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- Mother Teresa

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“Give your hands to serve and your heart - to love”
- Mother Teresa

TESTIMONIALS

Inspired Strokes - A SPONSORED SWIM

My name is Joel, I am 10yrs old.

I just did the sponsored swim with my bro (Oliver 7 yrs old) and mum...it was really fun, super fun....I really want to do more for the children in Goa, because I enjoyed it. I feel spoilt with all the things I have, so I want to give more. I will do another sponsored swim soon.

The best thing is that I am really athletic and I can help people by doing what I am best at.

On the day I swam 31 lengths, over 1 km in 26 minutes (more than needed for the sponsorship) and finished with butterfly stroke. My brother who is 7 yrs swam 5 lengths and mum did the rest! So we completed our challenge!

I am so happy we have been able to raise money for the children that need it in Goa.

Love from Joel, my brother Oliver and Mum Lucy.

THANK YOU!

SPONSOR'S TESTIMONIAL

I am now back in Holland after my visit to Goa. My visits to the houses of Kathleen and Rainbow have made a lasting impression.

I was also happy to meet up with the child I sponsor, Sneha Gosavi. In both houses the children were attentive and polite; and so grateful.

Having visited Goa I now know what the children need in clothing, etc.

Next month I will gladly donate money into the new bank account number.

Keep up the good work.

Best wishes,

Ira Nagel

Holland



Coming Up: NEW PROJECTS



RE-OPENING THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN REVORA

It is an immense pleasure for El Shaddai to re-open one of our Cottage Home for children. Initially this House was utilised by our senior boys who used to attend College & were prepared to get ready for living an independent life in normal society. This Cottage is located in a beautiful village surrounded by coconut palms & green paddy fields. The area around this cottage is also cultivated with various fruits & vegetables. We are now planning to make it our new Residential Children's Home named Roshni Nilaya, it will be a Home for around 35 boys aged 7 to 10 years of age. We can cater to more children living in desperate conditions & provide them a secure future.

HOUSE OF NORMA TURNS TO CHILDREN'S HOME

The initial inauguration of The House of Norma which was conducted on World Health Day, 7th April 2010. It was a Hospice for victims of HIV/AIDS who are from economically backward families and desperate situations. The victims were provided short and long term residential care, treatment, medication, nutritious food, support & counselling, all free of cost. House of Norma made a difference to the lives of many HIV victims and their families.

The Hospice, House of Norma as it is known as, was supported by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), an initiative of Ministry of Family and Health, Government of India. NACO was supporting Hospice with its running costs and medicinal requirements. In recent times, the Government of Goa along with NACO has made tremendous progress in the field of health care and awareness regarding HIV-AIDS. Due to the availability of free medicines and medical facilities provided by the government, HIV-AIDS is no longer a major threat. El Shaddai therefore planned to convert the Hospice into a Residential Home for children as the need to support deprived & underprivileged children is high.

As El Shaddai already has the space to start a new Home for children, a plan to convert the Hospice, House of Norma into a comfortable space for children, some change in furnishing and design is being made. A minimum of 35 to 40 girls aged 7 to 10 years will be housed in this Residential Home which is located in Assagao, Goa. The House of Norma will be fully operational from the month of



Our New Projects

Every year El Shaddai has several children coming to the doorstep but we do not have the space to accommodate all of them. Hence, we have now decided to start 2 new homes at Revora / Colvale and Assagao, and 3 more community centers, so that we can provide shelter for plenty more children.

ROSHNI NILAYA (Revora/Colvale)
HOUSE OF NORMA (Assagao)
3 community centres

THEY need Us... Help Us to help them...

If you wish to make a difference and help us in our work with underprivileged children, please contact us.

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A Word from Our Founders...



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We add another year in our constant endeavour to love, care and share for the underprivileged children of our society. We stand firm in our belief that being deprived of food, clothing, shelter and a basic education is not just sad; it is a violation of the child's right to the basic necessities of life.

El Shaddai has been able to impact thousands of children in India, thanks to the generous contributions from our Sponsors, Fundraisers, Supporters, Country Coordinators and Volunteers all over the world! It is through their support El Shaddai has grown stronger over the years. It's hard to believe we were first registered in 1997!

Our El-Shaddai Sports & Cultural Club (ESSCC) in association with the European Football Academy 'Coaching for Christ' (C4C) conducted a 4 days International level 'Coaches Camp' and 'Children's Camp' in Goa. It was headed by Chief Coach Alan Nixon, holder of UEFA B, A & Pro license together with Stephen Crawford and David Montgomery along with a team of 8 other leading coaches from Europe. Around 250 children and 25 coaches participated in this camp. This initiative was to set up a 'Professional Football Academy' to train young footballers and set up 'Coaching Camps' for coaches of various levels.

Our annual Rallies and Awareness Programmes were held consecutively in the major cities of Goa on the Prevention of Child Abuse in November 2013.

On 25th December 2013 we restarted the 'Meals On Wheels' Manna Khana Food distribution programme. On an everyday basis Manna takeaway packets are provided for around 275 poor and needy children living on the streets of Margao, Panjim, Calangute and Mapusa.

