

Brief report 2017-2018

A note of Thanks

We are delighted to share that Karm Marg turned 21. This journey was not easy, but with your constant support and trust we kept moving forward, so we would like to thank each one of you who has been part of this beautiful journey.

We did a small gathering and invited our closest well-wishers. Our little ones prepared a small performance on old classic songs which made the day a memorable one.

Thanks from Karm Marg Family

Achievements:

Virtha, a young girl joins us in 2015 at the age of 14. She is from Assam, in the eastern part of India and had been trafficked and made to work as a labourer. It soon turned out that she was suffering from chronic anaemia. After two months of care, hospitalization and blood transfusion, she completely recovered.

In the beginning she was very insecure and afraid to talk to anyone. Her Hindi was also weak, making it more difficult for her to integrate. Very slowly she started talking to the other children and to participate in the activities at Karm Marg. Schooling however remained a problem as she had difficulties adjusting to formal school. We enrolled her in an alternative learning process and she showed an interest and aptitude for stitching. Shabila, the main instructor at the stitching unit has been her main guide and mentor. In two years, we saw a huge positive change in her. She is now a confident, smart, and joyful girl who knows how to speak up about her own rights and to help others.

Major Activities:

1. In **2017-18**, Karm Marg faced a big financial crisis due to various reasons, especially for salaries and maintenance which are imperative to run an organisation. In the last few years, we have seen our regular funding go down from different sources as most of it was under a contract period. In the last year, we have lost out on the amount of total funding from abroad due to the fluctuating rate of exchange. We have a lot of friends in India and abroad who give us regular funding but unfortunately the rising salaries and infrastructural costs are much higher than what we are receiving.

We explored various options to raise funds and finally decided to raise funds through crowd funding and sending proposals to various CSR projects for long term sustainability grants.

For our current needs, we applied to the Team India Cares for online crowd funding while participating at the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon 2017. It was a new experience for all of us but as time progressed, we became more proficient at connecting with people and raising funds. The last date to raise fund was 30th of November 2017 and marathon took place on the 19th of November 2017.

2. **The Airtel Delhi half marathon** was held on 19th November at Jawahar Lal Nehru stadium. Our work up to the event started in the beginning of October as we got active on social media to reach out to potential supporters. At the same time our young adults enrolled themselves to run for KM, three of our special needs youth also ran in the marathon. We were a group of 26 runners, including children, staff and friends run for KM. It was amazing to see the spirit, energy and enthusiasm in everyone. Our kids did quite well. Anmol stood 5th in the 6 km race.
3. On 26th January, the movie Parched was screened at Karmmarg for the women at the village. The director of the movie Ms Leena Yadav was also present. After the movie they had discussion with women and interviewed them. Later she had lunch with us. Women loved the movies and appreciated the director's work.

4. The **JUGAAD** meet which was organized by **Creativity Adda** at Mukherjee nagar and co-host by **Karm marg**. As you all know we have been extremely concerned about environment from the inception of Karm marg. We work with waste materials like old clothes, cut pieces, plastic bottle, glass bottle, tires and whatever we found we try to make it useful. So the idea behind the jugaad meet is to spread awareness amongst the young generation about waste management and how we can stop using and buying unnecessary stuff which is no longer useful for environment. It was a 3-day residential workshop at Karm Marg. We did workshop on composting, vertical garden, jewellery designing out of waste clothes, smokeless chulha making and design thinking that how can we convert out existing waste into a product that can be sold.

We have invited various Ngo's to participate in this workshop and almost 200 people participated.

5. During the summer vacation children attended theatre workshop hosted by Srikant (volunteer) and a dance workshop by Rihana & Sonu at KM. They prepared a skit and dance during the month and performed it in the month of July in front of the children, Veena didi, Mahima didi and Preety didi. They appreciated the kids for their efforts.
6. Days Life skills workshop held at government sr.sec. school for class 9th children. 80 children participated in this workshop that was hosted by modicare and organized by Karm marg. The workshop was based on life skills, peer pressure, gender issues, HIV/AIDS.

