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2023 - 2024



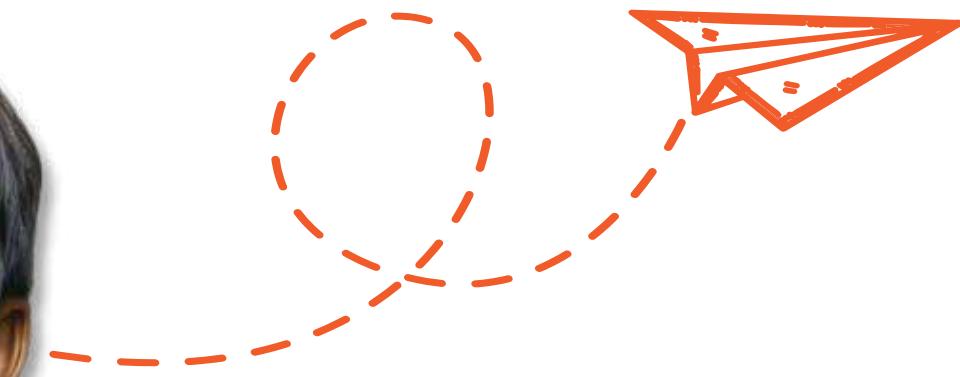
**Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha**

The movement from darkness to light

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## A Journey that Makes Dreams Take Flight

### About *Kokan ngo*

Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha is a registered charitable organization that works for the welfare and empowerment of underprivileged communities in rural and urban areas of India. Since our inception in 2012, Kokan NGO has been implementing various projects in education, medical support, women empowerment, orphanage support, disaster relief, and village development. Kokan NGO believes in equality and justice for all and strives to provide the necessary resources and opportunities for the needy to achieve their full potential. Kokan NGO has touched the lives of millions of children, women, and elderly people through its holistic and sustainable interventions. Kokan NGO is grateful to its donors, partners, volunteers, and team for their generous and continuous support in fulfilling its vision and mission.

# Our Reach Our Intervention

At Kokan NGO, we strive to empower the people in rural communities of India by creating opportunities for their education, health, and livelihood. In 2023-24, we expanded our reach to 4 states in India and implemented various programs that benefited more than **2,65,495** people in India's rural and urban areas.

## Our Mission

Through our Programs, projects, and initiatives, we aim to empower **3 million** marginalized communities by 2030, and thus contribute to creating a more equitable and responsible society. Through collaboration, innovation, and sustainable solutions, we aim to address grass-roots challenges and build a brighter future for needy communities.

## Our Vision

Empowering communities worldwide to transform the lives of needy children and women from weaker sections of society through grassroot initiatives aligned with the Global Sustainable Development Goals

## Our Goal

Our goal is to create a socio-economically inclusive local ecosystem where individuals have equal opportunities for development through collaboration and innovative grass-roots interventions.



## Objectives

- Providing access to quality education, offering scholarships, and financial assistance for needy children in rural and underserved areas.
- Strengthening partnerships with government agencies, civil society organizations, institutions, academia, and the private sector to leverage resources, expertise, and networks for collective action.
- Cultivating a green future by educating and engaging communities in environmental conservation, ensuring a sustainable and healthy environment.
- Promoting access to clean water and sanitation facilities for last-mile communities to improve health outcomes, reduce waterborne diseases, and ensure environmental sustainability.
- Empowering women and rural communities through capacity building, skill development, the Entrepreneur Development Program, and livelihood programs to alleviate poverty and improve living standards.
- Enhancing educational infrastructure and resources in remote regions.
- Advocating & implementing child welfare programs for protecting Child Rights like, the right to education, health, safety, and well-being
- Initiatives against hunger and malnutrition for the needy.





## Our *Founding Journey*

In the remote village of Sindhudurg, there are thousands of kids, bright young children eager to learn but unable to attend school due to poverty and financial constraints. This children's family struggled to make ends meet, and school supplies were a luxury they couldn't afford. Moved by their stories, Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha was formed, providing needy children with school supplies and covering their educational expenses. Today, these children are going to school, with dreams of becoming doctors, and engineers and giving back to their community. while also empowering women through vocational training and small business initiatives, building a brighter future for the community.

# Awards & Recognition



## Community Development Award - 2023

Kokan NGO's dedication to social responsibility earned them the 2023 Community Development Award for improving education, healthcare, and livelihoods.



**12**  
Years  
of Social Impact



## Impact Excellence Award- 2024

Kokan NGO received the Community Impact Excellence Award for 2024 for our work in education, healthcare, and livelihood.



## Best NGO of the Year Award- 2023

Kokan NGO wins the Best NGO award for empowering communities, improving healthcare, and environmental efforts.

## { Founder's Note:

As the sun sets on another year of our collective endeavor, I find myself reflecting on the journey we've undertaken together. It is with a heart full of appreciation that I reach out to each of you, whose dedication and belief in our cause have been the driving force behind our strides in service and impact.

Your unwavering support and trust have not only fueled our mission but have also allowed us to extend our reach far and wide. Together, we have embraced the responsibility to uplift thousands of underprivileged children, women, and elderly individuals in Maharashtra and other southern states of India, planting a seed of hope and opportunity.

Our commitment to empowering these communities has been unwavering, and through education and healthcare initiatives, we have successfully reached over **2,37,036** beneficiaries. These projects, varied in their approach yet unified in their purpose, have been beacons of change, illuminating the lives of those in need.

However, our path has not been without its hurdles. We have encountered challenges that tested our resolve and limitations that stretched our capabilities. Yet, it is in the face of these obstacles that our commitment to our vision and mission is renewed with even greater strength.

**Committed to impact 3 Million lives by 2030**

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, I invite you to join hands with us once more, to be the architects of social change and human development. Your support, in any form, is the cornerstone upon which our foundation rests.

Together, we are not just a community; we are a force—a force that can redefine the contours of a better world. Let us continue to be the symbol of this transformation, for it is together that we can turn the tide of inequality and forge a future where every individual has the chance to thrive.



**-Dayanand Kubal**  
Founder



# Education Impact

22%

## Career Guidance:

4196 students received career guidance to help them plan for their futures.

19%

## Vocational Education:

3521 school kits were distributed to support education.

12%

## Computer and IT Support:

2201 students were given vocational education opportunities.

11%

## Enrolled in CLC:

2102 tribal students were enrolled in CLC through the education program.

5%

## School Kits:

896 beneficiaries received computer and IT support.

1%

## Bicycles

210 Bicycles were distributed to under privileged girls in rural areas.

2%

## Scholarship

286 Students from rural schools were adopted and received a scholarship.

3%

## Dream Paaya

624 people were positively impacted by the Dream Paaya Impact program.

3%

## Rural School:

627 Vocational training provided to the staff and the teachers of rural schools.

4%

## STEM:

756 students were introduced to STEM learning.

