

## **7.2 Best Practices**

### **1. Project Kilkari and Project Unnati:**

Connecting Dreams Foundation (CDF), Kalindi College chapter, operative since March 2017, aims at uplifting the underprivileged section of the society through entrepreneurial ventures and actions that bring a ray of hope in the lives of poor people. CDF Kalindi in association with the Social Responsibility Cell initiated Project Kilkari in September 2017 and Project Unnati in October 2018.

Project Kilkari with a goal to make every child rise and shine bright like a diamond. Under project Kilkari, the children living on streets are chosen by the R&D team, their families are counseled about the importance of education and they are then admitted to the nearest government and private schools under 'Right to Education'. However, taking into consideration the increasing dropout rates, a KILKARI pathshala was introduced to make every child compatible enough to be able to read and write.

Project UNNATI with a tagline "Ann-daan Jeevan-daan" which is a fight against hunger and the team aims to eradicate hunger problem in the city to save hundreds of those who go to bed hungry and can't even afford a one full time nutritious meal.

Activities and Achievements

#### **• Connecting Dream Foundation launch event- 24th August 2019.**

Connecting dreams foundation organized a launch event on 24th of August for the dream session 2019-20 at SP Jain Auditorium. The auditorium was packed with vibrant and enthusiastic volunteers amongst which was the CDF Kalindi team. The event also marked the launch of Ideation to Action Academy (i2A)- another stride CDF took towards creating young entrepreneurs and CHANGEMAKERS. The event began with the orientation and briefing of Connecting Dreams foundation's aim and motto after which the colleges presented their thoughts and projects. The CDF Delhi team consists 29 college chapters which officially began their journey of collecting and connecting thousands of dreams, CDF Kalindi chapter being a part of it.

#### **• Dream Collection – 21st October 2019**

Everyone no matter how underprivileged, dream of a better life and will fight for it if given the opportunity. The dream collection season of CDF Kalindi 2019-20 began on 21st October 2019. All the members of the team were asked to collect dreams from the underprivileged areas of the city and nearby locations. Along with their dreams, people were asked the problems they were facing during their daily activities and the hurdles coming their way.

The dream collection was divided into three basic part.

1. Individual dream: one underprivileged person was asked about his/her dreams and the problems he/she has been facing regarding the same.
2. Family dream: The main member of one under privileged family, consisting of about 4-6 members, was asked about the dream of his/her family and the problems they have been facing.

3. **Community dream:** A whole underprivileged community consisting of about 150 to 200 people was asked about their dream and the problems they faced. Each member of the CDF team then jotted the solution of the problems according to them and what can really be done to come over such problems. Considering the major problems and issues amongst all the dreams collected, the aim to create a better life for them was set and the team worked upon it.

• **Rajendra Place Stall- 15th January 2020.**

Hunger is something no one should struggle with! So, an initiative was taken by the CDF Kalindi team to achieve zero hunger through the PROJECT UNNATI aiming elimination of hunger as much as we can. A food stall was set up in Rajendra place near BLK Hospital. Healthy and Nutritious Meal (Pulao containing the vegetables, rice and right amount of nutritious elements) was provided to everybody at just Rs. 10. This initiative was able to serve more than 160 people in just one day.

• **Rain Basera Event- 8th February 2020.**

A year ago, a family lost their only daughter. On her first death anniversary, the family wanted to see the children at the Shelter Home happy and laughing. The show was set up by an NGO named 'GIVERS FOR A CAUSE' in Rain Basera near AIIMS hospital, New Delhi. There were a lot of activities for the children including the entertainment by Show Sha Baaz. The whole team of Project UNNATI provided Chowmein and French Fries cooked on the spot. All of us collectively came together to bring some peace to the family who lost their only and the most precious loved one.

• **Sardar Patel Hospital Food Stall**

The team members of CDF Kalindi set up a food stall in front of Sardar Patel Hospital under project Unnnati on 17th Jan 2020. The stall was a huge success because not only were we able to give healthy and nutritious meals for just Rs. 10 to those who need it, but due the close proximity to the hospital we were able to target pregnant women and were able to provide them with healthy food at the subsidized rate of Rs. 5. Approximately 60 people were fed.

• **Rajendra Place Food Stall**

Team CDF Kalindi set up another successful food stall on 21st Jan 2020 near Rajendra Place Metro Station. Approximately 100 people were fed healthy and nutritious meals for just Rs. 10. The response the team got was overwhelming. People who usually bought overpriced unhealthy food from nearby food stalls were able to get healthy food at subsidized rate of Rs. 10.

