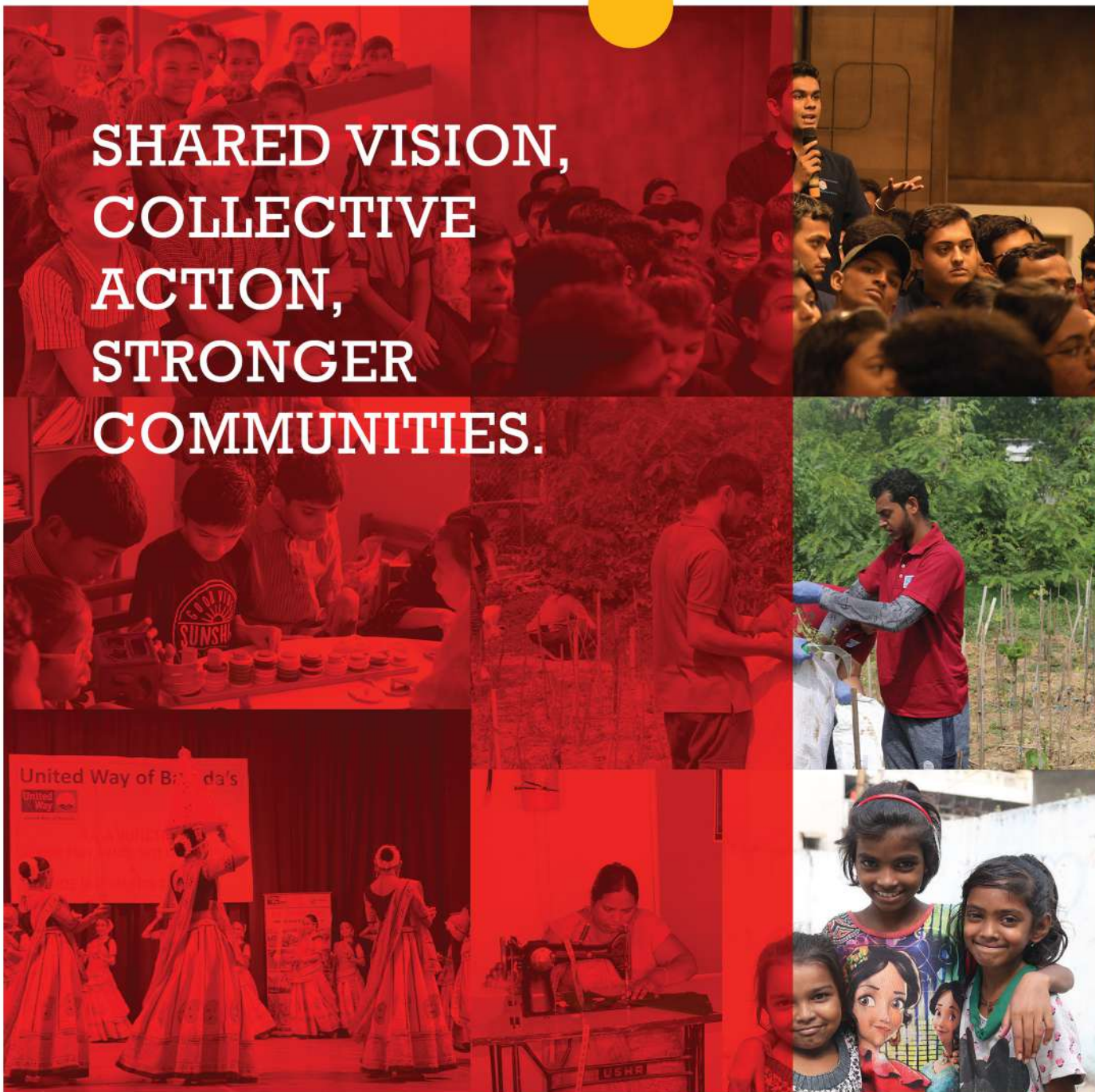


SHARED VISION,
COLLECTIVE
ACTION,
STRONGER
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UNITED WAY
Baroda

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2024-25**



VISION

United Way of Baroda envisions creating and enabling a sustainable environment for improved quality of life for the underprivileged people of the community.



MISSION

To serve as a catalyst by providing opportunities for optimal health, better education and livelihood to all people especially the vulnerable and economically weaker sections of the society in Gujarat

OUR CORE VALUES



Integrity

Honesty and harmony in what we say, do, and think.



Inclusivity

We believe every group of communities are real beneficiaries irrespective of their caste, creed, gender and religion.



Stewardship

Use all resources efficiently and effectively to further the organisation's mission to serve people



Quality

Quality: Services based on quality leave a major impact on the lives of people.



Thrive

Commitment to serve for the betterment of the deprived communities.



Compassion

We extend our hand of help to meet the needs of the impoverished.



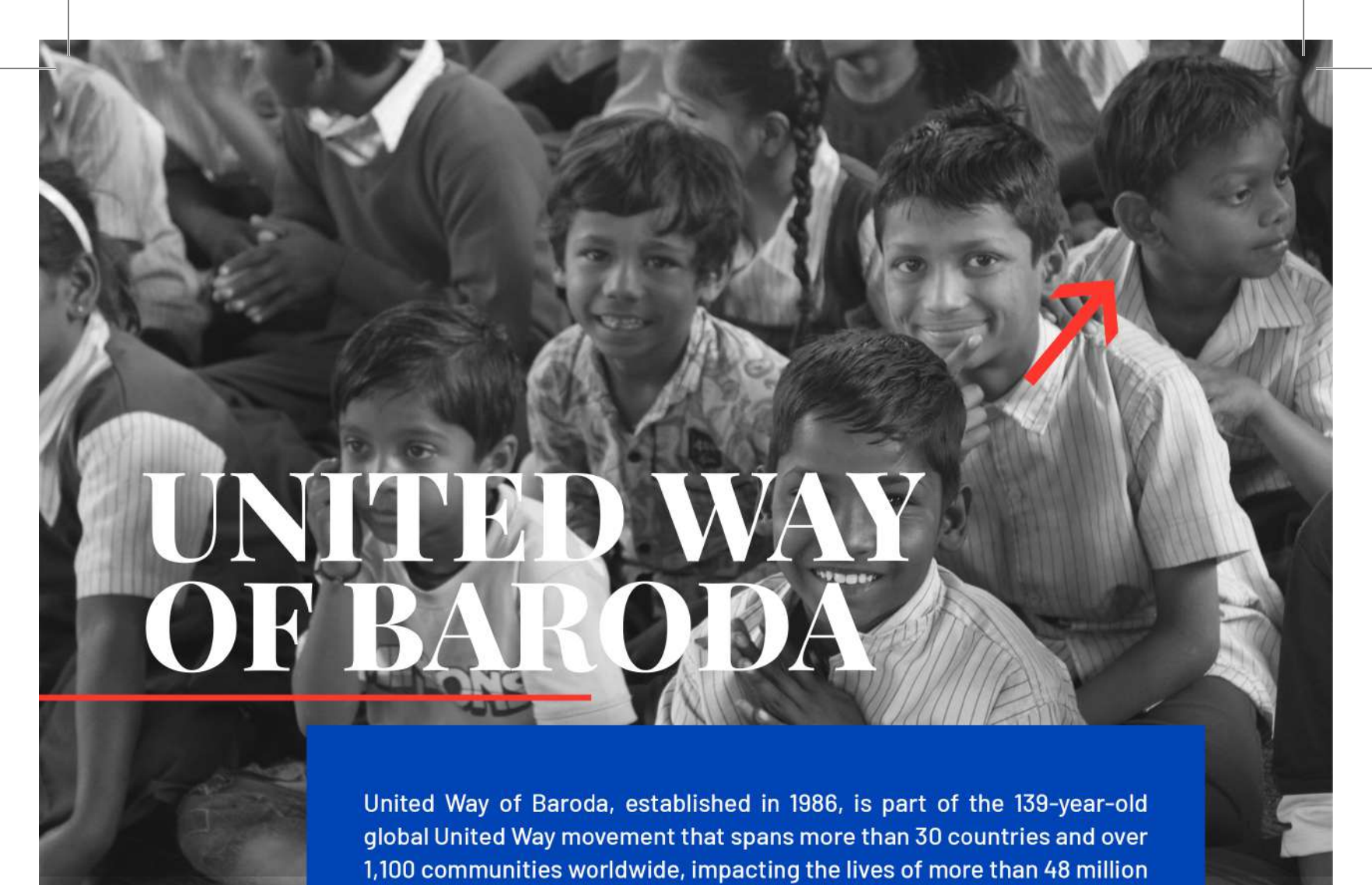
Transparency

We pride ourselves on sharing our beliefs, strengths and decisions.



Teamwork

Cooperate and work together for the common good of the people we serve and the organization's mission.



UNITED WAY OF BARODA

United Way of Baroda, established in 1986, is part of the 139-year-old global United Way movement that spans more than 30 countries and over 1,100 communities worldwide, impacting the lives of more than 48 million people each year. In India, the movement operates through seven network chapters located in Baroda, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai, continuing to drive meaningful change and sustainable impact across the nation.

As the first United Way chapter in India, UWB has been a catalyst for change for nearly four decades. Its core focus areas include promoting education, enhancing healthcare, supporting livelihood and rural development, fostering environmental sustainability, and advancing social inclusivity. Each initiative is carefully designed to uplift underprivileged communities, ensuring long-term growth and resilience. Funds raised through major campaigns are strategically utilized to implement impactful programs that reach the maximum number of individuals.

Legally registered under the Societies Registration Act. 1860 and the Bombay Public Trust Act. 1950, UWB is authorized to receive tax-exempt donations under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act. and permitted to accept foreign contributions under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act. (FCRA). The organization is also registered with the Government of India's NITI Aayog (GJ/2017/0164560) and accredited by the Credibility Alliance, reaffirming its commitment to transparency, accountability, and good governance.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Mrs. Pritty Patel

Dear Members of the United Way of Baroda Family,

It is with immense honour that I present the Annual Report for 2024-2025, a year that beautifully reflected the strength of unity and the enduring spirit of community. During this time, our efforts grew beyond programs and initiatives, transforming into a source of hope, resilience, and opportunity.

Over the year, we cultivated platforms that stakeholders, collaboration, and empowerment, uniting communities, changemakers, and stakeholders to confront pressing social and environmental challenges while celebrating creativity, talent, and resilience. Amid these accomplishments, the devastating floods that struck our city tested our resolve. Our teams responded with urgency and compassion, delivering food, clean water, clothing, and essential supplies to thousands of families, embodying the spirit of solidarity that defines our work.

These efforts reflect our unwavering vision of a society where dignity, opportunity, and hope are accessible to all. Such achievements are made possible through the dedication of our team, the trust of our beneficiaries, and the steadfast support of our partners and stakeholders. As you read this report, I invite you to view it not merely as a record of activities but as a testament to lives uplifted, communities strengthened, and dreams realized. Together, we continue to move forward, united in purpose and driven by the belief that meaningful change is possible when hearts and hands come together.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Nilam Acharya



With deep pride and heartfelt gratitude, I present the United Way of Baroda Annual Report for 2024-2025. This year has been one of resilience, renewal, and reaffirmed purpose, a time when our mission of building stronger, more inclusive communities took on even greater significance. Guided by our core belief in people-led progress, we continued to expand the reach of our Community Impact Projects, introducing thoughtful innovations while responding to the evolving needs of society.

During the year, we also hosted significant platforms such as the Environment Conclave 2024, Empower Her, Celebrate Her Campaign, and the NGO Conclave, each of which created meaningful opportunities for dialogue, collaboration, and community engagement.

Amidst these achievements, the devastating Vadodara floods reminded us of the urgency of our work. Our teams acted swiftly, providing emergency relief including food, clean water, clothing, and essential supplies to those most affected. It was a moment that reaffirmed our capacity to respond with empathy, courage, and collective strength.

I am incredibly grateful to our passionate team, our Board Members, and our Advisory Committees for their invaluable guidance and dedication. To our corporate partners, donors, and stakeholders, your continued trust and generosity have been central to everything we have achieved.

As we look ahead, I remain optimistic about the future we are building together, a future where every individual has the opportunity not just to survive but to thrive. Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. Let us continue to walk forward, united in purpose and unwavering in our pursuit of lasting impact.

FOCUS AREAS AND SDGs

United Way of Baroda's programs and CSR initiatives are strategically aligned with 14 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. Through a comprehensive approach, that emphasizes education, healthcare, livelihood enhancement, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion, the organization actively contributes to advancing global development priorities.



