

educate for Life

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Please note, this year Educate for Life changed our financial year to match the school year in India, which runs from April - March. As a result, this financial report covers nine months, between July 2022-March 2023.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to our partners in India who work tirelessly to implement the programmes that we support in southern Rajasthan. After a challenging few years during the COVID-19 pandemic and following the devastating news last year that the project area will be flooded during the construction of a planned dam, we were happy to see the return of routine for partner teams and the community.

The Project Diganth team have been dedicated to ensuring secondary school students receive a quality education. They have worked hard to support students to be in school, access quality learning, and to reduce the impact of previous disrupted school years. Achieving the best academic results yet this year is testament to the hard work of the Project Diganth facilitators and Programme Manager, supported by Jatan Sansthan and Kshamtalaya.

The community health team have continued to support pregnant women and parents of children up to the age of five to access formal healthcare, promoting better antenatal and postnatal outcomes for women and healthier young children. They have also helped to organise regular mobile clinic visits. The trusted team, supported by Rajasthan Bal Kalyan Samiti, continued to have a positive impact this year.

In September, we bid a fond farewell to Iona-Jane Harris, who was Director at Educate for Life for over seven years. We are extremely grateful to Iona-Jane for her dedication, passion, and leadership over the years, helping to shape the organisation into what it is today and contributing to the positive outcomes felt by those living in the project area.

None of the achievements of Educate for Life and our partners would be possible without the ongoing commitment and generosity of all of our supporters and donors.

Thank you for all you do for Educate for Life and the communities that we support.

In gratitude,

educate for Life

Our Mission & Vision

Educate for Life is a UK registered charity. Our aim is to support community-led, long-term socio-economic transformation of indigenous Adivasi communities in Southern Rajasthan. We have two main areas of work:

- 1) strengthening the provision of education to improve life skills for children and young people
- 2) providing community health programmes to support healthy pregnancies and childhoods.

Educate for Life works in partnership with local organisations in rural India to achieve this.



**A Rural India of Happy and Healthy
Children and Young People**

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022/23

JULY 2022



15 new pregnant women joined the **Safe Motherhood Programme**, receiving formal antenatal care to support healthy pregnancy.

SEPTEMBER 2022



Project Diganth facilitators took part in Social, Emotional, and Ethical Learning **capacity building** sessions.

NOVEMBER 2022



Community meetings took place between parents and Diganth team members to discuss how best to **support students** during exams.

JANUARY 2023



The **mobile clinic** visited **four locations** in the community, providing appointments to **146 individuals**, including **84 children**.

MARCH 2023



Farewell celebrations were held for **graduating students** before final board exams began.

AUGUST 2022



Students at Jhed Secondary School engaged in **cultural activities** to celebrate **Independence Day**.

OCTOBER 2022



The **mobile clinic** provided healthcare to **98 individuals** in four locations, of which **over half** were women and girls.

DECEMBER 2022



The health team supported **12 births**, with all babies born a **healthy weight** and all mothers having received **full antenatal care**.

FEBRUARY 2023



Students **visited** a government Industrial Training Insitutue where they learnt about **vocational trades** as career options.

Community Health Outreach Work

Our community health team is committed to ensuring that Bakhel community members can access professional healthcare and support.

The Safe Motherhood Programme supports women through pregnancy, helping them to access formal healthcare for antenatal checks, vaccines, and supplements, as well as providing advice and monitoring women's health through additional home visits to promote healthy pregnancies and delivery. This year, over one hundred women benefited from this support, and the programme continues to have excellent outcomes for the women and babies.

After delivery, the health team support the mothers and their children through the Safe Childhood Programme. The team monitor the child's development from birth through to age five, ensuring children receive appropriate vaccinations, identifying any concerns with growth, and providing advice to parents on age-appropriate care. This year, over four hundred children were enrolled in the programme.

The mobile clinic service provides high quality, affordable healthcare in remote villages. Any patients with more serious illness are then referred to a primary healthcare centre or hospital. This year, the mobile clinic visited 12 times, with a total of 978 patients seen by a qualified doctor.



