Vibha welcomes new partner!

Vibha’s new partner, Language Learning Foundation (LLF), has been addressing the problem of language and literacy since 2015. They primarily work with the government schools by conducting training of the government school teachers, Cluster resource Coordinators (CRCs), Block resource Coordinators (BRCs) and other people working at various government levels in the education system in Early Language and Literacy (ELL) and Multilingual Education (MLE) to teach tribal children using their home language to learn school language – Hindi at school level. LLF currently has its intervention at five states of India at present: Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Chhattisgarh. Vibha is supporting LLF’s Neev: Early Learning Improvement Programme project in Durg district of Chhattisgarh. Read more about Vibha and LLF partnership [here](#).
Rethinking Quality Education through the lens of National Education Policy:2020

The release of National Education Policy (NEP) in July 2020 has led to much excitement and debate across the country. We, at Vibha, conducted series of discussions with our internal project team and volunteers. We also went through the NEP along with few of our partners who are working in public education domain, including Sikshana Foundation, Eklavya, Samavesh, Leap for Word, Language Learning Foundation. These discussions were conducted on first two weeks of September to understand our partners’ perspective on mapping NEP considering our current project activities. The main objectives behind these discussions were:

- to ideate possible door of opportunities for our projects with the help of this policy document
- to understand the challenges our projects might face in the implementation of NEP at the ground level

Virtual Monitoring Visit of Vibha

We, at Vibha, visit our projects to understand their work at ground level, and connect with children. However, due to the closure of schools during global pandemic, we are not able to visit our projects, and our project partners have been working hard to ensure that education does not stop for the children. Using the modern technologies, we also took a tour of our projects virtually. All the meetings were conducted online with our partners. We also visited education centers initiated by our projects, interacted with the children and different stakeholders, and reviewed the work. Virtual visits cannot replace the zeal of project visits, however, it was very empowering to witness the efforts of our partners who have relentlessly worked towards the education of children with lot of courage and grit, designing alternative strategies, implementing suggested corrective measures in-spite of closure of schools
Global version of Vibha’s Flagship Event

With every passing year, the Dream Mile, Vibha’s has been the most successful fundraising flagship event. The Dream Mile has been something that all the members of Vibha family excitedly wait for. When 2020 arrived and brought with it the onslaught of COVID-19, most of the activities were carried out virtually. It is not so easy to take all the activities to the virtual platform, especially when there are physical activities involved. The Dream Mile event of Vibha is one amongst them that involves running/walking. However, our volunteers worked really hard to ensure this tradition of Vibha does not stop due to the global pandemic by taking this event to virtual platform to raise funds for our projects in India and the US.

This year, Dream Mile was converted into a virtual and global version of Vibha’s flagship Fundraiser, known as Dream Mile X (DM X). September 1 to September 30 was the event month of DM X. This was the Vibha’s first virtual global run/walk event, which has received an overwhelming response. There were more than 4400 participants from 11 countries, between ages 2-82 which made this event a truly global phenomenon. Total more than 25 million rupees were raised. Together 57.7 million steps, 37,000 miles and 7000 kilometres of walking/running/jogging in 30 days were completed which is no simple feat.

Total 1192 participants joined DM X from India this year. To us, DM X was unique because our partners in India and the US also participated showing solidarity to make this event successful.

We thank all our partners and patrons for their participations!

Volunteer’s Voice

I work as a development engineer at Siemens, and have been a part of Vibha since 2013. After working as the action center coordinator for Bangalore for a few years, I joined the project team in 2019. I was given the responsibility of project lead for one of our newest projects, LeapForWord. In this role, I am the point of contact between the Vibha Projects team and LeapForWord. Regular conversations with LeapForWord staff, and our project managers help me to provide vital insights to our projects team about activities happening on the ground.

These 8 years have brought invaluable learnings through planning and organizing events, managing action center activities, monitoring and evaluating projects etc. These experiences have helped me immensely in my personal and professional development.

Kshitij Neroorkar, Project Lead for Leap for Word

We can't help everyone but we can help someone-Ronald Reagan