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**Student Partnership Worldwide
India Project Trust
(April 2020 – March 2021)**

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Who we are.

Half the world's population is under 30, most of these young people live in developing countries.

Never before and never again will there be such a large generation of young people ready and able to deliver change in their communities. If we are to ensure national policies or global frameworks – like the Sustainable Development Goals – are to be implemented, we must engage and mobilise the enormous potential of the global youth population to make these promises a reality.

We know that young people want to take the lead in development, and that one young person has the ability to train, influence and support thousands of their peers to do the same. We at **Student Partnership Worldwide India Project Trust** work with young people to demand a just and sustainable world for all. Our aim is to help young people lead in solving challenges in their communities. We deliver programmes in Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chennai, Jharkhand and Odisha in India to address key issues that concern all.

We work through the model of young volunteers and youth-led networks that lead and deliver transformative change. Our strength comes from being led by young people and young professionals, from the boardroom right through to the field. But it isn't just our work at grass-roots that makes us special. There are more than a billion young people in the world who are the leaders of today. By acting today, we are ensuring that their collective voice is being heard from the local community level to the world leaders.



Our Reach in 2020-21.*

- We operated in **7 states** including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chennai, Jharkhand, Odisha and Bihar.
- A total of **173 volunteers** led our integrated programmes.
- We directly reached a total of **16,818 community members**, parents, teachers and other stakeholders through events and sessions on child marriages, girl child education, STEM careers for adolescent girls, menstrual health management, gender, livelihood and more.
- We indirectly reached a total of **16,151 community members** parents, teachers and other stakeholders through events and sessions on child marriages, girl child education, STEM careers for adolescent girls, menstrual health management, gender, livelihood and more.

*As per data collected from the time period : 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021



Our Response to COVID-19.

The impact of COVID-19 has been dramatic. However, we know that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of our lives severely at the scale hitherto unseen. The pandemic has wreaked havoc on all countries with hotspots shifting the locations, month to month. To deal with the situations, we at SPWIPT:

- **Staff wellbeing:** Prioritised the welfare of all staff and young people and ensured that COVID guidelines were adhered to. We activated distance mode working and organised support calls regularly.
- **Webinars by experts:** Consulted and listened to young people and conducted webinars with youth in our network - led by experts on SRHR, Domestic Violence, CEFM and Mental Health through Art.
- **Relief Partnership:** Began Relief Distribution to the rural communities which were worst hit by the pandemic – including single women households, Persons with Disabilities and Migrants by developing long-term broad based partnership with Cognizant.
- **Fundraiser:** Initiated a Corporate Fundraiser to raise funds for PPE Kits and relief material.
- **Survey on Impact of COVID-19 on Psychosocial Health of Young People in India:** Executed a survey to hear from young people between 15 and 29 years on how thoughts and perceptions around mental health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and access to services have evolved during the pandemic. A report on this survey was released.



Images: Volunteers conducted hashwashing workshops and stitched/distributed masks during the COVID-19 outbreak



Our Programmes.

1. Youth-led Accountability for SDG 5: Gender Equality and Family Planning 2020 Targets

The Youth - Led Accountability programme aimed to channel evidence-based advocacy to ensure government accountability on the Family Planning 2020 commitments and Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality) targets, in partnership with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The youth-led model adopted by the programme equipped participants with data collection and analysis skills, and strengthened their ability to use evidence to build and strengthen accountability mechanisms.

A diverse cohort of young people from Delhi, Jaipur, Patna and Ranchi were selected to be Youth Accountability Advocates (YAAs). The advocates were trained on processes for identifying priority issues for young people in their communities related to gender and family planning, and on collecting qualitative and quantitative data on these issues. The collected data was used by the Accountability Advocates to influence decision makers and advocate for policy corrections at the local, national and international level.

To strengthen the sustainability and impact of the Youth Leaders's work, SPWIPT formalized linkages to other organizations working on accountability for SDG5 and FP2020. We supported the engagement of Youth Leaders at regional and global advocacy events and spaces to ensure that their governments are held to account across multiple levels of reporting and decision making. Some of them were ICPD+25, High level Political Forum, 63rd Commission of status of women (CSW) organized by UN women, Asia Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for CSW 63, International Conference on Family Planning and UNGA. A total of 10 YAAs from India attended such meetings and conferences.



