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Annual Report 2018-19

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Who we are

El Shaddai, Charitable Trust has spent more than 2 decades on the front lines creating a safe haven for the deprived children to thrive in excellence.

Our Vision

A childhood for children who never had one

Our Mission

To create homes, shelters and community centres and school to transform children's lives.



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2018
AT A
GLANCE

AMOUNT RAISED
₹ 10 million

PROJECTS FUNDED
30

PEOPLE REACHED
90,102

From the FOUNDERS

At the outset, thank you for your continued love and support throughout the year. 2018-19 has been an enriching and eventful year for the El Shaddai family. Our children have made us proud with their hard work and achievements, thanks to our staff, sponsors, and volunteers who worked persistently to help the children.

In this edition, you will read about the recent developments that have taken place at El Shaddai. To bridge the gap in learning abilities for our children, we integrated technology by leveraging digital tools and introducing video conferencing to unlock limitless learning with computer access. To strengthen our strategy, El Shaddai has begun a collaborative partnership with Caplor Horizon for accomplishing greater success. Adventure pushes you to challenge the limits; Matthew, along with a team of ten adventurers, trekked the Himalayas for 12 days at altitudes around 5000mts to create awareness

Matthew Kurian



Anita Edgar



and raise funds for the children.

In 2019-20, we will continue to focus on getting better individual care, education and enhanced settlement for our children. Each of us brings something valuable to the table. We must work together and harness our unique capabilities and collective strength to make this year even better for the children. We believe extraordinary things can happen when people come together and ask, "How can I make a difference?" This cooperative spirit has been the key to our progress. With your continued support, we can confidently announce that we will continue to change the lives of children in our care, by ensuring that they grow up in a safe environment, with a loving family, and acquire the skills to blossom into capable, independent adults.

Together, we can ensure no child grows up alone!



A message from a **TRUSTEE**

As a trustee for many years at El Shaddai, I have personally witnessed the setting up and running of a round-the-clock center for abandoned street children across the region. It provides shelter, food, education, advice and support for children in a safe and caring environment. As far as I know, it is the only center in the state and region that has such comprehensive and compassionate programmes for victims of child trafficking and child labour.

Programmes include shelters, feeding program for children across the state, legal services, healthcare, counselling, training in hygiene, social skills, child rights and fully subsidized education up to college or vocational education, clothes etc.



The Trust maintains contact with the children even after passing out of El Shaddai homes, through an alumni organization and helps them to support themselves. That many ex-students of El Shaddai are now returning to give back to the organisation by offering their services to children in the homes is testament to how authentic El Shaddai is to its cause of helping street children.

In summary, I can vouch that El Shaddai has been on a mission to rescue thousands of street children and give them a better life which they have been faithfully doing over the past twenty plus years with excellence.

Cmdre. Ben Berson

The Making of Trailblazers

Children's Committee Meeting (CMC) is an initiative for the children to practice advocacy and develop leadership skills. This platform allows the children to own their responsibilities and safeguard the rights of their group members. Children are divided into 4 groups in each home and each group is overseen by a leader and an assistant. A captain is appointed to overlook the management of duties and responsibilities by the group leaders.

This pattern instils confidence in children and helps them to solve problems creatively, work in a team, and work collaboratively with others. We bring out the innate qualities of leadership in each child by adopting an egalitarian method.

Today's children are the leaders of tomorrow and we want to equip our children to have control of their lives and the ability to make things happen.



The journey of street children to a better tomorrow

EDUCATION

El Shaddai aims at breaking children out of the vicious cycle of poverty by empowering them with education and survival facilities.

Shanti Niketan School (SNS) imparts non-formal education to children from deprived backgrounds. Children flourish with our child-centered approach, catering to their holistic development to become successful and independent individuals.

Field workers from our day care centers impart basic education to children in slums with the aim of encouraging

and motivating those who haven't experienced schooling and dropouts to be reintegrated into the formal education system. They also help parents to enrol their children into schools and provide continued assistance. We also provide tuition and non-formal education in the day care centers. Realizing the greater importance of English language in today's world, our field workers conduct vocational courses in spoken English.

