

Annual Report

2025



LittleBigHelp



LittleBigHelp
India Trust

LittleBigHelp supported the
**school enrollment
process of 435 children**

from the slums, after
completing preparatory school
courses at our Community
Centres



In 2025...

LittleBigHelp provided
**vocational training
for 115 adults**

from the slums, enabling
them to earn an income
and provide a brighter
future for themselves and
their families



LittleBigHelp offered
**computer training for
454 adolescents**

from urban slums and rural
villages, opening doors to
education and job opportunities



LittleBigHelp served
168,154 meals
to children and adults
across all projects





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2025 REFLECTIONS

Big smiles from a group of children in one of the slum communities where we work, enjoying a moment of fun and friendship.



Message from the Team

This year marked LittleBigHelp’s 15th anniversary. What a milestone!

For 15 years we have worked to create better life opportunities for thousands of children, women and families in West Bengal, India. We have seen lives being changed for the better: children going to school for the first time, women making their first income, and families becoming more aware of their rights and opportunities.

Looking back, the journey has been both rewarding and demanding. It has not always been easy. Development work requires persistence, patience and continuous support from partners and donors. But we are reminded of the purpose behind our work every time we meet the children, young people, and families whose lives are changing for the better with our support.

In 2025 we continued to see important progress across our projects. Our Community Centres and women’s initiatives have supported hundreds of individuals on their path towards education, stability and independence. These stories of success are the result of the dedication of our team in India, the strength of the communities we work with, and the unwavering support from our partners and donors.

This year we also started our new

Family Strengthening Project in four of the slum communities where we already work. The project is rooted in the belief that children should, whenever possible, grow up within their own families. While our two Hostels continue to provide a safe and stable home for children who cannot live with their families, this initiative focuses on strengthening the conditions within the family itself to prevent children from being separated from their families in the first place.

Through the Family Strengthening Project, we work closely with vulnerable families by supporting parents, improving income opportunities, and ensuring access to basic needs and services. The goal is to help families become more self-reliant and create a stable home environment where children can develop and remain safely with their families

15 years of work have shown us that lasting change takes time. It is built step by step through trust, dedication, and strong partnerships. As we look ahead, we remain deeply committed to continuing this journey together with the communities we serve and everyone who supports our work.

Warm regards,
The LittleBigHelp Team



Message from the Programme Director

As I look back on 2025, I am filled with immense pride.

Not just in the numbers we achieved, but in the stories behind them. Because our work matters. It matters that someone believes in a young boy and encourages him to seek an education, and it matters that we empower a young woman

to understand and assert her rights. We are here to change lives, and every individual journey from a hesitant learner to a confident individual embodies our mission.

In the past year, we have maintained our strong focus on child protection by supporting children through both institutional

and non-institutional care. While we continue to provide a safe, home-like environment at our Hostels and work to support children who have dropped out of school, we have also significantly expanded our family strengthening initiatives. We believe that by supporting families and strengthening the home environment, we can create a more sustainable path for children to grow, develop and thrive.

We are experiencing a rising need for support and opportunities among adolescents, especially girls and young women. They stand at a crossroads to either change the story of their family and their future, or follow the traditional paths they grew up with.

To support them, we have intensified our efforts in both hard and soft skills training and increased our counselling on adolescent health to prevent teenage pregnancies and break taboos surrounding menstrual hygiene. This work is further supported by our Women Friendly Toilets, which are now managed by the local women themselves to strengthen community ownership and help ensure that these safe spaces remain accessible to those who need them.

Our impact continues to grow, and this year we surpassed our goals by supporting more than 2,700 families. Even when faced with infrastructure challenges due to unexpected weather, our team's

resilience allowed us to adapt and collaborate with local authorities to ensure there was no interruption to our activities.

This dedication also extends to our work in rural Bankura in eastern India, where we continue to provide specialised support to more than 400 children with disabilities.

As we move forward, our goal is to scale our sustainable family initiatives and develop stronger partnerships with local funders and corporate partners in India.

I want to share my deepest gratitude to our Founder, Lisbeth, our Trustees, and our teams in India and Denmark for their unwavering trust and dedicated work. Most importantly, thank you to the individuals and companies whose support will allow us to reach even more underprivileged families in the coming year.

Best regards,
Debasish Guha
Programme Director, LittleBigHelp



A home visit conducted by one of our team members. When a child joins one of our Community Centres, our team regularly visits the family to discuss the importance of education, health and child protection, while identifying challenges that may affect the child's wellbeing and school attendance.

ABOUT LITTLEBIGHELP



Who We Are and What We Do

Since 2010 LittleBigHelp Denmark has worked to create brighter futures and better opportunities for vulnerable children and families in West Bengal, India. Our aim is to secure children's fundamental rights and empower marginalised women through education and vocational training.

LittleBigHelp was founded by Lisbeth Johansen, after she made the decision to leave her career as a hotel Sales Director. Her travels and volunteer work in India inspired her to take action, leading her to establish the organisation in Kolkata, West Bengal. In 2012, LittleBigHelp was formally registered in India and has since been operating under the name LittleBigHelp India Trust.

Our Work Today

Today, LittleBigHelp runs 25 projects that ensure access to basic human rights and essential services such as education, food, healthcare and shelter. In 2025 alone, more than 3,000 disadvantaged children, youth, and adults in India benefited directly from our work, with an estimated indirect impact on over 13,500 individuals.

Our projects include Community Centres in urban slum areas in and around Kolkata, a Boys' and a Girls' Hostel, Youth Capacity Building initiatives as well as several Skills Development Projects for

vulnerable adults. We also support a Centre for Special Education for children with disabilities in rural Bankura, West Bengal.

All 25 projects are implemented by our fantastic partner organisations: LittleBigHelp India Trust (the direct implementing branch of LittleBigHelp Denmark) and Kenduadihi Bikash Society. Together they employ 90 local team members, who bring crucial cultural knowledge and expertise to our work. In Denmark, LittleBigHelp operates with a small team of three people, while our Founder, Lisbeth Johansen, continues to work voluntarily for LittleBigHelp without pay. While the majority of our funding still comes from partners, donors and fundraisers in Denmark, we are seeing an increasing level of support to our projects from donors in India.

Maintaining full transparency with our donors, partners and the people we work to support is essential in all our work. We aim to keep administration costs at a minimum and wherever possible, we rely on voluntary support and assistance from friends, family and our network who all wish to help us make a difference for the vulnerable families.

Our Approach

Over the years, our work has evolved from primarily providing

immediate aid and protection to street connected children and their families, to focusing on long-term development and prevention. We believe that empowering people with the support, skills and opportunities they need enables them to create a brighter future for themselves, their families and their communities. We believe these efforts will create ripple effects for generations to come, thus helping break the cycle of poverty. Our goal is not to create dependency on LittleBigHelp, but to strengthen individuals so they can take responsibility for their own lives and future.

