SKS CHAKSHU FOUNDATION
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empowHER INDIA
Empowering Women. Transforming Villages

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

24 years ago, Urmila (my wife) and I had started visiting the marginalized villages of Panvel to listen and understand the problems they faced. Their stories gave birth to empowHER India.

As we expanded our reach to newer villages, these tales of dreariness became stories of change. The narrative changed from poverty to financial independence; women came together to form Self Help Groups as an expression of their new found confidence and became change-makers in their villages.

Our discussions with the community members lead us to pilot our sanitation project beginning with 6 toilets. It gives me immense joy to share that this year by constructing 646 toilets; we have brought our total to 2004 toilets. The next step for us is to ensure long-term sustainability of these toilets and direct our efforts to provide clean drinking water to the communities.

Our school, which began in 1993 with 40 students and two teachers in a small shed, educates 450 children every year. This year, we undertook major structural repairs of the school to provide our children with the infrastructure and learning environment they deserve.

I can share many more numbers that we have achieved all through the years. Instead, this year we chose to talk about the true stories from the grassroots through 'Kathagram', our premier annual fundraising event which features Sufi artists Javed Ali and Zia Nath. The event held on 2nd December 2017, showcased the work of agents of change working at the grassroots to transform lives and socio-economic status of rural Panvel. Members of our Self Help Group were felicitated for their contribution to transform their communities.

I am pleased to share that Mr. Paras Chowdhary was invited to be a part of our advisory board. His experience would be invaluable for us as we continue to expand our work to newer areas.

I would like to end by thanking all our donors, corporate partners and well wishers for supporting our work. As we enter our silver jubilee year, I hope you will continue your journey with empowHER India.

IMPACT IN NUMBERS 2017-18

300 SELF HELP GROUPS

REACHED OUT TO OVER 3000 WOMEN THROUGH OUR SELF HELP GROUPS

646 TOILETS

2584 INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY IMPACTED THROUGH OUR SANITATION PROGRAM

450 CHILDREN EDUCATED

IN RAKESH JAIN MADHYAMIK VIDYAMANDIR

58 LAKHS RAISED

THROUGH OUR PREMIER FUNDRAISING CONCERT KATHAGRAM

SANITATION

Mission: To end open defecation in rural Panvel by ensuring access to a toilet and promoting health and hygiene through behavioral change.