To mark the occasion of 'National Girl Child Day' on 14th January 2014, our three Centres Little Acorns, Stepping Stones and Asha Deep organized small plays in various public areas focusing on "Save the Girl Child", to sensitize the public on the importance of a girl child in the family; this was exceptionally well received.

Our third Goa Marathon was a great success this year! The Run was held on 9th February and featured four races – the 21 km half marathon, 10 km run, 5 km dream run and the school run for children under 14 and under 16. Over 2,000 people participated in the Marathon run this year including both Anita and Matthew! It was to raise funds for families in need of shelter living in the Assanora and Sancoale villages of Goa.

We are planning to start 2 new Children's Homes, one in Assagao and another in Revora just a few miles from Mapusa to help more children who are living in deprived situations.

Thank you so much for all you've given and for being a part of our El Shaddai family. It is only with your help we can "Bring childhood to children who have never had it." We are very grateful to you all.

Every blessing,

Anita and Matthew



HIGHLIGHTS

SHANTI NIKETAN SCHOOL



The new academic year commenced on 7th June 2013 with 230 students. Our Pre-Primary section is now registered with Government of Goa. Congratulations to our students of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for their 100% exam results.

To complement Shanti Niketan School (SNS) curriculum, a comprehensive array of extracurricular activities such as music, dance and sports are being promoted. Regular afternoon classes such as painting, card making, tailoring, architecture, knitting, Awana are conducted. Regular Workshops are held on Social Interaction, Planning Your Career, Becoming Independent, Stress Management, Work Ethics, First Aid and Road safety. Vaccination, Red-Cross – 5th Installation ceremony, Vanamohatsava, cultural programme, competitions and quizzes are organized annually.

Regular Workshops are held on Social Interaction, Planning Your Career, Becoming Independent, Stress Management, Work Ethics, First Aid and Road safety.

Amber, Maxie Till, Lena Finn, Hanna, Jessica, Kristine, Katrine and Gloria Flik were our volunteers who assisted the pre-primary teachers. Alda, trained our girls in embroidery. Bente Munch and Helen Grau put up a puppet show.

We would also like to thank our supporters and well-wishers, who helped raise money towards the School. A special thanks to Mr. Lever for providing support towards the purchase of the Montessori material and teaching aids.

Thank you one and all.

Looking forward to a great year ahead.....!!!!!!!



EMMEN FAMILY, HOLLAND

The Emmen Family from Holland have been holding fundraising events for El Shaddai every year. The donations received through their Second Hand Stall in a market are been donated towards the work of El Shaddai with the deprived & underprivileged. This year in February the Emmen Family visited us and have happily donated €2200 towards Solar panels for our Children's Homes. We are very grateful for their unending generous support!



Our Thanks to...

We would like to thank KAISA KAKKO & her 'BIRTHDAY FRIENDS' from Finland who helped Sponsor Vipul's Plastic surgery with a donation of €620. Vipul has recovered well with the help of Physiotherapy. He is living with his parents and is schooling in Bengal. He is a good Artist!

Thank you one & all for changing his life.

Notes from EL Shaddai GERMANY

The last year was a real exciting one with big success for Hoffnung Kindheit - El Shaddai Germany. With the great support of the Realschule Kisslegg, secondary school in the south of Germany, we could build up a new well at the border to Karnataka and gift goats and chicken.

There are presently 24 child sponsors from Germany and the number is increasing constantly. Many groups donated towards the work of El Shaddai. This time Hoffnung Kindheit had the biggest financial success since four years ago when it was started. We now have sponsors from Finland too.

We are thankful to Lothar and Conny and their big team of people. They have been fundraising for El Shaddai for about 10 years.

We have been in contact on a weekly basis with the staff of El Shaddai and have been always updated with all the different projects run by El Shaddai. Especially our visit at Christmas time and January was an unforgettable one. The six weeks that were spent with the El Shaddai family were amazing. We got a very clear view into the work of El Shaddai and we reported it to our German sponsors and well-wishers. They're really impressed just like we are. We had a very good time at the Volunteers Home in Parra as we stayed there with other Volunteers and interacted about their work experiences at El Shaddai. We were proud to donate a scooter for Asha Deep Shelter needs.

We are grateful to all supporters of El Shaddai. We thank all the staff for all the help and time spent with them and we hope to see everyone soon for the coming Christmas.

- Andi and Tina from El Shaddai Germany



VOLUNTEERS EXPERIENCES

“ You can't cross an ocean only by staring at the water' (Rabindranath Tagore) was my motto when I decided to do some volunteer work in India. Instead of the water I decided to stare at the lovely pictures of El Shaddai posted in the internet and crossed the arabian sea directly to Goa. Leaving Germany during my gap year was a good decision and volunteering at El shaddai an even better one. After visiting the wonderful settings of all the different El Shaddai homes, school and Centres I decided to work mainly in Calangute for Little Acorns, a day care Centre. The first month of January 2014 was amazing and I was sure, my next 3 months would top everything.

