

**Vasavya Mahila Mandali**  
**Annual Report 2019-2020**



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**President remarks:**

*The year 2019 – 2020 was so promising in expansion of VMM project to different parts of India. During this year had a chance to work in few new areas to address the community needs. With Asian Paints worked to improve infrastructure facilities in schools, with Grand Challenge Canada working in End Female Genital Cutting by developing and Interactive App. The Apollo Tyres Foundation expanded its services to vision care, along with existing services. The HCL Foundation has focused its intervention in Karakatta area to empower women. The two Mobile ICTC in Krishna and West Godavari are reaching to nuke and corners where there no services. The community based HIV testing is reaching to unreached population in West Godavari, Krishna and Visakhapatnam. This year VMM has initiated a Home for traffic victims with public private partnership model. The two tuberculosis testing are rendering their services to poor and need.*



*This year is encouraging to VMM in accessing of new funding sources from corporates, international donors and Government agencies. The Mahila Mitra program has scale up to state level program with government initiative. VMM is the technical partner in capacity building the Mahila Mitra members and Police on gender and gender based violence.*

*During this year, VMM with different collaborations educational institutions organized workshops, guest lectures, expanded wings to other countries.*

*During this year in the March, COVID-19 has impacted us to lockdown offices from 21<sup>st</sup> march 2020.*

*Education to 100 girls and differently-abled youth is not only focused on providing knowledge but also on jobs through skills development programs.*

*VMM has actively using social media, which is trending and easy to reach to wider audience. VMM to mark the occasion of 50 years of journey has developed 50 human impact stories wide spread through Youtube channel.*

**Dr.B. Keerthi,  
Change Maker,**

## President

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a collection of 17 global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". The SDGs, set in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and intended to be achieved by the year 2030.

Vasavya Mahila Mandali with different International, National NGOs, corporates and bilateral agencies has been implementing various projects focusing on different SDGs.

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### c. Livelihood & Skill Development

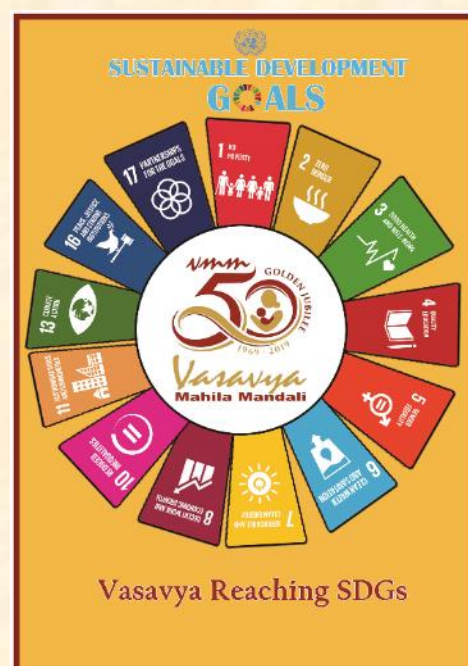
1. AMMA Project
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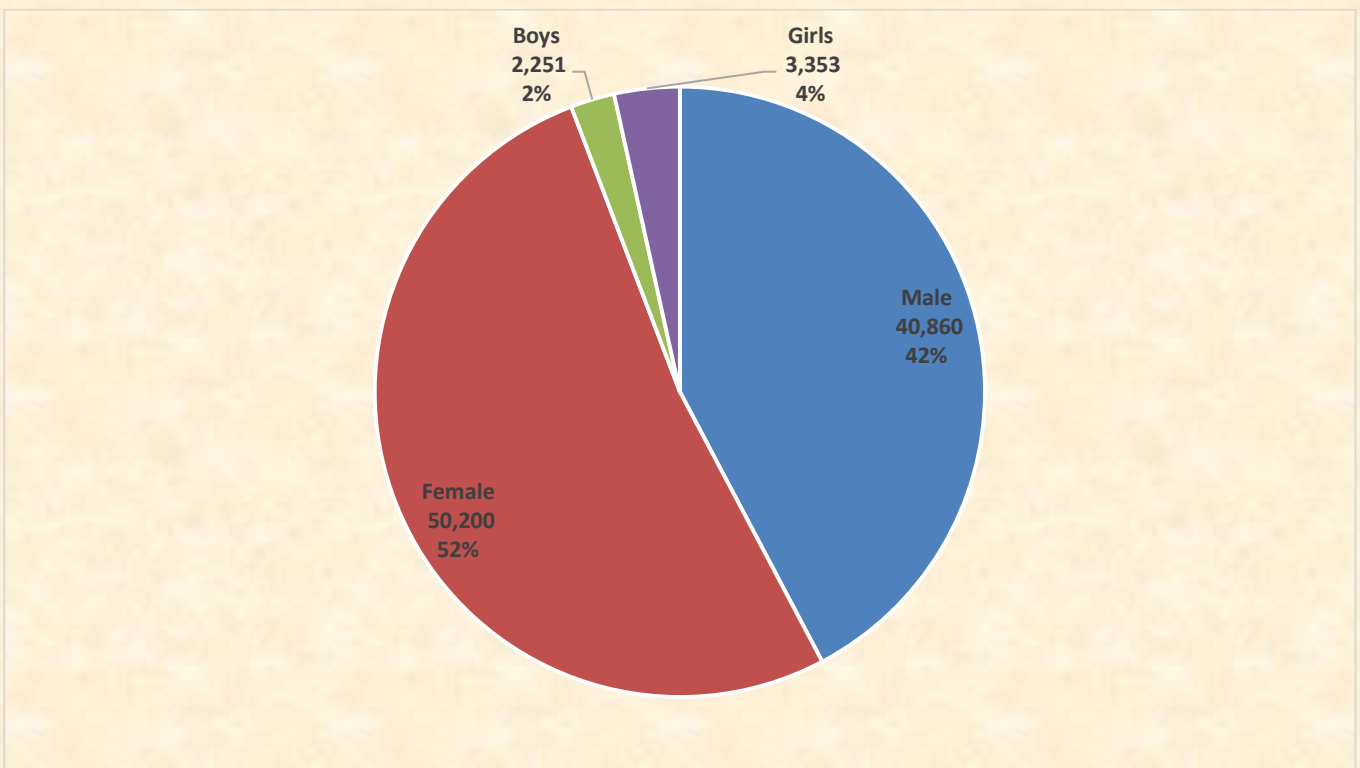
### e. Environment