4%

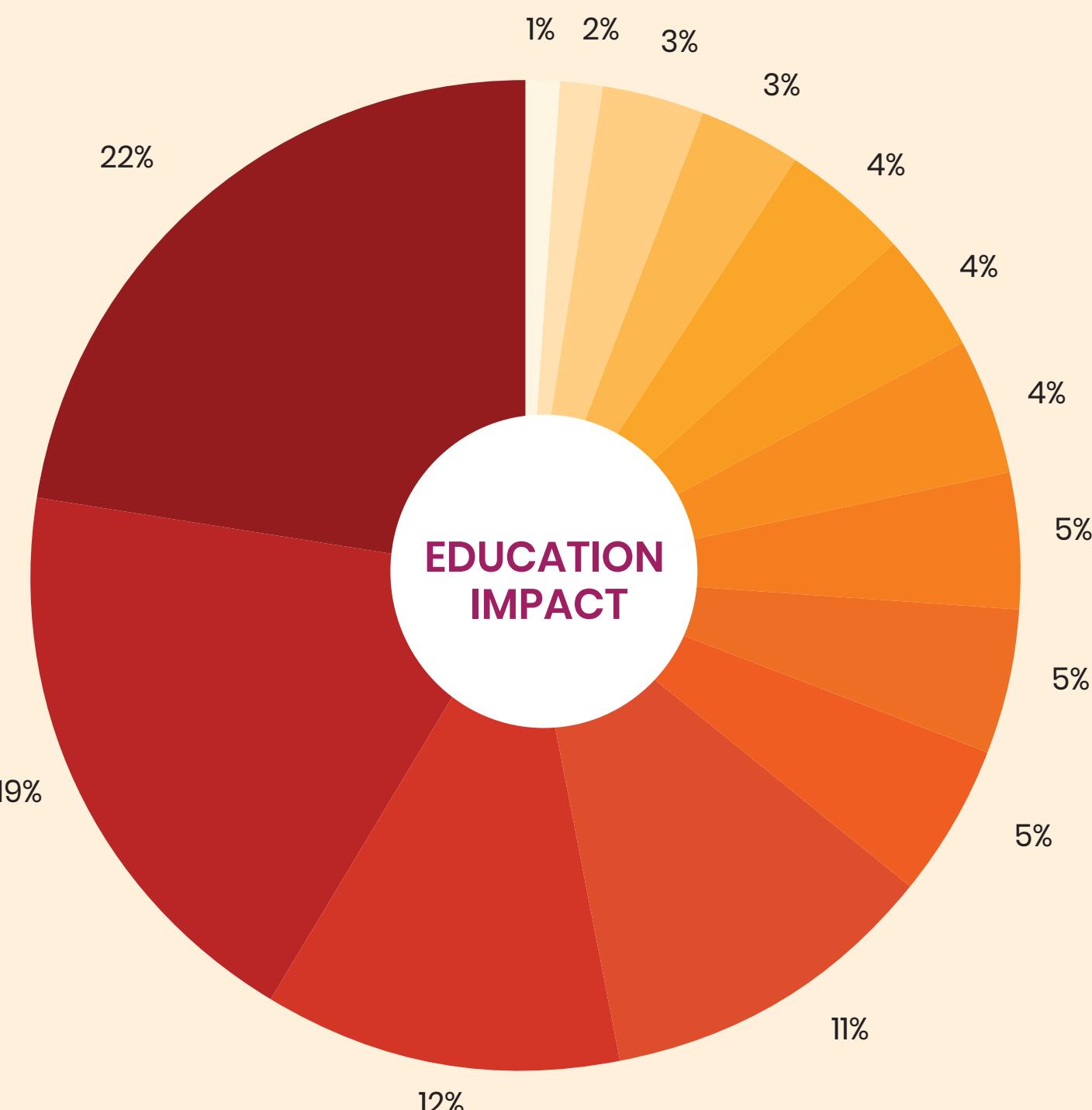
## Gully School:

773 children's lives were affected by the Gully School Impact program.

4%

## Counseling:

816 parents received support through counseling.



5%

## Teaching Quality:

892 teachers received capacity-building training to improve teaching quality.

5%

## Sports:

846 participants benefited from sports promotion and activities.

## STORY OF CHANGE ►►►

My name is Ravi from Pune. Hunger was my daily companion until I found the Gully School, a Kokan NGO initiative. Kajal, the teacher, welcomed me with a warm smile and endless patience, inspiring me to dream big. Now, determined to study hard, I strive to make my family proud, knowing education is my key to a brighter future.

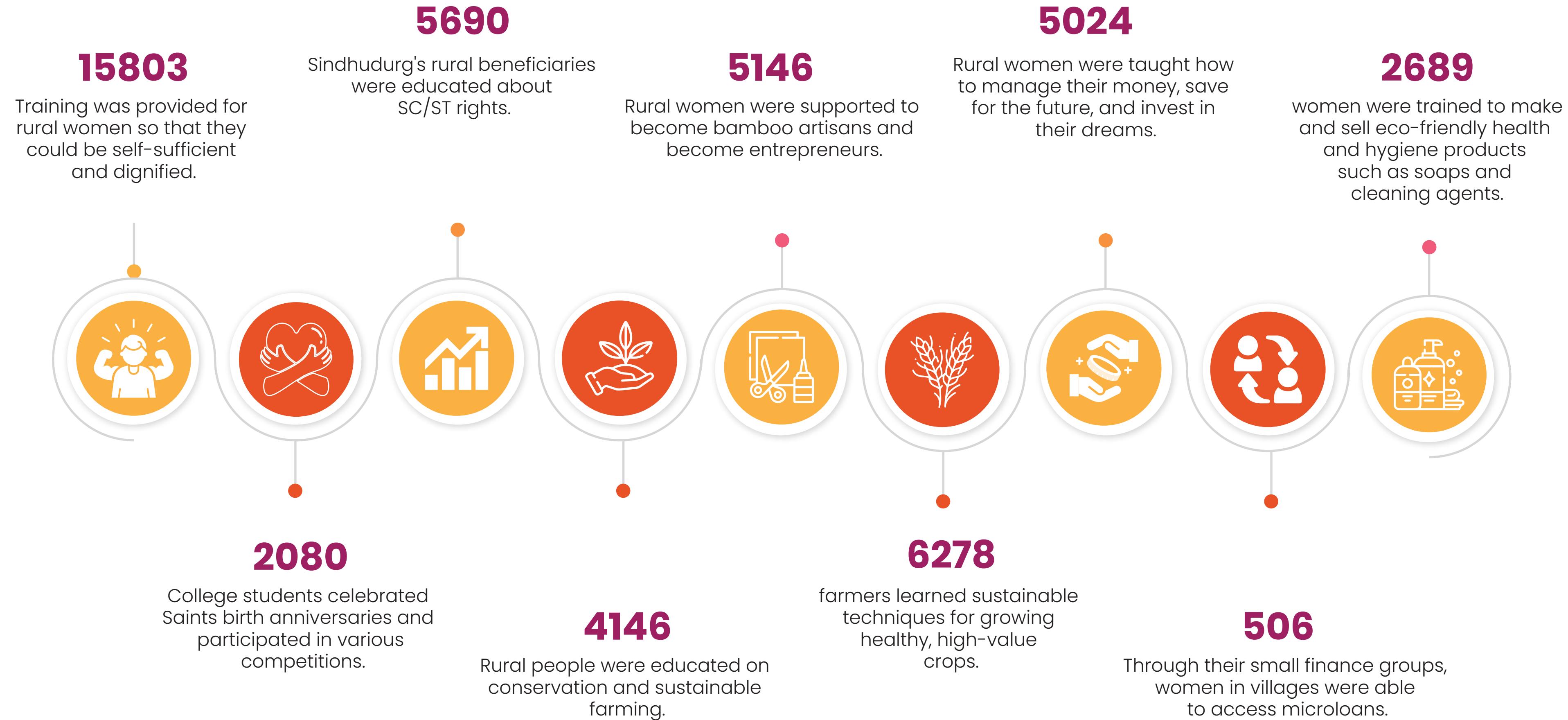


## STORY THAT ◀◀◀ INSPIRE

My name is Sharmila, and I come from a small village in Asangaon. Poverty once held me back, but a beauty course from the Kokan NGO changed everything. I learned valuable skills, got a salon job, and gained financial independence. This empowering program unlocked my potential, and I'm now proud to be on this journey.

