

# VAANI ANNUAL REPORT



*Changing the world hand in hand with you*



# 2019-2020



Artwork by: Rejowan Mondal, a VAANI student in Malancho Village, West Bengal. Rejowan is an exceptional student who excels in his academics and flourishes at co-curricular activities. The picture is of an Individualised Educational Session (IES) conducted at the VAANI Sadhan Centres to develop language, mathematics, communication and life skills. Parents and Care Givers are a very significant part of this programme. They are given emotional support and their capacity is built so that the communication gap between parent and children is bridged.

This annual report was made possible due to the support of our partners across the country who make tireless efforts to improve the lives of VAANI children.

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# MESSAGES OF HOPE

"In an ever-changing world, the importance of an organisation like VAANI never stops evolving. The need for parents to have a greater understanding of deafness and thereby being able to develop stronger bonds with their children will never change. This is what is at the heart of what makes VAANI so special. It helps build and strengthen a family."

- Brinda Crishna, Founder

The air of great enthusiasm in 2018 coalesced into a robust team of experience and expertise in 2019- 20. Over the year which has gone by, this team at VAANI has continued to expand its programs of work and provide services par excellence.

The programs in the earlier locations in Assam and West Bengal continued to add meaning and solace to the parents and caregivers of the hearing challenged. In Karnataka we were able to add immense value to the Tumkur area and were ready for a leap ahead. However, the Covid pandemic has put this on hold

While the world recovers from a deepening crisis, VAANI is preparing the students, teachers, families and communities to face challenges head-on and in the most inclusive way. Innovative ideas of the use of social media and curated training programs have helped this process. We are hopeful that this crisis will end soon and we will get back to a new normal in our of the way of life with masks and social distancing. As always, we are ever grateful to our donors and our passionate team members to move the wheel in our onward journey.

- T V Ramaswamy, Chairperson

It is with the support of our hardworking team, trusting parents and valued partners that we look forward to a bright 2020. We know that our community is our backbone and together we will thrive.

- Sumedha Joglekar, Director





Basana Debnath is a 47 year old mother with three sons. She has been associated with VAANI for the past twelve years. Originally from the Lanka Block of Nagaon District, Assam, she had to leave her home town as her deaf sons were refused admission in the general school there. She decided to move with all her children to Guwahati to ensure that her deaf sons could go to school just like other children.

”Attending VAANI’s workshops, helped build my confidence in communicating with my deaf sons and in understanding them better. It also led me to a path of hope - where I could help my deaf sons become confident and contributing individuals.

As a mother, I began to support a lot of young helpless mothers like me whose children attended the Government Deaf School. I am now proud to be a Parent Trainer.”





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# THE VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

## VAANI's VISION

is to advocate for the right of every deaf child to a full and complete life with **respect** and **dignity**

## Our MISSION

is to bring **language** and **communication** into the lives of deaf children and their families, thus enabling them to have meaningful conversations between themselves and the world around them.

We believe in **INTEGRITY**

We believe in **PERSISTENCE**

We believe in **OPENNESS**

We believe in **TEAMWORK**

We believe in **SYSTEMS** and **PROCESSES**

We **LOVE** to have **FUN**

We **WORK** with **PASSION**

We **RESPECT, CARE** and **UNDERSTAND**

# WHY CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS?

Deafness is invisible. It is not immediately apparent that a person has a hearing impairment by just looking at them, hence most symptoms are invisible. This unfortunately, leads to false perceptions, misunderstandings and judgments. What is alarming is that childhood deafness is often overlooked when it occurs in young children and infants.

This results in delayed intervention and the loss of the most important and crucial stage of the children's cognitive development. So the lack of auditory sense, which is essential to learn a language, can severely impair the overall ability to learn. Deafness in itself is not a learning disability. It is this lack of language and the inability to communicate that transforms it into a learning difficulty. In an Indian context, especially rural, many parents never learn to fully communicate with their children.

Deaf children and their families may never be able to fully express themselves emotionally. Parents often feel helpless and may give up on their deaf child.

