



SAHARA

A SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

Reflecting on our achievements and challenges during the year 2021-2022, Sahara Jan Kalyan Samiti continued its commitment to serving underprivileged communities through impactful initiatives in education, healthcare, and social welfare.



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IMPACT REPORT

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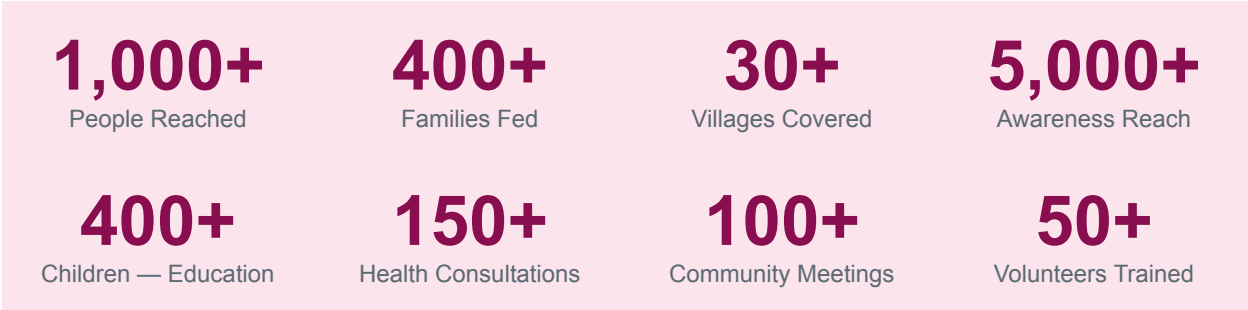
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AT A GLANCE — 2021-22

Our Impact in Numbers

The year 2021-22 was defined by the COVID-19 second wave — the worst humanitarian crisis in India in a generation. Sahara Jan Kalyan Samiti mobilized every resource it had to stand with communities through the darkest months. Over 1,000 people were directly supported.



In 2021-22, 70% of all expenditure went directly to COVID food relief and medical support — the highest-ever proportion in Sahara's history.

IMPACT 1 — COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

COVID-19 Emergency Response: No Family Left Behind

When India's second COVID wave struck in April 2021, it came with devastating speed. Daily wage workers lost income overnight. Migrant laborers were stranded far from home. Families ran out of food within days. Sahara Jan Kalyan Samiti's response was immediate, sustained, and deeply human.

Emergency Food Relief

<p>Ration Kit Distribution</p> <p>400+ families received rice, dal, oil, salt, and essentials — delivered to homes during lockdown.</p>	<p>Cooked Meals for Stranded Migrants</p> <p>Hot cooked meals provided to migrant workers stranded in Sagar — unable to work, pay rent, or return home.</p>
<p>Special Focus on Most Vulnerable</p> <p>Single women-headed households, elderly living alone, and daily wage workers prioritized in all distribution drives.</p>	<p>Door-to-Door Village Outreach</p> <p>Teams went village-to-village — ensuring even the most remote families did not go hungry during the lockdown.</p>

Medical Support & PPE

- Distributed medicines to COVID-affected individuals in home isolation without access to pharmacies
- Arranged hospital transportation for critical cases requiring urgent care in Sagar
- Distributed masks and sanitizers to all communities in operational areas
- Provided PPE kits, protective equipment, and essential supplies to ASHA workers and anganwadi staff on the frontlines
- Supported police personnel managing lockdowns with refreshments and care packages
- Supplied medical equipment and consumables to rural primary health centres

Vaccination & Awareness

- COVID-19 vaccination awareness campaigns in 30+ villages — countering hesitancy with trusted community voices
- Distributed IEC materials in local languages on symptoms, prevention, and when to seek hospital care
- 100+ community meetings organized with social distancing protocols to share reliable information
- Trained 50+ community volunteers as COVID Response Ambassadors — ensuring awareness reached every household

IMPACT 2 — RELIEF & REHABILITATION

Relief & Rehabilitation: Rebuilding Lives

The COVID crisis created cascading socio-economic impacts that lasted long after the acute wave subsided. Sahara's relief and rehabilitation program addressed immediate needs while also laying the foundation for economic recovery.

