

YUU MADE A DIFFERENCE



2018-2019 Annual Report





VAANI was established to fill a gap in services for acceptilidren that existed. This was the need for parents to have a greater understanding about deafness and thereby being able to develop a closer involvement and decision making in the lives of their deaf children. I can say with confidence that their core mission has remained and VAANI continues to grow and be a place for parents and children alike to find the support and comfort that they need.

The changes in our structure of governance have given VAANI the added infrastructure, energy and enthusiasm required to expand both programmatically and geographically-now able to provide more services than ever before

At the heart of VAANI will always be our wonderful parents, children, donors, NGO partners, staff and volunteers. It is the ecosystem of VAANI that keeps the organization alive and brimming to achieve new milestones year after year.

-Brinda Crishna (Founder)





There was an air of great enthusiasm in 2018 as we were able to inject new expertise and experience in our leadership team. The entire team is now inspired by a common Vision, driven by values and powered by vitality.

Over the year which has gone by, VAANI has expanded its programmes both in terms of reach and services provided and geographically too- in the North East and East and South of India.

In 2019 we look forward to greater expansion of our programmes. Our aim is to provide services where they are least available and most required. We would like to build on our unique strength of working with the parents and caregivers of the deaf children and in needy areas. We are confident that with the continued support of our donors, well- wishers and friends, VAANI will continue to reach greater heights.

Nothing would be possible without the dedication and resolve of our lean but passionate team. We are ever grateful to them for their hard work and sleepless nights which contribute to making every day at VAANI special and meaningful. This in turn touches the lives of the most disadvantaged but deserving of the children in the Society who are the future assets of this great Nation.

- T V Ramaswamy (Chairperson)



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



l am happy to report that the year 2018- 2019 has been very eventful and has seen VAANI grow in leaps and bounds.

There are many successes calling for celebrations, achieved on the strength of VAANI's fully supportive foundation created by its dedicated management over past decades. The organization's culture has evolved into one of compassionate teamwork. The changes brought about in the governance structure, over the last year, has made VAANI stronger and ready to take on new challenges.

2018 has been a year of consolidation where we have not only structured and streamlined processes but have also engaged with many new donors and patrons whom we are happy to welcome to the VAANI family. Their valuable contributions have formed a strong financial backbone which will support VAANI activities in 2019. We could not be more grateful.

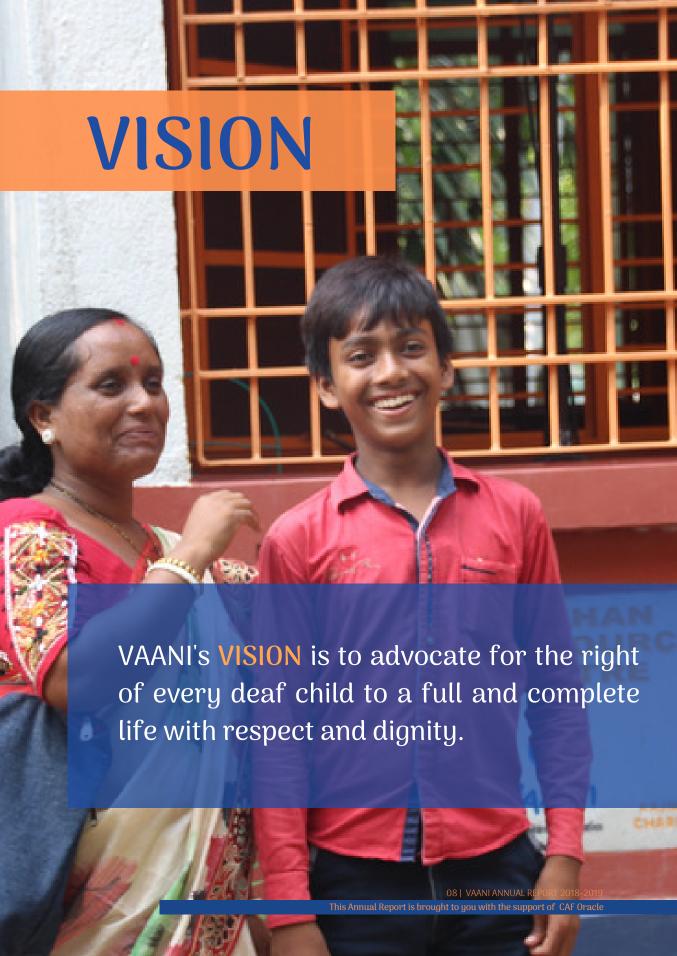
Together with our hardworking team and trusting parents and our valued NGO partner colleagues, we look towards a brighter, stronger 2019. We take this opportunity to convey our heartfelt thanks to all those who have wished us well through 2018.