**This is where VAANI steps in.**



# VAANI'S WORK

VAANI provides individualised attention to hearing impaired children based on their needs of communication and language. We build capacities of parents and caregivers for effective communication with their hearing impaired children. We empower and engage professionals and NGO partners through refresher programmes and workshops. We build the capacity of Anganwadi and health workers, reaching out to rural and remote areas as well. We engage with the government to facilitate various policies to advocate on behalf of hearing impaired children and we sensitize and mobilize the general public on the issues of childhood deafness in order to build a more inclusive society for all.

## Areas of Work:

1. New Born Hearing Screening (0-2 years)
2. Intervention (2-14 years)
3. Youth Transition Programme (8-18 years)
4. Training and Capacity Building
5. Community Outreach
6. Research and Advocacy





# PROGRAMMES

## New Born Hearing Screening (0-2 years)

### Early Identification of Hearing Loss (0-2 years)

A very important area which is missing in the Indian scenario is the early identification and screening of hearing loss in newborns. This increases the difficulty of language development and comprehension, as three critical early years are lost. This is when the brain is most able to learn.

Moreover the lack of stimulus during these three crucial years causes delayed reflexes from the child and has a negative impact on other areas of development.

Early screening needs to be followed with a technical referral programme aiming at conducting a BERA test confirming the hearing loss and fitting a child with the hearing aid to enable the child use their residual hearing and develop their listening skills. Early Identification of hearing loss has to be followed with immediate intervention.

Over the past year, VAANI's role has been to kick start the newborn screening programme. This was begun in July 2019 at the Tumkur District Hospital in Karnataka and since then over 1,000 babies have been screened.







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VAANI DAY CHILDREN  
Celebrates World Deaf Awareness Day  
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# PROGRAMMES

## Intervention (2-14 years)

Individualised Educational Training is conducted for hearing impaired children as appropriate for different age groups, to develop language, communication and life skills. This is executed by our trained teachers in our Sadhan Centres and through home visits.

Parents and Care Givers are a very significant part of this programme. They are given emotional support. Their capacity is built so that the communication gap between parent and children is bridged.

Parent Infant Programme (0-3 years)

Sadhan Resource Centre (3-14)

Early intervention begins soon after a baby has been diagnosed with hearing loss. Simply fitting a child with a hearing aid will not show results, unless the child and parent are enrolled in a regular intervention process. The earlier a child's hearing loss is detected, the sooner the family can gather as much information as possible to make the best decisions for their child's language and communication development.

With early intervention, children with hearing loss are able to develop language skills to help them communicate freely and actively learn.

Early Identification and Intervention is important because babies start learning how to use sound as soon as they are born. Listening in the first months of life prepares babies to speak. These early steps are building blocks for communication which is a precursor to language development.

VAANI has recently opened three new Sadhan Centres at Chikkanayakanhalli and Pavgada, in Karnataka and at Nagaon outreach centre in Assam. These are remote locations that lack basic infrastructure and are in isolated pockets. Through these three centres, VAANI has reached more than 70 hearing-impaired children and their families.



# PROGRAMMES

## Parent Infant Programme (0-3 years)

The Parent Infant Programme is an important aspect of the Early Intervention process as it provides services for families of hearing impaired infants . This Programme stems from the concept that children advance to the best of their abilities when their emerging speech, language and auditory skills are reinforced in a context of acceptance and respect in the home environment during the most important early years.

During these early formative years, the child's most important relationships are with their parents and other primary care-givers, such as siblings, grandparents and other family members.

Consequently, the emphasis of Parent Infant Programme is a home-based, family-centered, parent-guided, child-specific, natural approach to learning. The parent infant program brings together children from infancy through pre-school age, their parents, family and a variety of early intervention professionals (including speech therapists , parent counsellors etc.) to work as a team and offer services to assist families in communicating and bonding with their children in the child's natural home environment.

Parents are encouraged to network with other parents. The Parent Infant Programme helps hearing impaired children and their parents develop potential in primary areas and helps to nurture the child's development of language, literacy skills, growth in world awareness, positive self-esteem, personal responsibility and cultural pride.





# PROGRAMMES

## Sadhan Resource Centre (3-14)

The Sadhan Resource Centre is a space to educate and empower deaf children and their parents to learn and comprehend language and have meaningful conversation between themselves and the world around them.

