



**VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S
FOUNDATION**

Annual Report
2013|14

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THE YEAR THAT WAS



*VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation
Annual Report 2013-2014*



OUR VISION is to advocate for the right of every deaf child to a full and complete life with respect and dignity

OUR MISSION is to promote the entitlement of every deaf child to total and complete access to communication, education, protection and personal safety, equity and equality in all spheres, and information and knowledge to reach his or her full potential as an individual and as a member of society.

OUR COMMITMENT, is quite simply, access for every deaf child using the means most appropriate for their individual circumstances, so that they can understand, influence, and most importantly, participate in the world around them.



Introducing our mascot, **LITTLE VANI:**

Vani is a little deaf girl, bright, alert and just a little bit shy. She represents every Indian deaf child who is the direct beneficiary of all the activities of VAANI, Social MediaDeaf Children's Foundation.

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2013-14 marked the ninth year of VAANI operations. In some respects, it was business as usual; and in others, it was a year to re-assess and take stock. While new donor partners came on board, it was also a year where some of our programmes reached the end of their funding tenure, and with necessity comes invention! We knuckled down and prioritised, and ensured that each of the children we worked with got the best they deserved. With the assistance of our benefactors and well-wishers, we kept our programmes running. The Guwahati Tea Auction Committee deserves a special mention here for hosting a first-time-ever Charity Auction in support of our work.

We marched on confidently doing the work we do with our kids. We opened a new Sadhan Centre in Guwahati, Assam. We also had the opportunity to look more deeply into the work we do with our parents. This resulted in a re-organisation of resources and a renewed thrust towards Parents' Training.

We took a deep, long look into the future, and commissioned Mahiti (an organisation that develops technology and communication for social change) to conduct a study of our communication and fund-raising practices. They helped us develop a plan of action and we are in the process of implementing this.

This has been a year of consolidation for us at VAANI. We have worked hard to reach even more numbers of deaf children and their families; we have demonstrated that we make a real and significant impact on the lives of the families we work with; we have inducted professionals at senior levels to give an impetus to our work; and we have strengthened our commitment to do the work we have set out to do.

Looking forward to your continued interest and support!

Team VAANI





Note from the Chairperson, Brinda Krishna

Another year ends. It has been a significant one in many ways... my role within VAANI has changed to a much broader one as Chairperson of the Board. Sandhya Srinivasan has taken over as Director to lead the team of highly motivated and committed professionals to set new paths and reach greater heights. As I look back over the last 9 years and see the progress we have made, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and humility at having been able to put together such an amazing group of people who make VAANI what it is and the fact that I have been able to step back knowing that the organization will only get better and stronger as the years pass. Thank you Team VAANI!!

I have decided not to go into details of our work as the VAANI team has shared that information in the rest of the report. I would like to thank all our donors, supporters and well wishes for believing in us and ensuring VAANI continues to do what it set out to do.....give deaf children and families an opportunity to be heard.

Note from the Director, Sandhya Srinivasan

‘Why didn’t VAANI come into our lives earlier?’ – this heart-rending cry from a parent shows how important VAANI’s work is, and how effective we are becoming in our services for deaf children.

This year at VAANI has been an interesting one that included a lot of re-defining of roles – of VAANI as an organisation, as well as of various team members. The momentous decision was taken to work through Sadhan Centres that we plan to set up in collaboration with a ‘good’ NGO in each State of India. These Sadhan Centres aim to be model demonstration centres showcasing good practices in work with deaf children. Our Centres in Kolkata and Guwahati are proving to be a haven for deaf children and their parents, and we hope to set up at least four more in the coming year.



Each ‘thank you’ from a parent is treasured by the entire VAANI team as a proof of how special our work is. Thank you for your continued support that will surely help us establish a Sadhan Centre in every Indian state.

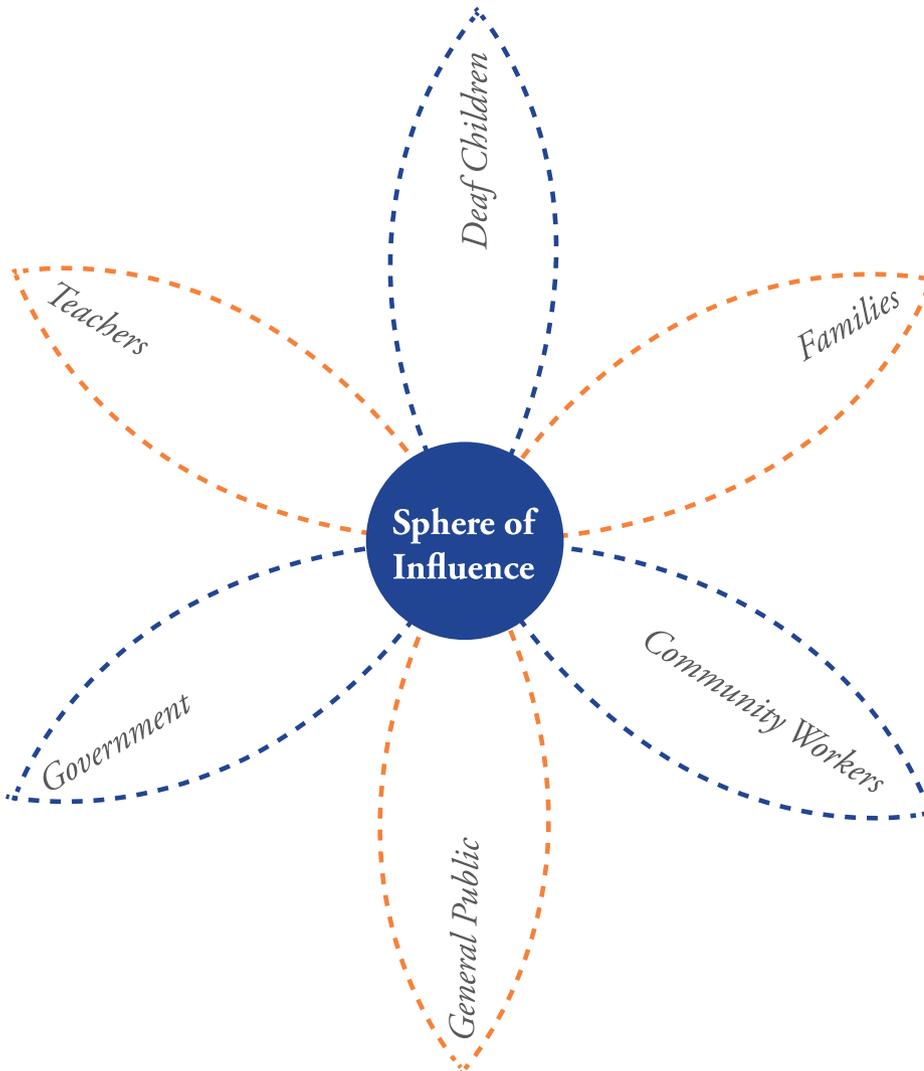
VAANI: WHO WE ARE

VAANI is a non-profit agency, and we work towards enabling communication for deaf children and their families. We are a team of social development professionals and teachers of the deaf, united in our beliefs and desire to bring about a change in the condition of deaf children in India.