1. Solar roof



Vasavya Mahila Mandali Reach details 1st April 2019-31st March 2020					
Thematic area	Male	Female	Boys	Girls	Total
Health & Nutrition	38,641	45,483	905	1,153	86,182
Education	5	23	-	100	128
Livelihood	-	445	-	-	445
Environment	-	-	207	245	452

<b>Human rights</b>	2,214	4,249	1,139	1,855	<b>9,457</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,860</b>	<b>50,200</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>3,353</b>	<b>96,664</b>



### **Health and Nutrition**

1. Rapid Testing Programme: Community Based HIV Rapid Testing Program – with support from AIDS Health Care Foundation India Cares and District AIDS Prevention Control Unit.



VMM has implemented in three districts, with focus of reaching to remote location where there no proper transportation system. Motivate the communities on HIV, get them tested through Rapid kit, found positive were linked to nearest ICTC for confirmatory test and linked to ART centre for accessing of service. Follow up of clients on treatment motivating them for refilling of medication, linking to public social welfare services. During this year the project was implemented from June 2019 to December 2019 at five sites (Two sites in Krishna, Two sites in West

Godavari and one site in Visakhapatnam) and from January 2020 to March 2020 only two sites in West Godavari district. During 10 months of implementation VMM has reached 41760 vulnerable population and identified 174 (0.42%) positive, among them linked 172 (98%) to treatment. Among the 174 identified and 172 linked to treatment services 12 are pregnant women.

2. **Mobile Integrated Counseling and Testing Centre:** VMM with APSACS in PPP model running MICTC for past 12 years in two districts, Krishna and West Godavari. Reaching to no services areas to support the needy with the support from NGOs and local government and frontline health workers. Different ICT activities were carried to educate the communities on HIV/STI/TB/Cancer, spread, symptoms, testing, treatment and follow up and continuing of treatment. During this year through two MICTC has reached 22664 among them 79 (0.35%) were found positive. The positivity among general population has increased when compared to previous 2018-19, whereas among other high risk groups the positivity has decreased and among the bridge population (truckers and migrants) the positivity continues the same as last year. The MICTC works in coordination with District AIDS Prevention Control Unit (DAPCU) and the NGOs working in relation to HIV. The monthly action plan was drafted in advance in consultation with DAPCU and accordingly reach the un-reach population in the district. With the support of frontline health workers organize public awareness meeting through different ICT and techniques and motivate the community for HIV testing. Found positives were linked to ART centers for treatment. DAPCU during the monthly meetings has reviewed the progress of testing and follow up of clients on treatment, which resulted in 90% of found positives linked to services.



**Apollo Tyres Health Care Centre (ATHCC):** Truckers and Allied population are provided health services through ATHCC, the project located at Jawahar Auto nagar, Vijayawada. Apollo Tyres Foundation under CSR has been supporting since last 9 years Healthcare Programme for Trucking Community. During 2019-20 ATHCC has shifted clinic for truckers and allied population to access clinical services in a spacious building. ATHCC has expanded their services, initially started with information dissemination and general medication to truckers and allied population, and added services year by year with STI screening, general health check-up, HIV rapid testing, vision care, diabetic testing and referral of suspects to TB screening. The Jawaharlal Nehru Auto Nagar Industrial Estate (also known as, Autonagar and Jawahar Autonagar) is an Industrial estate located in eastern side of Vijayawada in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. The Jawahar Autonagar is first largest auto industry hubs of Asia spread over in more than 340 acres. It is also the first Autonagar of the state. Jawahar auto nagar which is famous for truck body building, re-bottoming of tyres, engine repair and other electronic works connected to automobiles consists of around 1,200 major and minor industries. Around 1.5 lakh people are employed with various industries. The annual business turnover is around INR600 crore from the Industrial estate. During the year 2019-20, VMM has reached 12287 (trucker 9992 + Allied population 2295). The project focus on Behaviour Change Communication (BCC), Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Diagnosis and Treatment, Counselling, Condom Promotion, Integrated Counselling Testing Centre (ICTC) support and Awareness, in PPP model vision care to

truckers, Awareness on TB, general health care. The project works in partnership model with health care service provider, peer educators. With APSACS support, Facilitating Integrated Counselling Centre was started to provide services to truckers for HIV testing. To educate the truckers on HIV/STI/TB videos shows, puppet shows, street plays and different types of games were in place. Through these activities 250180 were reached.

Type of service	Truckers	Allied
HIV screening	2712	2175
TB Screening	2	9
Vision care	944	424
Diabetic	1868	1082

*Vasavya Mahila Mandali (VMM) supported in HIV diagnosis and in treatment access to HIV/AIDS has made me and my husband to live happily, said Palaparathi Padmavathi.*

*Padmavathi and her husband Raghavareddy are running a hotel in Jawahar Auto nagar, Vijayawada for many years. They had one daughter and she got married. Now only Padmavathi and her husband are living in a small house.*

*Padmavathi on 9th April 2019 visited Apollo Tyres Health Care Centre (ATHCC) at Auto nagar run by VMM with the support of Apollo Tyres Foundation. ATHCC aim to provide information, education, diagnosis, treatment and medical care for truckers and persons associated with truck industry since 2011 onwards successfully.*

*Padmavathi got medical examination at the clinic she has paid INR 20 to access medical services at ATHCC for 30 days. ATHCC Counsellor has asked questions to assess risk of infection, she was suggested to have HIV test. She was found HIV positive, she was provided information on available services at government hospital by the counselor of ATHCC. After three days she has referred her husband to get HIV testing, as she educated on HIV transmission, unfortunately he was also found reactive. Both were linked to ICTC confirmatory test and ART for treatment. Now both are 100% percent adherent to treatment, Both Padmavathi and Raghavareddy decided to educate the people on HIV/AIDS. They are disseminating the information on HIV among truckers, and allied population coming to their hotel.*