7. Our dear friend Tanu Singh organised a children's' carnival on 9th November. More than 200 children from different NGOs as well as children from destitute backgrounds participated in the carnival. It was a fun filled day and the children were given the platform to showcase their skills. KM children presented two shows about child labour and how plastic is affecting our day to day life. Also, our dancers (who are learning dance under Himani, Delhi based yoga and dance instructor who voluntarily teaches dance to our children) performed a show which was highly appreciated by the audience.
8. Manish and Sapna from Market Xcel have dedicated every Saturday from their busy schedule for the past three months, to spend time with the Karm Marg children. Manish, the director at Market Xcel started teaching computer classes to all the young adults and Sapna teaches spoken and written English.
They are extremely dedicated and love teaching the KM kids. They have made such a loving place in the children's hearts that all the children wait for them with great anticipation every Saturday.
Thanks a lot Sapna and Manish for choosing our organization and helping the children.
9. Umesh Kumar from Katkatha took a puppet making workshop for our children. It was a day long workshop where children learnt how to make basic puppets for storytelling.
10. From 27th Dec to 30th December Agastaya international foundation took science workshop at Karm Marg. They taught clay modelling, puppet making with plastic bottle, pencil sketching and science model making.
11. Ajay attended 1 month documentary making workshop during summer vacation at Modern art gallery. He also received certificate of participation. During this workshop he learnt camera operating, editing and photography.
12. Our specially abled youth attended art workshop at modern art gallery. They had lots of fun during the workshop and each received a certificate of participation.

13. Our girls dance group prepared a beautiful performance on save the environment and presented it beautifully in an event Organized by Pravah (A Delhi Based NGO) and received lots of praise.
14. Our 5 kids participated Saksham Pedal Delhi Green ride. Saksham pedal Delhi is India's premier cyclothon that aims to propagate the importance of fuel conservation and efficient energy utilization. This event held on 5th November at Jawahar Lal Nehru stadium. Kids had fun riding bicycle.

Exposure visits

- Teena and Ajay went to Bangalore to attend LSUC (Learning Society Unconference) along with Rihana. This was organised by **Shikshantar** an Udaipur based organization who give a platform to meet likeminded people working in different parts of India. It was a unique for self-learning and to learn from others. People came from many different backgrounds, NGOs as well as, alternative ways of living to share their experience.
- Virtha, Tara and Shama who are enrolled in our skill training project went to the Trade fair at Pragati Maidan with Shabila to expand their knowledge and understand different kinds of handicrafts which can help them to improve their work.
- Our kids went to attend Artreachkhel Mela festival at Bikaner house Delhi. It was Artreach first art festival full of film screening, painting exhibition, music, dance, and food. Kids explored different kind of art exhibition, they saw famous artists painting and got to know about their life stories.
- A Ngo called Partishtha from Dehradun (Uttarakhand) visited km along with the kids and their mentor. This Ngo works with slums kids in Dehradun and help them in their studies, projects and teach them English etc. They stayed with us for 5 days. They participated in training at Jugaad. Then we had interaction session between their and KM kids.

Exchange Programme

- Our children visited Udaipur based **Swaraj University** which is a self-designed university and works on leadership development and community living. This university gives you space to explore yourself and expand knowledge. Children spent a whole week there and understood about university's functioning and how can they apply these ideas at Karm Marg.
- 5 of our children went to beautiful Ranikhet (Uttarakhand) to participate in fun camp organized by **Pravah** for 5 days along with 5 other NGO's. It was a workshop based fun camp where children were given awareness on leadership, gender issues and life skills. They also organized adventure activities for kids like river crossing, village visit and trekking. It was such an eye-opening trip for children. They got to know about the different cultures and heritage.
- Abdul went to **Shikshantar** (Udaipur) for training. It's a place where you can explore your ideas and share them with the community. He made different kinds of fidget spinner, learned cooking and gadget repairing etc. It is an appropriate space for the children who do not want to be a part of formal schooling.
- Small children went to the Water Park in summer vacation to beat the summer heat. It was a day full of fun, food and rides.

Healthcare/Government Visit

Regular Medical check-up done of all the kids by the primary health care centre kherikalan, old Faridabad. No major health related problem found.