VAANI was created in 2005, and works to ensure the basic human rights of deaf children in a holistic manner. On the ground, VAANI works with partner

organisations to strengthen training and services that reach deaf children and their families. At a macro level, VAANI works with the Government and public institutions to advocate for better policies for childhood deafness.

We are a catalyst agency - we work with ALL those who affect a deaf child's world to bring about lasting and sustainable change. This is so that deaf children can participate in everyday life just like other children.



Deaf Children

Teaching Communication Skills
Literacy and Language
Integration

Families of Deaf Children

Communication Training
Information
Support

Teachers

Skill Development

Community Workers

Information
Knowledge
Skills

General Public

Awareness building
Sensitisation

Government

Policy Change
Curriculum Development



Children born with deafness are unable to express themselves. They cannot chat with their friends and families, learn from their teachers, or understand the people around them. Deaf children are isolated, living in silence in our noisy world.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Generations of deaf children are growing up in India, unable to communicate and express themselves; unable to chat with their friends and families; unable to learn from their teachers and unable to participate in living the life of a child. Deaf children are isolated, living in silence in our noisy world.

In this age of instant communication, where people can connect across the globe in a matter of seconds, a mother is unable to get through to the deaf child sitting in her lap.

1 out of every 1000 children born in India is born deaf. Over 25,000 deaf children born in India every year.

There are more than THREE MILLION deaf children in India.

Deafness is an 'invisible' disability – the problem is deep

inside the ear. On the surface, a deaf child looks just like any other child, and so it is not very obvious that something is wrong. As a result, deafness usually goes undetected till the child is about 6 years old. By then, the crucial years for learning language have been lost.

An undiagnosed deaf child at 3 years of age will know about 25 words, compared to 700 words for a hearing child of the same age. 81% of parents with a deaf child never learn to communicate with their child.

There are only about 530 special schools in India that educate around 50,000 deaf children within the age group of 5 to 18 years. The rest of the children are not receiving any formal education, and usually no intervention of any kind.

It is this basic yet critical need that VAANI addresses through our work with deaf children and their families.

HOW WE DO WHAT WE DO

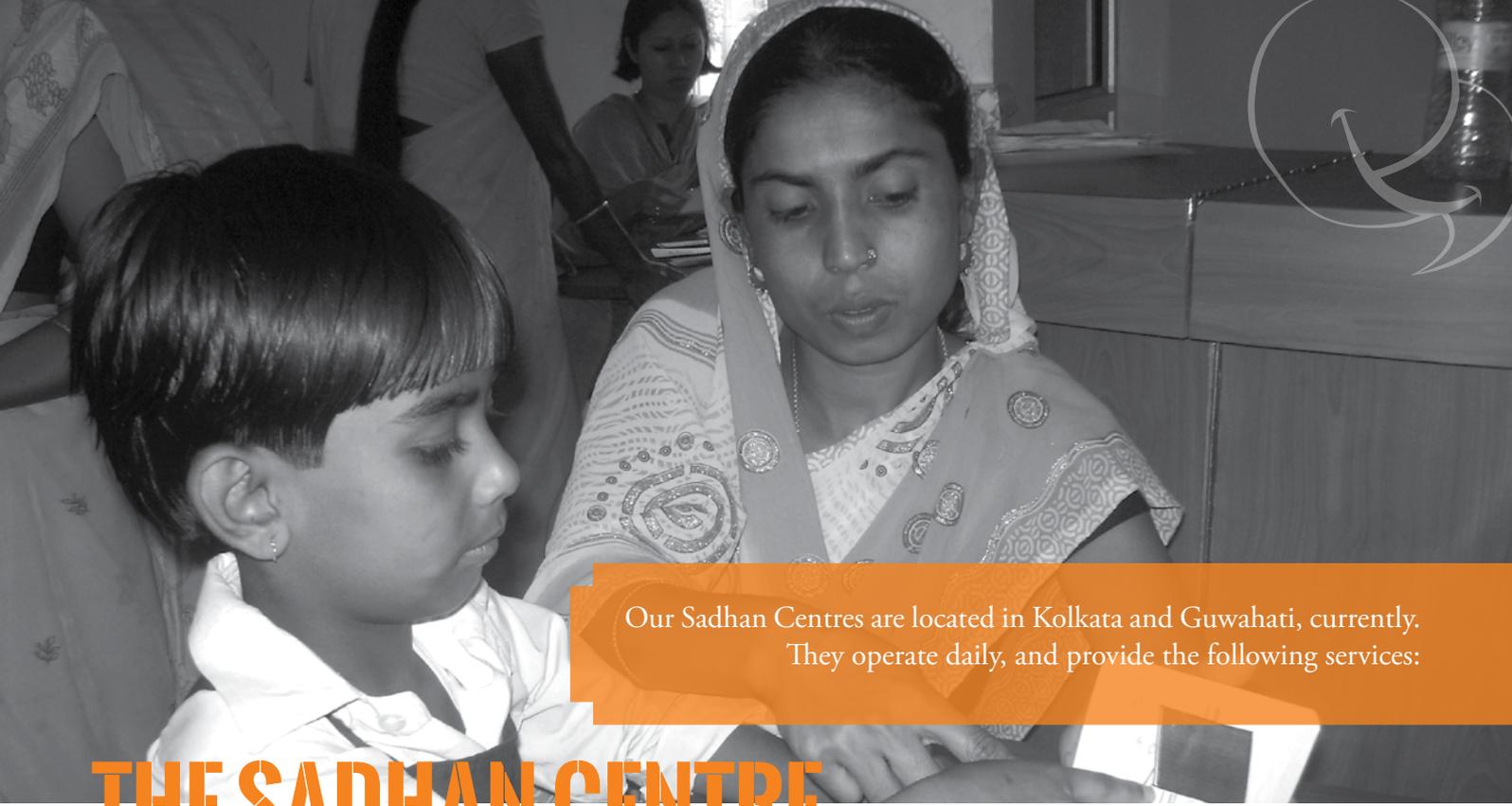
When we first started out, we delivered our services via our partner agencies in a community-based manner, in homes and in the common areas of a neighbourhood, wherever we found space. It was the first time any work of this kind was reaching these communities and the thrust was to get the work done on the ground and show meaningful impact, one family at a time.