Going to Little Acorns always fills me with excitement and prouddness. Excitement, because I know each single day that I have the possibility to be part of progress against poverty. Prouddness as I have the unique chance to help people by passing on my knowledge. Normally my day starts with visiting the slums and teaching there. When seeing the smiling faces of many children waiting for me with a curious and eager face gets me thinking: 'yes, thats exactly the place I want to be in this moment!' When starting the lessons, all the children are ready to learn ABC and 123. My job is to teach it to them and to promote each individually. Some children are very fast at learning, others need more time and some contribute to the lesson by bringing the much needed fun aspect. But all in all, each child is like a bud which can become a flower by watering it with love, care and attention. For me personally, entering a slum is an experience which changed me completely. It changed my thinking a lot and my view on the world. It is a really positive change as now I am feeling responsible for those children. I want to be the one who helped them to live a better life. Additionally, my stay isn't just about giving them my knowledge, it's also about learning something from them, which will surely help me in my future life. In fact, I profited so much from them.

For the future I am wishing to continue supporting El Shaddai in the best way I can. I will take part at some events in Germany and will tell about my fantastic experiences in India with El Shaddai. Even now I am planning my next trip to Goa.

Finally I can only say thank you El shaddai for giving me the most wonderful experience in my life.”

- Volunteer Gloria Flik, Germany

“ This has been an incredible experience. We are so glad we got to have our practice placement with El-Shaddai. What El-Shaddai does relates pretty good with our studies back in Norway, which is Child Welfare. We have met a lot of wonderful people, both other volunteers and staff. We think El-Shaddai is a great organization who does a lot of great things for the children. We have also seen that El Shaddai really makes a different in the kids' lives. While wearing the red volunteer t-shirt, we have met several people on the street telling us with pride that they are kids of El-Shaddai, and now they are living a good life.

While working with El-Shaddai, we mostly worked at Little Acorns, a Day Centre in Calangute. Every day we got to go out to the slums and teach the slum children ABC, 123 and maths. It surprised us that many children in the slums were so interested and eager to learn. In the beginning we found it a bit difficult to see how many of the children in the slums were treated, and most of all see how they were living. They have no proper house, it is dirty and they have to go out to get water. One thing that really helped us was that the children were always smiling. We also got to visit the Centres in Panjim and in Margao, Asha Deep and Stepping Stones.

It has been great to be a part of the El-Shaddai family for 2 months. As I said we have met many great people, and by living in the volunteer cottage we got to know people from different parts of the world. We are really glad that we chose to have our placement with El-Shaddai. The volunteer coordinator always made sure we had whatever we needed and that we were ok. The time has gone by so fast and we have to go home now, but we are definitely coming back to Goa and El-Shaddai.

THANKYOU SO MUCH, EL-SHADDAI FAMILY FOR HAVING US!”

- Volunteers Katrine Amundsen and Kristine Gauslaa, Norway



“ Volunteering with El Shaddai is honestly one of the most rewarding adventures I've undertaken in my life. The friendships and memories I made over the 5 weeks in Goa will always remain close to my heart. Thank you El Shaddai for the amazing work you do and will continue to do right across India. It's truly inspirational such incredible work is being done to help those in need.”

-Volunteer Jessica Wallace, Australia



EL SHADDAI SPORTS & CULTURAL CLUB (ESSCC)

Report on 'The Lions Club' of Assagao

The Lions Club of Assagao organized their 2nd Inter Club Lions Sports Meet for underprivileged children on 2nd March, 2014. Mr. Michael Lobo MLA of Calangute was the chief guest. The sports event started at 3 pm at St Joseph Boy's Hostel Calangute. Ten Schools participated and the overall 2nd place was bagged by our El Shaddai boys and 3rd place by our girls! The Rolling Trophy was given to St Joseph Calangute for their overall performance in both categories of boys and girls.



Coaching for Christ (C4C)

International level football coaching camps conducted for Coaches & Children

Our El-Shaddai Sports & Cultural Club (ESSCC) in association with the European Football Academy 'Coaching for Christ' (C4C) conducted an International level 'Coaches Camp' and 'Children's Camp' in Goa. The coaching camp, which ran for 3 days was headed by Chief Coach Alan Nixon, Stephen Crawford and David Montgomery along with a team of 8 other leading coaches from Europe. Mr Alan Nixon is the holder of UEFA B, A & Pro license and IFA Goalkeeping Award who has conducted 37 International level camps across Europe, USA, Asia and Africa.

250 boys and girls plus 25 coaches participated at the Union



High School ground Assagao. Simultaneously coaches, Alan Nixon, Stephen Crawford and David Montgomery conducted training, practical and theory for the Goan coaches on the Sangolda Ground.

On the same day we had a 'World Cup football Tournament' with different teams playing against each other. Many exciting prizes were given to teams and individuals inclusive of Winners and Runners up and Player of the tournament. All the teams received medals.

This Camp was an initiative of ESSCC & C4C to set up a 'Professional Football Academy in Goa' to train children of various age groups to become footballers and also to set up 'Coaching Camps' for coaches of various levels.



BEAUTY WITH A HEART

The children at our Vasco shelter were thrilled to meet Gail Da Silva, the second runner-up of the Miss India beauty pageant 2014. The slim and striking beauty dropped in to spend time with the kids on her way back home shortly after her victory made headlines across the country. Gail expressed her interest in helping El Shaddai reach out to more needy children and promised to be back soon.

LEAD STORY



A Run for HOPE & HOMES

The third Goa Marathon took place at the Campal Ground, Panjim on Sunday, February 9th 2014.

