



World's Children

2020 Annual Report



Our Vision:

A world in which every child has a safe, nurturing place to call home, and a chance to achieve their potential through education.



Our Mission

Children are often helpless victims of poverty and disaster, yet they will be the ones to shape our future.

Our mission is to provide support and education for orphans and vulnerable children in the poorest countries around the world.



World's Children has cared for orphans and vulnerable children around the world since 1965. We assist the most desperate children—orphans, unwanted girls, abandoned or abused children, and children with HIV/AIDS. We have three primary programs: sponsorships, scholarships and special projects for children.



In 2020, we learned to social distance and wear masks



Adapting to a global pandemic – meeting the moment

Dear Friends and Supporters,

When I sat down to compose my thoughts about what I wanted to say to you about the past year I kept trying to come up with a succinct phrase to summarize what we've all gone through. But what we experienced over the past 15 months – as a world, as a nation, and as a charity – was simply incomparable.

It was a moment unlike any other in our lifetime and it called for unforeseen response from you to ensure the safety of the children. In spring and summer of 2020, when the world first realized just how serious covid was, the orphanage administrators in India let us know they were going out into the villages where many of the children were temporarily staying with relatives to bring them food, face masks, medicine and other supplies. And these women were doing the same thing for poor people in their neighborhoods who – because of the strict lockdown – had no work, no savings, and no food.

**They were meeting the moment by
risking their own lives to help others.**

We jumped on their mission of mercy and asked if you would help them. And you responded beyond our expectations.

Recently we learned that many orphanage staff had contracted covid and were hospitalized. We put out an emergency appeal in late May to help raise funds to pay their medical expenses. Again, you met the moment of urgent need for the women who care for the children. Your response has been amazing.

What was it like for the children? Well, it isn't over by any means. For the second time the Indian government forced many of the orphanage kids to return to their relatives as another covid surge engulfed India. I think you all are aware from news reports just how bad the situation is in India.

How could the children continue their education if they could not attend school? Like most governments around the world, the Indian government decided every child should use computers, tablets and smart phones to attend remote classes. And while children from middle class families might have those tools, kids from the orphanages certainly did not. It was another critical moment for our children and again you stepped up, this time to pay for the electronic devices they needed for their studies.

After the first lockdown in India ended and the children returned to the orphanages, we got letters from some of the kids written to their sponsors. Reading those letters was really eye-opening for us. Here is a passage I copied from one girl's letter to her sponsor that captures the emotions the children are going through.

“During the time of lockdown some days we had no sufficient food to eat. Fortunately, sisters came with provisions, vegetables, dry fruits and snacks. They told me whenever you need anything just phone them.

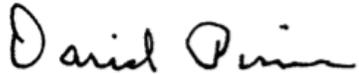
“I was so happy that they were there for me. After few days I expressed my desire to go back to the children’s home. I did covid test and I rejoined with other children. That was my happiest moment. Now I have no fear. Anything happens, sisters are with me to take care of me.”

That says a lot about the loving care the staff provides to their children. Soon all the children will return to their orphanages and we expect many more children orphaned by covid will also come.

Thanks to the generosity of donors during our 2020 annual campaign, the children will find a homelike environment where they will feel safe.

Even in the midst of the worst pandemic in a century, you made their lives better. Thank you for caring for the children.

With gratitude,



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2020 Financials

Overview

Revenue	\$ 748,393
Expenses	\$ 888,826
Grants	\$ 601,803
Net Assets at end of year	\$ 738,044

