



El Shaddai
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El Shaddai Charitable Trust



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Our Mission

El Shaddai, as an organisation, exists to open Homes, Shelters & Community Centres for children living on the streets, in slums and those from underprivileged conditions, providing them with the basic necessities of life, so as to develop their personalities leading to a brighter future.

Our Vision

Bringing childhood to children who never had one.

Our Motto

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ABOUT US

El Shaddai Charitable Trust is a registered, non-profit Charity working in Goa and other states of India, implementing Child Rights and Juvenile Justice for orphans, street children and children from economically underprivileged conditions.





Sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a framework to generate economic growth, achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance.

Ban Ki-moon

A message from the **FOUNDERS**



As we enter the 3rd decade of El Shaddai's existence, we are delighted to share with you the latest updates from the El Shaddai Family.

Even as India grows in the world economy, large sections of the population still live in abject poverty with no access to food, shelter and education. This creates disparities in a society that reflect in disillusioned youth and increasing crime.

We at El Shaddai believe that to break out of this cycle, education is the key. This year, we opened the Usha M Shroff Community Centre in Chimbel, Goa with the aim of improving education for three hundred children living in the slums just outside Panjim, the capital city of Goa. We also opened our first residential facility in South Goa - Verna House - where we have sheltered 30 boys who do not have a home to call their own. This home can accommodate 75 children. We have extended and modernised our central kitchen (KhanaGhar) to feed 100 more children in need. The 7th Edition of Goa Marathon successfully

raised awareness of the needs of the underprivileged children.

We, at El Shaddai, are a robust and conscientious team who work together on every project to deliver the very best to our beloved children. These new facilities will allow the mission to move forward with its vision to do more than just provide shelter and a meal but to also make strides towards reducing poverty in India.

We will continue to reach out to more States across India, with women and children in desperate need, with the aim to empower and educate them for a brighter, happier future. Your effort and dedication are integral to where we are today and will continue to be the most significant blessing to our country.

We truly appreciate you!



Education promotes equality and lifts people out of poverty. It teaches children how to become good citizens. Education is for everyone. It is a fundamental human right.

Ban Ki-moon

EDUCATION

Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and discrimination. Only 20 million children out of a total of 70 million children in the age group of 3 to 6 years attended pre-school in India in 2014, according to UN reports. Of the first-generation learners, many face discrimination in school. Most are unable to cope with the system.

With five formal and twenty-one non-formal schools, El Shaddai provides quality education for underprivileged children.

Formal Education

Over the past 15 years, Shanti Niketan School in Assagao has grown considerably through planned improvements. Most of the children enrolled are first-generation learners. The school focusses on quality teaching and learning through an innovative curriculum.

Non-Formal Education

Although education is a right of every child in India, many do not get access to schooling. In most cases both parents work as day-labourers and do not have the time to send their children to school. To take care of this need, El Shaddai conducts various non-formal education programmes in the shelters and community projects. These programmes empower children and women outside of the formal system of education. Through our Slum Schools, children get access to basic education within reach of their homes.

At the shelters, children also have access to Remedial classes where they receive coaching from our teachers to help them cope with the formal school system. Most of these children are first-generation learners and do not have a support system at home, parents being illiterate. The Remedial Classes help immensely.



10,528

children in non-formal schooling

1,995

children in formal schools

2,964

women in skill training

Success Story

Teaching gives her New Direction in Life

Babita, one of our children who studied in Shanti Niketan had a dream to be independent and have her own family. Her parents are from Karnataka. Being one of six children, the parents were not able to look after her. They came to Goa where two sisters Babita and Geeta were enrolled in the Light house Charity home. Through Lighthouse, both the sisters were enrolled in Shanti Niketan School. Babita at the age of four had a new experience of learning in Shanti Niketan where, over the years, she learned dancing, swimming, painting and knitting. When she was schooling, Lighthouse was closed, and she was brought to Rainbow house at the age of 16. She completed her tenth board with a good percentage. She wanted a break from her studies and started assisting preschool teachers and where she was offered a teacher's training course program. She started working as an assistant teacher. Simultaneously she completed her teacher's course offered by Shanti Niketan. Now she is a preschool teacher, a self-reliant young lady. She wants to pursue further studies and continue with her career as a teacher. Teaching other young children like herself, has given her new direction in life.

I had always dreamt of becoming a teacher and I am happy it has now come true.





By virtue of being born to humanity,
every human being has a right to
the development and fulfillment of
his potentialities as a human being.

Ashley Montagu

SHELTERS and COMMUNITY CENTRES

El Shaddai comes across hundreds of children living in the streets. We reach out to them by providing a safe place to have a hot meal, a shower, and receive counselling. Through this effort, we integrate the children into a local public school and also provide skill development. Over the years, El Shaddai has reached out to thousands of children through our shelters.

