



VISION UNLIMITED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



**Quarterly Report
Jan- March 2023**

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ABOUT US

The Impact We Wish to Deliver

- **Integration of underprivileged students** into the public education system
- **Increased student retention** in public schools
- **Improved health indices** (body weight, height, BMI) through meal supplements and regular health checkups
- **Overall personality development** through specialized learning programs



Key interventions We Make



- **Classroom teaching** in foundational subjects such as English, Hindi, Maths, EVS and Computer science - to reinforce concepts and help students “catch up” to their peers
- **Nutritional support** with 1 meal a day with minimum of 500 calories, 8 grams of protein, and other vital nutrients
- **Health check-ups** including anemia testing, immunization support, and eye check ups

Key Highlights



- **300+ students**
- **Seven Qualified teachers** experienced in teaching slum children, two volunteer teachers, one substitute teacher
- **Partnership with local Primary Health Centre** for ongoing health check ups
- **Meals designed by a qualified nutritionist**
- **Partnerships** for food and health supplements

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our 'After-School Club' (ASC) program aims to supplement the functioning of the mainstream public education system for the community, by focusing on the following activities.

- We work towards helping 'out of school children in developing the basic skills needed for them to be ready to take on formal learning in schools.
- We also provide after-school support in the form of doubt clearance and reinforcement of key concepts for children who are already enrolled in government schools.
- We essentially incentivise participation and involvement in learning through parent engagement and incentives like the provision of school supplies and learning aids, a meal supplement per day, as well as regular free health check-ups for the holistic development of our children.

Outcomes

Our unrelenting efforts at ASC have led us to observe several lasting outcomes in children.

- A VU ASC Graduate is an individual ready to face the world with confidence and commitment.
- We instil in children a zeal for continued learning.
- There is a sense of readiness for formal school in children.
- Our purposeful aids help them in better retention and performance in formal school.
- Their overall physical and mental health is also enhanced by our multifaceted approach.
- They're equipped to form better relationships with the community, including peers and adults.



Impact

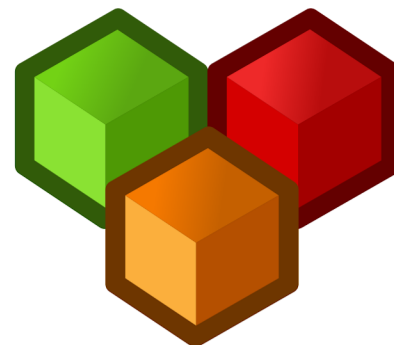
With every passing day, we come closer and closer to our vision of making a difference in as many lives as we can.

- Strong academic backgrounds in children help ensure sustainable livelihoods as adults.
- The enhanced skills in individuals lead to wider access to opportunities for them to achieve their aspirations.
- The knowledge that they gain plants in them is self-belief and efficacy.



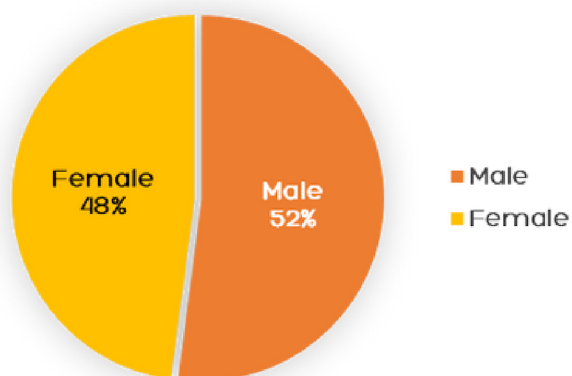
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: THE NEW PARADIGM

The three Vision Unlimited After School Clubs cater to five slum clusters in Kadarapur, Badshahpur, which house about 625 families. This is what we know of our 300+ students from January through March 2022.

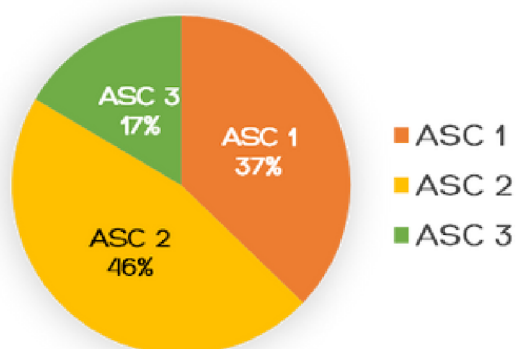


Most of our students are first generation learners, and have been out of school even before the pandemic. But they've coped well with the learning loss- responding enthusiastically to the remedial lessons which were the need of the hour.

Gender Ration



Total Number of Children



Clubs	Male	Female	Total
ASC 1	55	35	90
ASC 2	52	60	112
ASC 3	19	21	40
Total	126	116	242



Our children are divided into three batches, based on their learning status, and age.

1. Early Childhood Care and Education (ECE) is for children less than seven years of age, who have never been to a formal school.
2. Non Formal Education (NFE) is catch up and remedial learning for children eight years of age, or older who have never been to a formal school.
3. After School batch is supplemental learning for children who go to formal school.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Midday Meal for Our Children