Our ambition is to create long-term and sustainable social change, and all our activities are therefore rooted and developed based on the needs and challenges identified by the communities themselves. Through close collaboration with local partners, authorities, and residents, this creates strong local ownership and helps ensure that initiatives can continue without our support over time.

Our local team in Kolkata is at the heart of this work. Their knowledge of the local context, culture and challenges is essential to understanding the daily realities faced by vulnerable communities living in poverty and marginalisation.

Why India?

India is one of the world's fastest growing economies, yet millions of people remain trapped in extreme

poverty. More than 23.9% of India's population lives below the poverty line for lower-middle-income countries (\$4.20 per day)[1]. These challenges are especially severe in urban slums, where families still lack access to basic rights such as education, healthcare, clean water, sanitation and adequate housing.

Children are among the most vulnerable. Although education is mandatory and free in India, nearly 68% of children living in the slums never complete their education, and most drop out before the age of 13[2]. Many are forced into child labour, and an estimated 10 million children work on the streets, exposing them to exploitation, trafficking and abuse[3].

Girls face additional risks. Without education or support, girls are at high risk of early marriage and teenage pregnancies. In West Bengal, where LittleBigHelp works, 42% of girls are married before they turn 18[4]. Furthermore, India faces severe challenges regarding gender-based violence, trafficking, and discrimination, making women and girls in slum communities extraordinarily unsafe[5].

Poverty also has severe consequences for children's health. Nearly one in five children in India suffers from acute malnutrition, and one in three children experiences stunted growth due to chronic undernutrition[6].



Vision

We cannot help everybody, but we can help some. And we do it!

Mission

We change your little help into a big help for people in need.



Using Data to Improve Lives

Behind every figure in this report is a real person: a girl re-entering school after months on the street, a young man completing vocational training, or a mother gaining financial independence. For us, data is not just numbers on a page, but a core part of shaping our projects. With data, we are able to not only measure what we do, but how our work impacts the lives of marginalised children, youth, women, and families across urban and rural India.

Whether we are tracking attendance at our Community Centres, following up on income changes after skills training, or monitoring participation at awareness meetings, data keeps us accountable. It helps us identify emerging needs, understand what works and adapt quickly to changing needs in slum communities. It also provides full transparency to our donors, demonstrating measurable impact and showing how funds are allocated exactly where they are needed most.

How We Collect and Use Data

Data is collected continuously by our local field teams in India and managed through a digital Management Information System (MIS). This ensures that the same information is regularly reviewed, shared, and used across our offices in India and Denmark. We use a combination of methods to understand both the scale of our

work and the changes taking place in the communities we support.

- Quantitative data helps us track key indicators, monitor progress, and identify trends over time.
- Qualitative methods such as interviews, case stories, observations, and participant feedback, help us understand the lived experiences that numbers alone cannot capture.

Listening to these perspectives ensures our work reflects the real needs and priorities of the communities themselves. By combining data with personal stories, we continuously adapt our projects to stay relevant.

Transparency and ESG Reporting

Data also plays a crucial role in showing results to our partners. Through systematic monitoring and evaluation, we document progress transparently and demonstrate how your support creates meaningful improvements in human lives. For corporate partners and foundations, this documentation supports ESG reporting, specifically within the Social category. By partnering with LittleBigHelp, donors can connect their contributions to measurable outcomes in education, healthcare, gender equality, skills development, and child protection, showing a shared commitment and contribution to sustainable and inclusive development.

Sustainable Development Goals

At the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are the United Nations (UN) 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which represent an urgent call to action by all UN member states to end poverty, improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth. This is all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

At LittleBigHelp, we use the SDGs as a guiding framework for our work. While new frameworks such as ESG reporting, the EU Taxonomy, and CSRD have become increasingly important for businesses and investors, the SDGs remain a powerful and meaningful way for development organisations to communicate goals and measure impact. They provide a shared global language that helps us define our objectives, engage with partners, and show how our work contributes to broader international priorities like education, gender equality, healthcare, and poverty alleviation.

Through our 25 active projects in India, LittleBigHelp directly supports 9 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals:



Goal #1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Our Skills Development Projects teach vulnerable women and men vocational skills to encourage employment and entrepreneurship, enabling and empowering them to generate an income, and take steps toward long-term financial independence.



Goal #2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

We provide daily nutritious meals for children at our Community Centres and Girls' and Boys' Hostels.



Goal #3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

We raise awareness about sexual and reproductive health and rights to break taboos and stigmas. We also educate, especially men, in slum communities about the harms of alcohol and drugs abuse.



Goal #4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

We ensure children in slums have access to education through our Community Centres and Hostels. Our Skills Development and Computer Training Projects increase employability for youth and women, and a Learning Centre for Special Education provides education and training for 405 children with disabilities



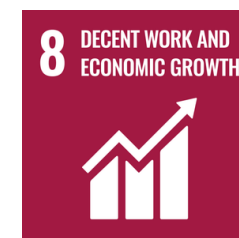
Goal #5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

We raise awareness about women's rights to reduce trafficking, child marriage, violence, and other forms of gender-based discrimination. Through our Skills Development Projects we encourage women to learn a profession and pursue employment even when facing resistance from male family members.



Goal #6: Ensure equal access to safe and cheap drinking water, as well as to suitable sanitation, hygiene and proper toilet conditions for everyone

We build Women Friendly Toilets in the slums, that ensure girls and women with a safe space to maintain menstrual hygiene, as well as provide affordable sanitary pads. We also teach children the importance of daily handwashing at our Community Centres.



Goal #8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Through Youth Capacity and Skills Development Projects, we aim to reduce the unemployment rate, especially amongst the most vulnerable. We also work to eliminate child labour in slum areas and encourage parents to prioritise education for their children.



Goal #16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

We raise awareness about children's and women's rights to reduce abuse, exploitation and violence. We also guide families in obtaining proof of identity, enabling them to access government services like free education and healthcare.



Goal #17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development

We work closely with other non-governmental and civil society organisations and build strong partnerships with our supporting foundations and corporate partners to maximize the impact of our work.

OUR WORK IN 2025

A joyful moment at one of our Community Centres, where children find a safe space to learn, play and grow. What looks like a simple moment of fun is also part of their first steps towards a brighter future.



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Before my son started coming to the Community Centre, he spent most of his time wandering around the slum, and I didn't understand how important education was for his future. But now he studies every day and enjoys going to school. As a mother, there is nothing that makes me happier.

Punam, 33 years old,
mother to Ranjit

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Community Centres

At our Community Centres in Kolkata's slums, we prepare out-of-school children for formal education, provide support to their families, and raise awareness about the rights of people living in slum areas.

