, washes her hands, and eats on her own. Hiba loves coming to school, is always happy, and dreams of becoming a teacher one day. Seeing her grow like this makes me so proud!”

Parent, Dharwad

“The inclusive education training by the Fourth Wave Foundation was very helpful. It taught us how to identify children with disabilities, plan activities, and encourage parents to enrol them in school. The real-life examples and practical lessons made learning easy. This training has prepared us to create welcoming classrooms where every child can learn and grow.”

VRW, Haveri

Physiotherapy Unit

Locations: Dharwad, Belgaum

The physiotherapy units in two districts of Karnataka will provide free, accessible rehabilitation and therapy services to around 500 children with disabilities (CWD) from marginalised communities. Equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, these centres focus on improving physical health, mobility, and well-being for CWD. By addressing individual rehabilitation needs, the units empower children to regain functional independence, enabling them to attend school and integrate into society. This initiative not only enhances their quality of life but also demonstrates a scalable model for inclusive and affordable healthcare, fostering opportunities for children with disabilities to thrive.

2

Centers

150

CWD accessed
Physiotherapy

900+

Hours of
Physiotherapy



Stories of Change

"What is remarkable is that we receive children with cerebral palsy, muscle atrophy, among other conditions, from all over Dharwad district. We receive referrals for treatment from other prominent physiotherapy centers in the district and our treatment is free, making our services more accessible. The results speak for themselves - we've witnessed substantial improvements in our patients' conditions, leading to a steady increase in patient numbers. On a personal note, working here has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I'm proud to be part of an organisation that offers free physiotherapy services to children from underserved communities. The impact we're making in their lives is truly fulfilling."

Dr Sujata Nayak
Physiotherapist, Dharwad

"I travel daily from Hubballi to bring my son to the physiotherapy centre. Initially, he was unable to walk, but after a year of therapy here, he has made significant progress. This centre has been a blessing for us parents. Earlier, my son could not attend school, but now he can sit in class for a couple of hours. The team is incredibly supportive and caring and guides the parents in the right direction. The treatments, especially MST therapy, have helped my son's leg muscles relax, enabling him to walk. On behalf of all parents, I sincerely appreciate and congratulate the centre for its invaluable support to children."

Parent, Dharwad

Key Highlights

Special Consultative Status by the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Fourth Wave Foundation earned Special Consultative Status with the UN's ECOSOC, a key milestone. This allows us to join ECOSOC meetings, partner with UN bodies, and shape global policies on social development and human rights. It strengthens our mission to create safe, inclusive spaces for children worldwide.

Dear NGO Representative,

Subject: Follow-up to the decision of the Economic and Social Council

I am pleased to inform you that on 5 June 2024, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to grant special consultative status to your organization, **Fourth Wave Foundation**. Please accept our heartfelt congratulations.

Consultative status for an organization enables it to engage in a number of ways with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, the Human Rights Council and, under specific conditions, some meetings of the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat. For information on United



**Granted
United Nations'
Special Consultative
ECOSOC status!**

by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations



11th Asian Youth Forum on Drug Use Prevention

The 11th Asian Youth Forum on Drug Use Prevention, organised by Fourth Wave Foundation in partnership with the Colombo Plan and the U.S. Department of State, gathered 150 young leaders from 13 Asian countries. They honed leadership skills, discussed evidence-based prevention, and designed youth-led projects targeting issues like alcohol and vaping. Three standout projects won funding to bring their plans to life.

We hosted the International Training of Trainers on “Engaging Youth in Prevention” in Kochi, uniting 20 trainers from 12 Asian and African countries. Led by experts Angela Luisa Abaya Garcia and Prof. Francis Grace Duka-Pante, the five-day program equipped participants with practical tools to involve youth in fighting substance abuse, fostering regional collaboration.

At the Forum, our “Hand of Prevention” art installation, designed by FWF’s Martin George, used cigarette butts and discarded substance packaging, serving as a stark reminder of addiction’s alarming prevalence in society.

Anti-Narcotics Week Campaign

For International Day Against Drug Abuse, Project VENDA's Anti-Narcotics Week reached 20,160 students across three Kerala districts. With the theme "Invest in Prevention," 114 college students performed street plays, school kids joined model parliament sessions, and we delivered clear, evidence-based talks to help children confidently say "No" to drugs.



International Film Festival of Kerala

At the Kerala International Film Festival, Project VENDA engaged 1,500 people to raise awareness about substance abuse prevention. We debunked myths, highlighted positive role models, and sparked conversations to build a community committed to keeping kids drug-free.