Now the word has gone out;

“Go to VAANI if you want real help with your deaf child.”



The need arose to have a model center where we can demonstrate good practices, a center where VAANI can show that communication is critical for learning and development, whatever be the mode. Thus, the **Sadhan Centre** was born, and this is now our primary mode of service delivery. It is located in the community where it is appropriate, and our families can access the center without feeling overawed.



Our Sadhan Centres are located in Kolkata and Guwahati, currently. They operate daily, and provide the following services:

THE SADHAN CENTRE

- Teaching deaf children how to communicate – by voice training or sign language, as is appropriate to their specific needs
- Pre-primary and primary educational support for the deaf children
- Follow up of children’s training through home visits
- Nutritional supplementation to the child
- Family training & counselling so that the whole family unit can make headway in communicating with the deaf child in a meaningful manner
- Assessment facilities for early identification of deafness in babies, and children under the age of 5
- Referral to service providers for further diagnostic testing and securing assistive devices
- Information dissemination on issues around childhood deafness to families of deaf children and professionals who work with deaf children
- A space for family members of deaf children to meet and share experiences
- Linking parents to VAANI’s Parent Groups for support like access to disability certificates and related government schemes and services.
- Linking children (above the age of 6) to Government and private schools across the State for further educational support



CASE STUDY

Meet eleven-year old Dwarksha Sarfuddin, the only child of Sabnam Begum and Sk Sarfuddin. When she was just 2 ½ years old, Dwarksha’s parents observed she was not talking.

While her parents started worrying, her grandmother insisted that nothing was wrong, and that “she will talk late like her cousin” and so did not allow the parents to visit the doctor. But her mother and father continued to be uneasy, and finally went to the National Institute of Hearing Handicapped for testing, where she was diagnosed as being deaf.

Dwarksha was started on speech therapy, and had some inputs on signing. Her parents were advised to put Dwarksha in a special school, and she was enrolled with Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School.

In April 2011, while Dwarksha was returning from the school one day, VAANI community mobiliser, Fatima happened to observe Dwarksha signing to her parents. She approached the family and told them about VAANI, and soon Dwarksha was enrolled in the Sadhan Centre.

Even though Dwarksha was already attending a special school, her mother sees a marked improvement in her since she has been attending the VAANI Sadhan Centre. She can now form phrases to simple sentence level like -- ‘*ma bhat dao*’ (mother, give me food), ‘*jal dao*’ (give me water), ‘*ghosol korbo*’ (I want to have a bath), ‘*toilet*’.

Her mother Sabnam feels she can “communicate with Dwarksha more fluently... I make her read my lips and stress on improving the words supporting it with relevant ‘home signs’. Unlike her other school, here we can sit and directly observe the ways and means to improve the skills of my child”. Sabnam feels that being involved in teaching her child at the Sadhan Centre has given her confidence, and she can follow up at home.

Since she began at the Sadhan Centre, Dwarksha can now read and write. She has acquired some speech, and her development in academics is remarkable - she can write poems and paragraphs on her own. Her academic results have showed a marked improvement and she gets good grades in maths and history. She has also developed the skill of self-reading, recognizing words from any text and recalling it from the book.



KOLKATA

Project Muskan - Tech Mahindra Foundation

Five year old Muskaan and her mother Masura Bibi are beneficiaries under VAANI's Project Muskan funded by Tech Mahindra Foundation. Both of them love visiting the VAANI Sadhan Centre in Tiljala. Along with running her meat shop, Masura, with very little help from her family, spends time training her daughter every evening. She also attends every VAANI programme.

Like this little girl Muskaan...VAANI's project funded by the Tech Mahindra Foundation has had an impact on the lives of over 104 deaf children and their families. The project directly supports 88 deaf children and their parents with specialised services being provided under one roof. VAANI's Sadhan Centres, housed in the slums of Tiljala and Tangra, extend services of early identification and stimulation, remedial teaching support to preschool and school going deaf children, nutritional supplementation and growth monitoring of children, referrals for diagnostic/ audiological support and general mainstreaming of the child into regular school. An integral part of the project is the work we do with parents and families as a way of improving communication and relationship building between child and parent.

Deaf children, through a variety of activities like life skills training and bonding during teaching sessions, learn to assist one another and enable development. Hearing siblings, who accompany their parents and deaf siblings, have begun to understand their needs, as well as learn how to help their deaf sibling at home. Mothers, once convinced of their child's progress and development, begin to help others like themselves and serve as positive role models.

NORTH BENGAL

VAANI's partnership with North Bengal Handicapped Rehabilitation Society, Siliguri came to an end in March 2013, along with the Paul Hamlyn Foundation project. However, VAANI continues to work with 31 very committed parents of deaf children in Siliguri and is hoping to accelerate the work with donor funds.

VAANI also conducted a training programme for teachers in collaboration with the Sarva Shiksha Mission.



PANDUA

Pandua Pratibandhi Kalyan Sangha (PPKS) has been a VAANI partner for 3 years as part of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation project. The VAANI team continues to work with 76 parents of PPKS and is looking forward to a corporate grant to help us empower these and many more such parents.

JHARKHAND

VAANI works through partners in four districts in the state - Giridih, Dumka, Hazaribagh and Khunti. This work was originally supported by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, but this funding ended in 2013-14. To ensure that there is no discontinuity in the work we do through our partners, and the impact we have on our beneficiaries, the VAANI training team conducted an evaluation of the situation and instituted the next level of training at partner sites in June 2013 to identify potential trainees and build up the capacity of trainers.

VAANI continues to work with over 200 parents of deaf children as part of a technical partnership with Prakash Kunj, an NGO working in Jharkhand. Sheila Linda of Prakash Kunj has become a valuable resource for VAANI.



