

Cover photo: Pooja, 12, is among 150 children from ragpicker families in the slums of Bhuapur attending education centres supported by Phia Foundation.

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I'd like to introduce you to Phia Foundation. We believe poverty in India can and must be ended.

It isn't fair that more than 300 million people struggle every day just to have enough to eat, either because they are poor, or they come from communities that are excluded or suffer discrimination.

Phia Foundation's work reaches those who have the least and are often in the most desperate circumstances.

From families who have lost everything in a humanitarian disaster to whole communities who miss out on health, education and other essential services.

We believe society can and must be changed so everyone can live with justice and dignity. Please join with us and provide your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Belinda Bennet". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr Belinda Bennet, Phia Foundation Director

Introduction

Phia Foundation is the trading and brand name of the Partnering Hope into Action Foundation. The foundation was registered as a charitable trust in India in December 2005 to assist, facilitate and promote humanitarian work irrespective of caste, community, religion and economic status.

Phia Foundation focuses on poor, socially excluded and marginalised communities in India. We believe in sustainable development and work closely with civil society and community-based organisations (CSOs and CBOs). Across a range of issues and projects, Phia Foundation's approach is to involve communities in their own development.

We believe society needs to be changed so that everyone, regardless of caste, class, culture, religion and gender, can live a life free from poverty.

Our vision and mission

Phia Foundation's vision is a society free from poverty, exclusion and discrimination and all people living with justice and dignity.

Our mission is:

- to empower the most excluded and marginalised communities, with a specific focus on equality and inclusion
- to engage with young people to build their ability to attain their aspirations and ensure children's rights to security, education, health and development
- to form partnerships with CSOs and CBOs, and directly implement selected projects that support communities and individuals
- to engage with multiple stakeholders, including central and state government, to promote pro-poor policy changes
- to work on rural and urban development projects across India.

Our objectives and areas of work

Phia Foundation's work focuses on four major thematic objectives and key areas of work. They are:

ESSENTIAL SERVICES: Phia Foundation supports poor and marginalised communities – especially children, young people and women – to access education, healthcare, water and sanitation and other essential services.

LIVELIHOODS: Phia Foundation will support people in rural communities to build thriving, sustainable and resilient livelihoods and secure a reliable income.

EMERGENCIES: Phia Foundation aims to reduce the risks of disasters and respond rapidly with aid when emergencies strike. We want to save the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable people in disaster-prone areas and help communities to be more resilient to future crises.

INEQUALITY: Phia Foundation believes in the equality, inclusion, empowerment and strong leadership of marginalised communities, especially women, and in transparent and responsive governance.

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Current projects

Education

With a population of around 18 million, New Delhi is one of the world's largest cities. It is increasingly known for its fast-emerging metro network, malls, cinema multiplexes, restaurants and as the home of big brands. But at the same time, nearly half of Delhi's people face a fight for survival in its slums.

Slum communities have little or no access to essential civic facilities such as schools, health centres, clean water and sanitation, roads, street lights, open spaces and parks, and markets. The result is that millions of people live every day in appalling, inhumane conditions.

A large number of ragpicker families – mainly migrant labourers from Bihar and West Bengal – live in the urban slum community at Bhuapur, near Kaushambi. Around 5,000 people in 300 households effectively live on a garbage dump there. They collect, sift through and search for anything of value among the rubbish generated by surrounding households.

These families suffer extreme poverty and exploitation, despite providing a crucial service to the surrounding communities. They have no access to basic amenities such as proper housing, electricity, and water; they end up paying a high 'per bulb, per month' rate to a private electricity supplier and collecting water from broken pipes nearby.

Health and sanitation are also major concerns and not even basic facilities are available in the slum. Living this hand-to-mouth existence, it's hardly surprising that education is a lower priority. For most parents, having the money to send their children to school is little short of a dream.

But Phia Foundation believes that many changes in society begin with education. That's why we support community education centres in the slums of Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR), providing basic schooling for 150 children. We help to construct community schools, offering financial and other vital support to teachers. We supply drinking water and healthy food, student education kits and basic

learning aids, such as blackboards, text books and chairs.

Project outcomes 2014-15

- Two education centres supported in ragpicker slums as part of Jugnu, a bridge school project.
- 150 children from around 100 ragpicker families reached by our work.
- Main primary education needs identified alongside slum communities.
- Basic education materials and learning aids supplied.
- A conducive learning environment created for children.
- Healthy food and clean water provided to children every day.
- Teaching skills development and financial support for two community members.
- Awareness built about the importance of education and parents motivated to send children to centres.
- A key role played by parents and teachers in securing basic facilities like water, sanitation and health facilities from government or private institutions.
- Twenty children enrolled and mainstreamed into formal schools within six months.
- Certificate of completion of bridge schooling issued to 20 children from Jugnu project.
- First parents and teachers meeting held. This has started building a rapport with the community.
- Two makeshift tents donated to Jugnu project to use as extra classrooms.
- Food parcels distributed to each child.
- Blankets distributed to each child.