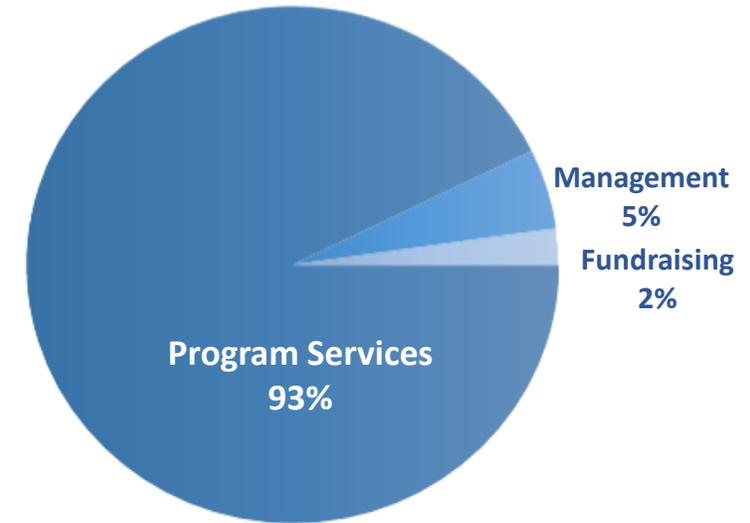
Expenses

Program Services	\$ 824,229
Management	\$ 44,552
Fundraising	\$ 20,045
Total Expenses	\$ 888,826

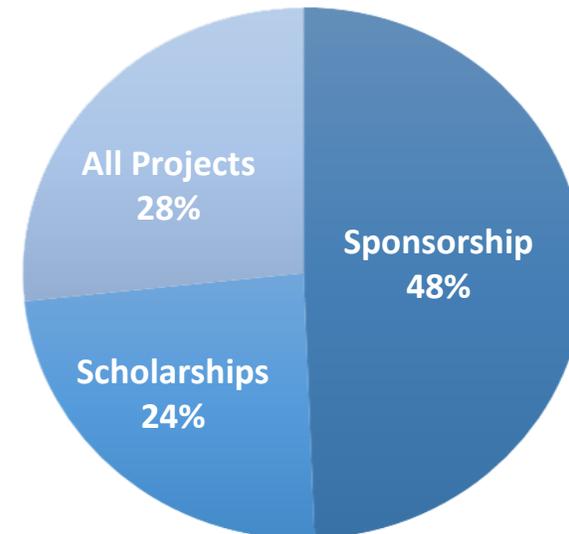
Grants

Child Sponsorship	\$ 297,059
Scholarships	\$ 144,100
Special Projects	\$ 133,008
Prevention of Child Trafficking Project	\$ 10,007
Coronavirus Relief Project	\$ 17,629
Total Grants	\$ 601,803

2020 Expenses



2020 Grants



To see the 2020 Financial Review and 990: www.worldschildren.org/financials/

Impact in 2020



797 sponsors and donors contributed to WC programs.



33 projects were funded to improve the children's homes in 2020.



927 children were sponsored in 2020.



278 students received college scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year.



32 homes (housing >3,000 children) received direct support in the form of sponsorship and/or project funding.



120,000 adults and children in 211 villages were educated about child trafficking in India and how to prevent it during the first three years of this project.



25 grants were given for coronavirus hunger relief in villages in India.

12,297 girls and boys in 80 schools in the region of Telangana, India were educated about child trafficking and formed groups to help prevent it during the first three years of this project.



An orphanage can be a happy place

Cradle to College

Where we work

World's Children currently works in 32 orphanages and children's homes. 30 homes are in India, one in Ethiopia and one in Guatemala.

Child sponsorship

The World's Children Sponsorship Program is our largest program. We help orphans and vulnerable children who live in an orphanage or children's home due to a wide variety of circumstances.

Your sponsorship fee is used to purchase nutritious food, clothing, medicine, books, supplies, and other necessities.

The children's homes are like large families. Sponsors receive letters, photos, drawings, and progress reports about their child.

Scholarships

Our college scholarship and vocational training program for disadvantaged young men and women in India changes lives and lifts families out of poverty.

In 2020, World's Children provided scholarships for 278 students. This includes children who grow up in our sponsorship program and other needy students we identify through our partners. We also provide scholarships at two nursing colleges in India where we support the most vulnerable students.

Successful Outcomes

We put a strong emphasis on education and successful outcomes because this will uplift not only the child you will come to know and love when you sponsor them, but society as a whole.

