



CINI Australia

Child In Need India
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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CINI AUSTRALIA FRIENDS

"You have truly made a difference in the lives of so many people & we thank you", CINI Founder, Dr Chauduri.

Your wonderful support is a vital part of the COVID Relief work, especially as many are having a horrendously difficult time....

We wish you a happy & healthy Christmas & New Year.



News from India

IMMENSE IMPACT OF CINI COVID ASSISTANCE CENTRES (CSK)

Eight months ago, CINI inaugurated its first CSK (COVID Sahayata Kendra or COVID Assistance Centre) in West Bengal as the second surge of COVID-19 took hold in India. Australia's generous response raised over \$18,000 for some of the most vulnerable people in India. With support from Australia and around the world, Child in Need Institute has:

- Opened 45 CSK's in 4 states (2 of which are in the Tea Garden District of North Bengal, a first for CINI Australia)
- Established 4 quarantine "safe houses" across West Bengal
- Distributed over 60,000kg of Nutrimix to families in need.
- Provided over 45,000 family "COVID survival kits" Provided over 90,000 people with information, referral, transport
- Set up 22 mobile outreach centres to deliver COVID campaigns into remote/hard to reach areas



COVID RELIEF IN ASSAM - A COLLABORATION

The WA State Government responded to India's devastating 2nd COVID-19 surge, establishing a \$2million relief fund. The Assam Association of WA & CINI Australia responded to the call for applications & received \$100,000. This has enabled CINI to set up three COVID assistance centres, reaching slum dwellers, & others who are severely marginalised. The Assam State Government has been so impressed by CINI's ability to penetrate slum areas, they added their vaccination team to CINI's mobile outreach efforts - the first week alone saw 2500 vaccinations of people who would ordinarily miss out. Support also includes guidance & emergency health transport. Essential public health messaging is being disseminated in local languages using vans and tuk-tuks (one driven by Assam's first ever female tuk-tuk driver!) to reach over 50,000 people. Teenagers from remote tribal districts are being trained to educate their communities about COVID. Food & sanitation packages have been distributed to the most vulnerable families. CINI will also expand the existing Teenline service to provide mental health support to many more throughout Assam and West Bengal.



UJJAN - OUR NEW ADOLESCENT PROGRAM IN KOLKATA'S RED LIGHT DISTRICT

Our newest project called Ujjan, began in July. It is supported by the generous bequest from long-term CINI Australia supporter Erika Keane, and a grant from The Meridian Global Foundation, Giving Circle (see article below)

Children from 10 to 19 years, in one of Kolkata's huge Red Light Districts will be supported in their transition through adolescence to achieve their basic human rights. These children, surrounded by brothels and substance abuse, are at severe risk of exploitation. They live with stigma and have little access to mainstream services.

CINI has identified 545 children who are particularly vulnerable because of their mothers' work and poverty. In spite of their difficulties they are eager to learn. They will learn about their bodies, their sexual and mental health, the impact of substance abuse and teen pregnancy and how to access support services.

In turn they will spread what they learn to the other 1800 children in their community. They will elect peer leaders to receive further leadership training to have a voice at the table, representing the needs and priorities of adolescents in community decision making. Parents, services and community leaders will come together to better understand and support this transition so they can become skilled leaders and parents of the next generation.



CINI'S POSITIVE INFLUENCE REACHES BEYOND ITS OWN PROGRAMS



This image screams of the extraordinary commitment of front line health workers & the community's determination to ensure their children are vaccinated, despite massive flooding.

These Government health workers are delivering polio vaccinations to villagers – one of whom brought his 15 day old baby in a paddy-boiler through flood water! The villagers came to greet the workers, knowing that the rains were coming (and indeed they did, just after baby's polio drop was administered).

An elderly Community Nurse, with her own health challenges is accompanied here by the Community Nurse/midwife who carries the Immunisation Box on her head – they say “Love these kids, they cannot afford to miss this immunization”.

CINI is a state resource and training centre in West Bengal for Government front line health workers. They instil the "CINI Method", build skills in community collaboration and equip the trainees to work in such conditions. Paid less than AU\$1.50 per day, the steadfast commitment of these grassroots health workers of West Bengal are an inspiration to ensure immunisation reaches the whole world.

MODUS PROPERTY REACHES REMARKABLE DONATION MILESTONE

Modus Property, Perth's Renovations and Repair company, understands the importance of working with families to create the solutions they need.

Their monthly donations since 2018, now total an extraordinary \$100,000.

Their support has provided much needed security for IICCHAA – the only program that addresses the specific needs of children affected by HIV. As a result over 300 families have overcome the devastation, fear and isolation of HIV. They now have access to essential health care and medication, food packages, community education, education scholarships, housing, financial advice, income generation training and access to government schemes that would otherwise remain unknown.

Modus Property
11 October
\$100,000 Donation Milestone



To the team and clients of Modus - your generosity is having widespread inter-generational impact. Words can't express our gratitude sufficiently. The parents, grandparents and children all say: THANK YOU!!

MORE AMAZING SUPPORT FROM AUSTRALIA

Collaboration with local Indian communities is vital to the work of CINI Australia. We thank The Assam Association of WA for their support with WA State Government India COVID-19 relief fund grant, Ms Charandasi, the Consulate General of India WA and Mr Yaj Mubarakai, MLA (Jandakot) and for their encouragement and advice. This enabled our Assam COVID relief work (see article above).



Australian Indian Medical Association (WA)'s swift response to our COVID appeal, raised more than \$4,000 in just one week for COVID-19 prevention and control efforts delivered by CINI.



Australian Indian
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Also, many individuals have continued to offer incredible support to CINI, including our regular donors and sponsors, as well as many new donors and even a very special 5 year old who invited loved ones to donate to CINI in honour of her birthday!

CINI Australia qualified to present at the Meridian Global Foundation's annual Giving Circle event where we had the honour of standing beside inspiring organisations Lyfe Languages & Australia for Cedar Tanzania (ACT). Thanks to all at The Meridian Foundation for your idea and commitment, encouraging others to share their abundance where it is most needed - their community of "mates who donate" (where everyday people become everyday philanthropists) have been giving back in a sustainable way since 2005. CINI Australia received \$10,000 which will help fund our UJJAN project for children in Kolkata's Red Light Districts (see article above).



2021 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year's Christmas Appeal will help CINI communities survive & thrive beyond COVID. For 2 years, it's been difficult to think beyond the COVID infection & lockdowns. Now the wider, longer term impacts of the pandemic are becoming frighteningly clear. They threaten to undo much of the progress of the past decade. Therefore, CINI is directing its skills, developed over 47 years, to re establish essential health care, childhood immunization and nutrition programs. There is much work to be done and our trusted teams are on the ground already. Our contributions will support their efforts.

Loss of income and food insecurity have resulted in a 91% increase in the number of severely malnourished children in India. With schools closed for 18 months, the midday meal has gone, children are behind in their learning and many will struggle to return to the classroom. Your contribution will help rebuild lives after COVID.



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DONATE NOW AT www.givenow.com.au/ciniaustralia

Celebrating

— 10 YEARS —

LOOKING FORWARD TO OPENING UP IN 2022!

As WA heads towards vaccination milestones, we are hopeful that we can welcome you all to live events next year. Look out for announcements regarding 10 year celebrations, Mother's Day in May and Movie Fundraisers throughout the year!!



How You Can Help



Become a regular donor or sponsor at www.ciniaustralia.org (or use the QR code here)

Donate in lieu of a Christmas or Birthday gift

Volunteer your time or resources

Your feedback is always welcome...email us at admin@ciniaustralia.org



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