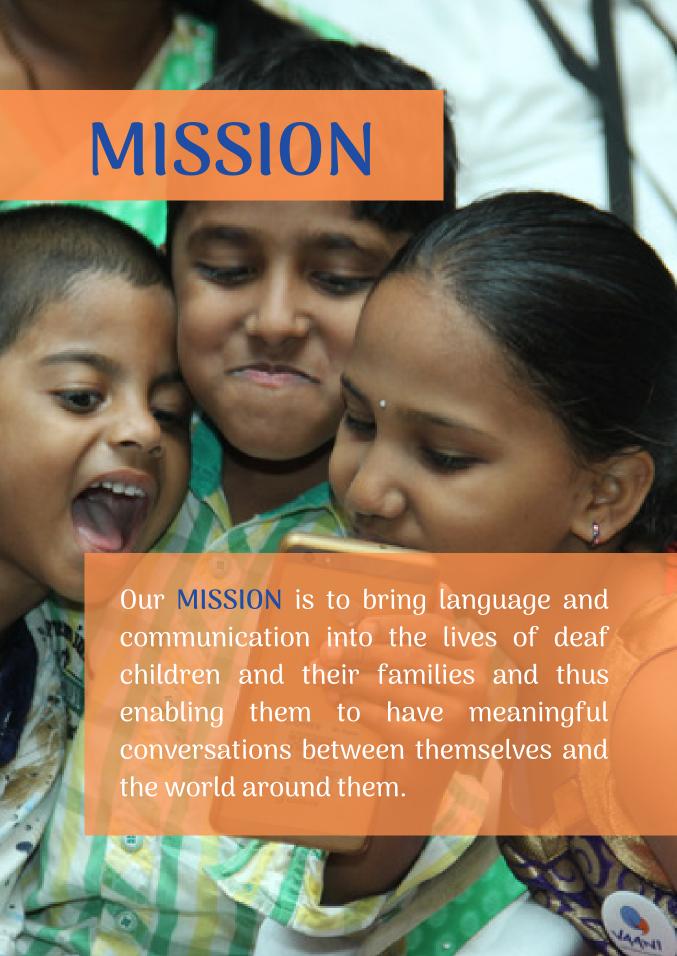
- Sumedha Joglekar (Director)

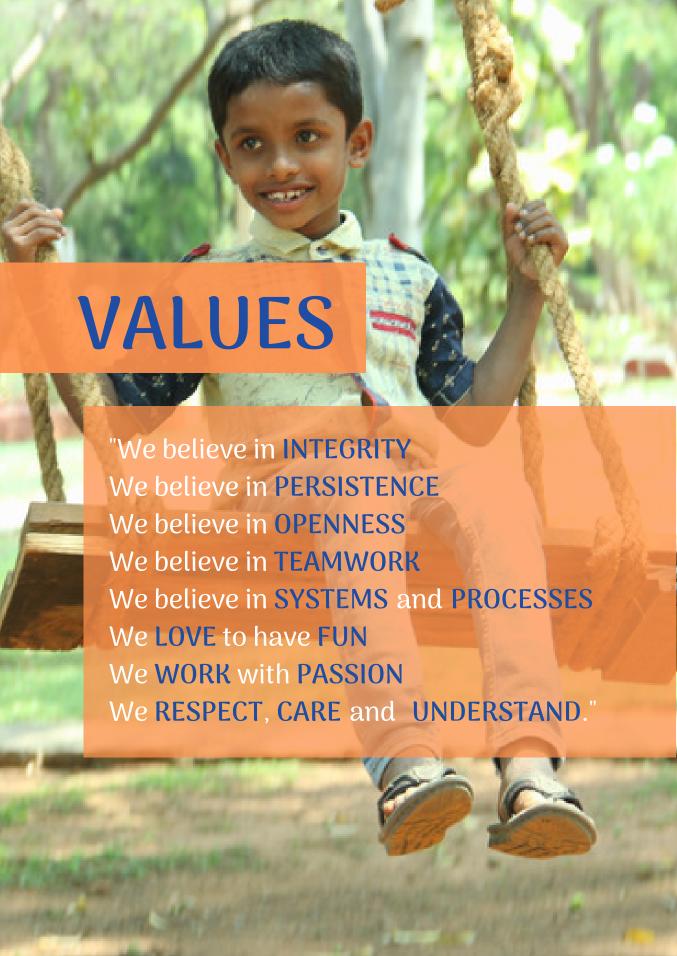
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VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation was registered as a Trust with the Additional Registrar of Assurances in Kolkata on the 9th of August, 2005. Our registration number is 4257. We also have FCRA certification to receive foreign funds. VAANI is registered under section 12A of the Income Tax Act- 1961. All donations made to VAANI are 50% exempt under section 80G of the Income Tax Act.