The Community Centres are a haven for children and women of the area. At the Centre, they find access to vocational programmes, health camps and counselling. Women have access to Adult Literacy Programmes and skills-building programmes where they can pick up skills to earn a livelihood and thus contribute to the well-being and development of their families and communities.

Usha M Shroff Community Centre



El Shaddai has been helping women and children since 2008, and has worked closely with the migrant community. This year we opened the Usha M Shroff Community Center at Chimbel on September 11, at the hands of Mr Tony Fernandes, Santa Cruz MLA. Mr Fernandes appreciated the work of El Shaddai and pledged his support towards the children and centre.

The community centre is developed to offer improved access to pre-primary education, remedial coaching, basic nutrition and health camps, to empower children and people from underprivileged sections ensuring a healthier lifestyle

Women are enrolled in adult literacy classes, computer classes, tailoring, mehendi and other courses. The centre will support thousands of migrant and poor families in and around Chimbel.



There is no tool more effective than the empowerment of women.

Kofi Annan

Success Story

She believed she could, so she did

Giving birth to a girl child was a crime for Pramila's husband who was also an alcoholic. They had their first child, a baby girl, Supriya. Pramila's husband now desired a son from his wife. The day Pramila gave birth to their second baby girl, Sujata, he was disturbed and started abusing her. He demanded she give away the new born child to some orphanage. He also doubted her of having an extra marital affair.

This distressed Pramila who one day disclosed her troubles to her employer, Linda, in whose house she worked as a maid. Linda approached El Shaddai along with Pramila and her daughters. The girls were enrolled in May 2009 in the homes.

Pramila loved her daughters very much and wanted to work in a place she could be close to her daughters

while also meeting the family expenses. She was soon hired as a support staff at El Shaddai. Her husband would still trouble her, snatching the salary from her and utilising it on his alcohol. He passed away on 25th September 2015.

Pramila has become an independent woman and protected her daughters. Supriya and Sujata are enrolled in Shanti Niketan School and doing well in their studies. They also are part of the newly formed girl's football team.

Cheers to Pramila!



You have to believe in yourself when no one does, that makes you a winner.

Venus Williams

5.9 million children die before their fifth birthday;
1.7 billion people need treatment for neglected tropical diseases;
WHO 2016 Statistics



106 HEALTH CAMPS CONDUCTED
in shelters and community centres

Success Story

"You were born a child of light's wonderful secret"



Gauri after her eye operation.



Gauri a little girl originally from Maharashtra lived with her three siblings and parents at the Campal Ground, Panjim - Goa. They came to Goa with a dream of having a better life. In the beginning, with no food and no money, her parents sold plastic toys on the beach and in the market, a modest way to earn and feed their family.

One day, Gauri was spotted along with her family, by a fieldworker from Ashadeep 2017. Soon thereafter, Gauri and her brother were admitted in one of the homes of El Shaddai. Later she was enrolled at the Shanti Niketan School.

Gauri was diagnosed with strabismus, squint eyes from birth, a condition where the eyes do not look together in the same direction. She was immediately taken to an ophthalmologist who advised Gauri's House in-charge to operate at the earliest as she could barely see from one eye. Gauri was operated at Vision Hospital, Goa. With the help of our sponsors Gauri's eye condition was rectified. The operation was a success.

It was a happy moment for all of us to see Gauri recovering. She can now see straight and clear.



170

Tailoring & Macrame workshops

5

Beautician course batches

26

Nursing batches

25

Henna art workshops

10

Computer courses

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day;
teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

Vocational Training Future Nurse Leaders

The Albert's Good News Community centre, in collaboration with Agnel Ashram, Pilar and with support of Margao Municipal Council (MMC) have been providing free training in nursing for teenage girls at the community centre between 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

35 teenage girls are currently enrolled. The nursing course was inaugurated in September 2017 and each batch runs for a six-month duration during which time the students are taken through theory and practical training. Students get real-world exposure at the government-run Hospicio hospital in Margao. The instructors are from Agnel Ashram.

So far, 14 students have already benefitted through this course. The students, who attended this course, are dropouts, widows, women with no family support and individuals who have the motivation to build a strong career.





At El Shaddai's Homes we provide

Food, shelter and clothing

Education and Life skills

Health check-ups

Counselling sessions

Career guidance

Personality development

Rehabilitation

Support for higher education

340

children living in Homes

7

residential homes

4

States in India

HOMES

El Shaddai runs seven homes across the state of Goa to help children with compassionate support that gives each child a comfortable life. The children are from varying backgrounds, who are rescued from unhealthy conditions and some from poor backgrounds or broken homes.



