



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025



HOLISTIC CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT INDIA

“The best way to find yourself  
is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

Mahatma Gandhi

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR



Every milestone is measured not in numbers, but in lives transformed. As we close another year of social engagement, let us humbly look to the Creator of all things, the Supreme Being, our guiding force, for all the dreams planted in our imagination, the passion wired into our minds to choose the less privileged, and the commitment refined within us to tirelessly offer our time and talents as an embodiment of divine love.

The last triennium (2022 to 2025) was marked by a major transition period for Holistic Child Development India (HCDI). With a new constitutional framework and a fresh set of program teams, HCDI expanded its reach to additional locations while maintaining its original vigor and foundational ecumenical aspirations. As HCDI completes three decades of passionate involvement with underprivileged children and community development, we see these moments as a collective celebration of the lives of those on the margins, the lives often left behind by mainstream development.

The Child Focused Community Development programs across India result from HCDI's long term dedication and teamwork. The conceptualization of this program was initiated by Mr. Thomas Rajkumar, the former Director. It was a unique pioneering program and has since become a model framework adopted by both national and international development agencies.

Children are the reason for and focus of HCDI's existence. Since its humble beginning in 1994, inspired by the vision of its predecessor organization, HCDI's mission has centered on serving underprivileged children in rural communities across India. When the idea of initiating the Light to Life Child Care Program was first discussed, HCDI was chosen as the matrix to conceptualize and guide the Light to Life program in India. As I reflect on the past year, I can confidently affirm that we have seen remarkable improvements in our approach, integrity, and commitment to the various roles entrusted to HCDI, ranging from direct implementation, monitoring, and execution to capacity building training and CSR initiatives.

As society undergoes rapid transformation, the way we engage with children must also evolve. It is high time we come together to develop new methodologies that address the challenges faced by today's children. These challenges vary across societies, and our responses must be tailored to the needs of each community. While the secular education system often emphasizes learning for economic gain and status, we must counterbalance this by teaching values such as citizenship, empathy, and social

responsibility. On one hand, modern, well equipped schools compete to offer education as a status symbol; on the other, children in rural India face discrimination, lack of access to technology, and are often labeled as "opportunity less." In this context, I proudly affirm that HCDI's active involvement continues to make a lasting impact on the academic, cognitive, and holistic development of underprivileged children.

In the past year alone, HCDI successfully conducted two batches of training programs for Light to Life educational supervisors and facilitators across the country. We also developed a special training module covering secular and environmental topics for this year's children's summer training program. The financial support from the Marthoma Mission Board (MMB), USA, has been instrumental in both training and supporting children. Similarly, the funding from the Council of the Mar Thoma Parishes in the UK and Europe (COMPE), the Canadian Mar Thoma Regional Committee (CMRC), and the Evangelische Kirche in Essen (ESSEN) has played a key role in expanding our child care programs nationwide. I extend my heartfelt thanks to these sponsoring agencies for their trust in us. I also gratefully acknowledge the CSR initiatives and support from FINWIZZ, Pune, which made a meaningful difference in extending holistic development to the Thakarwadi tribal population of Maharashtra.

An organization's societal impact depends on vibrant leadership and an uncompromising commitment to its mission and strategic plans. For HCDI, the leadership of Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos has been both vibrant and invaluable, beyond words. I am sincerely grateful to our Chairman for His Lordship's guidance. I also deeply appreciate our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Thankachan Y, who has journeyed alongside the program and financial aspects of the organization, enabling me to manage both areas effectively. My sincere thanks also go to the Executive Committee members and Governing Board members of HCDI, whose contributions to decision making and unwavering support have been vital.

As we step into the new year of a new triennium, HCDI aims to make its mark in new areas of social engagement. In addition to our existing child care programs, we hope to establish a mobile health care initiative for rural children and their communities. More training programs and the development of new modules focused on SHG functioning, agriculture, and children's development are urgent needs of our time. Let us work together to elevate HCDI's impact in the years ahead.

With gratitude and renewed purpose,



**Dr. Philip George**  
Director, Holistic Child Development India



# WHO WE ARE

A large group of diverse children, mostly of South Asian descent, are gathered together, smiling and making peace signs. The children are of various ages, from young boys in the foreground to older children in the background. They are wearing colorful clothing, including a yellow t-shirt with 'CRO' and '82' on it, a pink patterned top, and a green and orange t-shirt with a 'NEW STAR' logo. The background is slightly blurred, showing more children and an outdoor setting. A large blue geometric shape, resembling a stylized 'A' or a triangle, is overlaid on the left side of the image, partially covering the text and the children.

# HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT INDIA (HCDI)

In a country where millions of children face challenges that threaten their brightest possibilities, Holistic Child Development India (HCDI) has, for over 30 years, served as a transformative force for change. Since its inception in 1994, HCDI has grown from a passionate grassroots level initiative into one of India's foremost child-focused humanitarian organizations, grounded in an unwavering commitment to child welfare and community upliftment.

From our administrative base in Pune, Maharashtra, HCDI's reach now spans thirteen states, impacting lives in urban, semi-urban, and remote tribal communities. In each of these areas, we walk alongside families confronting poverty, exploitation, and exclusion, helping them rebuild confidence and dignity.

## **Our Philosophy: Moving Beyond Traditional Models**

At HCDI, we believe that real and lasting change happens when children and families become active participants in their own development. Rather than treating surface-level symptoms, our comprehensive programs focus on addressing root causes. We integrate education, health, economic empowerment, and social justice to create solutions that are both inclusive and sustainable.

We believe that every child, regardless of background or circumstance, carries inherent dignity and untapped potential. This belief fuels our commitment to creating environments where children are not only protected and supported but are also empowered to help shape their own futures.

# A LEGACY OF IMPACT WITH A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Three decades of service have taught us that development must be holistic, addressing the needs of the child within the context of their family, community, and broader social systems. Our initiatives are designed to create meaningful and lasting change that benefits entire communities and future generations.

As we present this annual report, we celebrate not only milestones but our continued evolution as a responsive and forward-thinking organization. Every initiative we lead, every partnership we build, and every life we touch brings us closer to our vision of an India where every child grows up in dignity, safety, and opportunity.

HCDI stands today as a powerful example of what becomes possible when empathy drives action, when local knowledge is paired with global insight, and when communities unite around the shared belief that every child deserves a chance to flourish. As we move forward, we remain deeply committed to our founding promise: to be the advocates, allies, and champions that India's children need and deserve.







# OUR VISION

HCDI has a vision of children, youth and communities growing up in a holistic and friendly environment, to fulfil the God-given human potential within them, and thereby become creatively productive, responsible and caring citizens to promote equality and justice, peace and harmony in the society and to create a harmonious, equitable and sustainable global community.

## OUR MISSION

HCDI endeavours to serve children, youth and communities who are alienated, deprived and marginalized for any reason whatsoever, irrespective of caste, creed, colour, sex or religion by facilitating them with opportunities for a wholesome growth within a community setting, to realise their full God-given human potential, thereby enabling them to be productive and economically self-reliant, socially responsible, being virtuous and ecologically friendly.

## OUR APPROACH

HCDI adopts a child-centric, community-based development model that prioritizes sustainable change through empowerment and capacity building. The organization's programs are rooted in the principles of child rights, gender equity, social justice, and ecological sustainability.



# OUR OUR STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS

## Comprehensive Approaches to Child Centered Development

HCDI's program framework reflects a deep and multifaceted commitment to transforming communities and to build lasting foundations where children can thrive. Our strategic interventions include diverse but interconnected initiatives that collectively work toward creating resilient and empowered communities.

### Core Program Areas

- **Rights based community development in rural and tribal regions**

Long term, inclusive initiatives that support community well-being and child development by addressing structural barriers in undeserved communities.

- **Targeted interventions for vulnerable children**

Focused care for children facing greater risks, including those exposed to exploitation or living with disabilities, ensuring access to safety, support, and developmental opportunities.

- **Environmental sustainability and climate resilience**

Locally led programs that promote ecological stewardship, strengthen resilience, and support sustainable livelihoods in the face of environmental and climate challenges.

- **Skill development and livelihood opportunities**

Training and capacity building programs that equip youth and adults with practical skills, enhancing employment prospects and income generation within their communities.

- **Healthcare for children and communities**

Initiatives that combat malnutrition, improve physical and cognitive development, and promote healthy living through regular health checkups, nutritional support, and education.

- **Crisis response and disaster preparedness**

Community based emergency programs that reduce the impact of natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies on children and families through effective and timely response.

- **Human rights advocacy for children and women**

Strategic advocacy that promotes the rights of children and supports the empowerment of women as key pillars of family and community well-being.



## OUR FOUNDATIONAL COMMITMENT

Since its beginning, HCDI has remained dedicated to the well-being of children, especially those from marginalized rural, tribal, and urban areas. Our child centered approach is grounded in the belief that every child deserves a nurturing environment that respects their dignity, potential, and cultural context.