Emergency response

This year, Phia Foundation responded to two emergencies in different regions of India.

Odisha floods

In August 2014, Odisha was hit by floods affecting more than 3.5 million people across 13 districts. More than 60,000 people were displaced, agricultural land was destroyed, livelihoods lost, safe water points damaged and food shortages caused.

As part of a coordinated response, Phia Foundation worked with corporate partners to ensure clean drinking water reached those affected by the emergency. This was critical to prevent the spread of diseases such as cholera and diarrhea.

Our support helped provide clean drinking water in some of the most severely affected areas. We also provided affected communities with health information to keep them safe and free from disease in such a dangerous situation.

Jammu and Kashmir floods

In September 2014, Jammu and Kashmir was hit by terrible flooding affecting almost 5 million people. Nearly 300 people died and 3 million more saw their homes damaged or destroyed. It was the worst flooding in the region for more than 60 years.

Phia Foundation reacted to this emergency by working with other agencies to ensure a coordinated response. We provided clean water to those whose supplies had



Phia Foundation helped provide safe drinking water for 15,000 people for the floods in Jammu and Kashmir in 2014.

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become contaminated or who did not have any access to the water they needed.

Working across the region, Phia Foundation supplied 50,000 litres of purified water each day to those in need. Public health information was also provided to combat the high risk of disease from contaminated water and poor sanitation.

Project outcomes 2014-15

- Phia Foundation reached more than 15,000 people with safe drinking water by installing AP-700 systems in communities and distributing gravity filters to homes. Our work covered Ganjam in Odisha and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir.

Administrative information

Governance and legal status

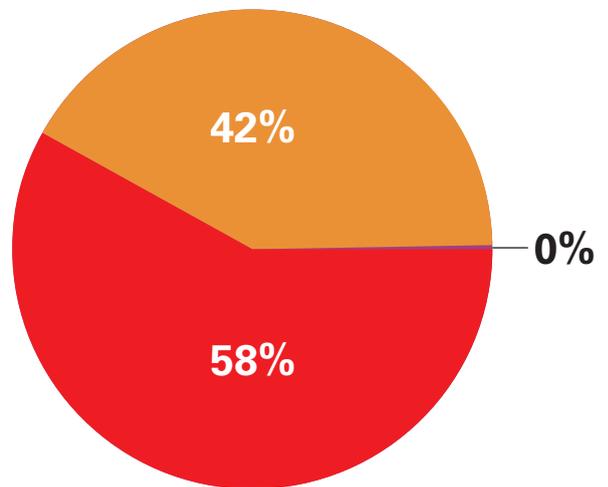
During 2014/15, Phia Foundation’s work was governed by its two senior managing trustees, Sanjay Patra and Dr Belinda Bennet.

The trust is registered under 12 AA of the Income Tax Act 1961 and donations are 50% exempt from tax under section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

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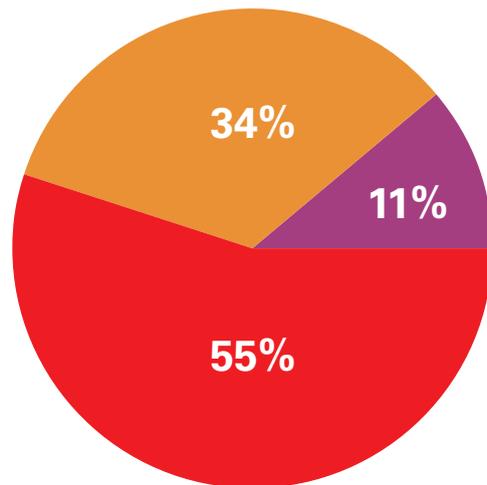
Financial information



Phia Foundation Income 2014-15

Total: Rs 980,555.39

- Individual and other donations – Rs 571,295
- In kind donations – Rs 408,030
- Bank interest – Rs 1,230.39



Phia Foundation Expenditure 2014-15

Total: 1,366,322

- Programme expenses: education – Rs 747,939
- Programme expenses: humanitarian relief – Rs 462,730
- Administrative costs – Rs 155,653

In 2014-15, Rs 385,766.61 was drawn from existing Phia Foundation reserves to support our work. To view our full audited accounts visit our website at www.phia.org.in

Phia Foundation's work is supported by a range of people and organisations. We want you to get involved too. Please either call us on **+91-11-2625 0014/15**, email us at **info@phia.org.in** or visit our website at **phia.org.in** to find out how you can help.

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