• **Rajendra Place Metro Station**

In order to be a little different this time, we wanted to set up a movable food cart to cater to the needs of people at more than one location. So, we rented an e-rickshaw and converted it into Unnati food cart on 29th January 2020. We got an overwhelming response from people and were able to serve nutritious food to 190+ people. Alongside, we also did our part to help to keep the environment clean by carrying out a cleanliness drive simultaneously.

- **Unnati Donation Drive**

For funding of Project Unnati, a donation drive was held in Kalindi College on 30th Jan 2020. The team urged fellow college students and teachers to donate in form either healthy raw food materials or cash. The team was glad to see students and teachers coming forward to donate ration and money.

- **Kilkari Donation Drive**

We organized a Donation Drive for Kilkari children on 4th November 2019, in which people donated Books, stationery, and other requirements for the pathshalas. The team got a lovely response from the students and teachers of College.

- **New Kilkari pathshala's established**

A Kilkari pathshala in the Sewa Bharti centres of Todapur and Inderpuri with a strength of around 40 kids is being conducted every 6 days in a week where a team of volunteers teach main subjects like English, Maths, Hindi and EVS/GK/Moral Science to make the base of a child even stronger. And this year we have successfully started two new pathshalas one in Baljeet Nagar and one behind Kalindi College.

- **Syllabus completed**

After one year of successful operation, the team has now initiated an advance module along with the basic syllabus. The advance module has been introduced as the Base 1 syllabus has already been followed in the Sewa Bharti centers of Todapur and Inderpuri. And as baljeet nagar and pathshala behind college are new we are going with the basic syllabus in those pathshalas.

- **Swachh bharat activities**

A Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was recently conducted in the Inderpuri center which was utterly successful. The kids were so enthusiastic and passionate, they cleaned the nearby roads in presence of our volunteers and a message of 'Clean India, Green India' was promoted amongst them.

- **Smart teaching**

We have started teaching children with laptops so that they can learn better by seeing videos. A variety of science experiments like making a water filter, hot air burning experiment have been conducted in the centers in the past month and the team analyzed that children learn better when they are able to verify the results. Children have been taught tough topics such as parts of a leaf and flower along with leaf painting. They were also made to pronounce it so that they could add new words to their vocabulary. The Social Responsibility Cell has also started to take climate issues into account in the advance curriculum. Phenomena such as global warming and climate change have been introduced, posters to reduce global warming were drawn and tips on how to save planet Earth were delivered by the volunteers. Another interesting topic 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' was taught to the kids by making useful things out of waste material. The session helped to develop the creativity skills of children and they came up with brilliant ideas to reuse old things.

### • **Steps beyond regular teaching**

A workshop regarding self- defense was taken in the Inderpuri center which also cover topics of child sexual abuse and good touch bad touch. We have also conducted kilkari donation drive in our college campus and we were very overwhelmed to see the response. The items that were collected during the donation drive was distributed in kilkari pathshala on children's day. We also celebrated children's day in our pathshalas playing various games, doing dance, singing and mimicry. We also celebrated festival of Diwali telling children the importance of Diwali and why it is celebrated. We also celebrated republic day in our pathshalas and before the celebration volunteers taught children dance, poems, songs to perform on Republic Day which eventually turned out to be a great celebration. Regular yoga classes are also conducted in the pathshalas and a new theme is going to start in all the pathshalas that is "Love yourself daily" in which every week an activity will be conducted in the pathsala that indicates love.

### • **Impact created by Project Kilkari**

Thus, after much determination and hardwork, Kilkari pathshalas with the help of around 25 volunteers has successfully been able to make a positive impact on the lives of more than 120 unattended children living on the streets, deprived of even their basic right-'Education' and the SRC volunteers have been able to achieve the desired result which was to improve the basics of every child in the Centre. Team SRC is leaving no stone unturned to fulfill the Sustainable Development Goal 4 i.e. access to Education. After all, every child is a sapling that needs our proper attention to grow as a tree!

