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India has recently crossed the 100-day mark of the battle against COVID 19, a pandemic that has devastated lives and livelihoods across the globe. For Udayan Care, it began with a single phone call from Neha, a proud 1st generation learner, an Udayan Shalini Fellow*. Her father was a daily worker in Bhyander, Maharashtra. He had lost his livelihood and his dignity.

The Udayan Care Emergency Response Fund was set up in early April to support hundreds, then over **1600 families and youth**, devastated by the lockdown and its economic consequences. Begun as a relief measure by Udayan Care's committed staff, volunteers and donors, it soon transformed into a full-fledged COVID response. In the last three months, expanded its reach to Shalinis across India, Care Leavers from the Udayan Ghar** programme and communities in need. Research has further confirmed that children from all over India are currently locked in their homes, with engagement and upskilling of the **250-children, aftercare young adults, 4700 girls** and community youth in our focus.

This report measures the journey and reach of our COVID response efforts from April to June 2020. The impact of our interventions- keeping children safe, girls in school and youth engagement will be told in the months to come. We would not have done this without the generous support of our donors and partners, who have stood by us and helped us during this uncertain time. As we commit ourselves to protect, persevere and preserve, we are immensely grateful for the faith you have shown in us.

USF Shalinis' families supported with monthly ration supply

Cumulative Disbursement across all programmes

(Rs. Lakhs)

* Udayan Shalini Fellowship supports underprivileged single / higher education through mentorship and mentoring support ** Transitional home for Udayan Care Care Leavers

Udayan Shalini Fellowship Programme

In the early months of the COVID crisis, Udayan Care's Shalini Fellowship Programme for higher education support, was the first to respond. The Emergency Response Fund was set up in early April. With this help of an extensive shortlisted network of Shalini Fellows, donors have supported over **1600** families in need across 18 states with monthly ration kits, cash transfers, medicines and PPE kits. Recommendations with local government and extensive volunteer network allowed for relief response within 2 weeks of the lockdown.

We adopted a Need-Based Target approach, contacting every Shalini across 13 states in 21 chapters. From a total of 1615 Shalinis, 439 were identified as immediate support (number of 612, to begin with) and received their ration number balloon to 1615 families by June 30th. Extremely vulnerable families, such as single women headed and unmarried ones were provided with cash transfers in multiple times. What stood out amongst this outreach effort was the spirit our Shalinis showed in helping each other and support those in greater need.

Our Shalini Fellowship needs assessment through structured surveys and telephonic interviews, as classified the challenges in lockdown months. A worrisome 60.5% of Shalini families are facing livelihood or financial challenges and

Udayan's transfer-to-bank (T2B) Shalini families, which was around 1600 -62% were wage earners, 18% were workers, and 22% a MSME/ private jobs, economic impact of COVID-19 has been devastating. Unemployment, loss of income, and rising inflation have plagued the lockdown months. A worrisome 60.5% of Shalini families are facing livelihood or financial challenges and

Amphan, the devastating cyclone of the 20th of May was another catastrophe posed by nature and brought distress and insecurity for our Shalinis in the regions of coastal Odisha.

12 Shalinis whose homes were damaged were supported with Rs. 15000 each to rebuild their homes and lives.

Udayan Ghar Programme

Our Care Leavers are youth that have grown up in our 17 family homes. Their formative years in our care, over 10/12 years as well as well-settled Care Leavers in independent lives. Till COVID struck, first they lost their jobs and couldn't pay their rents and bills and then, the fear of contracting the virus in crowded workplaces and public transport. Our Care Leavers are resilient, the fund was now supporting dignity and safe spaces to some homes.

Udayan Care is sure that the children in 3 is functional logo on our very own Frontline Warriors.

We understand that people who have been exposed to traumatic experiences in the past are at greater risk of developing mental health concerns during crises. The children, young adults, care staff and alumni across our homes and programmes have been navigating through grays and are on one weakness, ensuring that they remain in a positive state of mind during these testing times.

Yoga and Zumba classes are Zoomed in daily from our Didi Centre in Uttarakhand to all 17 homes, ensuring the physical and mental well-being of our children and staff.

Thousands of Shalinis were contacted and counselled to deal with the uncertainty and anxiety of their parents losing their livelihoods. 21 Shalini Meets helped build trust with the families of the girls and parents were encouraged to show their girls access to mobile phones for workshops and mentorship.

Udayan Care's Counselling Centre was set up to provide online guidance and support to children, young adults and staff in the Udayan Care Network. Close across the homes/sites, we provided our counsellors with mobile phones, so that they are not impacted on mobile phones. Less than 2% of these calls have access to computers or phones.