It featured four races – the 21 km Half Marathon, 10 km Run, 5 km Dream Run plus School Runs for children under 14 and 16 attracting a wide spectrum of runners across all ages.



There was stiff competition in the men's and women's open category of the Half Marathon with over 2,000 participants from many parts of India and overseas. The 10 km had many local Goans and runners from across the country. The 5KM Dream Run had the founders of El Shaddai Charitable Trust, Anita Edgar and Matthew Kurian together with several Corporate groups, The Central Bank of India, Hyatt, Novotel and Pyro Electric besides a group from Toast Master's Club. The Army and Navy continued their support in large numbers. Participating schools were – Rosary School, Sharada Mandir, Sacred Heart, KV INS Mandovi.

MP Francisco Sardinha and Tourism Minister Dilip Parulekar plus Star Attractions, Beto D'Silva and Talasha Prabhu were among the dignitaries who participated. The event was supported by – The Goa Athletic Association, Panjim City Corporation, Goa Tourism, Central Bank of India, Deltin Group, Prime slots, Quality Foods and Real Drinks Pvt Ltd.



“Thank you for your gift...”

ACROSS THE BORDERS | OUT OF STATE PROJECTS

El Shaddai reaches out to the poor in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Kerala with community centres, medical assistance, bore wells and livestock.

Mundgod Community Centre: (Karnataka)

We have 62 children studying in Blooming Buds Nursery School and 241 community children are enrolled for a variety of activities & Vocational training in music, electrical courses, flower making, learning spoken English with tuition and coaching. The permission required for running the primary level classes is in progress for the coming year. We plan to start the building work to complete the second floor and the terrace very soon as we will need classrooms to run the school!

Bethel Child Development Centre in Karnataka is now operating in two locations!

Both Centres are doing well. In Adarahalli there are 167 students who come for extra coaching classes. At Belhatti about 10km away there are around 60 children who also attend extra coaching classes. During school holidays they have Vocational training in dance, drama, painting etc. Medical camps are organised regularly for the children and counselling is provided to needy children and their families whenever required.

Mundgod Farm: We are now involved in rearing, breeding and raising goats & poultry with the aim of becoming self-sufficient. This will help us by cutting down the cost of buying them from the market. We are also trying our hand in raising fresh water fish on a small scale in a pond. Our banana & mango trees are growing well.

Faith Missions Child Care: (Kerala)

Faith Mission in Kerala is doing great work in their community. At present they cater to 75 children by providing food and extra coaching from Mondays to Fridays. Every second Saturday programmes are conducted to develop the children's talents in singing, dancing, storytelling etc. Medical camps are conducted as per the need and counselling is also provided to the children and their families.

BOREWELLS:

El Shaddai has provided a source of life giving water to families at risk from water scarcity. This year we have been able to sink two Wells while the third is in progress. We would like to express our sincere thanks & appreciation to our Sponsors who generously donated towards these Wells.



Our first in Malwadi, sunk in 2013 in the Malwadi area of Hupari village, Kolhapur, Maharashtra provides fresh good quality drinking water for more than 100 households. This Well was sunk in the rainy season which took extra time to fix the motor. The villagers expressed their gratitude to the loving Patel Family from Saroda, Gujarat who sponsored the Bore Well and also to El Shaddai for providing this for their community. This area had waited years to have clean drinking water!

A second Well was sunk in Karwar, Karnataka in March 2014. It was donated by "The Good News Gospel Church and Amazing Charity Shop" through Pastor Michael Whittle. The selected area for the Well is surrounded by approximately 1,400 houses with a population of 20,000 and had very limited water sources.

Our third Well, sponsored by the Students of Realschule Kisslegg through Hoffnung Kindheit - El Shaddai Germany is to be sunk in Dhumakwadi village in Khed, Maharashtra. This area has water scarcity.

GIVING GOATS AND SHEEP TO POOR FAMILIES:

With the help of our generous Sponsors, El Shaddai has been able to help donate a pair of male & female goats to four poor families. We have also provided two female sheep to a needy family. These families have expressed their sincere gratitude towards this project which has improved their sustainability.



The Marathon was organized by El Shaddai Charitable Trust and Habitat for Humanity India in partnership with the Goa Athletic Association and the Corporation of the City of Panaji who aimed to raise funds for and draw attention to the dire housing situation in the Konkan region.



In India, the housing scenario is a matter of collective concern. Over 50 million families in India lack access to decent shelter. Habitat for Humanity India and El Shaddai Charitable Trust have come together in an endeavour to bridge this gap. All donations collected via the Goa Half Marathon will be used to build safe and decent homes for 20 families from marginalized communities in Assanora and Saoncale villages of Goa.

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- Roberto Mendes Silva -
a professional football player from Brazil

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When quizzed about why he supports the cause of housing, local hero Roberto Mendes Silva, a professional football player from Brazil said, “Having a home is just the beginning. A decent roof over one's head comes with a tremendous sense of security. Access to a home spurs education, lays the foundation of a sustainable livelihood and builds a healthy family. It is important to not only be involved in sports but also to help those in need. So, when I was asked to run for this cause I immediately accepted because it's an opportunity to help families in need to put a roof over their heads.”

“Our next Goa Marathon will be on 8th February 2015, please come, join hands and be part of an opportunity to 'Build a Home'!



