

## Latest news from India

While restrictions are easing in Australia, India is still very much at the battlefront of the Covid crisis. Here's a recent update from our colleagues on the ground.

**FAMILIES & HOMES** With loss of work, countless go hungry for at least one meal a day. Crowded squatter colonies & roadside pavement dwellings make social distancing, sufficient sanitation & hygiene near impossible in communities sharing single bathrooms & small spaces.

**ADOLESCENTS** are dropping out of school & seeking work. Child abuse & child marriages have increased during lock down & restless, agitated children & adolescents refuse to stay indoors, adding more pressure to parents.

Adolescent girls struggle to maintain hygiene during menstruation & need counselling on how to maintain proper hygiene in lock down.

**THE GOOD NEWS** is that no children or adolescents from various projects have reported symptoms of COVID-19.

**CINI SUPPORT** Volunteers & staff are supplementing government efforts by providing counselling through regular video calls. Adolescents are especially being targeted for increased exposure to smartphone & internet, increasing vulnerability to cyber-crimes. CINI's Lifeskills Program is delivered through video/phone & covers topics including Covid-19 prevention measures, hygienic menstruation practice & general health & hygiene.

**TEENLINE & CHILDLINE** are operating from the Kolkata office with staff attending on a rotational basis.



## CINI helps maintain schooling & family support

**CINI's ONLINE EDUCATION SUPPORT** started shortly after the Indian Government commenced broadcasting all classes through national news channels. For one to two hours a day, online classes are conducted on digital platforms as per class schedules & student competencies. Online feedback mechanisms enable children to submit work online for review.



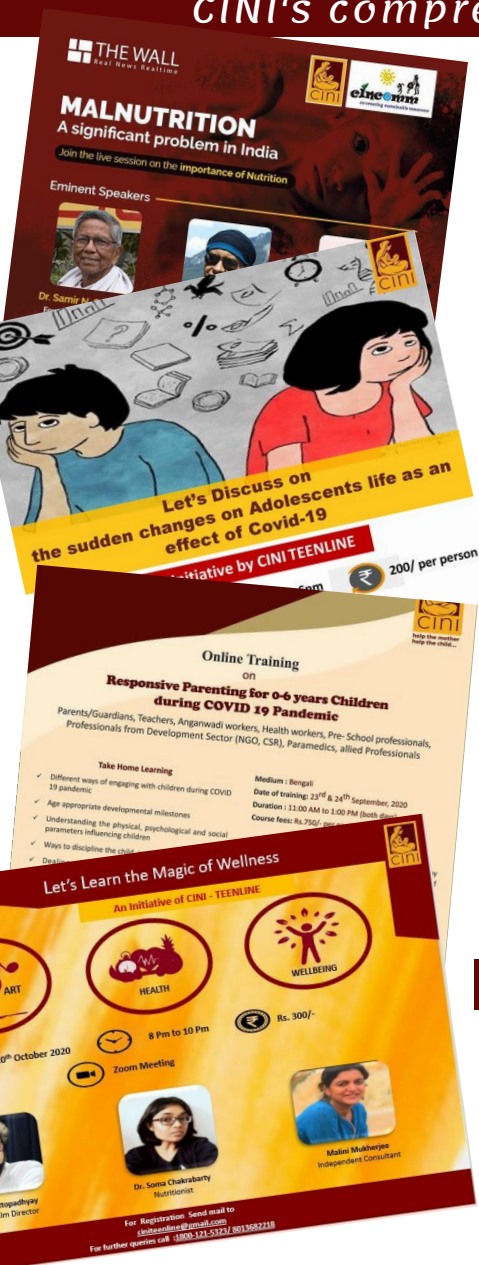
**ONLINE CLASSES** reach about 40% of children & adolescents with smartphones & internet. Children without smartphones are contacted by phone or visits to the local volunteer's home, for (Covid-Safe) face to face support.

**MAINTAINING THIS CONTACT** with students & their families through lock down has been instrumental in creating & maintaining linkages for marginalised families to access much needed food & supplies.

**LOCK DOWN PHASE-OUT** in some areas has seen CINI's education centres gradually re-open after thorough survey of the area reporting no COVID-19 cases & proper sanitisation of the centres along with availability of PPE for children/adolescents, volunteers & staff.



## CINI's comprehensive engagement & support continues



**CINI's HEALTH EDUCATION & SUPPORT** has continued, despite the lockdown restrictions. In true CINI fashion, it has responded to these challenges through innovative activities, to ensure the most vulnerable are not forgotten amongst the enduring crises of 2020.

Our colleagues in India have continued to provide comprehensive and engaging support to communities. The posters that frame this section are from just a few of the live online information sessions that have taken place.

These sessions have been hosted by CINI's leading health experts on topics including mental health, malnutrition, parenting (from lactating babies to teen health) and coping with adolescence (for both parents and teens), as well as professional development for health workers in these areas (for example "Respectful pregnancy care during Covid-19 Crisis").

**COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS** has also continued, enabling CINI to maximise their reach. For example a local footwear company (Khadim India) fulfilled their Corporate Social Responsibility by helping CINI distribute dry rations & nutrition supplement packages. Also Oxfam India & Charities Aid Foundation India worked with CINI to produce & deliver Covid-Safe health education roadshows & awareness campaigns.

White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood in India also produced a series of small videos to combat the information overload & miscommunications regarding Covid-safety.

## Families rebuild after Cyclone

Families in West Bengal have had their cyclone-damaged homes repaired. They are now safe, dry & secure, thanks to the generous response to our Appeal.

Brick walls & concrete foundations have replaced the bamboo walls & dirt floor that were washed away. Solid walls & roofs have replaced plastic, reed & bamboo structures that previously sheltered them.

Families don't have access to cameras to show us the renos but the relief & thanks they feel will endure, as they have the security of a safe home for the future.





## EXCITING NEWS!! CINI A DONATIONS ARE NOW TAX DEDUCTIBLE !!!



**AN EXCITING DEVELOPMENT & AN IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT** We are so delighted to announce that donations to CINI Australia are now tax deductible!

This great news will benefit our generous donors & means that CINI Australia is eligible for Employee Giving programs and Foundation Grants.

### CINI Australia Fundraising

## GIVENOW CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This is running again this year, to allow everyone the opportunity to share their Christmas giving with those in need in India.



**DONATE ONLINE NOW**

[www.givenow.com.au/ciniaustraliaxmasappeal2020](http://www.givenow.com.au/ciniaustraliaxmasappeal2020)



## CHRISTMAS KILLERBY WINE OFFER

Killerby's have again made a generous offer for friends of CINI Australia, which includes a sparkling wine (Ferngrove NV Sparkling Cuvee) for the festive season!



**EMAIL OR FAX ORDER FORM BY  
1st DECEMBER FOR PICK UP ON 5TH DECEMBER**

### In other news....

**CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE** When you deposit your used plastic bottles, cans and cartons to any Containers for Change outlet and enter our scheme code **C10330779**, 10c from every container will come directly to us!



**NEXT YEAR** We look forward to seeing you all again! April 2021 will mark our 10 Year Anniversary & we sincerely hope we can celebrate this milestone in person with our wonderful supporters & volunteers! And of course we truly hope we can celebrate Mothers Day together & share Movie Night Fundraisers again throughout 2021!

### What your sponsorship dollars pay for

**Educate a Child (EAC)** sponsorships support children from the streets & slums at CINI's inner city education programs. The dollars from an EAC sponsorship fund educational support & capacity building, recreational activities, counselling support & relevant materials.

This program not only keeps children in school but also keeps them (and their families) connected to invaluable community supports.



**Sponsor a Mother (SAM)** and her baby is a unique sponsorship because it starts with the mother in early pregnancy.

This is a critical time in the life of the child when she or he is completely dependent on the health & well being of his or her mother.

Your SAM dollars make a difference for a woman & her baby from the very beginning of life, covering antenatal care, safe childbirth, postnatal care & immunization as part of this sponsorship program.



## Special bequest to CINI Australia



We would like to acknowledge Erika Keane (1945-2020), who has left an extremely generous bequest to CINI Australia to "further the programs providing good nutrition & health care, safe childbirth & healthy & educated children."

Erika was "an amazingly artistic problem solver & great person to have on your team; an adventurer, gardener, trailblazer, artist, soulmate & best friend. Determined & strong, she was always there to care & assist" and has supported CINI Australia since its foundation in 2011.

Thank you to Erika & her family.



## Modus continues to make a meaningful difference

In August, CINI Australia thanked Modus Property, the Perth building renovation company, for their amazingly generous 24 monthly donations, helping more than 210 children affected by HIV.

## How You Can Help

- Donate in lieu of a Christmas or Birthday gift - [GIVENOW XMAS APPEAL LINK](#)
- Choose CINI Australia for your work place giving
- Become a regular donor or sponsor at [www.ciniaustralia.org](http://www.ciniaustralia.org)
- Volunteer your time or resources

To all the wonderful friends of CINI Australia,  
We wish you a very Happy Christmas & Best Wishes for the New Year  
Your feedback is always welcome...email us at [admin@ciniaustralia.org](mailto:admin@ciniaustralia.org)



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**Donate** on line [www.ciniaustralia.org/how-to-help/donate](http://www.ciniaustralia.org/how-to-help/donate) or complete & post this form

General programs donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ monthly for \_\_\_\_\_ months OR ☐ until advised OR ☐ once

Sponsor a Mother & baby: ☐ \$450 once OR ☐ \$15/month for 30 months OR ☐ until advised

Sponsor Educate A Child: ☐ \$240 once OR ☐ \$10/month for 24 months OR ☐ until advised

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Cheque payable to "CINI Australia" Post to PO Box 8358 PO Angelo St South Perth 6151

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