



Happiness on thousands of faces!

Congratulations to volunteers and donors of Seva Sahayog's School kits!



Dear friends, colleagues, well-wishers, volunteers,

The tremendous toil and enormous energy that we put in the School-kit Donation Drive has paid off. We have successfully delivered over three thousand school-kits to needy children across Pune city and rural areas of Maharashtra.

Here is a brief report ☺

Companies participated: 15

BMC, Cybage, Eaton, Incotech, Infosys, KPIT Cummins, NIC, SAS, Sasken, Sungard, Sutra, Symantec, TechMahindra, US Jade Software, and Yardi participated in this drive. (Some apartment complexes in Pune and a huge number of individual donors too made cognizable contributions.)

The posters provided by Seva Sahayog were put up by the volunteers in these companies and they collected the funds from their colleagues and friends. The response was beyond speculation of the core team of Seva Sahayog and soon we had to face severe shortage of posters and receipts!



The Two Sundays of Packing and Distribution:

**55
volunteers
Vs. 3000 kits**
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Seva Sahayog appealed to employees of all these companies as well as youth in Pune city and a good number of volunteers (15 on the 15th and 40 on the 22nd) turned up to do the packing and delivery of school-kits. The gigantic tasks of picking the right material for right bags (different

for primary school-kids and for high school kids) took many assembly lines of the volunteers.



Some Seva Sahayog volunteers came with their children. Entire family got the first-hand joy of Seva!



It took about six hours to pack the kits on the second Sunday and not a single minute could be wasted (except of course the tea and a quick lunch!)



Getting full satisfaction!

SS volunteers offered their cars and drove the kits and

volunteers to various locations in Pune and around to deliver the school-kits. Except the 500-odd kits that went to 'Surajya' in a tempo, every kit was transported by the volunteers. Many volunteers, who visited the slums for the first time, were moved by the circumstances and challenges that the children faced in their studies and in their overall development.





Here is a brief information about the recipients of the kits

No.	Information of recipients	Kits
1.	Chaitanya Mahila Mandal runs night-shelter and informal school for children of Sex Workers in Budhwar Peth. Children get a safer and healthier environment at this shelter, while their mothers are busy.	25
2.	Bharatiya Stree Shakti Jagran is an all-women organization running Self-Help Groups in economically weaker sections of Pune city. The kits are going to children of women participating in these groups.	65
3.	Swaroop Wardhinee is a very well-known organization in Pune, which aims at identifying 'talent' in the slums and grooming the talent by enhancing physical, academic, and character-building inputs.	200
4.	Bhatke Vimukta Vikas Pratishthan is working for development of Nomadic and Denotified (declared criminal during British rule) tribes. These tribes do not have any land or home for generations. They often face police harassment for suspicion of thefts. No address, no ration card, no voting rights – rather no recognition of existence; this is their plight. This organization runs a residential school for children of these tribes.	250
5.	Astitva Pratishthan runs schools for children of Sugarcane harvesting labour. Thousands of families migrate from Marathwada to harvest the cane. Children drop out of school every year for this migration of 5-6 months. This org runs bridge-schools at the harvesting site, known as sakhar-shala (sugar school). Kits are sent to the residential school recently started by this org.	35
6.	Samrasta Punarutthan Gurukulam run by famous social worker and Marathi writer Girish Prabhune works for the development of nomadic tribes, especially the Pardhi tribe. Kits are sent to the residential school of Pardhi children.	125
7.	Mata Balak Utkarsh Pratishthan runs a formal school in the drought-prone Sangola Taluka of Solapur district. Kits are sent to the needy children identified by the teachers.	30
8.	Surajya Prakalp runs education support centres, study-rooms (Abhyasika), women's SHGs, and many other activities in eight slums in and around Yerawda. Children in the Abhyasika have received the kits.	833
9.	JiJai Shikan Mandir is a school in Jahangir Nagar area of Pune located	225

	in an economically weaker settlement. All the children in this school have received kits.	
10.	Nalini Bal Sadan (Vishwa Institute of Social & Welfare	10
11.	Meghalaya Hostel run by Vikas Sadhak Vahini is a free hostel for girls from Northeastern states. The girls are selected by organizations in the northeast and are provided enabling environment free of terrorism and insurgency.	5
12.	Nihar is an NGO in Hadapsar running education activities for slum children.	54
13.	Ankur Vidya Mandir is a unique school where mentally challenged, physically challenged, and 'normal' children learn together. The school believes that the mentally-challenged are better empowered in this system. The school has recently taken up co-education of the economically-challenged and the economically-better children.	50
14.	Agarkar school is a formal school run by New Education Society. The teachers identified needy students (Girls on priority) as recipients of the kits.	100
15.	Maharashtra Education Society (MES) runs many colleges and schools in various parts of Maharashtra. Schools in Panvel-Kalamboli region have a majority of students coming from the labour class. These children – as identified by the teachers – are receiving the kits.	1000

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Open Invitation for you, your friends, and family

Seva Sahayog & Maharashtra Education Society cordially invites you to the conclusion ceremony of School-kit donation drive.

Date: Saturday 28th June 2008

Venue: Saraswati Bhavan hall, Paud Road (near MIT bus stop, above Bank of Baroda)

Time: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Be there to celebrate!