Regular Inspection done by **CJM** (Chief Judiciary Magistrate) and **CWC** (child welfare committee).

Festivals:

Children celebrated Holi and Independence Day.

Abdul took natural holi colours making workshop which he learnt at shikshantar. He made 5 different colours Yellow, Pink, Green, Orange and Purple using flowers and natural ingredients.

Volunteer:

Gilda, a young volunteer from Netherlands stayed with us for a week. She spent most of her time at the stitching unit and taught some basic design techniques and different kinds of knot making. She also helped us in the production of candles and other products for the Diwali festival.

2 volunteers from Germany Yana and Melanie stayed with us 3 months and did fruitful work with children. They designed different activities and games for kids to enhance their knowledge and abilities. They also gave their time to teach computer and basic English.

Then we have one more volunteer Lucy from England who came through **Artreach** India and she herself was an art student and did a wall painting along with kids.

Jugaad:

Like every year, the month of October was dedicated to Diwali preparation, designing, production and marketing. Diwali related products such as bamboo candles, coconut candles, planters, garden flags, torans and many more products were made and sold. It was heartening to see the positive response from the buyers.

We also plan to expand our skill training and income generation programs to include one more village. We went there on a field visit where after field visit and found that they can benefit from our program. We trained 15 women and who are now ready and participating fully in the production process. This is a great opportunity for them to earn some money and strengthen their family lives.

Jugaad also conducted a jewellery making workshop for three weeks for a group of 20 young girls from a remote village near Mathura.

This was a part of the income generation program in collaboration with Kadam Haat.

Stories of Children:

After finishing school, Babli started teaching yoga to all the children at KM, with the help of Teena. Both of them are very good at yoga. Babli went for two months to learn yoga at “Space for Nurturing Creativity”, Uttarakhand, a home schooling project.

Our dance group of 8 children presented two shows, one at the India Habitat Centre and second at Taj Vivanta hotel under the tutelage of Himani, who runs the “Sutra Studio” in Faridabad.

Our favourite story teller, Tanushree took a storytelling session, with the theme to make your own story.

Rihana, our special needs care taker, who is learning computer from Manish ji, started taking computer classes for the special needs young adults. Children love painting and typing on the computer.

“Pravah” (A Delhi based NGO) tied up with us for a local community visit for Bluebells School, a Delhi based private school. Students were shown village life and the basic infrastructure of a village. They visited the local government schools, the government hospital and Karmmarg

Rakhi” (kind of wrist band which is tied by sisters on their brother’s hand) a festival of brothers and sisters was celebrated at KM with great fanfare, where the children made their own rakhis for their loved ones. We don’t celebrate this festival as a sister and brother one, we tie rakhis to all the ones we love and care about.

Dussera also known as Vijayadashami is an important festival in India. It celebrates the victory of good over evil. Children constructed Ravan, Kumbhkaran and Meghnad as evil symbols and burnt them in the evening.

After the Monsoon, we had start sowing veggies and fruits for winter season. Now we have almost grown all veggies in our vegetable garden through natural way without using any outside fertilizer or chemical.

Jugaad – skill training and income generation program

Three of our special need youths are finished their training and enrolled in production under observation and guidance in paper and screen printing unit.

Four young girls from Karm Marg have started full time production, designing and supervision work at Jugaad after finishing their training. Shama and Ruksaar have start designing and producing Rakhi and Jewellery out of waste cloth and have also become a trainer at Jugaad. Tara is looking after stitching unit, her main job is to look after the raw material stock and women payment account. Vertha is doing cloth bags production.

Around 40 rural women and 4 youth and three specially abled youth from Karm Marg are involved in the production.

19 young adults have been participating in on-going skill training program.

We have been busy with making new samples for the upcoming season, especially for the festivals of Rakhi and Diwali. Till August, we have mainly been busy with the Rakhi production and almost sold it for Rupees Fifty thousand. After that, we started Diwali gifting product sampling and production.