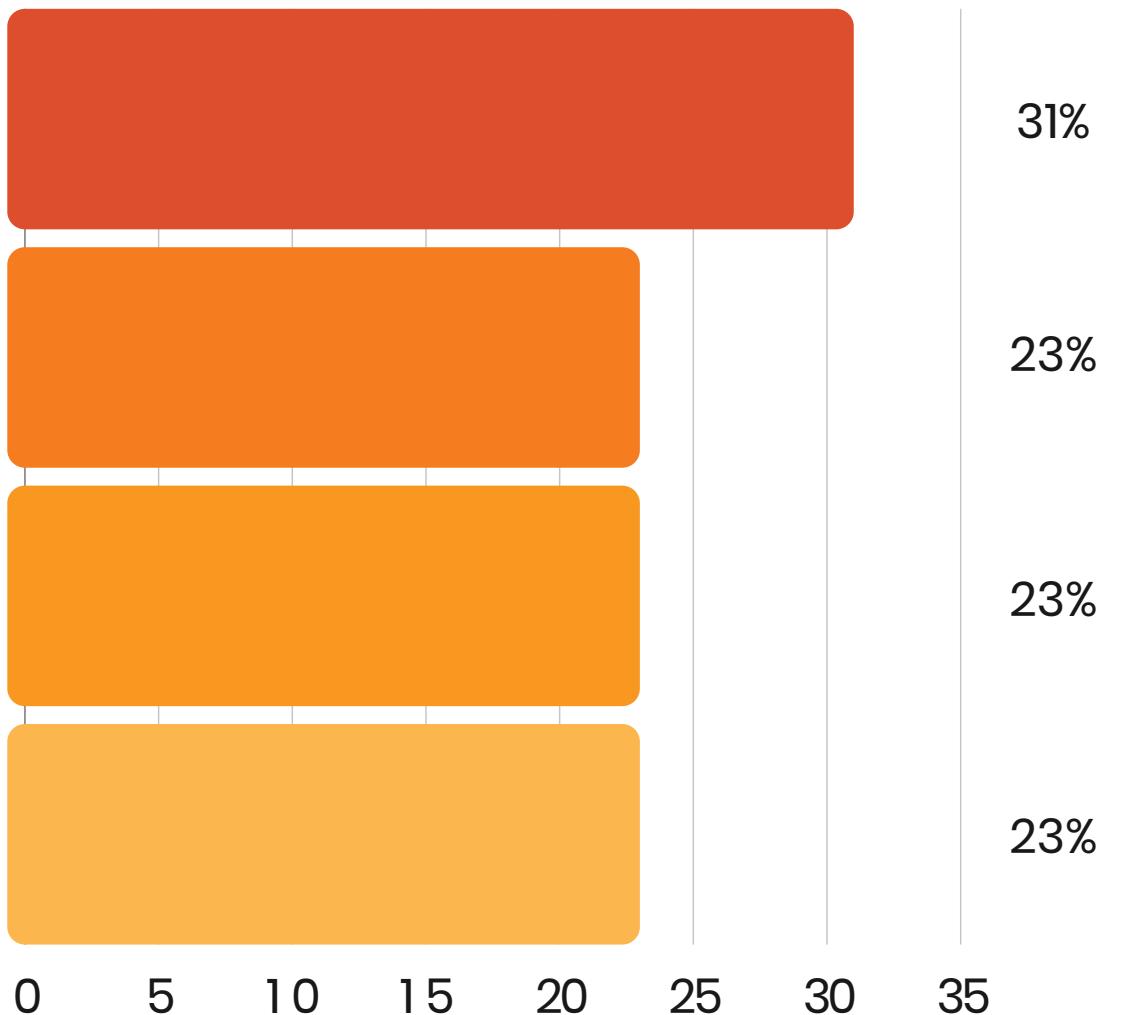
After gaining experience, I decided to work from my own home. It wasn't easy, but with determination and support, I succeeded. My small house became a school for local women to learn and work. This initiative not only provided jobs but also built a sense of unity and empowerment among us. Today, we stand stronger together, inspiring the next generation to dream big and achieve their goals.

# Village Development Impact



## ↳ Sheltering Tomorrow's Brightness

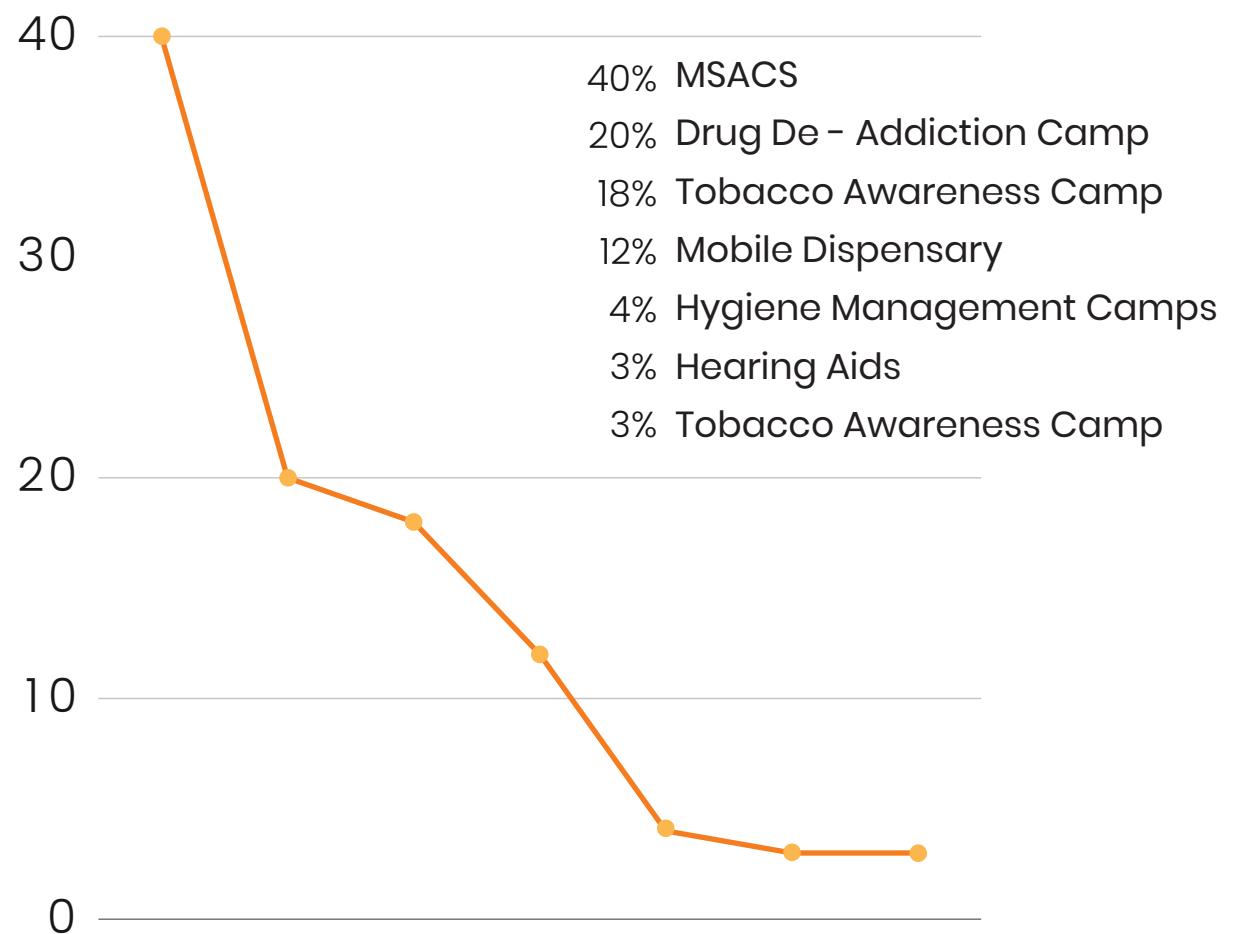
- Financial Support to Old Age Homes
- Education covering school Fees, Books, Uniforms, Tuition.