WHAT WE DO





Provide individualised attention to hearing impaired children based on their needs of communication and language.



Capacity building of parents and caregivers for effective communication with their hearing impaired children



Empowering and engaging professionals and NGO parters through refresher programmes, and workshops



Building the capacity of Anganwadi and health workers.



Engaging with the government for facilitation of different policies for hearing impaired children



Sensitising general public on the issue of early childhood deafness for an inclusive society.



NITHYA was born with a hearing impairment which doctors believe was due to a high fever her mother ran in her eighth month of pregnancy. She never let this slow her down.

"I never let anyone teasing me bother me. Anyway, I couldn't hear them!"

Four years ago, Nithya's father suggested her taking up a role at VAANI to help other people with speech and hearing impairment get the services they need in order to live independent and fulfilling lives. Since then she has never looked back.

"Being at VAANI in the role of 'Admin and Supporter Service Officer' has given me a lot of confidence. I want to make sure that I support my team and help build cooperation."

IMPACT YOU HELPED TO CREATE

NUMBER OF DIRECT & INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES REACHED WITH YOUR SUPPORT

5107



PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH AWARENESS & SENSITIZATION DRIVES



PARENTS RECEIVED TRAINING

589

CHILDREN RECEIVED INDIVIDUALISED TRAINING THROUGH THE SADHAN RESOURCE CENTRE



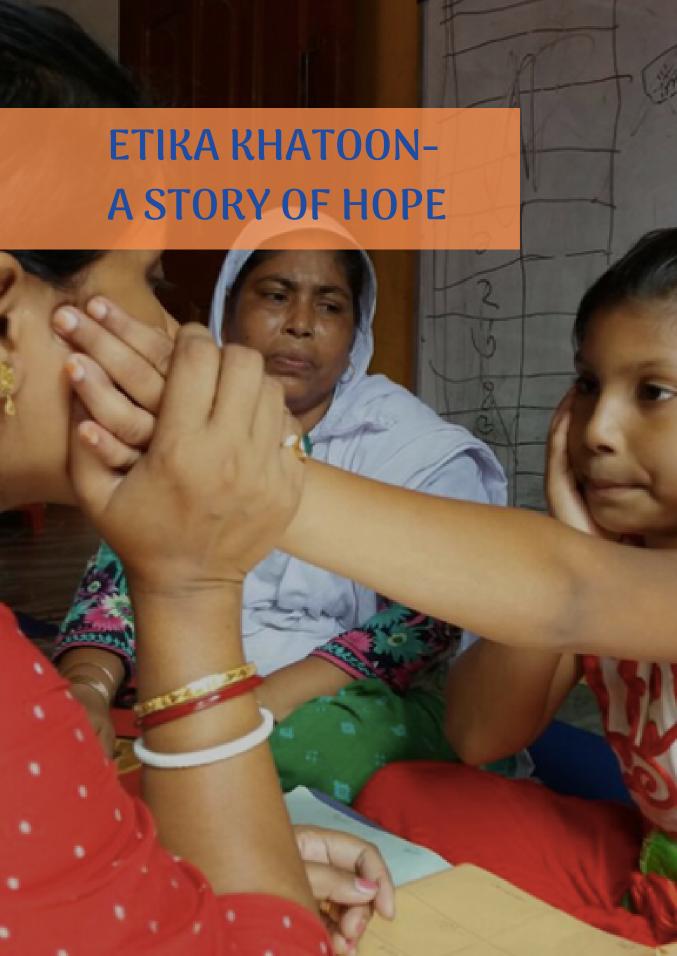
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REACHED THROUGH ADVOCACY WORK