TEGA taking her stand on bodily autonomy for women during Menstrual Hygiene Management Day celebrations

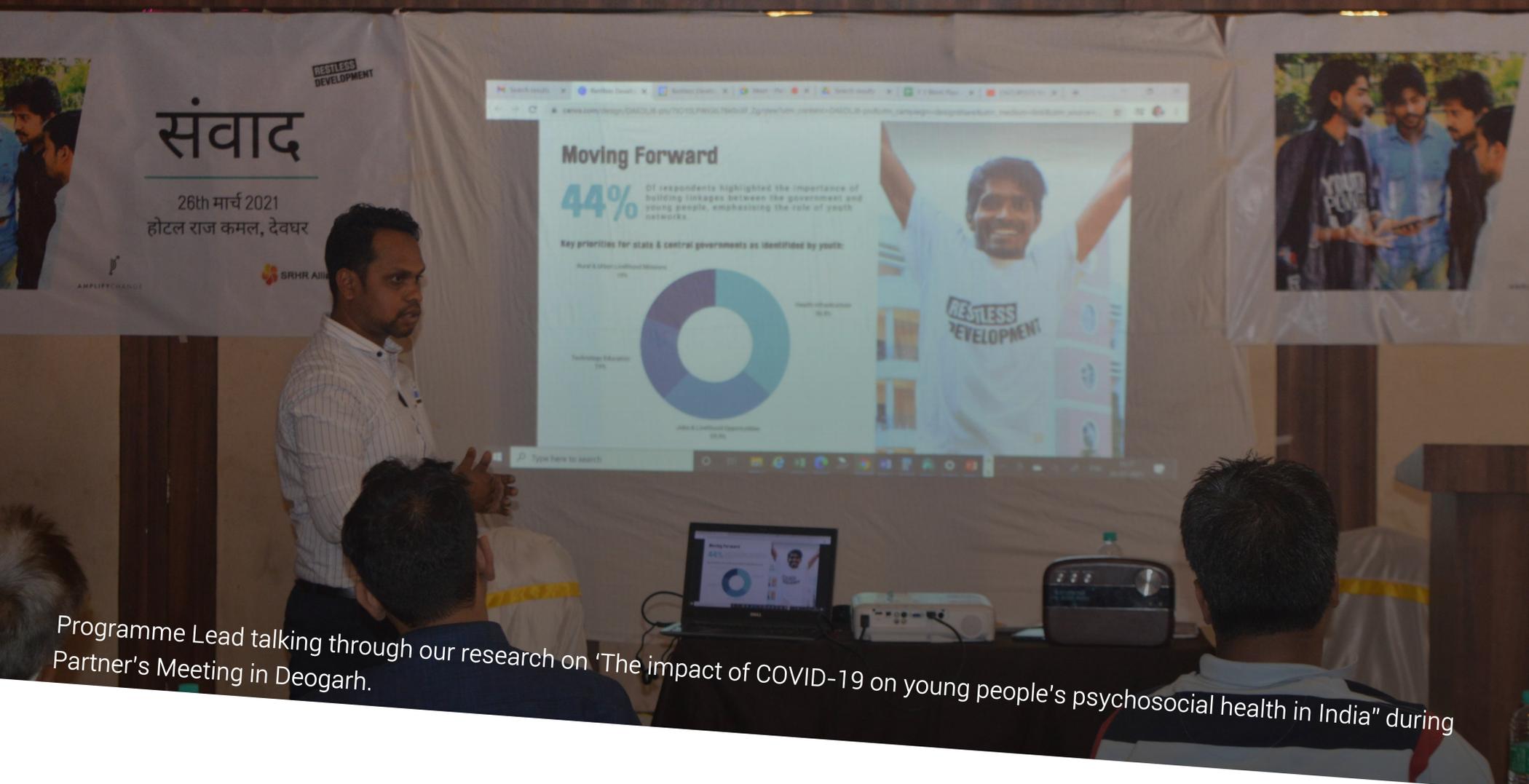
2. Technology Enabled Girl Ambassadors (TEGA)

Technology Enabled Girl Ambassadors (TEGA) is a mobile based, peer-to-peer research methodology developed by Girl Effect and implemented by us. The project trains young girls to conduct research using an innovative mobile app, so as to develop a safer, faster, more scalable and authentic database on young people's lives and concerns around the world.