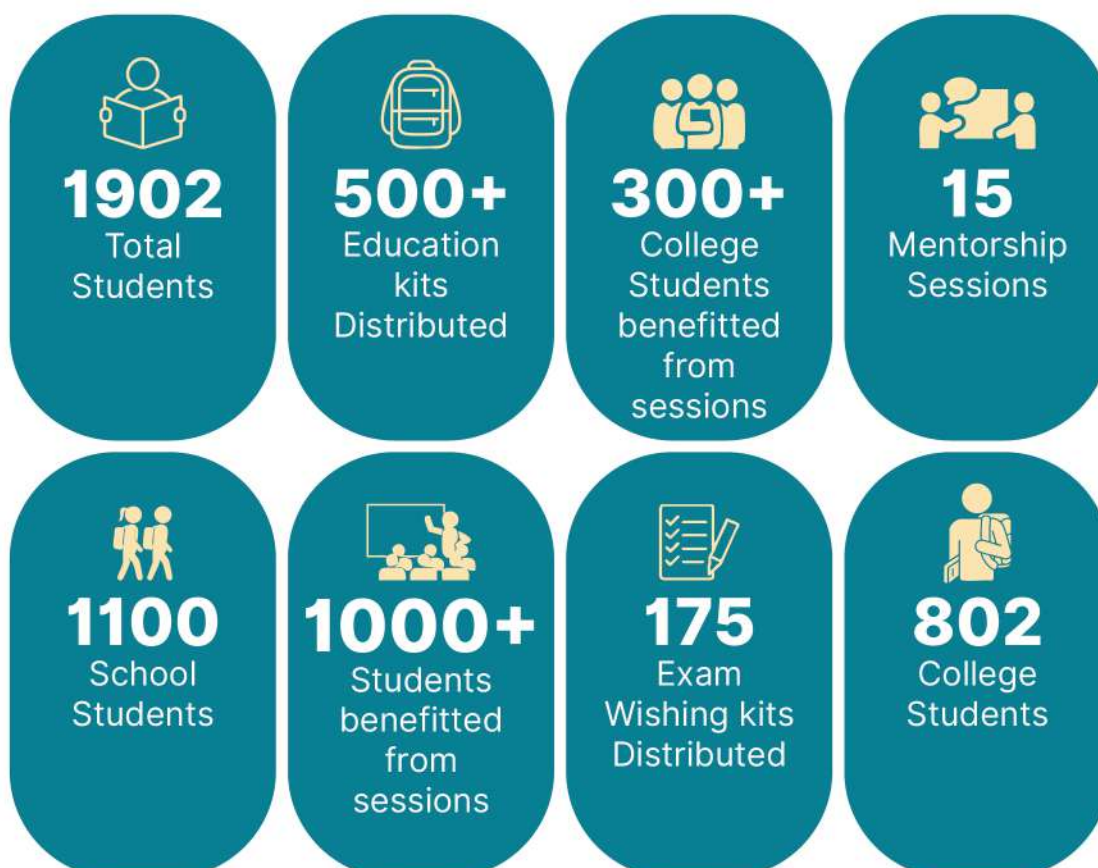
ENABLING EDUCATION

Our educational approach is grounded in the belief that quality education is a fundamental right rather than a privilege. Our focus lies in creating equitable learning opportunities for students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds by addressing financial and systemic challenges. Through our consistent academic support in the form of scholarships, interest-free educational loans, mentorship, and access to essential learning resources, students are empowered not just to access education but to excel in it. Our continuous support enables them to shape brighter futures and become meaningful contributors to society.

Our Core Educational Initiatives

- 1  **United Fusion Study Foundation**
- 2  **Mission Shiksha**
- 3  **Shikhar Science Scholarship Program**
- 4  **Orphan, Destitute And Single-Parent Project**
- 5  **Umang Scholarship Project**

A Year of Educational Impact



United Fusion Study Foundation

Investing in Potential, Creating a Cycle of Empowerment

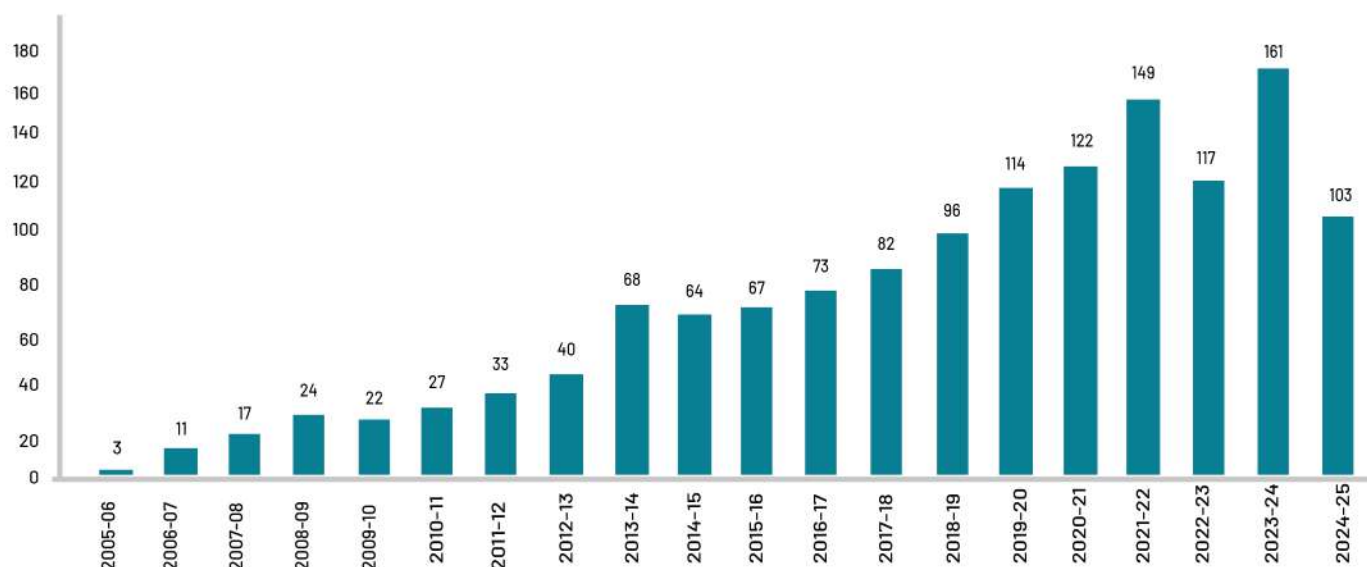
The United Fusion Study Foundation is a flagship initiative of United Way of Baroda, launched in 2005 in collaboration with the Stichting Fusion Study Foundation, Netherlands. Designed to empower talented yet underprivileged students across Gujarat, the program enables access to higher education in fields such as engineering, medicine, commerce, and other professional disciplines. While educational opportunities have expanded in the state, many deserving students continue to face financial obstacles that prevent them from pursuing their academic goals. UFSF addresses this gap by offering interest-free educational loans that cover essential expenses including tuition fees, coaching, accommodation, and other academic needs. The initiative began with the support of the Van der Wijk family through FSF and has grown steadily through UWB's partnerships and strong local engagement.

What began with assistance to just **three students** in its first year has now supported **1,393 scholars**, highlighting the impact of its sustainable, community-driven model. Beneficiaries repay the interest-free loans once they achieve financial stability, creating a revolving fund that supports the next generation of students. This approach not only eases the financial burden on families but also fosters a sense of accountability, gratitude, and social responsibility among recipients. UFSF stands as a powerful example of how inclusive support and strategic collaboration can drive long-term educational empowerment and social change.

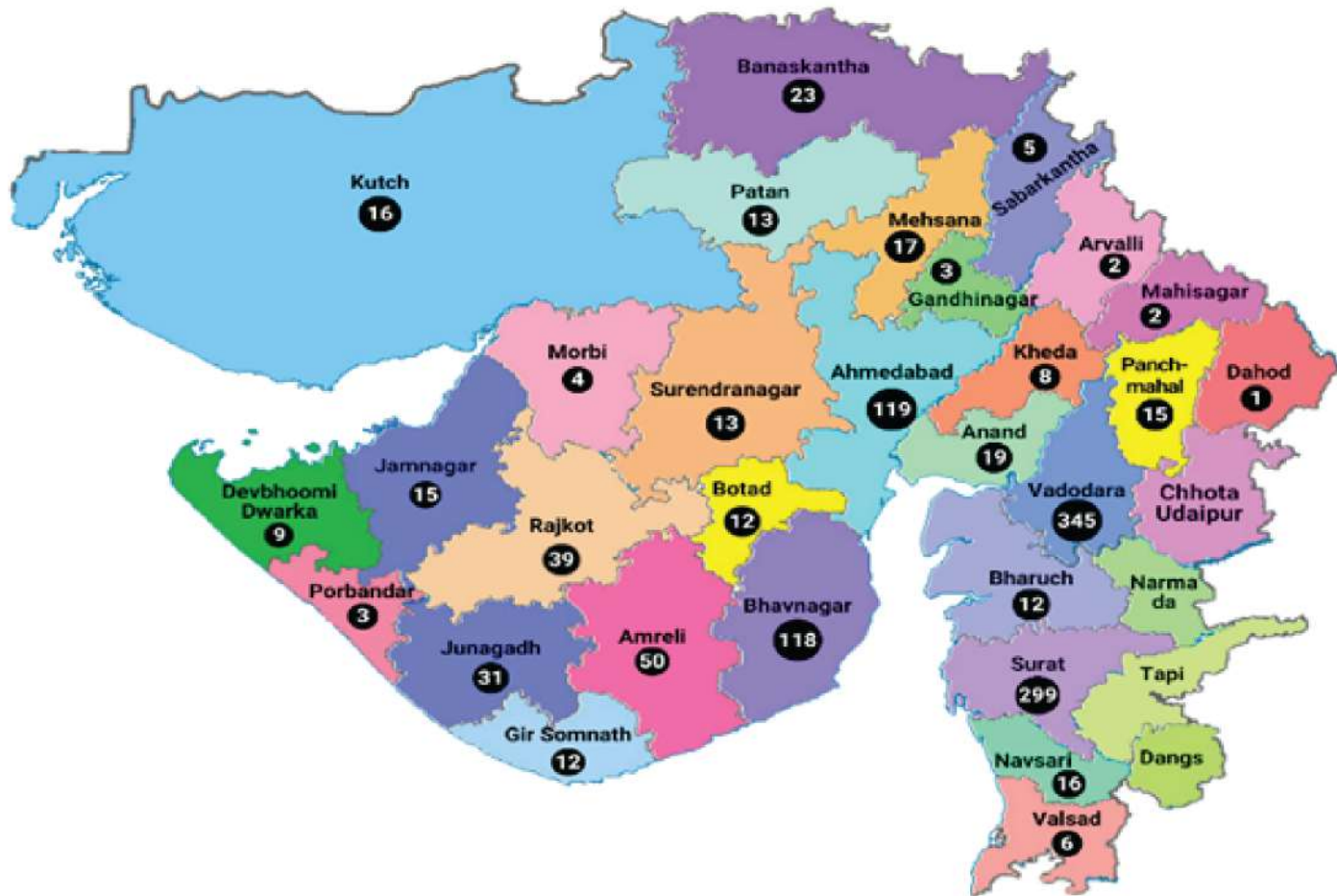
Two Decades of Transformation

Scholarship Recipients - 2005 to 2024

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Students Supported Across Gujarat Over The Years



Impact of UFSF Project Batch 2024-25



Get-Together

Fostering Connections and Inspiring Growth

Since 2008, the biannual Get Together organized by the United Fusion Study Foundation, has served as a key platform uniting students, alumni, funders, and trustees of United Way of Baroda to foster mentorship, knowledge sharing, and community spirit. In 2024-25, more than 270 students participated in an interactive session by Ms. Suchitra Parikh titled Let's Shine Together, which focused on team building and aspirations, alongside the launch of Endeavour 2024, the annual magazine themed Consistency: Roadmap to Success. Another gathering brought together over 200 students for a motivational session by Ms. Kanan Joshi titled Unlocking Potential, which inspired self-growth and confidence.

Insight From the Event

"The session on self-improvement was engaging and inspiring. It helped us reflect on building good habits, overcoming challenges and unlocking our true potential. More than a get together, it felt like a celebration of growth and community."

- Bhargav Jivani

Roadshow 2024

Investing in Potential, Creating a Cycle of Empowerment



Launched in 2010 under the **United Fusion Study Foundation (UFSF) Project**, the Roadshow initiative aims to raise awareness about higher education opportunities and the financial support available through the project. This year, it focused on outreach in the Dang district, covering 14 higher secondary schools and one Agricultural University. Over five days, Linda Van der Wijk and the United Way of Baroda team engaged with **75 teachers** and **1,897 students** through classroom sessions and gatherings, sharing key information about the UFSF Project, its benefits, and the application process.

Stories That Inspire



Despite financial hardship due to her father's ill health, Janhavi Bhavé pursued her education with determination. With the support of an FSF interest-free education loan, she secured **2nd rank in Vadodara's CA-Intermediate exams** and completed her **Chartered Accountancy in 2024**. Her journey reflects resilience and the transformative power of timely educational support.

