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Impact Report of Daily Feeding Program
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Most of the HIV-positive and underprivileged children's families are of low socio-economic backgrounds, they don't have access to proper food and other facilities and are at a greater risk of hunger, sickness, physical and mental disabilities, and violence. They don't go to school which makes them illiterate and suffer from various issues. The effect of undernutrition on children can be devastating and enduring.

It is essential to provide a balanced diet to these children which would in turn enable the children to increase their attention span hence better academic achievement. The Feeding Program is a crucial component in the development of holistic children. Nutrition and health are powerful influences on a children's learning and how well the children perform in school. Healthy children will concentrate more on class work hence developing the cognitive part. They can also play to develop physically and will interact with others with a lot of ease and grow in self-esteem.

Daily Feeding program contribute to the education and well-being of children. A hungry child does not grow, cannot learn as well and faces many health risks in the future. Daily Feeding Program can bring children into school and out of hunger. It is far more than food-giving.

Thanks to Feeding India for helping us to feed hundreds of children. Their daily feeding program has helped us to bring many children to the school. The children who were unable to access the education facility now all of them are getting quality education along with nutritious food. This daily feeding program has brought a positive change among HIV positive kids residing at Mahesh Foundation and all of them are active and living their healthy life.



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How Daily Feeding program helped our children to be active

As you know HIV positive kids need more care as well as nutritional food because of their health status & low immune power. Healthy food can help them to deal with illness and provides sufficient energy to be healthy. There are hundreds of HIV-positive children who are sheltered at Ashakiran care home.

The healthy and nutritional food provided by Feeding India has improved their health status. All of them are leading dignified and healthy lives. Feeding India has made big transformations among these children as well as underprivileged children studying at Utkarsha.





The details of a child before the inception of daily Feeding Program

Child Name - Srushti

Health status	- HIV-Positive
Physique	- Medium
Weight	- 28Kg
Nutrition level	- Average
Immune Power	- Low and struggle recover from illness
Academic performance	- Low
Participation	- Rare Participation

The details of a child after the inception of daily Feeding Program

Health status	- HIV-Positive
Physique	- Improved
Weight	- 30Kg
Nutrition level	- High and effective
Immune Power	- Drastic change in immune power and faster recovery from illness
Academic performance	- Improved
Participation	- Showing interest to learn new things



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Srushti is a 13-year-old child who resides at Mahesh Foundation's Ashakiran care home. Srushti's parents left this world due to the deadly disease they were suffering from. There was no one to take care of this child after her parent's demise. Literally, she suffered a lot due to her health condition and poverty, the situation has made her so weak and helpless. As you know, HIV-infected people need more care and support but in the case of Srushti, it was very difficult as she was abandoned by her relatives and society.

Day by day her health condition became worse due to the unavailability of proper food and nutrition and she faced lots of health issues. Srushti was enrolled in Ashakiran care home, at the time of enrollment her condition was critical, our care home environment and proper care changed her condition to normal. She found her new family in Mahesh Foundation and started living a healthy and happy life. But maintaining the health condition of HIV-infected children is a bit difficult as they have low immune power and require special care and mainly healthy nutritional food. And they should be protected from malnutrition.

It was a bit difficult for us to manage the right nutrition level of HIV-infected children like Srushti who are residing at our care home because they need well-balanced and proper food at the right time. Feeding India gave a solution to our challenge and joined their helping hands with us and supported us to provide nutritional and healthy meals to children like Srushti. Now Srushti enjoys the healthy food provided by feeding India and leading a healthy and happy life.



The details of a child before the inception of daily Feeding Program

Child Name - Ganesh Biradar

Health status	- HIV-Positive
Physique	- Medium
Weight	- 32Kg
Nutrition level	- Average
Immune Power	- Lower Immunity because of Malnutrition
Academic performance	- Low
Participation	- Rare Participation

The details of a child after the inception of daily Feeding Program

Health status	- HIV-Positive
Physique	- Improved
Weight	- 33.2Kg
Nutrition level	- Developed Immunity System
Immune Power	- Enhance Immunity Power
Academic performance	- Improved
Participation	- Improved Performances in Program and Developed Skill level



Impact

13-year-old Ganesh is an HIV-positive kid and was brought to Mahesh Foundation as he was lacking proper care and support. He lost his mother due to her illness and this has badly affected his growth and development. Even though he has a father, poverty made the kid suffer from illness and malnutrition. His father was unable to take care of the kid because of poverty and lack of support.

The kid was brought to Mahesh Foundation and was enrolled in the Ashakiran care home. When he was brought to us his health condition was very poor due to improper food and medication. After a few days, we managed to change his condition. HIV-positive kids need extra care, mainly the proper nutritional food so that the food can help the child to get sufficient energy to tackle the health issues and to survive a healthy life.

Earlier the number of children residing at our care home was lesser but gradually the number started increasing and it was very challenging for us to manage all the needs of children along with proper nutritional food. Feeding India came forward to support us and provide nutritional food to the children. Now hundreds of kids like Ganesh are getting well-balanced food and are free from malnutrition and hunger.

Just like this child, Feeding India has made a greater impact on hundreds of children residing at Mahesh Foundation's care home, children studying at Utkarsha Learning Center and the children who are getting supplementary education under community program. With the continued support of Feeding India, we aim to benefit more children in the coming days.