Material Relief

400+

Ration Kit Families

300+

Clothes & Blankets

Multiple

Relief Camps

10

Districts Active

- Monthly ration kits containing rice, dal, oil, salt, and essentials distributed through the year
- Winter clothes distribution — warm clothes, sweaters, and blankets to 300+ individuals
- Footwear distributed to school-going children from the poorest households
- Essential household items provided to families that had lost belongings or faced acute need

Economic Rehabilitation

- Linked 200+ affected families with government welfare schemes — PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, state ration, social security pensions
- Supported small business revival — liaised with local authorities and banks for credit access
- Connected women's self-help groups with microfinance and NRLM programs for livelihood restart
- Skills identification workshops prepared community members for new employment in the post-COVID economy

"When the lockdown started, we had nothing left. Sahara's team came to our door with ration — that is the only reason my children did not go hungry."

— Beneficiary, Sagar district — COVID Relief Programme

IMPACT 3 — EDUCATION DURING CRISIS

Education Continuity: No Child Left Behind

School closures threatened to permanently set back the educational progress of thousands of children from marginalized communities. With no digital access, no internet, and parents unable to support home learning, these children faced the real risk of never returning to school. Sahara intervened.

What We Did

- Distributed complete sets of textbooks, notebooks, stationery, and take-home learning kits to 400+ children from SC/ST communities — enabling home-based learning during school closures
- Organized community study circles in open spaces with social distancing — small groups of 5-8 children facilitated by trained youth volunteers
- Trained parents in simple techniques to support home learning — with WhatsApp groups used in communities with smartphone access
- Individually tracked every child identified as at risk of permanent dropout — with regular home visits by field coordinators
- Organized age-appropriate learning activities and creative programs to maintain children's engagement and emotional wellbeing during the lockdown

Education Outcomes 2021-22

Outcome	Result
Children supported with learning materials	400+
Government schools engaged	10
Community study circles organized	Multiple locations
Children at risk of dropout — tracked	100% of identified cases
Learning loss prevented	Partial — significant mitigation

IMPACT 4 — HEALTH, AWARENESS & VULNERABLE GROUPS

Health, Awareness & Special Support

Health Camps with COVID Safety Protocols

- Health camps organized in open spaces with social distancing and PPE — reaching 150+ individuals
- Free consultations, screenings, and medicine distribution maintained even during the pandemic
- Maternal health support — nutrition supplements and institutional delivery facilitation for at-risk pregnant women
- Mental health first aid — field workers trained to provide compassionate support to pandemic-bereaved community members

Community Awareness — 5,000+ Reached

- COVID prevention campaigns across 30+ villages and urban slum areas
- Wall paintings, public announcements, and WhatsApp messages used to share reliable health information
- Anti-misinformation efforts: vaccine safety, oxygen use, and treatment-seeking guidance promoted by trusted local voices

Support to Vulnerable Groups

Vulnerable Group	Support Provided
SC/ST Communities	Targeted ration, document support, government scheme linkages
Pregnant & Lactating Women	Nutrition supplements, antenatal care, delivery support
Malnourished Children	Identification, ICDS referral, nutrition monitoring
Elderly Living Alone	Home visits, medicine delivery, emotional support, pension aid
Migrant Workers	Cooked meals, transportation, home state coordination
Women facing domestic violence	Legal aid referral, crisis support connections

Environmental Conservation — Adapted for COVID

- Annual tree plantation drive completed with COVID-appropriate small-group format
- Ongoing care and survival monitoring of all previously planted trees maintained
- Environmental awareness integrated with COVID campaigns — healthy ecosystems, healthy communities

PARTNERSHIPS · FINANCIALS · OUTLOOK

Partners Who Stood With Us

In 2021-22, Sahara's partner network was the backbone of its emergency response — providing funds, expertise, and reach that would have been impossible alone.

Partner	COVID & Programme Support
JIV Daya Foundation	Emergency healthcare funding during COVID crisis
Social Squared Impact Ventures (USA)	FCRA emergency funding for food and medical relief
Impact Guru	Crowdfunding for emergency medical cases
Government Departments	Coordination for relief distribution and health
Local Philanthropists	In-kind donations — food, medicines, PPE

Financial Snapshot 2021-22

INCOME SOURCES	EXPENDITURE
Emergency COVID Grants: 40% Individual: 25% FCRA Grants: 20% CSR: 10% Govt Schemes: 5%	COVID Food & Medical Relief: 70% Program Implementation: 15% Admin: 10% Reserve: 5%

Key Learnings — Resilience Forged in Crisis

- Community trust built over 17 years was the single greatest asset in the COVID response — communities opened their doors because they knew Sahara
- Community volunteer networks multiplied reach far beyond what staff alone could achieve
- Emergency preparedness must be built into organizational DNA — crises come without warning
- Partnerships must be nurtured before crises hit — they cannot be built in an emergency
- 2022-23 focus: resume educational programs at full scale, scale up health camps, expand women empowerment, begin planning Divyang support

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