We strive to make our aim of breaking the vicious circle of poverty into a reality by equipping the future generation.

Always a step ahead!

We are continually looking at ways to impart learning among our children. Today, video conferencing helps our children learn lessons from across the world, a truly global education. The technology has improved and where we started the programme by using mobile phones and WhatsApp, we now use Skype or Google Hangout which enable children to see the story on a large screen in the library.

Rachel, a child of El Shaddai and a trainee in the India Office, oversees the conferencing in Goa.

By the Numbers

Shanti Niketan School	206
Blooming Buds	397
Asha Deep	201
Little Acorns	259
Stepping Stones	228

EDUCATION MATTERS



353

slum children enrolled for Pre-Primary education in our centres

310

children attended 21 slum schools in 5 regions

746

children attended our after-school remedial classes

131

street and slum children enrolled in formal schools

15

children tutored and appeared for the NIOS 10th grade public exam

How Suresh turned his life around

Building up to Success

Pursuing career in architecture has always been the dream of a small town constructor's son, Suresh Chawan. He started out life with little hope of escaping the poverty trap, but with a lot of hard work, determination and some good fortune he has forged his own career path into the architectural profession.

Dire economic situation forced his parents to take him away from school. Before he knew, he was weighed down with family responsibilities. He was brought to El Shaddai by his parents, while facing the worst adversities in life but his life took a positive turn.



He was introduced to the art of building as a part of training exercise taken up under Architect Leonard Alphonso who is associated with El-Shaddai. Working alongside the great mind, inspired him to choose this path of career. It amazed and motivated him every-time to see a sketch born out of simple idea and later the same being translated into a physical structure.

He believes that thirst for knowledge never quenches and this helps him to climb the ladder of success. He says that timely, thoughtful efforts of El Shaddai shaped his success in career.



1,546

families supported with nutritious food, clothing, health, education (adult & children), job training and employment

76,650

meals distributed



Empowering communities secures way
for the children of tomorrow

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our community centers have been empowering women to be financially independent through our vocational courses. Financial independence gives women greater confidence and better hope in life and in the process creates better families.

Our nursing course has played a significant role in transforming the lives of women. Outreach workers seek out women with potential and a heart for service. These women become the torch bearers in their communities, spearheading change from within.

Awareness programs have always been our way of being the voice of voiceless to defend their rights and to rise above adversities. We conduct these programs throughout the year

reaching different regions systematically.

Medical camps are an indispensable part of our outreach programs because most of the people lack knowledge of disease and hygiene. Sickness keeps them from having a normal life, passing down misery to their children. We play an integral part in containing the breakout of any contagious diseases in the community.

‘Manna Khana’ also referred as Meals on Wheels has been the lifeline for hundreds of street and slum dwellers, ensuring they have at least one nutritious meal a day.

Our Community Centers

Albert's Good News Centre, Margao
Tremara Community Centre, Chimbel
Ashraya Community Centre, Vasco

A woman in a red and orange sari is operating a sewing machine in a workshop. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and a bright, warm light source. The text 'EMPOWERING WOMEN' is overlaid in the upper right corner.

EMPOWERING WOMEN

251

women enrolled in vocational training in tailoring, beautician, handicraft, and spoken English

49

women connected with employment opportunities

120

pregnant and lactating women supported with health checkups and nutrition

How Sabina broke the bonds of tradition

Clinical Resolve

Sabina Dharwadkar is a 28 years old married woman, hailing from rural Karnataka. She stays in the Moti-Dongar community. She belongs to a community that repels the idea of working women. Due to the financial constraints in the family, she was only educated till 10th standard. Our outreach workers motivated her to join the nursing course, despite her initial inhibitions.

She wanted a better life for her children and she stood against

all odds, with the support of our staff. She found everything falling into place with her brave decision. Finally, she tasted sweet victory when she completed her course and started working as an assistant. Soon she acted on her drive to start a clinic of her own. By this time, her family had come in terms with her decision and supported her in the little ways they could to fulfill her dream.

Today, she independently runs a clinic in Borda and extends her services to the community.