Our program philosophy is guided by a dual focus. While children are at the heart of our mission, we recognize that sustainable progress depends on strengthening the capacity of families and communities. When local people have the tools, knowledge, and resources to protect and support their children, the impact is far reaching and long lasting.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

HCDI aligns all its work with the principles outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This global framework ensures that our programs uphold the dignity, safety, and development rights of every child we serve.

Our methodology centers on participatory development. We engage community members, including children, as active contributors rather than passive recipients. This approach guarantees that our work is culturally responsive, locally relevant, and owned by the community for long term sustainability.

## PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

Our impact is amplified through strong partnerships with international donor agencies and the continued support of individual contributors across India. These relationships allow us to combine global insight with local experience, creating programs that are both innovative and grounded in grassroots realities.

Through this integrated model, HCDI demonstrates that when communities are equipped with the right support, they become powerful agents of transformation. Together, we work toward a future where every child has the opportunity to thrive, grow, and help build a just and inclusive society.





# WHERE WE WORK

**13**

**States in India**

Odisha  
Chhattisgarh  
Assam  
Nagaland  
Madhya Pradesh  
Haryana  
Delhi

Maharashtra  
Andhra Pradesh  
Telangana  
Karnataka  
Tamil Nadu  
Kerala



## PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE: YEAR 2024-25

Number of Units		Number of Villages			Total Population	
38	5506	177	126685		506930	
	Number of Children Covered		Number of Families			
	PROGRAMS	Number of Units	Number of Children Covered	Number of Villages	Number of Families	Total Population
	Light to Life Programs Executed and Monitored by HCDI	16	2755	90	64800	259200
	Light to Life Programs Implemented by HCDI Supported by MMB	16	2045	65	48350	193400
	Light to Life Programs Implemented by HCDI Supported by COMPE	2	260	7	5400	21600
	Light to Life Programs Implemented by HCDI Supported by CMRC	1	200	10	8000	32000
	Tribal Hostel Project Implemented by HCDI Supported by ESSEN	1	30	—	—	—
	CSR- Tribal Project	1	116	1	70	450
	Rag Pickers Children's Project	1	100	4	65	280

# THE LIGHT TO LIFE PROGRAM

## EXECUTED & MONITORED BY HCDI

The Light to Life program, funded by the Mar Thoma Mission Board based in New York, USA, and implemented through various agencies in India and executed by Holistic Child Development India (HCDI), is a transformative initiative aimed at promoting the education and holistic development of underprivileged children across 12 states in India. This program covers 2755 children through 16 Light to Life project units, creating a nurturing environment for their academic, physical, emotional, and social growth.

Beyond academics, the centers engage children in extracurricular activities like music, sports, drawing, and craftwork, fostering creativity and self-expression. Children also participate in community-building activities such as child parliament sessions, plantation drives, and cultural celebrations, which promote a sense of identity and civic responsibility. Special attention is given to physical well-being, with regular health and hygiene programs and the distribution of hygiene kits to improve health outcomes.

For the centers which are managed by various implementing organizations, HCDI provides continuous oversight and guidance. This includes regular field visits, performance monitoring, and compliance checks to ensure the quality and efficiency of the programs. HCDI also provides advisory support on program planning and financial management, ensuring that the centers meet both local needs and donor expectations.

Overall, the Light to Life program represents a comprehensive approach to child development, addressing not just educational needs but also the physical, emotional, and social well-being of children, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty and lead lives of dignity and purpose.

### HCDI Executed & Monitored Light to Life projects

Programs	No. of Centres	No. of Children
Kerala	7	1563
Tamil Nadu	2	265
Chhattisgarh	1	150
Odisha	1	150
Madhya Pradesh	1	200
Maharashtra	1	50
Haryana	1	150
Nagaland	2	277
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2755</b>

Kuttampuzha Light to Life Project - Annual Day Celebration





## The Light to Life Programs Implemented by HCDI

### Expanding Horizons: HCDI's Commitment towards Wholistic Child Development

Driven by an unwavering dedication to nurturing dreams and transforming lives, Holistic Child Development India (HCDI) continued its mission in 2024 - 25 by expanding its footprint into new geographies, bringing hope to more underserved children across India. With a legacy of over three decades of compassionate service, HCDI has consistently championed the cause of vulnerable children, ensuring they not only survive but thrive with dignity, purpose, and opportunity.

