

# Annual Report 2018- 2019

## Karm Marg charitable society

### Thank you note .....

There was such joyful awe in the voices of the children when they called me one humid summer morning in August. They'd called to say thank you.

They were joyful because that it was the first time they had slept peacefully the whole night, under the breeze of a fan. For over two decades now, we had all spent hot, sultry days and nights without electricity due to the remote location of the campus and its frequent power cuts. Now, thanks to the solar power system installed by SOMFY Foundation, we had continuous power supply.



This project started in April when the team from Somfy Foundation India visited Karm Marg under their CSR project and felt the need to put up a solar system keeping in mind the shoddy supply of power in our part of rural Faridabad. Taking us one step ahead to become more sustainable and eco-friendly.

**SOMFY Foundation**, thank you so much for the comfort you had given to the children and the staff of Karm Marg.

**2018-19** is the year where we got the opportunity to tie up with a variety of people and organizations to improve the life of our children and giving them more opportunities to gain knowledge. It has all happened due to our long term donor, CSR partnerships and people who believed in us & walked with us.

From the Karm Marg family

### **Partnerships... ..**

In April, Manish the CEO of Market Xcel, a Delhi based marketing company and his colleague Sapna visited Karm Marg to understand how they and their company can help us.



After discussions we found they can share this skills with our children under a mentorship program. They started teaching computer skills specially how to use Xcel for keeping data. Kulsum, Kajal, Pooja, Akash and Sapna have started learning Xcel.



We are very thankful and Grateful to Manish Narang and Sapna to provide this opportunity to our children.

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Their main aim is to work with a group of twenty children between the ages 14 to 18 (all of whom have some artistic inclination, some of whom wish to pursue art-related careers) selected by the NGO, for ten months training. The artist introduces the children to art by an engaging and meaningful program of planned workshops and field trips, which culminates in an exhibition and publication at the end of a period of ten months. Beyond the teaching of technical skills and insight into art history and aesthetics the artist encourages the children to use art as a tool for the critical exploration of the world and encourages each one of them to find an individual expressive voice.

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### **Impact**

It is always a big challenge for us when our young adults come of age to introduce them to the idea of leaving Karm Marg and starting anew. It is quite hard for us to help them realize the notion of living independently and stepping up to take responsibility for their own livelihood.



Three years back we faced a similar problem when four of our boys named Vipin, Jitender, Iqbal and Basant all 18+ of age, were not interested in participating in our in-house skill training programs and already established income generating programs under Jugaad, They were confused, unmotivated and hesitant about taking responsibility for their own future. We had offered them a number of opportunities and career counselling sessions but it didn't seem to help.



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It happened due to Ayesha's help and also because of the bonding that the children of Karm Marg have with animals. At Karm Marg we have 10-12 dogs at any given time and a number of other animals that were either rescued from somewhere or were in urgent need of medical help.

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Living in close proximity with the animals teaches the kids to respect and live in harmony with nature. Having animals at our home also helps the children, some of whom suffer from depression or acute behavioral problems, find love and trust.

Babli received a scholarship from the Sivananda Yoga institute for training in yoga with the eventual aim of becoming a yoga instructor and to train yoga teachers. It is a three month residential training program which started in November and they selected her after seeing her dedication and potential in the field of Yoga. Babli is elated as her childhood dream has come true and it's a very big achievement for her. She has been dreaming of becoming a Yoga practitioner since she was a teenager and has been very dedicated and passionate about working in this field. She'll soon be a fully trained Instructor and teacher.



### Major Activity

This summer thanks to the large hearted contribution of 'Shagun Arora', 26 older children went to Himachal near Manali for 6 days to beat the summer heat. Our dear friends Ayesha and Rahul Ram opened their hearts and their holiday home so all of us could stay there and enjoy our vacation at minimal cost.

During our stay we did lots of trekking, meditation, discussions on various topics and tried local food. One of our dear friends, Ms. Swati Seth who lives in the area took us on long forest treks to learn about various local flora of the mountains. We had a lovely experience using naturally found materials around us to make art in the middle of the jungle.



It was truly a wonderful trip which helped us appreciate and come closer to nature.

Aavishkar an NGO in Himachal Pradesh that works with alternative ways of learning Maths and science organized a three-day residential workshop on 'How to develop children's interest toward education and various alternative ways of learning'. Pooja Nagar, our home manager who works hands-on with the children and youth overseeing their educational needs, attended this workshop to enhance her skills. She came away with many new techniques to improve concentration and focus and on ways to adapt teaching to match the individual child's interests.

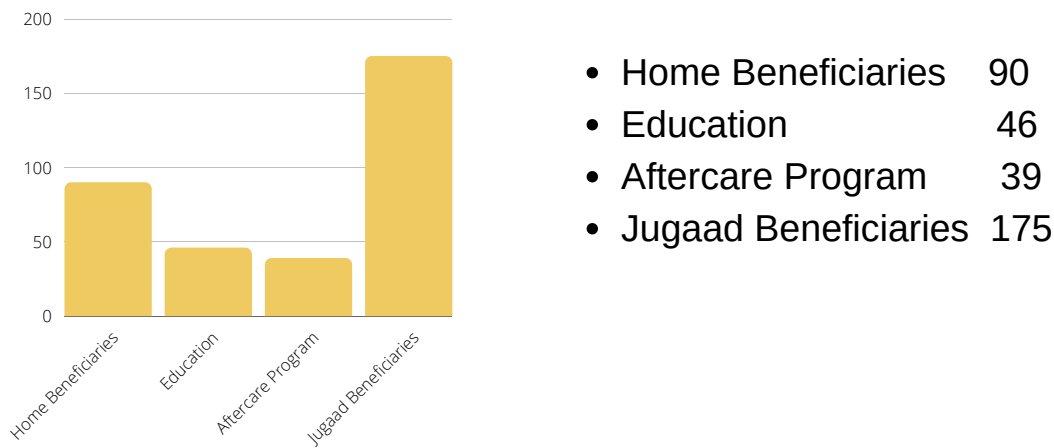
Under Jugaad we conducted a series of workshops for other NGOs and Institutes. These were designed for their beneficiaries, especially women and girls from rural areas. We trained them in stitching and paper bag making, to help them become self-reliant. We worked with Potli, who are working in the remote areas of Mathura district to empower village women. We also tied up with the Faridabad local Govt college and an Uttarakhand based NGO.



