



Vinati Organics Limited



WE EMPOWER AND NURTURE THE RURAL COMMUNITIES

A HEARTFELT NOTE



At VOL, we believe that there is no greater gift than the gift of giving. Being a speciality chemical manufacturing company committed to clean and green technology, we feel we want to carry forward that same socially responsible attitude while giving back to our communities. Through our CSR initiatives, we empower and nurture the rural communities around our manufacturing sites.

We are going through some unprecedented times because of the COVID-19 pandemic with millions of people experiencing hunger and job loss. We have played an active role to help people recuperate from this pandemic by our various relief initiatives. These initiatives have transitioned from providing grocery/ration kits and safety gear like PPE suits, sanitizers and masks to healthcare equipments like ventilators and X-ray machines in Mumbai, Raigad and Ratnagiri to providing an opportunity to regain means of livelihood with dignity and respect. Additionally, we also support promoting education, healthcare, sanitation and environmental sustainability in the Raigad and Ratnagiri districts of Maharashtra. In both these districts, we work with the community, panchayats, governments agencies and NGOs to achieve our goals of sustainable development and inclusive growth. We believe that together we can make a difference by working collaboratively with our various stakeholders.

Our diverse basket of CSR projects has only been possible because of our dedicated partners. I would like to thank our CSR committee and the organizations that we work with who help us get closer to our dream of achieving many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

--Viral Saraf Mittal, Director of CSR at Vinati Organics Limited (VOL)



HUNGER

Maslow's hierarchy of needs places our physiological needs like food, water and shelter at the very base of the pyramid without which none of the higher levels of human needs can be realized. We at VOL recognize the basic need especially during times of crisis.

Food for Survival

VOL supplied ration kits to families of daily-wage earners who had lost their means of livelihood due to the pandemic. Each kit containing flour, rice, lentils, oil, salt, tea, spices and soap was meant to sustain a family of four for two weeks. 1,000 such kits were distributed in the slum pockets of Mumbai as part of Rotary Club's District Welfare Fund. Moreover, closer to our plant, we handed out grocery packets to 850 families residing in Mahad.

When the pandemic was at its peak, cyclone Nisarga unleashed its fury over the Konkan coast in the first week of June 2020. The natural disaster destroyed 2,391 houses, took 71 lives, and resulted in damage of INR 1,000 crores according to a TOI report. The strong winds, heavy rainfall, and surging sea waves also uprooted crops in its wake. As per appeal made by government authorities, VOL supplied food-grain packets worth INR 2.5 lakhs to cyclone affected villagers.





HEALTH

They say “Health is Wealth” for a good reason. The year 2020 particularly was one when the adage held true more than ever. The pandemic made us pay special attention to our health and well-being. But let alone a medical crisis, many Indians do not have access to reasonable medical facilities in normal course. Following are various interventions in the health and well-being space that we supported last year:

I. REJUVENATING THE LIFELINE

VOL donated blood component separation machines to Jankalyan Blood Bank: the only institution extending its services in blood collection, storage and distribution from a long time for the region stretching from Pen to Chiplun (about 150 kms as the bird flies). The donation of refrigerated centrifuge, vertical plasma freezer, and automated hematology analyzer will ensure that hundreds of people in the 2 districts and 16 talukas get timely medical help in the future.

“We are so grateful for your support... Your donation for equipments is going to be back bone for this Unit.”

Dhananjay Paranjape, President, Jankalyan Blood Bank



II. Investing in Youth Well-being

Funds from VOL were used to support the four implementing partners of Dasra Adolescents Collaborative (DAC) for executing the program in Jharkhand.

The 10 to19: Dasra Adolescents Collaborative works towards the following outcomes key to adolescent well-being:

- 1. Delay age at marriage**
- 2. Delay age at pregnancy/birth**
- 3. Complete secondary education**
- 4. Increase agency**

Our three years commitment to the collaborative reformed the lives of around 150,000 adolescents this year on the above four parameters.





III. Holistic aid during COVID-19 crisis

VOL rose to the occasion by contributing to different demographics as per their needs during lockdown.