In India, education is mandatory and free, yet millions of children from the slum communities never set foot in a classroom. At LittleBigHelp, we are committed to changing this. In 2025 we ran 11 Community Centres across 11 urban slum areas in and around Kolkata. Here, we work alongside local volunteers and authorities to prevent children from falling into a

life of poverty on the streets, instead offering them a brighter future full of possibilities. In addition to courses that prepare out-of-school children aged 6-14 (those who have either dropped out or never even started school) for school, we offer meals, health checks, and counselling for those from particularly harsh home environments.

In 2025, these centres served as safe spaces to play and learn for 435 children. After completing the preparatory course, which lasts up to 12 months, we support their families in the process of enrolling the children in nearby public

schools. We then continue to provide ongoing social and academic support through recreational activities and after-school tuition to ensure they stay in school.

At LittleBigHelp, we believe in addressing the specific foundational elements essential for development. While India already has many public schools, the real challenge is that children from the slums often do not attend. Most of these children have never experienced a structured daily routine, formal education or a family they can depend on. Our goal is to develop their ability to learn and receive instruction, teach them to trust adults, and ultimately empower their families to prioritise formal education. We do not believe

the solution is to build new schools, but rather to provide a team of strong, resourceful adults who can support and inspire these children to learn as well as engage in the difficult conversations needed with their families to break the cycle of social disadvantage.

Another significant challenge in the slums is that many adults also have limited or no formal education and lack essential documents, such as ID cards or birth certificates, for themselves and their children. This lack of legal documentation prevents them from accessing basic rights and public services, including free healthcare or government schemes. To address this, we act as a bridge to essential institutions like schools and hospitals, offering





“Before, I had to use old cloth during my period because I had no other choice. Now I can buy sanitary pads at our Women Friendly Toilet and safely dispose of them afterwards. It makes me feel a lot more comfortable, and I no longer have to worry or feel embarrassed.”

Preeti, 14 years old

practical guidance on everything from opening a bank account to navigating bureaucracy. Raising awareness about these issues is central to our work. At our Community Centres, we conduct hundreds of meetings to inform the families of our students, as well as other slum residents, about critical topics like health, hygiene, human rights, and civic entitlements. These meetings aim to empower the community by providing the knowledge and resources necessary to improve their quality of life, ensuring they can confidently access the services and support they are rightfully entitled to.

Other Initiatives at the Community Centres

Empowering the Local Community

Community Centres are only established in slum areas where local decision-makers, often neighborhood associations known as “Clubs,” are motivated to collaborate and create positive change in their local community. These local leaders help identify the community's most urgent needs and play an active role in shaping and supporting local initiatives moving forward.

Our goal is to build strong, self-sufficient communities where leaders and residents alike take responsibility for their area rather than relying on long-term dependency on LittleBigHelp. We teach leadership and community ownership, encouraging the formation of local committees to

drive positive change. We also empower local youth to become ‘Change Agents’. These young people actively participate in making their neighbourhoods safer and better for everyone, while also directly assisting our team with daily activities at the Community Centres.

Women Friendly Toilets

Women and adolescent girls in the slums face severe privacy and hygiene challenges due to inadequate restroom facilities and social stigma surrounding periods. Tragically, many girls drop out of school entirely once they begin their menstruation, a barrier that perpetuates the cycle of poverty. Without access to sanitary products, these girls fear the embarrassment of bleeding through their clothes, and thus often skip school.

Since 2021, we have constructed 14 Women Friendly Toilets. Each toilet is equipped with a vending machine for sanitary pads and an incinerator to dispose of used products responsibly, significantly reducing waste in the slums.

In 2025 alone, these toilets supported 12,000 women and girls, and a total of 33,100 sanitary pads were purchased through the toilet vending machines. The local ‘Change Agents’ and ‘Women’s Committee’ are responsible for maintaining the facilities and restocking the dispensers, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the project.

2025 Impact Highlights

Community Centres

106,654 meals

distributed to the children at our Community Centres

435 children

enrolled and attending school preparation courses daily

1 new center

opened in 2025

6,934 home visits

conducted to ensure parental support for their child's continued education

2,498 counselling sessions

on mental health, behaviour, empathy, overall well-being etc. offered through individual, group and family support

725 awareness workshops

as well as community and guardian meetings held by our team on rights, education, health and sanitation

657 networking meetings

with local stakeholders to strengthen community ties with local institutions such as schools, hospitals, law enforcement and local communities in the slums

33,100 sanitary pads

purchased by women through our vending machines in Women Friendly Toilets



Skills Development Projects

The goal of our Skills Development Projects is to empower vulnerable adults financially and socially.

Our Skills Development Projects consist of Vocational Training programmes that primarily focus on supporting women, who often face multiple layers of disadvantage, as well as men to a smaller degree. The trainees come from low-income families or households living below the poverty line. By attending our courses, they learn a skill that enables them to get a job or start their own business as tailors or beauticians.

Alongside the technical training, soft skills are an essential component of our curriculum. Many women in the slums have faced lifelong social stigma and marginalisation, resulting in deeply eroded self-esteem. To counter this and further support the women, we therefore provide dedicated workshops on health, hygiene and women's rights. Additionally, we offer professional counselling to help women navigate trauma, cope with abuse and domestic oppression, and overcome deep-rooted social barriers.

Some families resist the idea of a woman attending, and in those cases we conduct regular home visits to help the women convince their families of the long-term benefits of participating in the

course, ensuring the women have a supportive environment at home.

To create true independence, all trainees are helped to open personal bank accounts and are taught the basics of entrepreneurship, customer service, and financial management. We continue to follow up and support each trainee for one full year after course completion, offering guidance while collecting data on their income and employment status.

While our primary focus is on empowering women, we also recognise the importance of supporting vulnerable men.

Each year we offer a variety of Vocational Training programmes tailored to market demand, and in 2025, this included Driver's License Training, Barber Training, and Phlebotomy Training. Some of these courses have higher educational entry requirements, yet are provided entirely free of cost to young men and women from the slums who otherwise lack the financial means to pay for such a qualified training. After graduation, every trainee is supported in finding a job or starting an income-generating activity.