Access to accurate data and insights are indispensable to understanding the challenges faced by young people and to design responsive policies. As part of the programme, the TEGAs, who are girls aged 18-24, received training to become 'Market Research Society'-certified interviewers.

We worked with TEGAs to build their capacity and knowledge on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, types of vaccinations, etc. They tested online models like Moodle to gather authentic content on safeguarding, consent and related topics for training materials, and also experimented using different research methodologies like conducting field interviews, online interviews, telephonic interviews, User Experience testing, providing feedback by using chat bots etc.

The programme conducted its very first remote recruitment and research to understand the hesitancy around immunization among young mothers and how adolescent girls perceive information around vaccination.



Programme Lead talking through our research on 'The impact of COVID-19 on young people's psychosocial health in India' during Partner's Meeting in Deogarh.

3. Comprehensive Civil Society Response to Accelerate Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Young People in India

This project focussed on strengthening capacity of Civil Society Organisations to address and advocate for elimination of social, cultural, gender and systemic barriers to young people's access to SRHR resources, information and services. It aimed to build coalitions and networks, and youth-led accountability mechanisms for inclusive and comprehensive rights-based SRH programmes.

As part of the programme, we built access to comprehensive reproductive health services among young people. During the programme period, we promoted youth leadership among partner organizations and developed relations with 47 CSOs in Bihar and Jharkhand.

During COVID-19, we conducted capacity building trainings and workshops with partners on financial policies, compliances, FCRA amendments, monitoring and evaluation, organizational visibility and fundraising. We helped them lead advocacy events on Youth SRHR and mobilised government officials, PRI members, parents, and community members for the same. Youth leaders from partner organization also were trained on range of topics such as gender, sex, sexuality, menstrual health, contraception, abortion, etc.



4. IBM-STEM For Girls

Understanding that women in STEM careers are severely under-represented, STEM is likely to be in-demand skills for future work scenario.

IBM-STEM For Girls is a school based programme that works with adolescent girls in classes 8, 9, and 11, to build skills related to digital literacy. Being implemented with Quest Alliance, the programme focuses on improving self- efficacy and employability skills through gender based life-skill sessions and career skill sessions.

The digital skill sessions develop IT skills of the students, including computer operations, basics of computer programming and coding. Life skills and career sessions focus on enhancing girls' self-efficacy, ability to map and use resources, as well as develop their planning, communication, and personal management skills. These are augmented by career sessions that focus on girls' awareness of their own skills and interests that in turn help them develop career maps, and identify concrete pathways towards future economic enhancement.

To cope up with the COVID-19 change and restrictions, we supported and educated the students and teachers about the different online tools and platforms available to continue the education process. Formal and informal trainings were organised to build their capacity and establish a connection with them. Role Model Interaction Events were organised on a monthly basis to help students and their guardians to witness success stories, change stories and stories of struggle through female Role Models. This has effectively brought about a change in mind-set of the girls in particular who have very limited access to resources and outer world to dream big and develop self-confidence. Community sessions, awareness and sensitization meetings, and PTMs are held regularly to keep the students engaged and interested.



Girls from an intervention school in Munger attending a session on self, self efficacy and STEM education

5. My Education My Right Programme

Through this programme, the girls in the Munger district of Bihar in India are supported to enrol back to schools through campaigns, enrolment drives and sessions in schools. The programme also aims to improve their self, self-efficacy and gain life skills to negotiate their surroundings more effectively. To foster gender equitable norms, young men, parents and community members are involved in the programme. The education decision-makers are also engaged to understand how to meaningfully engage young people and the importance of this in achieving change through the approach of accountability and advocacy.