Where we work

India



Guatemala



Ethiopia



Sponsored since 2007 — a successful outcome in the making



Shantala comes from a very poor family. She was first sponsored in 2007 when she was five years old in kindergarten living in a girls' hostel supported by World's Children in India. She is now in nursing college and she has had the same dedicated sponsor for 14 years. Her goal is to become a nurse when she graduates in 2024.

"I want to help sick people and serve the community and help my parents." -- Shantala

2020 Scholarships at a Glance

278 scholarships

204 Students are continuing

74 Students are new

72 Students graduated

with degrees in
nursing,
engineering, banking,
accounting, computer
technology, teaching
and vocational training
programs



Vocational Training

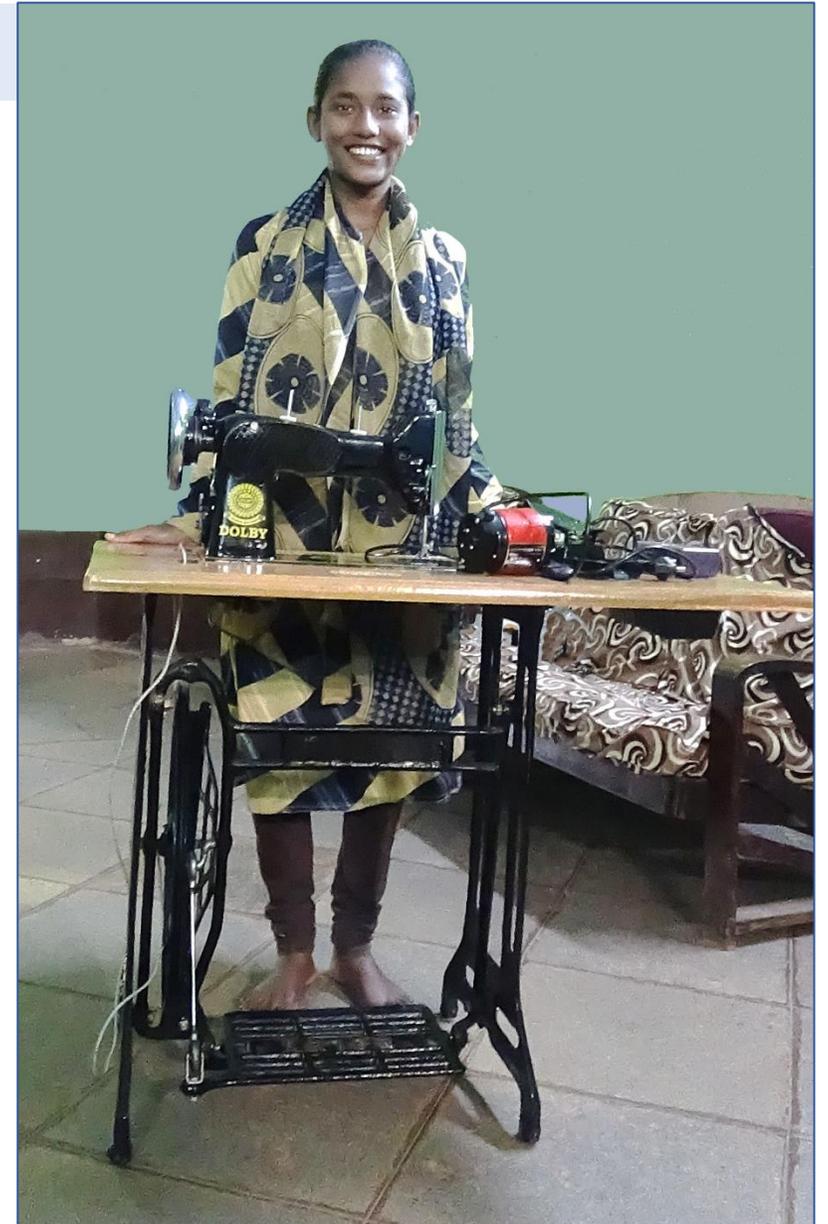
Vocational courses studied in 2020: banking, electrician, embroidery, tailoring and computers



Four aspiring tailors received sewing machines in 2020

“Greetings from Sony. Thanks a lot for your help and kind support. You stood in my parents’ place when I lost them. I will never forget you in my life. I have written my 10th standard examination.