The organization donated a ventilator worth of INR 25 lakhs to a government hospital in Lote near one of our factories. In addition, we provided an X-ray machine to SMS Hospital COVID-19 centre benefiting 450 patients in the region. Moreover, we supported the COVID centre started by Mahad Manufacturer's Association for treatment of employees and their families working at MIDC as well as for general public residing in nearby villages. 762 in-patients and more than 1,200 out-patients were treated in the hospital free-of-cost.

In terms of protective equipment, sanitizers and masks were distributed to 2,000 families in Mahad and to 5,000 families in Lote. Also, VOL dispensed PPE kits worth INR 1 lakh to police staff in Lote.

To cater to the basic need for food during the epidemic, we disbursed grocery packets feeding 1,850 families in Mumbai slums and in Mahad.

Overall, we at VOL are proud to pledge our support to our fellow Indians in the dark hour by contributing INR 1 crore to PM CARES Fund.





IV. Saving and bettering children's lives

The SRCC Children's Hospital, managed by Narayana Health, is a multi-speciality medical institution for children from ages 0 to 18 years requiring treatment towards life-changing surgical corrections and life-threatening disorders. VOL supports the hospital's intent that no child should be deprived of treatment owing to lack of funds.

VOL contributed INR 30 lakh towards supporting 50 kids towards cochlear and ENT treatment, cardiac surgery, oncology, neuro-surgery, and critical care among others.

"Vinati Organics CSR office came forward and encouraged SRCC request for supporting economically challenged kids with financial support. Kids operated at SRCC from Vinati CSR Funds have impacted in life changing & life threatening disorders."

Ankit Shrimali, CSR Head - SRCC Children's Hospital





CASE STORY 1: MAYURI DHEMBRE

Recurring abdominal pain, constant itching, fatigue, night sweats and weight loss is not what a nine-year-old girl should have to worry about. Yet this is what life looked like for Mayuri Dhembre: a case of biliary stricture.

A resident of a village called Suregaon in Maharashtra, Mayuri's father brought her to Mumbai a year ago for treatment. Mayuri's father who was working as a labourer pre-lockdown earned INR 4,500 per month. The pandemic rendered him jobless. Nevertheless, he managed liver transplant surgery of his daughter which costs in lakhs via generosity of his relatives, friends and charitable trusts like VOL.



CASE STORY 2: VELANKANNI CHETTY

Velankanni Chetty had to undergo bladder exstrophy correction and limb reconstruction at mere seventh day of his existence in the world. The rare birth-defect causes the bladder to develop outside the fetus. The treatment for the condition costing INR 5,75,000 was way beyond the means of Velankanni's father who pre-pandemic earned INR 12,000 a month as a painter. The procedure was made possible by funding from VOL among other donors.



CASE STORY 3: SWARA

When Swara's parents would have named her, they wouldn't have known that their daughter whose name means a musical note, can barely hear. In fact, they came to know about her deformity at age one. However, due to the high cost of the surgery, her father who is a farmer in Amravati, was not able to get his daughter operated. As Swara approaches her third birthday, she'll be able to hear for the first time: thanks to the cochlear implantation she underwent with support from donors like VOL.



V. Happy Second Birthday

One in three stunted children in the world live in India and every second child in India under age five is anaemic. The deficiency in nutrition in early years thwarts the physical and mental growth of the child thereby affecting his/her productivity as an adult and this in turn dents the country's economy.

To address this challenge, Foundation for Mother and Child Health (FMCH) launched Project Poshan to prevent chronic malnutrition in children during the first 1,000 days of their lives. FMCH works with the mothers and families of the children as well as with Anganwadi workers as part of Integrated Child Development Scheme under Ministry of Women and Child Development to carry out counselling and monitoring interventions. The project is underway in two neighborhoods of Mumbai namely Powai and Kurla.

VOL aided FMCH in its endeavour by contributing funds towards training costs, medicines for families, salaries of frontline workers, and general operations of the program. Our grant enabled over 3,500 children to reach their second birthday in a happy and healthy fashion.