AWARENESS PROGRAMMES & RALLIES



AWARENESS ON PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

Successive Rallies were held in November 2013 in the major cities of Goa namely Margao, Vasco, Ponda, Calangute, Mapusa & Panjim to spread awareness on Prevention of Child Abuse. A number of dignitaries graced the occasions and spoke on the topic of 'Child Abuse Prevention' & 'Child Rights'. El Shaddai children, staff and friends set off on the streets and made their voices heard. Hundreds of people stood by, watching and listening while many cheered them on. The march concluded with a cultural programme performed by our talented children. The Rallies were truly inspiring and fulfilling.



SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) India is making a difference. Read on.

As we look back at the efforts we've made and the results we've seen, we can say we have worked together and confronted all obstacles to make sure that the needs of the children have been met. We exist because there is a need for the issues of children to be put into the spotlight. There are many burning issues, but children in conflict with the law deserve to be heard. We believe in empowering children as part of the solution to create mature adults.

During 2013-14 SCAN-India assisted in 146 cases of child abuse. These cases ranged from sexual abuse, physical abuse, corporal, trafficking, counselling etc. Most of the cases referred to SCAN-India are through the Police, CWC, JJB and community. In all, we have assisted in 515 cases of child abuse to date. Follow-up has been conducted in most of the cases which required monitoring. Counselling sessions have also been undertaken, not only for the children but also for the parents of the children, as and when required. Our services were made available 24x7 to the officials.

Besides the above, SCAN-India assisted in approximately 21 cases of children in conflict with the law, which ranged from murder, kidnapping, and theft. These cases were referred to us by the Juvenile Justice Board at Apna Ghar and by the parents of the children. SCAN took up the cases and looked into them holistically. Children were admitted into institutions and even job placements and some were trained in vocational courses. Free legal assistance and rehabilitation was worked jointly for the children in conflict with the law. A few children were admitted in NIOS Xth and XIIth to pursue their academic education. Besides this, various cases are still pending since 2012-13, which are at different stages of Inquiry before the Juvenile Justice Board. In all, we have assisted in 219 cases of children in conflict with the law.

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Awareness programmes and training have also been conducted in collaboration with Free Legal Aid Services for Juvenile Welfare Police Officers and para legal volunteers on child related legislations. In all, 13 sessions were held on Goa Children's Act 2003 and Juvenile Justice Act 2000 in Goa. Sessions on child rights were also held for children in different Schools.

SCAN-India's commitment to its work has been appreciated by the government in Goa, which can be indicated, as it has been made a part of the Inspection team for registration of children's homes, shelter homes, day care and night care in certain Talukas (districts) in Goa.

The major highlight for the year 2013-14 was to lobby with the Government for setting up the mechanism in Goa for an effective delivery system for children.



OUTREACH PROJECTS

Ensuring street children are well fed, in good health and safe from abuse is always a concern. This year we are happy to announce considerable progress on these fronts.



Khana Ghar

A year ago we set up Khana Ghar – a centralised kitchen to prepare nutritious meals for all our children in the Homes and Day Care Centres as well as to make food packets for the 'Manna Khana Meals on Wheels' distribution programme.

This initiative has been a success allowing us to monitor and check the quality, hygiene and safety of our food production. We've not only avoided wastage but also reduced costs. With just a small team of four enthusiastic cooks our centralised kitchen efficiently manages the breakfast, lunch and dinner requirements of all our homes and centres. In addition, the kitchen supplies around 150 Manna meal packets in silver foil containers on weekdays for distribution to the poor and needy in the locality.

'Meals On Wheels' Manna Khana

EL Shaddai's 'Meals On Wheels' Manna Khana Food distribution programme recommenced on 25th December 2013. The poor, the disabled, those living on the streets, in the slums and on the road are provided at least one nutritious meal every day. Around 275 adults and children benefit from this Project. They are provided takeaway packets in 4 areas of Goa - Margao, Panjim, Calangute and Mapusa. Our Staff not only distribute food packets to these unfortunate people but speak to them and enquire about their situation, comforting them with kind words. They also inform them about El Shaddai's purpose and how their children's lives can be transformed with us.



+ Medical Support



“Keeping track of the medical history of all our children helps us stay prepared for any emergency. We maintain medical profiles and records of children across all our four Children's Homes. We have now compiled a medical profile for the newly admitted and have updated the medical profiles of the older children. Children undergoing illnesses are offered medication and treatment till they are cured. All our Homes are equipped with a first-aid medical kit where necessary medicines, antiseptics, gauze, adhesive bandages etc. are kept for use in case of medical emergencies. The Home In-Charges are given special instructions for the use of medicines. Emergencies are treated according to their needs, either at the Homes or the specific hospitals. Dental Check-up Camps are also held.

The three Day Care Centres and three Community Centres, placed in different areas of North and South Goa are also visited for Health check-ups and awareness programmes. Health camps, awareness programmes, health education are also organized in different slum areas. We also have regular health camps where a team of local doctors, trained nurses and volunteers provide the necessary medical attention to the needy. We provide free of cost, medicines for all who attend these health camps.

We are very thankful for the generous and continuous support provided by our Sponsors in rendering essential health services and medical help to the poor and respecting their right to a healthy life.”