SAFE CHILDHOODS

A close-up, low-angle photograph of a young child with dark hair, wearing a patterned sleeveless top, sleeping peacefully on a textured mat. The child's face is in profile, resting on the mat. The background is softly blurred, showing other people and a warm, indoor setting.

31

children rescued and reintegrated with their families

15

street and working children placed in our homes under constant care

CONSTANT CARE HOMES

A home away from home

Our Homes provide safe spaces for individualized care where we ensure wholesome development of children, who have lost parental care. Our children are nurtured and supported till they become independent in all aspects of life. Our primary aim is to ensure the feeling of 'home' in our children by providing them with care, love and a sense of belongingness.

Our seven homes across the state of Goa, teem with lively, enthusiastic youngsters. Here, the children are engaged in activities that develop personal growth and provide entertainment. Children are always excited to master new skills and never miss any opportunity to learn. Singing, dancing, painting and sports are a regular part of their lives just like education. Along with extracurricular skills, we

also develop a platform to internalize life skills through different activities on weekends.

Beach and theatre visits are the few favorites of children apart from the parties sponsored by kindhearted philanthropists. They appreciate the efforts of sponsors, donors and volunteers by gifting them creative art pieces. We have been successful in instilling the attitude of gratitude in our children.

At our Homes, we enable our children to grow and achieve the best with their abilities.

Home	Nos	Age	Sex
House of Kathleen	42	2-7	B&G
Roshni Nilaya	39	6-10	Boys
House of Norma	47	8-12	Girls
Victory House	56	8-12	Boys
Verna House	39	8-12	Boys
Rainbow House	57	12+	Girls
Shekinah House	54	12+	Boys

Carol has seen it all

Struggle and Success



At the age of 11, Carol had to carry the weight of her family. She came to El Shaddai in 2005, with her 4 year-old sister soon after the demise of her step-father. Her mother was an alcoholic and the children were living in complete neglect.

When Carol came to El Shaddai, it was a whole new world for her. Chaos was replaced with order, neglect with love and care, tears with happiness and she cherished her new abode. She was enrolled in Shanti Niketan School and continued her studies till 12th grade. After her schooling, she joined the head office of El Shaddai as an HR Assistant trainee. She pursued Public Administration at the age of

21. Soon she was made HR executive.

Little did she know, from the girl who stumbled on her English letters at 11, would end up as the Director of Administration at the age of 25, in the same institution which nurtured her throughout her childhood years. She wants to help more children like her, to have a better future. She humbles herself by dedicating all her success to Dada and Didi, as she calls Mr. Matthew Kurian and Julia Matthew.

She says, “my mother gave me birth, but this life today was gifted to me by El Shaddai and so I call myself, a daughter of El Shaddai”.

Key Goals:

- To become more effective learners
- To explore our understanding of leadership and how to lead people towards, and through change
- To develop a plan to support us on the next stage of our journey towards a sustainable future

El Shaddai partners with Caplor Horizons

Building a Charity for the 21st century

Caplor Horizons, a UK-based charity that specialises in organisational change and effectiveness conducted a series of workshops at El Shaddai as part of a three-year partnership with the purpose of strengthening the leadership, improving the team development, and have useful conversations surrounding the long-term strategic direction and fundraising.

Caplor Horizons is a registered Charity, which helps charitable organisations to strengthen capacity and bring about effective change. The mission of Caplor Horizons is to make a distinctive

contribution to organisational change and effectiveness.



children, the staff members and the communities that they have engaged with.

A strategic impact assessment of El Shaddai was conducted in early 2019. The assessment team scrutinised qualitative and quantitative evidence and used the 'depth of impact' framework to analyse the findings. The conclusion reached by Caplor Horizons is that El Shaddai has delivered inspirational, enduring and transformational changes in the lives of the current children, the former children,

AWARENESS CAMPS

81

PEOPLE REACHED

5,522

in education, health and hygiene, rights of women and the disabled, family planning, positive parenting, child abuse and labour



A decade of commitment

My story begins in Gujarat, where I had a regular job. Whilst working, the place was hit by an earthquake and many lives were devastated. Many charities came forward to help the people. Inspired, I joined one as I wanted to do my bit for society.

