



Light of Life Trust

Impact Report

(2005 – 2016)

About Light of Life Trust

Introduction - Light of Life Trust (LOLT) is a non-governmental organization established in 2002 by Mrs. Villy Doctor, the Founder Trustee with a vision to transform the lives of underprivileged rural communities. Mrs. Doctor is an educationist and has served as head - Psychology Department, Sophia College, Mumbai. LOLT has been founded on the core values of integrity, excellence, transparency, respect, trust and joy which the entire organization has internalized.

LOLT Projects and Programs -

Anando - Holistic development of rural children to complete secondary education.

Based on a need assessment study, LOLT launched Project Anando in 2005 with 25 children in Karjat, Raigad District, Maharashtra, with a belief that no child should be forced to drop out of school. The aim was to support the rural underprivileged children - the most vulnerable section of the society - to complete secondary school education and empower them through their holistic development. This would also help them to get employment to bring their families out of poverty cycle.

The Program has been successfully replicated in five other districts of Maharashtra and one district in Madhya Pradesh. Currently, 2339 beneficiaries from class 8 to 10 (SSC) are benefiting from these areas.

So far, LOLT has helped around 9872 needy children directly and over 58,000 villagers indirectly.

The support includes:

- Free distribution of education material, conducting daily supplementary coaching in English and Maths, weekend empowerment workshops to develop personality, soft skills, counselling of beneficiaries & their parents, etc.
- **Anant** program imparts training in music and dance to enhance innate talent and self-confidence, expression, concentration.
- **Anando plus** program motivates and supports these children to make appropriate career choices and pursue higher education/ vocational training. Currently 4811 beneficiaries are a part of this program.

School Empowerment Program to train secondary school teachers in effective classroom processes and modern teaching techniques to ensure every child completes Std X. The program is currently implemented in two talukas of Raigad District i.e. Karjat and Uran and covering 15 schools, 110 teachers and 3682 students.

Jagruti- runs various skill training programs to help rural women and youth to earn a livelihood.

Jeevan Asha Community Centre conducts courses in tailoring, beauticians, computers, health attendants, certain trade technicians, and agriculture. In all 1712 persons from the village communities have benefited from these training programmes.

A **Mobile Medical Unit** to provide primary health care services to about 65 villages in Karjat area to benefit about **15586** population annually.

The **Environment Conservation Programme** has been initiated with an aim to provide additional income to poor farmers in Karjat & Uran Taluka, Raigad District with the distribution and close monitoring of fruit bearing plants to them. In total 2205 farmers from 53 villages have been provided 73145 plants.

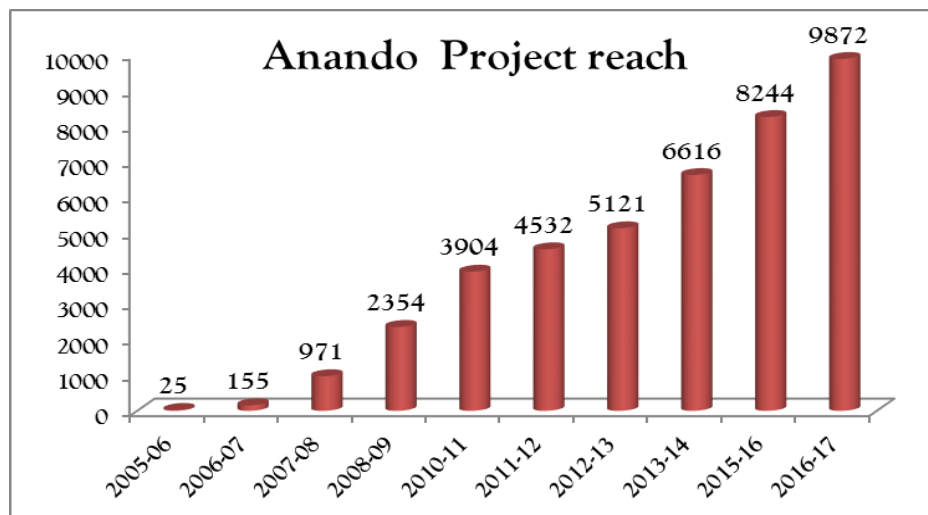
Overall LOLT Reach

Sr. No	Name of the Project	Direct Beneficiaries	Indirect Beneficiaries
1	Project Anando		
a	Anando Programme	9872	58960
b	School Empowerment Program	110	3652
2	Project Jagruti		
a	Jeevan Asha Community Centre - Livelihood Training	1712	8560
b	Medical Mobile Unit	15586	-
c	Environment Conservation Programme	2205	11025
Total		29485	82197
Total Reach		111682	

Highlights

- **Project Anando Reach :**

- Over 11 years Anando has reached out to 9872 beneficiaries. Out of these 53.6% are girls and 46.4% are boys.
- 4811 beneficiaries are pursuing higher education.
- 2338 beneficiaries are currently in Project Anando.
- The growth of Project Anando is depicted through the chart below:



- **Beneficiary Categories**

All students enrolled in Anando belong to poor families and the average beneficiary family income is not more than Rs. 4000/- per month.

- 33% are children with single parent.
- 21% are selected owing to an evident history of school drop-out in older siblings & other family members.
- 37% are selected due to severe addiction & negligence in family.
- 3 % children are orphans.
- 6% of children belong to Adivasi communities.

- **Academic Impact**

- **Completion of secondary education**
 - 86% have passed SSC & moved towards further education.
 - 8% have failed & are reappearing for SSC exam.
 - 6% have failed & have not re-appeared for the exam.
- **Of the 86% who have passed SSC**
 - 16% are in junior college.