"I had cough problem for a long time...and even after so many treatments, my cough did not get better and other people in my house also got cough problem. Finally, I visited the mobile clinic. After that, with the help of this clinic medicine, the problem of cough was cured for me and my family members. Now whenever we have any health problems, we come to the mobile clinic. The best thing is that for just 10 rupees, treatment is available near the house."

- Community member who attended an appointment at the mobile clinic



"I have joined this program for the first time...In this program I got vaccinated, went for check-up and also took iron pills which helped in my pregnancy and delivery. This time my pregnancy and delivery is easier than my previous pregnancy and delivery, I have not faced a single problem."

- Mother supported by the Safe Motherhood Programme

COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH WORK

COMMUNITY MEMBERS BENEFITTING FROM HEALTH PROGRAMMES
IN 2022/23

IMPACT

110

supported through
their pregnancies

WOMEN



79



new babies delivered
through our Safe
Motherhood Programme

422



pre-school children
benefitted from our Safe
Childhood Programme

79%



of pregnant women in the Safe
Motherhood Programme received
full recommended antenatal care
and support

75%



of women in the Safe Motherhood
Programme gave birth with a
skilled attendant present

12



mobile clinic visits took
place

978



community members
attended the mobile clinic
service, receiving
professional healthcare and
free medication

PROJECT PARTNERS



Global Hospital & Research Centre

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Improving Secondary Education

We have been working with Kshamtalaya for five years to improve attendance and outcomes at two government secondary schools in the project area. This year over 300 students benefitted from the programme work, including 90 girls. Seven facilitators worked across the two schools providing additional support to students by teaching classes and providing tailored individual support; building the capacities of teachers by sharing best practice; and promoting quality, holistic learning within the communities by working with parents and education officials.

For families of students, low household income can be a barrier to purchasing education supplies, which means students are unable to learn effectively or to even attend school. The Diganth team distributed learning resources to students, including stationery, geometry sets, and printed materials.

Alongside academic activities, students also participated in extra-curricular activities to promote holistic development. Students took part in sports tournaments, with teams going through to block and district level to compete. IT lessons provided students with digital skills, an exciting new addition to the timetable for students.

A priority area for this year was to introduce career awareness sessions to show students the options for further education or a career once they graduate secondary school. Professionals from different sectors came in to discuss their job and the qualifications or pathway into their role. Students also visited an Industrial Training Institute (ITI), where they gained an understanding of the vocational training courses on offer.

An important element of Project Diganth is to engage all stakeholders in the school. Parents' encouragement of their children is key to academic success. The team held regular meetings in the community with parents to share information on their children's progress and promote the importance of education.

This year, a Quality Improvement Group was established for Project Diganth. This quarterly meeting brings together key stakeholders including Diganth team members, school leadership, teachers, parents, students, and leadership from Educate for Life, Kshamtalaya and Jatan Sansthan. The group covered important topics including learning outcomes and attendance.



“I feel safe and happy in your class, I like to attend your Mathematics class.”
11th Class student, Jhed School



"You teach Political Science that matches our pace, and we are able to concentrate better, then we understand well." - Class 12 Student, Jhed School.

"Thanks to the facilitators of Diganth Team, various programs are conducted now for students to participate and explore, which was not there earlier. We are more informed than ever." - Community member.

IMPROVING SECONDARY EDUCATION

SUPPORTING SECONDARY AGE STUDENTS IN 2022/23

IMPACT

2

under-staffed government secondary schools benefitted from wide-ranging support



7



Additional teachers facilitated remote and in person learning opportunities

323



Students directly benefitted from contact with additional teaching staff

>90%



final year students passed compulsory end of secondary school exams

1



career guidance session to discuss post-secondary options with students

1



exposure visit to a government Industrial Training Centre to understand available vocational training courses.

1



sports tournament participated in, with one team progressing to compete at district level.

7



parent-teacher meetings conducted across both secondary schools

PROJECT PARTNERS



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Supporters

We are extremely thankful to our amazing supporters, which include individual donors, trusts and foundations. You make all that we do possible. It is a privilege to share details of our projects and their impact with you. You have made an incredible tangible difference to many people's lives. Your collective support has helped under-served rural communities to access education and healthcare services. Your help ensures that children growing up in these communities have happier and healthier childhoods and can reach their full potential in life.