PROFESSIONALS REACHED THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS







ETIKA Khatoon was born on the 1st of January, 2008 in Sonarpur. She was two years old when her parents observed that she was unresponsive to sounds. After a hearing examination, doctors confirmed that she had profound hearing loss.

Etika registered at VAANI Sadhan Centre on 26 November 2014.

After participating in sessions at the Sadhan Centre, Etika progressed a lot in communication, reading, writing and math skills. Later her family shifted her from a mainstream school to the Calcutta Deaf School and continues to attend sessions at VAANI to help her continue to progress.

Her parents say,"We are happy to attend the sessions, meetings and training workshops. They help us in understanding many important things required for our child's progress."

REGULAR PROGRAMMES OF WORK





The regular programmes of work involve bringing communication into the lives of deaf children through an Individualised Education Programme (IEP), organizing regular speech training sessions as well as dedicated computer education programmes in Assam, Karnataka and West Bengal. Programme work also focuses in involving parents and family members to enable and enhance their empowerment process.

Providing Life skill education on different topics like good touch and bad touch, healthy eating habits, keeping environment clean, personal hygiene and social etiquette's also form an important part of regular programmes.

PARENT CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING WORKSHOPS

VAANI workshops for parents are conducted with the aim of developing the capacity of parents to engage and communicate with their children in a natural home environment. They cover topics such as - What is deafness, Policies available, Parent-to-Parent support etc. and are conducted quarterly across regions. The ultimate aim is to create parent champions who could replicate our work in the community around them.









THE COMMUNITY EAR

CHECK UP CAMP





Under the Community Awareness Programme, free ear check up and audiometry camps were conducted in Bangalore, Tumkur and in Siliguri. These camps are conducted quarterly at different locations to provide access to children who require such services.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS



Awareness workshops with the Health and Community workers capacitate them to identify young deaf children and support families with the necessary information and knowledge, thus enabling expectant mothers to minimize risk factors and help families to access the intervention services for deaf children

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN



Under our Awareness and Sensitization programme, VAANI was invited at Indus Valley International School, Bangalore to conduct a session on basic signs. It was an eventful day spent with little ones.

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OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE



Parent-Infant Programme-0-5 Years

The goal of this programme is early screening and Identification of hearing loss in newborns.

Our vision is to create an intervention center with a special educator/auditory verbal therapist who would develop an Individualized Educational Programme for the child and parent.

Sadhan Resource Centre- 5-14 years

The Sadhan Resource Centre is a space to educate and empower deaf children and their parents to learn and comprehend language and have meaningful conversations

At present there are 11 Sadhan Resource Centres and in the next five years, the aim is to expand the number in different parts of India, through direct and indirect intervention and in collaboration with partner organizations.





Youth Transition and Referral Advisory Programme- 14 and above

This is a vision area where the aim is to prepare children for employment or career related educational programmes in association with partners to provide:

- ☐ Higher education/career counseling
- ☐ Prevocational training
- ☐ Vocational training
- ☐ Soft skill development
- ∏ Advanced life skills

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY AT KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL





VAANI with support from Tech Mahindra Foundation organised a fun filled camp for parents and children. The main focus of this camp was to emphasis on team building and cooperation. It was a fruitful day spent with pleasant weather turning the VAANI team and volunteers into children! Activities such as running races, lemon and spoon race, etc. were well received followed by a prize distribution.

