



OUR COMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

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ABOUT US

Youth for Seva (YFS), founded in April 2007, is a nation-wide volunteering movement that inspires youth to volunteer, and provides them with meaningful opportunities to serve the community.



OUR VISION

Self-reliant society powered by socially conscious individuals.



OUR MISSION

To build and facilitate movement of organized volunteering for societal well-being.

VALUES

- Nation first
- Pluralism
- Integrity
- Respect
- Innovation

FOCUS AREAS



EDUCATION



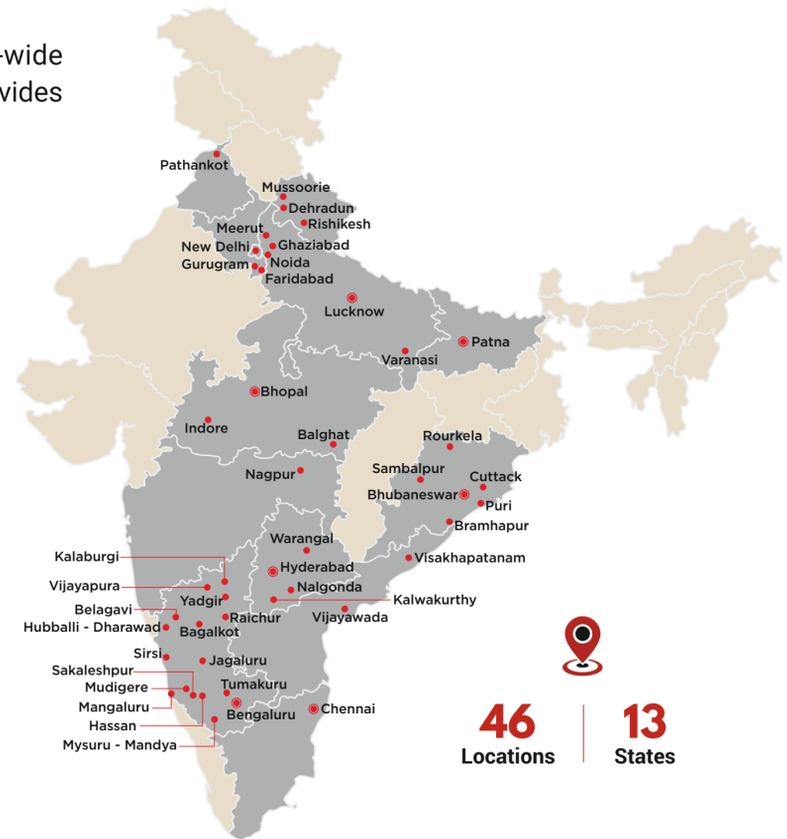
HEALTH



ENVIRONMENT



LIVELIHOOD



46 Locations | **13** States



OVERALL IMPACT



*Other | NYD, Career Guidance Training, Musti Akki Abhiyana, Women's Day, Grocery Distribution, Holi Celebration with children, Mental Health counselling

As a nation, we are slowly moving towards a resilient COVID-19 recovery on one hand and on the other hand are living with a fear of a new wave hitting us. None of us will be safe until everyone is safe. As safety becomes the priority, we continue our efforts toward COVID prevention and rehabilitation.

Youth for Seva's strength lies in mobilizing thousands of volunteers across the nation by providing them with impactful volunteering opportunities to serve the nation. The efforts and support of our volunteers, sponsors, and donors have enabled us to overcome these challenges and come out stronger.

We proudly present to you the activities and stories of this quarter: January - March 2022.