"One of the things Vinati CSR is their do social good and sustainability. Viral time, and understood saw the need for it. She

that stand out about deep involvement to desire for was generous with her our work very easily and not only asked us questions

about the work and its sustainability, but was open to learning about the challenges as well. We are grateful to Vinati for being a partner on our mission and hope to continue to partner with them to reach 1 million families!"

Shruthi Iyer, CEO of FMCH



EDUCATION

We agree with Nelson Mandela when he says: Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. Education, in its holistic sense, is the gateway to solving many social problems like poverty, unemployment, gender issues, and climate change. The VOL family is passionate about contributing to the SDG of Quality Education as reflected in the diverse initiatives we supported this year:

I. MORE THAN BRICK-AND-MORTAR

VOL partook in the construction of an Anganwadi and community hall building at Asanpoi village upon request from the gram panchayat. Twenty-seven needy children are studying in the Anganwadi school. Moreover, villagers celebrate their cultural programs in the community hall.





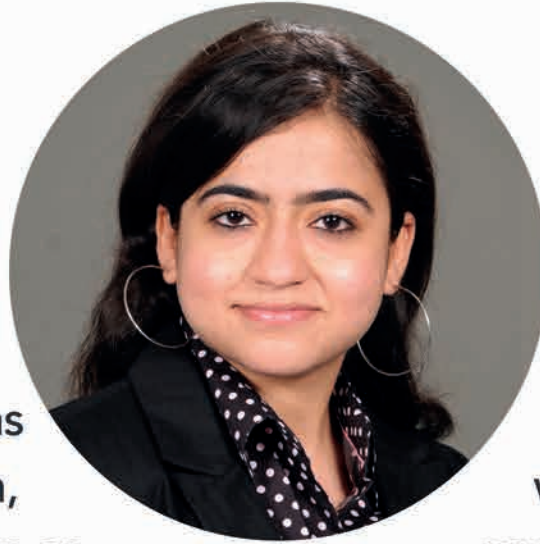
II. Beyond textbooks

We supported two education NGOs through Atma which builds capacity of the NGOs for them to achieve sustainability and scalability thereby contributing to delivering quality education. The funds contributed by VOL have been used for servicing the cost of programme design and management, programme staff salaries, and project overheads.

One of the NGOs is Tapasya Pratishthan. It organizes existing resources within governments and civil society to drive its policy implementation model, develop a rich body of research on the selected policies, and support holistic development of children from economic and socially disadvantaged backgrounds. Tapasya is based out of Pune and works with children in Nandurbar, Thane, Pune and a few other districts in Maharashtra. VOL backed the NGO to support 742 families through their COVID relief helpline and 1,437 families through ground operations.

Rubaroo is the second NGO that we supported. Rubaroo works to eliminate incidences of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) by raising awareness through education on CSA, inculcating gender sensitivity in children and adults, imparting body safety knowledge, and providing counselling support to children and their families. The NGO is based out of Mumbai and works with children in Mumbai schools. The grant from VOL helped Rubaroo create digital content to deliver this programme online. They expanded their focus to adult stakeholders as child safety is an adult responsibility. They also focused on mental well-being for children and adults to address the generalised stress brought on by the pandemic and increased vulnerability of people in abusive homes. All in all, VOL's contribution helped Rubaroo reach 23,073 children and 13,435 adults.





"Vinati Organics has for Atma in many support to us for a greatly appreciated as to the organisation, extremely useful in an

been a pivotal donor ways. Firstly, their period of 3 years is it lends funding stability which has proved to be uncertain year like 2020.

Secondly, Vinati Organics has been the right mix of engaged and hands off in a way that their support lended us flexibility in terms of what we do on a day to day basis, yet their engagement in going over 6 monthly progress reports showed their commitment in ensuring that our work was achieving its intended outcomes. Lastly, Viral has been very warm and supportive in a difficult year and that goes a long way for us at Atma. Overall, we are very happy to be engaged with VOL and look forward to a continued long term association with them."

- **Sneha Arora**, CEO of ATMA

III. Developing scientific faculties

Navkonkan Education Society, a reputed education society in Ratnagiri district, established DBJ college in Chiplun city in the year 1965. Presently, about 6,000 students from surrounding villages study here. However, considering the growing number of students, there was a need to develop additional infrastructure.