ORISSA

Research Academy for Rural Enrichment (RARE)

As a Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) partner, VAANI conducted a Needs Assessment for training for Community Based Rehabilitation workers for PHF partner, RARE Orissa in July 2013. Based on the assessment, a three-day training programme was conducted for 12 members of the RARE team in November 2013 and another 3 days skills training in the month of March 2014. VAANI is proud of this technical partnership with RARE, and looks forward to continuing to build up the skills of their team.

"In three months my son has changed! His behaviour and attitude have changed and so have his communication skills. I am so happy to have met VAANI. The Centre has brought in light into our lives!" says Jyoti Basfore, mother of Narayan.

Ten-year old Narayan Basfore was not at all interested in what was taught at school. His mother Jyoti was very upset as he would sometimes come home crying, and often refused to go to school as he could not follow anything that was taught in class.

Jyoti found out about the VAANI Sadhan Centre from an SSA volunteer. On assessing Narayan, we found that he could not even write his own name or say what day of the week or month it was, despite being in Class I.

The VAANI teacher first started on getting Narayan accustomed to the Sadhan Centre, and then began helping him with the academic work. Today, Narayan can not only write his name, and tell you the day of the week, but he has also begun to understand the text book lessons. There has been a marked improvement in his behavioural development which is evident since he wishes to attend school more regularly and has begun making friends both in school and at the Centre.

To meet the needs of deaf children like Narayan, and to help families train their deaf children in age appropriate motor skills, communication, language, literacy as well as socialization skills, the VAANI Sadhan Centre was set up in Guwahati, Assam in July 2013, with some support from HSBC. Our services have now reached 42 children and their families in the last one year.

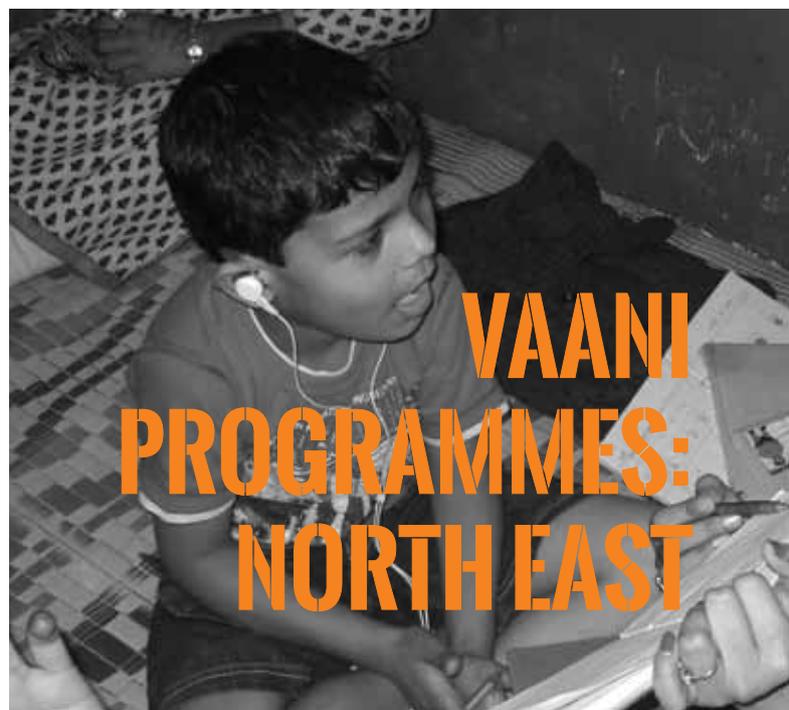
There has been greater involvement of mothers and fathers in the social, emotional and academic development of their deaf children. Counselling and training for parents has led to greater interest and

involvement in learning to sign and this is evident in the improvement of communication between deaf children and their families.

One set of parents that we have worked with have proactively gone ahead to register themselves as an NGO, and this Dikshruti Parents Group is now partnering with VAANI to help expand the scope of our work in childhood deafness across the State. VAANI aims at setting up a link Sadhan Centre at Dikshruti in Kahilipara as well, to provide better access to specialized services for deaf children in that area.

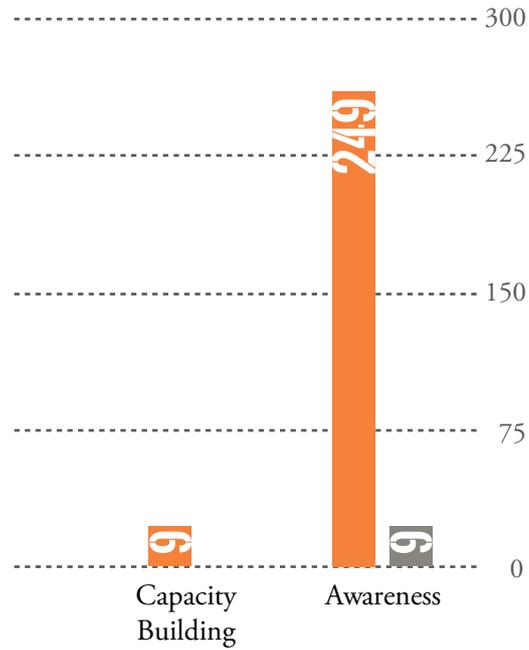
In the coming year, VAANI will work in partnership with Bethany Society in Shillong, Meghalaya with an aim to strengthen their early intervention services and extend better quality services to deaf children (0-5 years).

We also hope to work with the National Institute of the Orthopaedically Handicapped's Regional Centre in Mizoram, in their Intervention Programme for Persons with Special Needs.