-Dr J M Das M.S. (Medical Director)

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY ON 24TH JANUARY !

To mark the occasion of National Girl Child Day on 24th January 2014, our various El Shaddai Day Care Centres placed in Calangute, Margao, Vasco & Panjim organized a programme. Street plays were conducted in these areas focusing on "Save the Girl Child". The objective was to sensitize the public on the importance of a girl in the family. Significant Awareness was raised about inequalities faced by the girl in the society. The focus was also to address issues related to health, education and nutrition of a girl child.

In the Calangute area a number of parents came to watch the play and were very much touched by the skit. The Tremara Community Centre in Chimbel showed a small Video clip to the parents on the importance of a girl. The video stressed on a major social problem of how people conducted gender detection tests and underwent abortion if female. They were told to 'Stop killing the Girl child in the womb,' the Girl child has every right to live, Dr Umesh Kolkar from Chimbel Health Centre emphasized on the importance of a girl in our society. The parents appreciated & thanked for enlightening them on this important issue.

At Ashraya Community Centre in Vasco we had invited guests from various fields for the programme. One of our guests, Smt. Pushpa from an NGO gave a message to all the girls and ladies on how they should support each other & fight for their rights. In any crisis they should contact the women help line and NGOs who work to help women.



News from our HOMES

HOUSE OF KATHLEEN

This is the Home for our tiny tots both boys and girls aged 19 months to 8 years. The Home is situated next door to Rainbow House in Assagao. These children need additional love, care and attention besides nourishing food for their healthy growth. At House of Kathleen we are looking after over 50 children as if they were our own.



Recently we admitted two young brothers and their sister into our care. Their mother tried to commit suicide together with them and their other siblings due to poverty and continuous cruel behaviour from their drunkard father. As soon as they were rescued they came into El Shaddai's care. These children had been starving for many days and were very undernourished. Now they are all developing well and adapting to their new home.

An incident which touched our hearts was of two sisters whose father is a chronic alcoholic. This brought a lot of stress on these children as they were very scared when he beat their mother up. The other day their mother came to visit them, when she left, the younger sister spoke to us with tears in her eyes saying, 'my mummy told us not to come home for the summer holidays because of daddy'. We consoled them and said, "this is your home and you can stay here and enjoy your holidays with us".

RAINBOW HOUSE

We are looking after just under 50 wonderful girls above 8 years of age from various deprived conditions. During the year we had a lot of fun-filled group-wise activities for them. The girls are in 5 teams, each named after different colours. Apart from studies, these girls are also involved in Dance competitions, 'Best out of Waste' competition, cooking, music, indoor and out-door games plus other household activities.

Our girls also enjoyed a couple of outings at Harvalem Lake in Bicholim, Fort Aguada and Mayem Lake. A number of well wishers sponsored snacks and 'special food' parties which they really enjoyed. Each month there was a celebration for birthdays and each girl was given a gift. Our girls took part in a number of extracurricular activities and sports conducted by the Goa Athletic Association.

During the year a few girls went back to stay with their families, we really miss them!

At Rainbow's End Cottage we have around 6 girls; some are working with us, other working locally while some are trainees and pursuing their further studies. Our Home symbolises hope for all these girls.



VICTORY HOUSE

We have around 50 energetic and cheerful boys aged between 7 to 10 years who live and thrive in a secure, homely atmosphere and are cared for under the In-Charge Jaya, who was himself an El Shaddai boy when we first opened in 1997! The boys have been placed into groups with leaders in each of the groups and one among the boys was chosen as the Captain of all teams. They are been taught how they can learn to lead others, be it study or play. Our boys enjoyed the fun-filled games and received coaching classes in Football and Cricket by Volunteers Maurizio and John who come year after year!

Children loved participating in the inter-group competitions of dancing, singing, story-telling, skits and drama. The winners were given a lovely treat!

Our boys were involved in many different events; the Rallies, programmes on prevention of child abuse and the Independence Day Programme held at Little Acorns in Calangute. Our boys participated in the football coaching camp conducted by the 'Coaching for Christ'

KEEP LOVING CHILDREN (KLC) CENTRE

KLC is a slum school based in Cobra Vaddo where we provide tuition classes for children. Some of these children were admitted into different local Schools. Biscuits and milk are given to these children for refreshments. Community health work and medical camps are held regularly in this slum. The slum dwellers are provided with necessary Medical help,

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common medicines, wound dressings etc. Awareness programmes on Save The Girl Child, health, hygiene etc. are also conducted. Dr Marina from Urban Health Centre and Dr Das have also given talks about Family Planning and its importance.



GOODNEWS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our Centre provides tuition facilities for 140 school children and caters for 30 nursery children between the ages of 2 to 16 years. We often organise extra-curricular activities and competitions like drawing, craft, dancing, singing, quiz, essay writing, elocution etc.

We believe that empowerment of women is the need of the hour and, therefore, have Vocational Training Courses for developing skills in Computer, Tailoring, Bag-making, Mehandi, Crochet, Knitting etc. On successful completion of a tailoring or computer course, we give each student a certificate which enables them to find work and have a better living. This year we have trained approximately 58 women in tailoring and around 54 students in Computer education and 20 women in a Mehandi course. During the beginning of the year 2014 we started a Beautician course for women and have been training around 8 women. We are also providing adult literacy classes for 15 women.