5510 girls were supported to continue their education in the COVID-19 situation through campaigns, enrolment drives and dedicated sessions. Back-to-Schools Campaigns were organised with the girls, boys, parents, schools and other key stakeholders from the community in the intervention blocks in Munger district as schools began reopening in a phased manner in the district, with an overarching reach of 10000 people. These campaigns were led through Nukkad Natak (street plays), community meetings, events, doors to door visits, vehicular announcements, and dissemination of information communication and education materials. 21st century skills curriculum and STEM sessions were also conducted among 1,010 girls in schools. In addition, 725 peer boys also attended our gender equitable sessions in the schools.



A young boy signing his pledge to ensure gender equality in his community during International Women's Day celebrations

6. Pahal Programme

The Pahal programme, in partnership with HCL Foundation, is seeking to build an understanding among young girls and boys organized in Police Clubs in Chennai slums on gender equality. The project works with parents and the community at large (through community action and community campaigns led by girls and boys) to create gender equitable conditions in the communities.

The program focuses on educating young girls and boys with life skills (based on modules), gender based discrimination/ violence, self etc. The main objective of the project are to create a gender transformative community environment and promote gender transformative behavioural practices among adolescent girls and boys organised as part of the PBGCs.

The programme is building an understanding about gender empowerment among girls and boys leading to behaviour change. We're create gender equitable conditions in the communities by fostering gender equitable norms among boys and parents. A cadre of young leaders is being built in the community working on gender equality.



Young participant of the awareness session on SRHR being conducted in Alwar, Rajasthan

7. MTV Nishedh Initiative – Peer Education Programme

With MTV Staying Alive Foundation (MTV SAF), we led the MTV Nishedh initiative to spread awareness among young people around Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in Rajasthan. Scaling up its rich experience from the MTV Suga model, MTV SAF extended to India, with the launch of a brand new 360 behavioural change campaign called MTV Nishedh.

Messaging from the scripted television drama series aimed to raise awareness of certain key topics in India. The series tackled stigma and misconceptions around SRHR. The peer education sessions were conducted by 24 Volunteers (Peer Educators and Master Trainers) with 9747 young people (between the ages of 16-25) in three districts of Rajasthan: Jaipur, Udaipur, and Alwar.

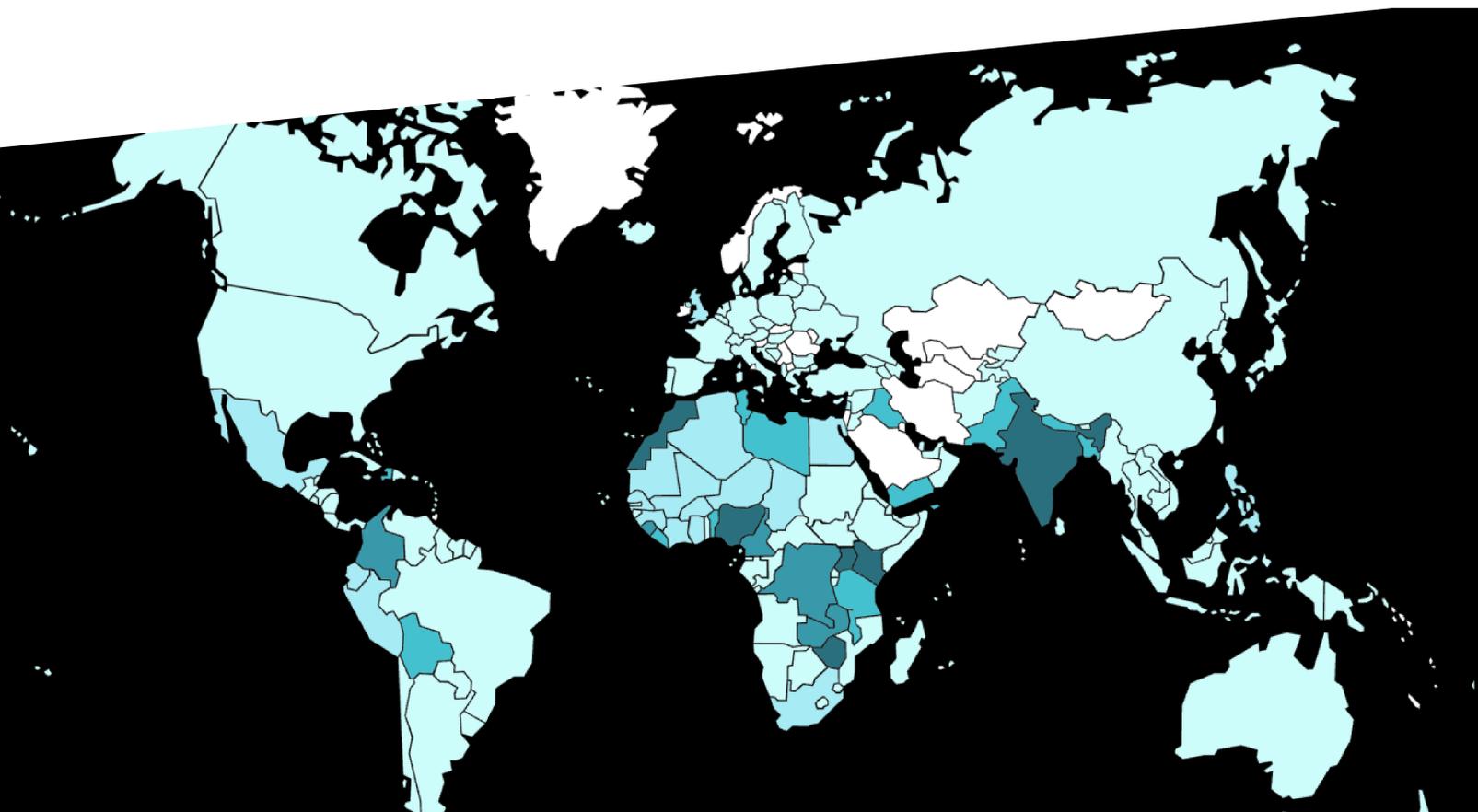
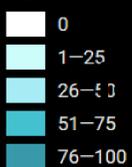
A total of 9747 participants were reached through the outreach, overachieving that target of 8500 by more than 1000. During the course of the program, a total of 4153 females were reached through online and offline mediums. Total 5594 Males were reached through online and offline modes, 1441 more males were reached out than females.