Thank you so much for giving me tailoring machine. I will stitch in home and earn. It will be helpful for my life. While working only, I will continue my studies and I will take care of myself. I am ever grateful to your love and support.” –Sony (not pictured)



Sacred Heart nursing students provide awareness programs



The students are educating villagers in proper hygiene techniques. They asked for a PA (public address) system and projector to show educational videos and WC donors provided it.

Prevention of Child Trafficking Program (PCT) – Results

~ It takes a village to prevent child trafficking ~



Over a three-year period, the PCT team of five staff members educated over 120,000 adults and children living in 211 villages, and 12,297 girls and boys in 80 schools.

Because this prevention program is so successful and cost-effective, WC is extending support for three more years. The team will continue their current program and enlarge the area to include villages in two more districts in Telangana, India that are hard-hit by traffickers. The continuing program will serve 393,629 people in three districts that include both urban and rural communities. See the full report:

<https://www.worldschildren.org/trafficking-update/>

“122 villages are safe for girls and women because community vigilant committees and child clubs in schools are now firmly in place.” – Sister Regina



Keys to success of the PCT Program

Flood the area with information, involve the community and the children, educate through movies. Create a community of watchers.



Prevention of Child Trafficking Accomplishments 2017-2020



113 victims have been rescued from trafficking. In one area, the number of trafficked children plummeted from 115 to almost zero.

120,000 villagers and children in 211 villages have been educated about trafficking.

67,798 villagers have watched trafficking awareness videos.

20,240 children in 88 schools also have watched the videos.

270 women's self-help groups, comprised of 10,110 women, have met to discuss prevention of trafficking. They also identified 13 victims of domestic violence and helped rescue some of the trafficking victims.

128 Community Vigilant Committees have been formed.

80 Child Vigilant Clubs were formed. Each group comprised 10 students, one teacher, one PCT staff, and one member of Childline.

270 school dropouts were identified by Child Clubs and Community Vigilant Committees. Child Clubs also prevented seven child marriages.

Other Groups—The PCT team also has worked with a variety of other parties affected by trafficking. They met with:

- **180 sex workers** to motivate them to give up business and help them take up other occupations.
- **290 taxi and bus drivers** because these men provide the primary means of transportation for traffickers.
- **96 police officers** since rescue can be a real challenge due to threats and lack of shelters for those rescued.
- **150 members of professional groups such as:** Child Welfare Committee, media, revenue officers, school teachers, etc.
- **363 members** of various community groups such as farming and youth groups.

Coronavirus Relief for Villages in India



WC made 25 grants in 2020 totaling \$17,746 to help our overseas partners provide covid relief in their surrounding villages in India.