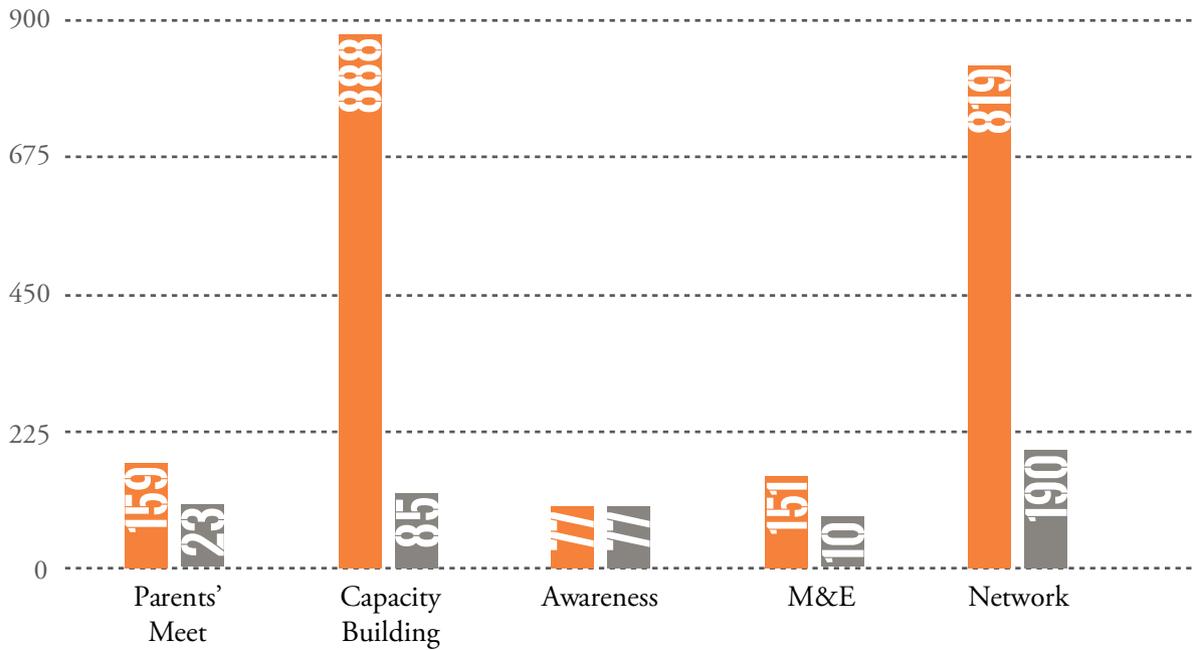
North East



● *Total Beneficiaries*

● *Total Program Beneficiaries (new)*

East



Beneficiaries Table 2013|14



MAJOR MILESTONES 2013-14

EAST

A fully equipped Sadhan Centre was set up in Kolkata on the 19th of December '13 to reach out to slum based deaf children and their families around Kolkata slums, supported by **Tech Mahindra Foundation**. The Centre supports 88 children and 104 parents.

VAANI partnered with National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Jharkhand to develop their VII B module on childhood deafness, and conducted training for NRHM's state resource persons.

Parents groups in Jharkhand and West Bengal participated in a joint Training of Trainers (ToT) in September'13, leading to enhanced skills and networking of parents within the state and across states.

VAANI's role as technical agency led to a technical partnership with RARE Orissa, an NGO that works across disability groups in the state of Orissa. VAANI helped conduct a training on Needs Assessment and conducted skill training for its community based rehabilitation workers (CBR) as a way of strengthening services for deaf children and families within the state.

NORTH EAST

Setting up VAANI's Sadhan Centre in Guwahati in 2013 helped meet the gap in services for deaf infants and young deaf children in the age group of 0 to 6 years. The services of the Centre have reached out to 42 children and their families.

A significant outcome in the past year has been a partnership with the Department of Social Welfare to help set up Early Intervention Services in ICDS centres for deaf children across the districts of Kamrup and Nalbari.

Dikshruti Parents Group was registered as an independent entity and is now partnered with VAANI to expand work in childhood deafness across Assam.

As a leading technical agency on childhood deafness both nationally and regionally, VAANI partnered with Ali Yavar Jung National Institute Of Hearing Handicapped (AJYNIHH) Mumbai to run a five-day workshop on Continued Rehabilitation for Education (CRE) on 'Early Intervention and Parents Empowerment' from 21 to 25 October 2013 in Guwahati. 35 special educators and field workers from across all seven states of the North East attended.

In December 2013, 40 general school teachers from SSA Tripura were trained in managing and teaching deaf children in an inclusive set up. The ten-day workshop equipped the participants by providing inputs on various teaching strategies through demonstrations, especially on the use of Signs as a tool to augment communication, understanding and learning in the classroom. VAANI hopes to continue working with the SSA teachers in the other states too, to help ensure that all the educational and classroom needs of deaf children are met.

NATIONAL MILESTONES

VAANI was recognized as a National Technical Agency on Childhood Deafness by SSA under the Ministry and Human Resource Development (MHRD).

VAANI participated in a two-day consultation on developing a national plan to improve deaf education through the SSA programme. An important outcome is that VAANI has helped to restructure the Training Curriculum for foundation courses given to Special Educators by the Rehabilitation Council of India.





OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH SSA

VAANI is recognised nationally as the Nodal Agency for Hearing Impairment by the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). VAANI was part of the team that submitted an MoU for a 3-year strategy by Jharkhand to the MHRD. The MoU was to involve NGOs in the education process and VAANI's contribution was the development of the strategy for working with deaf children in Jharkhand.

VAANI was involved in the 15-day Training of Master Trainers at the national level, and also contributed to the curriculum.

VAANI has trained 234 Resource Trainers in Jharkhand as part of the State's capacity building programmes for SSA personnel. Similarly, VAANI has trained 22 SSA Teachers and 114 parents in Siliguri sub-division of North Bengal.

VAANI is a member of the State Disability Council in Assam and Jharkhand. VAANI has been involved in capacity building workshops for the SSA teachers in Assam and we hope to be involved in similar work with SSA Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Srinagar.

We hope to link up with the Government ICDS (Integrated Child Development Scheme) to reach out to deaf children in the age group of 0-6 years. We also are building links with the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to be a part of their screening and intervention programmes.

VAANI's work with Government agencies like the SSA, ICDS and NHRM is particularly meaningful and crucial, as we are able to impact vast numbers of deaf children through the nation-wide reach of these agencies. Working with the Government also ensures that our best practices get instituted into a national curriculum leading to lasting and sustainable change in the status of deaf children.



CASE STUDY

Ten-year old Subho Baidya lives with his family in Kamrabad, Sonarpur, West Bengal. When his mother, Tapasi, first discovered her little son was deaf, she was in shock. Eventually, she got the courage to admit Subho to a special school at the age of 3. Here she heard about VAANI from another mother. Since then she has been a regular at the VAANI Sadhan Centre in Kolkata, even though it takes 3.5 hours to get here from her home.

Tapasi remembers that at first Subho was inattentive, silent, used few gestures and had poor communication. The teacher at the VAANI Sadhan Centre helped Subho settle down and get comfortable through activities like drawing and joyful learning techniques. Next started the Individual Education Program (IEP) sessions, with training in communication and literacy based on Subho's school curriculum.