What's Your High?

Project VENDA joined What's Your High - Season 3, a Popkon Creatives event promoting drug-free lifestyles. We supported a wall art contest themed "Sports is Our High," celebrating creativity and resilience at a prize ceremony with Finesse Thrissur Titans.



NFR Kochi Festival

At NEO Film School's NFR Kochi Festival, Project VENDA's stall used interactive games to teach about child rights and drug risks. A flash mob by St. Teresa's College students amplified our call for drug-free spaces, engaging film fans, students, and kids.

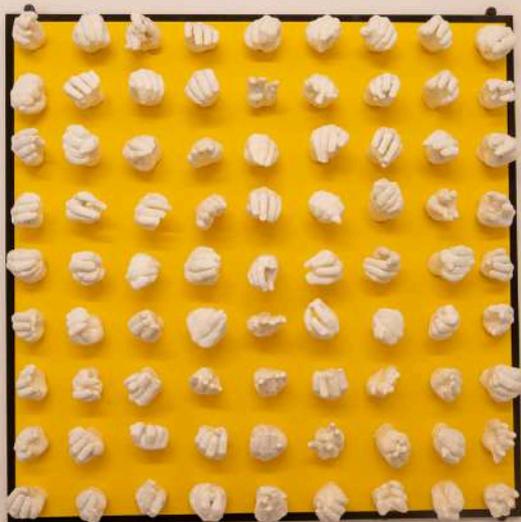
The Zero Project India Conference 2024

FWF team members attended the Zero Project India Conference 2024 in New Delhi. The event brought together nearly 200 participants, including 40 local and 14 international speakers, to discuss key topics such as assistive technology, women entrepreneurs with disabilities, and global collaboration. An international delegation of 40 participants from 10 countries, including Zero Project Awardees and industry experts, convened to bridge local and global innovation ecosystems. The conference catalysed change, driving forward new ideas and strategies for a more inclusive future.



Never-the-less - Art Show 2024

The “never-the-less” art show, held with the Indian Social Institute in Bengaluru from December 3-15, 2024, celebrated inclusion through art. Featuring works by diverse artists, including children with disabilities from our School Readiness Program, it drew over 570 participants. The event highlighted unique stories, promoting self-expression for all kids. An Open Mic session on December 6 showcased how arts foster learning and growth for children with disabilities, reinforcing our mission to create safe, inclusive spaces where every child can shine.



Inaugurations: School Readiness Program and Physiotherapy Unit

3 School Readiness Program centres were inaugurated in Dharwad, Belgaum and Chikkaballapur districts in 2024. The SRP centres are a major step forward in facilitating inclusive education for children with disabilities (CWD) in these regions. In Belgaum, along with the SRP centre, a Physiotherapy Unit was established to cater to the rehabilitation needs of CWD. These centres will provide therapies, learning and individualised care, to equip CWDs with the essential life skills to make them school-ready. By working hand-in-hand with parents, teachers, and local authorities, Project Schools Where All Belong is building a strong, supportive community that values and uplifts every child.



68th Commission on Narcotic Drugs 2025

At the 68th CND in Vienna, FWF hosted a side-event with UNODC and global partners, titled 'Understanding Substance Use and Prevention.' It explored how social factors affect youth drug use and ways to tackle health gaps. Our stall engaged visitors, showcasing Project VENDA's creative, evidence-based work to prevent substance abuse and support kids' recovery.



Technical Consultation Meeting on Social Media and Drug Use Prevention

Fourth Wave Foundation joined the UNODC Technical Consultation Meeting in Vienna on "Social Media and Drug Use Prevention". Edna Joseph shared a youth perspective on media's role, while Sneha Kuriachan Padayattil presented FWF's approach to driving positive behaviour in kids through social media. The talks explored fresh ways to use social media to prevent substance abuse, helping kids stay safe.



UNODC Youth Consultation ahead of the 12th UNTOC Conference

A youth representative from FWF attended the UNODC Youth Consultation before the 12th UNTOC Conference in Vienna. They shared insights on preventing substance abuse and related crimes, joining discussions on environmental crimes, fraud, and technology's role in fighting organised crime. Their input reached global leaders at COP12, showing how young voices can shape safer communities for kids.

The Second World Conference on Blindness

FWF discussed community and family engagement, and explored public-private partnerships and funding innovations. Their contributions highlighted our commitment to inclusive education, ensuring visually impaired children access safe, supportive spaces to learn and thrive, aligning with our mission.