Coronavirus Relief for Villages in India continued



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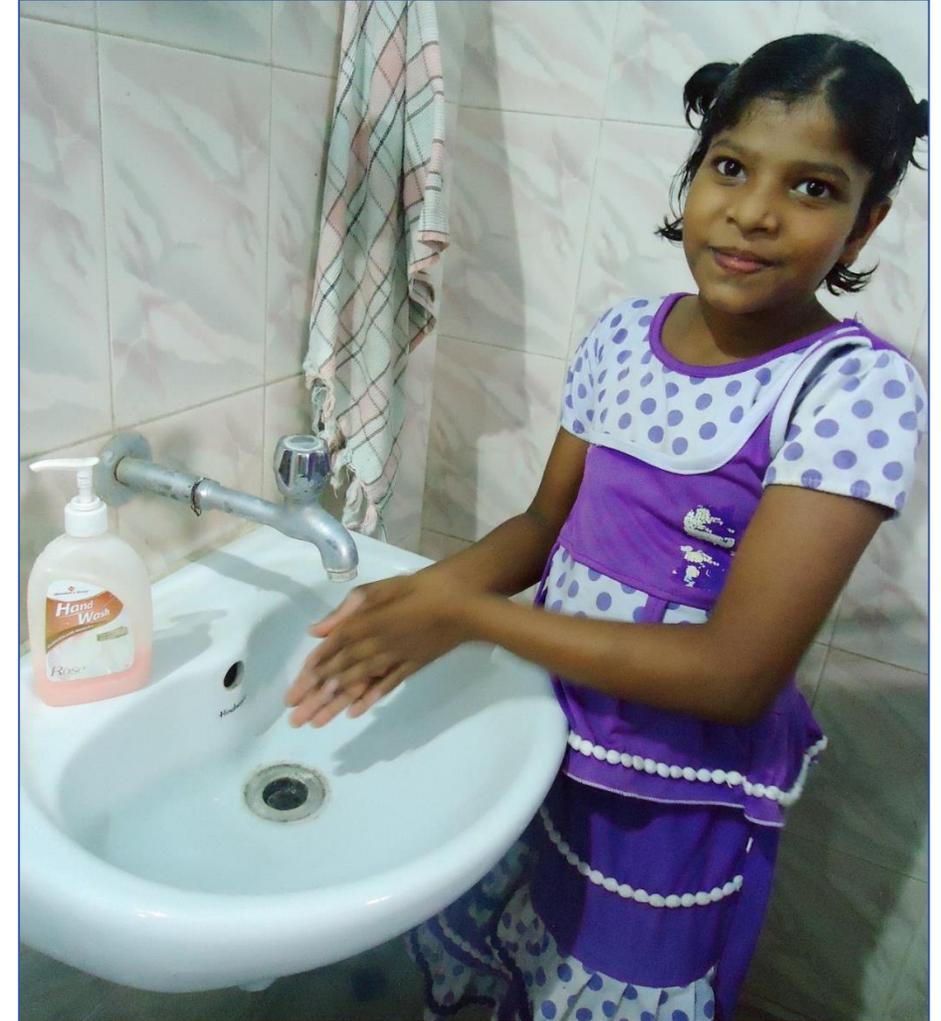


The Healthy Child Fund



In 2020 the Healthy Child Fund provided extra sanitation supplies for the children and for nursing students, paid children's hospital bills, and provided special nutrition for at-risk children.

The Healthy Child Fund continued



2020 Special Projects Impact

400 Students have back-up power and solar street lights

497 Children and students have new access to clean water

120 Girls have a solar hot water heater for warm baths

34 Boys have improved toilets and hand-washing stations

295 Children have new tables and benches for eating and doing schoolwork

230 Children have a new kitchen

30 Girls affected by HIV have a newly painted building inside and out

122 Children have improved safety from mosquitos

76 Children have a new security guard and gatehouse to keep them safe

160 Children have new beds

50 Girls have a remodeled washing area with walls and a roof

65 Girls have a renovated dormitory

1,325 Children have the use of new computers, tablets and phones for remote studies

It's been challenging for the homes to complete these projects because of coronavirus, but the needs were great and they found a way. The following pages feature projects that were funded and completed in 2020.

The Remote Education Project

Coronavirus created the necessity for all children to attend classes remotely throughout India. The administrators asked for computers, laptops, tablets, projectors and phones so the children and college students would not get behind in their studies. Generous donors provided this much needed technology for 16 homes that serve 1,325 children.



