

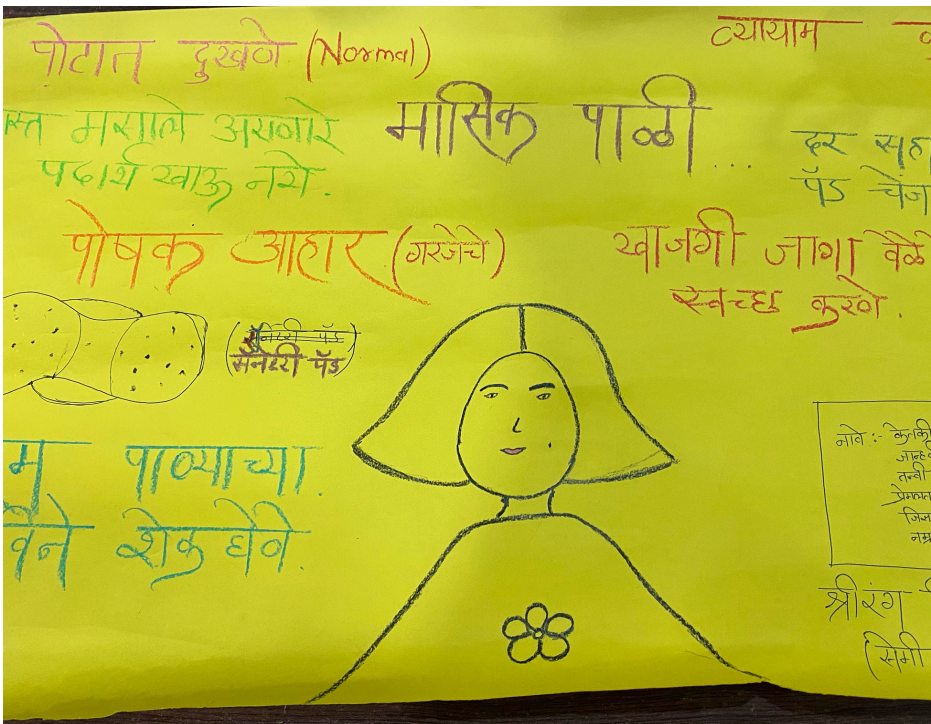
Citizens Association for Child Rights

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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ASSESS . AWARE . PREVENT

3208 FAMILIES

Mumbai is prone to various natural and human induced hazards, including floods, cyclones, earthquakes, landslides, fires, industrial and chemical accidents. The city faces floods almost annually, with the largest flood occurring on 26 July 2005, claiming around 500 lives and incurring US\$2 billion in damages (Hallegatte et al. 2010).

CACR with guidance from SEEDS - India conducted following activities in flood prone locations with houses with different types of roofs with the marked regions.

- Ground Truthing Survey on Flood risk assessment by involvement of local volunteers.
- Creating awareness by dissemination of advisory pamphlets





Nitin Wadhvani , Director CACR presenting to CDC Officials at UNICEF Maharashtra, Mumbai

PRESENTING WASH INITIATIVES IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL

SAFE HEALTH CARE . PREVENTS DISEASES . HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

CACR has been recently implementing various initiatives to improve WASH status at health care facilities with support and guidance from UNICEF . When CDC visited Mumbai and Pune , CACR was invited to discuss the efforts taken so far and participated in the discussion on further intervention in regards with WASH , Infection Prevention and Control and Capacity Building of health care workers

GROUND ACTIVATION AND VACCINATION FOR WOMEN FROM VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

AWARE . MOTIVATE . REGISTER . VACCINATE

“If we don’t put gender equality at the forefront of the COVID-19 response, we will all lose,”

said Dr Princess Nothemba Simelela, Assistant Director-General (ADG) and Senior Advisor to the DG on Strategic Programmatic Priorities WHO, speaking at the 65th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW65) side event.

A 3 months drive was carried out in M / E / ward of Mumbai to facilitate vaccination , counselling on vaccine hesitancy with a focused approach to reach out to working women along with vulnerable women like domestic helps , rag pickers , CSWs .



10816

Women
Vaccination
Registration

8248

Women
Vaccinated

19967

House holds

37540

Women
Counselled

100000

Women
Reached

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT AWARENESS WITH ADOLESCENT GIRLS

DIGNITY . HYGIENE . HEALTH . HAPINESS

As schools has been, so has the flow of basic information about menstrual health and hygiene. Upon reopening of schools , CACR along with Kshamta conducted menstrual hygiene awareness sessions with adolescent girls.

In the span of these months many girls experienced their menarche with little to no knowledge on menstrual management.

Through fun activities and informative sessions the girls understood physiology of menstruation , how overcome period challenges , bursted myths , impact of good and bad hygiene habits.



Fewer women in the state have taken the vaccine against COVID-19 compared to men, amounting to a difference of over 3%. The gender disparity in vaccination could be wider within district and may be growing with more doses administered , expert said. In Maharashtra, 40% of an estimates 6.5 crore men have taken at least one dose of the vaccine. In comparison, 36.6% women of an estimated population of 5.9 crore have taken at least one shot. In absolute numbers , 40 lakhs more vaccine doses have been administered to men. Figures imply that vaccine hesitancy in women is higher than in men. The difference is highest in Mumbai, where 12% more doses have been given to men. 44.99 lakh doses to men and 35.2 lakh to women.

* <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/state-must-see-where-few-women-coming-for-jabs/articleshow/85285923.cms>
 * <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/health-fitness/health-news/how-can-we-curb-vaccine-hesitancy-among-women/articleshow/85686658.cms>

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented disruption to the education sector, affecting the access to learning for **286 million children** in India. Children have faced tremendous learning loss over the past months, and the millions are at risk of not returning to learning. Children have also been exposed to physical, emotional, and sexual violence, exploitation, and abuse. Prolonged time out of education also increases children's vulnerability to child labour.

<https://www.unicef.org/india/stories/back-school-and-learning>

BACK TO SCHOOL - SCHOOL READINESS PROJECT BY UNICEF MAHARASHTRA

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

27 SCHOOLS

For more than two years, most children, especially those of the migrants or from the lower strata of the society, have lost their connection with school and education due to the lockdown.

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 is implementing the project in Thane Municipal Corporation.



Anand Ghodke , WASH Officer along with Geeta Sairam , Operations Officer - UNICEF visited flood affected areas and interacted with beneficiaries of Nayi Umeed Nayi Shuruvaat , a Maharashtra flood response project. CACR implemented the project in Raigad and Ratnagiri districts and reached out to 12350 families and 13000 children from over 180 flood affected villages.



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Wish you safe days ahead.
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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.