

Swadhar IDWC		www.swadharpune.org	Founded In:1995
Core Theme	Swadhar envisions a society wherein women in distress and underprivileged children are empowered to uplift themselves and become responsible members of our society.	HQ	Flat No-301, Dhanashree Apt, Model colony, Shivaji Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra
Founder	Ms. Meenkashi Apte	Annual Budget	Rs 4.95 CR

Issue being addressed by NGO:

Swadhar seeks to help and empower women in distress along with a focus on the holistic development of underprivileged children. Our aim is to improve the quality of life of individuals and families through education, guidance, training and counselling.

Organization (Project) Background:

Swadhar IDWC has completed 24 years of relentless work towards empowerment of women and children. Women, world over and particularly in India, have always been denied their rightful position in a family as well as the society. Making women aware of their rights is of vital importance if we wish to empower them. An empowered woman in turn will contribute to create a society where she is respected and her rights are protected. Swadhar began as a small effort by our founder late Prof. Meenakshi Apte with the able help of renowned social activist late Smt. Mrunal Gore in the year 1983. After significant work done for women empowerment through Swadhar, an NGO in Mumbai, Meenakshi Tai moved to Pune. With the help of her colleague Late Sulabha Joshi, Meenakshi Tai started women empowerment programs in Pune, thus bringing Swadhar to Pune in the year 1995. They were joined by Late Tara Bhat and Suchitra Date. The scope of Swadhar's activities expanded when child empowerment related projects were also introduced. As the scope widened, Swadhar was registered as Swadhar IDWC (Institute for Development of Women and Children) in 1998. Since then the institution has been working for the cause, adding more activities to address newer needs of women and children as they become evident. Our efforts are yielding excellent results as seen by the ever-increasing number of women and children who are leading a self-reliant and dignified life as a result of their association with Swadhar.

Swadhar's projects- Family Counselling, Girls Education Support Program, Phulora, Awareness generation program, Mohor, Rays of Hope, Child sexual abuse, Akshardeep, Aksharsparsh, Asha community center, House of smile.

Program Overview:

Akshardeep

To create a model for the education and overall development of underprivileged children from birth up to 18 years in 8 urban slum and 5 Nomadic communities with the collective participation of parents and community- RTE act awareness program, Support classes 6 to 14 age group, Balwadi classes 3 to 6 age group, Full fledge library, community study centre, resource centre and e-learning centre, ECD awareness program 0 to 6 age group.

Project started in: **1998**

Number of beneficiaries till date: **78540**

Mohor

To help children in need of survival, care, protection and development. To understand magnitude of child vulnerability as a result of their mothers' profession. To understand the need of these children in order to create relevant and evidence-based intervention. To provide long term care, rehabilitation repatriation to break the cycle of exploitation through education and by creating choices. To take initiatives to change society wide perceptions of the children of sex workers.

Specific Purpose: Preventing second generation prostitution of children living in red light area by defending their rights and dignity and providing a safe environment also by supporting their education and health.

Project started in: Day care centre in **1997**

Day care and night shelter in **2007**

Number of beneficiaries till date: **3800**

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Key Impacts:

we disseminate information about the Right to Education Act through our publications, community outreach programme (parent participation) and networking. Our aim is to empower parents and community with the knowledge of their rights related to the education of their children.



Major Partners:

Yardi Software India Pvt Ltd, Wipro Cares, Bajaj Auto Ltd., Forbes Marshall Group of Companies, Salebuild Care, Softenger India Pvt.Ltd., Deluxe Entertainment Service India Pvt Ltd, Electronica Finance Limited, Mindtickle Care, Ferrotherm - Heat Treater, Cytel Statistical Software Services Pvt Ltd. Asmae, Charities Aid Foundation India, Sahyadri Hospitals, Vidyalaya Org. Foundation Inc., Vitrag Foundation, PWC India Foundation, GIVE Foundation (India), Anuja Bahubali

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