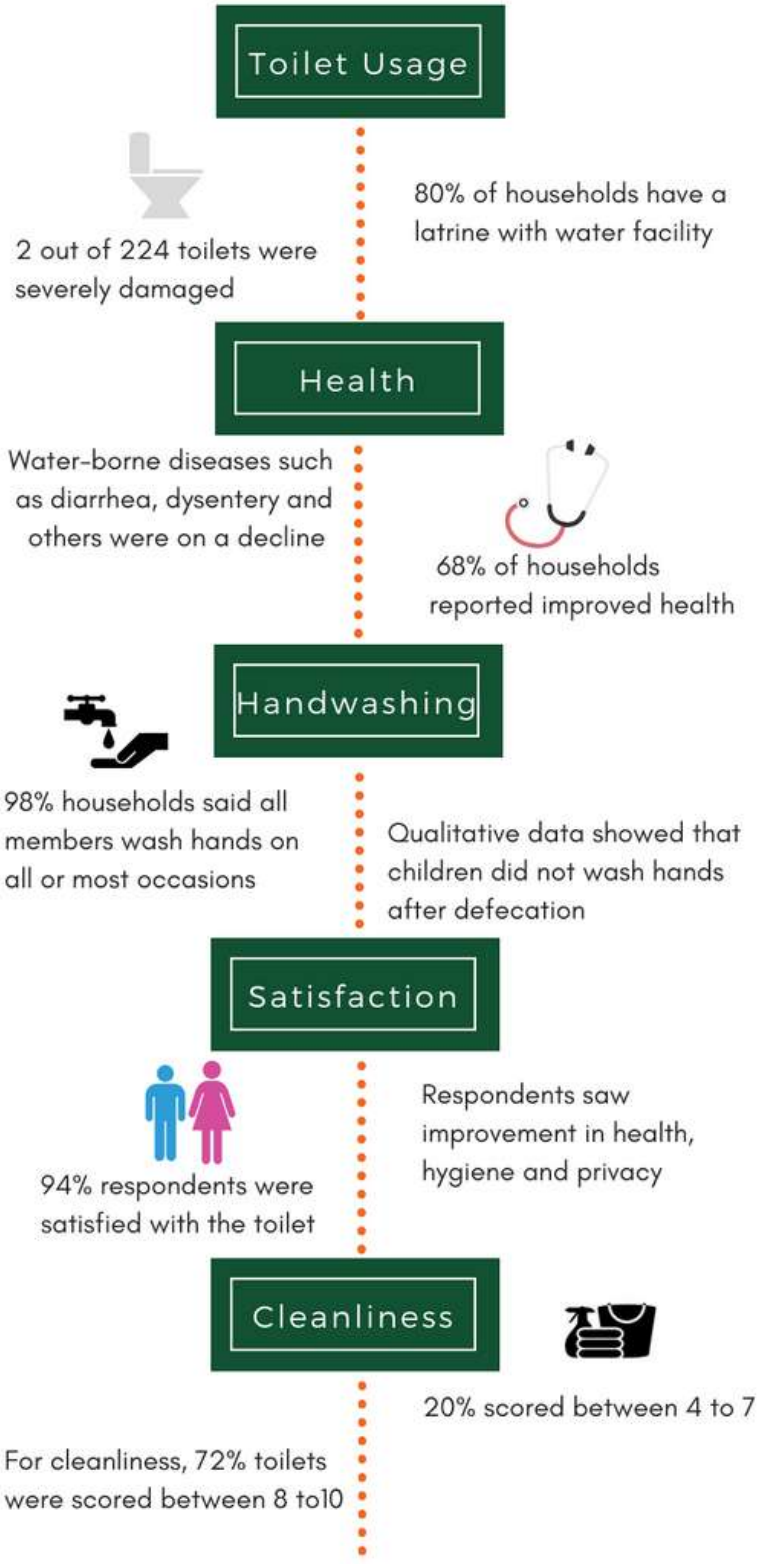
empowHER India continued to work towards our vision of making rural Panvel open defecation free. An important step towards that direction was to evaluate the impact of the toilets that we have constructed in the past.

We conducted an independent impact assessment with Alpha MD HEED in 19 villages and evaluated 224 toilets.

We have been using our real-time monitoring tool, Collect App by SocialCops to track the monthly progress of construction of toilets.

This year, owing to Goods and Services Tax, (GST) our cost of toilets has increased. The donor contribution has been revised from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 24,000.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: SANITATION



SUSTAINABILITY IN WASH

empowHER India's work in sanitation began in 2014 with a view to creating open defecation free communities in Panvel Taluka. Since then, the organization has built over 2000 twin pit toilets impacting 8000+ individuals. This has helped us build our expertise and has established empowHER India as one of the key players in Panvel for sanitation.

While creating access to toilets is critical, it alone cannot solve the problem of open defecation.

We believe that continuous engagement involving all stakeholders at the community and Gram Panchayat level addressing these aspects is critical to achieve and sustain the ODF status. We began our work to pilot a sustainability program in the villages we work in.

OUR GOALS

- To work with the communities to make ensure long term toilet usage and maintenance

CLEAN DRINKING WATER PROJECT

empowHER India's long-standing support for improving water supply, sanitation and hygiene stems from a strong belief that these interventions are central to improve the quality of life of women and by extension that of the community.

We will install a community Water ATM plant where water will be sold at a nominal price of 0.50p per liter. The funds collected through the sale of water will be utilized to operate and maintain the plant.

This project aims to use infrastructure creation and a robust advocacy campaign to create a demonstration model which provides simple scalable solutions that can be adopted by the government.

We have conducted the due diligence process with several vendors for the water ATM and we will launch the pilot in 4 villages of Panvel in 2018-19

OUR GOAL

- Universal access to safe and affordable drinking water for all

ACHIEVEMENTS

646

TOILETS CONSTRUCTED

294 were constructed as a part of the Rotary International Grant

We collaborated with the Bombay Community Public Trust for constructing 174 toilets and worked with LSR Specialty Oils Pvt. Ltd. to construct 150 toilets

224

TOILETS INDEPENDENTLY EVALUATED

An impact assessment was conducted in 19 villages through Alpha MD HEED, a third party agency.

