



# Citizens Association for Child Rights

Transforming the lives of underprivileged children by implementing and improving policies and programs on Education, WASH, Nutrition, Gender Equality, and Child Protection.

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Nitin Wadhvani , Director CACR being awarded by ISC at FICCI , Delhi

## HIGHLIGHTS

AWARDED BY INDIAN SANITATION COALITION FOR PROCESS INNOVATION ON SAFE HANDWASHING IN URBAN SLUMS

BEACH CLEANING AT KIHIM AND NAGOAN BEACHES IN ALIBAUG

ENHANCING MENSTRUAL HYGIENE INFRASTRUCTURE IN 96 COMMUNITY TOILETS ACROSS MUMBAI

## OIL AND TAR BASED CLEANING AT KIHIM AND NAGAON BEACH

75 TONNES OF WASTE CONTAMINATED WITH OIL AND TAR COLLECTED



Need Assessment

Coordination with local government entities . gram panchayats

Beach cleaning by Spectron Engineers Pvt. Ltd.

Monitoring and evaluation. Supervision visits .

Final Visit before closing the project.

The coastline of India spans approximately 8110 km. The states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal, and Tripura share the same coastline.

Washed ashore as black or dark brown sticky liquid tar deposits, this is usually the result of crude oil discharge into the sea. The tar that washes up on the beaches have, for years, wreaked havoc on the lives of sea creatures and onshore communities.

Understanding the importance and need ONGC supported and CACR implemented Oil and Tar based cleaning at Kihim and Nagoan beach.



## BACK TO SCHOOL - SCHOOL READINESS PROJECT BY UNICEF MAHARASHTRA

*"Schools should be the last to close and the first to reopen"*

### 27 SCHOOLS ; 10,719 CHILDREN

Back to School , a program initiated and funded by UNICEF in 4 districts of Maharashtra with aim to improve WASH infrastructure of the schools along with learning outcomes.

CACR, being development partner of UNICEF Maharashtra implemented the project in Thane Municipal Corporation.

In 27 schools following activities were carried out ;

- technical assessment;
- augmentation of WASH infrastructure (Installation of elbow-operated taps , hand washing stations, installation of water tanks , WC , doors and repair works),
- strengthening of child cabinets, school management committees (importance of hygiene habits , vaccination , COVID-19 Appropriate Behavior)



## ENHANCING MENSTRUAL HYGIENE INFRASTRUCTURE IN 96 COMMUNITY TOILETS ACROSS MUMBAI

DIGNITY . HYGIENE . HEALTH . HAPINESS

### 96 COMMUNITY TOILETS ; 151000 WOMEN

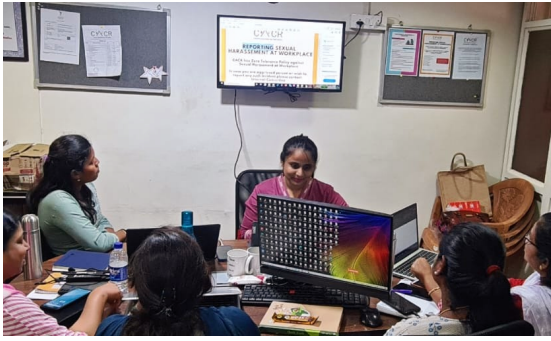
Many people in the Mumbai slums depend on community toilets. These community toilets lack basic menstrual hygiene facilities like sanitary pad vending machine for its female population.

Secondly, as sanitation systems are designed with urine and feces in mind, they are unable to cope with the menstrual absorption materials. These absorption materials clog the sewer pipelines as they are unable to pass through and cause the system backflow.

With the prime objective to facilitate availability of safe menstrual hygiene products and disposal of sanitary waste 96 community toilet blocks across Mumbai were equipped with Vending Machine and Incinerators.

To ensure sustainability awareness sessions on Menstrual Hygiene Management and O&M of machines were conducted.





## INDUCTION TRAINING ON PREVENTING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND HARRASSMENT AT WORKPLACE

At CACR, we believe to build , strengthen and practice policies for safe workplace.

Recently we have developed our PSEA policy and conducted an induction training to sustain ethical behavior in professional and even, private life.

## FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK

*Hard work never goes unnoticed and someday the rewards will follow*

CACR has been implementing programs on handwashing with soap with a focus on behavior change with children in municipal schools since 2017. We are very happy to inform you that we have reached out to more than 50,000 children over the last few years.

This was followed by our intervention in community toilets in densely populated slum pockets in G/N and M/E wards as well as 411 health care facilities across Mumbai as a part of our Infection Prevention and Control during the pandemic.

Our programs are not just limited to up-gradation of WASH infrastructures like non-touch elbow operated taps and pedal-operated handwashing units, but also creates an awareness of the importance of frequency, duration, and critical times of handwashing with soap and engages all stakeholders to ensure sustainability of the project.

This integrated approach followed, helped us in getting nominated and finally a runners-up award from India Sanitation Coalition-FICCI and UNICEF and it is a very pleasant feeling that the process followed by us was recognized and rewarded at a national level competition.

We look forward to having you stay connected with us on our social media platforms or email us at [connect.cacr@gmail.com](mailto:connect.cacr@gmail.com) or call us at 9082598608

Wish you safe days ahead.  
Best regards,

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Chairperson, Advisory board

Team CACR

## PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCREDITATION



We appeal to all of you to contribute generously, to help us keep working on bringing a positive change in the society, be it COVID relief , inculcating behavioural change regarding hygiene and life skills among children , adolescent girls as well as boys, or training women self help groups to become entrepreneurs.