Covid-Relief Support



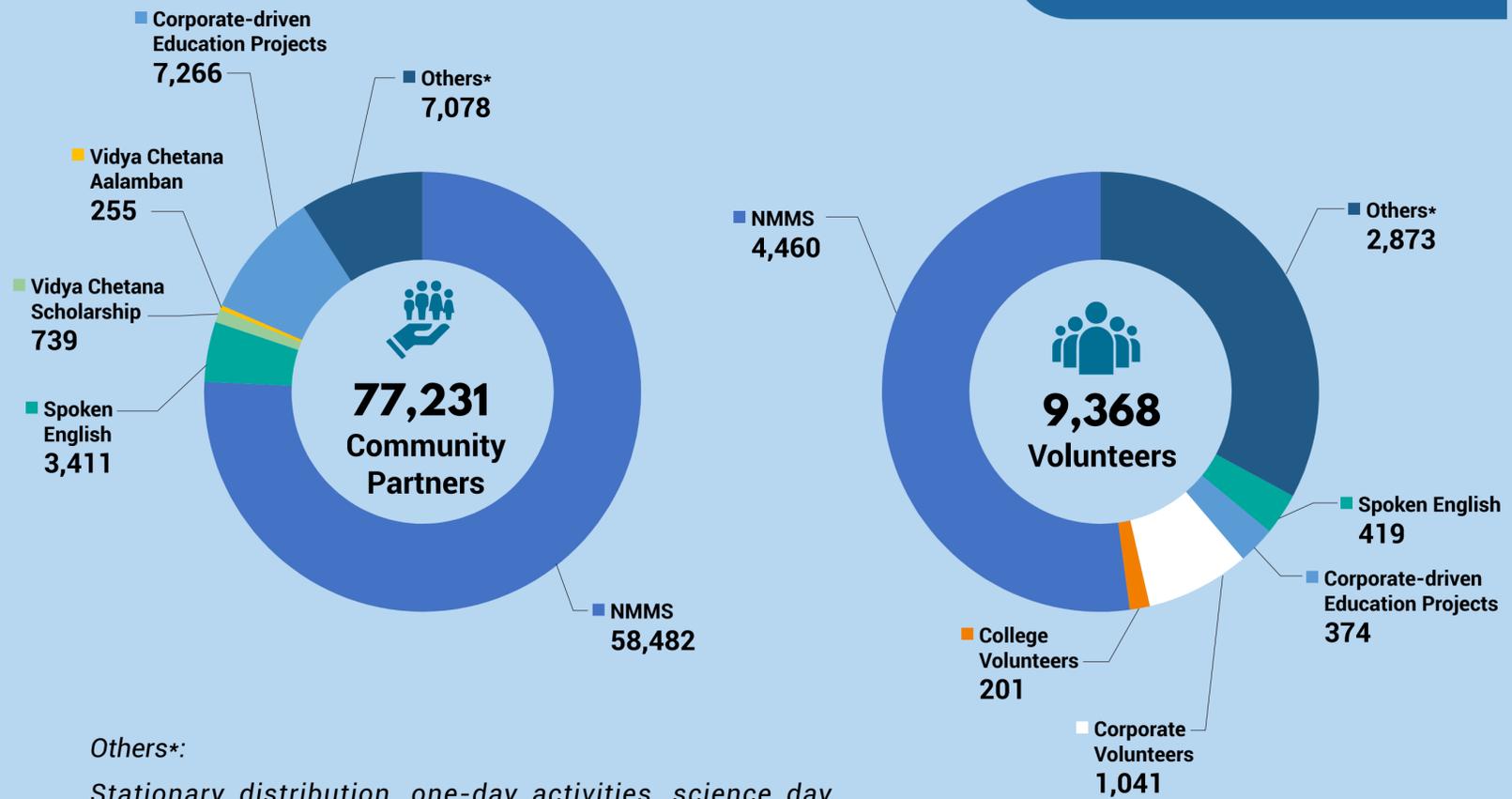
Our passionate volunteers distributed masks and PPE Kits to the needy and worked round the clock in COVID-19 helpline centers, COVID-19 awareness and preventive sessions were conducted across the nation, and our volunteers also donated blood and plasma when in need, along with volunteering at vaccination centers and providing medical support.

COVID-Relief Activities (Quarterly) :

A Shift towards a safer world



EDUCATION



Others*:

Stationary distribution, one-day activities, science day competition, display science experiments, Prize distribution, Online School.