At the VAANI Sadhan Resource Centre we pay individualised attention to each parent-child group. It is supported by trained staff such as Special Educators (Teacher of the Deaf), Counsellors, Community Mobilisers and Visiting Medical Professionals. Primarily, communication and language skills are taught to children, aged 7-14 years. The focus is on the holistic development of the child. Hence, other activities such as life skills, physical development, and inclusion services are also conducted. The importance of addressing the social and emotional needs of each parent-child group, is constantly kept in mind while planning and executing the individualised training. It is also a centre of information to parents on referrals and the government schemes available in their respective states .

As per Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) all differently-abled children need to be absorbed into mainstream education. To enable this, it is necessary to sensitise and support mainstream school teachers and be a resource centre to assist them.

At present we have 13 Sadhan Resource Centres in India and in the next five years, we aim to establish and expand the numbers in different parts of India, through Direct & Indirect interventions and collaboration with partner organizations.



# PROGRAMMES

## Youth Transition Programme (8-18 years)

The Youth Transition program is aimed at preparing hearing impaired youth for life beyond education. There are a wide variety of resources available at VAANI to assist students, professionals, schools, and families in defining and working on post school goals.

An effective transition plan will equip each student with the tools and confidence to assume responsibility for their education and career decisions as they move into adulthood. VAANI aims at transforming every child into a responsible adult who can lead a meaningful life with respect and dignity.

VAANI plans to partner with organisations who provide vocational/professional training preparing them for further education and employability.

The Advanced Life Skills provided include:

- Career counselling
- Prevocational training
- Soft skill development
- Advanced life skills training



In 2019-2020 VAANI added two more areas to the program- Tailoring and self-defence at the Red Cross School, Tumkur, Karnataka.





# PROGRAMMES

## Training and Capacity Building

This programme involves providing technical training to partners such as local NGO's community and health workers, medical professionals, mainstream school teachers etc. so that more and more hearing impaired children could be reached for early identification, intervention and mainstream setup can become more inclusive.

In 2019 -2020, VAANI was particularly successful in bridging communication gaps between 672 families and their deaf children.

This was done by facilitating and conducting 62 workshops with parents and family members across project areas which helped to enhance communication skills and comprehension of deaf children and built on their language .

To improve early identification skills and to facilitate early intervention of deaf infants and babies , 365 Anganwadi, ASHA and other community workers were trained through 16 training workshops. This fostered an Inclusive environment in the schools. 77 SSA and partner teachers were sensitised and oriented on the issues of childhood deafness to enable every deaf child reach their true potential.









# PROGRAMMES

## Research and Advocacy

This part of the programme focuses on identifying the various intervention tools, methods, communication modes etc. that help deaf children reach their true potential and furthers it by advocating policies that can become government mandates in the long run.

This project also conducts research, analyses data, and makes paper presentations etc.

The Advocacy programme involves interaction and networking with government, hospitals, educational and other disability welfare related departments, local NGO's, to spread awareness about new programmes that could be initiated at a grassroots level. It helps to link VAANI programmes to available government schemes, suggest modifications in existing schemes and engages with various agents of government.

In 2019 VAANI compiled a set of six Training Modules focusing on 'The Problems of Deafness and Educational Techniques useful for teaching Children With Hearing Impairment (CWHI)' with support from Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI).

Educational material of this kind is vital to empower Parents, teachers of regular schools, special educators, and community workers who deal with the identification and education of hearing-impaired children. VAANI has also registered itself with Disability Network Alliance (DNA) Karnataka and conducts various surveys to contribute to further research.

Ongoing Surveys:

1. Conceptualising policies with different stakeholders
2. Exploring research topics & Submitting Research Papers



Life Skills



Parents Workshop  
Cum  
Meeting

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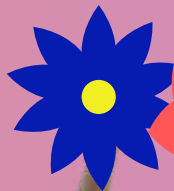


SCHOOL CORNER





*In Focus:*





# IN FOCUS:

## Stories from the field

### VEERESH Y.S.

is VAANI's Project Head for the South Zone. He is a passionate and energetic member of the VAANI team and enjoys working with the community. He has been instrumental in supporting activities on the ground and has held a pivotal role in ongoing activities.