Our Projects and Researches.

Apart from implementing the programmes, our teams were also involved in executing researches, strategic consultations and analyses, as listed below:

- **Research with UNESCO:** We conducted a research on 'How are young people engaging with digital spaces to learn about bodies, sex and relationships?' with UNESCO wherein a Global Online Survey, Focussed Group Discussions and KIIs were conducted with young people and organisations across Asia, Latin America & the Caribbean, Europe & North America, and Africa. The survey was completed by 3895 individuals across 112 countries and revealing interesting insights on how sex and sexuality is perceived by young people in online spaces.
- **Partnership with *Girls Not Brides, Rajasthan:*** *Girls Not Brides (GNB)* is a global partnership of more than 1,400 CSOs committed to ending child marriage and enabling girls to fulfil their potential. We partnered with *GNB* to develop a **Youth Engagement Strategy to Eliminate Child Marriage**, through consultations with young people (18 to 30 years), in Rajasthan and Jharkhand. We facilitated youth consultations which were attended by over 100 young people. The strategy was later also presented to the Youth Leadership Team (YLT) which was formed in Jaipur and Ranchi during the consultation. We also prepared a **Report** capturing young people's challenges and recommendations to respond to Child Marriage within COVID 19 constraints
- **Youth Collective:** Youth civil society organisations work best together. We are in our hundreds, and together we form the Youth Collective, an online website for likeminded youth CSOs to connect and network. We're all either led by young people or serving young people – groups, networks, movements or organisations. We are diverse – and include organisations in all corners of the world, working on many different issues. Through the Youth Collective, organisations gain access to funding opportunities, events such as our Donor Dialogues series, visibility and more

Number of organisations



Our Projects and Researches.