Memberships and Awards

World Federation Against Drugs

Project VENDA is an active member of the World Federation Against Drugs (WFAD), a global platform dedicated to promoting a drug-free society through prevention, treatment, and policy advocacy. Diana Joseph, Director of Fourth Wave Foundation, serves as the Deputy Board Member representing Asia, enhancing engagement in international dialogues on substance abuse prevention.

ECOSOC

Fourth Wave Foundation has been granted Special Consultative Status by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations. This status enables the foundation to actively engage with ECOSOC, its subsidiary bodies, the Human Rights Council, and, under specific conditions, meetings of the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies. It also facilitates collaboration with the United Nations Secretariat.

Movendi International

Fourth Wave Foundation is a member of Movendi International, a global organisation dedicated to alcohol prevention. This partnership enables collaboration with international stakeholders, fostering knowledge exchange and strengthening initiatives that protect youth and communities from the negative impacts of alcohol consumption.

Memberships and Awards

Drug Free America Foundation's Global Task Force

Fourth Wave Foundation is part of the Global Task Force of the Drug Free America Foundation, a network promoting effective drug demand reduction. Through the Global Task Force, Fourth Wave Foundation collaborates with global experts, engages in policy discussions, and strengthens advocacy against drug legalisation. This partnership enhances efforts to educate communities on the societal and economic impacts of substance abuse.

Global Action for Impact Network (GAIN)

Fourth Wave Foundation joins GAIN and World Forum Foundation, advancing inclusive education for children with disabilities globally.

Wave Project Award

'Risk to Resilience' by the
European Union's DG Justice Program.

In the WAVE Video Contest at LxAddictions24, Fourth Wave Foundation secured second position in the category "Showcase an Innovative Scientific, Technical, Civil Society Activity" with our video titled 'From Risk to Resilience: Empowering Youth through Positive Goals-Focused Prevention Interventions'. The video was presented under the thematic track Prevention of Risky and Harmful Behaviours.



People



Fourth Wave Foundation stands on the shoulders of giants. With a dedicated, passionate and youthful team of over 100 Catalysts. We are stronger, braver, and more committed than ever to amplifying community voices and building safer, inclusive, and more dignified spaces for every child. The past year tested each one of us, prompting deep reflection on our practices and inspiring us to build a future rooted in a culture that stands the test of time - a culture that embodies the values we stand for.

In 2024, Fourth Wave Foundation (FWF) brought our teams together to strengthen our shared mission of creating safe and inclusive spaces for every child. The Annual Team Building Retreat at our Bengaluru Office united staff from all locations, boosting teamwork, energy, and commitment to children's welfare and inclusion. Alongside this, we held a two-day capacity-building program in Ernakulam for our Media and Communication team, led by Board Member Swarup B R. The sessions sharpened our media strategies, equipping the team to communicate FWF's work with clarity, consistency, and greater impact.

Project VENDA in Media

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VENDA cup football tourney to promote drug-free future

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'Puram

FOURTH Wave Foundation's project 'VENDA' will be hosting the VENDA Cup Football Tournament 2024 from October 21 to 25 at Magic Planet, Kazhakootam in Thiruvananthapuram. Princess Pooyam Thirunal Gowri Parvathi Bayi of the Travancore Palace will inaugurate the event on Monday at 9am. The event aims to keep children and young adults away from substance abuse by engaging them in positive activities. This year, the tournament will be held in four districts - Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Ernakulam, and Kannur. As many as 48 boys and girls teams each will be taking part in the championship, and 16 boys' and girls' teams each will compete for the final selections. The event will be inaugurated by . The VENDA Cup promotes 'Game for S.A.F.E.' (Substance Abuse Free Environment), encouraging children to play football in a drug-free environment by focusing on the mental, physical and social benefits of the sport while raising awareness about the dangers of substance abuse.