3. Targeted Intervention for Migrants: Vasavya Mahila Mandali with the support of Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control society (APSACS) has initiated the Targeted Intervention (TI) for Migrants project in 2008 at Vijayawada. The project aims to create awareness on HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted infections (STI) among migrant population. The project has reached 67,195 migrants during last 12 years. As Vijayawada is one among the biggest railway junction, people reaching to Vijayawada for livelihood is more, there are lot of construction of national highways, building and commercial plots. During the year 2019-2020, TI project reached 7581 migrants from Orissa, Jharkhand, Bihar, Chattisgarh, West Bengal, Tamilnadu, Madya Pradesh and Maharastra States. The project has wide range of services to improve the knowledge levels on HIV/AIDS/STI through street plays, games, video shows, pictorial pamphlets, and information brochures. The project has provided medical services for general ailments to migrants by keeping the clinical services near or within their working areas. During this year the following activities were done

238 Health Camps were conducted, 7367 migrants were received health services by medical Doctor, and medicines were provided as per necessary for minor ailments.

STI management 52 people were referred to STI clinic at Government.

HIV screening was done for 6238 people among them 3655 were conducted through Community Based Screening test and 2583 were tested through Mobile ICTC. 4 migrants were tested HIV positives and they were linked to treatment centre - ART, they are regularly using the medicines, continuous follow up was done.

Street Plays: During the reporting period VMM conducted 20 street plays at our congregation points, through these VMM provided awareness on risk behavior, HIV, TB, STI deceases, condom promotion and other seasonal deceases.

Condom Social Marketing: Condom usage is the main preventive measure for HIV. During the reporting period VMM sold 56200 condoms through 82 outlets in addition to that 2,61,065 promoted other brands in nearby our sites.

Advocacy meetings: In the reporting period VMM TI conducted 12 advocacy meetings with Site in charges, Contractors, Mill owners, Company managements and solves the problems of migrant population. Through the meetings we convinced the management and provided health camps, IEC materials, sanitation, safe drinking water and other necessary facilities.

4. **Swetcha Gora eye bank:** Vasavya Mahila Mandali has initiated Swetcha Gora Eye Bank. In 1989, Swetcha Gora, grand-daughter of Chennupati Vidya (only daughter of Dr. Keerthi) , Swetcha pledged to donate her eyes, in an eye donation drive by Indian Medical Association. After her death in 1989 (when she was just seven years old) her eyes were donated to two blind people. With this inspiration Swetcha Gora eye bank is founded in 1996. Dr. G.Samaram as Executive Director of Swetcha Gora Eye Bank has been supporting in campaigns in urban and rural are on eye donation, collected family pledge forms, documented the donor and recipient list, conducted Keratoplasty surgeries with the support of local ophthalmologists and collaborated with government and non-government agencies. Swetcha Gora Eye Bank is life member in Eye Bank Association of India and is the only community based eye bank successfully run by a women organization. This outstanding achievement has been recognized and the eye bank is honoured by giving prestigious place in 'The India Book of Records in the year 2012. VMM every year organise Eye donation fortnight celebration (25 August to 8 September). During this year competitions to children were conducted, distributed prizes. More than 2 lakhs people pledged to donate their eye.
5. **Designated Microscopic Centre:** To strengthen the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program - RNTCP through quality testing facilities, VMM has partnered with District Tuberculosis Control Society, Krishna district to support Lab technician services at Ranigarithota- DMC (Designated Microscopic Center) from June 2015. From February 2017 Machilipatnam DMC. During this year 1740 persons tested for tuberculosis, among them 243 were identified TB. 25 persons were identified through x-ray diagnosis. The diagnosis process has improved at DMC and a number of diagnostic TB tests are currently available. Three of these are now recommended in the new National TB plan to be used for adults who might have pulmonary TB. Now with improved use of technology, treatment adherence monitoring was done by the treatment supervisors. During this year 12 MDR TB were detected. In 26 cases co-infection HIV and TB. They also suggested that it could be used as a follow on test to microscopy in settings where MDR TB and/or HIV is of lesser concern, especially in smear negative

specimens, because of the lack of accuracy of smear microscopy. With the diagnosing technique, 10 Multi Drug Resistance (MDR – TB) have been identified.

Asian Paints Limited at Atchuthapuram SEZ under CSR activity has supported to 11 government schools for infrastructure development in Atchuthapuram and Rambilli mandals: Construction of new toilets, classroom painting, benches and desks, Chairs, Water purifiers, computer labs, digital classroom, almarahs with library books and repair works in schools. **Total cost of the project is Rs. 63,18,521.**

List of schools

**1. Atchuthapuram mandal**

- a. Jalaripalem Primary school
- b. Kadapalem Primary School
- c. Pudimadaka Primary School
- d. Pudimadaka High School
- e. Veduravada Primary School
- f. Gorla Dharmavaram Primary School

**2. Rambilli mandal**

- a. Lalam Koduru Primary School
- b. Lalam Kuduru High School
- c. Lovepalem Primary School
- d. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya school

**School wise developmental activity executed:**

**Jalaripalem Primary Schools: Financial support expended: Rs. 758655**

There are two building for the above said school. The school is on the banks of Bay of Bengal on hill. There are 75 students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> standard of both genders, hailing from fishermen community The school is having 4 classrooms with varandah, there is no fencing or wall for the verandah, there is no security after school hours the villagers use the space for play like private place. Even during the lunch time, the villagers used to sit on the floor in verandah. The school management has requested for iron fencing for safety and security of the school. We have executed iron fencing with rust paint with enamel coating and normal coating for iron grills of 700 sft. Now all open space of verandahs are closed by locking of gates facility.

Benches & Desks: Students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> class used to sit on the floor, there are no benches and desks. We have provided for 45 benches and desks for the students. Each bench to accommodate for 3 students.

Plates & Glasses: Midday meal is provided in the school, majority of students are not having proper plates and glasses, 45 plates and glasses are provided.