A cornerstone of this effort is the Light to Life program, a flagship initiative that exemplifies HCDI's holistic approach to child development. These projects go beyond classroom learning, focusing on the overall wellbeing of the child: academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. They also prioritize community participation, actively involving parents, local leaders, and volunteers in shaping a more sustainable and child friendly ecosystem.

In collaboration with esteemed partners such as COMPE (Council of Mar Thoma Churches in the UK & Europe), CMRC (Canadian Mar Thoma Regional Council), and the Mar Thoma Mission Board (MMB), HCDI has launched impactful Light to Life projects that foster safe, nurturing environments where underprivileged children can flourish academically, physically, and socio-emotionally.

### During 2024, HCDI expanded its reach with four new Light to Life projects

Aduvally, Kerala	Established June 2024, Sponsored by MMB	Supporting <b>106</b> Children
Uppada, Kerala	Initiated June 2024 with MMB Support	Supporting <b>117</b> Children
Marangadu, Kerala	Launched August 2024 with COMPE support	Supporting <b>110</b> Children
Mantralayam, Andhra Pradesh	Started August 2024 with MMB Support	Supporting <b>206</b> Children



As of **2025**

HCDI Directly  
Implements

**19**

Active Light to Life  
units across India

**Delivering an integrated set of programs designed to nurture the academic, physical, moral, and socio-emotional wellbeing of children.**

**These projects offer:**

- Remedial education and academic coaching to bridge learning gaps
- Daily nutritional support to combat hunger and enhance learning capacity
- Extra-curricular and life skills activities to build confidence and creativity
- Value based education rooted in compassion, integrity, and resilience
- Health care and medical support to ensure physical wellbeing and early intervention
- Child rights and child protection initiatives to safeguard dignity and ensure a safe environment

In a world where countless children are denied their right to a childhood, HCDI stands as a beacon of hope, breaking the cycles of poverty, empowering families, and investing in the next generation of changemakers.

Through every classroom opened, every meal served, and every smile restored, HCDI reaffirms its deep commitment to holistic child development, community empowerment, and nation building through children.

**HCDI Implemented Light to Life projects (2024 - 25)**

<b>STATES</b>	<b>Number of Centres</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
Karnataka	9	979
Kerala	5	693
Assam	1	200
Maharashtra	2	277
Telangana	1	150
Andhra Pradesh	1	206
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2505</b>

# Girideepthi Tribal Hostel - A New Beginning for Tribal Children

Launched in February 2025 at Ponjassery, Ernakulam District, the Girideepthi Tribal Hostel Program is a partnership of Evangelische Kirche in Essen (ESSEN) and Holistic Child Development India (HCDI). It offers tribal children a safe and nurturing space with a focus on education, life skills, and value-based growth.

## Creating a Child-Friendly Campus

- Study hall floors retiled for better hygiene
- Asbestos roofing replaced with safe aluminum sheets
- New study tables, shelves, and clean dormitories added
- Old bedding replaced with new mattresses for health and comfort

## Holistic Child Development

- **Education:** Remedial classes bridge learning gaps with dedicated facilitators
- **Nutrition:** Balanced meals strengthen health and learning capacity
- **Socio-Emotional Care:** Sessions build confidence, resilience, and social skills
- **Values:** Ethical and cultural lessons foster responsible citizenship

## Impact and Vision

The hostel is more than a residence. It is a complete ecosystem that supports learning, health, and personal growth. With global support and local commitment, it empowers tribal children to overcome barriers and shape brighter futures.





# CSR - THAKARWADI

## TRIBALS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In 2024-25, Holistic Child Development India (HCDI), with generous support from FINWIZZ, implemented Phase II of the Sustainable Development Project in Thakarwadi, Pune District, Maharashtra.

### Homes to over 70 tribal families and 116 children

Thakarwadi faces severe poverty, poor healthcare access, unreliable electricity, limited schooling, and scarce livelihood options. This child centric, community driven initiative addressed these challenges through a multi-sectoral approach, focusing on the needs of children, women, and unemployed youth.

## EFFORTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Women Empowerment through SHGs

HCDI mobilized women into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and conducted a capacity-building workshop, with sessions covering financial literacy, bookkeeping, and micro-enterprise development. Women learned to maintain savings records, access credit, and reduce reliance on exploitative moneylenders. These SHGs are now emerging as platforms for collective economic empowerment and local leadership.

### Mobile Medical Health Camp for Families and Children

A fully equipped Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) delivered doorstep healthcare to over 114 residents, including 44 school-going children. Services included general check-ups, dental and eye screenings, and distribution of essential medicines. Many participants received medical care for the first time, helping reduce fear and stigma around healthcare. The intervention significantly improved early detection, health-seeking behavior, and trust in formal health systems.