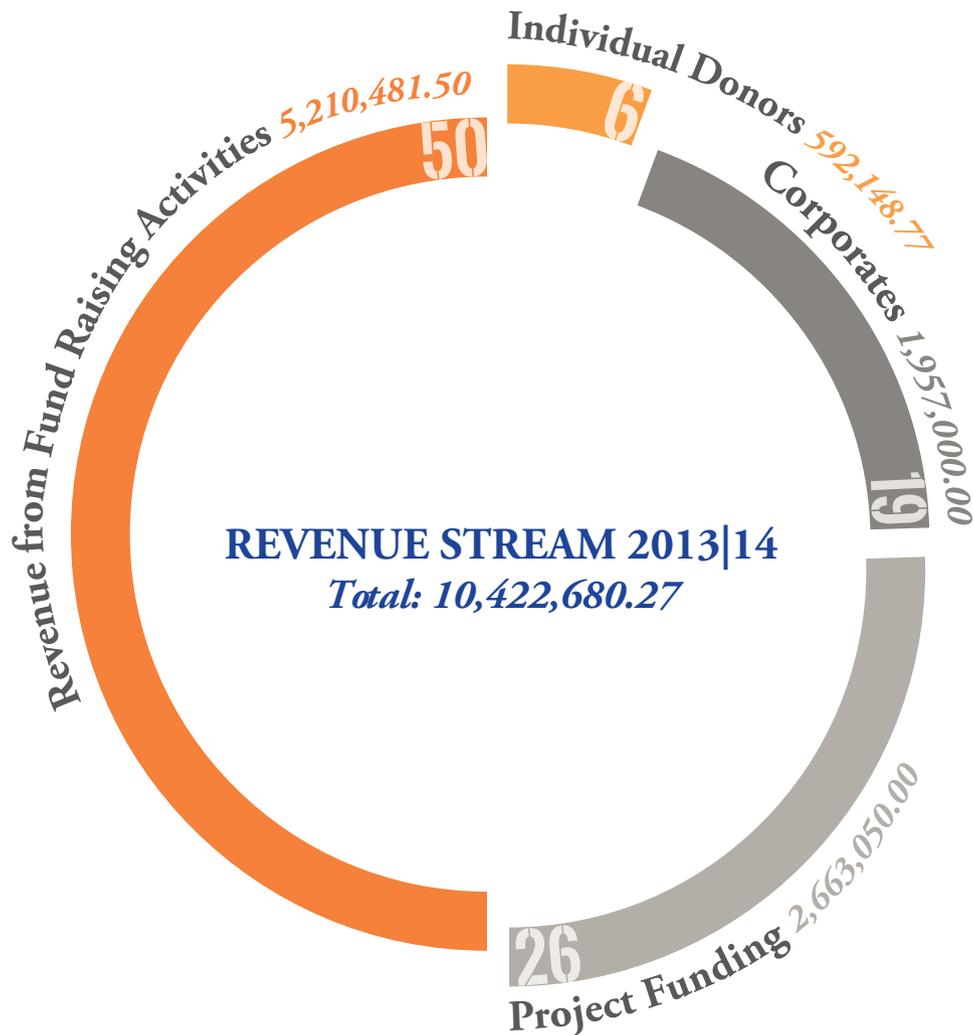
Initially Subho disliked communicating, hardly produced a sound, and his number concept was only up to 3. But after the IEP sessions, he is now able to do addition, subtraction, his tables up to 10, and

communicate with others better through gestures, sounds and signs. Earlier he was in the pre-reading stage but now he can construct simple sentences. Subho's teacher feels that his desire to communicate and be expressive, his ability to follow instructions and the fact that he is open to learning have helped him excel in his studies. He has stood first in class and improved in social skills to the extent that he participates and wins awards in sports and other school events.

Tapasi Baidya feels she has gained greatly from the parent skill-training sessions and networking meetings with other parents, which have helped her cope with the needs of a special child. She now motivates other mothers to keep up regular attendance and also introduces new mothers to the centre.

It is for the many Dwarkshas and Subhos and mothers like Sabnam and Tapasi that VAANI exists. However, without the support and generosity of our donors and well-wishers, there would be no VAANI for these families to turn to.

RESOURCE MOBILISATION



In the eight years since its inception, VAANI's projects have been largely supported by grants from Institutions. A select group of high value donors and a series of timely and successful fund-raising events have ensured that we are able to continue the critical work we do with deaf children and their families. However, as we grow and expand the scope and scale of our services, we realise the need for a more professional approach to how we mobilise resources.

Mahiti Report

As a first step in this direction, we commissioned Mahiti to review our current fund-raising practices and communication methods - Mahiti works to strengthen social impact initiatives through technology and communication. After an intensive two months of delving into all aspects of our work, they presented us with a very thorough and extensive report, the findings of which were disseminated via a two-day workshop at our VAANI office in Kolkata in November.

The Mahiti report provided direction and the practical steps needed for VAANI to start fundraising with Individuals on a larger scale; and engage with Companies. These recommendations are now the starting point for VAANI's new fund-raising strategy. It includes strengthening the team and enabling capacity for good donor relations, as well as creating visibility across several NGO networks and platforms, engaging the Board of Trustees more proactively, revamping all communications materials, maintaining a database for donor management and developing a strong public campaign.

Tea Auction, Guwahati

The major fund-raising event for the year was the immensely successful Charity Auction conducted by the Guwahati Tea Traders Association under the able stewardship of Mr Jayanta Kakoti.

On 3rd December 2013 - World Disability Day, the tea community came together like never before, and helped raise funds for VAANI and two other NGOs working in Assam. Sellers, buyers and brokers all contributed unstintingly of their produce, time and money to one of the largest fund-raising events that the North-East has ever seen. The cheques were handed over to the beneficiary NGOs at a well-attended event in March 2014.

Walk for Fun

As part of our awareness drive, friends and well-wishers in Guwahati participated in a 'Walk for Fun' in aid of VAANI in January, 2014. It was a sunny, winter morning that saw enthusiasts rouse themselves early on a Sunday, and walk many kilometers across rough, cross-country terrain. They were well rewarded for their efforts with beer and lunch, and they in turn, rewarded VAANI with their generous contributions into the hat. More importantly, we were able to generate a great deal of awareness about what deafness is and why our work is so crucial - many leads for support and funding sprang up in the wake of this event. A special shout-out to Mrs Kulkul Goswami and her team for putting this event together for us... Thank You!