Iron Almarah: one iron Almarah of 6 X 3 feet size is provided to keep records with lock facility.

Chairs: There are not enough chairs in school, when they have parents meeting of school management committee meeting it was very difficult, we have provided 15 plastic chairs and two teacher tables

- Toilets – 1 and 3 urinals: In school there are two toilets, girls will use for both toilets and urinals while for boys they used to go outside. One more toilet is constructed with

three urinals fitted. Total 3 toilets and 3 urinals with doors and concert roofing and water supply is done.

- Water purifier 23 lts

### **Kadapalem Primary schools: Financial support expended: Rs.496700**

Wash basin: The school is having midday meal program for around 100 students. After their lunch they all used to wash their hands and plates near to their school wall or on the way. Hence a wash basin is requested. 10 X 1.5 feet wash basin with tiles was constructed.

Doors and windows: there are 13 windows and 10 doors for the school, each door and window has wooden frame inside plywood sheet has fixed, the plywood sheet has been spoiled. Hence we replaced new plywood sheets of 8 mm size and did painting.

Iron grill fixing: The school having ground floor and first floor with 10 feet verandah but no protection just a 3 feet wall. Iron grills of 900 sft is provided with rust paint and fixed.

Iron Almarahs: 5 iron almarahs were provided as the existing almarahs are completely rusted and useless.

- 25 benches and desks were provided to students.
- Two teacher's tables were provided to school
- There are toilets separate for boys and girls, two toilets doors are damaged, two PVC doors were fixed.
  - Distributed 565 general knowledge books
  - Repaired the bore well and given connection to overhead tank to supply to wash basin and toilets

### **Pudimadaka Primary School: Financial support expended: Rs. 607615**

- 35 plates and 35 glasses were distributed
- One Iron Almarah 6 X 3 feet is provided
- Ten Chairs given
- Two Teacher tables 3 X 2 feet
- Six urinals were corrected
- Water connection from bore well and 500 lts capacity sintex tank given

### **Pudimadaka High School: Financial support expended: Rs. 501000**

- 1000 liters' capacity cement concrete water tank (5 X 5 X 5 feet)
- Wash basin (three sides of water tank (5 X 1 feet)) 10 (5 X 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet)
- Cement Benches and tables in dining hall (30 X 30 size hall)
  - One toilet with tiles flooring and doors and painting
  - 3 urinals with tiles
    - 1000 lts capacity cement concrete water tank



### **Gorla Dharmavaram Primary School: Financial support expended: Rs. 727000**

- Bore well (165 feet) with casing, sub-miscible ½ HP motor
- Classroom flooring

Digital Classroom with (8 X 4 screen) with (1.Hp Desktop 280 (Dual Core, 500 GB, 4 GB, DVD Writer, Keyboard & Mouse, Epson EB-525 W short throw (without interactive projector) Printer- Hp/Canon, Wall mount kit, 10m VGA Cable, 10m Power cable, 7.1KV UPS- Numeric, Creative 2.1 Woofers, 16:9 format Projector screen) fixed in Head master's room.

One toilet with 6 X 3 size and 3 urinals, concrete slab, tiles and flooring with door

Wash basin with tiles (2 ½ feet height and 6 X 1 feet) with water connections from overhead tank (500 lts sintex tank)

Completed patch works in class rooms and verandah (Measurements of each class room

A. Room - 20 1/2'L\*16 1/2'w = 338sft; B. Verandah - 22'L\*9'w =198sft)

### Veduravada primary school: Financial support expended: Rs. 569530

- 10 chairs
- Water purifier (23 lts water purifier capacity)
- Repair to door (6 X 3 feet wooden door)
- Bore well (160feet with casing ½ HP submersible pump connection to overhead tank)
- Painting for classroom (1. Two classrooms paints work -with following measurements [- 20ft length \* 11ft height -220sft & 16ft w\*11ft H -176 (220+176 = 396\*2 =792sft)]
- Grill Wall for verandah with following measurements 20'\*11 h =220sft; 16'w \*3'-48\*2=96sft; length 20'\*3'h=60(220+96+60=376\*2=744sft)

Pictures of activity		
Baseline	Midline	Endline
		

- One toilet with 6 X 3 size and 3 urinals, concrete slab, tiles and flooring with door




### Lovapalem Financial support expended: Rs. 85800

- Provided 20 benches for students to sit
- Two teacher tables provided



**Lalamkoduru High School: Financial support expended: Rs. 553780**

Constructed Two toilets with 6 X 3 size and six urinals, concrete slab, tiles and flooring with door

Baseline	Midline	Endline
		

○ **Water connection**



**Lalamkoduru Primary school: Financial support expended: Rs. 508250**

- Digital classroom and 25 Benches & desks and 2 tables

**Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya. Financial support expended: Rs. 705780**

**Two Classrooms concrete slab with flooring:** There are two classrooms without roof: There are two open places between classrooms, size 18 X19 feet, the specified hall in the shape of pentagonal shape. Concrete slabs were executed. Flooring and painting are provided.

**Installed 5 computers**

**Soak pits with pipe connected**



**Fixed Mosquito protection mesh frames**

**Inauguration of renovated classroom at KGBV Rambilli.**



Inauguration of dining hall by Sri. G. Jayaram garu, Minster for Labour and Employment training, government of Andhra Pradesh.



**Education Sponsorship to youth:** during this academic year we have provided sponsorship to 23 students for continuing their education. Majority of them were studying professional courses. The sponsorship money was paid towards examination fees, books and paid for special tuition fees. Among the 23 students provided sponsorship, 19 students' mothers are the only income source for the families.

Education is very important for all the youth. In India basic education till 10th standard education is free for both the genders. The students normally going to school after completion of 10th standard, the poor and below poverty line students are unable to go to high classes, forced to work as unskilled labour due to high financial problems. With the kind support from you the students in need with good percentage marks are able to continue their desired education courses.

The attitude of the parents has also changed, they are also encouraging their children to continue their education, supporting them with necessary material support like providing space for them to read with lighting, food and other comforts.



