

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23

Operations Blessing India (OBI) is actively involved in a wide spectrum of projects oriented toward socially useful productive work. At the core of each project is the desire to enrich lives and bring hope where there is none. OBI works in the areas of Child Care & Education, Health and Medical Care, Clean Water & Sanitation, Disaster Relief, and Community Development.

In 2022-23 OBI implemented at the grass root level in several areas of the nation. The categories of Humanitarian work were Child Care & Education, Community Development & Livelihood, Clean Water, and Health & Medical. OBI touched the lives of over 43140 beneficiaries through its programs.

Various activities undertaken by the Company during the Financial Year 2022-23 are as follows:

A. CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION

OBI has 9 School of Life Centers, supporting children in their education and guiding children back to the classroom, through its non-formal education program, meals, and awareness sessions.

The centers are located at:

<u>Intervention</u>	
School of Life - Suraj Park, Delhi	School of Life - Jaisinghpura, Jaipur, Rajasthan
School of Life - Tughlakabad, Delhi NCR	School of Life - Muhana, Jaipur, Rajasthan
School of Life – Chandan, Delhi NCR	School of Life - Malluwala, Ferozepur, Punjab
School of Life – Satbari, Delhi NCR	School of Life - Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh
School of Life – Burari, Delhi NCR	

School of Life Centers were run across 5 states across India, providing After-school tuition for school-going children in these slum areas and preparation for admission to mainstream government schools. Nutrition is a great need for children in this category and the children who attend the centers were provided nutritious meals in line with the mid-day meals provided by the State governments. The centers conducted awareness programs for children on preventive health and Extra-curricular activities for well-rounded child development. We reached **791** children with education and **2,03,383** freshly cooked nutritious meals were served daily.



Scholarship Program: The project aims to support students with poor economic backgrounds in completing their Skill Development courses. A scholarship program was started to provide scholarships to needy students to pursue education to set them up for their future and ensure that they achieve a skill that will give them a scope to have a secure job once they complete the course. **82** students were provided scholarships.



Intervention	
Velemegna Good News Society, Karnataka	40 Students
Padar School Of Nursing, Madhya Pradesh	10 Students
Allied Health Sciences Frances Newton Hospital, Punjab	3 Students
Scudder Institute of Allied Health Sciences, Tamil Nadu	5 Students
Faith Academy, Delhi	3 Students
Methodist Senior Secondary School Sonipat, Haryana	20 Students
St. Ann's College for Women, Andhra Pradesh	1 Student

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OBI mitigates vulnerabilities through regular mobilization of the identified challenges in the community, which allows us to empower the community members through skill development and facilitating linkages.

1. Self Help Groups (SHGs) The focus is to empower the women in the community to enable them to form Self Help Groups and provide a sustainable livelihood to support their families, especially children. The 66 SHG have savings accounts opened and have saved around \$26,000 from the date of formation to 31.03.2023. Through the savings accounts, women give loans to group members through the inter-lending process. This process has enabled group members to meet their needs and improve their standard of living and also ensure they have saving.



Quote - "The group lent me money at a time when my family needed it the most. The inter-lending process made my son's surgery possible, and repaying the loan back in easy installments made my life easy".

Deveki Devi - Patpura Village, Khatima

2. Government Initiatives under the SHGs: 24 women received grants from various government initiatives during the year.

Sugree Devi says," The OB team helped me in getting my health insurance card made. With access to health insurance, I got my son's cataract surgery covered under it. Now my sone is able to have a clearer vision and so very blessed with this intervention".



- Vermicompost has been emerging as an important source in supplementing and substituting chemical fertilizers in agriculture. Vermicompost, also known as 'farmers' friend,' is used for general crops and plantation crops. It is a valuable input for sustainable agriculture and wasteland development.

OBI helped people with organic farming with various training and trainings like construction of vermicompost pits and its maintenance, farmyard manure and organic pesticides, benefits and market scope for organic farming etc. were organized. Exposure visits to government institutions to make beneficiaries learn about various techniques of organic farming with practical experience are also part of the project. 42 vermicompost pits have been constructed at Khatima and impacted 551 Beneficiaries.



Quotes - Shrimanti says, smilingly. "I have a good demand for turmeric in my circle. My turmeric is of high quality, and I am confident that the product will help me make a good profit and contribute to my family's income."