### Skill Development for Tribal Youth

Five unemployed tribal youth were enrolled in a 28-day certified driving program conducted by Sainath Motor Driving School, a government-authorized center. The course covered theory, practical training, road safety, vehicle maintenance, and license acquisition. This hands-on training increased their employability, with prospects in transport, delivery services, and self-employment—reducing migration pressure and fostering economic inclusion.

### Promoting Sustainable Living through Solar Energy

To address the issue of unreliable electricity in Thakarwadi, HCDI distributed solar lanterns to 70 tribal families. This initiative provided a stable evening light source, improving children's ability to study after dark and enabling women to manage household chores safely and efficiently. The shift from kerosene lamps to solar lighting has not only reduced respiratory health risks but also supported a cleaner, more sustainable lifestyle aligned with environmental goals.

### Community Participation and Ownership

Beneficiary selection was done in consultation with the Gram Panchayat, Z.P. teachers, and ICDS workers, ensuring transparency, inclusiveness, and long-term community ownership. This participatory model helped embed the interventions into the local governance ecosystem for sustained impact.

## IMPACT & OVERVIEW

- Improved child health and early diagnosis through direct medical interventions
- Empowered over 40 tribal women with financial knowledge and SHG participation
- Trained 5 tribal youths in Automobile driving, expanding local livelihood opportunities
- Distributed 70 solar lanterns, improving household safety, education, and reducing pollution
- Strengthened local leadership and participatory development practices

The Thakarwadi project stands as a model of integrated rural transformation, where health, livelihoods, education, clean energy, and women's empowerment converge to bring lasting change. HCDI's approach, grounded in dignity, inclusion, and sustainability, has not only brought vital services to a neglected village but also ignited hope, resilience, and self-reliance among its people. With continued support, HCDI envisions replicating this child focused, community driven model across other tribal and marginalized regions in India.



A photograph showing a group of children and a woman in a slum setting. The woman, on the left, is wearing a patterned sari and a large brown bag. She is interacting with a group of children. The children are of various ages, some looking at the woman, others looking away. The background shows makeshift structures and laundry hanging on lines.

Shiksha Educational Program

# EMPOWERING RAG-PICKING COMMUNITY CHILDREN

The Shiksha Educational Program, implemented by Holistic Child Development India (HCDI), is a transformative initiative that empowers children from the rag-picking communities of Delhi NCR. These children, often marginalized and excluded from mainstream education, are provided with a nurturing, structured, value based learning environment that meets their academic, emotional, and social needs.

The program aims to prepare children for integration into formal schooling by bridging learning gaps and building foundational skills. With a strong focus on holistic development, Shiksha goes beyond academics to create a safe and supportive space where children can flourish.

The Shiksha Program has transformed the lives of children from one of society's most vulnerable groups, enabling them to take confident steps toward a brighter future. It has broken cycles of neglect and illiteracy, creating a ripple effect of hope and empowerment across families and communities.



## Program Highlights and Key Achievements (2024–25)

### Academic Preparedness and School Readiness

Structured daily sessions built literacy, numeracy, and general knowledge. Engaging, child-friendly methods prepared children for formal schooling.

### Holistic Development Activities

Meditation, prayers, and interactive games promoted emotional balance. Art and craft sessions sparked creativity and self-expression.

### Health and Nutrition Support

Regular check-ups monitored growth and addressed health issues. Nutritional supplements supported healthy development, especially for under-nourished children.

### Cultural and Recreational Engagement

Children joined cultural events, festivals, and extra-curricular activities, fostering inclusion and cultural pride. Sports for development promoted teamwork, discipline, and fitness.

### Skill Development and Personality Growth

Workshops in crafts and personality development gave children practical skills and exposure to real-world environments.

### Family and Community Involvement

Parent teacher meetings strengthened family engagement. Counseling and community visits raised awareness about child rights, school enrollment, and the value of education.

### Faculty Development

Facilitators received training in modern pedagogical methods, aligning with current educational standards.

### Distribution of Educational Materials

Notebooks, pen, pencils, learning resources, and other educational materials reduced barriers to education and kept children engaged.



# TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

- **Facilitators Training and Capacity Building Program - Bengaluru, Karnataka.**

HCDI organized a two-day workshop on May 31–June 1, 2024, at the Bangalore Mar Thoma Centre Beerasandara, focusing on training Facilitators and Educational Supervisors of Light to Life projects in Devanahalli Taluk. It aimed to enhance teaching skills, strengthen program implementation, and support children's holistic development.