Beneficiaries :

Permanent Care

Male 20

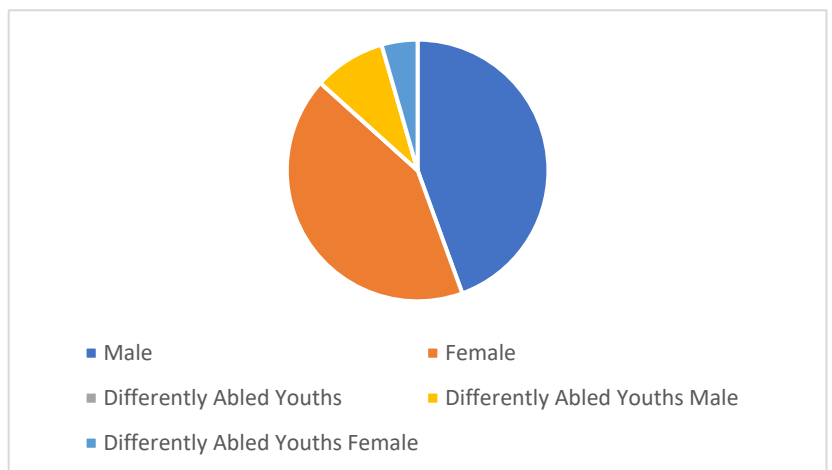
Female 19

Differently Abled Youths

Differently Abled Youths Male 4

Differently Abled Youths Female 2

Total



Short Stay

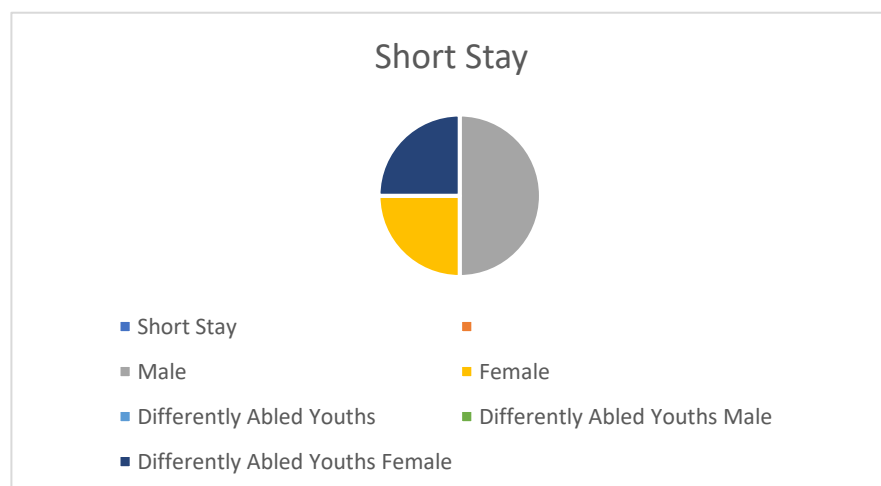
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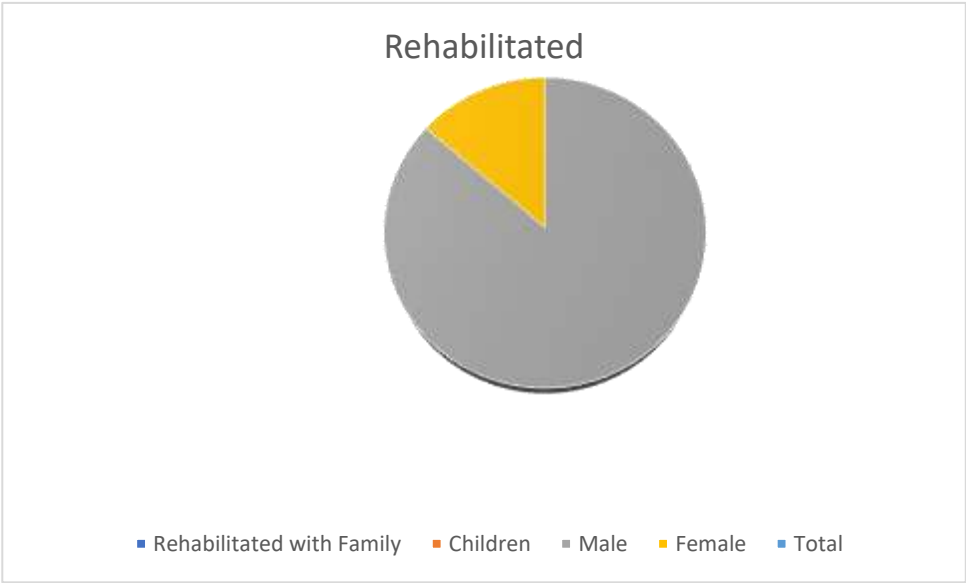