Community health work and outreach programmes are regularly conducted which enables us to communicate with a large number of families living in slums. We teach them the importance of education, family planning, cleanliness and hygiene practices. We also provide medical help.

ASHRAYA COMMUNITY CENTRE

In November 2013 the Centre completed one year of reaching out to hundreds of needy slum children and providing education and support. Formal, non-formal education and tuitions together with nutritious snacks are provided to more than 200 children along with a number of fun-filled activities like action songs, physical and mental exercise, stories, drawing, art craft work. Medical care is provided for the children at the Centre. CHILDREN'S CLUB is a new approach we introduced to interact and work with the children. We made separate groups of boys and girls and have given them group names. We also have Trust building activities for them.

During the year we conducted around 5 Medical Camps for the slum dwellers with the help of the Government Health Centres. They are provided with free check-ups and medicines. Polio Campaign and Immunization Programmes are held. The staff visit the Houses in the slums to see if their children received Polio doses. Around 141 Children were given a Polio dose. Community Health work and awareness on family planning, education, diseases, health and hygiene are organized regularly. This year around 321 families were reached during our survey and we spoke to them about vocational classes conducted at the Centre. In Vocational Training Courses this year we have trained 35 women in tailoring and 20 students in computer education. On completion of their courses, we have given them a certificate.

We organised a number of awareness programmes on various crucial days. On 15th August, we celebrated the Independence Day of India. and paid great homage to our freedom fighters. We had a Cultural Dance Programme at which our children performed; And around 320 people witnessed the Event. We also had prizes and Certificates distributed at the end. "Prevention of Child Abuse Campaign 2013" was held in the month of November at the Vasco city. We spread awareness among the business class people, industrialists, Schools and local people about 'Child Rights'. Children presented dance and drama for the programme that attracted a lot of people. In addition we also organize various other programmes at the Centre like Goa liberation day, Christmas programme, Social Justice Day, World AIDS Day, National Girl Child Day Mothers' Breast Feeding Day Awareness.

COMMUNITY CENTRES

► TREMARA COMMUNITY CENTRE

We cater for over 60 Kindergarten age children who are divided into three classes. We give them a glass of milk in the morning then help in building children's talents through action songs, rhyming competitions, drawing, games and fancy-dress. Sometimes we take these children for picnics and outings. In the afternoons we provide tuition classes for around 30 Formal School students. Every month we have a meeting for parents to discuss the children's cleanliness, progress in studies and health issues.

For our Kindergarten children we celebrate their monthly birthdays, organise Children's Day, Independence Day, Annual Day and Christmas programmes.

Every day two of our staff go for Field Work. They visit the people who are poor and needy and provide counselling and any necessary help. Through Field Work we have been able to identify the families who are financially unstable and seek admissions for their children to go into one of our Children's Homes.

We conduct awareness programmes on Dengue, Malaria, T.B, Adolescent health programme, laparoscopy, child abuse, family planning, Save Girl Child, awareness of plastic and garbage, importance of immunization and polio and breast cancer. Every month with the help of the Health Centre we



arrange Immunization Camps and provide medical help, various vaccines, vitamins and de-worming pills; all are given to the needy free of cost.

We organise cooking, making sweets and nutritional food competitions for the ladies and run various other competitions for the children. We have trained just under 100 students in our computer classes and nearly 50 women in the tailoring classes, all receive certificates after the completion of their courses. Adult education is also provided for ladies, they are taught reading, writing and spoken English.

Team of Volunteers which was organised by our El-Shaddai Sports and Cultural Club at Assagao. On the last day of the Camp they played and enjoyed a match which was held at Sangolda Sports Ground.



The boys are always charged-up for outings especially when they were taken to various tourist places and old monuments, Forts, beaches and Lakes. A visit to the Circus was once again paid for by our long-term sponsors Jim and Elaine and everyone was very grateful to them for their continued kindness and support.

The birthdays of the boys were celebrated month-wise and they were given gifts.

SHEKINAH HOUSE

Our House caters for up to 50 boys above 11 years of age. We help them to grow physically and psychologically and provide them with the much needed love, support, care and attention they so desperately require. The senior boys who are capable of looking after themselves and taking on responsibilities are moved to Laurel Cottage where they can pursue their studies, work as staff or trainees.



A lot of exciting events occurred during the year; one of them was the football coaching camp conducted by the 'Coaching for Christ Team' from Ireland. It was fun-filled and activity based and our boys participated and played really well. They also organised a football match at Sangolda ground. A number of supporters sponsored snacks and birthday parties for the boys at the Home, everyone enjoyed a good time. The boys enjoyed different types of activities and games during their leisure time. Group-wise football and cricket tournaments were held regularly and the winning group were given points. One of the activities which the boys really enjoyed was acting!

There were outings arranged to the Harvalem Water Falls and Mayem Lake in Bicholim. They enjoyed the view and everyone had a good refreshing swim in the lake. They were also taken to the Panjim Park and Caranzalem Park where they had good fun playing games and went to Miramar Beach to swim.