- OBI is committed to providing sustainable solutions to the social problems stemming from poverty. By giving training and skills, we are giving them power. Vocational Life-skill training encompasses practical approaches and hands-on learning. These skills empower trainees, build confidence and enable them to gain employment. Each training course is complemented with a certificate upon completion.

Women from the communities were provided training in Capacity building (Financial Literacy) Training digital and financial literacy and organic farming. The focus was to empower the women from the communities to enable them to form Self Help Groups and earn a livelihood to support their families, especially children. The program was able to reach 780 beneficiaries.

Under **Micro-enterprise**, we have supported one SHG group (10 members) for Piggery in Bondabra, Jharkhand, and 3 SHG women for the grocery store and boutique in Khatima (Uttarakhand) to ensure there is an increase in the family's income. This will enable a person to be a part of a competitive workforce by enhancing their skills which will help them to start a small-scale business and earn better than an unskilled worker.



The Centers are located at:

Intervention	
Khatima, Uttarakhand	Chandan Hola, Delhi NCR
Madhupur, Jharkhand	Satbari, Delhi NCR
Mangolpuri, Delhi NCR	Malluwala, Punjab



Meena Devi says, "My husband is unemployed and unable to get work anywhere. He sits with me in the shop and helps with the sales. I am happy with the sales thus far. I have even bought fresh fruits and soft drinks for sale with the profits made so far."

C. MEDICAL CARE

OBI has 5 **Permanent Medical Treatment Centres** (PMTCs) operating at the grass root level, reaching communities in villages or slums, with valuable experience in the experience of running community clinics and conducting medical camps. The program's goal was to provide basic health services to the people unable to access these services due to a lack of finances or inadequate health services available in and around their residences. Additionally, the program also aims to create awareness regarding preventive health to promote and create a healthy living environment for the people in the community of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh & Delhi NCR. The program is on track as we are able to meet the set goals.



During the year the program was able to reach 17326 beneficiaries through the permanent medical treatment centers by providing them with medical treatment and awareness of preventive health. The program has impacted a larger part of the communities and helped the beneficiaries and their families to live a life with improved health.

The intervention sites are:

Intervention	Location
1. PMTC Jagatpura	Jaipur, Rajasthan
2. PMTC Gujjar Ki Thaddi	Jaipur, Rajasthan
3. PMTC Chhatarpur	Delhi NCR
4. PMTC Mangolpuri	Delhi NCR
5. PMTC Clara Swain	Uttar Pradesh



The 4 Hospitals and 2 OBI sites conducted 89 **Medical Brigades** where 11212 patients were screened. During the year, the Health Awareness program was able to reach 1160 beneficiaries through conducting awareness programs. This program has impacted a larger part of the communities and helped the beneficiaries and their families to live a life with improved health.

D. LIFE-CHANGING SURGERIES

OBI partnered with 4 hospitals that are working to serve marginalized communities by conducting surgeries.

These Hospitals were:

1. Philadelphia Hospital Ambala, Haryana
2. Leprosy Mission Philadelphia Hospital, Salur, Andhra Pradesh
3. Velemegna Good News Society, Bidar, Karnataka
4. Padhar Hospital, Betul, Madhya Pradesh

These hospitals conducted 2140 surgeries (2115 General Cataract Surgeries, 15 Pediatric & Squint cataracts and 10 Special - Burn Contracture surgeries & Clubfoot).



E. CLEAN WATER PROJECT



In FY 22-23, the Clean Water Project of **Operation Blessing India** started its wells project in the state of Jharkhand. The project aims to address the need for access to clean and safe drinking water in the community and to educate the inhabitants about the safe handling of drinking water at the household level. The project envisaged increasing awareness of waterborne disease and personal hygiene and reducing the burden of diarrheal disease. **8840** beneficiaries benefitted through **38** wells.

Quotes:- I am happy that my children remain healthy now, says, *"I am very grateful for the training I received to make sure that the water we drink is clean. My children know the importance of clean drinking water and clean hands now and are now less sick. This has made our out-of-pocket expenditure less. Thank you for such a blessing for my children and the village."* - Sabina - Bondabra Village

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"A large part of our day goes in fetching water from a nearby stream and during the summer it runs dry. The hand pump installed in our community is a great source of water close to our doorstep and has transformed our lives. We now have clean drinking water in our community and additional time on our hands. We are touched by your generosity and grateful for this clean water."

- Keloni Hansda, Raghinathpur Village