'വേണ്ട' കപ്പ് ഫുട്ബോൾ സൂർണമെന്റിന് ഇന്ന് തുടക്കം

തിരുവനന്തപുരം: കൗമാരക്കാരെയും യുവാക്കളെയും ലഹരിയുടെ പാതയിലേക്ക് വഴുതിവീഴുന്നത് തടയുന്നതിനായി ലക്ഷ്യമിട്ട് പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന 'വേണ്ട' കുട്ടായ്മ സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്ന വാർഷിക ഫുട്ബോൾ സൂർണമെന്റിന് ഇന്ന് തുടക്കം. ഈ മാസം 25 വരെ കഴക്കൂട്ടത്തെ മാജിക് പ്ലാനറ്റിലാണ് മത്സരം. തിരുവിതാംകൂർ കൊട്ടാരത്തിലെ ഗൗരി പാർവതി ബായി ഇന്ന് രാവിലെ 9 മണിക്ക് മത്സരം ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്യും. 16 ആൺകുട്ടികളും 16 പെൺകുട്ടികളും അടങ്ങുന്ന ടീമുകളാണ് അന്തിമ തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിനായി മത്സരിക്കുന്നത്. താരങ്ങൾക്ക് ലഹരിവസ്തുക്കളുടെ അപകടങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് ബോധവൽക്കരണം നൽകും. മയക്കുമരുന്നുകളിൽ നിന്നും മറ്റ് അപകടകരമായ പെരുമാറ്റങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും അവരെ അകറ്റിനിർത്തുന്ന ആരോഗ്യകരവും ആസ്വാദ്യകരവുമായ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലേക്ക് അവരുടെ ഊർജ്ജം എത്തിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ഫോർത്ത് വേവ് ഫൗണ്ടേഷന്റെ പ്രോജക്ടായ പ്രോജക്ട് വേണ്ടയുടെ ഇടപെടലിന്റെ ഭാഗമായാണ് ഈ മത്സരം. തിരുവനന്തപുരം, കൊല്ലം, എറണാകുളം, കണ്ണൂർ എന്നീ 4 ജില്ലകളാണ് ഈ വർഷം വേണ്ട കപ്പിന് ആതിഥേയത്വം വഹിക്കുന്നത്.

'വേണ്ട കപ്പ്' തുടങ്ങി

തിരുവനന്തപുരം ഫോർത്ത് വേവ് ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ 'പ്രോജക്ട് വേണ്ട' നടത്തുന്ന 'വേണ്ട കപ്പ് 2024' ഗൗരി പാർവതി ബായി ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ കമ്മ്യൂണിക്കേഷൻ സ്മാനേജർ ശാലിനി ജോർജ്ജ് സംസാരിച്ചു. കുട്ടികൾക്കും കൗമാരക്കാർക്കും ഇടയിൽ ലഹരി പദാർഥ ദുരുപയോഗം തടയുന്നതിനും നിയന്ത്രിക്കുന്നതിനും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന സംഘടനയാണ് ഫോർത്ത് വേവ് ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ. 25 വരെ മുന്നൂജില്ലയിലായി സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്ന 'പ്രോജക്ട് വേണ്ട'യിൽ ആയിരത്തോളം കുട്ടികൾ പങ്കെടുക്കും.

വേണ്ട കപ്പ് സമാപിച്ചു

കഴക്കൂട്ടം ഫോർത്ത് വേവ് ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ പ്രോജക്ട് വേണ്ട സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച 'വേണ്ട കപ്പ്' സമാപിച്ചു. സമാപന സമ്മേളനം സബ് കലക്ടർ ഒ വി ആൽ ഫ്രാഡ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ആൺകുട്ടികളുടെ വിഭാഗത്തിൽ പാവുണ്ണ എച്ച്എസ്, പല്ലൂവിള എച്ച്എസ്, പെൺകുട്ടികളുടെ വിഭാഗത്തിൽ എഴിപ്പുറം ഗവ. എച്ച്എസ്എസ്, ജിഎംആർഎസ്എസ് സെമിയിലേക്ക് യോഗ്യത നേടി. നവംബർ 18, 19 തീയതികളിൽ എറണാകുളത്ത് ഫുട്ബോൾ മത്സരങ്ങളുടെ സെമിഫൈനലും ഫൈനലും നടക്കും.

സുപ്രഭാതം

ഫുട്ബോൾ സൂർണമെന്റ്

കണ്ണൂർ ▶ ഫോർത്ത് വേവ് ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ 'വേണ്ട കപ്പ് 2024' ഫുട്ബോൾ സൂർണമെന്റ് ഇന്നു മുതൽ നവംബർ മൂന്നുവരെ പൊലീസ് മൈതാനിയിൽ നടക്കും. ആൺ കുട്ടികളുടെയും പെൺകുട്ടികളുടെയും 16 വിതം ടീമുകൾ പങ്കെടുക്കും. ഇന്ന് രാവിലെ എട്ടിന് നടക്കുന്ന ഉദ്ഘാടന ചടങ്ങിൽ അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് കലക്ടർ ഗ്രന്ഥ സായികൃഷ്ണ, സിറ്റി പൊലീസ് കമ്മീഷണർ അജിത് കുമാർ പങ്കെടുക്കും. ലഹരി പദാർഥങ്ങളുടെ ഉപയോഗം തടയുന്നതിനും ആരോഗ്യകരമായ അവസ്ഥകളിലേക്ക് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ എത്തിക്കുന്നതിനും വേണ്ടിയാണ് 'വേണ്ട കപ്പ് 2024' സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്.