- **1055** shelter homes all over Maharashtra receive financial and social support.
- **782** needy children are supported in education, covering school fees, books, uniforms, tuition, etc.
- **782** needy children in Maharashtra and Southern states of India receive health services and counseling.
- **56** Staff were trained.

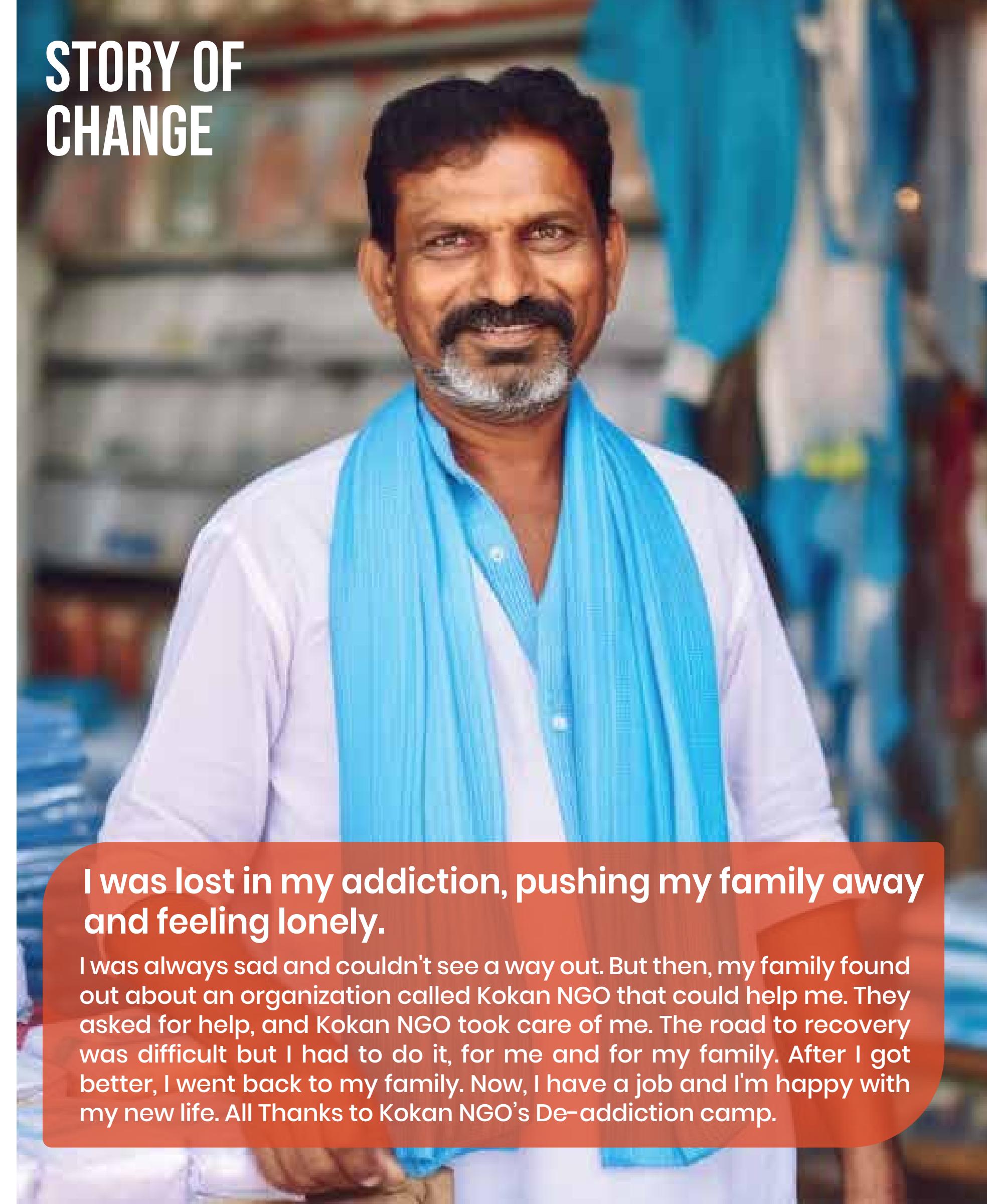


## Medical Impact



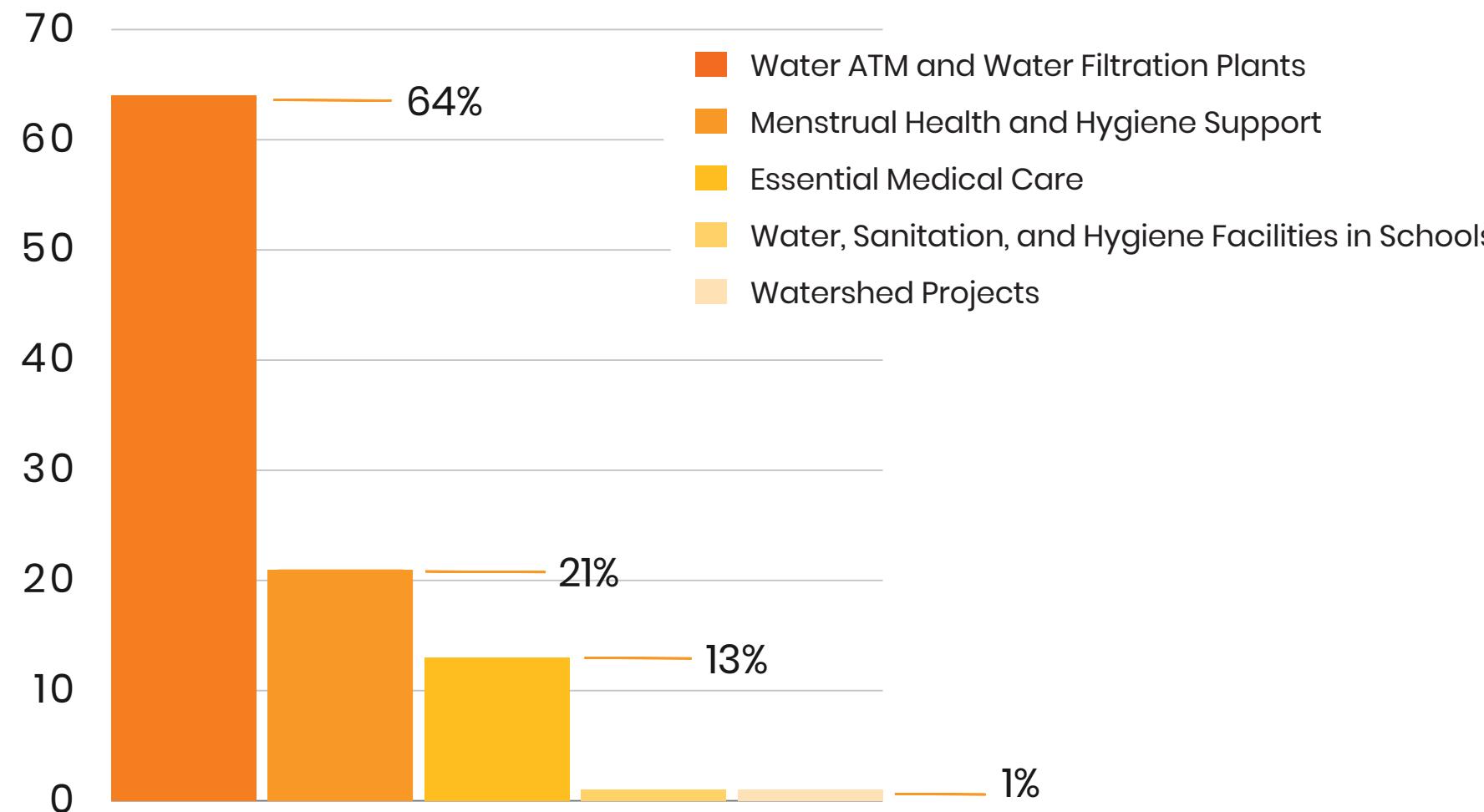
- **15960** people were educated and protected through the MSACS Collaboration - Dodamarg & Vengurla.
- **8063** people were helped with medical and de-addiction services through Drug Addiction and Medical Camps - Maval, Kudal, Redi, & Pawshi.
- **4923** people were served with health services and medicines through Mobile Dispensary Janvli, Kankavli, Sindhudurg.
- **626** children were given hearing and speech support through the distribution of hearing aids Degave.
- **1752** women and girls were trained and advocated for in hygiene management Vabhav & Kasai.
- **1032** people were provided with low-cost and accessible health services through One Rupee Clinic Sawantwadi.
- **6897** people were informed and counseled on tobacco awareness through the Tobacco Awareness Camp Dodamarg, Zarap, Asoli & Kadalgao.