- **Partnership with Count Us In for climate action:** Addressing climate change is the biggest challenge we've ever faced. We know we all need to work together across regions, beliefs and ways of life to make it happen. Keeping in mind the same, we joined Count Us In, a community of people and organisations taking practical steps to protect what they love from climate change before it's too late. For the first time, a diverse coalition of culture, faith, sports, business, youth and civil society around the world came together to build the largest and most ambitious citizen-led effort to avert the impacts of climate change. The mission over the next decade is to mobilise 1 billion people to take practical steps that when aggregated, will make a significant impact in reducing carbon pollution and challenge leaders to act boldly to deliver global systems change.
- **Analysis of India's Union Budget 2020 from a Youth Perspective:** Considering the need to examine government initiatives and efforts for youth development, we worked with The Quantum Hub, a youth think tank, on one of the first comprehensive reviews of the Budget from a youth lens. The Analysis covered an overview of key government initiatives, schemes and priorities with regard to young people and analysed trends of past 4 years of budgetary allocation and expenditure across schemes for/ affecting young people in India.



A young woman with dark hair in a braid, wearing a white school uniform, is writing on a large chalkboard. She is holding a piece of chalk in her right hand. The chalkboard has some faint writing on it. The background is slightly blurred, showing a classroom setting.

TARA'S STORY.

This image does not depict Tara



I now feel more confident to talk about sexual matters in my village.” – Tara

In India, young people have begun to utilise varied means of technology to educate themselves about Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). Yet, there are parts of the country which, due to the digital divide, are still deprived of the basic knowledge and tools on SRHR. This, unfortunately, gives rise to stigmas and misconceptions which severely impact the lives of people.

To raise awareness on critical issues including SRHR and Tuberculosis (TB), Student Partnership Worldwide India Project Trust works with MTV Staying Alive Foundation on a programme called MTV Nishedh. The programme follows a peer education model, wherein participants learn from stories depicted through drama as a form of educational entertainment.

During the outreach process, the team met Tara, a 25-year-old girl based in Jaipur district. As the oldest daughter of the family, she is the sole breadwinner working as a Beauty and Sewing Trainer in her village. She belongs to a village where people keep the matters of sexual health behind the doors – not allowing women to discuss their challenges, queries and problems openly.

Upon reaching out to her to gauge her interest to join the awareness sessions, Tara seemed hesitant. She shared that attending the sessions, for her, would mean skipping work, and hence losing out on the earnings of the day. With the responsibility of taking care of the entire family, Tara decided to let the opportunity go.

Moving further, the team began to mobilise people and deliver awareness sessions and trainings to the women and girls. As participation increased, multiple batches of the programme opened.

Bearing this in mind, the team was persistent to help Tara through the programme. Some members from the team connected with Tara's family and close ones to ask them to attend the sessions, so they can not only gain knowledge and tools, but also become an inspiration for Tara to participate - as per her capacity and convenience. And so, many of Tara's friends and relatives joined the trainings, building her curiosity.

Finally, Tara decided to join. After her first visit, she shared,

“I felt that the training was important for young girls like me, who have limited knowledge and understanding of their own bodies, health and needs.”

Since then, Tara happily participated in different workshops and trainings.

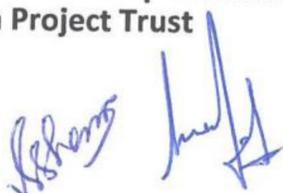
Initially during the sessions, she was unwilling to open up about her intimate challenges experienced as a woman in a regressive community. Considering the taboos around sexual health, she would refrain from having any conversations, in the fear of feeling embarrassed or unheard.

However, she shared that after every training, she found herself becoming more confident to talk about sensitive topics. Later, Tara initiated awareness sessions at her own place of work.

“Women need to become independent decision makers. They should be able to support their well-being in an environment where patriarchy and oppression are dominant.”

Our Finances.

Below is our Consolidated Audited Financial Statement for the Financial Year 2020-21.