VOL took an initiative and invested INR 1 crore to construct a building which encompasses physics, chemistry, biology and computer science laboratory under one roof. Now, about 450 students can do their laboratory experiments at a time in this building!



"Our laboratories were appreciated a lot by external examiners and also visitors from educational departments. Students really enjoy their practical studies which will definitely help in improving their knowledge and ultimately their results."

L. A. Biradar, Vice-principal, DBJ College, Chiplun

"This is one of the best Chemistry laboratory that I have ever seen in the entire Ratnagiri district. Thank you very much for providing such a well-equipped laboratory for the students of department of Chemistry."

S. K. Jadhav, Department of Chemistry, DBJ College, Chiplun

"As practical knowledge has real sense in education, our laboratory is soul of our chemistry subject. We enjoyed a lot while doing practicals in our new laboratory due to easy accessibility."

Prachi Kadam, Student





IV. School of thought

Jijamata Shikshan Prasarak Mandal established in 1925 was running a semi-English secondary school for 5th to 10th standard students in Lote. The school located in MIDC area educated more than 450 students from nearby villages. These students are children of contract workers who work in different industries in the region and this school was the only option for them to pursue studies at nominal cost.

However, the school building and other infrastructure was not adequate for the students. We invested INR 1.54 crores to revamp the school infrastructure including school building, laboratory, assembly hall, drinking-water facility, playground, and gender-segregated washrooms. The school is christened Kavita Vinod Saraf High School.

V. Sponsoring Chemical Research

VOL sponsored four Post Doctoral Fellows for researching chemical products at Indian Institute of Chemical Technology. A sum of INR 20 lakh was granted for the advancing the science. In the same vein, INR 6 lakh was issued to Central Electrochemical Research Institute for conducting a feasibility study on synthesis of P-Cuminaldehyde from P-Cymene by electrochemical route.





CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



The issues relating to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) are very pertinent in our surrounding areas. The problems of waste management, water scarcity and accessibility are as relevant to rural areas if not more than urban habitats. Following are some of our small-scale efforts in the WASH domain in the past year. We hope to fortify our contributions to the Clean Water and Sanitation SDG in the coming years.

I. Treating Effluent

As part of our small gestures towards WASH initiatives, VOL supported Lote Parshuram Environment Protection Co-Op. Society to the tune of INR 2.25 lakhs towards setting up Common Effluent Treatment Plant for treating contaminated water that is discharged in Dabhol canal.

II. Building Water Tank

We also built a water tank in Hedutane village giving respite to 100 villagers from the drudgery of fetching water from faraway locations thus improving their quality of life.

III. Lift Irrigation Project

Our organization brought water to the fields of 10 farmers and their families in Bhalyachiwadi and Yarmal villages thus irrigating the low-lying areas and bestowing prosperity on the communities.



DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

There could not have been a more apt timing to address the cause of livelihood when the pandemic shot the unemployment rates through the roof. Moreover, it is equally important to upskill our labour classes and blue-collar workers so that they can work in more dignified, respectable, and higher-paying jobs. Our commitment to this SDG will only grow in the time to come because we believe that only when Indians flourish can India prosper!

Unlocking Livelihoods

Social Venture Partners (SVP) India provides a platform to philanthropists to engage with the non-profit sector in a hands-on manner thereby enabling capacity building of the NGOs. VOL supports SVP India to achieve its grand Million Jobs Mission by year 2022. Our CSR Director is engaged with SVP India as a partner, representing VOL's commitment to the cause.





LIFE ON LAND

How can we continue to exist if we abuse the earth that hosts us and disregard the various life-forms that are connected to our survival? Therefore at VOL, we decided to do something for one part of our natural ecosystem namely the wildlife. For starters, here is our humble effort towards animal conservation and an overview of our plan going forward.