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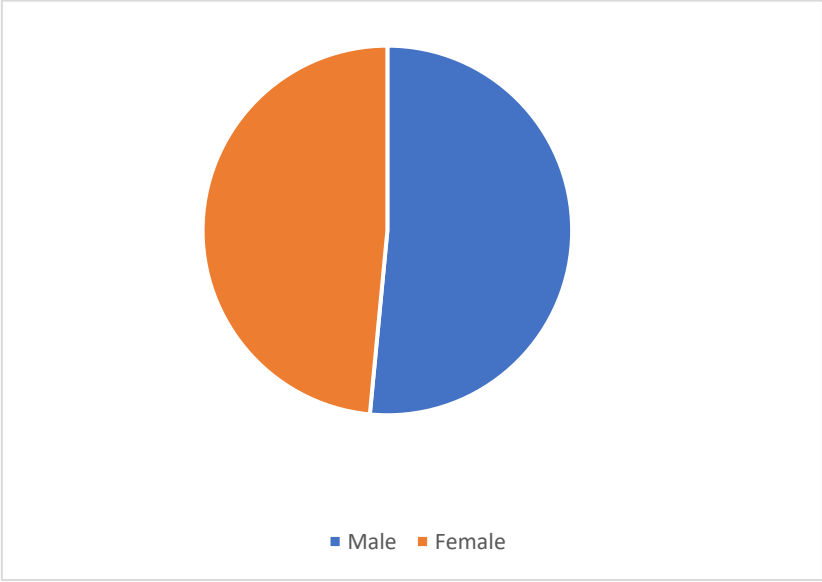
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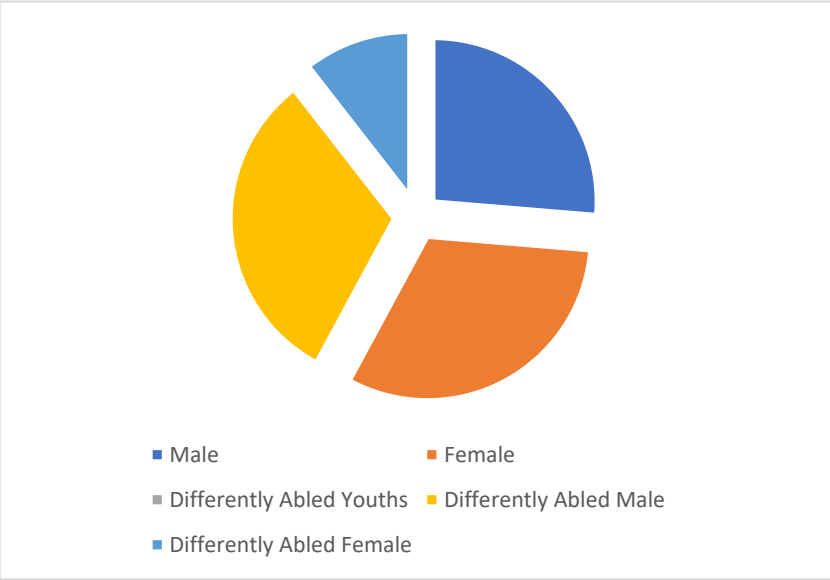
Rehabilitated with Family
 Children
 Male 38
 Female 6
 Total: 44