SELF HELP GROUPS

Mission: Empowering women in rural Panvel through financial inclusion.

Women empowerment is a vital contributor to the advancement of a country's economy. By providing a woman access to money, livelihood opportunities and governmental programs, empowHER India aims to provide better access to resources and a brighter future for her family.

We formed 60 new Self Help Groups this year and are working with over 300 groups to date.

In 2017-18, we connected 64 Self Help Groups with Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission and Bank of India to help them access to government schemes and higher loans.

Our long term vision is to make the Self Help Groups independent and self sustainable.

ACHIEVEMENTS

60

NEW SELF HELP GROUPS FORMED

64

GROUPS LINKED WITH BANKS

64

GROUPS LINKED WITH MAHARASHTRA STATE LIVELIHOOD MISSION

300

SELF HELP GROUPS WE WORK WITH

3000

WOMEN WE REACH OUT THROUGH OUR SELF HELP GROUPS

3,878,410

WORTH OF LOANS ARE IN CIRCULATION AMONG THE SELF HELP GROUPS

EDUCATION

Mission: To provide holistic education to children of rural Panvel.
In 2017-18, we initiated major structural repair of the Rakesh Jain Madhyamik Vidyamandir. The projected cost of repairs is Rs. 55 lakhs and the duration is 6 months.
We conducted an ENT health camp for all the students of the school in association with Saifee hospital.

As a part of our education intervention, we partnered LSR Specialty Oils Pvt. Ltd. to work with Zilla Parishad schools at Panvel.

WORK IN ZILLA PARISHAD SCHOOLS

TONDRE VILLAGE	Installation of RO Water purifier of 150 LPH at Zilla Parishad school
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KHADPOLI VILLAGE	Installation of RO Water purifier of 150 LPH at Zilla Parishad school
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KHADPOLI VILLAGE	Toilet construction at Zilla Parishad school

EVENTS

Kathagram

This year, we launched our premier annual fundraising event, Kathagram, a village of stories on 2nd December 2017 at The Royal Opera House. The event showcased stories of change that we have witnessed through our work at the grassroots level. This event featured performances by Mr. Javed Ali and Ms. Ziah Nath. Mr. Ronnie Screwvala and Mrs. Zarina Screwvala were the guests of honor for the evening.

Tata Mumbai Marathon 2018

We participated in the Tata Mumbai Marathon 2018 to support our sanitation intervention. This year, we partnered with Ambit whose employees supported the cause of sanitation for all.

Members of our Self Help Groups participated in the Dream Run to spread awareness on sanitation and health.

Mahila Melava

Mahila Melava is an annual program hosted by the Self Help Groups we work with.

The objective of this program is to give women across villages an opportunity to meet their counterparts, to discuss and spark new ideas, participate in contests which give them an opportunity to showcase their creativity, undergo training and workshops on issues that are of importance to them.

The Mahila Melava was held at Ambivali, Nere block in January 2018 and was attended by over 800 women.

OUR DONORS

INDIVIDUALS

Aaresh Patel
Aditya Kapadia
Akanksha Sanghi
Ambika Singhania
Anandi Vangal
Asha Singh
Ashita Kishor Janani
Dhruv Malhotra
Framroze Pheroze Mehta
Gouri Bipin Mistry
Jael Silliman
Karan Anand
Kirat Madhusudan Patel
Lalan Ajay Kapadia
Medha Gupta
Meenal Zatakia
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Nikhil Ootam
Nirbhay Jain
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Paras Kumar Chowdary
Paulomi Romi Dhawan
Prakash C. Kundalia
Priti Chandaria
Rachna Samsi
Rahat Hutheesing
Rhea Malhotra
Rhea Vora
Rohinton Soli Screwvala
Sanjiv Malvi
Santosh Kumar Kejriwal
Saumil D Mehta
Shefali Kapadia
Shireen J. Sethna
Shirin Edenwala
Shishir Bajaj
Shobha Motwani
Shubhraa Sinha
Suneet Munjal
Swayamsiddha Mahila sangh
Uma Ranjit Malhotra
Utsav Kapadia
Vani Vivke Bhargava
Vidur Singh
Vijay Mahnot
Vishal Jain
Vishrut Kanoria
Yogesh M Kothari