Technology for Remote Learning was provided for these homes



Assunta Asha Nilayam Home for girls affected by HIV

Nithya Sahaya Matha

Sister Seline's Home for Children affected by HIV

Little Flower Home for Children

Sneha Sadan

Raichur Girls' Hostel

Lucile Colony Girls' Hostel

Swadhar Children's Home

Fatima Children's Home

Balavikasita Orphanage

Shanthi Nilayam Home for Boys affected by HIV

St. Anthony's Orphanage

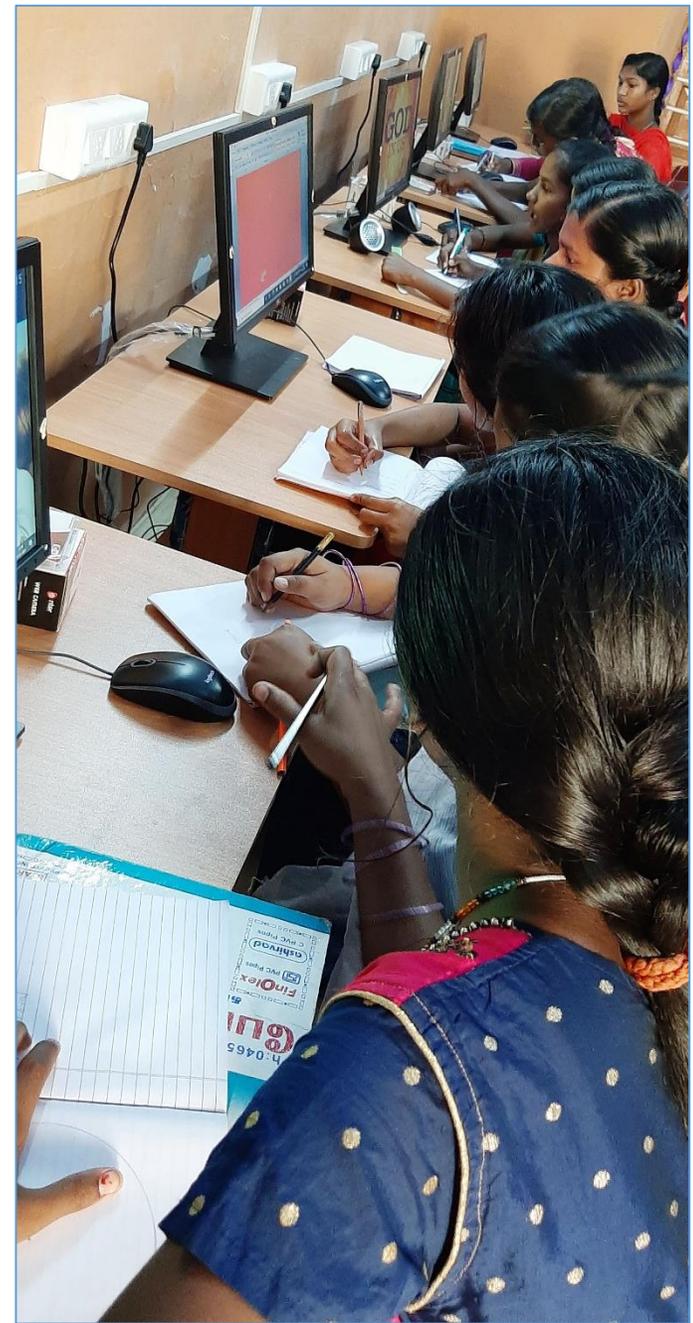
Nambikkai Illam Orphanage

Nirmala Matha Orphanage

Laptop, projector and screen for 127 children at Little Flower Home for Children



This projector with laptop, screen, and sound system arrived just before covid. This home is now well-equipped to provide remote education to their children.







Borewells

One borewell for 400 women at Sacred Heart Nursing College



Before

The students at Sacred Heart Nursing College no longer have to pay for water from the water truck. They have a new borewell with a motor for pumping water.



Borewell drilling

One borewell for 97 children at Pandaravedu Orphanage



Before

The children at Pandaravedu Orphanage used to carry water from the pump down the road. Now they have their own borewell.

35KV diesel generator and solar lights for Sacred Heart Nursing College



The 400 students now have back-up power from this new generator when there are power-cuts. They also have solar lights on campus to keep them safe at night.



Solar powered lights for 194 girls at Athipet Girls' Home



Solar water heater for 120 girls at Miriam Boarding Home



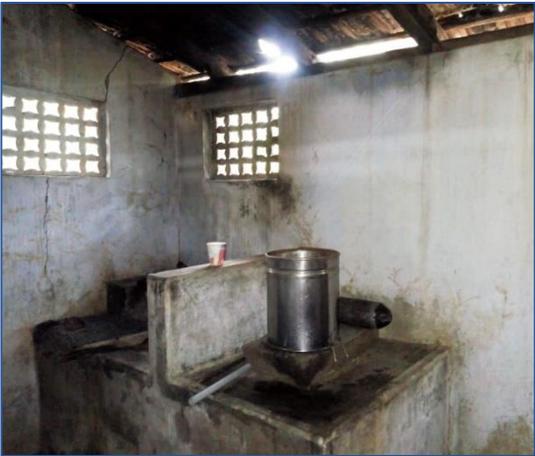
The joys of bathing in warm water!

