



Annual Report 2022-23

Segnavento India Foundation

Foreword from Directors

We are very happy to say that Segnavento India Foundation (SIF) has completed its first year. Our journey has been one of excitement, apprehension, hope and pleasure!! We would like to Thank all our funding partners for their belief in us.

Throughout our journey in this sector, we have seen that small and mid-sized NGO's need a helping hand as they are unable to hire experts due to various constraints. Though they are very strong in field implementation they struggle in areas like policy development, process development, proposals, CSR due diligence etc. Hence, we decided to be this helping hand and lead them towards a sustainable future. We will also be developing inhouse some models which can then be made scalable through various organizations.

SIF was formed with this vision. We had strong support of our well wishers and people we had earlier worked with who helped us in concreting our ideas. We are also grateful to our board members Mr.Aniket, Mr.Deepak and Mr.Mahesh who shared this vision with us and helped us in the inception of Segnavento India Foundation. They have always made themselves available for any need that the organization may have and have sincerely guided us in this journey.

We hope to reach out to as many organizations and children as we can in our endeavour to help the underprivileged children.

Moving forward with hope and best intentions!

Bhavana Kulkarni
(Board Member, Director)

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(Director)

1. Introduction:

Segnamento India Foundation (SIF) was formed in 2022 by individuals coming from diverse sectors having same interest of helping the underprivileged children.

Segnamento means 'that which shows direction'. Our mission is to maximise the outreach to underprivileged children for their educational and holistic development through self-intervention, incubation of projects and strengthening of the organizations working for this theme. Nurturing, Education, Welfare and Sustainability are the **Four Pillars** that form the foundation of our organization.

Our projects are designed keeping this mission in mind.

SIF opened its office on 14th January 2023. We held a small function where all our well wishers were invited. Our Guest of Honour was Ms. Anjalitai Bapat (President, Swadhar IDWC).



2. Our Projects:

- Project ColabKey:

Under this project we partner with small and mid-sized NGOs to strengthen their capacity. We are fully aware that these NGOs are best implementers in their fields but are unable to cope up with things like CSR due diligence, Policy documentation, process documentation, funding partner communication etc. Many a times it is due to budget constraints, lack of knowledge, lack of awareness or simply not having enough time.

We assess their needs and partner with them for a fixed period for completing these tasks. As for the CSR; we approach them wherein they nominate their existing partners who we then help for their needs. In 2022-23 we have worked with Tara Mobile Creches Pune for policy development. Similarly, we are in partnership with Akshar Paaul wherein SIF is developing a library project.

Smiling Books Project, is being developed with Akshar Paul where they are the implementers and we are the mentors. Currently this Sunday Library is being conducted at 2 locations covering 100

beneficiaries. The libraries are in communities of Hadapsar. The beneficiaries are from the same communities and are able to read. Along with book lending, reading related activities are also conducted.

Along with developing the project SIF is mentoring Akshar Paaul on how to propose project to various funders, how to write reports, designing effective indicators. SIF has provided initial funds for this project launch to Akshar Paaul and is mentoring them on how to make it scalable and sustainable.



- **Project Competitive Crew:**

This is a self-intervention project of Segnavento India Foundation. The objective of this project is to create awareness regarding competitive exams among underprivileged children by conducting special practice sessions throughout the year for them in the school, providing study material, mock tests, tips and tools for attempting such exams and also by working with their parents who can be their support pillars.

We will be launching this project in April 2023 in 8 schools. Methodology will be as follows:

- I. Schools have been identified.
- II. Relevant permission letters will be taken from the schools.
- III. Study material, mock test papers etc will be prepared.
- IV. Staff will be hired and trained.
- V. Baseline will be conducted for selecting students.
- VI. Meetings with school staff will be conducted to apprise them about the project and the participation expected from them.
- VII. Meeting with parents of the selected students will be conducted to inform about the project.
- VIII. Sessions with the students will start.
- IX. Mock tests will be conducted periodically.
- X. Records and reports will be maintained as required.

We will be working for sustainability throughout this project by involving school teachers and school management from day one. We plan to handover this project to respective schools once the model is ready.

- **Books by SIF:**

We are also in the process of publishing a book on topics that are very relevant to a child's life today and how they can help by contributing from their side.

- **Volunteers**

Volunteers are an integral part of any NGO. SIF has been very lucky to have volunteers from day one. Our volunteer Janhavi Joglekar has been coming in every day and helping us in setting and handling our HR activities. Anuja Kelkar has been helping us by conducting training for our staff for tools like excel, word etc. Prajucta Nene has helped us in writing stories for our book which will be soon published. Vandita Mathur helped us to identify platforms for setting up our website.

- **Plan for 2023-24**

- ✓ Launch Competitive Crew in 8 schools.
- ✓ Developing model libraries.
- ✓ Publish our first book.
- ✓ Focus on ColabKey
- ✓ We plan to increase our volunteer/intern reach.