2025 Impact Highlights

Skill Development Projects

115 vulnerable adults

completed vocational training to gain income-generating skills and provide a brighter future for themselves and their family

115 trainees

opened a bank account for the first time

74 trainees

received a start-up kit or partly funded sewing machine to start their own business

435 home visits

conducted to counsel the trainees' family members to ensure their support for the trainees' attendance

918 follow-up sessions

held with trainees who completed the training the previous year

21 life-skills workshops

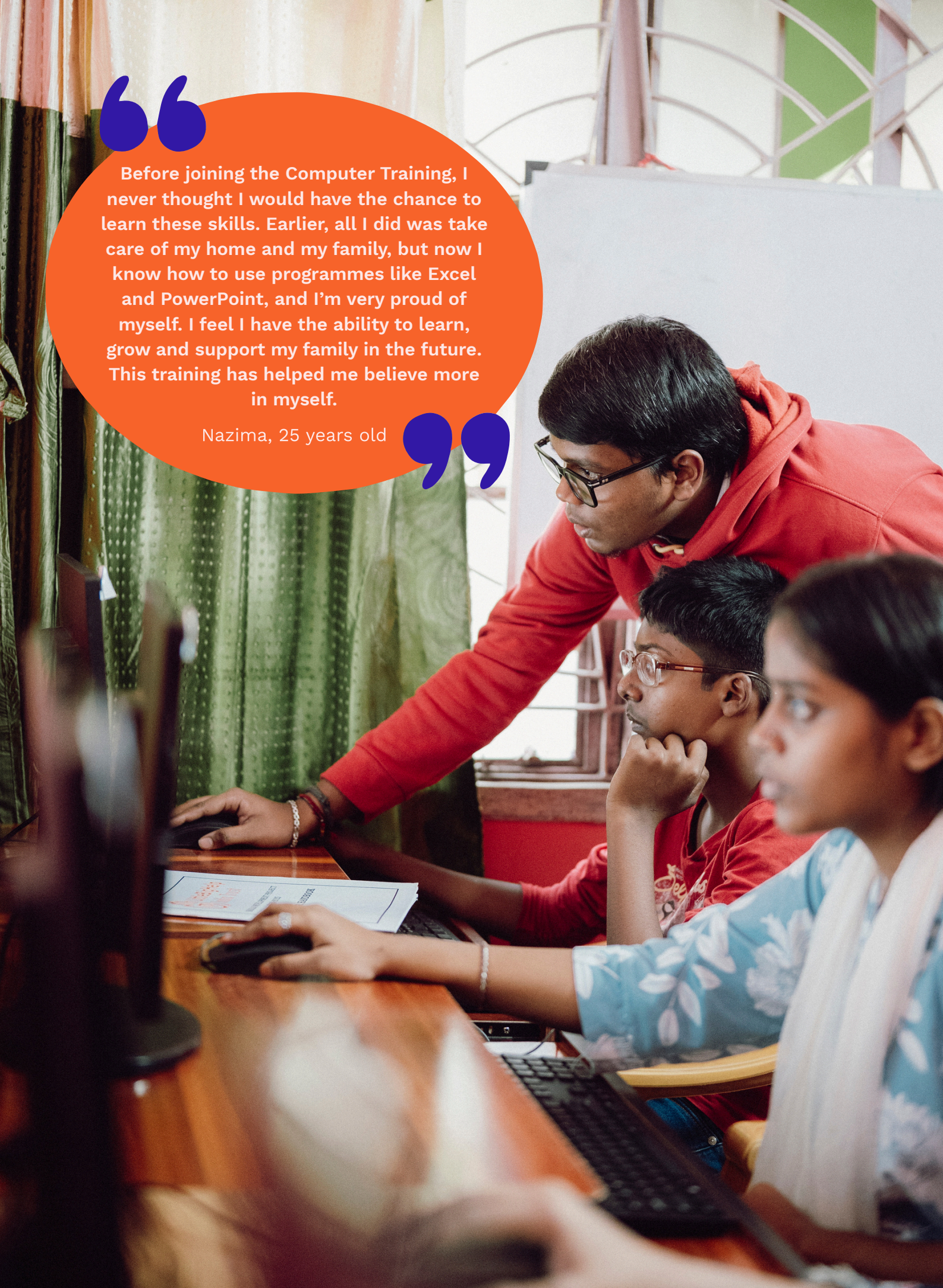
conducted by our team on self-awareness, women's rights, financial management and entrepreneurship etc.

193% increase

in women who are now free to leave the home for employment without family restrictions

“Before the training I was too shy to speak up, even when I knew I was right. But the workshops and support from the trainers gave me the confidence to use my voice. Now, I'm no longer afraid to speak up, negotiate and stand up for myself.

Reshma, 27 years old



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Before joining the Computer Training, I never thought I would have the chance to learn these skills. Earlier, all I did was take care of my home and my family, but now I know how to use programmes like Excel and PowerPoint, and I'm very proud of myself. I feel I have the ability to learn, grow and support my family in the future. This training has helped me believe more in myself.

Nazima, 25 years old

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Youth Capacity Building

Our Youth Capacity Building Projects focus on helping youth advance their soft skills and basic skills, an important step in their journey towards higher education or employment.

In 2025, our Youth Capacity Building projects supported 870 young people. The programme aims to strengthen their skills and confidence through three main areas: Private Tuition, Computer Training, and Career Counselling and Adolescent Health. In recent years, we have seen a growing interest among young people who are eager to improve their own lives and make a difference in their communities.

In response, we have started initiatives that not only support them in completing their education, but also prepare them for future employment and provide a clearer understanding of the opportunities available to them. Many of these youth come from households where education has not been prioritised, making it essential that they receive guidance and encouragement from people who understand their challenges and can believe in their potential.

Our Initiatives for Youth

Computer Training

Computer literacy opens the door to a world of job opportunities and knowledge, and we therefore

conduct Computer Training in both the urban slums and rural areas. In 2025, 154 students from the slums received Computer Training alongside soft skills workshops and youth leadership activities.

Students learn to use different software tools, write job applications, and navigate the internet for information, skills that for some can be the deciding factor in securing a job. For others the training is a stepping stone to pursuing further studies. Every month, the students receive training in key life skills to support their personal growth and academic journey, focusing on topics such as self-esteem, goal setting and exam preparation. We track the student's monthly progress, and additional classes are offered when needed. The students are also encouraged to participate in social projects and awareness-building activities in the slum, inspiring youth to take an active role in their communities.

We also empower young people in rural villages with courses in basic computer skills. This project is implemented by our partner NGO, Kenduadihi Bikash Society. In the rural area near Bankura, West Bengal, very few learning institutions have access to computers. In 2025, we provided computer training to 300 marginalised tribal youth through two community-based computer centres. Our goal is to empower

these young people to become more confident and better equipped to continue their studies or secure jobs. By increasing their computer literacy, the students also become agents of change, raising awareness of the importance of education in their communities.

Private Tuition for Students

In India, it is common for families to hire private tutors to support their children's education, as the student-teacher ratios are extremely high, leaving students without the help they need to succeed. However, families in the slums cannot afford this luxury, resulting in drop-out rates remaining high. To address this, we hire qualified teachers to provide daily tuition for adolescents who are too old for our school

preparation courses at the Community Centres, but still in need of academic support. In small groups, students receive extra help in subjects like physics, biology, mathematics, and English after school hours. In 2025, 235 students benefited from this initiative. The goal is to help them build the confidence and skills to pass the 10th-grade exam which is needed to access further education.