NMMS- National Means Cum-Merit Scholarship



NMMS is a prestigious scholarship awarded by the central government to meritorious students. In this quarter, NMMS exams were conducted in Karnataka, Telangana & Hyderabad regions. We conducted crash course across all regions to ensure all the students are well prepared for the exam and also a DIY video was created on 'How to use OMR sheet?' and shared with all NMMS students. As a last-mile effort, on the day of the exam, we arranged transportation for thousands of students to their exam centers and provided them with snacks during exam breaks and our volunteers were also there at these examination centers to encourage and motivate children.



Vidya Chetana

Vidya Chetana Scholarship Program supports higher education of meritorious students from socio-economically weaker sections. Completing higher education gives them the edge to secure good, respectful, desirable employment opportunities that empowers adults and makes them independent and resourceful.

Vidya Chetana Aalamban

The objective of this project is to support children who have lost one of their parents or the family breadwinner due to the COVID pandemic.



IMPACT STORY



Respected Sir / Madam,

My name is Inchara K J, and I am one of the recipients of the Youth For Seva Vidya chetana program. I am writing this letter to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Vidya Chetana program possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor, and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

I am an undergraduate student of BE, specializing in computer science and engineering. Throughout my degree, I have been able to maintain a Grade Point Average of 8.02 while participating in extracurricular activity.

I am pursuing my career as C# Developer in Digital Horizons. I am confident that the expertise and knowledge I have gained at The Oxford college of engineering will allow me to make a lasting difference to this industry.

Youth For Seva paid for my academic expenses which alleviated my financial burden and allowed me to focus on my studies and supported me to achieve my goal. Thank you for your continued sponsorship.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,
Inchara

Corporate-driven Education Projects

School Adoption Program (SAP)

The goal of our School Adoption Program is to provide an ideal environment that encourages holistic development through infrastructure and personnel support and mainly to complement what the government is already doing. In this quarter, we were able to adopt a total of 23 schools across the Karnataka & Hyderabad region.

Program	Community Partners	Volunteers	Schools/LCs
Abhyasika/Learning Centres	2,535	374	24
Lab on Wheels	4,731	–	38



School Adoption Program



Lab on Wheels



Adolescent Health Awareness Program



Learning Centers



Sanitation Projects

Lab on Wheels

Lab on Wheels (LoW) is a mobile setup that brings science experiments and interactive models to children from government schools or learning centers. Mode of transport (either a van or a two-wheeler) is decided based on the operation location and number of schools serviced. A vehicle serves multiple schools making the program very cost-effective for its reach. These demonstrations are in sync with their curriculum and therefore build a better understanding of the subject using a practical & even hands-on approach.



Also in this quarter, Enhanced E-learning Enablement (EEE) Project was implemented in 42 Government schools and around 23 government schools were adopted as part of School Adoption Project (SAP) for infrastructure development across Karnataka & Hyderabad. Volunteers at our Learning Centers/Abhyasikas, are involved in conducting evening tuitions, extra-curricular activities, Life Skills & Civil Awareness activities.

Corporate Volunteering

Corporate volunteering is a pillar of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) that encourages employees to volunteer their time and give back to society.

In this quarter, we were able to engage good number of 678 corporate volunteers for 6 months in NMMS training mentoring college students as part of the Employability Skills Mentorship Program (ESMP), as part of which, our corporate volunteers mentor job aspirants for a period of 4 to 6 weeks to prepare them to face the job market.

Due to the pandemic, corporate volunteering activities were conducted virtually. The best part of this is that we were able to break all geographical barriers and connect with volunteers across the country and beyond.



1,298
Volunteers Engaged



8,270
Community Partners



956
Volunteers

In this quarter of the year, our volunteers were involved in health screening of SSLC board exam students across Bangalore while we have retained focus on menstrual health and hygiene and AHAP.

Over our course of interaction with teachers, parents and children we have noticed that girls are tweaked towards hesitating to talk about their concerns and apprehensions about this natural and normal biological activity. Through our sessions on menstrual hygiene and AHAP sessions, we help young girls gain confidence and understand their body and biology better. Also, we conducted sessions on Health & Hygiene, nutrition awareness, and cancer awareness.