Protecting Fauna

VOL commissioned a scientific report to Wildlife Conservation Trust to assess the occupancy and distribution of threatened large carnivores in the 700-km stretch of the bio-diverse Sahyadri-Konkan corridor. The project involved study of the present distribution and change in occupancy of four species namely tiger, dhole, leopard, and sloth bear. On basis of the assessment, the report made four recommendations:

1. **Improve habitat and wild prey status in existing Protected Areas**
2. **Create satellite core areas**
3. **Consolidate the corridor habitats**
4. **Secure funding for wildlife protection and management**

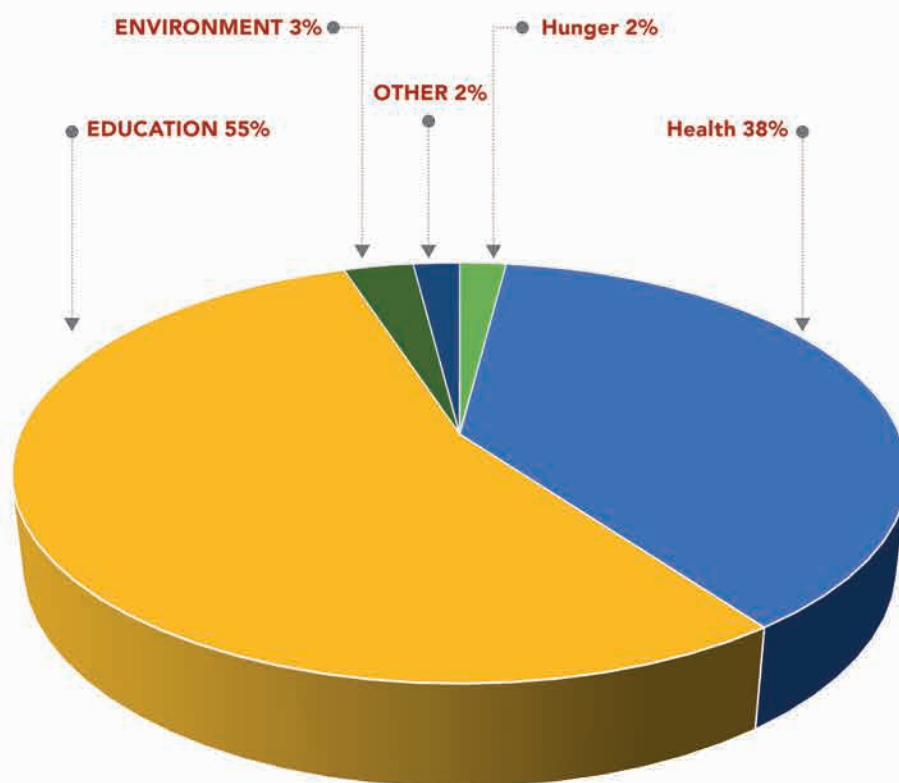
VOL has also committed to engage in initiatives in the future towards wildlife conservation through the following:

- **Capacity building of frontline forest staff to undertake wildlife monitoring, law enforcement, forensics and trauma management**
- **Contributing to tiger conservation in the corridor and managing new Protected Areas**
- **Intervening to reduce crop loss due to large and small wildlife**

