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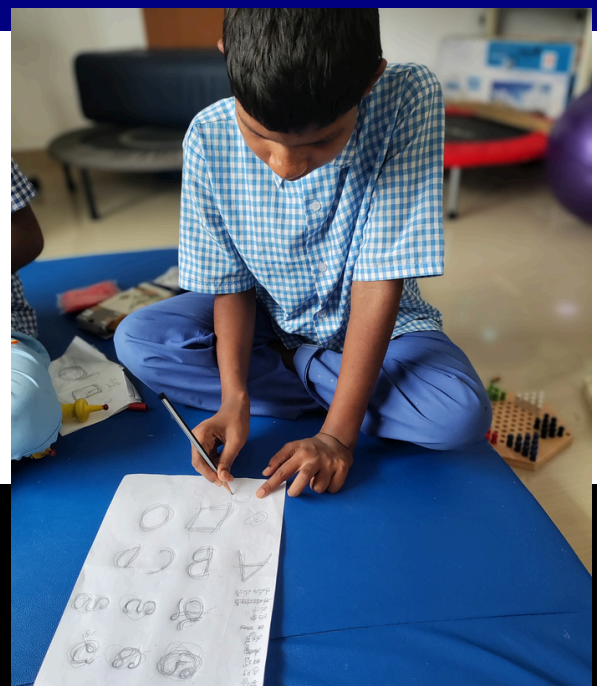


PROGRESS UPDATE

- Screened 4 new CCI's
- Interventions at all the inclusive CCI's set up have been rolled out with detailed plans.
- Had a rigorous process to identify women governing board members to meet the compliance.
- Initiated the rolling out of EI application to our field staff. Initial set up is over and awaiting the program team to operationalize the use of application.
- Got new screening request from Bangalore central DCPO for 3 CCI's
- Had a fantastic team outing for the year which transformed into an exceptional retreat experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS

We're thrilled to announce the return of the PODIUM Newsletter at PACT INDIA! After a short break due to resource limitations, we've found creative solutions to keep you informed about our progress. This newsletter highlights achievements from January 2024 to March 2024.

The 2023-24 operational year has been a resounding success for PACT. We've witnessed significant growth and exciting new opportunities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this journey.

At PACT, our reputation for excellence is paramount. We constantly strive to exceed expectations, develop innovative strategies, and deliver exceptional services to children with special needs (OAS) and our partner Child Care Institutions (CCIs). This commitment has led to remarkable achievements:

- Securing our first-ever CSR grant from Wissen.
- Operationalizing Dolphin Tank's support
- Obtaining an in-kind grant from Motivation India.
- Exploring opportunities to be a thought leader in evaluating and recommending future strategies of a disability program by a 150 years old organization in Tamil Nadu.

Our collaborative spirit has been instrumental in rolling out eight inclusive child care institutes. Special thanks to partners like Amar Seva Sangam for customizing our tech-based Management Information System (MIS) for these institutes. We're excited to expand our impact through new partnerships and innovative solutions. As we approach the final phase of our first strategic period, we're committed to refining our operations and reaching more children geographically.

We're incredibly grateful for your continued support in creating a brighter future for children everywhere. Your feedback is invaluable as we strive for continuous improvement. Let's work together to embrace the exciting possibilities that 2024-25 holds.



Dr. Reuban Daniel
Head Of Programs & Operations
PACT INDIA



FEATURED ARTICLE

A WARRIOR WOMAN

This case highlights the remarkable resilience of a single mother facing significant challenges to provide for her son's special needs.

I was deeply moved during an interview with this woman in her mid-40s who shared her journey. It was a stark reminder of how easily we overlook the blessings and privileges we have in our lives. She began by joyfully recounting the moment her first-born son cried for the first time, but soon her narrative turned into one of tragedy as he fell critically ill shortly after birth, experiencing seizures and developmental delays that persist to this day at the age of 10.

Despite lacking support from her family, including her spouse, this resilient mother has taken it upon herself to provide for her son's basic needs, often leaving him unattended for hours to work as a house help in nearby homes just to ensure they have food and shelter. Financially, she struggles to afford the necessary rehabilitation and medical care her son requires. However, her life took a turn for the better when she discovered an NGO that offers support to children with special needs from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds during the day, providing essential care and rehabilitation services in collaboration with other organizations. Her simple dream is for her son to be able to sit up without assistance, a milestone that would signify victory to her.

Her story serves as a poignant reminder of the countless women like her who are fighting tirelessly to improve the lives of their children with special needs. As I reflect on my involvement in this child's rehabilitation journey, I am filled with gratitude for the basic privileges we often take for granted. Let us never overlook the importance of extending a helping hand to those in need, and always cherish what we have.



Dr Merlyn Hilda PT
Co-Founder
PACT INDIA

COHORT II UPDATE

Eighteen Child Care Institutions (CCIs) registered and participated in the assessment process for PACT's 2nd COHORT program. The evaluation results are currently being finalized.