Over 30 Facilitators, Education Supervisors, and other supporting teams engaged in sessions on child development, strategies, multiple intelligences, and learning styles, gaining practical insights for classroom management.

The program also oriented Project Directors and Education Supervisors on resource mobilization, career guidance, and financial accountability. HCDI leaders urged participants to adapt approaches to children's evolving needs, concluding with collaboration, continuous learning, and innovation for stronger outcomes.

- **Light to Life Facilitators Training for Western India - Pune, Maharashtra.**

On July 27, 2024, HCDI conducted a facilitator training at its Pune office for 30 participants from four Light to Life projects—Kamshet, Kalechiwadi, Palsai, and Sangareddy. The session aimed to enhance teaching skills, foster child-centered learning, and promote holistic development. Facilitators engaged in sessions on child psychology, communication, assessments, and differentiated methods. The training emphasized personalized learning, emotional intelligence, and peer mentoring, equipping them to create supportive, inclusive environments that meet diverse student needs.





### ● Empowering Educators: Enhancing Teaching Skills for Child Development - Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

A two day workshop on Teaching Methods, Techniques, and Social Activities was held on September 10–11, 2024, at Prerana Sadan, Indore, for Light to Life facilitators and staff from North India. Organized by HCDI and the Mar Thoma Mission Board, it focused on teaching skills, child psychology, and integrating social activities. 32 participants from Bilaspur, Faridabad, Kalahandi (Odisha), and Kshpira attended the training program.



### ● Light to Life Facilitators Training – Kumily, Kerala.

Holistic Child Development India (HCDI), with support from the Mar Thoma Mission Board, USA, held a two-day training for 50 facilitators and administrators from nine Light to Life projects across South India at Marthoma Meadows, Kumily, on 29–30 October 2024. The program focused on child development, inclusive learning, and community-based education.

Key sessions included Mr. Lovewin Cherian's "Touch, Teach, Transform" module, Mr. Rejin Thomas on baseline assessments and accelerated learning, and Mr. Suresh Babu on facilitator roles, learning styles, and emotional connection through the five love languages. Inaugural sessions by Dr. Philip George, Mr. Y. Thankachan, and Rev. Shine Jacob reinforced the transformative role of facilitators in child-focused education.





- **Light to Life Projects - Facilitators Training and Capacity Building Program - Trivandrum, Kerala.**

The Light to Life Facilitator's Training and Capacity Building Program, held on October 29–30, 2024, at the JMM Study Centre, Trivandrum, brought together 65 facilitators and administrators from nine project areas in South India. Organized by Holistic Child Development India (HCDI) with support from the Mar Thoma Mission Board, USA, the program equipped participants with skills to deliver holistic, child centered education.



- **The SEL (Socio Emotional Learning) Training Program - Pune, Maharashtra.**

On January 11, 2025, a Socio Emotional Learning (SEL) training was held in Pune for 3 Maharashtra Light to Life projects, facilitated by the Million Jugnus team. The session introduced the five SEL competencies - self awareness, self management, responsible decision making, relationship skills and social awareness

- **Light to Life North East projects - Capacity Building Workshop - Tezpur, Assam.**

A two day Facilitators Training for Light to Life projects in North India was held on October 15–16, 2024, at Mission Charily, Twenty participants from Dhekiajuli and Dimapur joined the program, inaugurated by Dr. Philip George and addressed by Mr. Y. Thankachan and Rt. Rev. Niral Bhuyan. Mr. Joshua Theik from Manipur led the sessions on psycho-social aspects that affect children and discussed effective strategies for handling them in a more compassionate and supportive manner.



### ● The Light to Life Budget Training and Capacity Building Program - Trivandrum, Kerala.

At Mariya Rani Centre, Trivandrum, with 31 participants from nine Kerala projects of HCDI and STARD. Sessions on financial planning, child psychology, and facilitator empowerment emphasized transparency, strategic budgeting, and emotional understanding, leaving participants equipped for inclusive, community driven change.



### ● IGNITE-4 Workshop: Advancing Inclusive, Accountable, and Holistic Child Development - Thiruvalla, Kerala.

The Ignite 4 Program Planning and Budget Workshop for CARD Light to Life staff was held on February 19, 2025, at the Mar Thoma Sabha Secretariat Hall, Thiruvalla. Jointly organized by CARD, HCDI, and the Mar Thoma Mission Board, the workshop brought together leaders and facilitators from across India.