In 2013-14 we began on this new journey towards a more financially stable VAANI, and we hope to continue with this strategy in successive years as well.

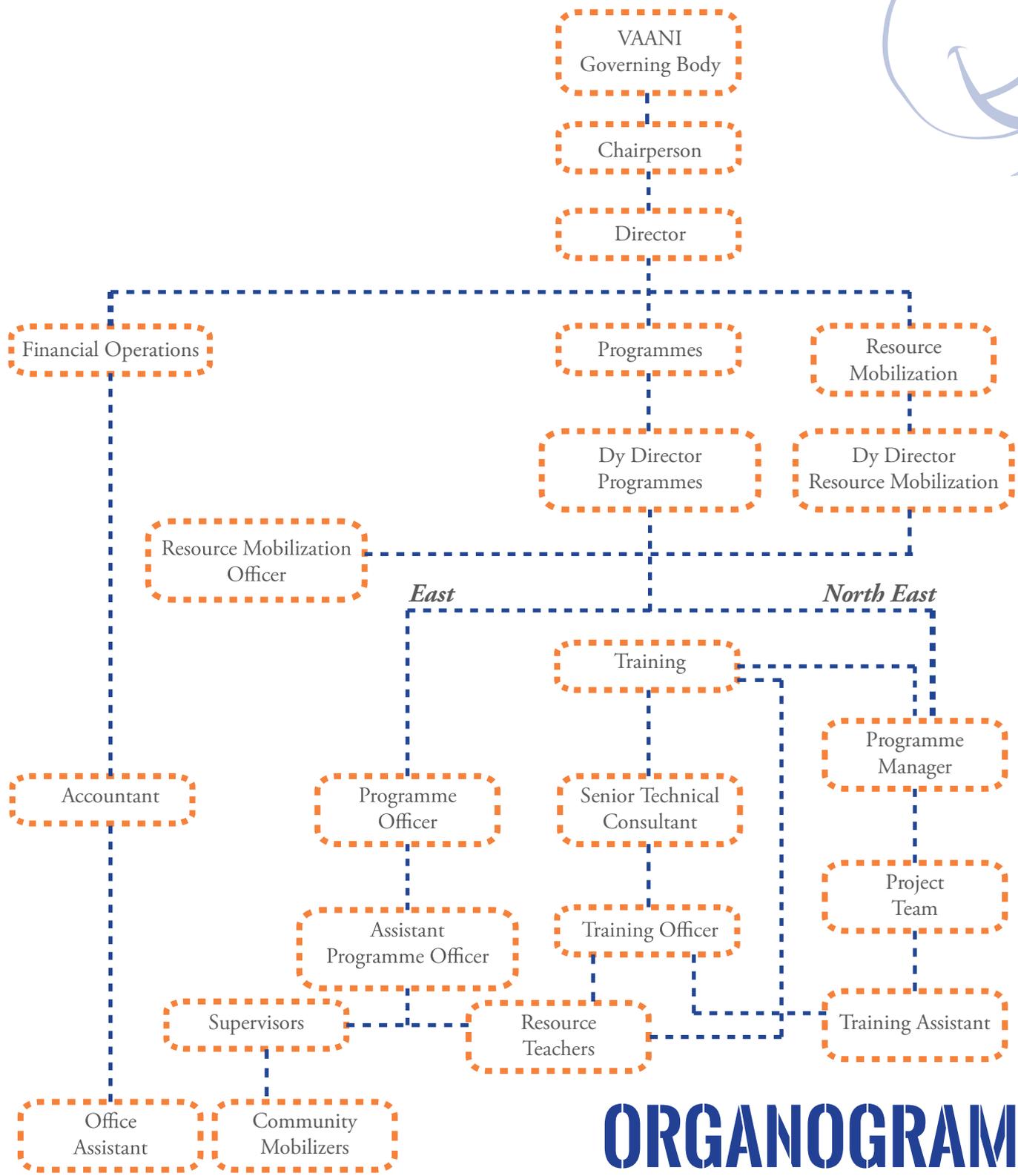




MEET THE VAANI TEAM



*Team VAANI, Kolkata Office.
Retreat – March 2014*



ORGANOGRAM

Name	Position on Board	No. of Meetings Attended
Mrs. Brinda Crishna	Chairperson	3
Mr. Akhil S. Paul	Trustee	2
Mr. Krupakaran David	Trustee	3
Mrs. Indrani Roy	Trustee	1
Mrs. Arundhati Gupta	Trustee	3
Mr. C A Mohan	Trustee	2

Remuneration and reimbursed to Mrs Brinda Crishna (Chairperson of the Trust):

Honorarium: Rs.48, 000/-

International Travel: Nil

Domestic travel: Rs.35, 093/-

Local conveyance: Nil

Entertainment Expenses: Nil

Others: Rs.2, 032/-

Amount reimbursed to other Board members: Nil

Trustee Board Meetings Dates

19.07.2013

21.01.2014

19.03.2014

GOVERNANCE:

...Details of Staff



VAANI Staff	Name	Designation	Remuneration (in Rs.)
Highest paid person in the organisation (staff or consultant)	Sandhya Srinivasan	Director	Rs.5,22,000
Lowest paid person in the organisation (Staff or consultant)	Bikram Rajak	Office Assistant	Rs.75,000

Total cost of international travel by all personnel (including volunteers) & Board Members: Nil

Slab of gross salary plus benefits (Rs. Per month)	Male	Female	Total
less than 5000	-	-	-
5,000 - 10,000	1	1	2
10,000 – 25,000	7	5	12
25,000 – 50,000	1	3	4
Total	9	9	18

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of **VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**, 4G, Tiljala Road, Kolkata - 700046 as at 31st March, 2014 and the Income & Expenditure Account and Receipt & Payment Account for the year ended on that date relating to **Consolidated Account**. These financial statements are the Responsibility of the Trust's Management. Our Responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

1. We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standard generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan & perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosure in financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting Principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
2. We further report that:
 - a. We have obtained all the information and explanation, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
 - b. In our opinion, the Trust as required by law has kept proper books of accounts so far as appears from our examination of those books.
 - c. The Balance sheet, the Income & Expenditure and the Receipt & Payment Accounts referred to in this report are in agreement with the books of account.
 - d. In our opinion the Balance Sheet, the Income & Expenditure Account and the Receipt & Payment Accounts dealt with by report are in compliance with the Accounting Standards as applicable.
 - e. In our opinion and To the Best of information and according to the explanation given to us, read with the notes appearing in Schedule- 42, the Said Balance Sheet, the Income & Expenditure Account and the Receipt & Payment Account give a true and fair view in conformity with the Accounting Principles generally accepted in India:
 - I. In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 31st March 2014
 - II. In case of Income and Expenditure Account, of the Deficit on Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date and
 - III. In case of Receipt and Payment Account, of the receipt and payment of the Trust for the year ended on that date.