In September of 2019, he led the 'Walkathon- 19' project as a part of Deaf awareness week. This event had over 6,000 beneficiaries and was run in association with partners including the Red Cross Deaf School in Tumkur, Tumkur University and others. The event was witnessed by Mr. Jyothi Ganesh MLA, Tumkur City and District Officers from the Health and Family Welfare Department and the DDWO. Nearly 200 villages were covered across 4 Talukas during this event.

"It was the greatest experience for me. All the officials and people involved motivated me a lot to do this event on a grand scale. Initially, we planned to do the Walkathon with just 200 people. We knew it would not be easy to bring the general public and officials to such an event, but when we began to approach officials and partners about the event, they promised to give it their full support. This motivated me to make the event as big as possible! We reached over 6,000 people.





# IMPACT

Program Activities: No. Of Activities Beneficiaries:

Individualised Educational Programs (IEP Sessions)

14,000 Sessions



672 children received training on regular basis on Language, Mathematics, Communication and Life Skills

Asha, Anganwadi workers, partner teachers and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Teacher Trainings

16 Sessions

365

Community Awareness Programmes

13 Sessions

720

Parents Meetings & Workshops

62 Sessions

672

Deaf Awareness Week Activities

3 Events

4,817

Corporate Engagements

7 Events

270

Life Skills Trainings

10 Sessions

400

Newborn Screening

Monday to Saturday at Tumkur District Hospital

1,000

Youth Transition Programme (Vocational Skills)

Computer and Tailoring

160

Self Defense Training

1 Event

50





# VAAHI







# CELEBRATIONS



# THE STORY OF SUBHE RAI

Subhe was born premature in Darjeeling in 2006. Within six months, her mother began to notice that Subhe was different from other little girls but she waited until the child was a little older before she sought help from a private hospital. Subhe was almost two years old before a conclusive BERA test was done at a private hospital and her mother understood what the problem was.

When her parents first heard about VAANI, Subhe was already nearly 10 years old. She was able to identify a few fruits and was learning at a pre-writing level. She was shy and didn't engage in too much communication.

Since joining VAANI, Subhe has learnt to form simple sentences, she can now confidently take on three digit addition, multiplication, and carry over division! The best part is that her parents feel like they have finally found a support system in Subhe's teacher. They call her whenever they have trouble understanding their daughter and have become closer than they ever were before.

\*Names changed to protect the child's privacy





# OUR PARTNERS

Our employee engagement programmes such as 'Haath Se Baat Kar' and the creation of Teaching learning material were widely appreciated by our CSR and Corporate partners. Through initiatives like these VAANI helps organizations give back to the community and create meaningful impact.













# Spotlight ON VAANI

## ಶಿಶುವಿನ ಶ್ರವಣ ದೋಷ ಪತ್ತೆ ಹಚ್ಚಿ, ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ಕೊಡಿಸಿ



ವಾಣಿ ಡೆಫ್ ಚಿಲ್ಡ್ರನ್ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕಿ ಸುಮೇಧ ವಿಜಯಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಜೋಗಲೇಕರ್ ಅವರು 7.75 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ. ಮೌಲ್ಯದ ಸೋಹಮ್ ನವಜಾತ ಶಿಶುಗಳ ಶ್ರವಣದೋಷ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಸಾಧನವನ್ನು ಮಂಗಳವಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ಹಸ್ತಾಂತರಿಸಿದರು.

### ■ ವಿಕ ಸುದ್ದಿಲೋಕ ತುಮಕೂರು

ನವಜಾತ ಶಿಶುವಿಗೆ ಆರು ತಿಂಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಶ್ರವಣ ದೋಷವನ್ನು ಪತ್ತೆ ಹಚ್ಚಿ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ನೀಡಿದರೆ ಶಿಶು ಅರೋಗ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯರಂತೆ ಇರಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಸಿಇಒ ಶುಭಾ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ್ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

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ಈ ಸಾಧನ ಬಳಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಜನಿಸುವ ಮಗುವಿಗೆ ಶಬ್ದ ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆಯೋ, ಇಲ್ಲವೋ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಮಗು ಜನಿಸಿದ ದಿನದಂದೇ ಪತ್ತೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ನೀಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿದೆ.