## STORY OF CHANGE



**I was lost in my addiction, pushing my family away and feeling lonely.**

I was always sad and couldn't see a way out. But then, my family found out about an organization called Kokan NGO that could help me. They asked for help, and Kokan NGO took care of me. The road to recovery was difficult but I had to do it, for me and for my family. After I got better, I went back to my family. Now, I have a job and I'm happy with my new life. All Thanks to Kokan NGO's De-addiction camp.



- **42068** rural people accessed safe water through Water ATMs rural people received purified water from water filtration plants.
- **14203** rural girls and women received menstrual health and hygiene support through sanitary napkin distribution.
- **8601** rural people received essential medical care through health camps.
- **675** rural students gained access to water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities in schools.
- **633** rural farmers benefited from water conservation through watershed projects.



## SDGs

Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha stands as a beacon of compassion in India, unwaveringly guiding the way towards a brighter future for those less fortunate. Our track record speaks for itself. Since 2012, we've been a constant support in societal upliftment, always striving to achieve the noble Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are at the core of our mission.

Our unwavering commitment to these goals has undoubtedly contributed to our success. Our hearts beat in sync with goals such as No Poverty (SDG 1), Zero Hunger (SDG 2), Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3), Quality Education (SDG 4), Gender Equality (SDG 5), Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6), Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7), Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8), Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10), Climate Action (SDG 13), and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).

With every child we educate, every village we rejuvenate, and every life we heal, we're not just changing lives; we're weaving a blend of hope and strength. Our endeavors, particularly in rural areas, have been exceptional in shattering the shackles of poverty and nurturing the seeds of sustainable growth. Our ethics is the very essence of the SDGs ensuring that no one is forgotten, that every dream is given wings, and that the future is bright and inclusive for all.





# INITIATIVES THAT CHANGED LIVES IN 2024

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## { MSME Empowering Artisans and Preserving Culture

India has a rich and diverse heritage of handicrafts, but many artisans struggle to sustain their livelihoods. The MSME sfurti cluster is a government initiative that supports these traditional industries with training, facilities, and market assistance.

Kokan NGO is a social organization that works with the MSME sfurti cluster in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra. Kokan NGO has helped over **15000+** artisans in Mangaon taluka to improve their skills, technology, infrastructure, and market access every year. Kokan NGO has also enabled them to create green and innovative products such as bamboo furniture, handicrafts, utility items, and souvenirs.

The MSME sfurti cluster and Kokan NGO have transformed the lives and livelihoods of the disadvantaged artisans in Sindhudurg district. They have increased their income, employment, and social status. They have also preserved and celebrated their cultural legacy, by showcasing their unique and exquisite handicrafts.



## { MSACS

Collaboration between the Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society (MSACS) and Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha has been instrumental in spreading awareness and education in rural areas. MSACS, with its expertise in HIV/AIDS prevention and control, partners with Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha, an organization dedicated to underprivileged children's education and holistic development. Together, they conduct workshops, awareness campaigns, and skill-building programs. By leveraging their combined resources, they empower rural communities with knowledge about health, hygiene, and disease prevention. This collaborative effort ensures that marginalized populations receive essential information, encouraging a healthier and more informed society.

## Soil and Water Conservation Department of Maharashtra

The collaboration between Panlot and Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha is a commendable initiative aimed at addressing water scarcity in Palghar's rural regions. By establishing water shades, they provide much-needed relief to communities facing water shortages. These structures capture and store rainwater, ensuring a sustainable water supply throughout the year. The project not only quenches the thirst of the locals but also educates them on water conservation techniques. This partnership exemplifies how joint efforts can lead to innovative solutions for critical issues, improving the quality of life for rural populations.

## { Feed One Feed All

Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha's Feed One Feed All initiative is a compassionate call to action against child hunger and malnutrition in India. Contributions aid in nourishing, treating, and schooling underprivileged children, reflecting a shared ethos of care and empathy. The program has positively impacted **14590** lives, strengthening a brighter future for many. By participating, donors become part of a collective effort to uplift and transform young lives, ensuring that the cycle of poverty is broken through education and health.



## { Carbon credit

The Kokan NGO's Carbon Credit Camp educated people **362** about climate change and carbon credits, measuring emissions reductions or removals. The camp highlights carbon offset projects like reforestation and renewable energy, supporting sustainable development. A featured project involves using charcoal to enhance crop productivity and sequester carbon in the soil. Charcoal's porous texture and negative charge retain water, nutrients, and microbes while reducing nitrous oxide emissions. This initiative aims to improve farmers' livelihoods and mitigate agriculture's impact on climate change. The camp encourages eco-friendly practices, estimating a potential 0.6 metric ton reduction in participants' annual carbon footprints. Located in Sawantwadi, the Carbon Credit Camp helps learning, sharing, and action for a positive environmental impact.



## { Savitribai Phule Jayanti



In collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice, Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha celebrated Savitribai Phule Jayanti with a special event that was graced by the presence of over **426** students from schools and colleges in Sindhudurg. The gathering served as a platform to honor and reflect on Savitribai Phule's enduring legacy and her pioneering efforts in championing the cause of women's education in India. Participants were also invited to partake in a quiz that not only provided an interactive learning experience but also deepened their understanding of her life and the significant work she accomplished.

## MIRACLE OF A ONE RUPEE

Kokan NGO has set up the 1 rupee clinic, where rural people of Maharashtra can get quality and affordable health care from qualified doctors. The clinic also offers tests, medicines, and health education. The clinic has helped more than patients and screened more than **1032** people for diseases. The 1 rupee clinic is a model of social innovation and impact that makes health care accessible and affordable for all.