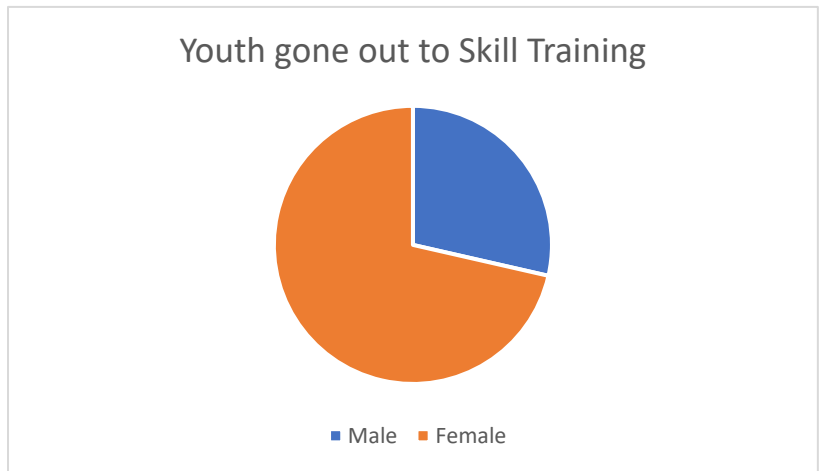
Children in Schooling
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 Female 16
 Total 33



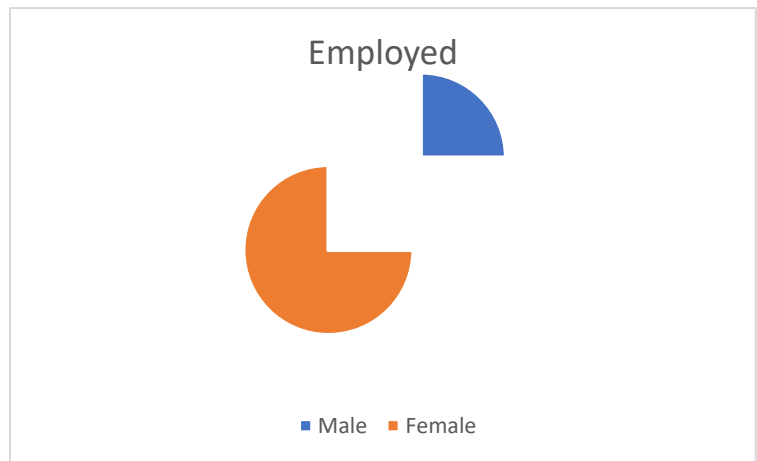
Youth Under Jugaad Skill Training
 Male 2
 Female 10
 Differently Abled Youths
 Differently Abled Male 3
 Differently Abled Female 1
 Total: 16



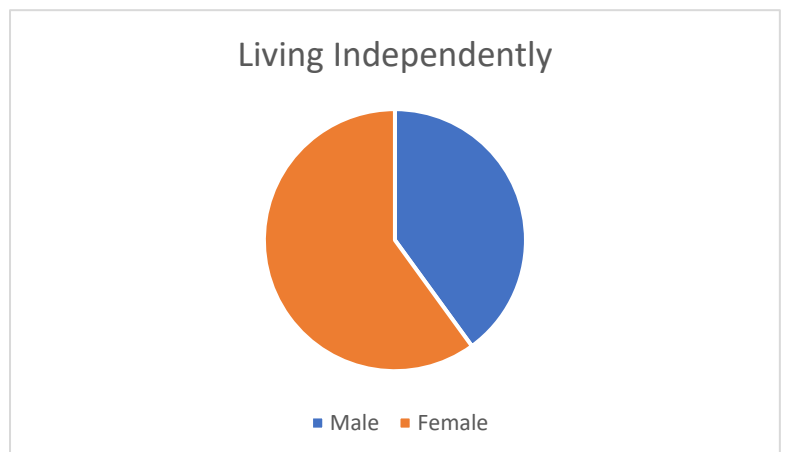
Youth gone out to Skill Training
Male 2
Female 5
Total 7



Employed
Male 1
Female 3



Living Independently
Male 2
Female 3
Total:5



Learning from Home: 16
Male: 5
Female: 6
Differently Abled Male: 6
Differently Abled Female: 3

Workshop Conducted by Jugaad: 5
No of Attendees: 145
Library Project
Number of children 240
Life Skill Workshop 80

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