Number of beneficiaries getting support through the Daily Feeding Program 900+

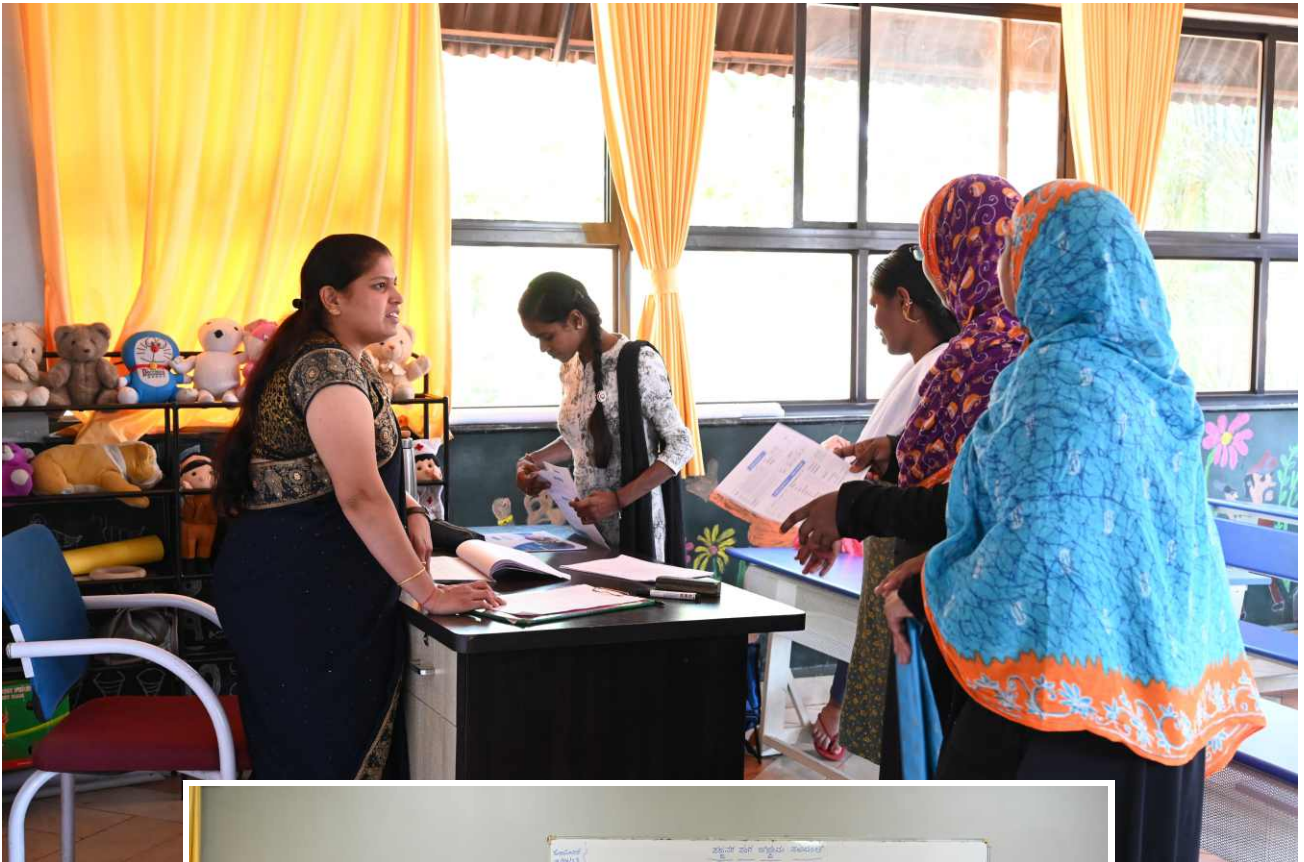




In March 2023 Utkarsha school conducted the annual examination for the children and the results were announced in April 2023, we are happy to inform you that more than 93% of the children scored well in the examinations.



We assure you that we will work on the remaining children to improve their performances, and now all of the children are enjoying their vacations. The Daily Feeding Program has helped us improve children's concentration and academic performance by providing daily meals. Now all of the children are enjoying their schooling with healthy and nutritious food.



Children's Academic Results.

As you know, this is the end of the academic year and we have conducted annual examinations for all Utkarsha children. All the children have attended final exams and given their best. We announced the results of the children and discussed their progress report with the children's parents and suggested necessary guidelines to the parents to improve children's performances.



Entrance exams for new admission.

Utkarsha School started the admission process for the academic year 2023-2024. As part of this Utkarsha Learning Center conducted the entrance exams for the admission applicants. The main purpose of conducting the entrance exam is to judge the children's ability, sharpness, knowledge etc. The aptitude of the student is tested in the entrance exam and the children who will pass the entrance exams will be given priority for admission.



Background screening process by the Utkarsha team.

In the coming academic year, we at Utkarsha aim to enroll 300+ underprivileged students, increasing the strength of the school from 175 to 475. Since the school is for needy children, we ensure the benefits of this school should reach the right needy. As a part of this, our team visited the families of these underprivileged children for the background screening process. After the clear verification of the children's family background, we shortlist the children's names and proceed with the final admission process.



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As you know summer vacations have started and the number of children coming to the computer class have increased so we have increased computer class batches for community children so that everyone gets the digital education facility. These children are enjoying the snacks provided by Feeding India, all of them are very happy with this initiative.

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Thank You

We would like to thank Feeding India for their precious support to provide meals for medically challenged and underprivileged children. We are happy to associate with Feeding India.

Once again thank you Feeding India for supporting us to feed these children.