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On June 18th 'SOHUM'- an early screening device to detect hearing loss In newborn babies was launched at Tumkur District Hospital, Karnataka with support from Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, Sohumi Innovation Lab and Indian Red Cross Society.

On International Women's Day 2020, Rotary International and The Indian Red Cross Society felicitated five Women Achievers in the fields of Health, Education, Social Work, and Culture including the Executive Director of VAANI, Ms. Sumedha Joglekar.





# THE WAY FORWARD

There is no doubt that 2020 and the global COVID 19 pandemic has changed the world. The lockdown impacted VAANI projects across the country and has greatly changed the lives of many of the families we support.

The team, in true VAANI spirit chose to address these challenges head on. The lockdown has pushed our teams to think out of the box. Through digital innovation coupled with a CAN-DO attitude, we have been able to overcome the difficulties in reaching our beneficiaries and were able to conduct our day to day educational sessions. .

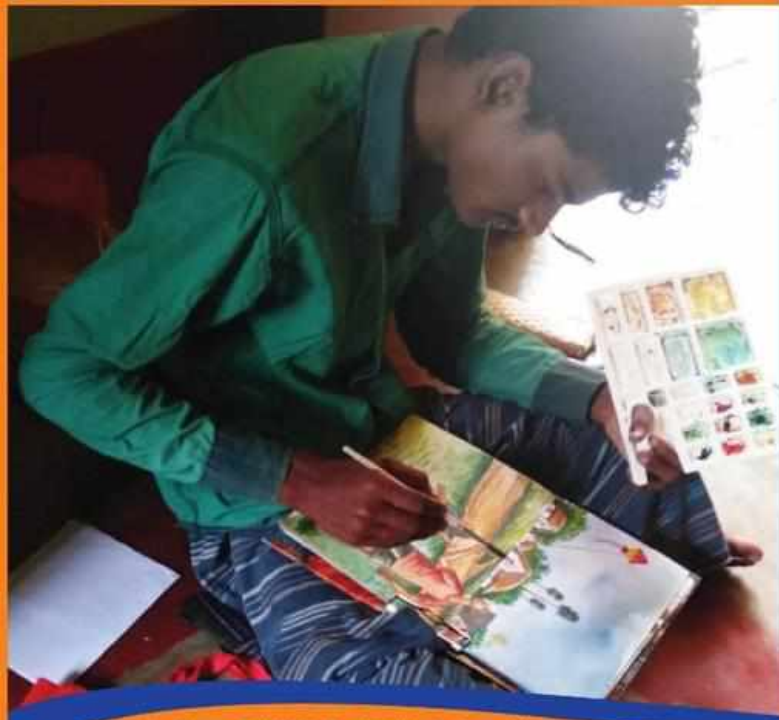
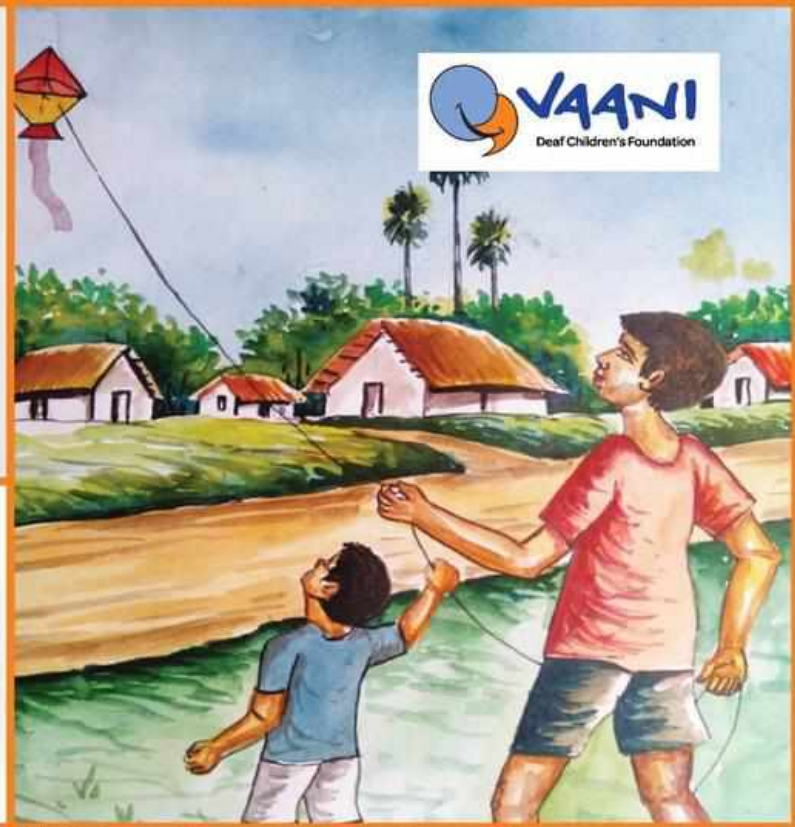
We are proud to report that in spite of the pandemic constraints, our teachers continued to provide services and kept in constant touch with our children and parents through WhatsApp video calls, text messages and phone conversations. It is a brave new digital world for us all!