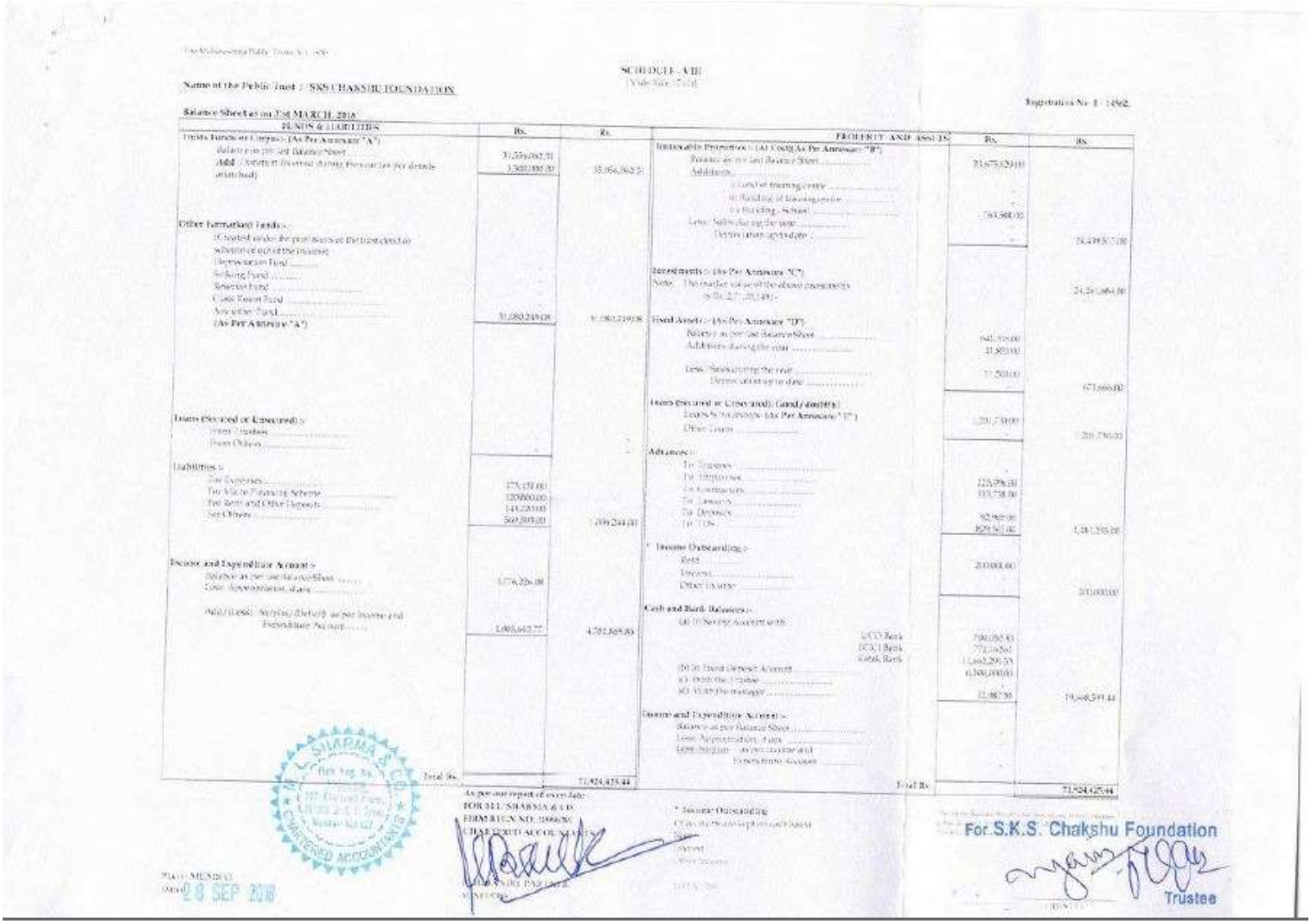
COMPANIES

Alpha Capital Advisors Pvt. Ltd.
Business Relocation Services
Cedar Management Consultancy
Encore Healthcare Pvt. Ltd
Endurance Technologies Ltd.
Essjay Ericsson Pvt. Ltd.
Gaja Advisors Pvt. Ltd.
Godrej Industries Ltd.
Julius Baer Wealth Advisors
Jay Ambe Pvt. Ltd.
Kotak Mahindra Bank
Lotus
LSR Specialty Oils Pvt Ltd
Millenium Herbal Care Ltd.
Orra Fine Jewellery Pvt. Ltd.
PPFAS Assets Management
Prakash Cotton Mills Pvt. Ltd.
R J Trade Wings Pvt. Ltd.
Sadhana Textile Mills Pvt. Ltd.
Shree Ram Urban Infra. Ltd.
Sykes & Ray Equities India Ltd.
The Ochre Tree
Thyssenkrupp Ind (I) P. Ltd.
Tiffila Stained Glass
Trade Wings Ltd