Later, I decided to study further and so left for Delhi. It was here that I got to know about El Shaddai Charitable Trust.

I came to Goa in 2009 and met Mr. Matthew Kurian, Founder of El Shaddai. He saw the passion in me and offered me a job in Stepping Stones, a Day Care Center in Margao. Mr. Matthew had envisioned Stepping Stones to reach out to more children in and around the area. I took that as my goal and gave my best.

Initially I expected people in the community would support me as this was to help the children in need. But to my amazement I faced a lot of discouragement. I was de-motivated by the lack of support and felt it best to leave the job and continue with my regular job.

Mr. Matthew listened to me patiently. Then he told me not to let the passion I had for the children fade. I told him that it won't be possible to work in here as I do not know the local language and he said, "Children know only one language and that is love".

This statement has kept me going. I decided that nothing can stop me from achieving my goal.

I worked to develop Stepping Stones and along with my team we enrolled hundreds of children so that we could give them basic education. We started schools in the various slums around the shelter for those who couldn't come to the center.

Locals now support the work and businesses promote El Shaddai. It has been a tough ride but the outcome nullifies all the hardships.



-Stanly Thomas
State Co-ordinator

GOA MARATHON 2019

The 8th edition of the annual Goa Marathon, was organized for the cause of “Homes for the homeless and Hope for the hopeless”, to raise awareness of the need for decent housing and the suffering of the homeless and street children. Serving runners from all skill levels, the event attracted over 1,500 runners along with many well-wishers and visitors. El Shaddai organised the Marathon in collaboration with the Corporation of the City of Panjim, the Goa Tourism Department and the Goa Athletic association.



HIMALAYAN TREK

Driven by a single-minded commitment to a cause they believe in, a group of 10 adventurers trekked the Himalayas for 12 days. Their aim was to raise awareness and funds for El Shaddai Charitable Trust, Goa and UK-based organization ‘CARE’. The trekkers from five countries set off from Kathmandu across the mountains through Langtang and Bridim in the Himalayas on the 30th of September 2018.



RIDERS IN EL SHADDAI

Indian Motorcycle Riders Group (IMRG) organized their National Ride across India under the initiative of “Wheels of Change” to create awareness on Girl Child Education. IMRG has collaborated with El Shaddai for the past two years. The riders group visited the students at Shanti Niketan School in Assagao, Goa and generously provided educational kits to the girls studying at the school.



Topon is firing up the football field

Shooting for Glory

Topon, a native of Assam and comes from a poor family of farmers. He joined El Shaddai in the year 2011 when he was just 5 years.

When he joined Shanti Niketan, his first school, he joined the El Shaddai Sports & Cultural Club and was trained under the guidance of Coach Valentino. After playing a few matches at the club, he soon reached the 2nd division in the Goa state league.

During these games, Goa Football Development Council (GFDC) members identified his inborn instincts and were impressed with his skills. They selected him to play for the Goa U14 team, where he carved out a name with his match-winning goals.

Whilst Topon was playing for the U14 team, Ales, a coach, saw his potential and referred him to Dempo S.C. to play for the U14 club team.

Today Topon plays for Dempo S.C. and is always in the starting line-up of the team for all the matches. Topon has scored more than 25 goals in his career at Dempo S.C, and turns out as 'man of the match' quite often. He has disciplined himself to wake early and travel long distances just to get a good practice session with his team. Topon credits his father for cultivating a passion in him for the sport.

Topon not only excels on the pitch but also tops the class in school. He dreams of playing for the national team after his graduation.