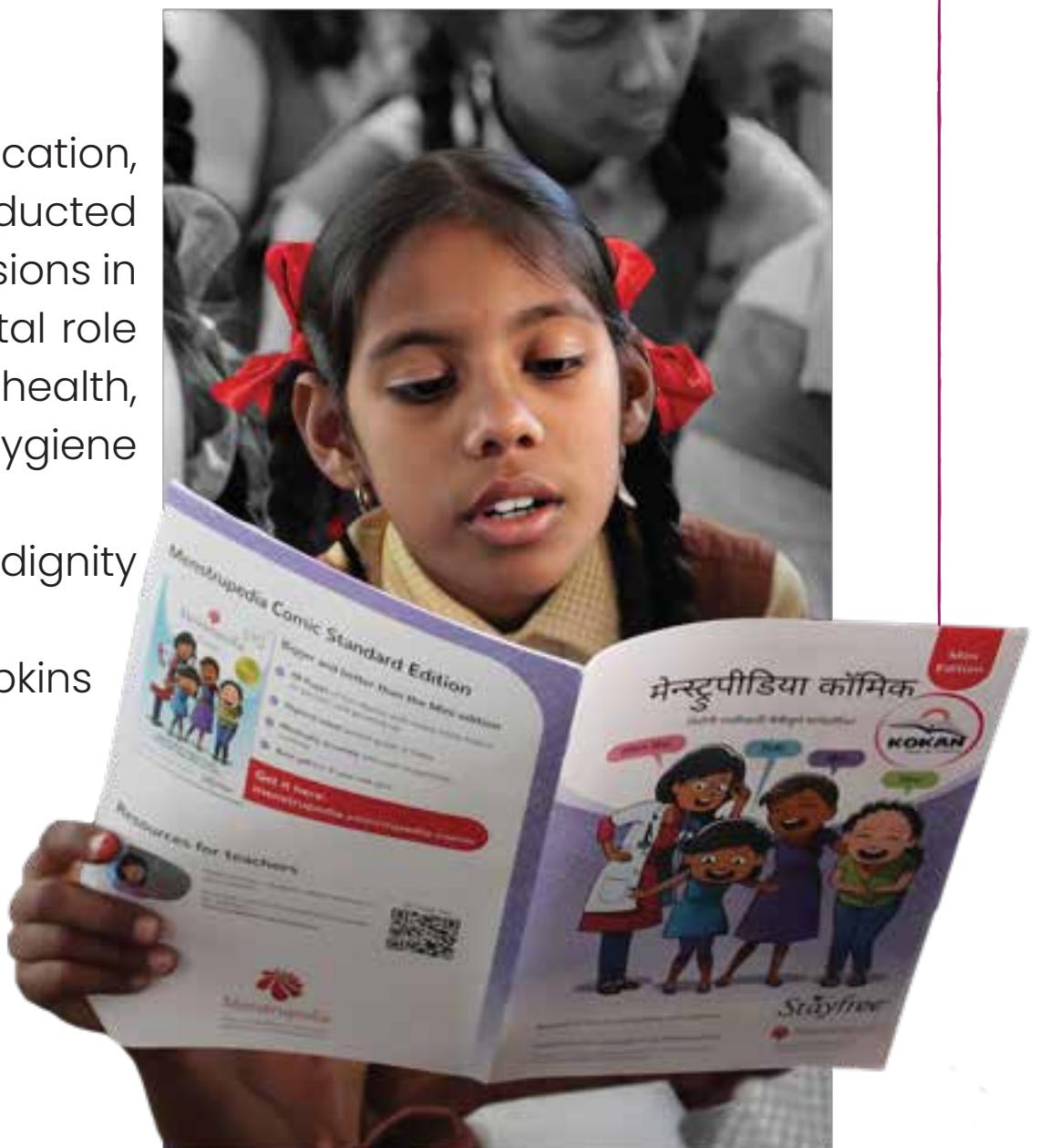
## {The Power of Self-Help

Kokan NGO has started the Empowering Self-Help Group program, where they teach and help rural women to form groups and do various kinds of work, such as sewing, making crafts, and farming. The program also helps the groups to get loans, sell their products, and benefit from government schemes. The program boosts the confidence, independence, and well-being of rural women and their families and communities. The program has taught over **7632+** women and increased their income by Rs. 9000+ per year. The program is supported by CSR partners who want to make a difference in the lives of rural women.



## {MHM Session in Schools

Addressing a crucial aspect of health education, Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha conducted Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) sessions in rural schools. These sessions played a pivotal role in breaking the silence around menstrual health, educating **10263** young students about hygiene practices, and empowering them with the knowledge to manage menstruation with dignity and confidence. The initiative went beyond education, distributing reusable sanitary napkins to ensure access to safe and sustainable menstrual hygiene management for these girls. This comprehensive approach is a significant step towards dispelling myths and promoting a supportive environment for girls in rural areas.



## {Pad Yatra Initiative

Reached and educated **14203** women and girls about menstrual hygiene and accessibility of menstrual products.

More than a project it's a transformative movement. Through community engagement, Kokan NGO's initiative aims to:

Educate women and girls about proper menstrual hygiene practices and the importance of menstrual health. Challenge societal taboos surrounding menstruation, helping open and healthy conversations. Equip women and girls with the knowledge and resources they need to manage their periods with confidence and dignity.

Advocate for and work towards making menstrual products more readily available within the community.

By addressing these critical issues, Pad Yatra is paving the way for a healthier and more informed future for women and girls.





## { Building a Better Future

Kokan NGO has started the Capacity Building Program, where they teach and guide people who work for rural development and social welfare, such as orphanage staff, village development staff, other NGO staff, and community resource people and government bodies. The program covers topics like project management, fundraising, monitoring and evaluation, leadership, communication, and advocacy. The program helps these people to provide better services and results to the rural and poor communities. The program has trained over **403** people and increased their performance by 30%. The program has also helped achieve Sustainable Development Goals, such as reducing poverty, promoting gender equality, and improving education. The program is supported by CSR partners who want to create a positive impact in the lives of rural people.



## { Mobile Repairing Course

Mobile repairing course by Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha is a skill development program that aims to provide vocational training and employment opportunities to underprivileged youth in rural areas. The program teaches the basics of mobile repairing, such as hardware, software, troubleshooting, and maintenance. The program also provides the participants with tools, kits, and certificates. The program enables the participants to start their mobile repair shops or work as technicians in existing ones.

The program also helps the participants to improve their confidence, communication, and entrepreneurship skills. The program has trained over **620** rural youth across Maharashtra and has helped them earn a decent income and improve their quality of life. The mobile repairing course by Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha is supported by institutional partners who share the vision of creating a positive impact in the lives of rural people.

# PROGRAMS THAT CAUSED A RIPPLE EFFECT IN THE COMMUNITY

## { AIDS DAY

The AIDS DAY awareness rally at Bandha village, organized by Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha, was a powerful event aimed at spreading awareness about AIDS and STDs. The rally served as a platform to educate the **4620** community on prevention, treatment, and the importance of compassion towards those affected by these conditions.



## { Social Reel Contest

The Social Reel Contest, initiated by Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha, was a creative endeavor to blend social work with social media influence. Participants, including Instagram influencers, were encouraged to engage in acts of social good, capture their efforts in short reels, and share them online. This contest not only promoted community service but also leveraged the power of social media to inspire **6256** to contribute positively to society.

## { Science Fair at Zilla Parishad School

The Science Fair organized by Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha at Zilla Parishad School Tanashi was a showcase of young talent. With over 103+ of the **247** students participating, the fair was proof of the ingenuity and scientific curiosity of the students. Their projects covered simple mechanical devices to more complex experiments, reflecting a deep engagement with scientific principles and a passion for innovation.



