Narrative/Progress Report	Name of sustainability Partner	Year
	Saffi Foundation, UK	2022-23

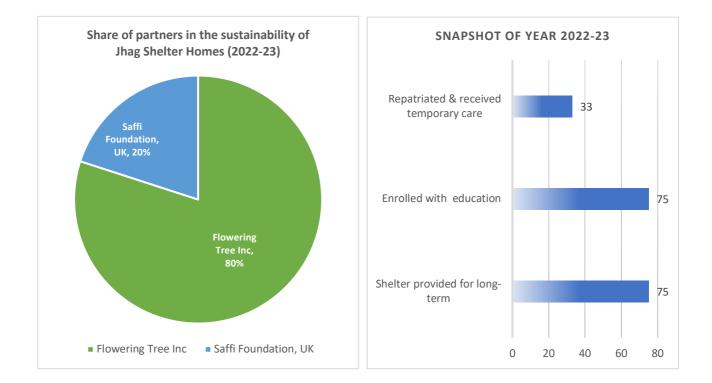
### Supplementary Support to shelter homes based in Jhag Children's Village:

Expenditure Head	Expenditure in INR
Supplementary Support to shelter homes based in Jhag Children's Village & meals program	625449.00
Support to shelter homes based in Jhag Children's Village	221587.00
Sanitary Napkins Projects for young girls	64800.00

In year 2022-23, I-India has provided residential care to a total of 75 children (boys and girls). In addition to providing care, these shelter homes also provided formal education, which ranged from preschool to high school and even college for children who reached maturity. These shelter homes have also provided temporary care to children who have been illegally trafficked from other parts of the country, as well as legal aid, health care, and repatriation. We ran two children's homes under the <u>**"Rohida Project"**</u> in collaboration with Flowering Tree Inc. and Saffi Foundation UK has provided much needed supplementary support to residential care program.

### Nature of Support provided by Saffi Foundation for shelter programs:

- Support for grocery, raw food material, cooking fuel, milk and vegetables for the daily meals of residential children of shelter program
- Clothing, celebration of festivals and items like bedsheets etc.
- Sanitary napkins for young girls living at shelter home and village surroundings.



### Other key updates from shelter homes (2022-23):

- Girls team of football from shelter home has won the district level tournament.
- Two young adults (18+) from Jhag shelter homes have joined Hotel Management courses as a part of aftercare program.
- All residential children (except 1 girl) successfully passed state level board examination of standard 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th.</sup>
- 5 boys and girls have joined state level RSCIT computer education course and successfully received government accredited certificates.
- 100% residents of shelter homes along with staff/care givers get vaccinated for Covid-19.
- 13 important medical/referral interventions being conducted during the year from shelter homes.
- 620 medical screening/check-ups conducted during the year for the shelter children through in-house medical centre at Jhag.
- As a part of legal literacy and financial education 98% children secured legal entitlements (Aadhar card) and 90% operating their bank accounts in nationalized banks.

# Support and strengthening of staff/Childline Outreach project, teachers, care givers:

Expenditure Head	Expenditure in INR
Support and Strengthening of staff/Childline Outreach project, teachers, care givers	615500.00

### Support to Childline outreach workers/care-givers:

I-India has been operating Child helpline (tollfree no. 1098) since year 1999. It's one of the first 24-hour national helpline for children who needs to be safeguarded. *During the year 2022-23, our team handled 1241 cases through this service and provided immediate care to children and support to concerned citizens who are victims of or witnesses to abuse. Out of the 1241 cases of interventions, 907 cases were directly related to shelter care/homelessness, medical assistance, protection from abuse, missing children, child labour rescue, illegal trafficking, and sponsorships.* 

This entire work and series of interventions being done by our Childline team, which is working round o'clock in the interest of Child Care and Protection. However, low salaries and lack of securities such as: medical insurance etc. to Childline workers continues to be an issue even though they take so much risk of intervention and challenges of outreach day and night. We are pleased to report that with the support of Saffi Foundation, UK, we could rectify this issue to an extend and provided additional support to our Childline team by providing monthly incentives and medical security during the year 2022-23.

# Support to Teachers & operational staff:

As agreed earlier, some part of Saffi Foundation's funding has also been utilized towards recruiting additional teachers working with our projects and of course aiding tier-3 staff in view of unanticipated emergencies faced by them.

<u>Support to Jhag Youth and Women Group, an important arm for the overall functioning of</u> <u>Jhag Children's village:</u>

Expenditure Head	Expenditure in INR
Support to Jhag Children's Village running cost	534900.00

Our Jhag Children's village is spread over 5 bigha of land and currently having two shelter homes, a health centre, vocational training complex, a higher secondary school, kitchen garden and other important facilities. For the overall functioning of this campus, we have a staff at different projects, and they are doing their respective jobs with utmost sincerity and commitment. However, there is a huge responsibility on organization (NGO) to run all the projects and Child Rights related services without any gap, 24x7. Further, there is also a sustained need of maintaining low-cost nature of projects, encouraging self-dependency within organization and maintaining the overall operational environment up to a standard, where we can't compromise with hygiene, sanitation, wellbeing and safety of children.

In last one decade, youth & women group in Jhag Children's village has emerged as an important pillar for the overall project and provided their services in undertaking important tasks related to cleaning the overall campus, maintaining project buildings, plantation, serving meals to school children, taking care of cattle, working as a guard in shelter homes, working as attendants on school buses to collect students from villages, growing vegetables at kitchen garden, producing sanitary napkins (in-house) and stitching uniforms for school children in cost effective way.

Unfortunately, most of the project sustainability partners at Jhag Children's village overlooked the role and importance of this group and since past many years their sustainable livelihood (very basic) has been managed either with the sales proceeds of inhouse produced handicrafts or by some unrestricted individual donations. *We are pleased to report that with the support of Saffi Foundation, UK, we have provided monthly remunerations to this group during the year 2022-23.* 

### Achievements of youth and women group pertaining to Jhag Children's village project:

- The group has produced school uniforms (in-house) for over 1500 students studying at four different schools run by I-India. Through their participation in stitching process, students received good quality uniforms timely in cost effective way.
- The group has also produced sanitary napkins for over 350 young girls living in shelter homes and attending school project from village surroundings.
- A big quantity of fresh vegetables grown in the campus by this group and same has been utilized in shelter and school kitchens.
- The group has also contributed to roll out the smooth and safe transport facility for children joining daily school from 16 different locations. About 4 members from this group have joined as bus attendants in morning and evening.
- The group members have also cooked daily meals for over 250 children at Jhag Children's village throughout the year. Further, they also worked as relief staff in shelter homes during the festivals and absence of regular staff.