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'വേണ്ട' കപ്പ് ഫുട്ബോൾ സൂർണമെന്റിന് ഇന്ന് തുടക്കം

തിരുവനന്തപുരം: കൗമാരക്കാരെയും യുവാക്കളെയും ലഹരിയുടെ പാതയിലേക്ക് വഴുതിവീഴുന്നത് തടയുന്നതിനായി ലക്ഷ്യമിട്ട് പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന 'വേണ്ട' കുട്ടായ്മ സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്ന വാർഷിക ഫുട്ബോൾ സൂർണമെന്റിന് ഇന്ന് തുടക്കം. ഈ മാസം 25 വരെ കഴക്കൂട്ടത്തെ മാജിക് പ്ലാനറ്റിലാണ് മത്സരം. തിരുവിതാംകൂർ കൊട്ടാരത്തിലെ ഗൗരി പാർവതി ബായി ഇന്ന് രാവിലെ 9 മണിക്ക് മത്സരം ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്യും. 16 ആൺകുട്ടികളും 16 പെൺകുട്ടികളും അടങ്ങുന്ന ടീമുകളാണ് അന്തിമ തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിനായി മത്സരിക്കുന്നത്. താരങ്ങൾക്ക് ലഹരിവസ്തുക്കളുടെ അപകടങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് ബോധവൽക്കരണം നൽകും. മയക്കുമരുന്നുകളിൽ നിന്നും മറ്റ് അപകടകരമായ പെരുമാറ്റങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും അവരെ അകറ്റിനിർത്തുന്ന ആരോഗ്യകരവും ആസ്വാദ്യകരവുമായ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലേക്ക് അവരുടെ ഊർജ്ജം എത്തിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ഫോർത്ത് വേവ് ഫൗണ്ടേഷന്റെ പ്രോജക്ടായ പ്രോജക്ട് വേണ്ടയുടെ ഇടപെടലിന്റെ ഭാഗമായാണ് ഈ മത്സരം. തിരുവനന്തപുരം, കൊല്ലം, എറണാകുളം, കണ്ണൂർ എന്നീ 4 ജില്ലകളാണ് ഈ വർഷം വേണ്ട കപ്പിന് ആതിഥേയത്വം വഹിക്കുന്നത്.

VENDA cup football tourney to promote drug-free future

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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Funding Ecosystem for 2024-25

PROJECT LEVEL SUPPORT



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT



VENDA CUP & GRASSROOTS INTERVENTION SUPPORT

**Raja Shanmugam
Vinitha Balagopal and C Balagopal**



We believe in collective action, which is why we co-create funding narratives with our donors - shifting the perspective from short-term interventions to meaningful, impactful, and deeply rooted initiatives. The systems we have built and the processes we have incorporated ensure that the funds we raise align with our vision which is to serve the best interests of our children and communities. Through collaboration across three channels of funding - CSR, Grants and Philanthropy, we continue to demonstrate that real change requires collective effort. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a united effort to ensure they grow up in a safe, healthy environment and reach their full potential. With diverse funding streams, we are able to scale our impact and build sustainable solutions for our communities.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees of Fourth Wave Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Fourth Wave Foundation**, which comprise the Balance Sheet at March 31, 2025, Income and Expenditure Account and the Cash flow statement for the year then ended and Notes to the financial Statements, which have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity as at March 31, 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India for cash basis of accounting.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in India, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India for cash basis of accounting and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is attached to this report as **Annexure 1**. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