Janhavi Bhavé – Accounts Executive, Basant Nihalani & Co.



Hailing from a family earning **₹15,000 per month**, Milankumar Lathiya pursued Petroleum Engineering with unwavering focus. Supported by an FSF interest-free education loan, he achieved a **CGPA of 9.18** in his Bachelor's degree, **9.37** in his Master's, and secured **AIR 03 in GATE 2022**, before joining **ONGC with a CTC of ₹22 LPA**. His story exemplifies how perseverance and access to education can change lives.

Milan Lathiya – Assistant Executive Engineer (Production), ONGC

Mission Shiksha

Investing in Potential, Creating a Cycle of Empowerment



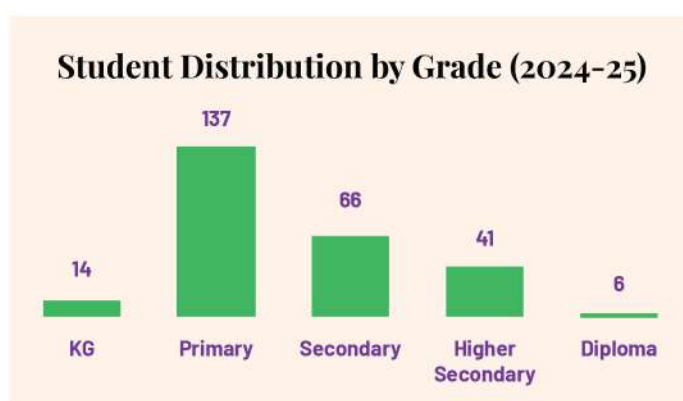
Launched on May 4, 2021, in response to the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mission Shiksha is a compassionate initiative by United Way of Baroda aimed at supporting children who lost one or both parents. With education at risk of becoming yet another casualty of their loss, the program was designed to ensure continuity in learning while addressing emotional trauma and financial instability. Operating across six districts of Gujarat including Vadodara, Anand, Panchmahal, Bharuch, Narmada, and Chhota Udepur, it provides school fee payments, educational kits, and in many cases, additional family support through ration kits and utility bill assistance.

Between 2021 and 2024, Mission Shiksha supported **356 children** with educational aid. In its initial phase, **175 families** received utility bill assistance, while **100** were provided with ration kits. A striking **93 percent** of these children had lost their fathers, who were often the primary earners, while others had lost their mothers or both parents. With many mothers left unprepared to bear the financial burden, the project became a vital support system. Through community outreach, awareness drives, and school interventions, Mission Shiksha has helped families rebuild their lives. This impactful journey has been made possible through the generous backing of United Way Worldwide and the steadfast commitment of UWB's trustees.

Activities Implemented Under the Project



Educational Impact Overview (2024-25)



This year, program beneficiaries came from 155 schools, institutions, and tuition classes across six districts in both Gujarati and English medium. A total of 264 students received support for their academic fees.

Mission Shiksha Milestones



1. Summer Camp : Learning Beyond the Classroom (May 2024)

An engaging summer camp for students from Standards 5 to 10 focused on rebuilding confidence, nurturing creativity, and rekindling the joy of learning.

English Writing & Artful Expression

The English Writing and Improvement sessions, held five days a week, focused on enhancing students' communication and writing skills. Children participated in creative writing exercises, storytelling, and grammar games to build their vocabulary and sentence structure in a fun and interactive way. In the Art and Craft sessions, conducted once a week, students explored their imagination through painting, origami, quilling, and craft-making with recycled materials, promoting artistic expression and motor skill development.

Fun with Numbers and Science

To make learning exciting, the Maths Magic & Science Experiments sessions offered hands-on activities that simplified abstract concepts. Students discovered the joy of numbers through magic squares, mental math puzzles, and pattern-based games. Simultaneously, engaging science experiments allowed them to observe and understand real-world applications of scientific principles, igniting curiosity and deepening their interest in STEM subjects.

2. Children's Day 2024: Celebrating Joy and Creativity

On November 14, 2024, Children's Day was celebrated with over 150 students from our educational projects, creating a joyful and inclusive environment that blended learning with fun. The day featured an interactive "Magic of Science" session by the Community Science Center, a high-energy Zumba activity, and a creative fashion show where children dressed as their dream professionals.



3. Memory Boost & Mind Productivity: Exam Success Sessions



Mission Shiksha organized a session titled “Memory Boost & Mind Productivity: Exam Success” for Grade 10 and 12 students, focusing on enhancing memory, improving focus, and reducing exam stress through science-backed strategies. The session introduced techniques like the Feynman Method, Mind Palace, and Mnemonics, along with practical tools such as the Forgetting Curve, spaced repetition, and visual learning. Students also received a 30-day preparation plan, focus hacks like the Pomodoro Technique, and wellness practices including deep breathing and positive visualization, helping them build confidence and clarity for their board exams.

4. Exam Wishing Kits Distribution

At Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bhavan Hall, Mission Shiksha organized the meaningful distribution of Exam Wishing Kits for 175 students of Grades 10 and 12 enrolled in various educational projects. The initiative aimed to motivate and support students ahead of their board exams by providing personalized kits containing essential stationery and exam materials.

Rising Through Adversity



After losing their father to COVID-19, Jiya (9th grade) and Vansh (1st grade) live with their mother and grandmother.

Their mother, who was previously a homemaker, completed a Mission Skill course and now supports the family. Mission Shiksha supports both children’s education, helping them continue their studies at Baroda High School, Bagikhana without disruption.

Vansh & Jiya Soni



Vansheeka, an 11th-grade Commerce student at Baroda High School, Alkapuri, lost both her parents, her mother in 2011 and her father during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now living with her uncle, the sole earner for a family of five, she continues her education with the support of Mission Shiksha. Her school fees are fully covered, easing the family’s financial burden and allowing her to focus on her academic goals.

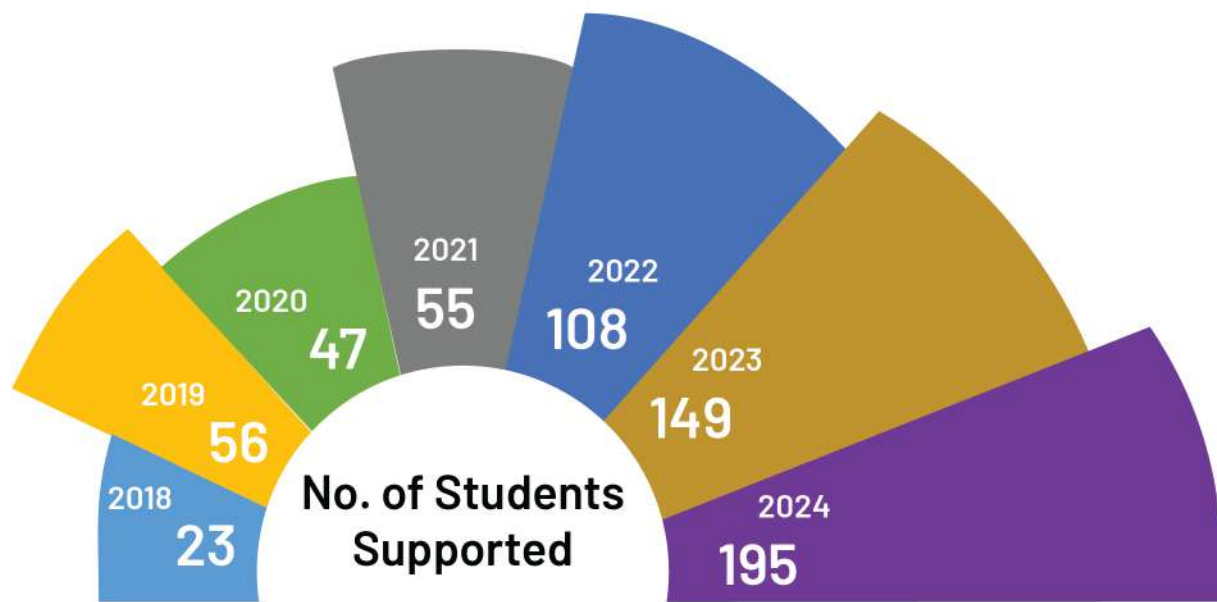
Bhatt Vansheeka J.



Shikhar Science Scholarship Program

Nurturing Academic Excellence and scientific Curiosity

Launched in 2018 by United Way of Baroda in partnership with the C.S. Chawla Foundation, the Shikhar Science Scholarship Program aims to address high dropout rates in secondary education, particularly in the science stream. By providing financial assistance to students in grades 11 and 12, the program empowers bright and deserving youth to pursue careers in science. Starting with **23 students**, it has now supported over **400 students** in Vadodara, reflecting its growing impact in promoting academic excellence and addressing systemic barriers to education. In 2024, the program continued to uphold its values of merit, need-based support, and holistic development, awarding scholarships through a rigorous selection process to ensure support reached those with both academic potential and financial need.



Educational Support disbursed: ₹42,16,149

Transformative Activities Under Shikhar

Annual Result Collection & Counselling Sessions

During the Annual Result Collection process, one-on-one counselling sessions were conducted by **Mrs. Harleenkaur Chawla and Mrs. Nilam Acharya** to understand students' academic, emotional, and environmental challenges. These interactions provided valuable insights and helped shape targeted support strategies under Mission Shiksha

Peer Learning Session

An insightful peer learning session was conducted by **Ms. Charmi Sanchala**, focusing on effective study patterns and structured note-making techniques to strengthen academic discipline and improve learning outcomes.

Boosting Exam Readiness and Confidence

Under the Shikhar Science Scholarship Program, students participated in expert-led sessions on memorization, study planning, and time management, complemented by stress-relief techniques such as guided breathing and visualization. To further support exam preparedness, personalized Exam Wishing Kits with essential stationery were distributed to students of Standards 10 and 12, helping them approach their board exams with confidence and clarity.

From Struggles to strength



Pranay Machhi, a bright student from Baroda High School, Danteshwar, emerged as a shining success. Despite facing financial difficulties, he excelled academically, scoring 93 percent in 10th grade, 95 percent in 12th grade, and 114 out of 120 in GUJCET. He secured admission to the Indian Institute of Technology, Goa to pursue Computer Science Engineering. Pranay's journey reflects how determination and hard work can empower students to achieve their dreams.

Pranay Bharathbhai Machhi



Qureshi Mohammed Tabrez's journey to DA-IICT, where he now pursues Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence, is a testament to perseverance and family support. Scoring 94 percent in 10th grade, 98 percent in 12th grade, and an outstanding 116 out of 120 in GUJCET, Tabrez faced financial challenges head-on. His story reflects determination and resilience in pursuing his ambitions in the tech world despite economic constraints.

Qureshi Mohammed Tabrez

Orphan, Destitute And Single Parent Project

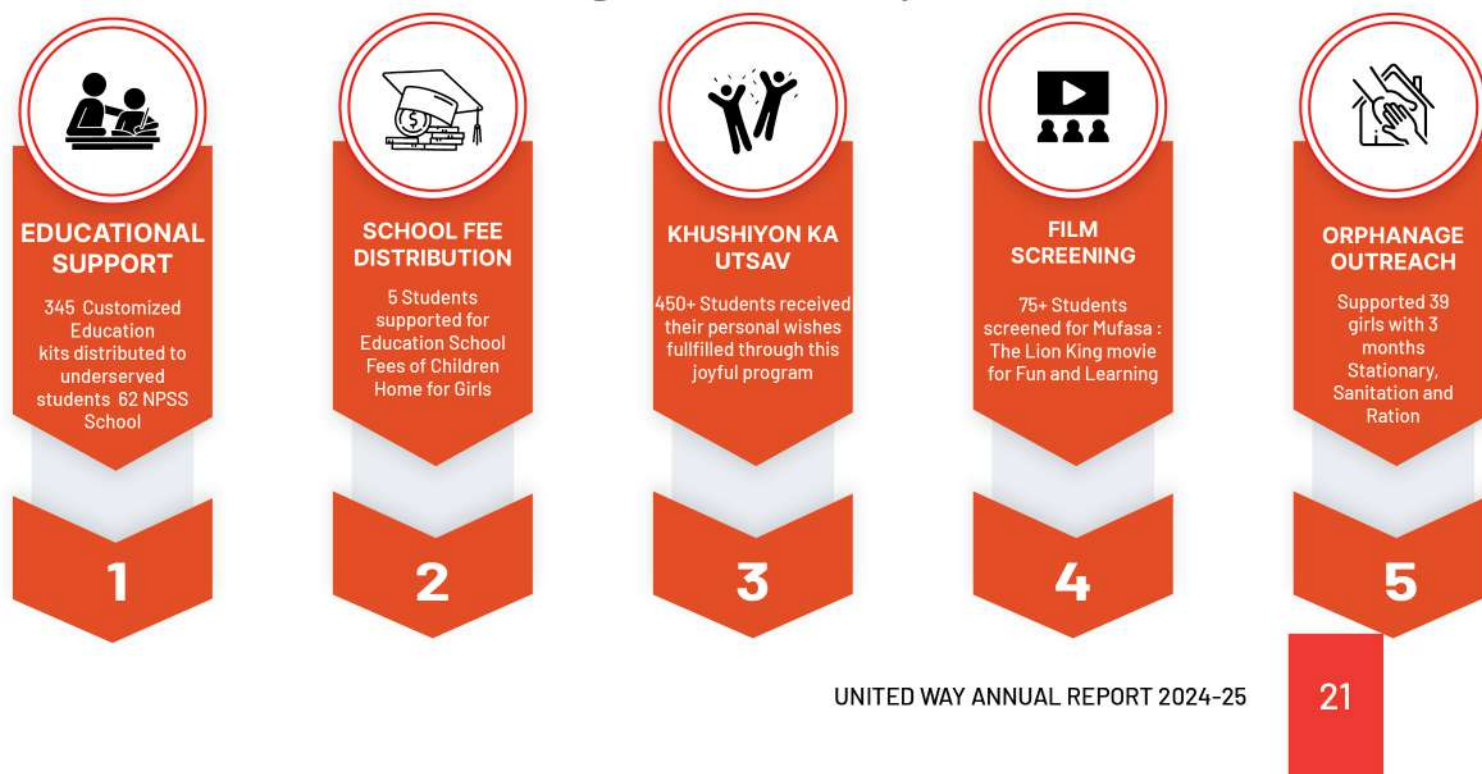
Empowering Lives Through Education, Care, and Community