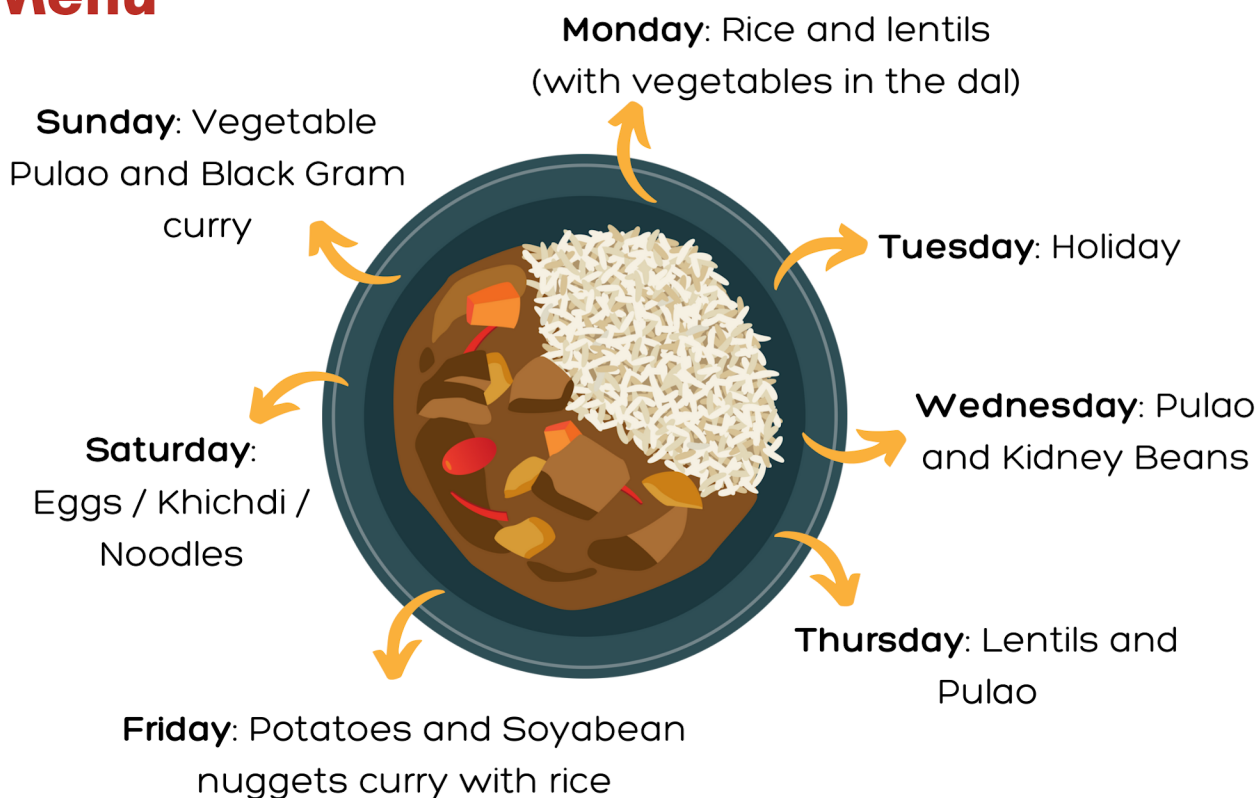
Our community kitchens continue to operate. Our school mothers are paid to cook for the children. Each of the ASCs have a fully functioning kitchen and their own cook, who are the happiest to cook, and serve, lunch to our students six days a week.



This meant a freshly prepared, nutritious meal for our children, which is served to them piping hot on the school premises, by one of the school mothers, and our teachers. The food requirements for all clubs are taken care of by private donations.

Continued support from the local community with biscuits, juices and other treats meant our children often had a snack in addition to the hot lunch. This quarter also saw a lot of treats- friends and families celebrated often with our children.

Menu



Anemia Screening

All the children were screened for anemia, so that remedial supplementation could be started.

The results of the hemoglobin testing were alarming for many children, and the team is working with the local healthcare workers in providing them with supplements, and anti helminthic medication.

Additionally, we have also started a nutritional counselling program for for our children and their parents.



Anti Helminth Drive

All our students were given Albendazole tablets under supervision, in conjunction with the local PHC at Badhshapur as part of the National Anti Helminth Day campaign.

In addiiton, the students and parents were also educated about transmission and prevention of the disease.



Immunisation

The eligible children were administered Polio drops by the local PHC workers in the last week of January, as a mop up round of immunisation in ASC 1, 2 and 3.

Additionally, all the children above the age of 12 years, have received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine, in keeping with the nationwide immunisation program.

STAFF REORGANISATION AND RECRUITMENT

All of our teachers made sure the overall learning and development of our students was not hampered by the festivities in the air. The Republic Day celebrations brought out their other talents to the fore. Ms Babita was responsible for conducting the standardised final exams, very ably helped out by our substitute teachers, Ms Niki, and Ms Meenu.

	Morning	Afternoon
ASC 1		
Priti	ECE	NFE
Rozy	NFE	After School
ASC 2		
Sadhana	ECE	After School
Kanchan	NFE	After School
ASC 3		
Shashi	ECE	ECE
Babita	NFE	NFE



Our cooks in ASC 1 and 2 are both school moms and will continue to cook for us. The kitchen in ASC 3 is no longer functional. The children are served a meal bought from a local vendor, as that is proving to be more cost effective. The children in all three clubs continue to get a hot lunch, six days a week. The food is served to the kids, and the cooks also do the dishes for the younger children. The older children wash their own plates.

Another school mom is responsible for cleaning the ASC 2 six days a week, especially the kitchen, hallways, and the bathroom. The children are also responsible for keeping their classrooms clean.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

All the students from the three Clubs, along with their teachers got together in a public park for the Annual Sports Day on the 26th of February. The bright sunny day was the perfect foil for their bright sunny smiles. The healthy competition brought out the best in them- friendship, leadership, and sportsmanship!



LET'S
PLAY



JUST
HAVE
FUN



Prize Distribution

All the students from the three Clubs, along with their teachers got together for a happy prize distribution ceremony on the 12th of March, and received blessings from Mr S S Mashhadi. The winners of the lemon spoon race cut a giant cake which was enjoyed by all, along with enough junk food to make them happy.



New ASC 2 Building

Our landlord's son is getting married next month, and the newlywed couple was to move into the building that houses ASC2. So we spent the better part of January looking for an appropriate building, not far from the ASC2, so the children would not have to walk too far from their homes. And we luckily found the perfect space!!

We moved to the new school in the beginning of February, and the children and Team VU are equally delighted with the new, more spacious premises.