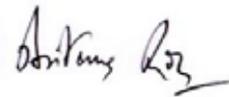
For **VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation**



Sandhya Srinivasan

Director
Date: July 16, 2014
Place : Kolkata

For **KUNAL & ASSOCIATES**
Chartered Accountants
(FRN: 316003E)



CA. Asitava Roy
Partner
Membership No.52787

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2014



Assets

Particulars	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2014
Fixed Assets	2,35,798.00	2,37,743.54
Jamsetji Tata Trust	98,583.37	1,15,280.16
Tech Mahindra Foundation	-	2,30,184.00
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	7,32,579.00	4,05,954.00
Current Assets: Loans & Advances	1,76,710.10	1,79,143.09
Cash & Bank Balance	21,48,431.72	48,34,178.00
	33,92,102.50	60,02,482.79

Liabilities

Particulars	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2014
General Fund	24,48,747.62	10,46,480.63
Jamsetji Tata Fund	98,583.37	1,15,280.16
Tech Mahindra Foundation	-	2,30,184.00
Current Liabilities & provisions	1,12,192.51	1,04,584.00
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	7,32,579.00	4,05,954.00
Donation from Guwahati Tea Auction [To the extent Unutilized]	-	41,00,000.00
	33,92,102.50	60,02,482.79

For **VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation**

Sandhya Srinivasan.



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Income & Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31st March 2014

Income

Particulars	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2014
Grant & Donations	93,66,091.62	63,03,055.27
Other Income	2,50,161.75	1,65,781.86
Excess of expenditure over Income	11,24,453.39	14,88,245.99
Total	1,07,40,706.76	79,57,083.12
Deficit Transferred to General Fund for Adjustment	13,13,616.40	-
	13,13,616.40	-

Expenditure

Particulars	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2014
Human Resource	21,65,333.75	21,51,387.00
Administrative & Other Exp.	6,65,188.82	5,75,005.13
Other Program Exp.	1,03,617.13	1,86,738.00
Jamsetji Tata Trust	30,64,816.00	82,000.00
EIC - Assam	-	9,73,846.00
Child Care Health & Development	50,229.00	2,46,107.00
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	29,88,402.25	19,45,721.00
Kolkata Metro Project	5,73,237.00	2,50,340.00
SSA Project	8,54,989.00	-
Tech Mahindra Foundation	-	6,72,487.00
Information Dissemination & Fund Raising	2,12,208.00	8,09,056.00
Depreciation	62,685.81	64,395.99
Total	1,07,40,706.76	79,57,083.12
Excess of Expenditure over Income	11,24,453.39	-
Prior Period Adjustment	1,89,163.01	-
	13,13,616.40	-

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Receipt & Payment Statement For the year ended 31st March 2014



Receipt

Particulars	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2014
Opening Cash & Bank	40,01,627.94	29,05,672.03
Grants & Donation	90,08,730.37	1,03,25,822.27
Other receipts	8,64,825.65	5,82,124.96
Loan & Advances	11,95,236.00	13,27,639.00
	1,50,70,419.96	1,51,41,258.26

Payment

Particulars	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2014
Human Resource	27,46,461.15	23,55,037.00
Administrative & Other Exp.	9,58,146.07	6,38,304.41
Other Program Exp.	89,668.00	1,36,286.00
Jamsetji Tata Trust	26,36,330.00	1,47,276.00
EIC - Assam	-	9,73,846.00
Child Care Health & Development	50,229.00	2,46,137.00
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	29,42,912.25	19,28,484.00
Kolkata Metro Project	5,73,237.00	2,50,340.00
SSA Project	4,17,373.00	-
Tech Mahindra Foundation	-	6,51,183.00
Information Dissemination & Fund Raising	2,12,208.00	8,17,483.00
Fixed Assets	28,754.00	56,930.00
Loan & Advances	12,01,501.00	13,51,879.00
Other Payment	3,07,928.46	1,07,367.54
Closing Cash & Bank Balance	29,05,672.03	54,80,705.31
	1,50,70,419.96	1,51,41,258.26

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Rs 3000/- will provide teaching and learning materials for a deaf child for three months.

Rs 5000/- will provide nutritional supplements for a deaf child for one year.

Rs 8000/- will enable life skills training for 15 deaf children for one year.

Rs. 10,000/- will equip 3 sets of parents with specialised skills to communicate and support their deaf children for one year.

For online donations, please visit our website:

www.vaani.in

For **bank transfers within India**, the details are:

Bank Name: **HDFC**

Branch: **Central Plaza, Kolkata**

Account Number: **00141450000116**

Account Name: **VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation**

9 digit number (MICR number): **700240003**

Current/Savings Account: **SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

SWIFT Code/Remittance Instructions

(please check with your bank): **HDFCINBBCAL**

IFSC CODE: **HDFC0000014**

Cheques and Demand Drafts can be drawn in the name of 'VAANI, DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION', and sent to:

VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation

Flat # 2, Shree Apartments

4G Tiljala Road

Kolkata – 700046

Phone: 91 (0) 33 40601117

For **bank transfers from abroad**, the details are:

Bank Name: **HSBC**

Branch Name: **Shakespeare Sarani**

Account Number: **025-329327-002**

Account Name: **VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation**

9 digit number (MICR number): **70039010**

Current/Savings Account: **CURRENT ACCOUNT**

SWIFT Code/Remittance Instructions

(please check with your bank): **HSBCINBB**

IFSC CODE: **HSBC0700010**

VAANI was registered as a Trust with the Additional Registrar of Assurances in Kolkata on August 9, 2005. Our Registration number is 4257. VAANI is registered u/s 12A of Income Tax Act –1961, and has the following tax exemptions: **FCRA**; **Approval u/s 80-G (5) of the Income Tax Act 1961** (50% Tax Exemption); **Approval u/s 35 AC of the Income Tax Act 1961** (100% Tax Exemption).



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