

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



**SHE - Sewa International
Sanitation and hygiene
project for the Girl Child**

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Namaste everyone,

Director's Note

What a year we have had. 2020 has been very challenging combating COVID-19 globally, the travel and tourism industry facing a huge loss, and the bleak scenario of fear and uncertainty gripping mankind. Economic conditions, business closures, unemployment, and evictions are some of the acute results of this pandemic.

Sewa international is tirelessly serving the needy both at local and international levels. Bay Area had to deal with the fire on top of the pandemic crisis. Atlanta, New Jersey, Bay Area, Phoenix, Houston, and Austin chapters (just to name a few) continue to do their level best in providing masks, food delivery, grocery distribution, etc., Sewa also is partnered with major organizations and corporates to work tirelessly in serving the communities.

In Bharath, sewa volunteers are doing similar activities. Our team in particular (T&H team) has been the front runners during the crisis in Lucknow, UP, and Karnataka. Jayanth Bhatt, Radhika Seshadri, and Monika Singh under the able guidance of our team leader Rajini Hodigare have been distributing food and groceries to the police, fire fighters and the EMS workers, under privileged families, masks and shields to the hospital workers, along with reusable sanitary pads, and migrant workers who were stranded in bus terminals trying to return to their perspective villages. Our team donated water bottles, milk powder and bananas on an every day basis to them till they boarded the buses. Installed several hand sanitizer units in schools that reopened for final board exams.

Our team's effort and ethics have been recognized by the local communities we continue to serve. On our fundamental project of building toilets, we had to hold off construction due to nationwide lockdowns, and are slowly resuming the completion of the projects started before the pandemic. Local contractors and migrant workers had evacuated at the beginning of March and yet to return to work sites. So overcoming difficulties, we had to think outside the box and come up with strategies.

We continue to seek your support in making our India a defecation free country, clean, eco friendly, nutritionally sound, breaking the gender inequality and gaining access to education and the fundamental right to happiness for every girl child.

Thank you, "Kindness is the highest form of intelligence "

Mrs. Jayanthi Ramanan
Executive Director

Our Journey..

It's been five years since we initiated the project trail in Bengaluru, Karnataka. We have come a long way in terms of our reach and experience in serving our underprivileged communities of India.

2020 was a difficult phase for us, despite many setbacks we were able to finish our set goals for this year along with serving communities during this pandemic. Your patience and trust at this juncture are greatly appreciated. You have been our strength and our pillars behind our success.

We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your generosity, kindness, and grace; without you, all this would be impossible



**(554 Toilets)
(7 Indian states)**

**(50 Toilets
in one Indian State)**

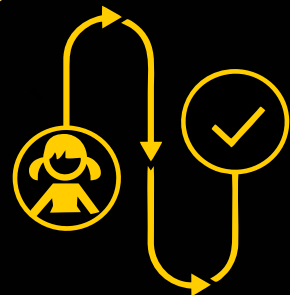
2016

2017

2018

2019

2020



Our Impact



554
toilets



33,989
School Children



7,927
Families



7
Indian States



10,000+
Adolescent girls



5,000+
Migrant Workers



16,283
Poor families



292
Covid Warriors



22,000+
Covid Patients

Key Activities - 2020

Funds raised by Sewa Bharath & US in 2020 were utilized to build new toilets across India, repair and renovate schools across Karnataka & Maharashtra that were affected by recent floods



Self-defense program to create awareness and teach self-defense techniques to girls & women across India. The program has been piloted in Uttar Pradesh where highly trained trainers conduct physical techniques, motivation and theory sessions on self-defense to adolescent girls & women across Uttar Pradesh.



Menstrual awareness camps to educate girls on women's health, create awareness about menstrual hygiene, speak to the community of the myths about menstruation that exists in rural parts of India and distribution of reusable cloth sanitary napkins.



Technology support to various local partners in Karnataka - Detailed data gathering & analysis from Covid-19 deceased families across Karnataka.



Health camps in schools - The team has facilitated basic health checkup camps, eye & dental camps for over 30,000 school children across Karnataka.



Covid-19 relief activities supporting poor families, migrant workers, school children Covid-19 warriors & patients,



2020 highlights

New Locations

Menstrual Hygiene

Flood Relief Repair & Renovation

COVID-19 Response



Project expansion to new Indian states - 50 toilets in Rajasthan, 10 Maharashtra, 8 in Arunachal Pradesh.



Our team conducted over 200 menstrual hygiene programs for higher primary and high school girls. we have distributed more than 10,000 reusable cloth sanitary napkins to high school girl students



We repaired toilets & classrooms, we provided new furniture, books and school bags to the flood affected schools of Belgaum district of Karnataka (26 toilet units in Belgaum, Karnataka)



Sanitary kit, Staple kit, Milk packet, Food packet, Face Mask & Shields, Sanitiser dispenser and Travel kit distribution to Migrant workers, Poor Families, Government school children, Covid-19 warriors & Covid-19 Patients in healthcare centers. We also conducted Hygiene awareness sessions for community people.