Our tireless commitment to bettering the lives of the VAANI families has resulted in the creation of an online repository comprised of video lessons, teaching-learning material, worksheets, assignments, and other educational content.

This online technique is not only useful to combat the current restrictions, but also allows us to connect with the hitherto unreached families of hearing impaired children in remote regions.

It is aptly said that "Necessity is the mother of invention". We plan to move into 2020-21, by widening the reach of our existing programmes, enriching our online repository, creating effective educational tools and upskilling our staff to continue to innovate for a brighter future.

# Creativity in Lockdown



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# FINANCES SUMMARY



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## Independent Auditor's Report

To  
The Trustees of  
Vaani Deaf Childrens Foundation

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Vaani Deaf Childrens Foundation** which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2020 the Income & Expenditure Account for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give us a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India of the state of affairs of **Vaani Deaf Childrens Foundation** as at March 31, 2020 and the *Excess of Income over Expenditure* for the year ended on that date.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



## **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the aforesaid Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management is responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process

## **Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

Further, based on our audit we report that:

- a. We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.



# FINANCES SUMMARY

Vaani Deaf Children's Foundation  
Consolidated Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2020

Particulars	Schedule	31.03.2020 Rs.	31.03.2019 Rs.
<b>Income</b>			
Grants & Donations	8	2,05,15,273	1,78,32,919
Other Income	9	3,15,248	3,18,016
		<b>2,08,30,522</b>	<b>1,81,50,934</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Human Resource	10		
Project		81,44,383	
General		17,67,418	92,25,840
Operational Expenses	11		
Project		54,50,330	
General		96,176	58,48,995
Office & Administrative Expenses	12		
Project		12,66,966	
General		33,922	13,00,888
Fund Raising Activity	13		
Project		4,98,610	15,30,587
Bank Charges		6,259	73,505
TDS Receivable written Off		7,740	-
Depreciation	5		
Project		4,14,756	2,38,073
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>31,45,962</b>	<b>6,08,577</b>
		<b>2,08,30,522</b>	<b>1,81,50,934</b>

For VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation

As per our report of even date  
For Phillipos & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN : 002650 S

*T.V. Ramaswamy*  
T.V. Ramaswamy  
Trustee, Chairperson Director  
Date: July 24, 2020  
Place: Bangalore



B. Issac  
Partner  
Mem.No.027621



Vaani Deaf Children's Foundation  
Consolidated Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2020