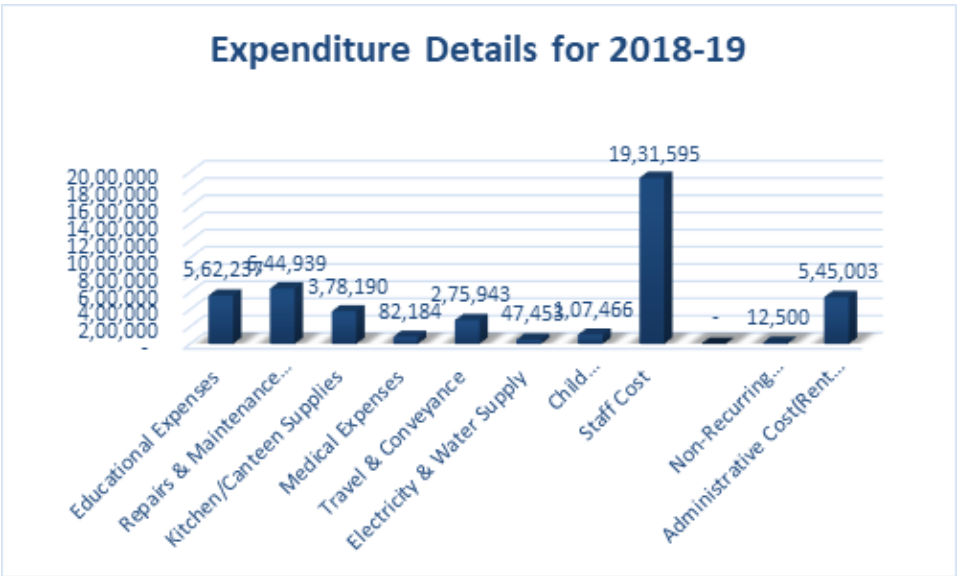
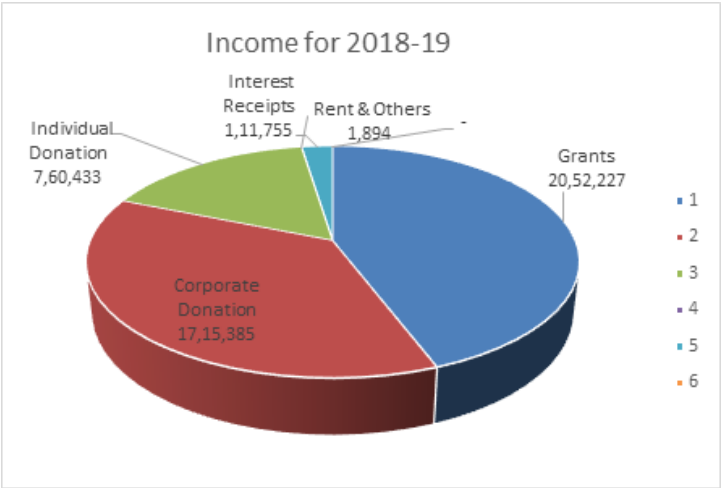
Shabila our stitching unit trainer and product development-in-charge, has started a new programme to work with women who have migrated from other states and live in nearby slums and villages. This is in order to expand our stitching unit workforce and generate income for these marginalised women.



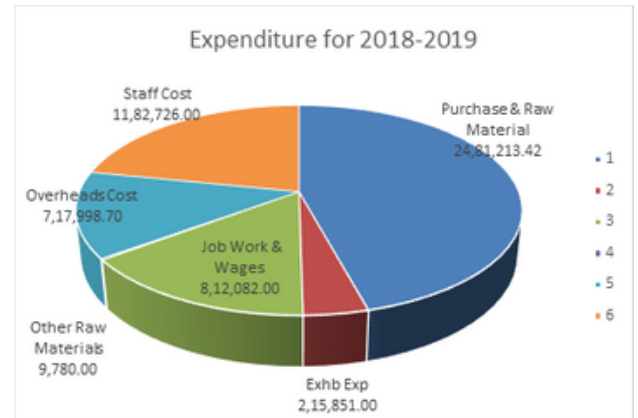
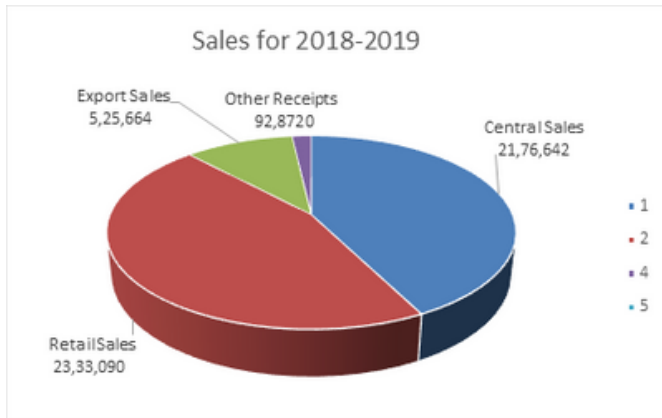
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## Financial data of Karm Marg



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- Somfy India - setting up solar system

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