Career Counselling

In 2025, 101 students were provided with career counselling through our partnership with a professional external career counselling agency. These young people come from vulnerable backgrounds and many have parents with only a few years of elementary education, mostly working as either daily labourers,



drivers or maids. As a result, their awareness of career opportunities is limited to what they have seen in their immediate environment. Through workshops, seminars, and individual career profiles based on each student's interests and academic performance, they gain valuable insights into various educational paths and future professions. They also learn how to navigate application processes, empowering them to make informed choices and bringing them one step closer to realising their ambitions.

Adolescent Health

For many young people growing up in the slums, accurate information about their bodies, sexuality and

reproductive health is extremely limited. These topics are rarely discussed at home, and even if they attend school, such information is often considered taboo and not openly shared. As a result, many girls stay home during their menstruation due to stigma and a lack of access to hygiene products. Early marriage and teenage pregnancies also remain common, making it crucial to educate youth about their options and the long-term realities of early parenthood. Through our sessions on sexual health and reproductive rights, young people learn about their development, how to set healthy boundaries, and the importance of respecting one another.



2025 Impact Highlights

Youth Capacity Building

235 school children

received tuition support to prevent dropouts

454 marginalised youth

from slum and rural areas completed computer training

101 youth

received career counselling to better their job opportunities

14 life and soft-skills workshops

held by our team on communication, goal-setting, exam preparation and self-awareness etc.





“ I used to live at a railway station with my dad. When it rained, I would get so wet and sick with bad coughs and fevers. Sometimes the police would come and yell at me for sleeping on the benches. But now I have my own bed, good food every day, and friends who care about me. I also like watching the rain from inside because I don't get wet anymore. The hostel feels like my home. ”

Ankush, 11 years old



Girls' and Boys' Hostels

In our Girls' and Boys' Hostels, vulnerable, street-connected girls and boys start a new life with care, comfort, proper nutrition, education, and a safe place to call 'home'.

Since opening our two Hostels in 2014, we have provided long-term homes for 20 girls and 25 boys, respectively, with many of these children still living at the Hostels. In 2025, we welcomed two new boys to the Hostel, each coming from extremely difficult and volatile circumstances.

All of the children living in our Hostels attend local public schools, and to supplement their formal

education, we provide daily after-school tutoring from qualified teachers. They also learn basic computer skills and are educated on health and hygiene to strengthen their overall well-being and independence.

Outside of the classroom, the children enjoy a range of recreational activities in and around the Hostels, including games, dance, drawing, meditation, and sports. These activities are all designed to promote the children's mental, physical and social development. Our skilled team members and experienced social workers guide the children through the challenges they may face in

life. In India, girls in particular are at high risk of abuse, trafficking and child marriage. A professional counsellor is also employed to help the children process the trauma and neglect they may have experienced earlier in life.

As the children get older, we gradually prepare them for the independence and responsibility of adulthood. Together, we explore their dreams and possibilities for the future, and when they are ready, we enrol them in vocational training to gain income-generating skills. They also learn to cook, clean, manage a budget, pay bills and handle other practical aspects of adult life.

Since 2021, three girls and seven boys from our Girls' and Boys'

Hostels have reached adulthood and moved out. We maintain close contact with the children once they leave the Hostel, and our team remains available for guidance and support whenever needed. We are proud to share that each of these young adults has either continued their education or acquired a job, with some doing both. One of the boys started his own food stall while continuing his university degree, and one of the girls is now working at a five-star hotel in Kolkata.

We are excited to follow these young adults and see what the future brings. They will always remain part of LittleBigHelp, but we have a heartfelt wish for them to grow up with the confidence, skills and freedom to shape their own future.

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Before I came to the Girls' Hostel, I lived with my mom and grandmother, but my mom was often away for work, so I had to stop going to school to help take care of things at home. Now I'm back in school, and I get to learn every day, which I love. I also love living here because I have so many friends, and we are like sisters.

Ishika, 13 years old

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2025 Impact Highlights

Girls' and Boys' Hostel

45 vulnerable children

living in our Girls' and Boys' Hostels and attending school

2 new vulnerable children

moved into the Hostels

1,709 sessions

in yoga, meditation, dance, karate and creative activities conducted at the Hostels

859 individual counselling sessions

conducted for the children

83 play therapy sessions

held for the younger children

Family Strengthening Project

The goal of our Family Strengthening Project is to support the most vulnerable families in creating stable and secure home environments, so children can grow up safely within their own families, with access to education and opportunities for a better future.

After 15 years working in Kolkata's slum communities, we have learned that supporting children alone is not always enough. A child may receive education, counselling, and protection, but if they return each day to a home affected by extreme poverty, instability, or domestic violence, their progress is easily lost. It is often the family's circumstances, not the child alone, that determine whether change can last.

The Family Strengthening Project was developed in response to this reality. Piloted on a small scale in late 2024, the project expanded in 2025 to support 20 of the most vulnerable families in the communities where we work. These are households led by single mothers or widows, or families where the mother is the main provider due to illness, disability, abandonment, or other forms of crisis.

Rather than addressing problems in isolation, the project combines initiatives from LittleBigHelp's existing programmes, including our Community Centres, Skills

Development and Youth Capacity Projects, in one coordinated approach tailored to each family's needs.

Families receive support that addresses both immediate needs and long-term stability. Food supplies, hygiene products, and health check-ups help reduce immediate financial and physical pressure, allowing parents to focus on their children's needs. Children are supported to stay in school through access to private tuition or preparatory classes at our Community Centres, while older youth are offered Computer Training and Career Counselling to strengthen future opportunities.

At the same time, we help parents strengthen their own capacity and independence. This includes counselling on positive parenting and conflict management, as well as financial guidance on opening bank accounts, budgets, savings, and accessing microloans to start income-generating activities. As many parents are illiterate or lack official identification documents, we support them in obtaining ID cards and other documents they need to access public welfare schemes such as healthcare, pensions, and subsidised food programmes. One adult from each family is also offered Vocational Training, such as tailoring or beautician skills, to strengthen the family's long-term income.

These different forms of support reinforce each other. When a mother has a steady income, she is far less likely to take her child out of school to work or support the family. This is not only better for the families, but is also the smartest use of our resources. Instead of building new structures, we use the facilities, staff, counsellors and expertise we already have, and because these families already know our Community Centres and trust our local team, they are more willing to

accept support and work to improve their future.

By working with the entire household, we aim to reduce the risks that often lead to school dropout, child labour, or early marriage. The goal is to help families become more stable and self-reliant, ensuring that children can remain in school, stay safe, and continue to develop, while parents gain the skills and resources to build a more secure future for the family.