**Productive 500 Skilled Youth For Young**

**India:** VMM has partnered with Global Giving, this is a crowd funding platform raising donations from individuals to support youth to continue their education. During this year we were able to support to 15 students. The support is useful in paying the tuition fees, purchase of books, required stationery, necessary additional coaching for advance courses. The regular monitoring visits by VMM staff has made the student and their parents to continue their education. As most of the students supported through the project are either single parent or living with grandparents and income levels far less than the average income of lower economic family. Less than 1 dollar per day. Most of them are staying in government constructed houses, while some other are staying near canal bunds, where there is no proper structure to live. The majority of them are technical education and for few diploma holders.

*I am 16 years old when my father died, my dreams were ended with no future of hope. I was the only male elder in my family. My mother never went outside of house for earning when my father was alive, as my father was getting money for us. As there is no alternative source of income, my mother started working as maid to feed me and my younger brother. With the support from VMM am able to complete my Engineering course and was placed as software engineer. I feel very much happy for the kind support, there are many students having similar financial problem, your kind support will change our lives to live happily.*



*We are happy with your kind support*

Urban Residential Hostel for Girls: Vasavya Mahila Mandali with the support from Samgra Siksha (Previously named Sarva Siksha Abhyan) has been implementing Urban Residential Hostel for Girls. During this academic year from June 12, 2019 schools were reopened similarly the UDRH project has also started, 71 girls from previous year are staying and 29 girls newly joined this year through Child Welfare Committees.

**Age wise bifurcation:**

The girls has reached through CWC, the girls are from different issues among the 100 girls staying in VMM, orphans are 8, single parent orphan are 24, Child without adult protection (CWAP) is 50, Homeless 10, Rag pickers 8. Among the 50 CWAP, among them their step father or mother has not taken care of the girls.

<i>Orphan</i>	<i>Semi Orphan</i>	<i>CWAP</i>	<i>Home Less</i>	<i>Rag Pickers</i>
8	24	50	10	8

- **Children Performance:** There was lot of improve among the children performance. Below table is the performance of students during last term examination.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

- World Environment Day: On June 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 100 girls participated, exhibited their projects prepared with waste materials. 1<sup>st</sup> prize won by 10<sup>th</sup> class student.
- Visit: Appreciation to children performance by Project Director, SSA and Principal Secretary during their monitoring visit and gave permissions to have additional 50 girls at the URH.
- Gandhi Jayanthi: On 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Andhra Pradesh Department of Education conducted National Seminar of Gandhiji Nai Talim at APHRDA, Bapatla, URH girls has exhibited the craft items, Sri Aadimulapu Suresh Minister of Education, A.P. appreciated children. On Gandhi 150<sup>th</sup> Day celebrations are conducted by Gandhi Samaraka Nidhi at Siddharda Academy our children are attended that programme. Honorable Governor of A.P Sri Bishwa Bhushan Harichandan garu special guest to that programme.
- Children's day competitions: Children participated in a Candle lights in collaboration with Child Line to raise awareness on children rights and how to safe guard.
- Children greet Governor, Sri Bishwa Bhushan Harichandan on eve of New Year Celebrations.
- Dream Camp for children by Make A Difference (MAD), at Speed way Seven, Chodavaram, Guntur district. They take sessions above carrier guidance, Goal setting, Beautiful inside, Dream Tree.

I am fortunate to join in family of 100 siblings, said Ramtulasi with lots of happiness in her face, I am no more an orphan. Ramtulasi was 5 years old when she was joined in Vasavya Mahila Mandali, she was referred by Child welfare committee.

Ramatulasi had father, mother and one elder brother, both her parents are daily wage earners. Her father was addicted to alcohol and all his earning was spent for his enjoyment only not taking care about the family, and he was not going to his house also. During that time, Ramatulasi's mother met with another person in their residential area and they use to spent time, which has led to living together with completely ignored of children and her husband.

Ramatulasi was roaming on streets, elders in their area has informed to 1098 (Childline) and requested to take care of Ramtulasi. The staff members of Childline has taken Ramatulasi to Child Welfare Committee, there she was referred to Vasavya Mahila Mandali to provide shelter, send to school and take care of her. VMM is running a home for 100 girls who has no care takers with the support of Samagra Siksha, Department of Education, Government of AP. Ramatulasi was asked to submit Aadhar card to join her in government school, VMM asked Ramatulasi about her Aadhar card, VMM staff accompanied Ramatulasi to collect her Aadhar card from her home, it was so surprising that her parents were not there where they previously stayed, neighbours said they left the home and went away without any information. Ramatulasi has no Aadhar card which is compulsory for admission in school. VMM management has signed as guardian for Ramatulasi to get Aadhar card for her, she got Aadhar card which she has submitted in school and she was joined in school. Ramatulasi is now 8 years old and studying 3rd class.

When we ask Ramatulasi about her parents, she replies, VMM is my family and 100 girls staying in Urban Deprived Hostel are her siblings.

VasavyaNrutyaVihar: VMM is managing a dance learning center since 1983 to develop fine arts in the area of dance in classical: Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam and folk. Dance is one of the medium for community awareness and education through traditional forms, delivering message

for low literate population. About 70-80 girls and boys learn dance under the mentorship of 'guru' known for his dedication in training the students by inculcating values and discipline. The regular classes are on Saturday, Wednesday evening hours and Sunday morning hours, on payment.