TRUSTS

Amratlal SobhagchandTrust
Bombay Midtown Rotary Trust
Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy
Ginidevi Harlalka Charitable Trust
Health Farm Charitable Trust
Krishnakumar M Daiya Trust
Mangal Memories Trust
P.B.Ranka Foundation
Sir Vithaldas Damodar Thackersey Trust
The Bombay Community Public Trust
United Way of Mumbai
Urmila Jain Foundation

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



SCHEDULE - VIII

Name of the Public Trust : SKS CHAKSHU FOUNDATION

Registration No. : 1492

Balance Sheet as on 31st MARCH, 2018

FUNDS & LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
Trusts Funds or Corpus :- (As Per Annexure "A")			Immovable Properties :- (At Cost)(As Per Annexure "B")		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	31,079,062.71		Balance as per last Balance Sheet	23,975,029.00	
Add :- Surplus or Income during the year as per details attached	1,500,180.00	32,579,242.71	Additions		
			a) Cost of training centre	-	
			b) Building of Management	-	
			c) Building - School	761,908.00	
			Less :- Sale during the year		
			Depreciation up to date	-	24,736,937.00
Other Earmarked Funds :-					
(Created under the provisions of Particular deed to administer or carry the income)			Investments :- (As Per Annexure "C")		
Depreciation Fund			Note :- The market value of the above investments is Rs. 2,7 ,20,149/-		24,20,1,864.00
Sinking Fund					
Reserve Fund			Fixed Assets :- (As Per Annexure "D")		
Cess Reserve Fund			Balance as per last Balance Sheet	648,500.00	
Any other Fund			Additions during the year	31,800.00	
(As Per Annexure "A")	31,080,249.08	31,080,249.08			
			Less :- Sale during the year	11,500.00	
			Depreciation up to date		671,666.00
Loans (Secured or Unsecured) :-			Loans (Secured or Unsecured) : Good / doubtful		
From Trustees			Loans & Advances (As Per Annexure "F")	201,730.00	
From Others		-	Other Loans	-	201,730.00
Liabilities :-			Advances :-		
Tax Expenses	175,470.00		To Trustees	-	
Tax Vide to Financing Scheme	120,000.00		To Employees	125,296.00	
Tax Rent and Other Deposits	141,220.00		To Contractors	335,738.00	
Tax Others	569,809.00	1,006,244.00	To Lawyers	-	
			To Decorators	92,969.00	
			To Others	829,561.00	1,383,564.00
Income and Expenditure Account :-			* Income Outstanding :-		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	3,776,226.00		Rent	20,000.00	
Less :- Appropriations, if any			Interest	-	
			Other Income	-	20,000.00
Add / (Less) :- Surplus / (Deficit) as per Income and Expenditure Account	1,005,043.77	4,781,269.83	Cash and Bank Balances :-		
			(a) In Savings Account with		
			UCO Bank	700,067.83	
			ICICI Bank	771,116.61	
			HDFC Bank	11,662,299.33	
			(b) In Fixed Deposit Account	6,300,000.00	
			a) With the Trustee	-	
			(c) With the manager	12,087.00	19,445,570.77
			Income and Expenditure Account :-		
			Balance as per Balance Sheet	-	
			Less :- Appropriations, if any	-	
			Less :- Surplus / (Deficit) as per Income and Expenditure Account	-	-
Total Rs.		71,924,435.44	Total Rs.		71,924,435.44

As per our report of even date

FOR M/S. SHARMA & CO.

FIRM REGN NO. 0[illegible]

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

[illegible] SHRI PARESH

PARTNER

Place : MUMBAI

Dated : 29 SEP 2018

* Income Outstanding

Trustee

For S.K.S. Chakshu Foundation

Trustee