The announcement of Lok Sabha elections has caused a temporary pause in awarding grants. This means the selection of one CCI to receive a Rs. 250,000 and grants worth Rs. 70,000 to be shared by four CCIs will be delayed.

PACT ensured a rigorous evaluation process by appointing qualified personnel:

- Mr. David Istacky from the Good Samaritan Foundation.
- Ms. Usharani, a member of PACT INDIA's governing board.

We will announce the grant recipients once the evaluation process is complete and the election period has concluded.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS QUARTER



- PACT has entered into its 4th year of existence.
- Individualized care plan (ICP) training was offered to 8 CCI's.
- 6 CCI's ICP's were reviewed & plan of actions are drafted for better ICP capturing
- PACT was felicitated by DCPO of Bangalore central for the works on inclusive CCI's
- 8 inclusive CCI's were set up. It is now up and running with the rehab care services in all these CCI's.
- Program ROOTS was redefined which now suits our internal operations by catering in depth services and with extended age group
- 18 children with special needs from 3 different partner CCI's were provided with customized ,digitally designed assistive devices through our strategic partner.
- Internship program for students from Holy Cross college, Trichy was a great success. Students completed their internship and ready to work in different set up where disability rehab would be catered. This also includes one student with visual impairment.
- PACT was a part of a collaborative consultation to draw 2 CCI's future strategies in Bangalore central's DCPU zone.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT

PACT is honored to collaborate with Amar Seva Sangam, a longstanding advocate for empowering individuals with disabilities since 1981. Their "Valley for the Disabled" initiative is a shining example of promoting inclusion through rehabilitation and social integration. Our collaboration began with the Enabling Inclusion® app, facilitating early interventions for children with disabilities. This innovative tool, after a successful trial, is now a comprehensive support system of PACT, covering assessments in special needs, therapy, and more.

Our journey with Amar Seva Sangam not only enhances services but also imparts profound lessons in humbleness and compassion. This tech based app now tracks the progress of our OAS children with special needs, assists our field specialists manage their interventions, monitors the quality of services provided & takes actions for corrections if any. We express gratitude for this transformative partnership.



INTERVENTIONAL SERVICES OF PACT

Name of the CCI	No of children	No of sessions provided by PACT specialists	No of sessions delivered by PACT's Trained caregivers at CCI's	Total no of sessions
Govt Sishu mandira	8	193	336	529
Antaragange Vidya Samasthe, Kolar	13	155	546	701
Infant Jesus Children Home	9	216	377	593
Grace Foundation Charitable Trust	12	288	579	867
Liza home	4	96	168	264
Missionaries of Charity	16	385	864	1249
His paradise for deserted	14	332	671	1003
Aryan Ashreya	3	0	126	126

ALL ABOUT INCLUSIVE CCI & INCLUSIVE REHAB CENTER

PACT proudly inaugurates its pioneering initiative, the Model Inclusive Child Care Institution (CCI) & inclusive rehab centers, at 5 CCI's & 3 care homes. This marks our mission 15 promised and proposed to our esteemed supporters Adhyan foundation, living my promise & motivation India.

Recognizing the unique needs of children with special requirements, beyond the basics of food and shelter, we embarked on this journey. Our model CCI aims to provide specialized services, fostering independence and integration into society. Through sensitization programs and partnerships, we advocate for inclusive care in childcare institutes across Karnataka. This is just a beginning and we wish that our vision Gratitude to the Karnataka Government, CCI heads, and our dedicated team. Special thanks to the ADHYAN Foundation, the Living My Promise Foundation, Motivation India for their unwavering support. This milestone is just the beginning of our mission to transform CCIs into inclusive havens for every child.



OUR SUPPORTERS



GRATITUDE

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Government of Karnataka

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

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Mrs. Meenakshi Ramesh
Mrs. Smitha Kothari
Mrs. Anandhi Yagnaraman
Mrs. Chitra Aravind

JOB OPENINGS

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Salary: ₹30-35K per month (excluding incentives)

Requirements: Master's or Bachelor's degree holders, experienced or fresher may apply.

SPEECH THERAPIST

Salary: ₹20-35K per month (excluding incentives)

Pre Requisite: Bachelor's degree holder, fresher may apply.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Bachelor's or Master's degree required.

Freshers as well as those with up to 5 years of experience may apply.

Job Location: Bangalore (Including traveling to the rural community)

Date of Joining: Immediate

Selection based on interviews and competency mapping.

BE A HERO

Support PACT

PACT India is committed to rehabilitating OAS children with special needs in CCIs. Contribute and bear the cost towards the betterment of the abandoned, surrendered and orphaned children with special needs at PACT

- A Child's Rehab Care for a month @ Rs 3700/-
- A Child's Healthcare Requirements for a month @Rs. 575/-
- An Orphanage's annual needs to cater a special child's assistive needs @Rs. 22500/-
- Support a child with a recurring donation of Rs 850/- every month
- Make an open donation for PACT to use the funds based on urgent and important needs

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