THE FIRE:

How the most vulnerable survive

The children of ASC 1 live in the most impoverished slums: their homes are tin shanties, without a pukka floor, and more than seventy homes share three toilets. The electricity supply is erratic, sanitation facilities non-existent, and our children- and their parents- battle poverty, infections, malnourishment and abuse, everyday.

To add insult to injury, there were a series of fires in the jhuggi clusters of Gurgaon: six fires, over three days. More than four hundred families lost their homes, and all their possessions: including twenty seven of our children.

Many others, packed their meagre worldly possessions and decided to go back to their villages: the vagaries of the harsh, North Indian winter, coupled by the apathy of those who think little of burning homes in the dead of the night meant that even their resilient spirits couldn't keep up. The miscreants have not been brought to justice yet.



THE FIRE:

Our Response

As seven of our children battled the bitter January winter, homeless, with their families, our immediate response was to open ASC 2 for them. With warm beds, a functioning kitchen and enough blankets for the night.

Many families started to leave the slum cluster, Our school could be a potential target, as well as a threat to the community. All our furniture is plywood, and inflammable, and we also have two LPG cylinders in the kitchen.



So, in consultation with the parents, we decided to empty out our school, and shut the kitchen, while continuing classes on floor mats.

The ASC Team continued to work towards helping them rebuild their homes, and take care of the children as usual.

The children were given a meal each day, not from our kitchen, but sourced from a local vendor, and also sent across by friends. On 1st February, our furniture was brought back, and the kitchen became functional again.



OUR GEMS:

Our Inspiration Drops Out

Eleven old Saidul is the eldest of -- siblings, and lives in the School 1 jhuggi. He was the inspiration behind ASC 1. When offered a biscuit during pandemic food relief program, the then eight year old cheekily asked us for notebooks instead. Mummy now gets biscuits, he had said, but she doesn't want to spend money on books. Saidul left school when his parents lost their jobs and went back to Assam. He came back in five months. He left again in early 2022 to join a hostel, but came back after three months. Our school is much better, he told his parents when they visited him in the residential school- and they brought him back to ASC1.

But after the jhuggis were set on fire by miscreants, his scared parents have left the slum cluster to go to Maruti Kunj. The fire consumed all of their possessions, and they are toying with the idea of going back to Assam.

Team Vision Unlimited will be the happiest to support his further education, but his parents aren't prioritising his education for now.

We hope we can persuade him to come back to school as the family finds its feet.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Parent Teacher Meeting

The PTMs for this quarter were held each month in the three ASCs, and were attended by the parents with great enthusiasm. The topics covered were vitamin B complex and Vitamin C supplements to be administered thrice a week in school by the teachers, health and hygiene, and students' progress. This time we also distributed soap and detergent to the parents, to encourage hygiene and participation.

Club	Jan-23		Feb-23		Mar-23	
	Date	Attendance	Date	Attendance	Date	Attendance
ASC-1	22-Jan-23	53	19-Feb-23	80	18-Mar-23	71
ASC-2	22-Jan-23	39	19-Feb-23	39	19-Mar-23	39
ASC-3	22-Jan-23	28	19-Feb-23	28	19-Mar-23	27



CELEBRATIONS

Republic Day Celebrations



All three schools came together for a grand Republic Day celebration on the 26th of January, at the local Anganwadi.

They performed on stage, singing, dancing and reciting poems with great joy and confidence. And of course, what is a celebration without lots of junk food, bonhomie and laughter!

Everyone went back home tired, and full of stories, eagerly awaiting the next celebration.



Holi Celebrations



Our children celebrated Holi in school with their friends and teachers. Their families also dropped in to enjoy the festivities in school, and it was the perfect antidote for all the strife they had all gone through in the previous two years. The Vision Unlimited Family was delighted to share their joy.



Celebration in ASC 1

Our children had an impromptu dance performance for some senior citizens visiting our school: it became a day of unadulterated fun, feasting, singing and dancing.



Our Volunteers

These youngsters have very ably assisted the ASC programs through this winter.