## { Mother's Day



On May 9th, 2023, Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha, a charitable organization working for education, medical support, women empowerment, and supporting orphans and aged people, organized a Mother's Day celebration event at Asangaon, Maharashtra. The event was attended by more than **396** women and children from various villages and slums in the district. The event aimed to honor the mother's and their contributions to society, as well as to raise awareness about the importance of education and health for women and children. The event featured various cultural and recreational activities, such as singing, dancing, painting, games, and quizzes. The participants also received gifts, certificates, and refreshments. The event was a success and had a positive impact on the lives of the beneficiaries, who expressed their gratitude and happiness to the organizers and volunteers.

## TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE

Imagine Children living on the streets, with no home, no family, no food, no safety, no future. That's the reality for **10.1 million** children in India, who struggle every day to survive. They are the forgotten ones, the invisible ones, the voiceless ones. But we are here to change that. We are here to give them hope, love, and education. We are here to help them dream big, and achieve bigger. We are here to make them part of society, not apart from it. We run various programs to help them find their talents and interests and to encourage digital literacy and access to a digital library. We believe that education can transform the lives of street children in 2023-2024, and break the cycle of poverty and marginalization. We also work with other organizations, government agencies, and local communities, to create a supportive and inclusive environment for them. We provide financial support to students, distribute school kits, and promote books & cultural literacy. This year **286 Students** from rural schools were adopted and received a scholarship. We encourage science & innovation and the promotion of STEM learning through our school development program. Our water & sanitation program aims to improve their daily lives, while our teacher training program ensures high-quality education giving Vocational training to the staff and the teachers of rural schools. Not just that even the beneficiaries can be a part of our program through the cycle bank, where they return their donated cycle. We are here to ensure education for all and empower every child.



## {What makes us different?

- ◀ We focus on empowering street children, a group whose fundamental rights to education, protection, and development are often violated.
- ◀ We use creative and fun methods to inspire their curiosity and learning, ensuring their right to quality education is met in an engaging way.
- ◀ We help them break free from poverty, abuse, and crime, working towards their right to a safe and healthy life.
- ◀ We help them rejoin society with dignity and respect, promoting their right to social inclusion and non-discrimination.
- ◀ We help them build their skills and confidence, preparing them for a better future, fulfilling their right to participate meaningfully in society.



## STORY OF CHANGE



**Kajal, a poor farmer's daughter in a rural village in Raigad loved learning but could not go to school.**

Kokan NGOs sponsored her education and provided her with everything she needed. Kajal joined a school and faced many difficulties, but she persevered. She excelled in academics and extracurriculars. She also maintained contact with her sponsors, who supported her throughout. Kajal is now in tenth grade and wants to be a doctor. She is thankful to Kokan NGOs for changing her life. She is a role model for many other girls in her village and beyond.

## { Empowering Villages for Sustainable Growth

Rural women and girls in India often face multiple barriers to their empowerment, such as low levels of education, limited access to resources, gender discrimination, and restrictive social norms. We have initiated livelihood and skill development programs for more than **6536** rural women and girls across various states to address these challenges. These programs aim to enhance their skills, empower them to start their enterprises, offer them advanced courses in various fields, and equip them with vocational and life skills. By joining these programs, rural women and girls can increase their income, improve their social status, and achieve their potential.

## { What makes us different?

- **Rural Women and Girls:** Focused on the most vulnerable and potential group in rural areas.
- **Diverse and Customized Training:** Catered to the needs, aspirations, contexts, and markets of rural women and girls.
- **Entrepreneurship Empowerment:** Skilled and resourced rural women and girls to start their businesses in various sectors.
- **Life Skills and Well-being Enhancement:** Developed and improved communication, leadership, decision-making, financial literacy, health, and hygiene of rural women and girls.

**Empowerment starts with a single step; together, we pave the way for sustainable growth.**



## STORY OF CHANGE

### Meet Rani, a 25-year-old woman from a remote village in Bhiwandi, Thane district.

She had to drop out of school at the age of 12 to help her family with household chores and farming. She had no hope of pursuing her dreams or earning a decent income. But everything changed when she joined our beauty salon training program. She learned how to cut, style, and color hair, as well as how to do manicures, pedicures, and facials. She also learned how to manage her finances and market her services. She joined a small salon in her village and started earning **7,000 rupees per month**. She became more confident and independent and inspired other women in her community to follow her example. She says, "I am very grateful to the program for giving me a new life. I feel proud of myself and my work. I can now support my family and also save for my future. I want to learn more and expand my business. I also want to help other women like me to achieve their dreams."

# <31 Million Reasons to Care

## Do You Know?

India has the most orphans in the world: **31 million** children without a family. They face many problems and dangers and need our help. In 2021, we initiated the Orphanage Support Program to provide a holistic support system that encompasses their education, health, and empowerment. We collaborate with partners, sponsors, and donors to ensure our program is sustainable and scalable. Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers regularly visits shelter homes and childcare institutes to monitor the progress and address the needs of the children.

We are committed to enhancing the capabilities of staff across various shelter homes. By providing training and development opportunities, we empower them to deliver better care and support to the children.

Join us today, and help us make a difference in their lives. We currently support more than **782** orphans across Maharashtra and southern India.

## < 4 POINTS THAT MAKE US DIFFERENT

- **Staff Capacity Building:** We invest in training and development to equip our and other CCI staff with the skills and knowledge to provide quality care.
- **Child Rights Promotion:** We advocate for and uphold the rights of every child.
- **Education Support:** We equip them with the education they need to reach their full potential.
- **Providing Proper Nutrition:** We ensure they receive a balanced diet for healthy growth and development.

# STORY OF CHANGE



### When the children first arrived at the Child Development Center,

They were timid and unsure. I saw their potential and knew I had to help them grow. Through engaging activities and personalized attention, I watched as their confidence grew. They started to participate more, their personalities shining through. Now, they're eager learners, filled with joy and confidence, transformed by the love and support they found here.

## {Helping people live a longer, healthier life

Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha is making a significant impact through its Medical Support Program. By organizing medical camps, they provide free health check-ups and treatments to children. Additionally, they ensure a steady blood supply through blood donation camps. Their HIV/AIDS awareness camps educate communities on prevention and support. For those struggling with addiction, de-addiction camps offer counseling and rehabilitation. Lastly, medicine distribution camps provide essential medications, improving overall health outcomes. This vital initiative contributes to accessible healthcare in rural India, saving lives one person at a time.

## { Why We Are Different?

- **Health Education:** 50359 families and communities taught and motivated to stay healthy and hygienic, and avoid infections and diseases.
- **Special Services:** We reached 8063 underprivileged people with essential services, such as healthcare, sanitation, addiction treatment, and hearing aids.
- **Lives Saved:** We reduced child mortality by 30% and improved the quality of life for rural children, by providing medical aid, education, and safe spaces.

***Empowering Health, Transforming Lives Kokan  
NGO's mission for a healthier future.***



**The house used to be a place of frustrating silence for me.**

But everything changed when I received a hearing aid from Kokan NGO. Suddenly, I could hear the birds chirping, the wind whistling through the trees, and the joyful shrieks of my grandchildren. My home which felt quiet came back to life, filled with laughter. Using a small device and the kindness of strangers, my house is filled with the symphony of life.

## {Safe Water, Healthy Families

Water is life, but for many rural Indians, it is also a source of disease and death. Without piped water, they rely on unsafe sources and face the risk of waterborne illnesses. Open defecation by **522 million** people contaminates water and harms children's health.

We aim to change this grim reality by improving Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities in rural schools. We provide safe water, hygiene education, and menstrual health awareness.