A TRIP TO DELHI - Sponsored by Jemma

In November the boys without parents were taken on a trip to Delhi by flight! It was entirely sponsored by Jemma, our long-time Sponsor. They enjoyed visiting the heritage places, the Taj Mahal and Lal Killa and had a great time shopping for their favourite things in the Delhi market. They all had an amazing experience which will be treasured forever; they will never forget Jemma and her generous heart!!



Thank you Jemma!

Updates from our Day Care Centres

STEPPING STONES

Our Day Care Centre in Margao provides a safe haven with medical attention, food, education, vocational training and the chance to change a child's future. At the Centre we cater for approximately 200 children coming from various deprived conditions. They are provided with meals, tuitions classes, stationery, school bags, rainwear, school shoes and sandals. We also provide counselling for the children and arrange many activities with summer camps and outings. Many of the children we help do not even have a roof over their heads. We provide meals for every 'drop in' child who would otherwise go hungry and we encourage them to have a thirst for education!

During this academic year we have enrolled around 70 slum children into Formal Schools. The government has also provided funding for the education of a further 50 plus children.

We have been running eight to ten Slums Schools during this year for approximately 100 children who are not able to attend the Centre facilities due to having to travel long distances. We provide First Aid care for children and if needed, we take them to the hospital for further treatment. We visit and care for 3 big slum areas every week where we provide food and clothes.

During the year we conducted around 10 medical camps. We recognised the desperate need of many families for health awareness and medical attention. Our health workers have been going into the slum areas



and advising the families on health and hygiene practices and provide basic medication. When needed they also arrange hospital appointments with follow ups. Awareness camps are conducted on topics such as family planning, pregnancy, breastfeeding and breast cancer, HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Filariasis, addictions and personal hygiene.

Throughout the year we give our children the opportunity to celebrate various occasions, National

Republic Day, Independence Day, Teachers' Day, Children's Day, Prevention of Child Abuse Day and our Christmas Party. We also conduct various fun-filled events for our children to participate which help them showcase their talents, these events are the Sports Mela, Handicraft Exhibition, Summer Camp, Drawing competition and beach programmes. The children have great fun and are full of excitement for such events.



We provide 'Meals on Wheels' called Manna Khana, distributing food packets to around 150 poor or disabled people living on the streets and in slums in the Margao area.

LITTLE ACORNS

Little Acorns celebrated its 8th Anniversary on 12th November 2013. We believe education is a tool which opens doors to a brighter future. We have been looking after just under 100 children at our Day Care Centre, most of them now attend Formal School. These children are provided tuitions, meals, clothes, medical care and school necessities.

There are 8 slum schools having around 100 children in various slum areas in the Calangute, Candolim and Arpora areas. In the new academic year we have successfully admitted nearly 20 new children in the local Don Bosco School.

During leisure time children are taken for a number of outings, sometime to the beach or to the Children's Park in Panjim. We provide Manna Khana 'Meals on Wheels,' nutritious take away packets to around 50 poor and disabled individuals living on the streets.

On 15th August, Independence Day, a Rally was conducted in the Calangute area. All the children and staff from the El Shaddai Day Centres and Homes together with our Cofounder, Matthew Kurian were

present for the programme. There were also a number of important dignitaries who graced this event.

We held a Christmas programme at our premises, more than 300 children, parents and friends attended. Our children performed Dances and Skits, they were given prizes and Christmas gifts were distributed.



We celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2014. There were more than 30 women, men and children. A number of topics relating to women were discussed. Health issues, nutritional requirement, menstrual health, pregnancy, child delivery and care plus government schemes for women were all addressed. Many women were enlightened with the insights provided to them. There was a Quiz session held after the talk and the women who gave the correct answers were awarded with a gift.

ASHA DEEP

In 2003 we opened Asha Deep, this was a 'dream come true,' providing Light and Hope to hundreds of Street Children in and around the city of Panaji where Street Children come for meals, tuition classes, educational and medical care. We have admitted over 20 new children from Taligao and Betim Slums to Formal Schools in the last academic year. We run 4 Slum Schools where children are provided education and school requirements such as stationery, books, school bags and shoes and rain wear. A number of fun-filled activities are held to boost these children in various fields. The staff and the children are at the forefront of any child related rallies or programmes. During the school holidays children were taken for a number of outings to Miramar beach and the Children's Park in Panjim. Our Manna Khana 'Meals on Wheels' programme provide nutritious take away meals to around 50 poor and disabled individuals living on the streets.

We conduct medical camps and provide free treatment and medicines for various medical problems suffered by the slum dwellers. Community Health work is also conducted in the different slums of Taligao, Odxel and Old Goa.

On the 26th of December 2013 we conducted a Christmas programme with lots of fun and distributed Gifts for all the children. The gifts were given out by our special guests, Andy and Tina, our lovely German Coordinators of El Shaddai, together with Stanly. We are proud to say the Asha Deep children won the championship in the Inter-Centres Handicraft Exhibition and also in the Sports Mela at Margao organized by Stepping Stones.

Asha Deep's 'Dadima', Mrs. Kirti Gaonkar has voluntarily worked with us for the last 10 years. She will be bidding us adieu as she will be moving with her son to Tamil Nadu. We organised a farewell for Dadima on 1st of March with a special programme. We are very grateful for her wonderful services for a decade! She is truly an example of Light and Hope for our children. We will miss you Dadima!