### **Livelihood & Skill Development**

- **AMMA Project:** VMM in partnership with HCL Foundation has initiated project focusing on safety and security for women and girls, with an aim to make Vijayawada as number one friendly city for women and girls in India from 2017 onwards. The project has initiated community engagement in reducing the crime against women, Mahila Mitra a community led voluntary movement to reduce gender based violence. Mahila Mitra' (MM) movement therefore is an initiative aimed at empowering women by organising and mobilising them, creating awareness and networking towards preventing and resolving violence against women and thereby bring about change and transformation in the society. It was launched by Vasavya Mahila Mandali (NGO) partnering with the Vijayawada City Police in Andhra Pradesh, India, on 24 January, 2017 (Girl Child Day) and eventually working in association with various stake holders in an inclusive and collaborative manner.
- **Skilling to youth training, track the youth after placement in jobs:** During this year we have planned to provide skills to 50 youth in different trades, but due to lockdown from March we have reached only 27 youth. Among the 5 male, one was totally blind, we have provided a mobile handset which will help him to listen the lessons. He has scored more than 65% marks in his first semester examinations. Among the others 4 youth were caught as eve-teasers. We have provided counselling on gender based violence sessions conducted by Police, we have provided information on career guidance too, these 4 youth has expressed that they want to change their life and want to get good jobs, requested to provide support for training in computers as has basic graduation, with this additional computer skills they can get jobs. Among the beneficiary female youth for one women we have provided training in tally and computerized billing, she was single women and unable to go for work as a daily labour. Due to lockdown the placement of trained students was pending.

<b>Male</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

- **Identification and support to needy women in the community for livelihood support:** During this year we have planned for 60 women to get benefited in Karakatta area. We have complete the target. Among the beneficiaries 65% are single women, while the 35% are supporting their family income. Most of their business are daily earnings like tiffin centres, flower, fruits, vegetable and fish vending. Before lockdown they were able to earn Rs.150 to Rs.200 more than they were previously earning. Due to lockdown they lost their business, after unlock they have started their business but not on daily basis due to increase number of corona cases.

**USHA Silai School:** VMM tied knot with USHA international to provide training to women on new skills in stitching and repair of machines. The preliminary one-week training followed by refresher course was useful for the woman to repair their own sewing machine and as in each village one was skilled through training, that woman had additional income by repairing the sewing machines of the

others in that village. The skilled woman in repairing of sewing machine was saving INR 1500 for her machine and there were additional earning from others. Currently this is being done in Krishna, Prakasam and Visakhapatnam districts of Andhra Pradesh. Besides this, the skilled women became trainers for others and these women were also certified by USHA International. During this reporting year in Visakhapatnam we have provided training to 20 tribal women of mountainous tribal region.

**Commercial Tailoring centre:** VMM with the support from Shriram Foundation has been providing training on tailoring to women and girls in needy. The training was scheduled in three months, basics of tailoring, garments construction, special training on cutting and stitching of designer blouses with the support SIDS - fashion designing institute. During this year 85 women were provided training in 4 batches. During the training, the trainer explains for about 2 to 3 hours and the trainees were given time to practice.

### **Human Rights**

- **AMMA:** During the third year of implementation of project, VMM has reached more than 100% of targets in all the activities except, skill development to youth, community awareness on GBV and in digital classrooms. VMM has reached 9237 people through different activities. Among the reached 67% (6228/9237) are women.

<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>3009</b>	<b>6228</b>	<b>9237</b>

- **Eve teasers counseling:** 778 youth eve-teasers were provided counselling by Mahila Mitra members, Psychologists, Lawyers, Police higher officials. It was noticed that the youth 68% are students and rest 32% are workers and wanderers. During this year the Police department has given place at Mahila Rakshak bhavan for conducting counselling, all the information of eve-teasers were documented and it is great that there are no repeat offenders. For every session around 4 to 5 Mahila Mitra members participated in facilitating counselling sessions.
- **Capacity building of Mahila Mitra members:** During this year, there are many capacity building activities done for Mahila Mitra members. On child rights, protection by world vision, rights, laws and implementation by each zone wise police stations. As the Mahila Mitra became state wise initiative, orientation of new Mahila Mitra members was done by VMM. Capacitated Mahila Mitra are facilitating session to new members in other places.
  - During August 8, 2019, the Mahila Mitra program has been scale up to state level, VMM as the lead organisation in orientation of Mahila Mitra members' state wise. The capacitated 20 Mahila Mitra members as co-facilitators in orientation of newly joined Mahila Mitra members. About 1000 new Mahila Mitra members in Andhra Pradesh.
  - 10 Mahila Mitra members as co-facilitators in educating newly recruited Police in Andhra Pradesh, these training were done in Police training colleges of each district
- **Digital class rooms in two schools and one college:** During this year we have provided in three schools digital classroom, with tabs, projector, computer and screens. Through this we have provided digital learning to 540 students and 25 teachers. Digital learning is very important for easy learning and different way of learning. We will do follow up during this year after reopen of schools, we will encourage them to attend to online classes for higher classes.



<b>Boys</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>Girls</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>



- **Organizing counseling for youth in college and students in schools:** During this year the trained Mahila Mitra members were providing life skills sessions, motivating students with play way tools, pictorial, songs, video clips. Some of the Mahila Mitra members are retired teachers, while some are having knowledge in yoga, the information on GBV was shared to students through different ways. We have reached more than said target.

<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>588</b>	<b>1637</b>	<b>2225</b>

- **Providing coaching to students / youth in sports:** During this year we have provided sports materials to students (sportswear) to students, which was so useful during their practices. The youth use to play, kabadi, valley ball, running, koko. We have support to 105 students.

<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>105</b>

- **Counseling services by Mahila Mitra members:** Family counselling at Police stations and in communities. Cases of domestic violence and harassments by family members which were reaching Police station, counselling was done by Mahila Mitra members. During last three years more than 500 family counselling cases at Police station and in community were done by Mahila Mitra members. For professional counselling cases were referred to VMM, they do follow-up of each case.

### **VMM response to COVID19:**

- **HAND WASH POINTS:**
- **20th March 2020 and 21st March 2020:** Vasavya Mahila Mandali and Mahila Mitra are initiated 'Hand wash points' at 7 locations areas in Vijayawada, in prevention of COVID-19 in collaboration with various organizations such as Asha function hall, City Tent House, Vasavya Nursing Home, Vasavi Function Hall, Krishna Lanka, Alankar Hotel, Gandhi nagar, Ravi Chettu centre, One Town, Kandhari centre in collaboration with A.P United Teachers Federation and Mahila Mitra Members by kept of water and Dettol soap liquid(sanitizer). These centres inaugurated by Dr.G.Samaram, Past Indian Medical Association President and President, Red Cross Society, Vijayawada.
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Counseling Centre: Aim: Support destitute women and girl in difficult circumstances.