Particulars	Schedule	31.03.2020 Rs.	31.03.2019 Rs.
<b>Opening Cash and Bank balance</b>	14	1,09,16,145	91,22,496
<b>Receipts</b>			
Grants & Donations	15	1,85,99,756	2,05,88,957
Other Income	16	1,02,826	4,08,135
Liabilities	17	(2,81,739)	(6,43,463)
Current Assets - Security Deposit Refund		-	3,00,000
Income tax Refund		6,185	-
		<b>2,96,43,179</b>	<b>2,97,76,092</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Human Resource	18		
Project		81,44,383	
General		17,67,418	92,25,840
Operational Expenses	19		
Project		54,50,330	
General		96,176	58,48,995
Office & Administrative Expenses	20		
Project		12,66,966	
General		33,922	13,00,888
Fund Raising Activity	21		
Project		4,98,610	15,30,587
Fixed Assets	22		
Project		20,06,802	2,08,548
Loans and Advances	23		
Project		(2,80,323)	1,95,028
Other Payment	24		
Project		(22,633)	14,633
Bank Charges		4,259	73,505
TDS Receivable written Off		-	-
Closing Bank, Cash, Fixed Deposit Balance	25	1,05,78,879	1,09,16,145
		<b>2,96,43,179</b>	<b>2,97,76,092</b>

For VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation

As per our report of even date  
For Phillipos & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN : 002650 S

*T.V. Ramaswamy*  
T.V. Ramaswamy  
Trustee, Chairperson Director  
Date: July 24, 2020  
Place: Bangalore



B. Issac  
Partner  
Mem.No.027621



Vaani Deaf Children's Foundation  
Consolidated Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2020

Particulars	Schedule	31.03.2020 Rs.	31.03.2019 Rs.
<b>Source of Funds</b>			
Trust Fund	1	30,111	30,111
General Fund	2	88,72,065	46,26,643
PFH Fund	3	4,05,954	4,05,954
Current Liabilities & Provisions	4	53,42,757	24,85,429
		<b>1,38,50,827</b>	<b>1,28,47,537</b>
<b>Application of Funds</b>			
Fixed Assets	5	26,34,794	10,43,338
Loans & Advances	6	5,37,953	8,80,984
Cash & Bank Balances	7	1,06,78,079	1,09,16,145
		<b>1,38,50,826</b>	<b>1,28,47,537</b>

For VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation

For Phillipos & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
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*T.V. Ramaswamy*  
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Trustee, Chairperson Director  
Date: July 24, 2020  
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- b. In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Trust so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
- c. The Balance Sheet, the Income and Expenditure A/c dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the relevant books of account.

For Phillipos & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN: 002650S

Place: Bengaluru  
Date: July 24, 2020



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Partner  
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# AN APPEAL

VAANI receives its income through generous grants and donations from Institutions and Individual donors. This helps us continue our effort to bring language and communication to the lives of deaf children and their families.

You can help raise funds for VAANI by asking your friends/colleagues to donate to VAANI on special occasions, taking part in fundraising events such as crowdfunding through your personal and professional networks.

## Volunteering with VAANI-

You can choose to volunteer with us by helping us with your expertise in tech solutions, content writing, designing, communications and in fundraising for the cause.

Reach out to us at [vaani@vaani.in](mailto:vaani@vaani.in)

To raise funds for VAANI write to [vaani@vaani.in](mailto:vaani@vaani.in)

Make a generous contribution at <https://vaani.in/donate/>

Rs. 35,000 Supports One Child for One Year.

It covers:

- Individualised Educational Programme(IEP) for children
- Nutrition Supplements and Sanitation Supplies
- Teaching learning materials (online and print) and technical aids
- Parent capacity building workshops and Community sensitisation
- Audiological camps and check ups



# CORPORATE CONNECT

VAANI engages with corporate partners every year through various creative CSR initiatives and volunteering opportunities. During this unprecedented global lockdown, we offer corporate organisations the opportunity to connect digitally. We have conducted multiple virtual sessions with employees of our corporate partners where employees learnt about the sign system and different types of teaching learning materials that are used to teach language and communication to deaf children.

Employees are also given assignments to create virtual material related to the session which will be used to teach children at our centres. These programmes are aimed at both sensitising the employees on issues relating to hearing disabilities as well as creating a platform where employees can creatively engage in the education of children with hearing disability and help the corporates make their workplace a more inclusive space.

If you know of any corporate who would be interested in such employee/volunteer engagement activities do reach out to us at [vaani@vaani.in](mailto:vaani@vaani.in) .



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