EL-SHADDAI CHARITABLE TRUST
MAPUSA GOA. 403 507

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2019

PARTICULARS	SCH. NO.	CURRENT YEAR AMOUNT (RS)	PREVIOUS YEAR AMOUNT (RS)
FUNDS GENERATED			
Capital Fund			
Excess of Income Over expenditure			
Balance as on 01/04/2018		118,501,199.03	111,515,682.66
Add: Excess of income over Expenditure		902,857.38	6,985,516.37
	TOTAL Rs	119,404,056.41	118,501,199.03
FUNDS EMPLOYED			
Fixed Assets	A		
W D V as on 01/04/2018		104,775,555.51	109,072,235.51
Less: Depreciation		4,933,021.00	4,880,499.00
Net Block as on 31/03/2019		99,842,534.51	104,191,736.51
Capital Work in progress	B	8,045,022.00	4,104,861.00
Investments	C	585,403.00	344,822.00
Current Assets, Loans & Advances			
Current Assets	D	4,823,370.03	3,940,917.03
Cash & Bank Balances	E	7,941,945.87	6,692,975.49
		12,765,315.90	10,633,892.52
Less: Current liabilities	F	1,834,219.00	774,113.00
Net Current assets		10,931,096.90	9,859,779.52
	TOTAL Rs	119,404,056.41	118,501,199.03

Notes to the Accounts

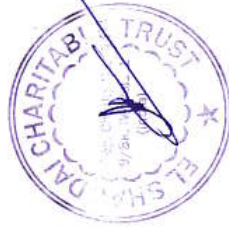
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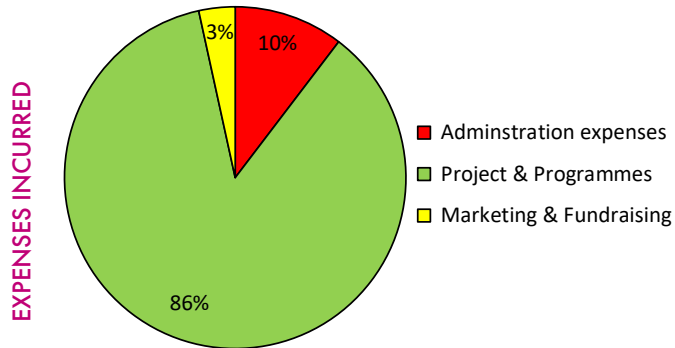
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Matthew Kurian
 Managing Trustee



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

PARTICULARS	2018-19		2017-18	
	(£ in thousands)	(Rs. In Lakhs)	(£ in thousands)	(Rs. In Lakhs)
INCOME				
Donations	592.21	509.74	677.24	582.64
Other Income	7.52	6.47	9.36	8.06
	600.08	516.21	686.66	590.7
EXPENDITURE				
Administrative Expenses	55.14	47.64	42.06	36.2
Projects & Programmes	458.6	394.66	481.59	414.46
Marketing & Fund Raising expenses	18.26	15.71	24.85	21.38
Depreciation	57.32	49.33	56.7	48.8
	589.37	507.18	605.11	520.84
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	10.49	9.02	81.15	69.86
	599.9	516.22	686.27	590.7



COUNTRY-WISE INCOME

UK	2,60,32,860	Switzerland	85,119
India	1,50,36,216	Italy	51,374
Germany	42,66,900	Australia	49,658
USA	42,19,675	Spain	46,314
Sweden	7,05,305	New Zealand	44,610
Norway	4,36,394	TOTAL	5,09,74,426

figures in Rupees



Every Action Matters

Towards a sustainable future

A glance at the ground realities in the slums and streets of Goa, calls for immediate action - action that could only be delayed at the cost of losing a child to the crude hands of malnutrition, beggary, prostitution, infant mortality and fatal diseases. The needs of children are enclosed within the areas of their dwelling. The magnitude of the problem faced by children in the streets and slums is alarming but could be addressed and acted upon.

As El Shaddai rises to meet the challenges of rescuing and rehabilitating the children at risk, resources are the only limiting factor to reach out. Last year has been a tremendous one and we were able to reach out and respond to the needs of children and their communities. But on the other hand, the year has had a toll on the finances, as seen in the income and expenditure report.

These are times of greater need. Greater needs call for swifter action and we are striving together as a family to cross over the hurdles. Every action matters. Every donor appreciated. Every penny valued.

El Shaddai is now focused on the sustainability of the existing projects with a vision of newer projects in the pipeline. We invite every one of you to be a part of that vision where each child matters.



El Shaddai

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Together we can bring childhood
back to children

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT.**

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