Millions of orphaned and vulnerable children face hardships caused by poverty, disease, natural disasters, and conflict. In response, the Vishnubhai Amin Orphan, Destitute, and Single Parent Project was launched in 2006 by United Way of Baroda to provide educational support to children in Vadodara. Dedicated to promoting primary education and offering holistic assistance, the project reaches children from orphaned, destitute, and single-parent households



across **119 NPSS government schools**. Since its inception, it has supported over **15,000 children**, improving their well-being and securing brighter futures through initiatives that address socio-economic, emotional, and psychological needs. These efforts include year-round activities such as festivals, educational tours, and recreational events. The project's core objectives are to supply essential educational materials, ensure the completion of primary education, foster a nurturing home environment, and enable access to higher education. In 2024-25, the project extended support to **345 children**, equipping them with comprehensive educational kits and opportunities for holistic development.

The 2025 Impact of the Orphan, Destitute and Single Parent Project



Activities at a Glance (2024-25)



Educational Kit Distribution

345 customized educational kits were distributed across **62 Nagar Prathmik Shikshan Samiti (NPSS) schools** in Vadodara city. Each kit contained **15 essential learning items**, including:

- ◆ School Bag, Lunch Box, Water Bottle
- ◆ Notebooks and Assorted Stationery (pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, crayons, etc.)



Khushiyon Ka Utsav

Khushiyon Ka Utsav is a heartwarming initiative that celebrates the joy of giving by fulfilling the personal wish lists of underserved children in our community.

- ◆ UWB team interacted with children from selected NPSS government schools to understand their personal wishes.
- ◆ **33 unique gifts** were identified based on individual preferences, including:
Carrom boards, smartwatches, doll houses, makeup kits, bats & balls, remote-controlled toys, sweaters, and more.
- ◆ **465 children** received personalized gifts, including:
 - ◆ **351 children** from 12 NPSS schools
 - ◆ **75 students** from Shram Mandir Trust
 - ◆ **39 girls from Children Home** for Girls (Orphanage)



A Cinematic Treat for Students

As part of the celebration, **75 students from Shram Mandir Trust** were treated to a special movie screening of **Mufasa - The Lion King**, creating lasting memories and smiles.

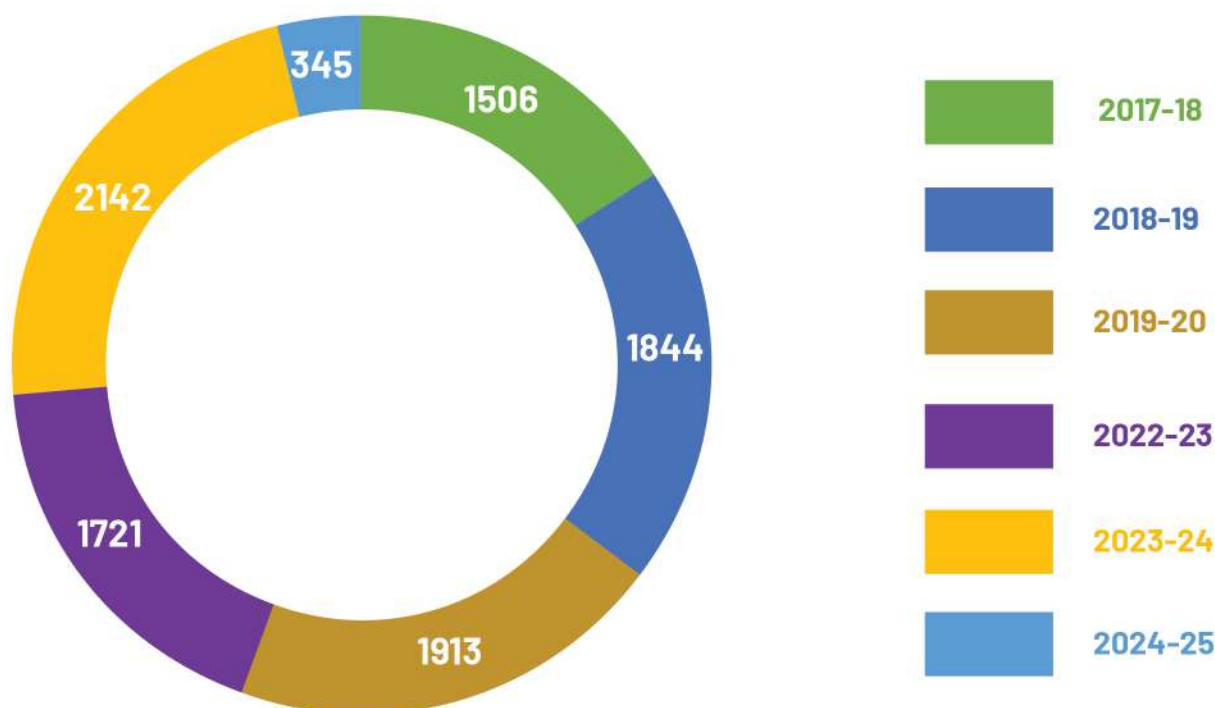
Voice of Gratitude



"We sincerely thank United Way of Baroda for their unwavering commitment to education and social welfare. Every year, school kits are provided to children from single-parent and underprivileged families—this year, six of our students were beneficiaries. The addition of a Smart Class in our secondary school has further enriched the learning experience. Your support plays a crucial role in shaping brighter futures, and we deeply value your continued partnership."

***Yogesh K. Mistry, Principal,
Kubereshwar Primary Girls School, Manjalpur***

6 Years of Empowering Learning through Educational Kits



Stories Of Resilience And Hope



Despite financial hardships, Vaishali's ambition to become a teacher remains unwavering. With the guidance of a concerned teacher, she was enrolled in the Orphan, Destitute, and Single Parent Support Project by United Way of Baroda. She received a customized educational kit with essential learning materials, easing her mother's burden and enabling Vaishali to continue her education with renewed determination and joy.

Vaishaliben Tribhovanbhai Bariya

Kelavanikar Gijubhai Badheka Primary School, Makarpura, 6th | Age: 12

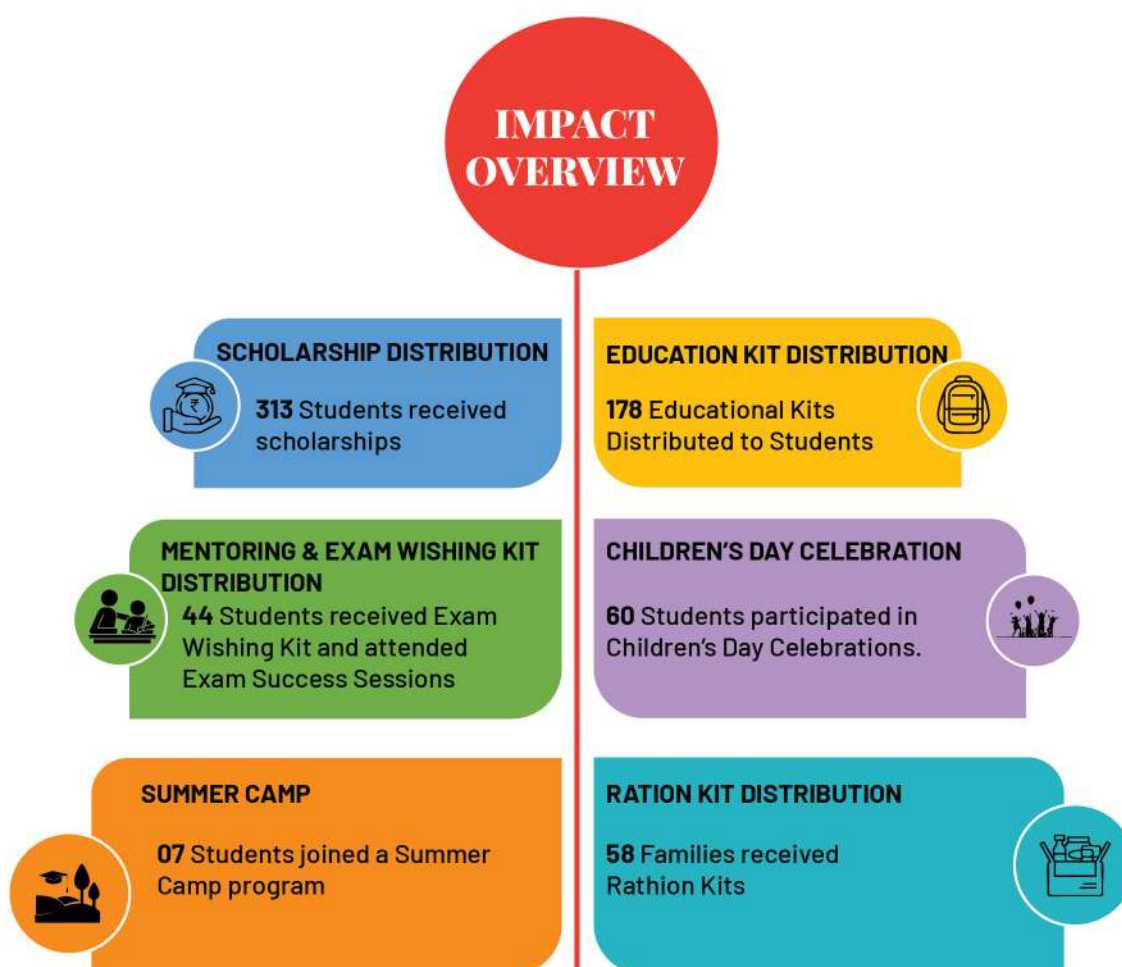


After losing both her parents at a tender age, Jiya now lives with her maternal uncle and aunt in a modest home. Through the Orphan, Destitute, and Single Parent Support Project by United Way of Baroda, she received a carefully prepared educational kit with essential school supplies. This thoughtful support has reignited her love for learning and brought comfort and relief to her caregivers during a challenging time.

Jiya Jigneshbhai Solanki

Pandit Dindayal Primary School, Chhani, 3rd | Age: 9

The **Umang Educational Project** is a dedicated initiative of United Way of Baroda that ensures deserving students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds are not deprived of educational opportunities due to financial constraints. Since its inception, the project has supported **313 meritorious students** across Vadodara District, enabling them to pursue their academic goals with confidence and determination. By providing essential financial assistance, the project not only promotes academic excellence and retention in higher education but also builds strong pathways toward a self-reliant and brighter future.