Reach Cases New – 307 (64%)

Cases repeated – 168 (36%)

Total – 475

On an average 2 cases were reached per day, with average 3 hours 25 minutes of counseling. More than 1500 hours were spent by the counselor for providing counseling to clients and their family members or persons accompanied.

<b>New cases – Type of Issue</b>	<b>Number</b>
Harassment by spouse / husband (39.7%)	132
Harassment by in laws (14.3%)	44
Love affairs(16.6%)	51
Outside marital relations (wife / husband) (8.1%)	25
Human Trafficking under ITP (5.2%)	16
Forgoing property rights (3.5%)	11
Parent disturbances (3.2)	10
Mental disturbances (2.2%)	7
Husband Drinking problem (1.6%)	5
Dowry Harassment (1.3%)	4
Child marriage (0.6%)	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>307</b>

The information shows that 57% of the cases were due to harassment by husband and in-laws. In male dominated society, even though there are many laws to support women, but the accessing by the women and support to women still are a dream for them.

Information of VMM Counselling centre was shared in all the VMM projects, during the outreach process information of counselling centre and service availability are shared. The needy women or girls will be referred or walk-in for supportive services of counselling, shelter. During this year there are 102 cases referred by Police station, 71 cases were referred by Mahila Mitra members, 36 cases were reached with information available on [www.vasavya.org](http://www.vasavya.org).

## Process of counseling:

### First Step:

Counselor will collect the data from Victim and their family to know the problem

### Second Step:

Dr.B.Keerthi, President & Mrs.G.Rashmi, Secretary interacts with both parties to solve their problem and make them live with happy & dignity.

Each session will takes 45 minutes to 3hours time its depends on the issue.

## Cases referred by

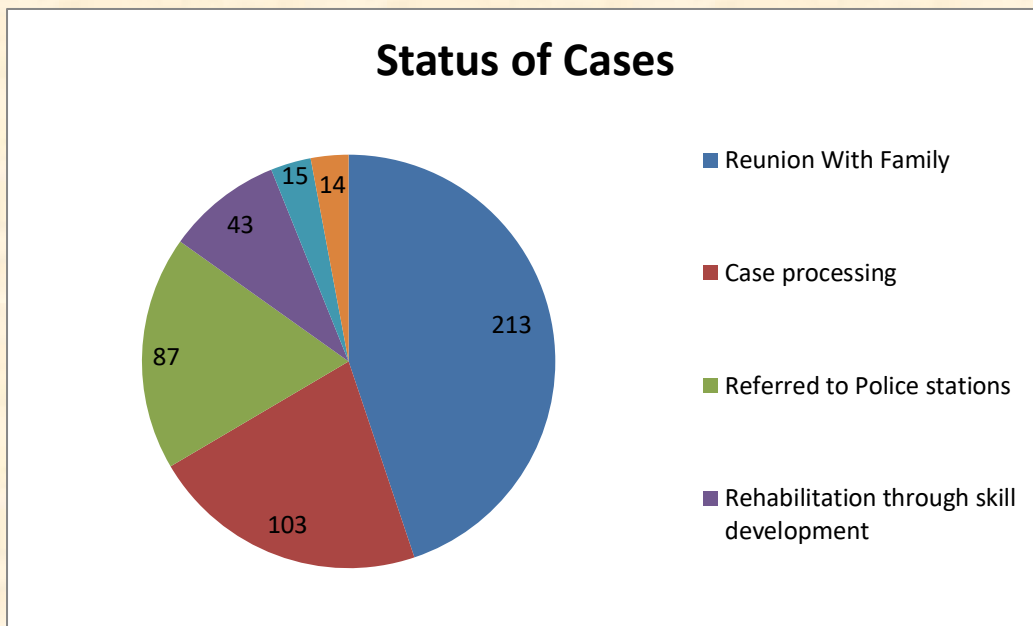
S.No	Referred by	Number of cases
1	Police stations	102 (33%)
2	Court	16 (5%)
3	CWC	6 (2%)
4	Mahila Mitra	71 (23%)
5	Self	32 (10%)
6	Referred by other institutions / others	44 (14%)
7	Website	36 (12%)
Total		307

## Number of clients attended for counseling from April 2019 to March 2020 (Old & New)

Month	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March

No of clients	28	45	34	41	45	44	39	41	34	39	40	45
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**Success of counseling:** The efforts of more than 1500 hours spent for counseling, 213 (44%) cases were reunion with families. This shows the effectiveness of counselling. With internal linkages with other VMM projects for skill development. 87 cases were referred to Police stations, 43 cases were Provided Rehabilitation through Skill Development, 15 were referred to Government Institution, 14 were got employment and 103 cases are in process of counseling.



## **Shelter Home :**

As part of the programme we are providing shelter to Women & Girls who are in need care & Protection. In the shelter home we are providing Food, Basic needs, Medical Support, Psychological support and Vocational Training. During this 12 months period 183 girls & women utilized home services. Among them 2 are Pregnant women. One women gave birth to Baby boy. Another women carrying 9<sup>th</sup> month pregnancy.

Counselor regularly visit the shelter home, interact with residents to change their attitudes and to get success in their life.

Kumari at the age of 16 years, got married in a very strange situation. She married with the person who has kidnapped her, he was from Odisha. Both kumari's and her in-laws rejected their marriage, only Kumari's cousin sister was supportive. As the time passes, Kumari had two children with very limited income they were living in Odisha. As the children grown kumara kept them in hostel, where her cousin is working. They moved to Andhra Pradesh and joined in poultry as workers. With the little earning they were living happily with occasionally visiting Odisha to see their children. Kumari conceived 3<sup>rd</sup> time, one day her husband was died due cardiac problem. She was shocked and haven't shared the information of her husband death and her pregnancy. With the local people support she completed the funeral of her husband. She reached to hospital to get abortion medically, but Doctors has refused to do as she was 5<sup>th</sup> month pregnant. She was in depression sat the hospital corridors, see her situation one fellow has said that I will support you, I will talk with doctors and went, after few hours he returned back and said doctors has agreed to do abortion but they want Rs.5000, Kumari was little confused and decided to get abortion, they went back home, kumara stayed with the person and gave her Rs.5000 which he has saved. The person went away with the money. Kumari has no idea and stayed on streets with begging. One night saved and referred to Women Development and Child Welfare Department. They has referred her to Vasavya Mahila Mandali.