- Juhi
- Aradhya Bhartiya
- Zarah Rangwala
- Tarun Walecha



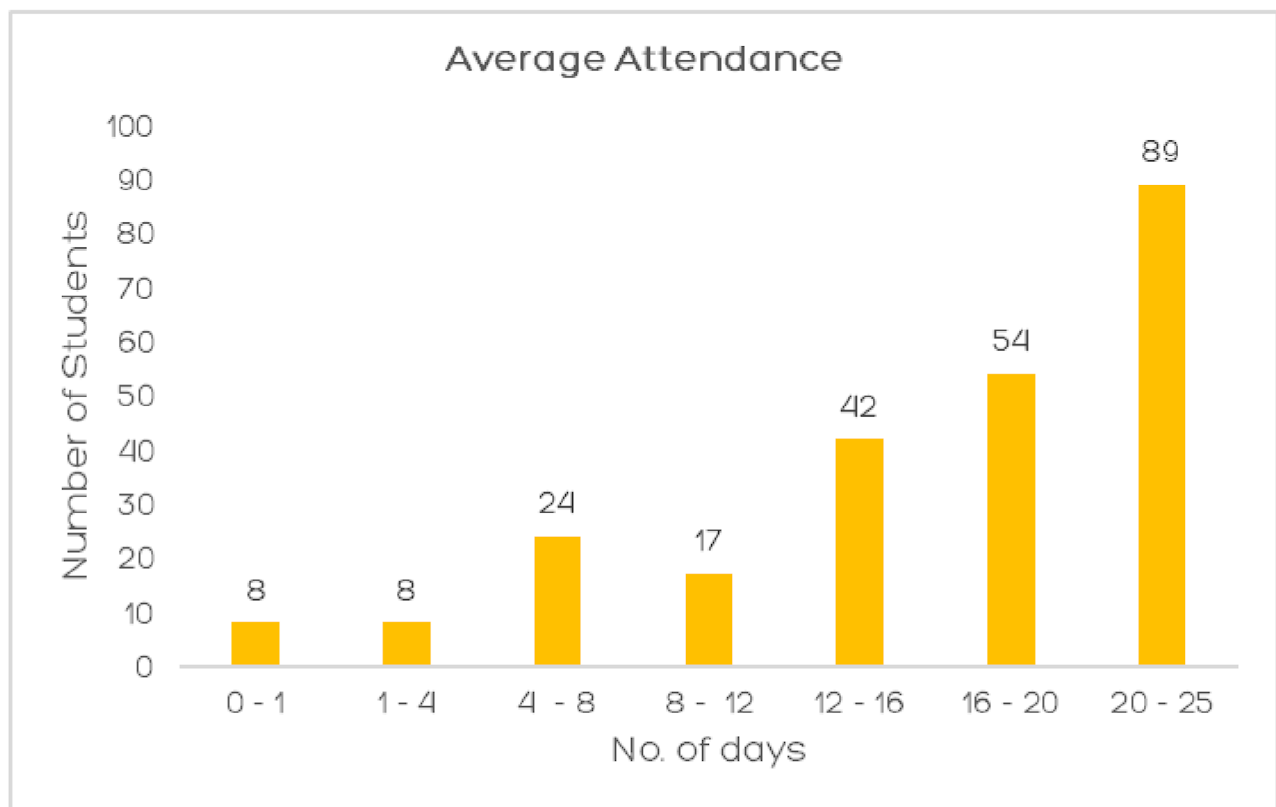
All our volunteers worked in ASC 1-3 as teaching assistants. Aradhya continued to volunteer as a teaching assistant and mentor to the older boys. Mr Walecha took pictures of our Republic Day celebrations.



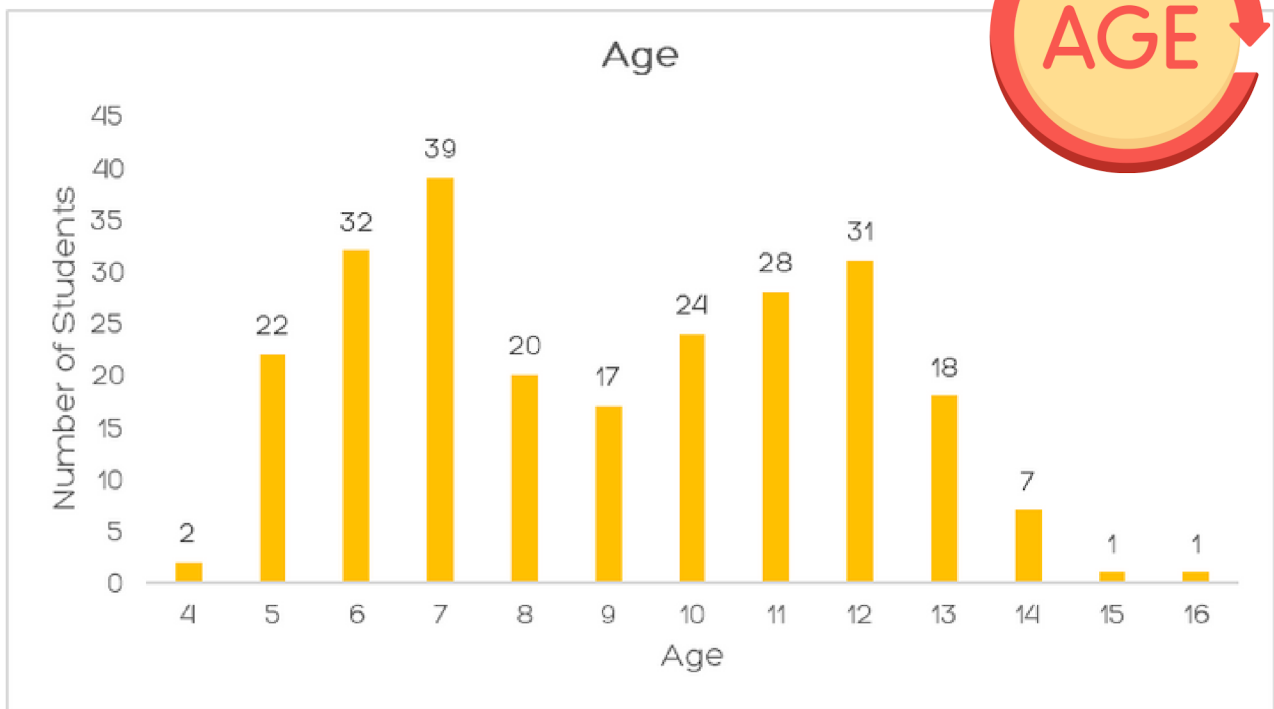
SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT

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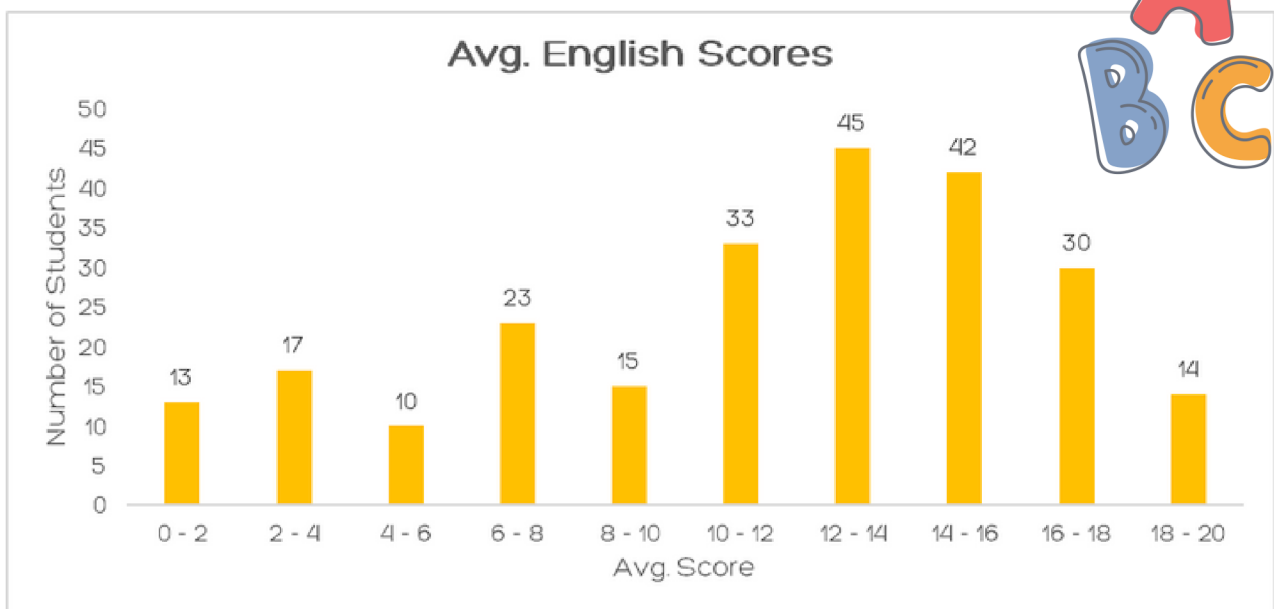
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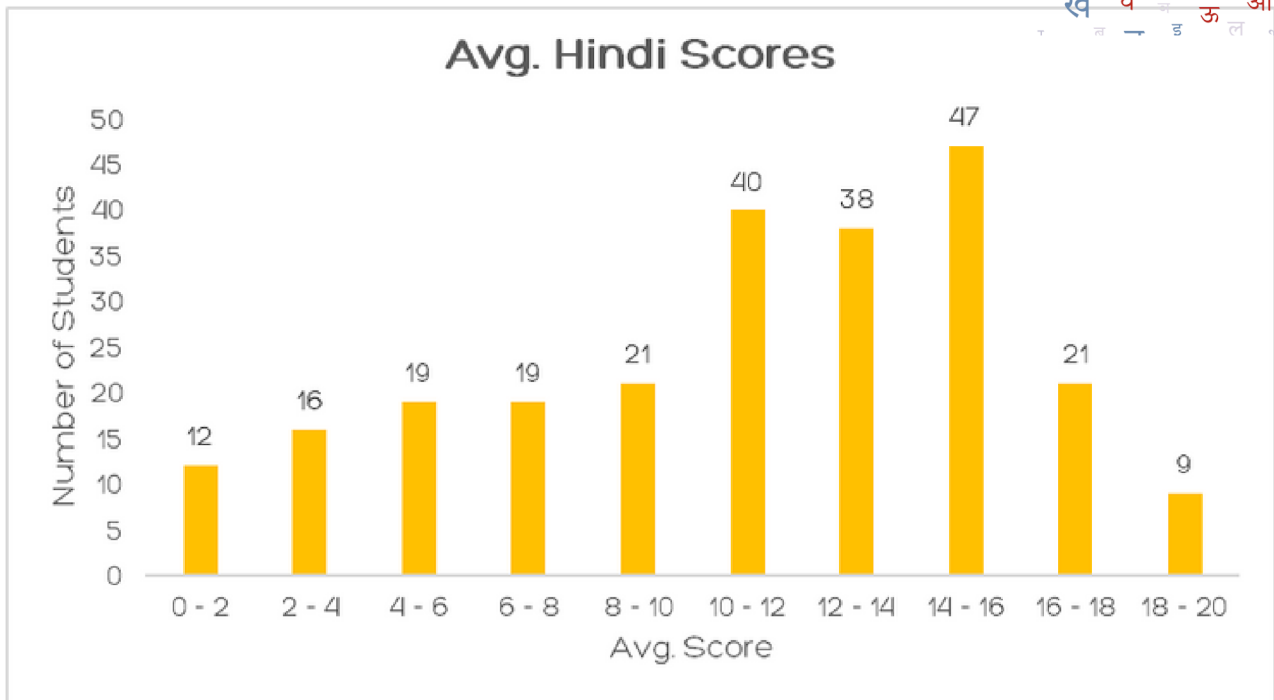