Investing fully in children today will ensure the well-being and productivity of future generations for decades to come.

Carol Bellamy



Verna House

A large number of children live on the street, especially in Goa's financial hub - Margao and port town - Vasco. This year to help children from South Goa, we opened a new home - Verna House for boys aged 6 to 11 years with the intent to care, support, counsel and accommodate children from the streets, especially those belonging to sex workers and those involved in sex trade, by providing a holistic and individualized care and a better quality of life. This house is located in a beautiful village. This home is designed to house around 75 children. At the moment there are 30 children living in the House with basic services, nutritional care & support, recreational facilities, medical assistance and formal education. These boys have been enrolled in a nearby school. Through this Home we can cater to more children living in harsh conditions and provide them with a secure future.

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

Denis Waitley



Success Story

Rising from the Mines

Ramsevak broke iron rocks and his back all day under the sweltering sun at a mining company. At the end of the day, he received a measly wage and walked home to his family. His wife Mira Devi was diagnosed with heart anxiety and used to undergo frequent panic attacks. Ramsevak had to rush her to the hospice very often and had to get her hospitalised for days. They had two sons - Gulshan and Kundan who ended up being left alone with no one to look after them. So Ramsevak enrolled them at Lighthouse, a charity home in Tivim.

But tragedy struck two mighty blows in 2014. Lighthouse Charity home closed its doors and the same year Gulshan and Kundan's mother expired. The boys were enrolled in El Shaddai along with other children of Lighthouse.



The destiny had other plans for Ramsevak and his sons. He left his job in the mines and remarried. He had two children from his second wife. In 2017 he approached El Shaddai for a job and was recruited as a driver. Kundan and Gulshan are all grown up and doing well in their studies. Kundan is now promoted to the 10th Grade and Gulshan to the 12th Grade. They will be answering their Board exams this academic year.

Ramsevak is happy and grateful for all the things he and his family have received. He is happy to see his sons studying and for a stable job where he can meet all the expenses of his family. The job has given him a direction,

which certainly is an achievement, considering the grim and gloomy circumstances he came from.

There is enough food in the world for everyone. But tragically, much of the world's food and land resources are tied up in producing food for the well off, while millions of children suffer from malnutrition and starvation.

Dr. Walden Bello



KhanaGhar Extended

The KhanaGhar initiative is a centralized kitchen project that provides nutritious meals for all the Homes, Cottages and Shelters in North Goa. It helps to keep a check on the quality and the safety of food production which in turn will prevent unnecessary wastage of food thereby making this centralized food service system more hygienic and cost efficient. This project was extended and modernized to feed more children. A Chapatti Making Machine was purchased and installed this year. Chapatti is an unleavened flatbread made of whole wheat flour and is popular across India. It is not only tasty but also nutritious and today all children in our care receive fresh chappattis every day.

KHANA GHAR by the numbers

Chicken 440 kgs
6,000 Eggs
Rice & Wheat 5,000 kgs
3,000 ltrs Milk
Cooking gas 700 kPa

1100 Children fed daily





For many children, the chance to learn and grow through sport and play is unavailable, robbing them of some of the most important experiences of childhood.

UNICEF

El Shaddai Sports and Cultural Club

This year the El Shaddai Sports and Cultural Club provided a new opportunity for the girls and boys to step on to the new basketball court for the first time in El Shaddai. Regular coaching in football, table tennis, cricket, chess and basketball coaching for boys and girls enabled our children to expose themselves to a variety of sports.

Topan from Shekinah house was credited by a local newspaper from his performance in a local school tournament. ESSSC cricket boys and girls visited Porvorim cricket stadium to watch the women's interstate match where they also interacted with the Goa cricket coach and players. FC Goa, the popular team from Goa at the Indian Super League football, held a coaching camp for El Shaddai children where they learned new skills and techniques.

This year José Roberto Mendes from Brazil started to assist with the football coaching. John Turton, volunteer cricket coach started coaching and assisting the cricket practices held at Shekinah house for both boys and girls. A new all weather cricket pitch was installed at Shekinah house thanks to all our supporters.