2025 Impact Highlights

Family Strengthening Project

20 vulnerable families

enrolled in the project and got direct tailored support

91 individuals

received holistic support within their household

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The support for my children's education helped us overcome one of our biggest worries. Earlier, our house was completely broken, but now, with our savings, we were able to repair it. We hope that this rainy season, our family will finally stay safe and dry.

Manashi, 35 years old

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Center for Special Education

Since 2013 LittleBigHelp has supported the Centre for Special Education, which offers care and education for children and youth with disabilities. The project is implemented by our partner NGO, Kenduadihi Bikash Society.

People with special needs have the right to freedom from discrimination, equality, social security, human dignity and education, just like any other individual. The Centre for Special Education is a school for 205 children and youth from tribal villages near Bankura, West Bengal, who would not otherwise have access to education or crucial

therapeutic services such as physiotherapy, rehabilitation and specialised disability aids. Many of the children at the school suffer from malnutrition and lack of basic medical care. Meanwhile, the prevalence of tribal superstitions and limited awareness about the rights, needs and capabilities of people with disabilities contribute to ongoing stigma, marginalisation and exclusion within their villages.

The Centre for Special Education aims to ensure that children with disabilities gain full access to their rights through a comprehensive rehabilitation programme designed to improve their quality of life and



support their integration into society. Alongside academic learning and physical rehabilitation, the centre offers vocational training and life-skills education, encouraging each child to discover their potential and plan for a more independent and meaningful future based on their unique strengths.

Community Based Rehabilitation

The occurrence of disability in Bankura has long been high due to factors such as malnutrition, illiteracy, lack of awareness and widespread poverty. In response, we have expanded our efforts to reach more children and youth with disabilities in rural areas.

In 2025, six remote centres in nearby villages provided accessible training and learning opportunities for 200 children and their families. These centres are designed to

support those children whose parents are unable to afford or manage the long journey to specialised care institutions. For children with severe disabilities who are unable to travel to the local village centres, special educators conduct regular home visits to deliver personalised training and education.

In addition to educational support, families are guided through the process of applying for government-run support schemes that can improve their child's well-being, such as obtaining a Disability Certificate or accessing pensions. This initiative not only brings essential services closer to home but also empowers families with the tools and knowledge to advocate for their children's rights, health and inclusion in society.



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Without the support from the CBR programme, I would never have passed my board exams. They helped me get a writer for the exam, and I scored 92%, something I never thought possible. Because of my results, I was awarded a special scholarship. CBR gave me the support and confidence to believe in myself and my future.

Sahti, 18 years old and
visually impaired

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2025 Impact Highlights Center for Special Education

205 children

attended Centre for Special Education

200 children

received therapy and support at the
Community Based Rehabilitation centres

4 children

learned to independently transfer themselves
from wheelchair to chair

7 children

learned to stand without support

25 children

learned to pronounce their own name

47 children

with speech and hearing difficulties developed
communication skills

295 parents

received training and are now able to properly
care for their child at home



FUNDRAISING AND FINANCE

The older girls from our Girls' Hostel dressed in traditional saris, ready to perform and dance at LittleBigHelp's 15th anniversary celebration in Kolkata.



atmosphere of collective gratitude and a shared belief that we can create lasting change together.

A total of DKK 2,457,216 (EUR 329,385) was raised for our projects in India, for which we are deeply grateful. This reflects our highest amount raised per guest to date and was made possible through ticket sales, private donations, and the live auction. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved: from our guests and sponsors to the team working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure such a successful evening.

Membership Event

In June, we hosted a member event

in Copenhagen in collaboration with our long-term partner dbramante1928, who generously provided their beautiful venue by the lakes.

As a thank you for their continued support, the event was free for all members. During the evening, Kunal Singla shared insights into India's current situation and future outlook, giving participants a deeper understanding of the context in which we work.

We are grateful to dbramante1928 for their hospitality, to Kunal for sharing his expertise, and to all our members for their continued support.

2025 Fundraising Events

15th Anniversary Gala

Celebrating our 15th Anniversary Gala, held on 1 November 2025 at the luxury Hotel d'Angleterre in Copenhagen, provided an exquisite and memorable setting for this major milestone.

Marking our anniversary in these beautiful surroundings, a wide range of corporate sponsors generously contributed to making our most important event of the year possible. We are very thankful to the many companies, performers, and volunteers who dedicated their time and resources to this evening. Through their invaluable support and

collaborative efforts, we managed to keep event costs low, ensuring that the funds raised could be used efficiently where they are needed most.

Throughout the evening, we looked back on our journey with highlights from the past 15 years, and our Founder, Lisbeth, shared some of her most important learnings. Guests were treated to a spectacular menu curated by d'Angleterre, enjoyed beautiful musical performances, and took part in a live large-scale auction of donated luxury items and experiences. All through the night, the room was filled with a powerful



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A Big Thank You to All Donors in 2025

We are truly grateful for the generous donations and support we received throughout 2025.

These contributions, from individuals, foundations, and companies, have been vital for our work. Over the past year, our partnerships with companies and foundations have grown stronger and have made a real difference in reaching vulnerable children and families with quality support.

Every contribution matters, and we deeply appreciate the strong sense of social responsibility shown by all our donors.



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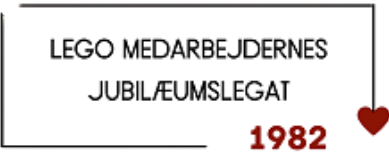
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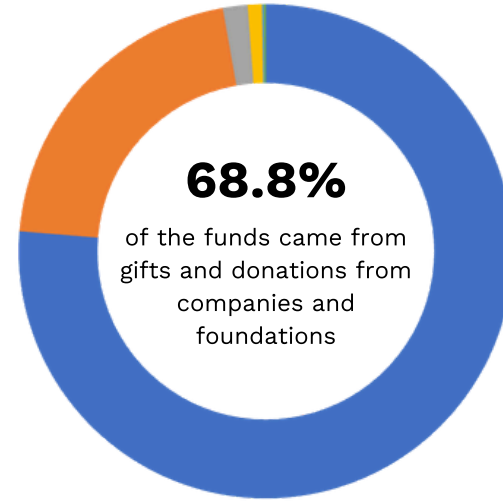
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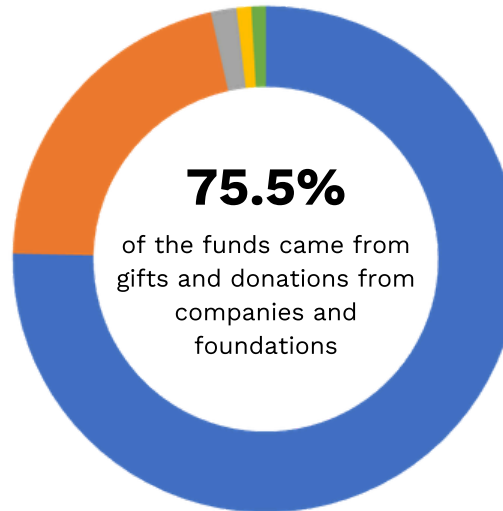


Where did the funds come from in 2025?