Covid-19 Response

**Staple kit
distribution**

**Sanitary kit
distribution**

**Milk packet
distribution**

**Food pack
distribution**

**Travel kit
distribution**

**Sanitiser
Dispenser**

**Mask
distribution**

**Face shield
distribution**

**Livelihood
programs**

Beneficiaries: 43,575+

Covid-19 Response



Menstrual Hygiene & Self defence program



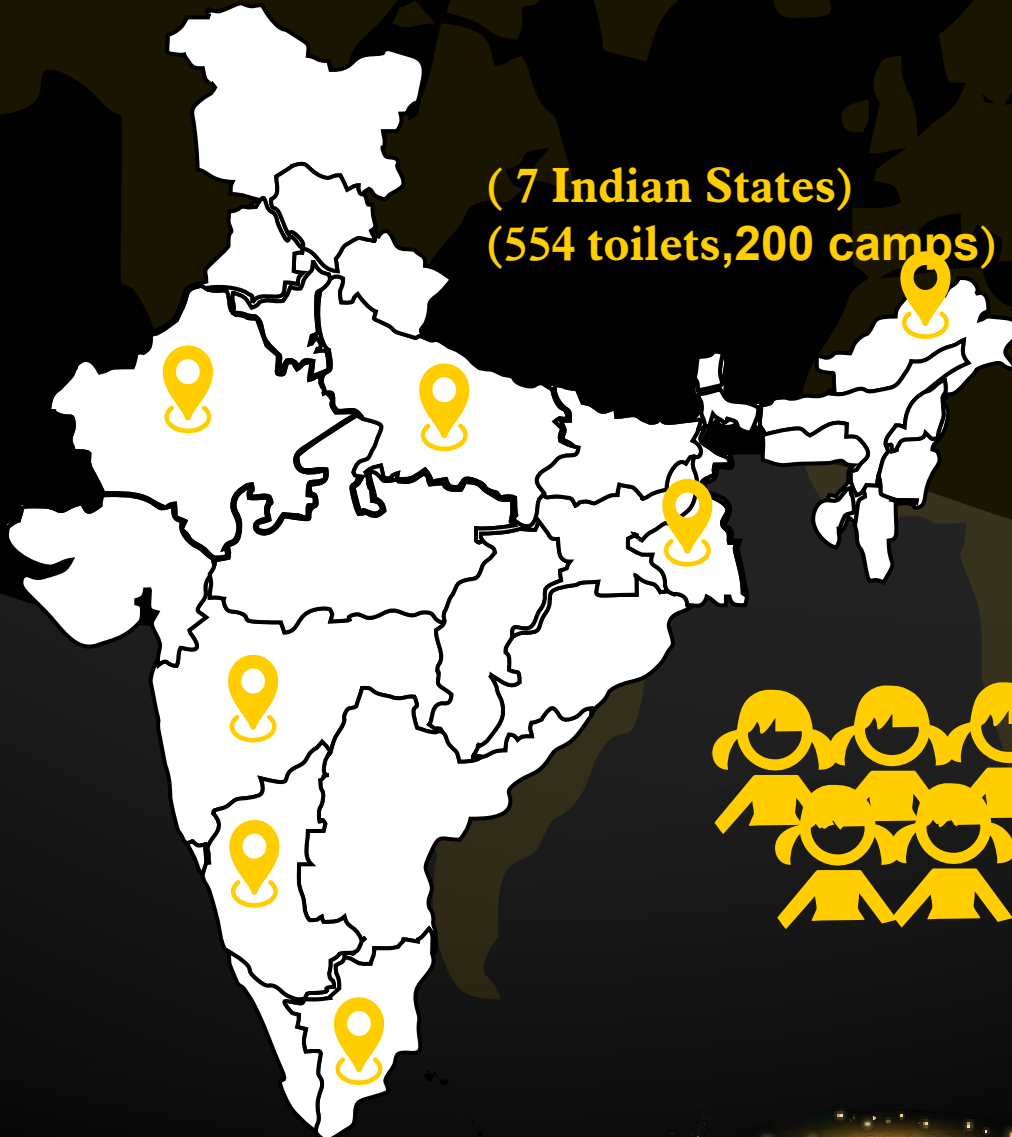
Sanitation



Project Locations

(7 Indian States)
(554 toilets, 200 camps)

(2015 - 2020)



 Uttar Pradesh

 Arunachal Pradesh

 West Bengal

 Rajasthan

 Maharashtra

 Karnataka

 Tamilnadu

Testimonials



Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Camp , Hubli
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Now we are not having issues with Toilets

Belgaum, Vadgoan Toilet Project
Sewa International and Google California
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Toilet and Hygiene Project for the
Girl Child
Click here to watch VIDEO

2021 - *Educate, Empower & Encourage the Girl Child*

From January 2021, several states and Union territories of India have decided to reopen schools that were closed since March-2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be focussing on repairing existing non-functional toilets in schools across India to ensure health and hygiene for the students. Our goal is to reach 40,000 girl children this year & enable them with menstrual education, Hygiene & life skills.

2021 focus areas

- 1. Spread our reach to more Indian states.**
- 2. Menstrual awareness programs and distribution of reusable cloth sanitary napkins.**
- 3. Focus on better hygiene and sanitation facilities to schools across India. We will be focussing on building new toilets in Assam, Arunachal pradesh, Tripura & Meghalaya.**
- 4. Self defence training programs across Uttar pradesh.**
- 5. Installing hand wash stations in schools which lack hand wash units to improve health and hygiene in schools.**

Support our cause

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<https://sewausea.org/>
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If donating by Cheque

Payable to: Sewa
International
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P O Box 820867,
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USA

650\$

New toilet unit
(Benefits one school)

250\$

Repair & Renovation
(Benefits one school)

100\$

Sanitary Kits
(Benefits **twenty** girls)

\$

Any other amount
is appreciated

It is very important that you write on the bottom left of the cheque 'Sanitation and Hygiene project for the girl child'. Also write down your email address on your cheque. So, Sewa International can email you a receipt.

Our Team



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