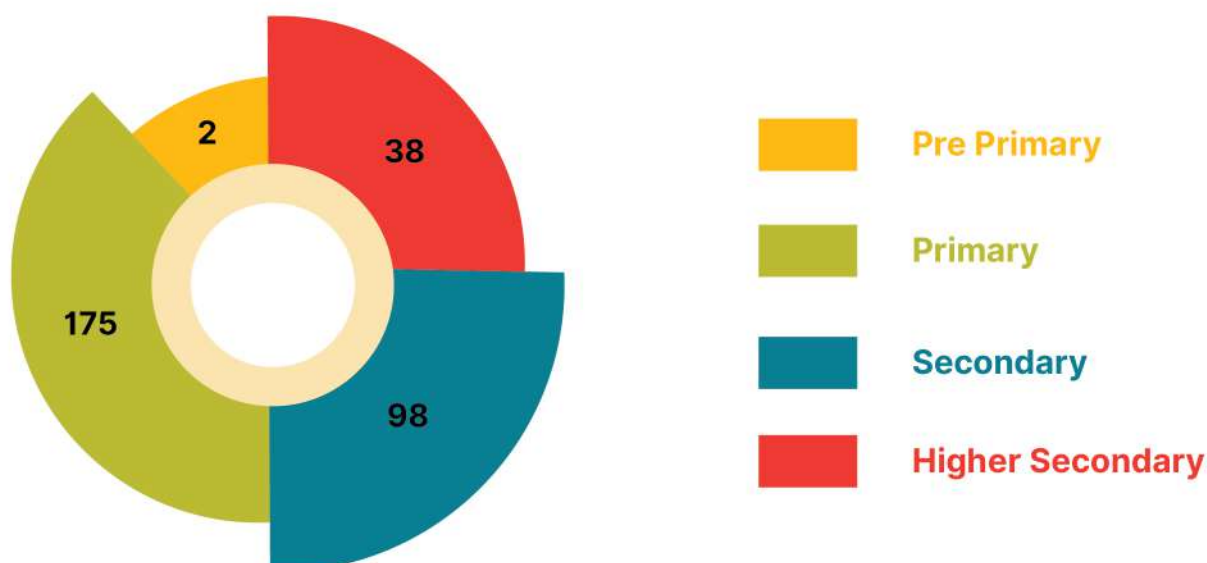
Words of Gratitude



"I extend my heartfelt gratitude to United Way of Baroda for their generous support through the Umang Educational Scholarship. This initiative has provided hope and opportunity to nine bright and deserving students from our school from financially constrained families. Their dedication to learning and determination to build a better future is truly commendable, and the scholarship has significantly eased the financial burden on their families."

Desai Rajubhai Mafatbhai, Principal, Model School, Bajwa

Umang Scholarship Students By Grade 2024-25



Dreams Taking Flight



Raised by his elderly grandparents, Jal overcame emotional and financial hardships to secure an outstanding **98% in Grade 6** at Shree Ambe Vidhyalaya. With limited pension income at home, his education was uncertain until support arrived. **The Umang Educational Scholarship** covered his school fees, enabling him to continue his studies with confidence and hope.

Jal Axarbhair Sikligar

Shree Ambe Vidhyalaya | Grade 6 | Age: 12



Living with her single mother, Isha remained focused on her dream of becoming a doctor despite financial challenges. Supported by United Way of Baroda from **Grades 1-8**, she later received the Umang Educational Scholarship in Grade 9. With this support, she scored **70% in Grade 9** and **75.33% in Grade 10**, reflecting her resilience and determination.

Isha Rakeshbhai Makwana

Lal Bahadur Shastri Vidyalaya | Grade 10 | Age: 15

ACCESS TO HEALTH

Our healthcare approach is rooted in delivering accessible, affordable, and inclusive services to vulnerable communities. We are dedicated to supporting individuals across all life stages, from infancy to old age, ensuring holistic and equitable care that addresses diverse health needs with dignity and compassion.

OUR CORE PROJECTS

1. **Gold Card Scheme**
2. **Shishu Kit Project**

Gold Card Scheme

Ensuring Dignity and Ease for Senior Citizens



Launched in **1997**, the Gold Card Scheme enhances the quality of life of senior citizens by delivering essential, need-based services at their doorstep, promoting dignity, comfort, and independence. Each year, the initiative supports **over 430 senior citizens across Vadodara**, with a strong focus on health and wellness through **two annual nurse home visits** for blood pressure and blood sugar monitoring, along with a **free comprehensive health check-up** at reputed multi-speciality hospitals. Beyond healthcare, a dedicated team of **six trained technicians** provides vital household services such as plumbing, electrical repairs, appliance servicing, and utility bill assistance, making the scheme a trusted symbol of compassion and care for the elderly.

Health Camp For Senior Citizens



On February 12, 2025, a successful Health Check-up and Ayushman Card Camp was organized for GOLD CARD members, senior citizens aged 70 and above, at Vadil Parivar, Subhanpura. The initiative aimed to promote preventive healthcare and ensure eligible elderly citizens received assistance in availing the benefits of the Ayushman Bharat scheme. The camp witnessed active participation, offering free health screenings, medical consultations, and on-site support for Ayushman Card registration, providing both care and convenience to the elderly community.

Gold Card Services at a Glance (2024–2025)

SERVICES		2024-25
	Plumber	660
	Electrician	1574
	Visiting Nurse	658
	Health Check-up	202
	T.V. Technician	246
	Bill Payment	278
	AC Service	51
TOTAL		3669

In keeping with the evolving digital landscape, the Gold Card Scheme has also embraced technology to better serve its members. **More than 150 Gold Card members are now actively using the dedicated Gold Card mobile application**, which enables easy access to service requests, updates, and support, all at their fingertips. This digital inclusion empowers senior citizens to stay connected and manage their needs conveniently from the comfort of their homes.

Partner Hospitals Supporting Annual Health Check-Ups

1. Bankers Heart Institute, *Harni-Warasia Ring Road*
2. Bankers Heart Institute, *Old Padra Road*
3. Bankers Heart Institute, *Manjalpur*
4. BAPS Hospital, *Atladra*
5. Tricolour Hospital, *Vadiwadi*

A Helping Hand in Her Golden Years



"At 72, I feel secure and cared for, thanks to the Gold Card Scheme I've been part of for the past four years. Earlier, frequent plumbing and electrical issues caused me constant stress, but now with timely and reliable support just a call away, I no longer have to worry. What I value even more are the regular nurse visits that bring me comfort and assurance. With this thoughtful care, I now enjoy a peaceful, independent life filled with dignity and ease."

Anjana Jayeshbhai Shah



Shishu Kit

Safe Motherhood and Child Survival Project

Launched in 2018 by the Lalitbhai Patel Foundation in collaboration with United Way of Baroda, the Shishu Kit Project aims to improve maternal and infant health among underprivileged families, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 3. By distributing over 57,000 Newborn Kits across district hospitals in Vadodara, the initiative has eased the financial burden on families while promoting safer childbirth and postnatal care. Each kit contains 15 essential items, including baby clothing, a mother gown, sanitary napkins, and a baby care leaflet to encourage hygiene and comfort. Beyond material support, the project emphasizes awareness and behavioral change through interactive sessions at hospitals like Jamnabai and SSG, where experts guide new mothers on childcare, postpartum recovery, mental health, and family planning.

Project Highlights



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Shishu Kit Distributed amongst 09 Government & Trust Run Hospitals



Empowering Self-Help Groups

To create baby kits, women's gowns, and sanitary pads

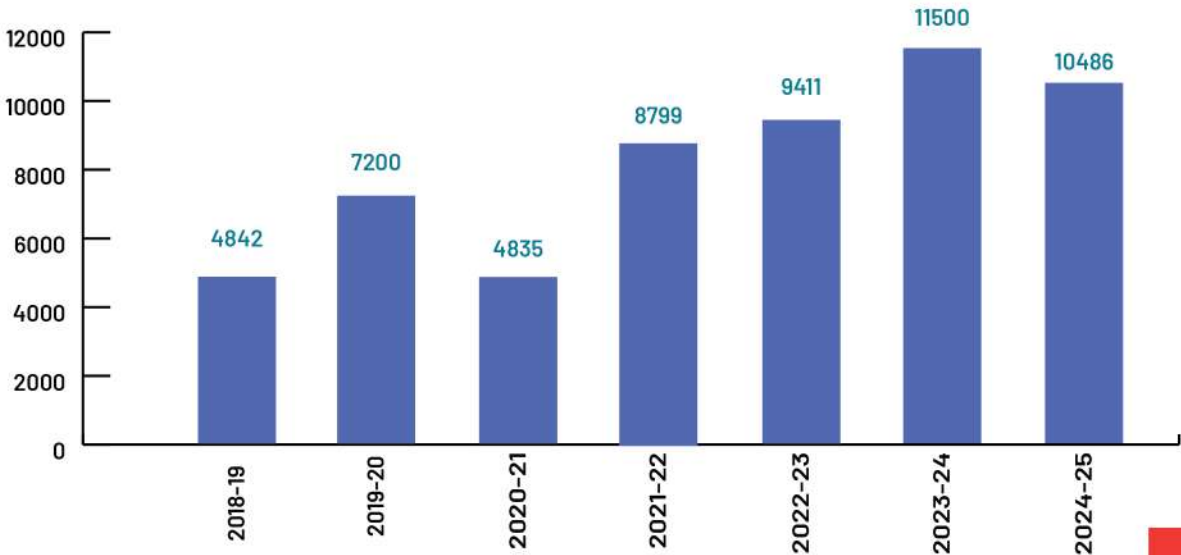


48 BCC Sessions

1500 beneficiaries benefited from Mental and Maternal Health through BCC Sessions

Distribution Of Kits Across The Years

N=57073



Behaviour Change Communication (Bcc) Sessions

Over the past seven years, the project has successfully conducted 241 Behaviour Change Communication sessions, with 48 sessions held at SSG and Jamnabai Hospitals alone. These sessions are designed to promote positive health behaviours through engaging and interactive discussions, both in group and individual settings.

Key Topics Covered in BCC Sessions:

- Diet suggestions and healthy meal planning
- Self-care and mental health support
- Post-delivery health tips
- Importance of first breast milk and breastfeeding techniques
- Immunization awareness
- Family planning methods
- Importance of physical exercise after delivery

Postpartum Physical Exercise

Recognizing the importance of physical recovery, the project introduced postpartum physical exercise sessions for new mothers. Led by a physiotherapist, these sessions include live demonstrations and practice routines to address common complications and promote faster healing.



Stories Of Care And Courage



Eena Abbas, a 19-year-old homemaker from Gotda village, Savli, lives in a joint family sustained by a modest income from labor work. On 8th November 2024, she welcomed her child at Jamnabai Hospital. The Shishu Kit she received brought immense emotional and practical relief during a financially difficult time, and she expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the support.

Eena Abbas



Puja Sanjay Nayak, a 20-year-old from Ajod village, welcomed her daughter a little earlier than expected at SSG Hospital on 19th July 2024. The family, caught unprepared, found much-needed support in the donated Shishu Kit, which eased their worries and provided essential care for the newborn. Puja and her family expressed heartfelt gratitude for this timely help.

Puja Sanjay Nayak

Voice of Gratitude



At Shree Krishna Hospital, Karamsad, we are grateful to United Way of Baroda for their valuable support through the Shishu Kit initiative. These kits have provided essential care to new mothers and babies, especially in remote and tribal areas where resources are limited. They have also encouraged more institutional deliveries, improving health outcomes and building trust in healthcare services. From 2024 to 2025, 1,312 kits were distributed at our hospital. We deeply appreciate this impactful initiative and your continued support."