We support sustainable development by installing solar panels in schools and conducting health camps. With the help of CSR partners like ONGC, Nab Samruddhi and Koch, we have touched the lives of over **42068** people in **825** villages in India. Our water ATMs and health camps have boosted the well-being of underprivileged rural communities.

## { How are we different?

- **Unique:** Includes menstrual health awareness, often overlooked.
- **Sustainable:** Installs solar panels for long-term, eco-friendly water access.
- **Community Impact:** Reaches entire villages, not just schools (42,000+ people in 825 villages) potential.
- **Collaboration:** Works with CSR partners for combined resources.

***Health is the foundation of hope. In a healthy mind, we find the strength to dream, and the perseverance to achieve.***



I felt sad each day watching villagers get sick because of the river.

It wasn't safe, but we had no choice. Then, amazing people from Kokan NGO came to our village! They gave us a water filtration machine that makes dirty water clean. When I turned on the tap, the water came out so clear and good it tasted like a dream. We are so thankful for this gift. It's not just water, it's a new start for our village!

# Our Programs

- **Unlocking the Potential of India's Future Leaders:**

Providing quality education to underprivileged children to encourage the leaders of tomorrow.

- **Nurturing Hope, Empowering Orphaned Lives:**

Offering a nurturing home for 782 semi-orphaned and street children to thrive with love and care.

- **Empowering Villages for Sustainable Growth:**

Empowering 6,536 rural women with economic opportunities to revitalize their communities.

- **Exploring the Essence of WaSH Practices:**

Ensuring access to clean water and sanitation for healthier rural communities.

- **Guardians of the Planet:**

Educating communities on conservation to cultivate a sustainable and healthy environment for all.



# How Our Initiative Changes Lives Of Our Beneficiaries

## BEGINNING OF A PROGRAM

*Program Initiation: Empowering Rural Women*

### Objective:

The primary goal is to promote self-reliance among women in rural regions, enabling them to become economically self-sufficient.

### Strategy:

Kokan NGO introduces a Silai Course (tailoring course) as a means to achieve this objective.

### Scope:

The program is designed to reach out to women in rural areas who are often marginalized and lack access to such skill-building opportunities.

### Expected Outcome:

By equipping these women with tailoring skills, the program aims to create a pathway for them to earn an income, thereby contributing to their financial independence.

## DURING TAILORING TRAINING

### Measurement Techniques:

Participants learn how to accurately measure clients to ensure a perfect fit, covering various body types and garment styles.

### Fabric Types and Selection:

Training includes understanding different fabric materials, and their properties, and selecting the appropriate fabric for specific projects.

### Drafting, Cutting, and Stitching Processes:

Women are taught the skills needed to draft patterns, cut fabrics precisely, and stitch garments effectively.

### Embroidery Skills:

The course covers various embroidery techniques, enabling women to embellish and personalize garments.

### Garment Fitting and Alterations:

Participants learn to adjust and alter garments for better fit, which is essential for tailoring.



## { Additional Training

### **Sewing Machine Maintenance:**

The program includes teaching women how to maintain and repair sewing machines, which is a valuable skill for ensuring the longevity of their equipment.

### **Personality Development:**

The course also focuses on enhancing women's personal growth, communication, and presentation skills.

### **Teaching Methodologies:**

Women are equipped with teaching skills so they can effectively pass on their knowledge to others.



## { Empowerment Goals

### **Machine Repair:**

Women gain the ability to service and repair sewing machines, adding a skill set to their repertoire.

### **Training Others:**

Graduates are prepared to teach and train other women, supporting a cycle of empowerment and education.

### **Earning a Livelihood:**

The program aims to enable women to earn an income through sewing and tailoring, contributing to their financial independence.

### **Educational Support:**

With new skills and potential income, women can support their children's education, investing in the next generation's future.

### **Self-Confidence and Economic Status:**

The program is designed to boost women's self-confidence and improve their economic status within their communities.

## { Expansion and Impact:

### **Training Centers:**

Kokan NGO has established sewing training centers in various strategic locations, including Nashik, Karjat, Kasara, Bhiwandi, and Pune. These centers serve as hubs for ongoing education and skill development in tailoring.

### **Women Empowered:**

More than **8053 women** have been trained across these centers, marking a significant achievement in terms of outreach and impact on the community.

### **Tools for Independence:**

To ensure that the women can continue to practice and improve their skills, they are provided with sewing machines. This not only aids in their independence but also adds dignity to their craft, allowing them to create and contribute to their households and communities.

## { Sustained Benefits:

### **Self-Sufficiency:**

The provision of sewing machines is a crucial step in helping these women become self-sufficient, as it enables them to work from home or start their small businesses.

### **Community Upliftment:**

As these women become financially independent, they contribute to the economic growth of their communities, creating a ripple effect of empowerment.

### **Dignified Living:**

The ability to earn and support themselves enhances the women's sense of dignity and self-worth, which is essential for their overall well-being.



## { Our People

Throughout our journey, the dedication and commitment of our volunteers and staff have been the cornerstone of our achievements. Their enthusiastic involvement in executing programs and contributing to the growth of our organization has shaped our present identity. In harmony with our objectives and aspirations, they stand as our foundation of resilience. This year, we have actively involved **2201 volunteers** and have collectively amassed over **75,000 hours** of volunteer service since our inception in 2012.

# People's Perspective

Transparency reflects our work – Hear from our supporters



Kokan NGO goes beyond being an organization. It's a powerful force that transforms lives, especially for underprivileged girls in India, by ensuring they get the education they deserve.

*Karan Singh*



Kokan Sanstha is a trustworthy and accountable partner, who keeps me updated on the progress and impact of my donations. I am confident that every rupee I give is making a difference in someone's life.

*Rajesh Kulkarni*



Kokan NGO is a champion of children's rights and ensures that every child gets the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. I admire their dedication and commitment to creating a brighter future for India's children

*Naushad Shaikh*



Kokan Kala Va Shikshan Vikas Sanstha is a part of my family, who shares my values and beliefs. I feel honored to be a part of their noble cause and to continue the legacy of my late husband, who was a loyal supporter of Kokan NGO.

*Jaya Mehta*



This NGO's commitment to addressing poverty and injustice through holistic solutions in education, healthcare, livelihood, and women's empowerment is truly inspiring.

*Rhea Ahuja*



## Kokan NGO: Impact Report 2023–24

This year, Kokan NGO touched the lives of many people who needed our help. We gave them hope, opportunities, and resources to achieve their dreams.

We educated over **29,941** rural children and helped them overcome obstacles in their lives through our Education Support Program. Our Village Development Program empowered over **7,600** rural women to become entrepreneurs and leaders and helped **50,345** beneficiaries. We helped them to become independent and self-sufficient. We supported over **5,413** underprivileged people with capacity building, agriculture, and empowerment. Through the Unicorn Child Development Center and Orphanage Support Program, we sheltered over **1893** children who faced hardships and gave them care and education and staff assisting children. As a result of our health camps through our Medical Support Program, we have healed over **39,253** people. With our WaSH projects, we made sure that more than 66,180 villages were cleaned and provided with proper sanitation facilities, clean water through water ATM's, and water filters. Kokan NGO empowered **42,068** individuals through various life changes initiatives including mobile repair training, capacity building, trained **15000+** rural artisans under cluster and social awareness programs like AIDS awareness camp, Carbon Credit, mother's day event, Science Fair and Social Reel Contest which helped us create awareness in thousands of rural people.

*Our vision is to reach 3 Million beneficiaries by 2030 and create positive change through education, relief, and empowerment.*

We are grateful to our supporters, volunteers, and partners for joining us on this journey.

Together, we can make a difference and build a better world.





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