For M. A. BRAGANZA & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants

Firm Registration No. 000507S



Ravishankar Hegde

Partner

ICAI Membership No. 232520

UDIN: 25232520BM1SRP9787

Place: Bangalore

Date: November 08, 2025

Annexure 1

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



FOURTH WAVE FOUNDATION (Consolidated)			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2025		(Amt in INR)	
Particulars	Notes	March 31,2025	March 31,2024
I. SOURCES OF FUND			
1. NPO funds			
(a) Unrestricted Fund	2	1,17,69,422	1,33,40,575
(b) Restricted Fund - Corpus Fund	3	2,10,00,000	2,10,00,000
		3,27,69,422	3,43,40,575
2. Non- current liabilities			
(a) Long-Term Borrowings		-	-
(b) Other Long Term Liabilities		-	-
(c) Long-Term Provisions		-	-
		-	-
3. Current liabilities			
(a) Short Term Borrowings	4	4,43,200	3,83,741
(b) Payables		-	-
(c) Other Current Liabilities	5	18,06,793	3,60,019
(d) Short-Term Provisions	6	1,77,000	23,66,460
		24,26,993	31,10,220
Total		3,51,96,415	3,74,50,795
II APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
1. Non-current assets			
(a) Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets			
(i) Property, Plant and Equipment	1	35,74,252	27,80,655
(ii) Intangible Assets		-	-
(iii) Capital work-in-progress		-	-
(iv) Intangible assets under development		-	-
(b) Long-term Investments	7	1,96,07,053	1,89,94,481
(c) Long-term Loans and Advances		-	-
(d) Other Long-Term Assets		-	-
		2,31,81,305	2,17,75,136
2. Current assets			
(a) Current Investments		-	-
(b) Inventories		-	-
(c) Receivables		-	-
(d) Cash and Bank Balances	8	1,06,02,094	1,37,19,128
(e) Short-Term Loans and Advances	9	3,60,196	4,60,796
(f) Other Current Assets	10	10,52,820	14,95,735
		1,20,15,110	1,56,75,659
Total		3,51,96,415	3,74,50,795

Notes to accounts- Note No: 15

The notes referred to above form an integral part of the accounts

For Fourth Wave Foundation



Dayana Vincent
 Managing Trustee

As per our report of even date attached
 For M.A.BRAGANZA & ASSOCIATES
 Chartered Accountants
 Firm Registration No. 0005075


Ravishankar Hegde
 Partner
 ICAI Membership No.232520
 UDIN: 25232520BMISRP9787



Date : November 08, 2025

Place : Bangalore

Fourth Wave Foundation (Consolidated)						
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025						
Particulars		Notes	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24
			Restricted	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds
I	INCOME					
(a)	Donations and Grants	13	2,17,38,377	2,61,48,451	4,78,86,828	3,07,55,623
(b)	Fees from Rendering of services		-	-	-	-
(c)	Sale of Goods		-	-	-	-
II	OTHER INCOME	14	-	19,77,567	19,77,567	12,42,752
III	TOTAL INCOME		2,17,38,377	2,81,26,019	4,98,64,396	3,19,98,375
IV	EXPENDITURE					
(a)	Materials consumed/ distributed		-	-	-	-
(b)	Donation/contribution paid		-	-	-	-
(c)	Employee Benefit Expense	11	65,85,651	1,65,68,572	2,31,54,224	2,99,47,381
(d)	Depreciation and amortization expense	1	-	6,70,044	6,70,044	6,65,426
(e)	Finance Cost		-	-	-	-
(f)	Other Expenses	12				
	i)Charitable Expense - Project Expense		1,39,19,841	83,49,176	2,22,69,018	1,16,89,596
	ii)Charitable Expense - Admin Expense		-	53,42,263	53,42,263	32,23,596
	TOTAL EXPENSES		2,05,05,492	3,09,30,056	5,14,35,549	4,55,25,999
V	Excess of Income over Expenditure / (Excess of Expenditure over Income) for the year before exceptional and extraordinary items (III -IV)		12,32,885	(28,04,038)	(15,71,153)	(1,35,27,624)
VI	Exceptional items		-	-	-	-
VII.	Excess of Income over Expenditure / (Excess of Expenditure over Income) for the year before extraordinary items (V -VI)		12,32,885	(28,04,038)	(15,71,153)	(1,35,27,624)
VIII	Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-
IX	Excess of Income over Expenditure / (Excess of Expenditure over Income) for the year (VII - VIII)		12,32,885	(28,04,038)	(15,71,153)	(1,35,27,624)
	Appropriations Transfers to Capital Reserve Fund		-	-	-	-
	Balance transferred to General Fund		12,32,885	(28,04,038)	(15,71,153)	(1,35,27,624)

Notes to accounts- Note No: 15

The notes referred to above form an integral part of the accounts

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