New toilets for 34 boys at Pandaravedu Orphanage



These toilets had an extreme makeover. Porta-potties were transformed into a beautiful toilet building with handwashing station

Happy Home kitchen before and after – serving 140 children



Kitchen renovation for 90 children at Sneha Sadan



Dormitory remodel for 65 girls at Raichur Girls' Hostel



Scooter for Padaravedu Orphanage



The administrators of this home needed a way to get supplies and do errands for the 97 children in their care so they asked for a motor scooter.

Water Buffalo for Raichur Girls' Hostel



This home asked for a water buffalo to supply milk to keep their 65 girls healthy.

Battery-powered lights and water purifier for 65 girls at Raichur Methodist Girls' Hostel



110 Beds for Amalarakkini Home for Blind Children



Previously, all the children slept on the floor on mats. Now they have real beds.



Beds and bedding for 50 girls at Nambikkai Orphanage



Dining tables and stools for 45 boys at Shanthi Nilayam orphanage for boys affected by HIV



Before



After

50 benches and desks for 250 girls to eat and study at Nirmala Matha home for children



Windows and screens

Windows were repaired at St. Joseph's Home for 42 children and window screens were installed for Annai Scholastica Orphanage to protect 80 children from mosquitoes and rats.



Security gatehouse with on-site guard at Fatima Home to protect 76 children



Roof and wall for washing area to protect 50 girls at Bethel Orphanage



Before

Roof and wall for washing area to protect 50 girls at Bethel Orphanage



After

Roof and wall for washing area to protect 50 girls at Bethel Orphanage



After

New paint to protect 30 girls at Assunta Asha Nilayam home for girls affected by HIV



Before

New paint to protect 30 girls at Assunta Asha Nilayam home for girls affected by HIV



After

Girls' Dormitory for 80 girls at Nambikkai Illam is under construction



Because of covid, dorm progress has been slowed down. The first floor has been completed and they are working on the second floor now.

More about 2020 Projects

Completed projects not featured

- Clothing for 90 children at Bridge of Hope
- Refrigerator for 112 children at Nithya Sahaya Matha Hostel
- Digital cameras for Bridge of Hope and Nambikkai Illam administrators
- Medical protective equipment for nursing students at Raichur Girls' Hostel
- Bridge of Hope \$6,000 donation for orphanage special needs and projects

Projects funded in 2020 in progress

- New water tank to provide drinking water for 31 girls at Sherman Girls' Hostel
- Vehicle for Balavikasita Orphanage
- Compound wall for 194 girls at Athipet Tribal Girls' Home
- New kitchen equipment for 28 children at St. Joseph's Home for Children
- Cows, goats, and hens for 185 children at Annai Scholastica Home
- Study hall for 64 children at Fatima Children's Home
- Dormitory tile flooring for 123 girls at Little Flower Home for Children
- Shed for drying clothes for 300 girls at Nirmala Home
- Water and electrical repairs for children at Bethel Orphanage
- Toilet upgrade for St. Elizabeth's Home for Children
- PA system for Sacred Heart nursing students village outreach

Let the children play



Even in tough and troubling times, the children took time to play and dance.



Looking forward



- ❖ We look forward to beating covid!
- ❖ With your continued support, we will fund as many sponsorships and scholarships as possible.
- ❖ So far in 2021, World's Children has funded 15 projects to improve life at the children's homes and we hope to fund more.
- ❖ The Prevention of Child Trafficking Project has been renewed for three more years and is moving into more villages in India.

With their toast, the children thank you for all your kind support in 2020.

Let's make 2021 the best year yet!

Your donation large or small can make all the difference in a child's life



Sponsor a child or help support an orphanage



Sponsor a scholarship student or give any amount to the scholarship fund



Donate for a project



Prevent child trafficking



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