- Gifts and donations, companies and foundations: DKK 4,368,678 / 68.8%
- Gifts and donations, private: DKK 1,820,229 / 28.7%
- The Danish Agency for Culture: DKK 97,756 / 1.5%
- Membership fees: DKK 54,817 / 0.9%
- Other income: DKK 9,025 / 0.1 %
- Merchandise sales: DKK 0 / 0.0%

Where did the funds come from in 2024?



- Gifts and donations, companies and foundations: DKK 4,909,466 / 75.5%
- Gifts and donations, private: DKK 1,376,913 / 21.1%
- The Danish Agency for Culture: DKK 107,126 / 1.6%
- Membership fees: DKK 60,926 / 0.9%
- Other income: DKK 3 / 0.1%
- Merchandise sales: DKK 60,085 / 0.9%

Financial Overview

Budget, Income and Expenditure

We are deeply grateful for the continuous dedication of our loyal corporate partners, foundations, private donors, and new supporters. Their generosity has a direct, life-changing impact, empowering more than 3,000 children, youth, and women annually in India to build a more promising future.

This Annual Report serves as a cornerstone of our commitment to transparency, providing our stakeholders and donors with a clear view of how their contributions generate sustainable, long-term change. To maintain these high standards of financial transparency and accountability, our reporting practices strictly adhere to the professional guidelines set forth by ISOBRO (the Danish Fundraising Association), with our financial statements audited by Deloitte.

In 2025, our total fundraising efforts resulted in an income of DKK 6,350,505 (EUR 851,274). While this represents a minor decrease of 2.5% compared to 2024, it remains a highly commendable achievement in a year that was heavily marked by global uncertainty.

Our annual Gala, this year at Hotel d'Angleterre, proved to be not only our most prominent event of the year, but a major pillar of our fundraising, generating nearly 39% of our total income for 2025.

Furthermore, LittleBigHelp was fortunate to receive public funding from the Danish Agency for Culture (Udlodningsmidler) amounting to DKK 97,756 (EUR 13,104). As always, these specific funds are allocated exclusively to cover administrative expenses at our office in Denmark, thereby ensuring that the vast majority of all other financial contributions can go directly to the project implementation in India.

2025 expenditures

In 2025, a total of DKK 4,404,814 (EUR 590,458) was channelled directly to our trusted implementing partners on the ground in India: LittleBigHelp India Trust and Kenduadihi Bikash Society. This allocation reflects our enduring dedication to ensure that the majority of our financial resources are utilised directly for project implementation, maximising our impact where it matters most.

During the year, 70.43% of our total income was dedicated to our projects in India. This substantial financial commitment allows us to sustain the operation of our 25 projects, which provide vital support and empowerment to more than 3,000 children, youth, women, and men within vulnerable and marginalised communities.

The organisational structure in Denmark remained stable throughout 2025, maintaining the

team composition established in the previous year. The team consisted of a General Manager, who oversaw operations, individual fundraising, event coordination, accounting, and overall leadership; a Project Assistant, who focused on programme supervision, partner collaboration in India, grant proposals and donor reporting; and a Communications and Partnerships Manager, who managed corporate fundraising, visual storytelling, and business partner relations.

Our operations in Denmark continue to be greatly enhanced by corporate in-kind donations and the tireless efforts of volunteers, both of which are essential in keeping our operational costs low and amplifying our reach.

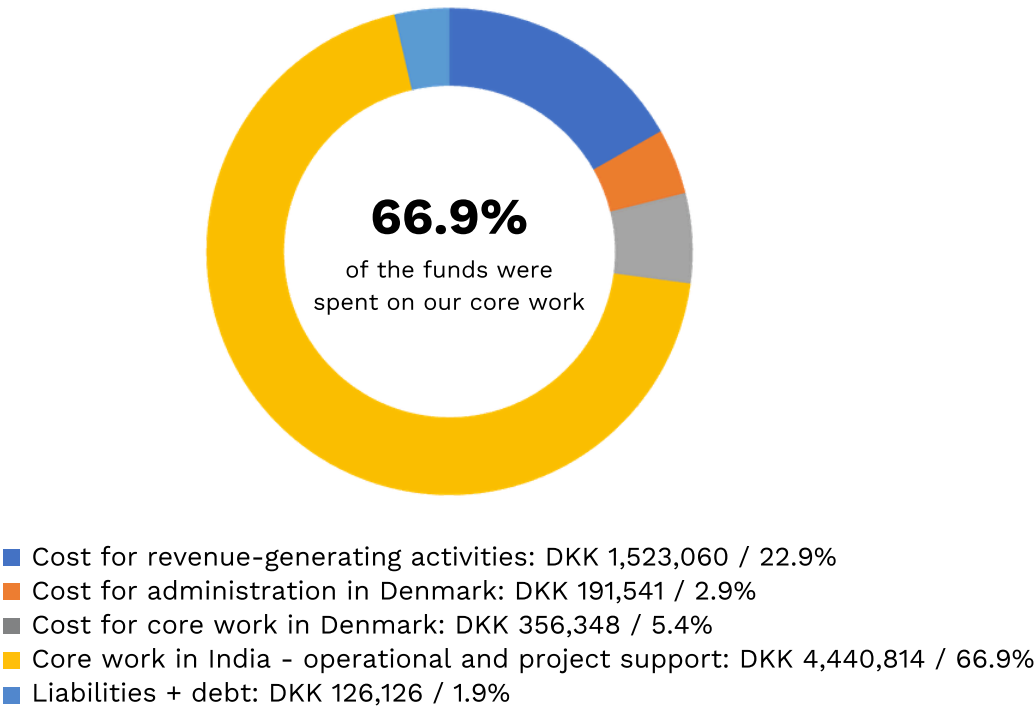
In 2025, the expenditures incurred within Denmark were divided across three primary functional areas: A total of DKK 328,046 (EUR 43,974) was dedicated to core programme support, encompassing strategic planning, project design, monitoring, and compliance in direct collaboration with our partners in India.

To secure the long-term viability of our work, DKK 769,591 (EUR 103,162) was invested in revenue-generating activities, including corporate partnership management, fundraising, and events. Finally, administrative expenses, such as IT, auditing, office maintenance, and regulatory compliance, amounted to DKK 77,269 (EUR 10,358).