Academic Scores - English

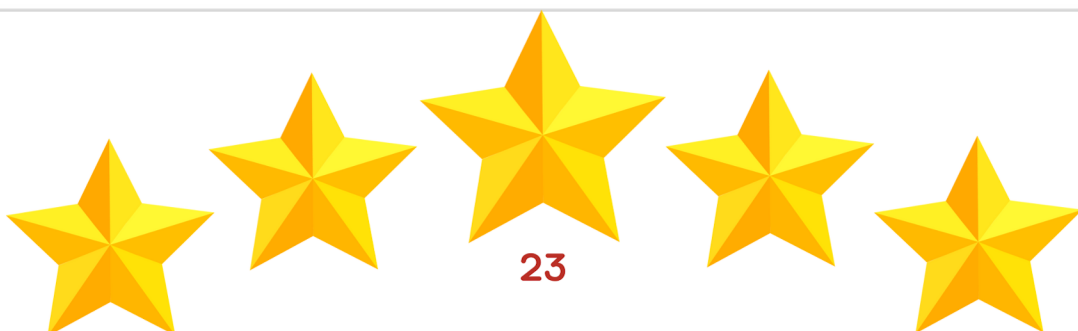
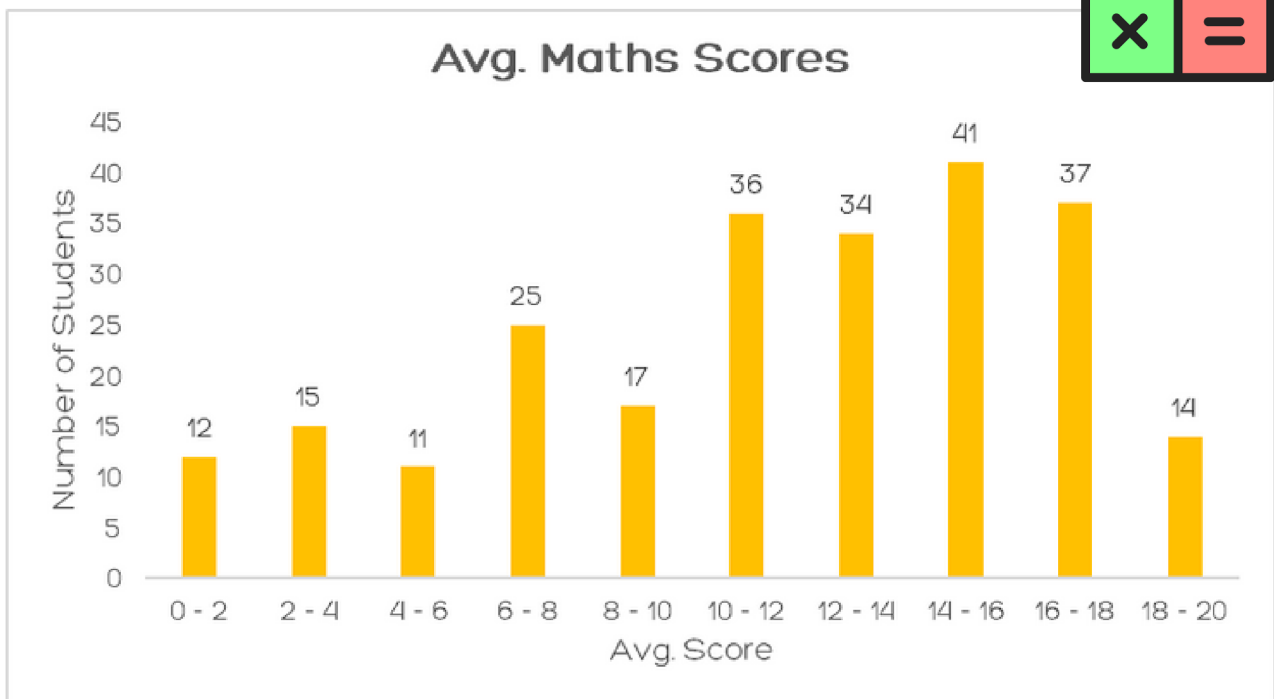


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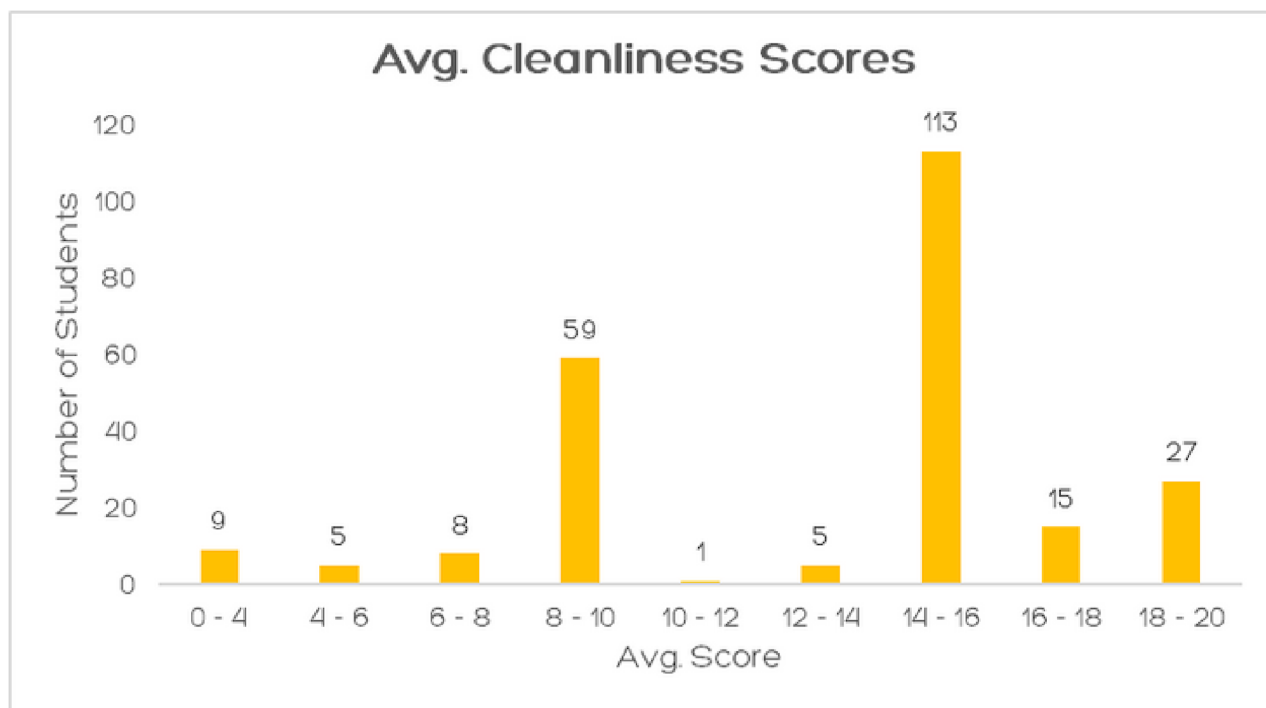
Academic Scores - Hindi