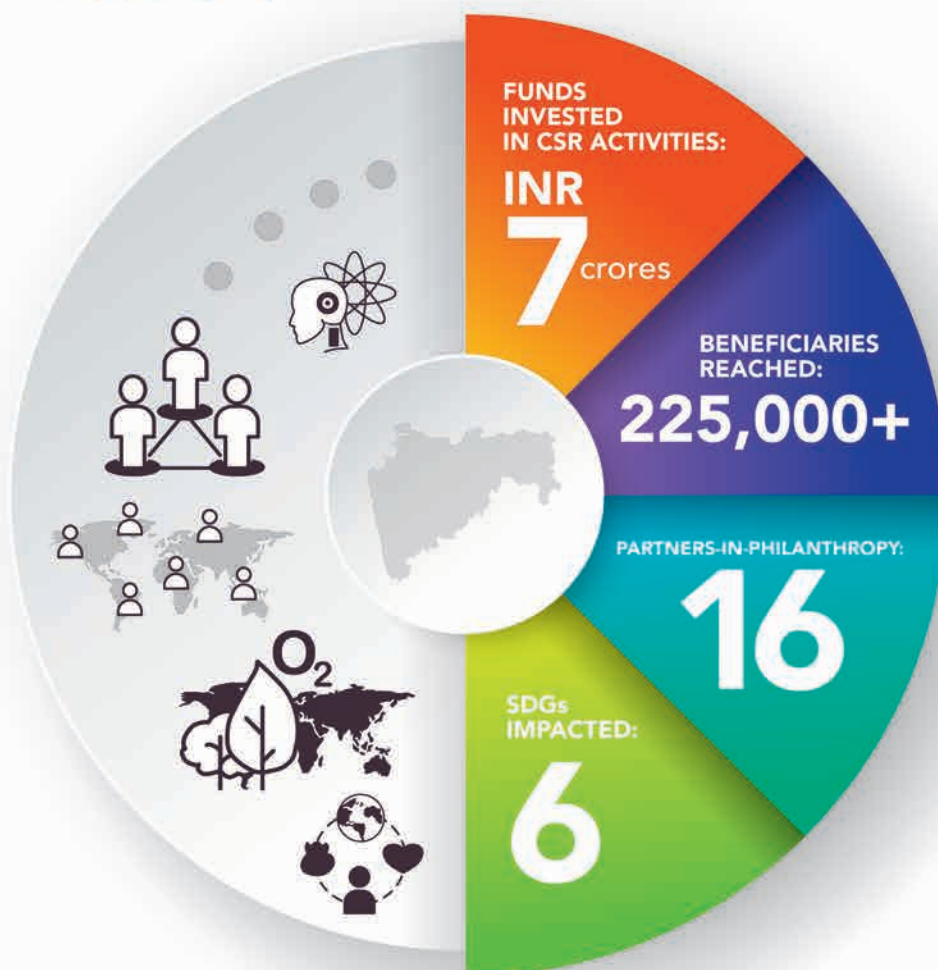




CSR SPENDS ON DIFFERENT SDGS



IMPACT IN NUMBERS





A PEEK INTO THE FUTURE:

We earnestly believe that real development should be well-rounded. If it is just materialistic, it runs the risk of being lopsided. In that spirit, our organization vows to undertake social welfare activities in order for the development to be sustainable, equitable and inclusive.

As we usher forth in our philanthropic journey, VOL will continue to retain its focus on health and education while expanding initiatives in other SDG areas. To do so, we will need to partner with organizations who align with our ideology and principles.

Swades Foundation is one such partner who we've committed to support in 2021-22. The Foundation will help us achieve holistic development of Mahad block in Raigad district through the following interventions:

- 1. Rain-water harvesting for irrigating farmlands**
- 2. Facilitating access to drinking water in each home**
- 3. Building toilets in homes to enable open-defecation-free community**
- 4. Promoting WASH initiatives in schools to foster learning**
- 5. Equipping schools with digital literacy tools**
- 6. Supporting COVID-affected livelihoods**

The partnership between VOL and Swades is slated to impact more than **1,300 households** i.e. **5,000+ lives including two schools.**



We're also elated to announce our collaboration with Collective Good Foundation (CGF), a specialist in design and implementation of large-scale development sector projects, to address issues of education, livelihoods, and sanitation with a gender lens. Over the next two years, **we will be backing CGF's flagship The 13 to 30 Program** to undertake the following activities in rural pockets of Raigad:

1. Awarding scholarships to **320 girls** enrolled in classes 11th and 12th for their higher education
2. Conducting in-school training for **3,500 adolescent boys and girls** enrolled in low-income schools
3. Offering out-of-school employability program to **150 drop-out women and men** from marginalized communities to train them for work-readiness
4. Setting up or refurbishing WASH infrastructure in **5 schools and rolling out behaviour-change campaigns among 1,000 of its students**

In addition, VOL has also pledged to CGF to help women cohorts across Maharashtra to bounce back from the economic shocks triggered by COVID-19 by helping them resume their jobs.

Thus, we at VOL wholeheartedly embrace the future full of possibilities and opportunities to contribute our share to attaining Sustainable Development Goals.