70th REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

26th Jan 2019





Republic Day was observed along with a treasured VAANI partner-Sri Shathashrunga Vidya Samasthe, Kamakshi Palya school for the deaf.

Activities on different colors of the flag, the importance of the freedom struggle, language and communication were involved in all aspects of celebrations.

WORLD DEAF

AWARENESS

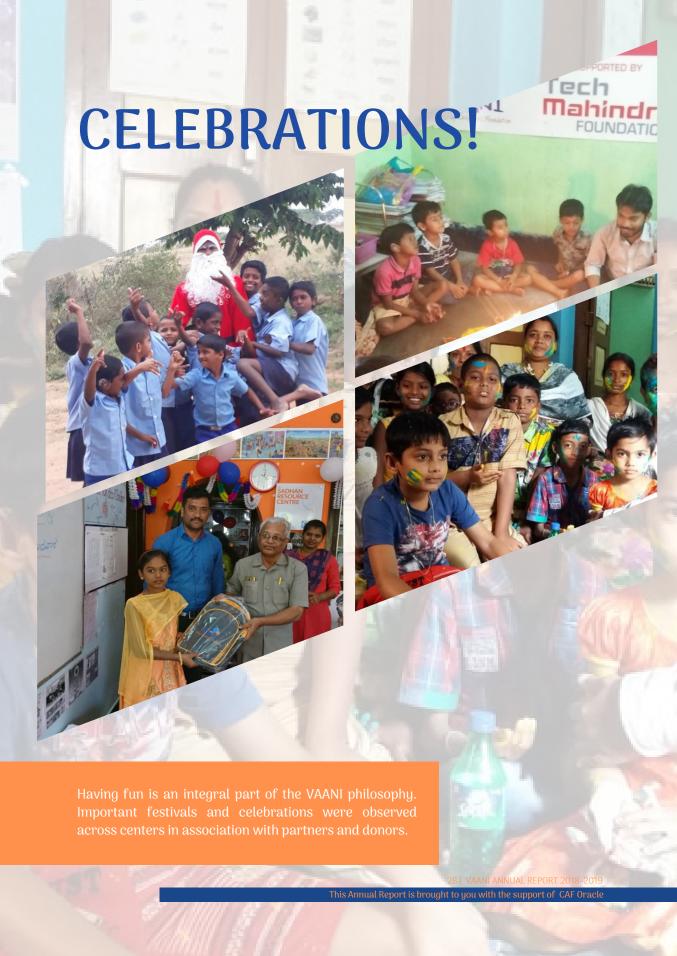




24th-28th September 2018

Walkathons were conducted across Assam, Karnataka and West Bengal where social work colleges (MSW), traffic police, parents and children all participated together.

There were cultural programmes conducted in Malancho, West Bengal, and an awareness programme at Tumkur Dental College where medical professionals were coached on how to treat patients with hearing impairment.



SILENT GARDEN







24th March, 2019

The aim of the conference was to educate parents about the needs of the deal children and reiterate the importance of parental support.

Two eminent speakers presented at the conference-

Anitha Ramaiyengar and her mother Vasuda were role models for the audience as they spoke about their journey. Anitha is deaf and works as an executive engineer at Karnataka Power Corporation Limited.

Nitin Sisodia- Founder and CEO of SOHUM Innovation Labs presented on the importance of technology in development of children and family lives



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FREE ENTERPRISE DA

An article of hers titled "Partnering with the Government: Achieving sustainable special education goals for children with hearing impairment: A case study from Assam" was also featured in the "Azim Premji University Learning Curve" in August 2018.

VAANI IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Radio Siddhartha covered the issue of Deaf Awareness in Tumkur and provided an opportunity for mass community awareness about deafness. The show reached over 1000 people listening in on the radio.













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VAANI ON SOCIAL MEDIA



The VAANI Facebook following is growing consistently and is currently at 4000 followers. Some poststhose which featured engagement with our corporate partners and festivals such as Diwali performed well and reached over 1000 people.



VAANI has over 392 followers on Twitter and the number continues to grow.









VAANI BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Brinda Crishna: Founder and Trustee.

