

MAHER, PUNE

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Founded in: 1997

<b>Core Theme</b>	Rising to New Life	<b>HQ</b>	PUNE
<b>Founder</b>	Sr Lucy Kurien	<b>Annual</b>	Rs – 10,19,45,000

### Issue being addressed by NGO:

Provides care and shelter to destitute women, children, and men also undertakes community development programs.

### Organization Background:

Maher which means “Mother’s Home” in Marathi was founded by Sr. Lucy Kurien in 1997 after she witnessed a horrifying incident where in a man burned alive his pregnant wife. This shocking incident prompted Sr. Lucy to open a small home for battered women and children in a village outside of Pune, India.

### Program Overview:

From this humble beginning, Maher has grown to 50 interfaith, Caste-free homes that currently shelter over 1000 children, 105 men and 550 destitute women in the Indian states of Maharashtra, Kerala, Jharkhand and Kolkata. Since its founding, Maher has provided care and shelter for more than 5000 children 4500 women and 550 men.

In keeping with Maher’s holistic model, the organization operates 24 social work projects simultaneously. Maher’s outreach Programs positively impact the lives of more than 45,000 people each year. These programs include slum development and village work like “Balwadis” or kindergartens, day care centers, village libraries, ration programs, awareness programs, coaching classes for young people wishing to return to school, environmental projects and vocational trainings. Approximately 19500 people in 125 villages participate in self-help groups sponsored by Maher.

### Key Impacts:

- Over 3500 women and 365 men were rehabilitated
- Many women remarried and settled
- Thakarvasti (Pune Dt) all the children are going to school which were totally illiterate earlier.
- Number of Youth Professional Training till date - 928.
- Total Number of Job placement - 690
- Learn & Earn Program Beneficiaries till Date - 701.
- At present Learn & Earn Program Beneficiaries - 56.
- Car washing child became HR executive in Maher

### Two Key Plans for the next year:

- Opening homes in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
- Women’s home at Sanaswadi – Pune
- Multipurpose Hall at Vadu – Pune

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**Legal Registrations:**

Trust and Society  
(Certificate attached)