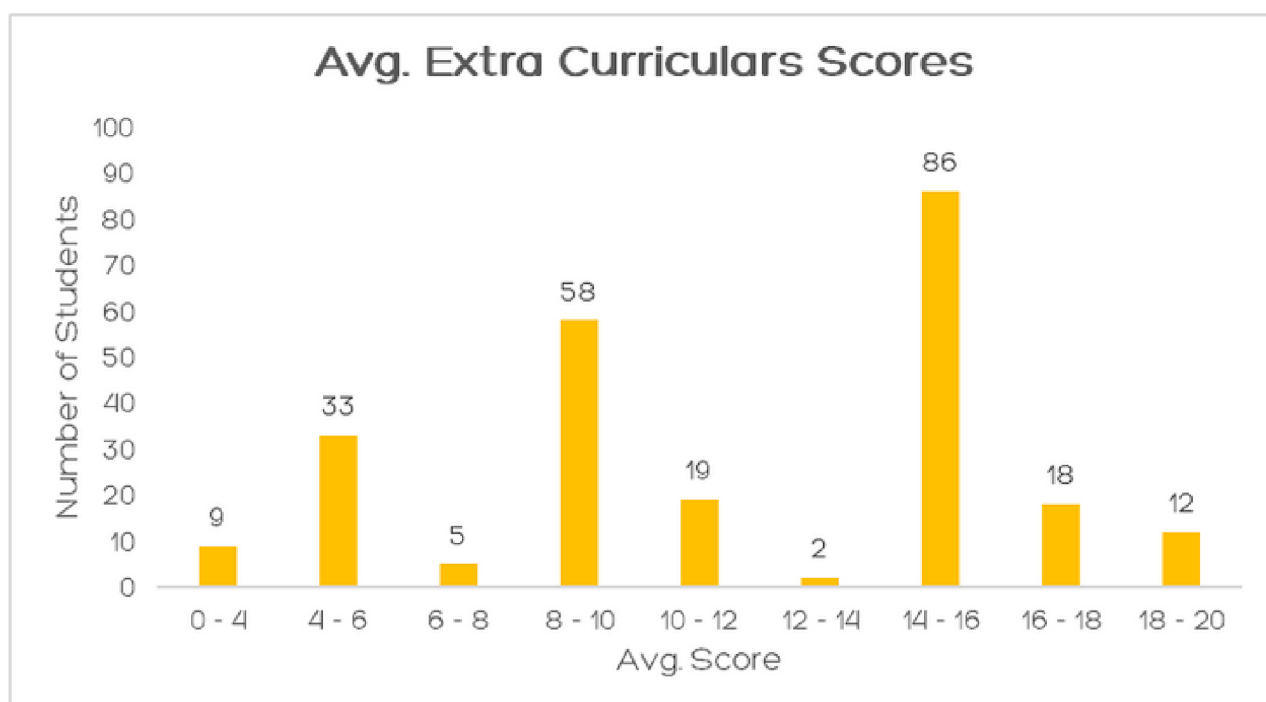
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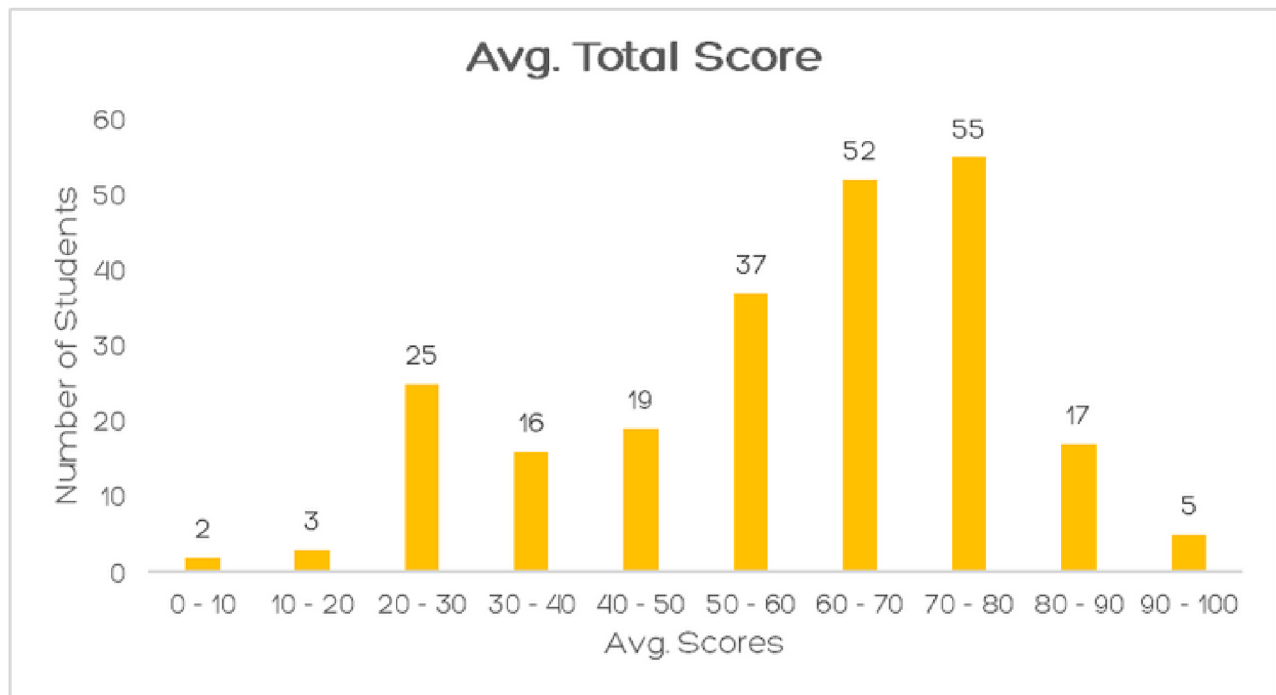
Cleanliness Performance