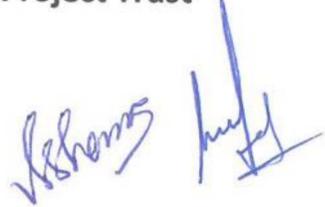
STUDENT PARTNERSHIP WORLDWIDE INDIA PROJECT TRUST			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 ST MARCH' 2021			
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT			
PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE	As at 31.03.2021 Amount(Rs.)	As at 31.03.2020 Amount(Rs.)
LIABILITIES			
Corpus Fund		1,000	1,000
Fixed Assets (As per Contra)	1	4,092,529	3,305,716
Unutilised Grants	2	10,764,576	7,805,295
General Fund	3	8,333,674	6,632,494
Current Liabilities & Provisions	4	6,159,980	5,964,460
TOTAL		29,351,759	23,708,964
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets (As per Contra)	1	4,092,529	3,305,716
Current Assets, Loans And Advances			
Cash & Bank balances	5	18,138,260	14,050,706
Loans & Advances	6	403,736	541,860
Grants Receivable	2	6,717,234	5,810,682
TOTAL		29,351,759	23,708,964
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes forming an integral part of accounts.	7		
As per our report of even date For KUMAR MITTAL & CO. Chartered Accountants FRN:010500N		For Student Partnership Worldwide India Project Trust	
 (Amrish Gupta) Partner M. No.: 090553		 Trustees	
			
Place: New Delhi Date: 24 NOV 2021			

Our Finances.

STUDENT PARTNERSHIP WORLDWIDE INDIA PROJECT TRUST INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT		
Particulars	CURRENT YEAR AMOUNT (Rs.)	PREVIOUS YEAR AMOUNT (Rs.)
INCOME		
Foreign Account		
Grants to the extent utilized	28,106,116	34,877,804
Interest income-saving	30,099	36,685
Interest income-FD	270	-
Sale of Fixed Assets	99,200	-
Other Income	-	39,000
Sub Total	28,235,685	34,953,489
Local Account		
Grants to the extent utilized	8,259,766	2,685,904
Interest income-saving	125,861	56,441
Interest income-FD	187,565	208,797
Other Income	147,114	21,132
Sub Total	8,720,306	2,972,274
Total Income (A)	36,955,991	37,925,763
EXPENDITURE		
Program Implementation Cost		
Programme Staff Salary	14,401,068	12,016,417
Volunteer Cost	4,392,567	3,308,540
Staff Insurance	197,375	269,230
Staff Traveling and Other Benefits	360,008	1,718,613
Consultant Cost	4,114,841	2,944,197
Sub Total	23,465,859	20,256,997
Other Program Cost		
Venue & Program Cost	174,924	195,001
Sub-Grants	359,614	1,708,179
Volunteer's Accommodation & Other Cost	51,842	590,269
Volunteer's Traveling Cost	-	418,405
Accommodation & Other Cost	271,409	1,145,611
Program Printing & Stationery	132,294	351,003
Volunteer's Insurance Cost	150,708	250,500
Programme Postage & Courier	8,782	18,437
Material Cost	117,245	160,487
Sundry Activities	144,962	95,203
Programme Workshop/Event	-	1,095,117
Trustee's Meeting Cost	-	44,899
Sports & Award Day	-	740
Subscription & Membership Fee	25,569	24,913
Internship Expenses	-	71,099
Reimbursement of Exp.	7,444	-
Inclusion & Access	5,080	10,359
Sub Total	1,449,873	6,180,222
Capital Expenditure		
Computer & Office Equipment	915,999	513,756
Sub Total	915,999	513,756



Our Finances.

Administration Cost		
Adminstration Staff Salary	7,806,600	8,113,994
Office Rent	1,247,607	1,695,302
General Maintenance	66,852	86,536
Office Administration	54,541	96,947
Electricity & Water Bill	89,614	193,579
Vehicle & Other Insurance	13,998	18,673
Vehicle fuel & Maintenance	2,434	14,201
Printing & Stationery	8,870	22,182
Office Security Charges	-	1,000
Communication	15,224	26,621
Finance & Admin Cost	4,582	1,325
Legal & Professional Charges	20,620	99,400
Audit Fee	118,000	118,000
Creditor Written off	(25,863)	-
Sub Total	9,423,079	10,487,760
Total Expenditure (B)	35,254,810	37,438,735
Surplus/(Deficit) (A - B) Carried to Balance Sheet	1,701,181	487,029
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes forming an integral parts of accounts (Schedule-7)		
As per our report of even date		
For KUMAR MITTAL & CO	For Student Partnership Worldwide	
Chartered Accountants	India Project Trust	
FRN :010500N		
		
(Amrish Gupta)	Trustees	
Partner		
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Our Partners.

We're grateful to all our partners who have supported our endeavours to help young people lead in solving challenges in their communities.





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