T V Ramaswamy: Leadership team of ITC and VAANI Chairman and Trustee.





Indrani Roy: Independent Director of NDTV since 2004 and VAANI Trustee.

Sriparna Chaudhuri: Over 20 years of experience in the Development and Corporate sectors and Trustee.





Aysha Sreekanth: 15 years of experience in the Development Sector and Trustee.

Ajay Sharma: He is the Chief Operating Officer for ITW Consulting and Trustee.



VAANI TEAM



Sumedha Joglekar: Executive Director Bhavani Arumugham: Head-Programme Ajita Gohain: Deputy Head-Programme T. V Kusuma: Deputy Head-Finance, HR & Admin Kajal Jani: Head-Resource Mobilization Avijit Naskar: Manager-Program (East)

Tonny Ray: Deputy Manager-Program (East) Veeresh: Manager-Program (South)

Nithya K: Supporter Service & Admin Officer

Piew Banerjee: Supporter Service Asst.

Soniua: Officer-Finance & HR

Shashidhar. N: Deputy Manager-Program (South)

Sovan Chatterjee: Officer-Programme Biswajit Debnath: Officer-Finance & Admin

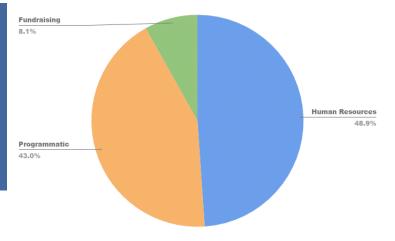
Swarup Das: Teacher of the Deaf Aloy Jhulki: Teacher of the Deaf Ruby Koley: Teacher of the Deaf Doly Mondal: Teacher of the Deaf Mukuta Deka: Teacher of the Deaf

Basana Debnath- Teacher of the Deaf Soma Nag: Teacher of the Deaf Kalpana Jhulki: Teacher of the Deaf Manisha Shaw: Teacher of the Deaf Indrajit Saha: Teacher of the Deaf Geeta Kundu: Teacher of the Deaf Shritama Basu: Teacher of the Deaf Nishikanta Rou: Teacher of the Deaf Krishna Prasad: Teacher of the Deaf Ashwini: Teacher of the Deaf Thriveni: Teacher of the Deaf Salma Hussain: Community Mobiliser Jharna Mistry: Community Mobiliser Binapani Bahadur: Community Mobiliser

Muslima Bibi: Community Mobiliser Aditi Pramanick: Community Mobiliser Hiralal Roy: Community Mobiliser Jayita Bose: Computer Trainer

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The pie chart shows VAANI's expenditure through the year 2018-2019. For the fully audited financial statements please refer to the annexe from page 50-55.



VAANI delivers its services to deaf children and their families

ABSOLUTELY FREE OF COST

VAANI's income is raised through grants and donations from generous partners and donors over the course of the year. Nothing is possible without the contribution of each individual and institution that makes up the VAANI familu.



You can help raise funds for VAANI by asking your friends/colleagues to donate to VAANI on special occasions, taking part in fundraising events like marathons or crowdfunding through your personal and professional networks.

To raise funds for VAANI write to

vaani@vaani.in https://vaani.in/donate/



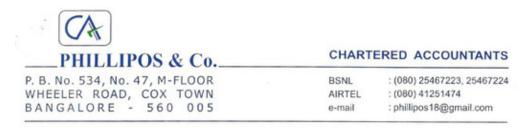
- -Nutrition Supplements
- -Teaching learning materials and technical aids
- -Parent capacity building workshops
- -Community sensitisation
- -Audiological camps and check ups

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ANNEXURE



Audited Financial Statements



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

To The Members of VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION KOLKATA 700046

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2019 the Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give us a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India of the state of affairs of VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION as at March 31, 2019 and the Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended on that date.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Our responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the aforesaid Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management is responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management is responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Further, based our our audit we report that:

- We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Society so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
- The Balance Sheet, the Income and Expenditure A/c dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the relevant books of account.