As part of our tele-medicine project, we aim to bring the expertise of trained physicians to the aid of the underprivileged populations living in remote tribal villages. We were able to provide medical consultation to more than 300 tribal villagers across Karnataka in this quarter.

Program	Community Partners	Volunteers
MH & NH Sessions	245	12
Blood Donation	–	560
Telemedicine consultation	307	–
Health Camps	1385	35
AHAP	909	150
H&H Sessions	2,017	104
Others*	3,407	95

*Others:

Cancer Awareness & Screening, enrichment sessions, Eye screening camps, Meditation classes.





YFS is making significant and path-breaking interventions across rural India by trying to reduce the dependency on agriculture for sustenance and also building new employability opportunities for the rural population.

In this quarter: At our sewing machine centers we have continued to build capacity by adding new machines like screen printing, button sewing, cutting and embroidery machines. In our Food Processing Centers, we have added new Ragi polishing, packing and sealing machines. We also conducted sessions on 'Financial Literacy & Entrepreneurship Skill' to our trainees.

	Trained till date	Ongoing training
Sewing Machine Centers - Karnataka	145	22
Sewing Machine Centers - Hyderabad	-	36
Skill Development Center - Hyderabad	15	18



ENVIRONMENT



1,573
Community
Partners



828
Volunteers

Our environment sustained us through the lockdown, and we continued replenishing it through our initiatives. With enthusiastic support from our volunteers, college and corporate volunteers, we conducted many environment-related activities as mentioned below:

Bird-watching



598
Volunteers

**Environment awareness
through nature songs**



265
Community
Partners



12
Volunteers

World Wetland Day celebration



273
Community
Partners



23
Volunteers

World Soil Day celeration



400
Community
Partners



03
Volunteers

Others*



637
Community
Partners



192
Volunteers

Others*: Campaigns to save birds, water conservation, environment awareness Best out of waste, distribution of fruit plants to schools, Nursery development through seeds, and rain water harvesting



Regional Roundup



BENGALURU

Activities undertaken in this chapter are: NMMS exam support, SSLC exam screening, sapling plantation drives. Under health, AHAP sessions were conducted, and as part of telemedicine project, training sessions were conducted to arogya mitra workers and patients were screened at tribal areas across karnataka.



ROK

Activities undertaken in this chapter are: NMMS exam support, SSLC exam screening, School Kit Drive, career guidance program, H&H sessions, AHAP sessions, health camps, cleanliness, sapling plantation, and bird watching activities.



HYDERABAD

Activities undertaken in this chapter are: NMMS exam support, School Kit Drive, training on Robotics, career guidance, H&N sessions, blood donation camps AHAP sessions, plantation drives, Rain water harvesting, and water conservation.



ROH

Activities undertaken in this chapter includes: Activities undertaken in this chapter are: NMMS exam support, SSLC exam screening, School Kit Drive, teaching activities, SKD, career guidance, H&N sessions, blood donation camps, AHAP sessions, plantation drives, Rain water harvesting, Best out of waste, and water conservation.



NORTH REGION

Activities undertaken in this chapter includes: Teaching activities in Abhyasikas, Classes for NMMS, English Speaking Classes, School Kit Drive and Alamban (Vidya Chetana) registrations were conducted. Blood donation, Masks distribution, Health Camp, Covid-19 Help Desk, Mental Health & Motivational sessions. Cleanliness drive and Sapling plantation were organized.

Dedication

We express our sincere gratitude to our volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of many. We received unconditional support from our sponsors and partners who supported our vision of a self-reliant society. We had the opportunity to connect with different partners at different stages of the activities and it would not have been possible without their generous support. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them!



VOLUNTEER Spotlight



I received a Single Donor Platelet (SDP) request from a 13-year-old girl who was diagnosed with blood cancer. The poor girl lost her vision temporarily because of an unfavorable medical condition and was bedridden for 20 days. The patient's father tried calling up several people in the hope of sourcing SDP for his daughter, but the people he contacted were not candidates for SDP donation. It was hard for them to source a potential SDP donor. Before I elaborate on this further, 'Single Donor Platelets' are essential to surviving and fighting cancer, chronic diseases, and traumatic injuries.

