



DEVA KIRUBAI SOCIAL HELP ASSOCIATION
MULLIPPADI, TRICHY DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

2023 - 2024



Executive Leadership Message

From the Founder & Executive Director

The year 2023-2024 marked a decisive shift in DKSHA's journey—a year of reflection, transition, and recommitment to our core belief that every child belongs in a family, not an institution. Moving away from institutional child care, DKSHA embraced a fully family-centered care model, aligning our work with both national child protection frameworks and global best practices.

Guided by the Juvenile Justice Act and supported by our long-standing partner, Miracle Foundation, we focused our efforts on strengthening families as the first and most critical safety net for children. Through systematic reintegration processes, sustained follow-up and community engagement, children were safely transitioned back into nurturing home environments. This shift was not merely structural - it represented a deeper transformation in how care, protection and belonging are understood within communities across Trichy and Dindigul districts.

Despite resource constraints and growing community needs, our commitment remains unwavering. Our team, volunteers and partners demonstrated remarkable resilience and dedication, working closely with families, local institutions, and panchayat-level stakeholders to ensure continuity of care. The most significant achievement of the year lies not in numbers alone, but in the lived realities of children who are no longer simply protected but truly growing within families, supported by education, healthcare, and dignified livelihoods.

This year reaffirmed our belief that lasting change happens when families are strengthened, and communities take ownership of child protection. We move forward with humility, responsibility, and hope.

Mr. A. Isaac
Chief Functionary Officer
DKSHA



OUR VISION AND MISSION



OUR VISION

A society where every vulnerable individual is empowered to live with dignity within family and community structures.

OUR MISSION

DKSHA works to ensure that every child grows up in a safe, loving family environment by:

- Preventing institutionalization
- Strengthening vulnerable families
- Reintegrating children with parents or guardians
- Empowering communities through education, health, livelihood, and social protection initiatives

CORE VALUES

- Child-centered care and protection
- Family strengthening and reintegration

- Community participation and ownership

2024 SMART FOCUS AREAS

In 2024, DKSHA focused on clearly defined, measurable priorities that aligned with our mission and national child protection mandates:

- **Reintegrate children from institutional care into families**, ensuring safety, stability, and long-term follow-up
- **Strengthen more than 150 families** through access to welfare schemes, livelihood support, and social security
- **Improve educational outcomes** for vulnerable children through sustained academic and mentoring support
- **Embed child protection systems at the panchayat level**, fostering local ownership and accountability

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & IMPACT

From Institutions to Homes: Family-Based Alternative Care

DKSHA successfully transitioned children from institutional settings to safe family environments, reinforcing the principle that families, when supported, are the best place for a child to grow.

- 155 children are now living safely with parents or guardians
- 100% compliance maintained with Juvenile Justice Act standards
- Continuous follow-up ensured across education, health, and emotional wellbeing

This approach emphasized not only reintegration but sustained support, monitoring, and guidance to families to prevent re-institutionalization.

EDUCATION PATHWAYS THAT LAST

Education remained a critical pillar of DKSHA's work, recognizing it as a pathway to independence and dignity.

- 39 children supported in school education and 42 students supported in higher education
- Support extended across Higher Secondary, Vocational, Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Engineering education
- Scholarships, mentoring, and career guidance enabled students to navigate academic challenges and future opportunities with confidence

HEALTH, PROTECTION & WELLBEING

To ensure holistic child development, DKSHA strengthened access to healthcare and protection services:

- Regular health screenings and timely medical referrals
- Emergency medical and surgical support for children and families in crisis
- Health insurance linkages facilitated for vulnerable families to reduce long-term risk

STORIES OF CHANGE

"When my child returned home, we were afraid we could not manage. Today, with DKSHA's guidance, my child is studying well and our family feels whole again."

- Parent, Family-Based Care Programme

This quote reflects the deeper impact of family-based care - restoring confidence, dignity, and unity within households.

PROJECT STATUS OVERVIEW

Completed

- Successful transition from institutional care to the Family-Based Alternative Care (FBAC) model
- Formation of village-level child groups, encouraging child participation and awareness

Ongoing

- Strengthening panchayat-level child protection systems
- Continued family livelihood strengthening initiatives

Needs Ahead

- Expansion of mental health support services
- Improved digital education access for rural children

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Funding Sources

- International foundations: Miracle Foundation, OTF/FEO – Canada
- Individual donors
- Community partnerships

Expenditure Focus

- Child and family-centered programmes
- Education and healthcare support
- Community capacity building and system strengthening

GOVERNANCE & RECOGNITION

- Founder & Executive Director: Mr. A. Isaac
- Key Partners: Miracle Foundation (USA), Aravind Eye Hospital, Rotary Clubs
- Special Thanks: Field staff, volunteers, alumni, panchayat leaders, and donors whose collective efforts made this work possible
- OTF - FEO International Assistance Committee, Canada
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LOOKING AHEAD: 2025 STRATEGY

As DKSHA moves into 2025, our focus will be on consolidating gains and strengthening sustainability:

- Deepening the sustainability of family-based care models
- Expanding livelihood initiatives for women-headed households
- Strengthening ESG-aligned reporting and impact measurement
- Moving toward digital-first, interactive donor reporting for greater transparency and engagement

PHOTO GALLERY OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