### ● Budget Training & Capacity building Program - ECC, Bengaluru.

The Light to Life Training and Capacity Building Program was held on February 25–27, 2025, at the Ecumenical Christian Centre, Bangalore, with 50 participants from 11 projects across Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh. The program focused on child centered approaches, emotional development, effective communication, strength based parenting, and practical budgeting. Expert sessions by Dr. Philip George and Mrs. Beulah Susan offered insights into child psychology, facilitator roles, and community impact, reinforcing the importance of compassionate, transformative education.





# SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION INITIATIVE

## A Step Towards Sustainable Energy and Environmental Stewardship

On October 18, 2024, HCDI took a major step in its sustainability journey with the inauguration of solar panels at its office building. The initiative reflects our commitment to reducing carbon footprint, lowering operational costs, and setting an example of responsible energy use.

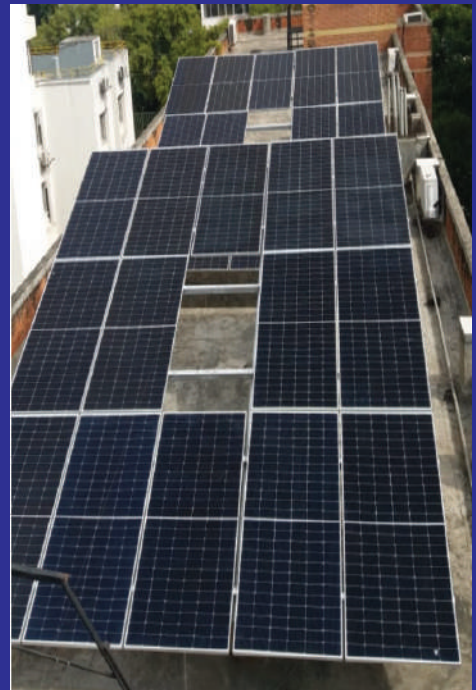
The project aims to cut dependency on conventional power, promote conservation, and model corporate social responsibility. The inauguration, led by Chairman Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, brought together HCDI leadership and stakeholders. Director Dr. Philip George shared a blessing, underscoring stewardship of creation as both a practical and spiritual duty.

## Project Impact and Benefits

The solar panel installation is set to deliver environmental, economic, and organizational benefits. Environmentally, it will cut carbon emissions, support conservation, and promote sustainable practices. Economically, it will reduce electricity costs, generating long-term savings that can be redirected to core programs and resource efficiency. Organizationally, it enhances HCDI's corporate social responsibility profile, strengthens its reputation as an environmentally conscious institution, and serves as a model for others.

## Acknowledgments

This initiative was driven by the visionary leadership of HCDI's Director, Hon. Treasurer and with the vital support from the Sub-Committee of the Governing Board under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Benjamin, IAS. Special thanks go to the HCDI staff for their collaboration and commitment, which ensured smooth implementation. The project was blessed and supported by the Chairman, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, whose guidance and leadership were instrumental in its success.





# HCDI's 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## Remembering the Journey

On August 10th, 2024, Holistic Child Development India (HCDI) joyfully celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a heart-warming worship service, reflecting on God's faithfulness and the organization's transformative journey. The service, filled with hymns, prayers, and reflections, began with a joyful prelude of thanksgiving. Dr. Philip George, Director of HCDI, warmly welcomed all the guests, emphasizing the importance of love, compassion, and dedication in serving vulnerable children. Through intercessory prayers, and powerful messages, the gathering celebrated three decades of tireless service, acknowledging the invaluable contributions of the founders, governing body members, staff, and donors who laid the foundation and steered the mission forward.

The event also featured a special video presentation showcasing milestones from HCDI's journey since its inception in 1994, including stories of children whose lives were transformed through education, health care, and community support. The service concluded with a fellowship lunch, allowing participants to connect, reminisce, and renew their commitment to the shared mission. It was a day of spiritual reflection, joyful celebration, and recommitment to bringing hope, dignity, and transformation to children across India.

## Looking Ahead with Hope

As we look back on the past year, one thing is clear: HCDI's commitment to holistic child development is transforming lives across India. From the busy streets of Delhi to the remote tribal villages of Assam, our programs are helping children break free from poverty, exploitation, and marginalization, opening the door to a future filled with dignity and opportunity.

By combining education, healthcare, nutrition, disaster relief, and community empowerment, HCDI has not only improved living conditions today but also laid the groundwork for lasting, sustainable change. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our partners, the passion of our volunteers, and the dedication of our staff who tirelessly carry this mission forward.