## **2. Enactus Kalindi:**

Enactus Kalindi, operative since 2017, aims at eradicating various social issues which weakens the foundation of our country. Also, it aims at empowering each and every community of our country. Enactus Kalindi in association with Social responsibility Cell of our college commenced its first project named as REHMAT – dealing with the manual scavenging community, rehabilitating them to another profession by imparting different kind of skills to them. Project Rehmata has a mission to create a nation where a person does not die for a living. Manual scavengers across the nation remove human and animal excreta from the streets and dry latrine, cleaning septic tanks, sewers and gutters. This inhuman occupation has been banned by the constitution for the past 13 years but it is still being practiced on a large scale. Earlier, by doing an illegal and dehumanizing act, they have faced several dignity issues and because of which they hesitate to talk to other people. This was the biggest challenge for us to talk to them and convince them to unfollow this practice and adopt a new profession. For this we provide them KIT JEEVAN which includes basic necessities required for entering into a sewer on a 3 months basis and during this period they also get an opportunity to learn a new skill and be rehabilitated to a different profession such as employing those manual scavengers in factories as skilled labor. We have been able to rehabilitate 34 manual scavengers. We have targeted the women of scavenging community by converting them to self-sustained

entrepreneurs by engaging them into the business of soap making. We have been able to create over 20 women entrepreneurs over the years from that community.

In 2019, Social Responsibility Cell came up with a new project named WERAN. It aims at the upliftment of farming community by educating them about the new and organic farming practices which they weren't aware about. Also, we aim at increasing their incomes by making them aware about feasible farming practices and alert them about the vicious cycle of intermediaries or middlemen. We have trained the farmers into segregating the entire produce into three categories, Category A, Category B and Category C. We then use the Category C produce that usually goes waste due to its unappealing look, to produce pickles by the women of the urban poor areas. This converts them into self-sustained entrepreneurs. The Category C is the rotten produce which is used by trained farmers in making organic manure, saving costs of production.

### **Activities and Achievements**

- On 4th April, 2019, Enactus Kalindi participated in the Release of Safai Karamchhari's Manifesto 2019 by Safai Karamchhari Andolan at Indian Social Institute.
- On 19th June, 2019, Enactus Kalindi collaborated with Bandicoot by GenRobotics Innovation. GenRobotics foundation is a Non-profit initiative to GRI to rehabilitate and support Manual Scavengers and Sanitation workers.
- On 8th July, 2019 We, at Enactus Kalindi in partnership with APS AGRO, conducted a training workshop for the farmers in various areas of Delhi and educated them with natural ways of growing crops, effective utilization of ancient practices and formulas for betterment of crop production in terms of quality and quantity.
- On 13th July, 2019, Enactus Kalindi was a part of the top 30 teams across India competing in the Enactus India National Symposium and Competition 2019. We presented our two flagship projects Weran and Rehmat and received significant appreciation from everyone.
- On 24th July, 2019, We at Enactus Kalindi in association with the Federation of Indian Women Entrepreneur conducted a Skill Development and Training Awareness Programme in the presence of honourable Mr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, MLA Jahangirpuri, Aam Aadmi Party.
- On 23rd August, 2019, we participated in the FirstWorld Youth Conference on Kindness organized by UNESCOMGIEP on the theme: Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Gandhi for the Contemporary World, Celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- On 12th September, 2019, Enactus Kalindi, conducted "Say NO to single use plastic drive" with Sulabh international social service organization in areas of Patel Nagar and Connaught place.
- On 17th September, 2019, Enactus Kalindi in association with Sulabh International Organization, celebrated our respected prime minister Narendra Modiji's birthday as "Swachhta Diwas" by conducting a "Say No To Single Use Plastic" rally at Constitution club of India supporting prime minister's initiative to scrap the use of plastic and wipe it from the face of the world.
- In September, 2019, we attended the National Hackathon Event at Ambedkar Centre.

- From 2nd October-8th October, 2019, we participated in the fund-raising campaign organized at Indian Oil Petrol Pump, by Enactus Kalindi under the "Daan Utsav", an initiative by the NGO guzarish.
- On 1st November, 2019 We participated in the Bplan Competition organized by ARSD College and bagged 2nd Position.
- On 15th November, 2019, we participated in the 'I for India' Campaign in partnership with the Republic Media Network.
- On 15th November, 2019, Enactus Kalindi attended the Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation workshop by Terry Torok at Jesus and Mary College.
- On 26th & 27th February, 2020, Enactus Kalindi put up a stall at Kalindi College's annual fest Lehen'20. The stall had Swatchch hand wash prepared by the women community of manual scavengers to whom the members of Project Rehmat gave training.
- On 14th March, 2020, Under Project Weran, we organized a Training and Workshop Session for the women of Jahangirpuri and trained them in making of apple-flavored handmade Afza Jams, thereby transforming them into self-sustained entrepreneurs.