Miracles do happen, if you believe. I went to Kidwai Hospital, Bangalore, and donated SDP and now the girl, who was told bedridden, is able to sit and have a casual conversation with her family. She still can't see but the doctors have assured that she will be able to see if her condition gradually improves in the days to come. I believe no one should die for not being able to source blood.

I have been a donor for years, and I donated SDP twice and whole blood 15 times. I even got punctured in three places because SDP donation is not easy. Until Phlebo finds the right vein, they keep puncturing. It is a painful process but at the end of the day, someone's heart is up and running again, and I am being channeled to save a life. The mother of the child was grateful for the support and even called me to show her gratitude. It's a beautiful feeling.

- **Sanjay Sundarraj**, YFS Volunteer

EDUCATION

- Abhyasika Visits
- Vidya Chetana Scholars Workshop
- NMMS Volunteers Training
- School Kit Drive

HEALTH

- AHAP
- Blood Donations
- Health Camps
- International Yoga Day
- Health Awareness Sessions

ENVIRONMENT

- Lake Cleaning
- Rainwater harvesting
- Plantation drives
- Hasiru Payana
- Krushi Aranya Prothsaha Yojana

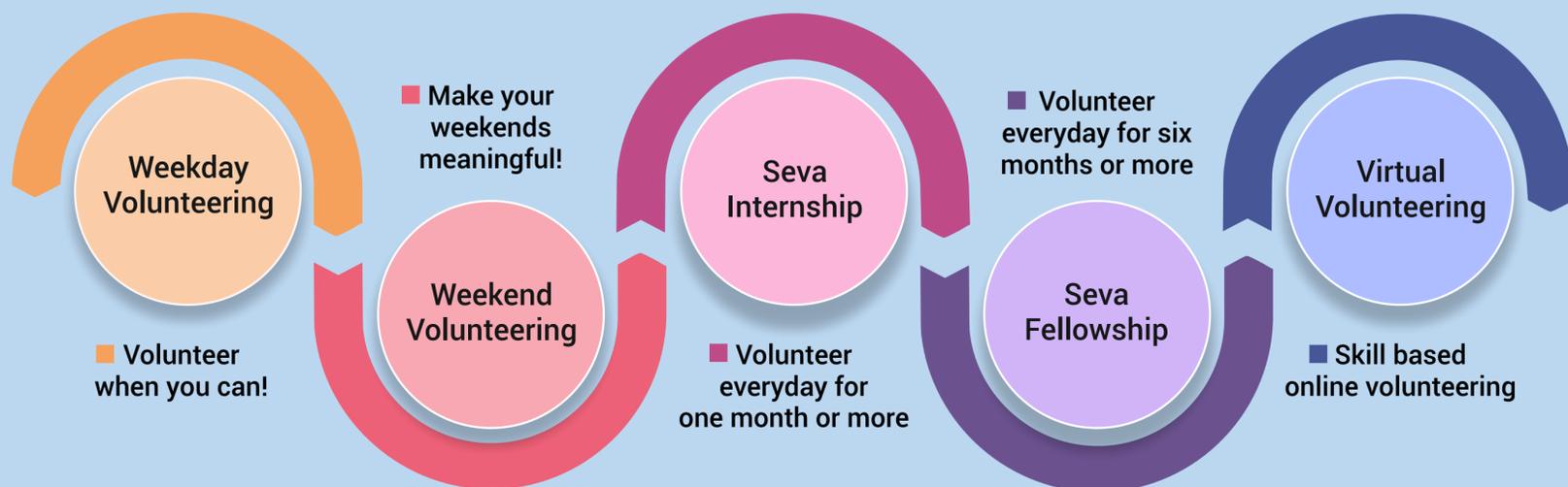
LIVELIHOOD

- ESMP
- Innovation Program (EDP)
- Youth skill development through partner NGOs



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Youth for Seva has designed several volunteering models to enable individuals get involved in the community despite their time constraints. Volunteering is made easy as it caters to the individual's interests and convenience w.r.t. time availability and location.



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