Place: Bengaluru Date:25th June, 2019 For Phillipos & Co Chartered Accountants FRN: 002650S

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Partner

Membership No: 027621

VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Consolidated Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2019

Particulars	Schedule	31.03.2019 Rs.	31.03.2018 Rs.	
Source of Funds				
Trust Fund	1	30,111	30,111	
General Fund	2	49,26,043	54,34,620	
PHF Fund	3	4,05,954	4,05,954	
Current Liabilities & Provisions	4	74,85,429	53,34,062	
		1,28,47,537	1,12,04,747	
Application of Funds				
Fixed Assets	5	10,43,538	10,52,763	
Loans & Advances	6	8,87,854	10,29,498	
Cash & Bank Balances	7	1,09,16,145	91,22,486	
		1,28,47,537	1,12,04,747	

For VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation

T V Ramaswamy Trustee, Chairperson

Date: 25/06/2019 Place: Bangalore Sumedin Nijaylaxmi Joglekar Director For Phillipos & Co. Chartered Accountants FRN: 002650 S

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Regn. No. 002650

VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Consolidated Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2019

Particulars	Schedule	31.03.2019	Rs.	31.03.2018 Rs.
Income				
Grants & Donations	8		1,78,32,919	2,46,50,260
Other Income	9		3,18,016	3,58,856
			1,81,50,934	2,50,09,116
Expenditure				
Human Resource Project	10	65,43,300		
General		26,82,540	92,25,840	1,22,32,379
Operational Expenses Project	11	51,43,335		
General	-	5,05,660	56,48,995	36,67,420
Office & Administrative Expenses Project	12	14.45.000		
General		14,45,266 7,23,724	21,68,990	32,52,513
Fund Raising Activity	13		15,30,557	47,54,104
Bank Charges			75,905	1,21,556
TDS written off				36,680
Depreciation	5		2,18,073	2,45,000
Excess of Expenditure over Income			(7,17,425)	6,99,464
			1,81,50,934	2,50,09,116

For VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation

T V Ramaswamy Trustee, Chairperson Director

Date: 25/06/2019

Place: Bangalore

Sumedia Vijaylaxmi Joglekar

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Bangalore - 560 005. Regn. No. 002650 S RTERED ACCOUN

As per our report of even date For Phillipos & Co. Chartered Accountants FRN: 002650 S

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VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Consolidated Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2019

Particulars	Schedule	31.03.2019	Rs.	31.03.2018 Rs.
Opening Cash and Bank balance	14		91,22,486	66,39,79
Receipts				
Grants & Donations	15		2,05,88,957	2,68,74,76
Other Income	16		4,08,135	4,78,89
Current Assets-Security Deposit Refund			3,00,000	
Liabilities	17		(6,43,485)	6,47,95
	-		2.07.77.002	24/44/5
Payments			2,97,76,092	3,46,41,40
Human Resource	18			
Project General		65,43,300 26,82,540	92,25,840	1,22,32,37
Operational Expenses	19			
Project General		51,43,335 5,05,660	56,48,995	36,32,50
Office & Administrative Expenses	20		1.500.000	
Project General		12,36,418 7,23,724	19,60,142	32,52,51
Fund Raising Activity	21		15,30,557	47,54,10
Fixed Assets	22		2,08,848	3,61,93
oans and Advances	23		1,95,028	5,97,36
Other Payment	24		14,633	5,29,88
Bank Charges			75,905	1,21,55
TDS Receivable written off			-	36,68
Closing Bank ,Cash, Fixed Deposit Balance	25		1,09,16,145	91,22,486
			2,97,76,092	3,46,41,404

For VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation

T V Ramaswamy Date: 25/06/2019 Place: Bangalore

Sumedha Trustee, Chairperson Director

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As per our report of even date For Phillipos & Co. Chartered Accountants FRN: 002650 S

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Phone:-8023486064, 9141278067, 7259601111

VAANI Sadhan Centre Methipalya (Karnataka)

VAANI Deaf Children's Foundation Sri Shathashrunga Free Residential School For the Deaf ${\mathfrak G}$

VTC for the Disabled, Sai Vrundhavan Campus, Metipalya Village, Sondekoppa Road, Tavarekere, Bangalore South Taluk.

VAANI Sadhan Centre Tumkur (Karnataka)

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