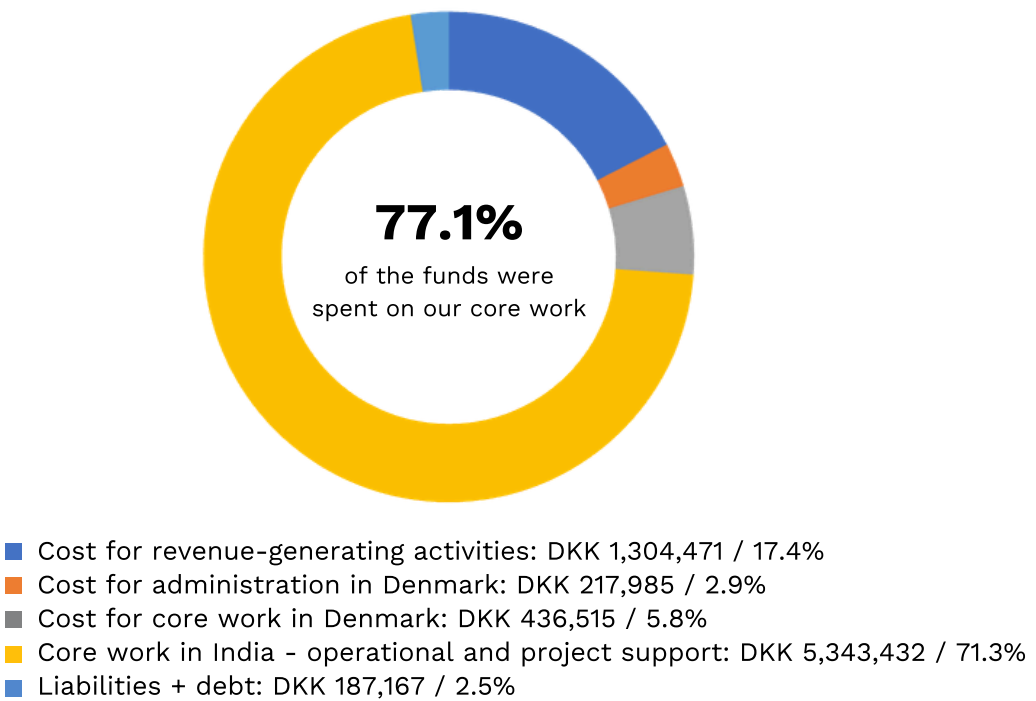
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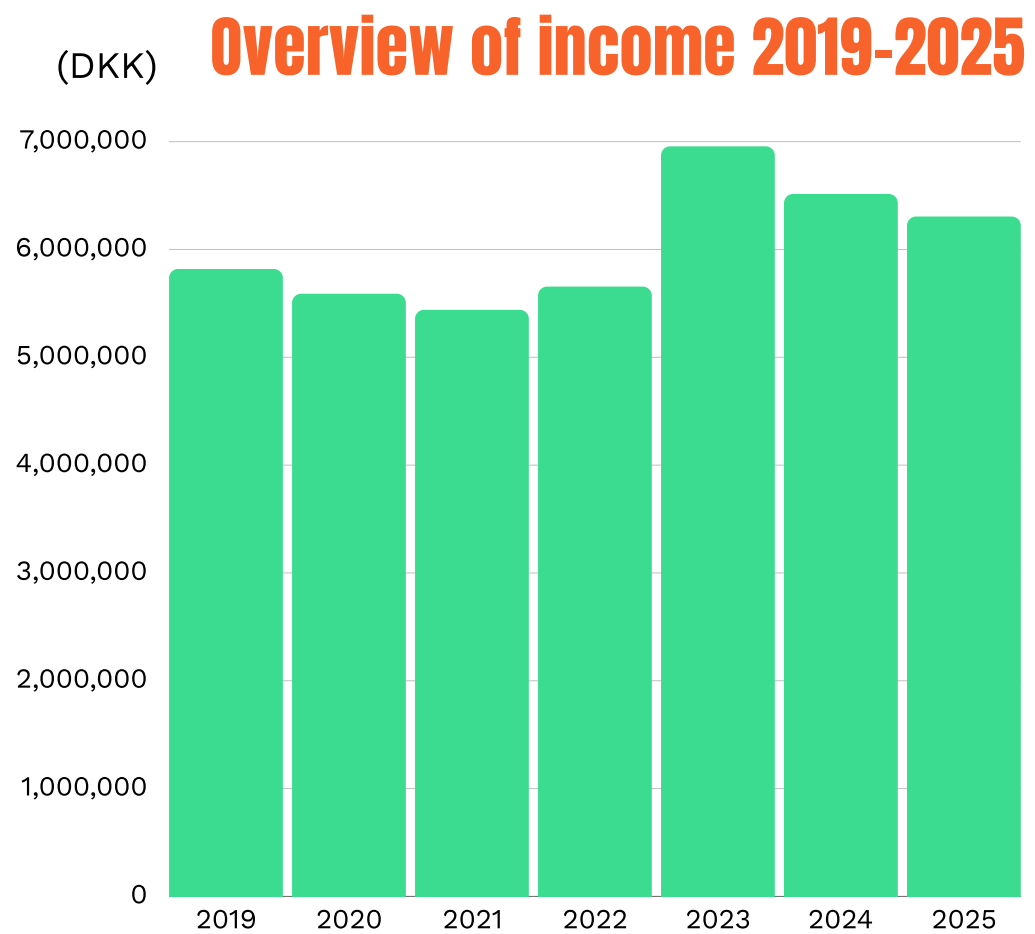
vital for fulfilling our legal obligations, maintaining strict accountability, and ensuring the high quality of our programmes in India.

How were the funds spent in 2025?



How were the funds spent in 2024?





Summarised Key Financial Figures 2025

LittleBigHelp
1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025

	'000 DKK	2025	2024
Donations			
Gifts and donations, companies and foundations		4,368	4,909
Gifts and donations, private		1,820	1,377
The Danish Agency for Culture		98	107
Membership fees		55	61
Other income		-	-
Merchandise sales		-	60
Received donations		6,341	6,514
Costs for revenue-generating activities		1,523	1,304
Costs for core work in Denmark		356	436
Costs for administration in Denmark		218	218
Other operating income		-	-
Result before interests		4,244	4,556
Interests		-	-
Net result		4,304	4,624
Result attributable to future donations		4,304	4,624

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Balance sheet 31 December 2025

Assets	2,841	3,399
Cash	617	248
Other receivables	15	18
Total Current Assets		
Total Assets	3,473	3,665
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity		
Equity		-
Retained comprehensive income		-
Equity		-
Liabilities		
Provision for future donations	3,346	3,483
Non-current liabilities	-	-
Current liabilities	126	182
Total liabilities	3,472	3,665
Total Equity and Liabilities	3,472	3,665
Indirect + Direct contributions to projects	4,441	5,343

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