- 28% are pursuing graduation.
 - 6% are pursuing vocational/technical education.
 - 2% are pursuing higher technical or professional courses.
 - 3% are graduates.
 - 14% have passed HSC.
 - 6% have passed HSC and doing skilled based course.
 - 11% are SSC passed and have done skilled based courses.
- **Of the 06% who failed in SSC & did not reappear**
 - 66% are pursuing vocational education (ongoing &/or completed).
 - 26% are girls who have married.
 - 8 % are males who are in their family occupations.
- **Selection of diverse career options by beneficiaries** - Even though majority of children are in junior college, graduation, diploma or vocational training, the diversity in career options chosen by LOLT children is very clearly visible & much higher as compared to the options chosen by their classmates.
 - Medical : 2
 - Optometry : 13
 - Engineering : 20
 - Diploma : 16
 - Graduation : 72 (BA=21, B.Com=26, BSc=27)
 - Other : 5 (BFA, BSW, Diploma in Air Hostess)

Employment

- 650 Anando beneficiaries are employed.

● Economic Impact

● Parent - Beneficiary Comparative Income Distribution

- 93% of parents earn a monthly income below Rs 5500/- whilst 51 % of employed beneficiaries earn monthly income between Rs 5500/- to Rs 22000/-.

● Social Impact

● Age of Marriages

A transformation has been seen in the increase in the age of marriage of the girl child in Project Anando areas of intervention. **In the areas of intervention the average marriage age of female beneficiaries of LOLT is 20.5 years as against the average age of 17 years in the said area.**

● Rural Girls pursuing Higher Education

Due to LOLT programmes the number of girl child students aspiring for higher education have increased in the areas of intervention

- More than 3000 female beneficiaries of LOLT are pursuing higher education currently.
- 57% of LOLT female beneficiaries are pursuing higher education, in comparison, the Maharashtra State percentage of girl children pursuing higher education in districts of intervention is 16 %.

- **Project Jagruti Reach :**

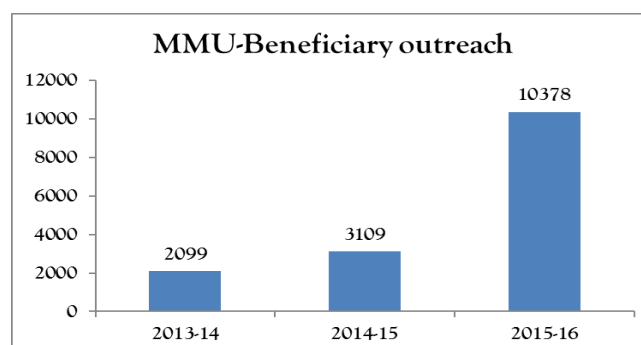
- **Livelihood Training Programmes**

- The vocational training centres have trained 1712 beneficiaries in 6 years.

Sr. No.	Courses	No. of Beneficiaries						Total
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
1	Sewing & Tailoring	44	NA	34	50	59	85	272
2	Computer	39	168	49	74	174	191	695
3	Agriculture	NA	NA	140	29	123	128	420
4	Beautician	NA	NA	12	11	31	36	90
5	BPO	NA	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	49
6	Retail	NA	NA	13	NA	NA	NA	13
7	Short Courses	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	55	55
8	Nursing Attendant	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	74	74
9	Journalism	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	10	10
10	Electrician Course	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	19
11	Jewellery Making	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15	15
Total		83	217	248	164	387	613	1712

- **Medical Mobile Unit**

- Over the last three years the mobile medical unit has reached out to 15586 patients.



Environment Conservation Programme

Year	Taluka	Beneficiaries	Villages/Schools	Plant
2015	Karjat	590	28	37170
	Uran	1000	03	2000
Total - 1	Raigad	1590	31	39170
2016	Karjat	465	19	30225
	Uran	150	03	3750
Total - 2	Raigad	615	22	33975
Grand Total		2205	53	73145

Some of our success stories:



One of our first beneficiaries from Alibaug, Ms. Bhagyashri Wayare – was awarded ‘shining star of the month – August 2015’ by her company Welspun where she works as Officer (General) since the last 4 years.



Swapnali, Monika, Pooja, Devanti and Pratibha, Anando beneficiaries earned their B. Sc in Optometry with a first class in June 2015. The girls are the first in their families and the community to have completed a professional course. They are currently employed by Lawrence & Mayo as optometrists in Pune and Mumbai drawing a monthly salary of Rs 22,000.



Prasad Gaikwad, Anando beneficiary from Khopoli centre successfully completed Degree in civil engineering with 68.50% from G. M. Vedak Institute of Technology



Jagruti Baikar – 1st Anando beneficiary to complete an MBA in Finance from Tasgaonkar Management College, Bhivpuri



Ms. Pooja Kate – Washim District has become the first Anando beneficiary to join the police force.



Shubham Bhalerao – Washim District beneficiary has now started his own photography shop and is continuing his education as well.



Ms. Renuka Mate after completion of the course started her own Beauty Parlor in the remote village - Kashele and is earning approximately Rs 5000/- net profit per month and is able to support her family.



Mr. Prakash Marke, 27 year old youth was a Std X (fail) school dropout. He was worried about his future as he was unemployed and not able to support his family. Post completion of the Landscape & Designing Course he started a small business with the purchase of one grass cutting machine and due to the high demand in the area in the first year earned approximately Rs. 75000. He reinvested his profit and purchased three more grass cutting machines to meet the demand of job completion.

Ms. Suman Vishalnath – a 30 year old widow with one son completed the MSCIT course with good marks and is now employed at a private office in Mulund because of her computer skills.

Anant Programme: Kalpataru a musical

Kalpataru - a musical - is a production to showcase the talent of our Anant beneficiaries which Anant teachers and the entire LOLT team. The programmes was held on 23rd & 24th April 16 2016 in Mumbai & Pune respectively.