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Governance

Educate for Life is a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 16 November 2005, with registration number 1114271. In the 2022-23 financial year, we reduced from three to one members of staff. We have an active board of voluntary trustees who support our overseas partners and staff to ensure ongoing quality improvement of our projects and governance. We also have a number of pro-bono advisors based in the UK and India.

STAFF

Iona-Jane Harris, *Director (stepped down September 2022)*

Jessica Whitaker, *Programme Manager*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Dr Akshay Patel, *Co-founder & Chair*
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- Andrea Roach, *Data Management Lead*
- Sam Henderson, *Governance & Risk Lead (stepped down January 2023)*

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- Steven Berkeley, *Health Advisor*
- Dr Partap Midha, *Health Advisor*

Our Partners in India

We work in partnership with carefully selected Indian organisations to ensure the operational success of our projects. We are committed to continual quality improvement of our programmes. We invest in our key implementation partners. We work with other expert organisations in India to develop project team members' skills and knowledge.

RAJASTHAN BAL KALYAN SAMITI (RBKS)

RBKS is an Indian non-governmental organisation with over 40 years of experience in rural education and development. RBKS has been our long-term implementation partner, ensuring compliance with all regulatory requirements. This year was the final year of a longstanding partnership with RBKS, who implemented the community health programmes. We are extremely grateful to RBKS and their team members, past and present, for the vital role played in the success of Educate for Life's work in India.



JATAN SANSTHAN

Jatan Sansthan is an Indian not-for-profit organisation working with rural and resource poor communities in Rajasthan. They develop and implement initiatives to support children, young people and women in the areas of health and education. Our secondary school programme (Project Diganth) is run in partnership with Jatan Sansthan.



KSHAMTALAYA

Kshamtalaya is an Indian non-profit organisation founded to support school children in disadvantaged settings so that they can realise their true potential and develop into socially and economically active young adults. We have partnered with them and Jatan Sansthan to create a programme designed to improve the quality of education provided by two secondary schools. Kshamtalaya provides operational support to Jatan Sansthan within Project Diganth.



Our Partners in India

AARAMBH INDIA INITIATIVE - RATI FOUNDATION

The Aarambh India Initiative is part of the India based RATI Foundation which advocates for the protection of children. The initiative provides training in child protection and promotes best practice. Aarambh has worked with the RBKS and Kshamtalaya teams to deliver comprehensive training in child protection and safeguarding as well as providing locally-relevant advice and support to Educate for Life.



THE GLOBAL HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The Global Hospital and Research Centre (GHRC) based in Mount Abu provides a mobile clinic service, which stops in at least three locations in and near Bakhel. This ensures regular free access to professional healthcare and advice. GHRC accepts referrals for diagnosis and treatment.



"I believe that collaboration is one of the most important aspects by which we can grow mutually and also brings diversity." - Divyanshu Pathak, Programme Manager, Project Diganth

"All the actions, strategies, and efforts of the partnership between Educate for Life and Kshamtalaya are driven towards the long term betterment of lives of the students we are working for." - Pallavi Maheshwari, Operations Lead, Kshamtalaya

The Next Chapter

Last year we found out that the area where our projects are situated is going to be submerged as a consequence of a new government dam project. A year later, the timeframe for the construction work to begin remains uncertain, but we expect the submersion of the area to happen within the next three to five years. Thousands of families will be displaced and are now contending with much future uncertainty.

We remain committed to the communities we have served for so many years and will continue to fund health and secondary education programmes. From the end of this year, we will no longer be working with Rajasthan Bal Kalyan Samiti (RBKS), after a long and valued partnership. We are extremely grateful to RBKS and the team members that we have worked with for their commitment to supporting under-served communities in southern Rajasthan. This partnership has been instrumental to the positive impacts that the programmes have had in the community.

We will continue the Safe Motherhood and Safe Childhood Programmes, which will be managed by Jatan Sansthan, alongside continuing to run the secondary school programme. The mobile clinic will be run in direct partnership with Global Hospital and Research Centre.

Our projects continue to make a positive inter-generational impact in support of the community. All we have done has only been possible thanks to everyone who has been part of our story and who has believed in our work. Heartfelt thanks for continuing to support us along this journey.



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