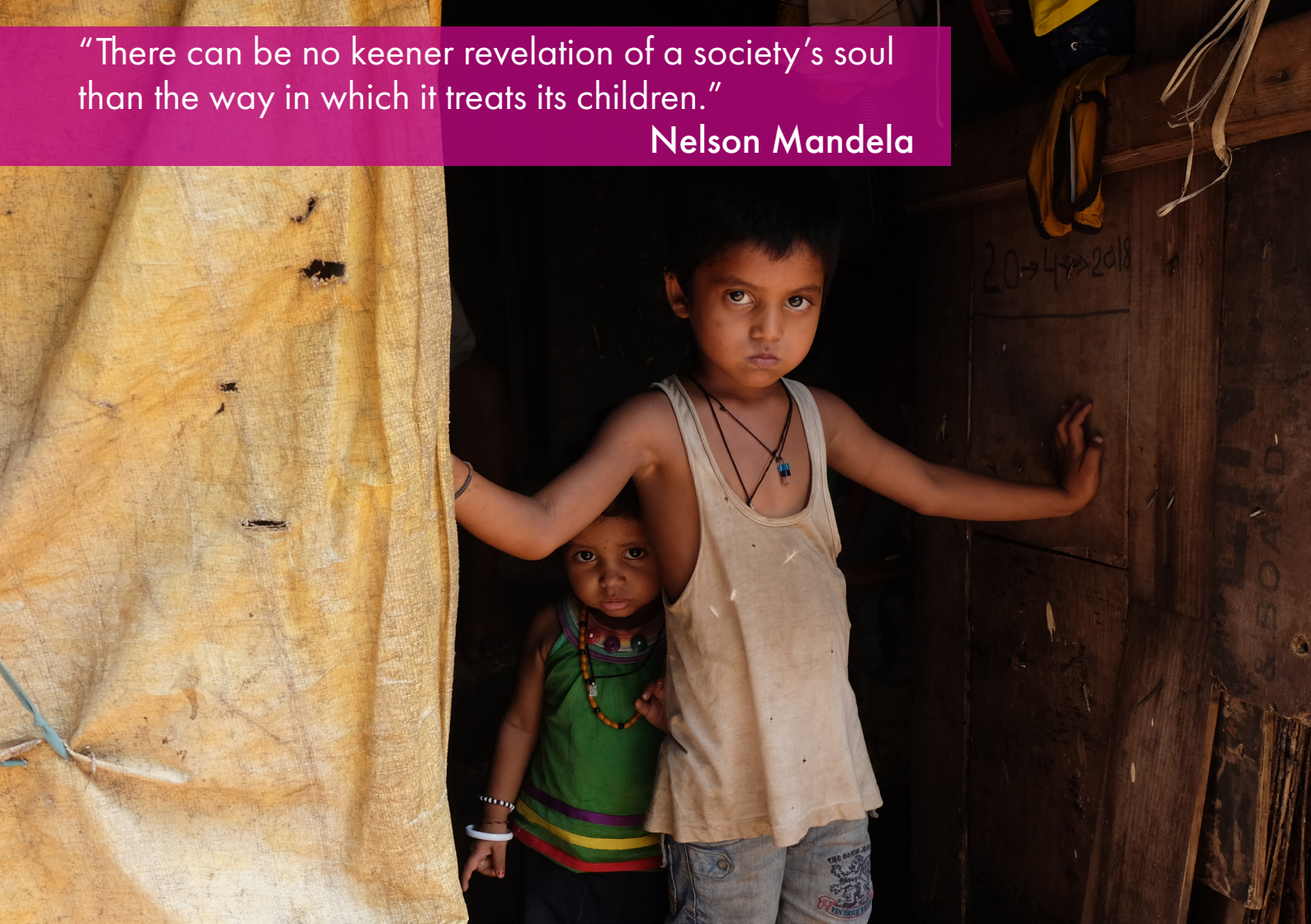


John Turton, volunteer cricket coach with our batch of young El Shaddai cricketers



“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”

Nelson Mandela



GOA MARATHON 2018

The 7th edition of the annual Goa Marathon was held on 4th February 2018 at the Sports Authority Ground, Campal. It was organized with the Goa Athletic Association, to raise awareness to provide homes and hope for underprivileged children in the care of El Shaddai.

More than 2,500 marathoners geared up from across the country to help raise funds. The Marathon featured four races - the 21 km Half Marathon, 10 K Run, 5 km Dream Run and the School Run for children under 14 and 16 years of age. Children from different schools participated in large numbers in the School Run raising 10, 000/- .

SCAN INDIA

SCAN India resumed operations in the month of August to provide advocacy, campaigning, case intervention and counseling on child rights and juvenile justice. Around one hundred new cases have been registered and followed up. Fifteen awareness programmes were conducted in various schools and colleges Night outreach programmes were held along the beach belt area.

SCAN India has an association with Salgaonkar College of Law and has conducted various 20 point areas Legal Aid programmes. SCAN India has also assisted the Goa Police in Prostitution raids and rescuing children involved in begging and child labour.



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