As we step into the future, we remain committed to nurturing dreams, fostering resilience, and building inclusive communities where every child can thrive. Together, we can continue this journey of transformation, ensuring that every child, no matter their background, has the chance to reach their full potential and positively shape the world.

## FUNDING & RESOURCE OVERVIEW

### Receipts and Payments Account Statement

RECEIPTS	2024-25	2023-24
Opening Balance	2,269,696.54	2,226,851.75
Grants from Mar Thoma Mission Board	33,013,621.00	7,885,497.00
Grants from Council of Mar Thoma Parishes in UK & EUROPE	2,335,086.00	1,818,429.00
Grants from Canadian Mar Thoma Regional Committee	1,225,158.00	1,100,225.00
Grant from Evangelische Kirche in Essen	3,063,589.00	0.00
Donations	669,750.00	608,500.00
Bank Interest	1,380,432.00	1,375,726.00
Other Income / Receipts	1,636,978.00	941,694.00
TOTAL	45,594,310.54	15,956,922.75

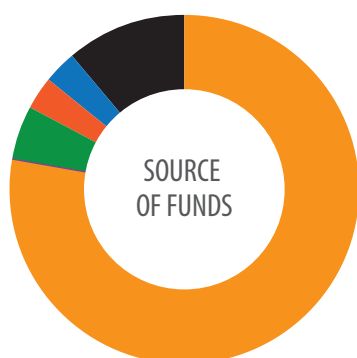
PAYMENTS	2024-25	2023-24
Program Expenses	30,549,029.00	8,573,422.00
Program Administration	5,761,998.83	3,317,139.21
Other Expenses	211,494.00	1,166,174.00
Capital Expenditure	937,267.00	449,499.00
Investment in Fixed Deposit	4,148,141.00	180,992.00
Closing Balance	3,986,380.71	2,269,696.54
TOTAL	45,594,310.54	15,956,922.75

## BALANCE SHEET

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	As at 31-03-2025	As at 31-03-2024	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	As at 31-03-2025	As at 31-03-2024
Reserves and Surplus	61,309,277.46	59,642,166.29	Fixed Assets	53,902,793.00	53,555,010.00
Specific Funds	12,796,410.25	13,022,458.25	Investments in Fixed Deposits	24,784,639.00	20,636,498.00
Current Liabilities	8,727,358.00	3,873,223.00	Deposits and Advances	159,233.00	76,643.00
			Cash and Bank Balances	3,986,380.71	2,269,696.54
TOTAL	82,833,045.71	76,537,847.54	TOTAL	82,833,045.71	76,537,847.54

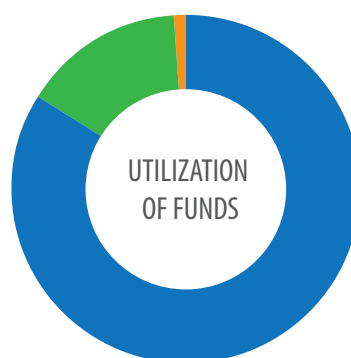
## HCDI FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - 2024-25

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Rs. In Lakhs	In %
Grants from MMB, USA	320.78	78%
Grants from Evangelisch Kirche, Germany	1.09	0.3%
Grants from COMPE, U.K	19.04	5%
Grants from CMRC, CANADA	12.19	3%
Bank Interest	13.81	2.7%
Other Donations/Receipts	45.84	11%
TOTAL	412.75	100%



78 % GRANTS FROM MMB, USA	3 % GRANTS FROM CMRC, CANADA
0.3% GRANTS FROM EVANGELISCH KIRCHE, GERMANY	2.7 % BANK INTEREST
5 % GRANTS FROM COMPE, U.K	11% OTHER DONATIONS/RECEIPTS

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS:	Rs. In Lakhs	In %
Program Expenses	329.76	84%
Program Administration	58.43	15%
Others	5.89	1%
TOTAL	394.08	100%



84% PROGRAM EXPENSES	15% PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION
1% OTHERS	



## OUR PILLARS OF SUPPORT

Marthoma Mission Board, USA

Council of Marthoma Parishes in UK & Europe

Canadian Marthoma Regional Committee

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Evangelische Kirche in Essen

### HCDI Governing Body



**Bishop Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos**  
Chairman



**Dr. Philip George**  
Secretary & Director



**Mr. Thankachan Yohannan**  
Honorary Treasurer

### Members



**Bishop Johan Dang**



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