Alpha J. Patel,

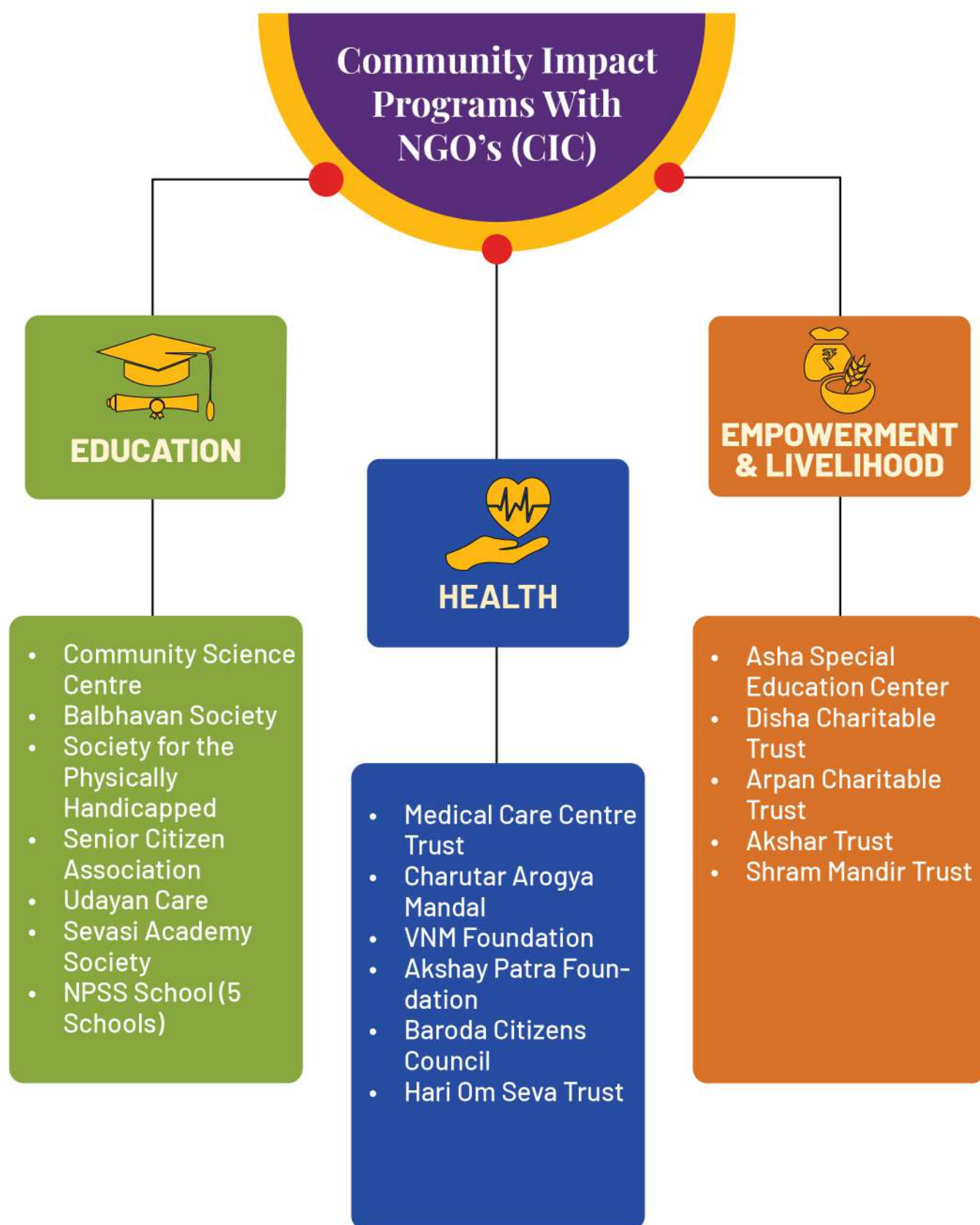
Incharge Sister, Shree Krishna Hospital, Karamsad

Udaan Livelihood Program

The Udaan Livelihood Program, an extension of United Way of Baroda's Shishu Kit Initiative, empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing meaningful livelihood opportunities. In 2024-25, students from Sai Residential School of Special Education, Vadodara, assembled **11,000 Shishu Kits**, earning ₹**57,000** while building practical skills, confidence, and dignity. By fostering inclusion and aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth – Udaan demonstrates that with the right support, every individual can thrive, contribute meaningfully, and drive lasting change in their communities.



CIC - COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMMES





On 17th August 2024, United Way of Baroda hosted its Annual Grant Disbursement Event, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening grassroots initiatives that create lasting community impact. Through a rigorous project review and evaluation process, 16 dedicated NGO partners working in critical areas such as education, health, livelihood, and special care were awarded financial grants to sustain and expand their efforts in underserved communities. The event brought together 161 participants, including students, parents, beneficiaries, and representatives from partner organizations, making it a meaningful celebration of collective effort and shared purpose.

₹ INR4+ Crores

amount has been allocated to different development projects implemented by UWB and also to Local NGOs and Hospitals of Vadodara.



Community Impact Programmes In Education

United Way of Baroda's Community Impact Programmes (CIC) are strategically designed to foster inclusive development across the pillars of Education, Health, and Livelihood. These initiatives support grassroots organizations in addressing critical social challenges by enabling access to quality education for underprivileged children, enhancing healthcare services for economically disadvantaged and differently abled individuals, and creating livelihood opportunities through skill development and vocational training.

• Vigyan Express – STEM Learning on Wheels

United Way of Baroda, in collaboration with Community Science Centre, launched Vigyan Express to bring hands-on STEM education to rural students in Savli Block. Through interactive activities, workshops, and competitions, the initiative fosters scientific curiosity and experiential learning.

Amount Disbursed: ₹15,26,040



• Youth Sports Promotion with Bal Bhavan Society

To strengthen sports infrastructure, Lawn Tennis Court No. 1 was resurfaced, and the Open Baroda Basketball Tournament was sponsored, promoting physical fitness and competitive spirit among youth.

Amount Disbursed: ₹4,40,728



• Tuition Fee Support via Senior Citizen Association

United Way of Baroda supported the education of 26 underprivileged students by covering their tuition fees, reducing economic barriers to schooling.

Amount Disbursed: ₹49,000

• Educational Aid for Children with Disabilities

In partnership with Society for the Physically Handicapped, 840 notebooks were distributed to 70 Divyang students and children of differently abled parents, supporting inclusive education.

Amount Disbursed: ₹33,600

• Shalini Fellowship – Empowering Girls through Education

Through Udayan Care's Shalini Fellowship Program, scholarships were awarded to 25 academically bright girls. The initiative also included counselling, workshops, health camps, and residential camps for holistic development.

Amount Disbursed: ₹5,17,125



• Skill Training with Xavier Technical Institute

In collaboration with Sevasi Academy Society, vocational training was provided to youth from disadvantaged backgrounds in trades like Electrician, Solar Technician, and Automobile Technician.

Total Beneficiaries (2017-2024): 485

Amount Disbursed: ₹10,58,015



• Educational Assistance for Families of Deceased Police Personnel

To honor the sacrifice of police personnel, United Way of Baroda supported their children's education during the academic year 2023-24.

Amount Disbursed: ₹50,000



• Smart Classroom Installation in NPSS Schools

Five Smart Classrooms were installed across five NPSS schools in Vadodara, enhancing digital learning and engagement for 175 students of Grade 9.

Amount Disbursed: ₹7,24,638



Community Impact Programmes In Health

United Way of Baroda's Health-focused Community Impact Programmes aim to enhance healthcare access for marginalized communities by supporting hospitals and NGOs with critical interventions. These initiatives include ICU upgrades, provision of medical equipment, life-saving surgeries, and rehabilitation for individuals with disabilities. Each effort strengthens healthcare infrastructure and contributes to the well-being of underserved populations.

• PICU Upgrade at Kashiba Children Hospital (Medical Care Center Trust)

In partnership with Medical Care Center Trust, United Way of Baroda upgraded the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Kashiba Children Hospital by providing critical equipment including endoscopy tools, oxygen systems, pediatric neurosurgery equipment, and semi-Fowler beds, significantly strengthening pediatric care.

Amount Disbursed: ₹53,62,633



- Medical Aid for 50 Patients at Shree Krishna Hospital (Charutar Arogya Mandal)**

United Way of Baroda collaborated with Charutar Arogya Mandal to support treatments for 50 underprivileged patients, covering expenses for critical surgeries and medical care.

Amount Disbursed: ₹15,00,000

- Orthopedic Surgeries at SSG Hospital (Hari Om Seva Trust)**

Through Hari Om Seva Trust, 35 patients received orthopedic surgeries with implant support, improving mobility and independence among economically disadvantaged individuals.

Amount Disbursed: ₹14,68,863

- Adolescent Mental Health Initiative with VNM Foundation**

‘Pahal: Behtar Kal Ki Ore’ was implemented with VNM Foundation to raise mental health awareness among adolescents through sessions on emotions, art therapy, adolescence education, and safe behavior.

Amount Disbursed: ₹4,70,000



• Mid-Day Meal Support with Akshaya Patra Foundation

United Way of Baroda ensured mid-day meals for 1,000 children across 9 schools, including 30 children with special needs, supporting nutrition and classroom engagement.

Amount Disbursed: ₹16,19,400



• Menstrual Hygiene Drive with Baroda Citizen's Council

The 'SWACH' project promoted menstrual health among 786 adolescent girls in 10 schools through awareness sessions, health check-ups, and installation of vending machines.

Amount Disbursed: ₹16,19,400



Community Impact Programmes In Livelihood And Empowerment

United Way of Baroda's Livelihood-focused Community Impact Programmes empower underserved women and youth through vocational training, skill development, and entrepreneurship support. By fostering financial independence and strengthening local capacity, these initiatives promote economic resilience and sustainable livelihoods within communities

• Empowering Special Children at Asha Special Education Centre

United Way of Baroda has supported Asha Special Education Centre since 2004 to provide therapy, speech development, and nutritional support to special children from low-income backgrounds. Annual Impact: 50 children benefitted through holistic interventions.

Amount Disbursed: ₹15,25,769



Mahi's Transformation at Asha Centre

Mahi Deepakbhai Bhaliya, a six-year-old child with 90% intellectual disability, enrolled at Asha Special Education Centre with severe developmental delays—she was non-verbal, unable to follow instructions, and dependent for daily tasks. Through continuous therapeutic interventions including speech therapy, sensory development, and special education, Mahi made remarkable progress. She began using basic words like "Dada," "Baba," and "Papa," learned to tie her shoelaces on her own, and showed improved emotional regulation within familiar environments. Her journey highlights the impact of early and holistic care in enabling children with special needs to achieve functional independence.

• Inclusive Development at Disha Charitable Trust

This initiative provides therapy for special children, vocational training for women, and medical outreach in underserved communities.

Annual Impact

45 children received therapeutic care

160 individuals treated through medical camps

40 women trained in tailoring and beauty skills

Amount Disbursed: ₹9,44,000



Soheb's Path to Confidence and Joy

With the continued support of UWB, 27-year-old Soheb Ali, who has Down Syndrome, overcame challenges with hyperactivity and attention to develop communication skills, emotional stability, and confidence. He discovered a passion for dance and even performed on stage, reflecting the impact of consistent support in improving self-expression and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities.

• Vocational Rehabilitation at Arpan Charitable Trust

United Way of Baroda supported therapy and vocational skill-building programs for special children, helping them achieve greater independence and confidence.



Annual Impact

50 children received regular therapy

25 children engaged in skill-building activities

Amount Disbursed: ₹9,62,000



• Sports Infrastructure for Deaf Children at Akshar Trust

Partner Organization: Akshar Trust

This initiative enhanced physical development and inclusion through structured sports coaching, equipment, and infrastructure upgrades for 110 deaf children.

Key Activities

- Coaching in basketball, football, cricket, and more
- Equipment provided and facilities upgraded
- Sports Day organized to foster teamwork and confidence

Amount Disbursed: ₹5,51,950



• Holistic Support for Leprosy-Affected Families with Shram Mandir Trust

United Way of Baroda supported nutrition and educational aid for families affected by leprosy, focusing on dignity and long-term upliftment

Project Highlights

200 nutritious meals provided

25 full scholarships for nursing students from leprosy-affected families

Amount Disbursed: ₹22,19,000



Grateful Reflections

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"In our society, no one wants to talk about mental health. On such a serious issue, VNM Foundation, under the project 'पहल - बेहतर कल की ओर,' began working to raise awareness about mental health among children in corporation-run schools in Vadodara. United Way



Gayatri Vyas,
 Director,
 VNM Foundation

of Vadodara supported this initiative by VNM Foundation, which is truly a commendable step. We believe that the efforts we are making to build a mentally healthy and capable future generation have received a significant boost with the support of UWB. We hope to continue working together for the betterment of society."



"Disha has been fortunate to receive support from United Way of Baroda for over two decades, helping it grow into a Centre of Excellence. With UWB's continued assistance, we organize an annual Mega Medical Camp that benefits over 160 children with special



Alka Smart,
 Vice President,
 Disha Charitable Trust,
 Vadodara

needs and adults with disabilities through free consultations, medicines, mobility aids, and surgeries when required. UWB also supports our women empowerment initiatives, training 30+ women every year in beauty, tailoring, and jewellery making, and backs our Community-Based Rehabilitation program that provides quality learning and care to 45 special children from BPL families."



"With the help of your generous donation, we have been able to develop our school for the betterment of our mentally disabled children. Your support has enabled us to provide a sensory room for sensory therapy, as well as physiotherapy and speech therapy to our students. With your continued support, we are also able to provide good quality food and milk to the children, contributing to their better health and overall well-being."



Usha Parmar,
 Principal,
 Asha special education centre

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OUR FLAGSHIP EVENTS

Kala Junction

Safe Motherhood and Child Survival Project

In its 24th year, Kala Junction remains one of United Way of Baroda's flagship initiatives, nurturing the creativity, intellect, and awareness of young minds. The 2024-25 edition, held in two vibrant rounds with the finals culminating on February 22, 2025, at the Medical College Auditorium, SSG Hospital, engaged students from urban and rural schools, government and private institutions, and diverse socio-economic backgrounds. Centered on the theme of "Environmental Awareness," participants explored issues like climate change, deforestation, pollution, and biodiversity loss through poster making, essay writing, quiz competitions, and a folk dance contest. The event celebrated talent through a grand prize distribution ceremony honoring 30 winners with trophies and certificates, while also supporting underprivileged children with educational kits and scholarships.

