

IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

Rainbow Pune Street Children Project

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Project Details

Project Number:	10382
Project title:	Rainbow Pune Street Children Project
Project duration:	Mar 2020- Mar 2021
Approved Budget:	Rs. 285 lakhs
Major Stakeholders:	Street children
Location:	Pune, Maharashtra
Implementation Agency:	Rainbow Homes
Assessment Agency:	impactDash

Street children in India are among the most vulnerable and marginalized groups, facing a multitude of challenges that hinder their growth, development, and overall well-being. It is crucial to reintegrate these children into mainstream society to ensure their future prospects. The reintegration of street children into mainstream society is essential for the socio-economic development of India. These children often lack access to education and healthcare, limiting their potential contributions to society. However, by providing them with education and vocational training, we can unlock their untapped potential, fostering a skilled workforce that contributes to economic growth.

The Rainbow Homes Program provides non-custodial, long-term, and comprehensive care to enable the mainstreaming of children from street situations. This program is voluntary, and every child has a plan for education, nutrition, healthcare, and future employability. The aim of the Rainbow Homes Program is to protect, care for, educate, and empower disadvantaged and vulnerable children who live on city streets. They provide these children with safe residential care homes in government schools and buildings, enabling them to grow into responsible and caring citizens.

02 Key Activities

Shelter and safety:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing infrastructural facilities for shelter homes• Provision of safe drinking water facility
Nutritional program:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation of weekly diet plan• Special food for malnourished children• Educational sessions on the importance of nutritious meal
Health Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training staff and children on hygiene awareness• Compulsory health checkups on admission• Regular health checkups in the homes• Sessions on menstrual hygiene for adolescent girls
Comprehensive Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridge courses for 6 months• Career guidance and identification of colleges for students• Online education session in COVID

03 Key Impact

Self-Perception

- The shelter homes provided a safe space for the children building a sense of agency and confidence among children.
- About three-fourths of the participants reported that they felt much better about themselves as compared to earlier after coming to Rainbow homes.

Change in Social Capital

- **74%** of the respondents who said they feel well prepared to be re-integrated into mainstream society, 74% said they feel confident and ready to live independently whereas 22% said that they are somewhat prepared and could use further support.

Health Checkup

- As a result of enrolling in the centers, there was an improvement in health indicators and overall well-being of children.
- **90%** of the respondents reported that they had a health checkup on arrival into Rainbow homes.

Physical changes due to nutritious meals

- **91%** of the respondents reported that they felt much healthier and full of energy on arrival into Rainbow homes.

Participation in nutritional workshops

- **78%** of the respondents attended the nutritional sessions about once a week.
- Another **19%** reported that they participate in nutrition sessions occasionally. 4% of them said that they

rarely attend such workshops

BRIDGE courses

- The safe environment and interactive learning environment at the shelter home helped students learn through bridge courses and in preparation for different competitive exams.
- This enabling factor in the shelter home ensured that the students were empowered and financially independent for the future.