After reaching home she was not interested to continue pregnancy because if she went back to odisha her in-laws not accept that baby. Here we are provided continues counseling and by counselors and physiatrist. She gave birth to baby boy at GGH , Vijayawada, VMM taken care of her and her daughter going to school. Present the boy was 8<sup>th</sup> months old after too many counseling sessions she was agreed to keep the baby with her and she wants to go back to old place where she worked before.

- **Rescue Home:** The rescue and Protection home is co-managed by Women and Child Welfare department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, PRAJWALA & VMM from February 2019. Rehabilitation including psychological healing, economic empowerment and a civic identity of victims of trafficking. During this year 72. In this we are provided shelter services for 69 residents only. Because remaining 3 are came with court release order. Among 72 residents 53 are rescued by police on Trafficking. Remaining 19 are referred by police for emergency shelter at night time or 1, 2 days shelter Conducting Monthly Home Committee meetings and every month we should provide knowledge on one issue. Providing recreation with TV, Story books, games and exercises.

## Counselling (Social, Psychological, Legal)

- During the 12 months period 338 sessions were provided by counsellor and clinical psychologist for 65 residents to change their lifestyle and in the 65 residents 9 are (21 times) counseled on legal issues at the time attending for 164 statement & other court appearance issues.
- Psychiatrist provided counselling for 25 Residents in the 12 months and she provided medicine for their mental illness
- For their behaviour change we are conducting moral classes ( showing YouTube success stories how women living with dignity)
- Using tools ( drawing) to know the trafficker

*Children in teenage has to guided properly, to became good citizen in life. Theegala Seethamma a tribal girl was one among the girls who were not being guided properly and taken care by her parents, she eloped at the age of 13 years. Seethamma was the elder children to Chinnala Dora and Lakshmi, she had one younger brother. Both her parents are daily wage workers mostly dependent on agriculture. Seethamma has completed 6<sup>th</sup> class and started support her parents in daily works. She fell in love with a boy in her own village and eloped on one fine day. They stayed in a village which is near to her native village. By the age of 16, Seethamma had 2 children. Her husband has addicted to alcohol and started harassing Seethamma physically, initially she has bared the pain, she complained to elders in their village. They have talked with both of them and warned Seethamma's husband stop harassment. After a year Seethamma gave birth to another kid. With increased physical harassment by her husband, Seethamma got divorce. With no income source it was hard time for her to feed children. She joined her two children in government run school having hostel facility. Days were hard to pass on, she shared her financial problem to her neighbor. This was the wrong step Seethamma has taken, her neighbor has referred her to work in shop (cloth sales) at Hyderabad and offered her INR 10000/- per month, the money sounds has attracted her and went to work as sales person.*

*With the advice of the shop owner, Seethamma moved to Mumbai to earn more money, she never knew that she was being trapped in a sex sale business. With lot of physical pressures by the brothel house owner she was forced to sell herself for pleasure to someone. She continued for prostitution and was able to clear debts. On one day she was caught to Police and sent to VMM managed Rescue home for rehabilitation. She stayed for about 6 months and learned different skills. One day she said, "If I would have guided well when I was in teenage, my life would be in a different position", with running tears. She got permission from court to stay with her parents, she is living with her parents. Started a new life.*

**Old Age Home:** The grannies are neglected by their children and as they become unproductive at that age they do not have shelter, food and medical aid. 32 grannies in residential care with balanced diet, clothing, medical aid with nursing care, recreation above all commune living for sharing and caring staff. Youth exposure visits to these old age homes will help in sensitizing the youth on aged issues and to respond to these. Document the stories and report to concerned. Regular health camps for health check by medical doctor, medicines are also provided, the grannies usually feel that they need a support of word and care taking during their last days of life. The Apollo Foundation is supporting grannies with medicines. The old age home is run with the support of donation from local philanthropists.

**Priyadashmi Working Women's Hostel:** The Priyadarshini working women's hostel is self-sustained unit with 52 single or double or multiple sharing rooms to accommodate 125 working women and

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girl students. The breakfast, lunch and dinner is provided to the hostel inmates and the lunch boxes are being arranged to the inmates at early hours of the day those who are going for work or colleges. We also provide recreation, reading room and outdoor games facilities in the campus. Round the clock security is provided by professional security services personnel with CC cameras.

- During the year, 171 Women Employees utilized the services and stayed in our hostel with happy.
- 78 Students were utilized the hostel service during their short and long term courses.

### ***Environment***

During this year VMM was able to install solar roof to old age home with the support of Australian Consulate, Chennai under Direct Aid Program (DAP). The total cost of the project was INR 680000, from the DAP has received 635000 remaining VMM raised donations.

Annually on an average VMM is spending about INR 90000 to 100000 for payment on electricity charges. We are proposing to make the old age home with solar power installation with 10 KW that helps the institution to sustain in the area of electricity supply to save expenditure on power supply. As the aged women admitted in the home are staying at free of cost, so this helps them to live with dignity although below poverty line and also kith and kin not caring them. As this home is run on public contributions, the solar roof top power installation will reduce the expenditure and build security to provide power during off time supply of power / power cuts. The need for old age homes for widowed women is on increase as the grown up sons / daughters are not caring due to nuclear family institution, migration to work from native villages, changed attitudes of daughter in laws leading to not caring for mother in laws. Free old age homes is on necessity.

After the install of Solar panels, electricity is generated, during this year about 11368 units of electricity was generated which has saved INR 82718. This money was useful for additional support to grannies at the old age home.

During this year VMM has received INR 34438253 from international, national donor and government.