Highlights Of The Edition

1 800+ participants engaged in creative and intellectual activities

2 55 educational institutions took part across both rounds

3 30 winners awarded in 9 competitive categories

4 Theme : Environmental Awareness



Rangmanch 2024

Celebrating creativity, diversity, and inclusion

In observance of World Disability Day, United Way of Baroda hosted Rangmanch 2024 on December 3rd at Muk Dhwani Trust, Vadodara, celebrating the courage, creativity, and spirit of specially-abled children and youth. The event provided an inclusive platform for participants with diverse physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities to showcase their talents through music, dance, and theatre, turning every performance into a story of resilience and joy. Now an annual tradition, Rangmanch has become a symbol of inclusion, empowerment, and acceptance, reaffirming that disability is not a limitation but a unique perspective of brilliance. With participation from 24 NGOs and special schools, supported by families, caregivers, educators, and community members, the event highlighted UWB's commitment to recognizing talent in all forms and upholding the dignity of every individual.

Highlights Of The Edition

- 1** 280+ specially-abled performers showcased their talents
- 2** 24 participating NGOs and special schools Vadodara and nearby regions
- 3** 50+ performances, including
 - 22 group dances
 - 15 solo and group singing acts
 - 10 cultural skits, poetry recitations, and storytelling
- 4** All performers received certificates and appreciation gifts



Kshitij 2025

A Heart-Warming Celebration of Inclusion and Joy, lifted by the colorful spirit of kites

United Way of Baroda hosted Kshitij 2025 on January 13th, celebrating the spirit of Uttarayan with over 450 specially-abled individuals from 22 NGOs and special schools across Vadodara and nearby regions. The event offered a joyful platform for self-expression, social interaction, and confidence-building through kite flying, music, and dance performances, creating a festive space where abilities were celebrated and every participant felt seen and supported. Volunteers, caregivers, teachers, and families fostered an environment of encouragement and togetherness. Beyond a festival, Kshitij reflected the organization's commitment to inclusion, diversity, and empowerment, ensuring that the rights, dignity, and talents of specially-abled individuals are recognized and nurtured.

Highlights Of The Edition

1

450+ specially-abled participants

2

22 NGOs and special schools participated

3

500+ hot meals served to participants, caregivers, and volunteers

4

60+ volunteers assisted with event coordination and participant care



TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES

Environment Conclave

A Platform for Sustainable Change

On July 19, 2024, United Way of Baroda hosted the Environment Conclave at Hyatt Place, Vadodara, bringing together over **200 stakeholders** from corporate, academic, civic, and social sectors. The conclave provided a robust platform for cross-sectoral dialogue and knowledge exchange, with the aim of advancing environmental sustainability. The keynote address by Dr. Anjan Ray, a renowned expert in the chemicals and energy sectors, highlighted the importance of sustainable innovation and integrating environmental responsibility across operations. The event also featured a dynamic panel discussion on ESG initiatives and water management, with insights from Mr. Kishore Butani, Mr. Vihar Pancholi, Dr. Chirag Bhimani, Mr. Tejas Joshi, and Mr. Vivek Shah. Environment Conclave reaffirmed UWB's commitment to promoting sustainable development and building a greener, more resilient future.

KEY TOPICS COVERED

- Sustainable Innovation & Supply Chain Management
- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Practices
- Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility
- Water Management Challenges and Solutions
- Women's Role in Environmental Conservation
- Green Leadership and Grassroots Change



NGO Conclave 2024

Unifying NGOs for Greater Social Impact

In response to evolving regulatory frameworks and compliance requirements for nonprofit organizations, United Way of Baroda hosted the NGO Conclave 2024 on December 16, 2024, at Grand Mercure, Vadodara. Designed as a high-impact capacity-building platform, the initiative sought to equip NGOs with vital legal, operational, and strategic insights to strengthen governance, enhance accountability, and ensure long-term sustainability and excellence in the social sector.

The conclave brought together over 100 NGO professionals from 50 organizations across Gujarat, fostering a dynamic environment of learning, dialogue, and collaboration. At the heart of the event were expert-led sessions by Mr. Noshir Dadrawala, CEO of the Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy and a nationally recognized expert in NGO governance and compliance. With a strong focus on transparency, governance, and practical strategies, the conclave empowered participants to navigate the evolving nonprofit landscape with greater confidence, accountability, and impact.

KEY TOPICS COVERED

- Income Tax laws for NGOs
- **FCRA** (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act) guidelines
- **CSR** (Corporate Social Responsibility) compliance procedures
- Provisions of the Bombay Public Trust Act relevant to **NGOs** in Gujarat
- Governance best practices and sustainability planning
- Legal documentation, audit requirements, and risk mitigation



Together In Crisis

United Way of Baroda's Flood Relief Efforts

In response to the devastating floods that struck Vadodara in August 2025, United Way of Baroda swiftly mobilized a comprehensive relief initiative to support the most severely affected communities. In collaboration with the Vadodara Municipal Corporation, local authorities, grassroots NGOs, and volunteers, timely delivery of essential supplies was ensured. More than 7,000 individuals received immediate assistance in the form of food, clean drinking water, and clothing. Relief measures included the distribution of over 5,000 packed meals of masala khichdi, 70 kilograms of theplas, and 1,000 food packets sent to the Bharuch Collector for wider regional outreach. To mitigate dehydration and curb the spread of waterborne diseases, 1,900 bottles of clean drinking water were also delivered across flood-impacted zones.

Recognizing the broader needs of flood-affected families, United Way of Baroda extended support to vulnerable groups, particularly children. Food kits were distributed at Kashiba Children's Hospital and Sai Residency in Karelibaug to ensure young patients received adequate nutrition. Relief operations were actively carried out on August 28th, 29th, and 31st across several urban and rural areas including Akota, Subhanpura, Bhayli, Gotri, Gorwa, Sama and Kalali Village. In collaboration with partner organizations like Shahaj Foundation, Baroda Citizens Council, and Surya Kanti Education and Charitable Trust, the organization distributed 1,000 ration kits, directly supporting over 80 project families. This coordinated and compassionate response reflected UWB's unwavering commitment to restoring dignity, stability, and hope in the face of crisis

MEALS,
WATER &
HOPE
DELIVERED

- **5,000** packets of Masala Khichdi distributed
- **70 kg** of Thepla distributed locally
- **1,000** ready-to-eat food packets sent to Bharuch Collector
- **1,900** bottles of clean drinking water distributed
- **1,000** ration kits distributed
- Benefited **80+** United Way of Baroda project families



Empower Her, Celebrate Her

Showcasing Women's Entrepreneurial Spirit

To celebrate International Women's Day 2025, United Way of Baroda organized a two-day exhibition titled "Empower Her, Celebrate Her" on March 15-16, providing a vibrant platform to recognize and uplift women entrepreneurs and NGO-led enterprises. The exhibition featured 23 women-led businesses, including six NGOs, showcasing handmade, eco-conscious, and culturally rooted products ranging from textiles and food items to artisanal crafts. Beyond sales, the initiative fostered networking, visibility, and community building, reaffirming the role of women's entrepreneurship in shaping inclusive and resilient economies. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and generated sales of approximately ₹1 lakh, reflecting the strength and potential of grassroots enterprises when provided with the right opportunities.

HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

- **23 total stalls** led by women entrepreneurs
- **6 partner NGOs** participated
- **₹1,00,000 revenue** generated collectively
- Products ranged from handcrafted goods to sustainable home items
- Focus on **eco-friendly, local, and women-made** creations
- Created a space for **branding, networking, and business growth**

Voices From The Exhibitors

"It is a platform to showcase what we produce to grow our business."

— **Ankita Pravasi**

"An opportunity to expand the market & tap new audiences even for future sales."

— **Mittal Kachhiya**

"Helpful in branding and networking for further business collaborations."

— **Pratha**



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

United Way of Baroda has been at the forefront of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives driving impactful change across key focus areas including education health livelihood and the environment. Through diverse and inclusive programmes we empower underprivileged students with access to quality education enhance healthcare services for underserved communities promote sustainable livelihood opportunities and advance environmental conservation efforts. Our holistic approach ensures that individuals across all age groups including children youth adults and the elderly benefit from these initiatives. With a strong commitment to inclusivity we strive to uplift both women and men fostering community-wide empowerment and long-term social transformation.



CSR Impact Snapshot 2024-25

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

60

Corporate
Partners Engaged



05

Districts Covered
Under CSR Initiatives



105

Villages Reached
Across Gujarat



250

Volunteers Mobilized for
Community Engagement



110

Projects
Implemented



EDUCATION & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

120

Schools Benefited from
Programme Interventions

5

Schools Supported Through
Infrastructure and Learning Aids

96

Students Empowered
Through CSR Support

894

Educational Kits Distributed
to Underprivileged Children

25000+

Students Benefited
Through Holistic Programs

9

Anganwadi Centres Refurbished
for Better Early Education

10

Classrooms Established
with Modern Facilities

214

Benches Installed in
Schools

HEALTH & WELLBEING



7

Hospitals
Strengthened
with CSR Aid



666

Medical Equipment
Donated for Better
Healthcare



20000+

Eye Screenings
Conducted for
Early Detection



927

Spectacles
Distributed for
Improved Vision

WATER, SANITATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Water Services
Enabled in
Underserved Areas

- 12 Community Water ATMs
- 4 Institutional Water Facilities



105

Solar Street Lights Installed for
Safer Communities



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & LIVELIHOOD

120

Skill and
Awareness
Trainings
Conducted
beneficiaries

136

Women
Reached
Through
Targeted
Programmes

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY



42,540

Trees Planted for Environmental
Sustainability

Quality Education

1,000+

Educational kits distributed to children from underserved communities across Vadodara, Bharuch, and Narmada districts.

912

Students benefitted from the distribution of science kits and access to a Mini Science Centre.

217

Students completed a three-month certified computer training course in rural government schools.

60

Tribal students from Dediapada and Sagbara blocks received academic mentoring in science

52

Anganwadi workers trained through a Refresher Program on Early Childhood Care and Education in Anand & savli

10

Government schools and Anganwadi centres across five villages received infrastructure upgrades

8

Medical students awarded scholarships and certificates for pursuing higher education in Gujarat.



With the support of its CSR partners, United Way of Baroda implemented a holistic range of education initiatives across Gujarat aimed at improving access, quality, innovation, infrastructure, and inclusion. The interventions focused on supporting children from underserved and tribal communities through the distribution of educational and science learning kits, strengthening foundational and experiential learning through Mini Science Centres, and enhancing digital literacy via certified computer training programs and the establishment of computer laboratories in rural government schools. Academic and personal growth was further supported through science mentoring for tribal students and refresher training programs for Anganwadi workers to strengthen early childhood care and education practices. Higher education was encouraged through scholarships and recognition for meritorious medical students, contributing to the future healthcare workforce of the state. Innovation and STEM education were promoted through well-equipped science laboratories, digital classrooms, coding tools, and participation in state-level platforms that nurtured creativity, problem-solving, and 21st-century skills among students and educators. Complementing learning interventions, infrastructure upgrades were undertaken in government schools and Anganwadi centres to create

safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environments, supported by teacher training, smart classrooms, digital libraries, sanitation facilities, and community-based learning spaces such as libraries, collectively fostering sustained educational outcomes and equitable learning opportunities.

A School's Journey Towards Digital Literacy

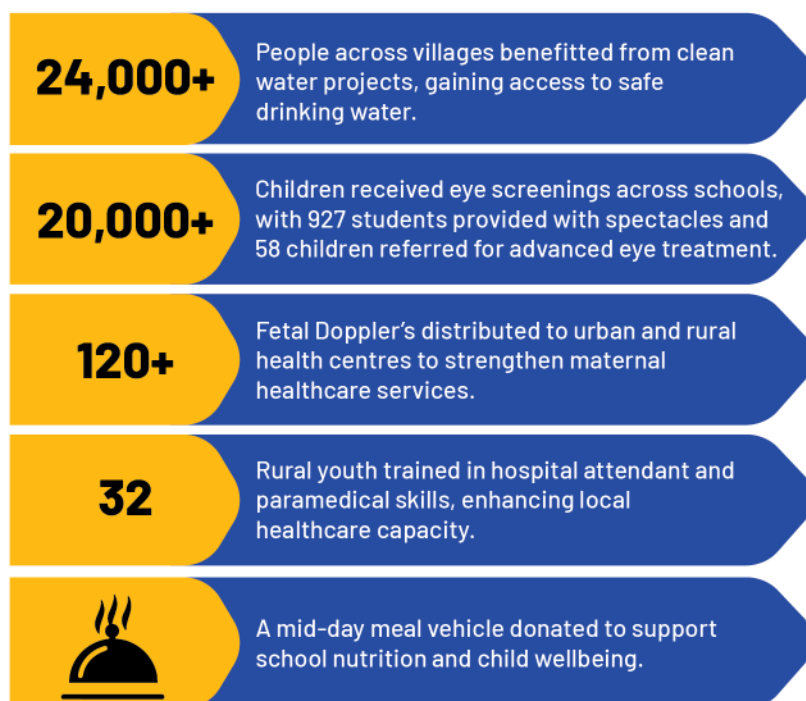
"In today's world, learning computers is essential. Earlier, our students lacked practical experience due to the absence of a computer lab. Now, with a well-equipped lab of 15 computers, proper infrastructure, and a dedicated teacher, students are gaining hands-on knowledge. We thank United Way of Baroda for making this transformation possible and bringing technology closer to our classrooms."

