

NEWS UPDATE

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“ The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.
- Greek Philosopher ”



As we enter the final stretch of the year, we are thrilled to share the strides we've made together in advancing education during the third quarter. Support of our funders has fueled transformative initiatives, empowering learners and educators alike. In the spirit of transparency and gratitude, we present our Quarterly Report, encapsulating the significant milestones and stories. From innovative projects to empowering communities, the commitment of our NGO partners shines brightly in every corner of our impact. Join us as we reflect on the accomplishments that our collective dedication has achieved during the months of October to December 2023.

Mindcare

Our partners conducted sessions on mental health for students, teachers and principals this quarter. Teach for India collaborated with Mindshala (Aatma Prakash) for a unique initiative to create emotionally resilient communities for adolescents. Kshamtalaya Foundation conducted SEE Learning sessions for students in Pindwara, Rajasthan. Labhya Foundation conducted statewide Happiness Curriculum for principals of Uttarakhand.



- 1) Students post Mindcare session by Mindshala (Teach for India)
- 2) Children experiencing SEE Learning practice of attention and awareness (Kshamtalaya Foundation)
- 3) Statewide Training of Principals and Anandam Coordinators (Labhya Foundation)

STEM Education

We believe in nurturing young minds academically and creatively. Students are exploring the world of robotics, coding, and innovative art projects, cultivating a passion for learning that extends beyond the classroom. Our partners created opportunities for students to practice their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills. Our partner Mantra 4 Change set up 3 STEM labs aka Natkhat Labs in government schools of Punjab this quarter. These labs encourage learning by doing and reduce the fear of Science and Mathematics among students. AASRA Trust organized Gyaan Manthan Mela to showcase science projects of students of Sneha Doon Academy.



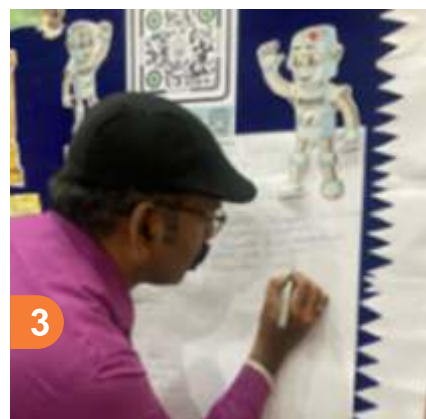
Making Teaching Aspirational

There is a huge gap in the teacher-student ratio as fewer people join as teachers in socio-economic disadvantaged groups. This quarter our partner Teach for India launched Making Teaching Aspirational Track (MTAT) with the mission of elevating teaching to the most aspirational job in India. The aim is to increase the number of teachers in the system by fostering a belief in the potential of teaching, particularly through direct engagement with students.



Personalized Coaching Structures

Our partners Simple Education Foundation, Kshamtalaya Foundation, Foster and Forge Foundation, AASRA Trust, Madhi Foundation extended on-ground support ecosystem for teachers. For example, through on-ground follow-up training, classroom demos, classroom observations, and debriefs, facilitating collaborative learning and leveraging toolkits, teacher guides, and digital tools, creating an active network of peer support to improve overall professional proficiency.



- 1) SEF Team interviewing teachers to learn more about FLN practices in a government school in Punjab
- 2) Debrief session with government school teacher in Uttar Pradesh by Foster and Forge program partner
- 3) Government teacher in Chennai writing his thoughts post teacher professional development session (Madhi Foundation)

Parent Teacher Meetings

This quarter our partners AASRA Trust, Kshamtalaya Foundation, Saajha conducted parent teacher meetings to update them about their child's learning progress. As a result of personalized interactions with parents there has been an increase in attendance with >70% attendance approximately



Capacity building to deepen the social impact

MIF partnered with the DASRA-Impact Pi team to deliver cohort based, peer learning model to improve functional skills of NGO leaders. The project consists of Functional Upskilling & an NGO Leaders Forum. This quarter 2 workshops were conducted, in-person and virtual which were 1) NGOs Leaders Forum and 2) Building Stronger Institutions - Accelerating Impact with Innovation and Technology Session respectively.



Beyond Books

True learning extends far beyond the pages of textbooks. It's a journey of discovery, innovation, and holistic growth. This quarter we share stories, initiatives, and milestones that embody our commitment to a richer, more expansive educational experience.



- 1) Students learning photography and the use of digital cameras (Teach for India)
- 2) Students experiencing home theme through their experience by making kachha ghar (Kshamtalaya Foundation)
- 3) Children's films produced from more than 20+ countries were showcased during International Films Festival (Routes 2 Roots)
- 4) Students enjoying an excursion trip to Bharat Darshan Park in Delhi (Project Why)

A guide on the side

Ravi* is a student who visits Latika Vihar- an innovative play center (By Latika Roy Foundation) where children of all ages, economic backgrounds, and abilities come to play, do fun activities, and revel in the joys of childhood. Initially, he had trouble talking and paying attention. He often ran around and didn't join in activities with other kids, preferring to play alone. After talking with him in a few sessions and understanding the support that could be provided, the Latika team came up with a plan to engage Ravi. Now he can express himself better and follows instructions just like other. He waits for his turn, and plays well with others. Ravi's confidence grew, and he now happily takes part in events and songs he likes, such as Bum Bum Bole. He also enjoys Zumba and even plays games with everyone. In pottery, he not only follows instructions but also tells everyone about his creations.



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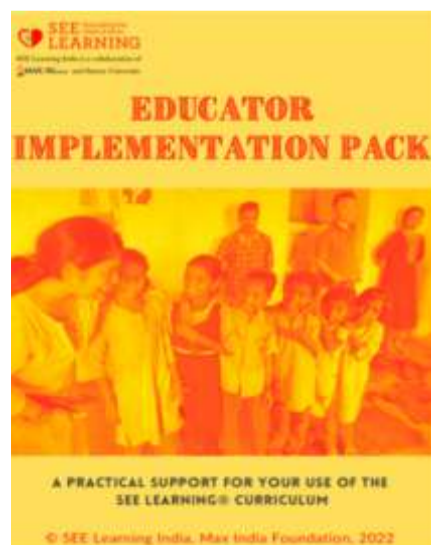
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