Extra curricular Scores

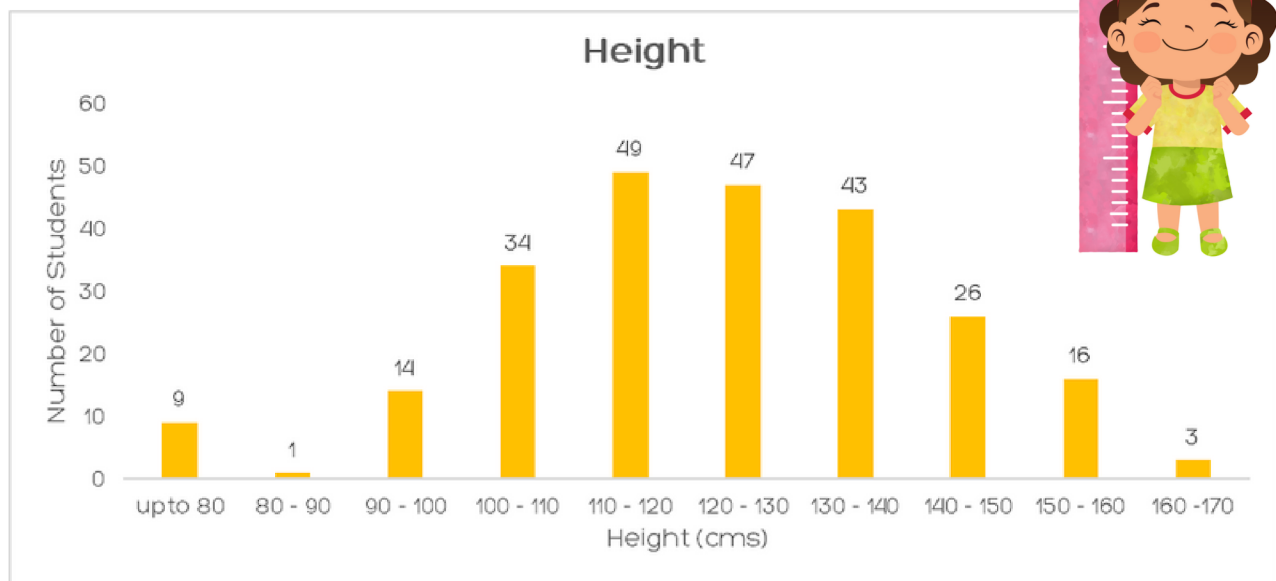


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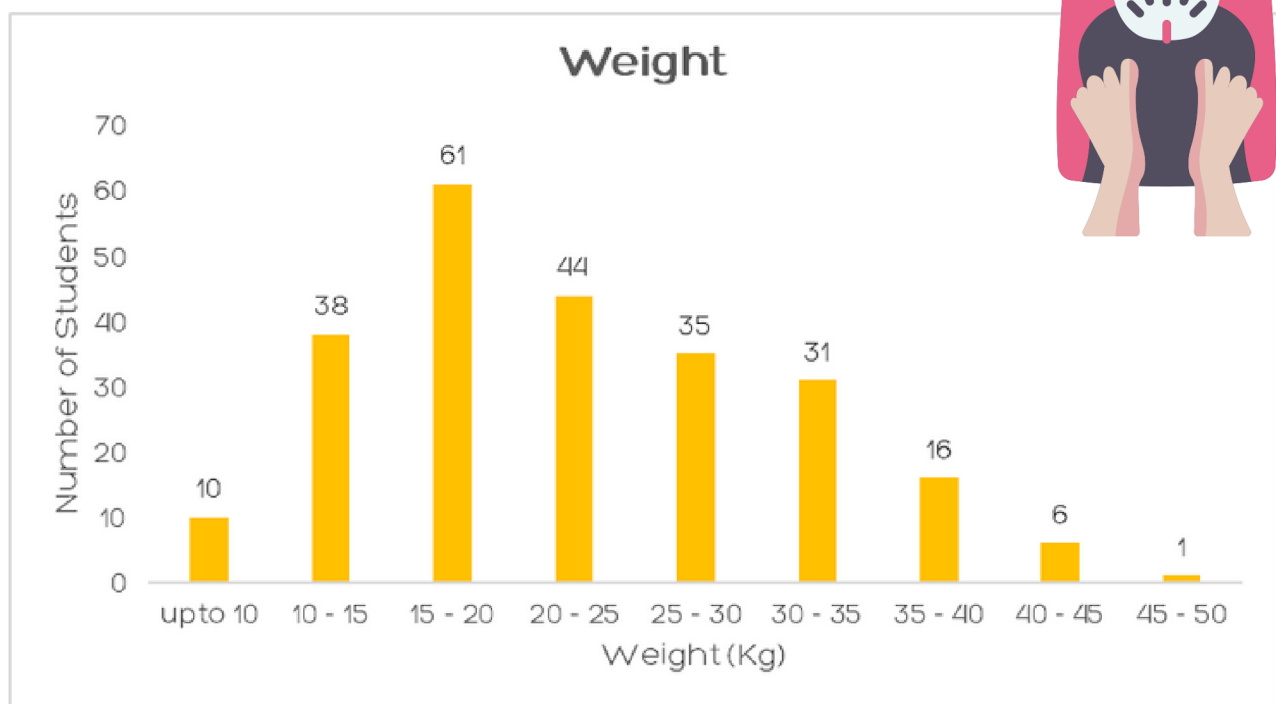


Health Metrics

Height



Weight



ORGANISATIONS THAT SUPPORTED US



Anadilall Poddar
Charitable Trust

Learning Partners



Nutrition Partner



Monitoring & Outcome Auditor





Our children have done well, and
our course is set on hope.

For, in the immortal words of Nelson Mandela,

**"EDUCATION IS THE MOST
POWERFUL WEAPON
WHICH YOU CAN USE TO
CHANGE THE WORLD."**