Mr. Hardik Patel

Principal, Government Science School

Access To Health





With the support of its CSR partners, United Way of Baroda carried out a wide spectrum of healthcare initiatives across Gujarat to improve access, strengthen systems, and enhance overall community well-being. The efforts focused on reinforcing maternal healthcare by equipping urban and rural health centres with essential diagnostic tools to ensure timely monitoring and safer pregnancy outcomes. Access to safe drinking water was expanded in rural and semi-urban areas through the installation of community-based and solar-powered Water ATMs, promoting healthier communities while embedding sustainability through renewable energy use and zero water wastage. Healthcare

infrastructure was strengthened through the provision of advanced medical, diagnostic, ophthalmic, audiology, and laboratory equipment across community health centres, referral hospitals, and urban health centres, enabling improved diagnosis, treatment efficiency, and patient safety, while reducing the need for referrals to tertiary facilities. Preventive healthcare remained a key priority through large-scale school eye screening programs that enabled early detection of vision-related issues and timely corrective care, alongside improvements in water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities in schools and major public hospitals to ensure access to clean drinking water for children, patients, and visitors. Complementing these interventions, nutrition support was strengthened through the donation of a dedicated mid-day meal delivery vehicle to support school nutrition and child well-being, while a medical skill development initiative empowered rural youth with hospital attendant and paramedical training, enhancing local healthcare capacity and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities.

"It is a great privilege for Prakash Chemicals International Private Limited to contribute to the healthcare infrastructure of Baroda by donating color fetal dopplers to 120 health centerscentres across the city. We are truly thankful to United Way of Baroda for their unwavering support and to the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) for their collaboration in making this initiative possible. This partnership highlights the power of collective effort, where organizations come together to create meaningful and lasting impact. We look forward to engaging in more such projects in the future, further strengthening our commitment to improving community health and well-being. Together, we can continue to drive positive change and uplift lives."

Mr. Manish Shah,

Managing Director, Prakash Chemicals International Pvt. Ltd.

Livelihood Generation



1

A Plumbing Training Program was conducted at Vadodara Central Jail, culminating in a Convocation Ceremony to honor graduating inmate trainees.

2

An Advanced Tailoring Training Program was implemented across select rural villages, enabling women to acquire specialized skills for sustainable livelihoods

3

A three-month intensive training program was completed by women from underserved communities, enhancing their employability and self-reliance.

4

A Defence Services Training Program was organized for rural youth aspirants, with modules on physical fitness, discipline, and resilience to prepare them for armed forces examinations.

With the support of its CSR partners, United Way of Baroda implemented a focused set of livelihood and skill development initiatives aimed at enabling dignified, sustainable futures for underserved communities. The efforts centred on vocational training and capacity building, including a structured plumbing skill development program for inmates at Vadodara Central Jail to support rehabilitation and reintegration, advanced tailoring training for rural women to strengthen employability, income generation, and pathways to micro-entrepreneurship, and intensive livelihood-oriented training for women from marginalized backgrounds to enhance

self-reliance. Youth empowerment was further strengthened through defence services preparatory programs in rural areas, combining physical training, discipline, and resilience-building to support aspirants pursuing careers in the armed forces. Complementing skill development, essential infrastructure support such as the construction of hygienic sanitation facilities in schools helped create safer and more enabling environments for education and well-being. Together, these initiatives reflect a long-term commitment to strengthening livelihoods, fostering social inclusion, and creating opportunities that extend beyond immediate assistance to lasting community impact.

From Rural Roots to Police Dreams: A Youth's Journey of Determination

"I am a college student from Rayanmuvada, where my father is a farmer. The training program helped me build the strength and stamina needed to clear the police recruitment physical test on my first attempt, a milestone made possible with my family's support. I am now preparing for the written exam at the Dhaneshwar community library, where the free resources have been invaluable. I am confident of success and grateful for the facilities that have supported my journey."

Parmar Hasmukh Kumar Gulabsinh,
Rayanmuvada Village



Sustainable Environment



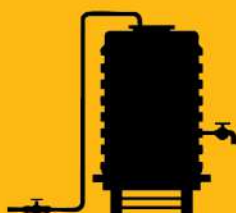
Thousands of trees planted under Miyawaki forest development, using **100+ native species**, as part of the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign – a tribute to motherhood.



417+ solar-powered streetlights installed across industrial areas and more than 25 rural villages in Gujarat, improving safety and sustainability.



Hundreds of volunteers engaged in plantation drives and greening activities, fostering a culture of environmental stewardship.



Installation of a large-capacity overhead water tank to provide reliable access to safe drinking water in targeted communities.

With the support of its CSR partners, United Way of Baroda advanced environmental sustainability through integrated initiatives focused on afforestation, renewable energy, water conservation, and community engagement. Large-scale Miyawaki forest developments were undertaken across urban and rural areas, promoting biodiversity, ecological restoration, and carbon sequestration, with plantation drives aligned to the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign that connected environmental action with social values. These efforts were strengthened through active volunteer participation, fostering a culture of environmental stewardship. Clean energy and green infrastructure interventions included the installation of solar-powered streetlights to enhance safety and sustainability in industrial and rural areas, the introduction of solar solutions in educational and childcare institutions, and the transformation of select schools into green model campuses. Water and sanitation initiatives, including upgrades to sewage treatment facilities, groundwater recharge measures, and the installation of high-capacity overhead water storage systems, further supported long-term resource management, public health, and environmental resilience across communities.

Volunteering Programme



100+ eco-friendly planters distributed and installed within school premises to create green zones and learning gardens.

90+ employee volunteers participated in plantation drives across two primary school campuses.

80+ saplings and 20+ kitchen garden shrubs planted to promote environmental learning and campus beautification.

An Anganwadi centre transformed with vibrant educational wall murals by corporate volunteers, creating a child-friendly learning space.

With the support of its CSR partners, United Way of Baroda strengthened early and primary education through volunteer-driven initiatives that blended environmental learning with improved learning spaces. Corporate employee volunteers played an active role in transforming an Anganwadi into a vibrant, child-friendly centre by creating colourful educational wall murals that enhanced visual learning and engagement. Plantation drives were conducted across primary school campuses, encouraging hands-on environmental education, student participation, and campus beautification. These efforts were complemented by the installation of eco-friendly planters, green zones, and kitchen gardens within school premises, creating interactive learning spaces that promote sustainability, ecological awareness, and healthier school environments for young learners.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Best Practices in CSR Award

United Way of Baroda was awarded the Best Practices in CSR Award at the CSR Convection hosted by Sakshamthad Foundation at Parul University. The award was presented in the esteemed presence of Hon. Mr. Praful Pansheriya, Minister of Primary, Secondary and Adult Education & Tribal Development, Government of Gujarat, recognizing United Way's innovative, community-centric CSR initiatives and effective implementation at the grassroots level.



2. National NGO Award 2025

United Way of Baroda received the prestigious National NGO Award 2025 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, in recognition of its 37 years of unwavering service to society. The award acknowledged the organization's impactful programs in education, health, livelihood, and community development that have significantly transformed lives across the region.



3. Top 10 Best NGOs of the Year – 2024

At the Global CSR & ESG Awards held in Gurugram, United Way of Baroda was recognized among the Top 10 Best NGOs of the Year. Organized by Brand Honchos Corporate Media House as part of the Indian CSR Awards initiative, the event celebrated excellence in CSR, ESG, education, healthcare, and environmental protection.



4. International Recognition for United Garba Mahotsav 2024

United Way of Baroda received the Certificate of Excellence from the Global Book of Excellence, England, for the impactful execution of United Garba Mahotsav 2024, recognizing it as a leading platform for culture, unity, and social responsibility.



INTERNSHIPS

Internships at United Way of Baroda provide students from reputed institutions with the opportunity to actively engage in meaningful social initiatives, gain hands-on exposure across diverse areas such as education, healthcare, livelihood generation, environmental sustainability, and fundraising events, and work alongside experienced professionals to create real community impact. This year, over **60 interns** from more than **10 universities** across the country joined us, bringing with them diverse talents and fresh perspectives. The experience bridges the gap between academic learning and real-world application while helping interns develop essential professional skills, broaden their outlook, and cultivate a deeper sense of social responsibility, making it a journey of personal growth, purposeful contribution, and lasting impact.



Hear It from Our Interns

"My internship at United Way of Baroda was an enriching experience that gave me valuable exposure to non-profit operations and community development while helping me build skills in project management, problem-solving, and teamwork."

— **Veenadas V**
The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

"Working on the Shishu Kit Project gave me practical experience in child welfare and community engagement, while strengthening my communication, organizational skills, and sense of social responsibility."

— **Khushi Shah**
Parul University

"This internship has been one of the most defining phases of my life, where I gained hands-on experience in social media, events, and content creation, and discovered how communication can truly drive social change."

— **Mahati Saraf**
The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

"My time at United Way of Baroda allowed me to contribute to impactful initiatives, gain insight into NGO operations, and strengthened my resolve to carry social responsibility into my future career as a corporate lawyer."

— **Ksheerja Srivastava**
Gujarat National Law University

Print Media

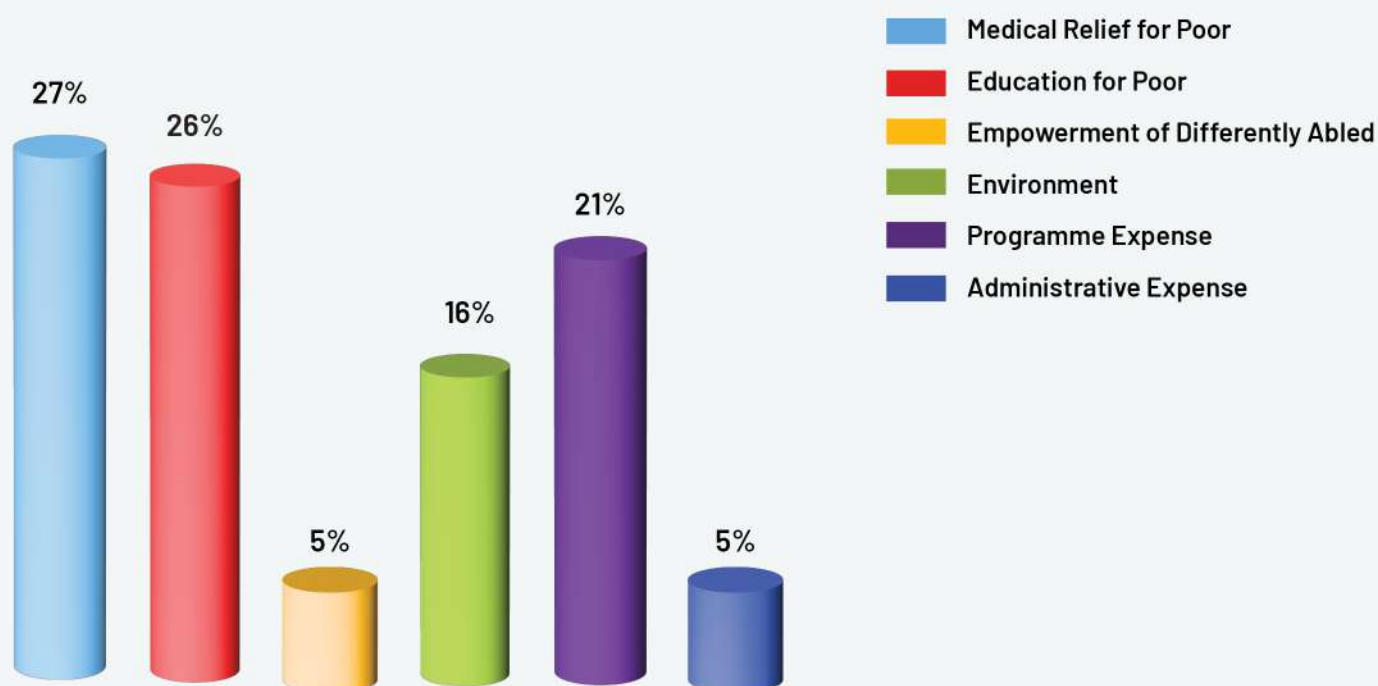


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AUDITED FINANCIALS

TOTAL EXPENDITURE : 17.17 Crores



TOTAL INCOME : 13.40 Crores



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Social
Inclusivity



Disaster
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