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Needless to say, our planned visit to India in March was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Likewise, all on-going construction projects were put on hold for 2-3 months but during this time assistance was provided to many people left without any income as a result of Lockdown in Rajasthan. More recently, Lockdown measures in India have eased allowing classroom projects to continue.

BAL BASERA AND BACHPAN HIV CARE HOME, JODHPUR

Saffi has continued to provide monthly assistance to the Girls Wing. At the onset of Covid 19 2 further buildings were rented to fulfil social distancing rules, each filled with plenty of activity items. All the staff must live in, and a new yoga teacher was appointed to increase the children's immune system.

Unfortunately, construction work on the new home has been severely hampered.

I-INDIA

I-India launched a Covid 19 campaign in April to which Saffi donated \$10,000 which was utilised in the funding to provide dry ration kits and protective masks to those people who had lost their employment and income, and to enable the i-India women's self-help group to make PPE kits for front-line workers.

In July construction re-commenced on the new classroom project which was part-funded by Saffi at the end of last year.

Distribution of dry ration kits by i-India:



ROUND TABLE INDIA- COVID 19

In March, Round Table India Kitchen was launched: an initiative aimed to cook and distribute meals to the homeless and families of labourers who had lost their income due to Lockdown across 17 cities of India. Saffi donated \$3,000 to this worthy cause.



ROUND TABLE INDIA- FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

Despite Lockdown preventing construction works for many weeks, projects started last year reached completion earlier this year with only a slight delay, and several new projects have recently been launched.

BIKANER – the Sujandesar school 2 new classrooms were completed in February 2020.

JAIPUR – Projects completed include Beria (see photo below) in January, Mahatma Gandhi in March, Hira ka Baas in May, and Gokul Pura in June.

GOVT. UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL BERIA-HARNATHPURA
RENOVATION OF OLD CLASSROOMS



New projects proposed and accepted by Saffi to date this year by assessment of presentations put forward by email as we are of course unable to visit in person include:

Badharna Phase II : January : a further 4 new classrooms, Saffi funding £13,500.
Inaugurated in May 2020.

Matatma Gandhi Phase II : March : a further 4 new classrooms, Saffi funding £11,630. Inauguration June 2020.

Charan Nadi :June: 6 new classrooms and repair of 5 old ones, Saffi funding £20,000.

Akhepura : July : 4 new classrooms, Saffi funding £10,240.

Meenawala: July : 4 new classrooms, Saffi funding £8,500.

JODHPUR – The Sardarpura school project was completed in March and the Pali school project (see photos below) was completed in July.



JODHPUR contd.

This month we have received and approved a proposal to assist the funding to build 3 new classrooms and a new play area at Luniawas school located in an area of migrant labourers from Pakistan. There are 600 existing students with only 8 classrooms resulting in 150-180 students having to study outside. The total cost is approx. £20,000 and Saffi have agreed to fund just over £7,000.

The remaining funds are derived from The Round Table.

KOTA - we were due to visit The Round Table chapter in this town in Rajasthan for the first time on our March visit to see their proposal at Subhash Nagar school. As we were prevented from doing so, we agreed to support the project and submitted £6,357 in March to assist the construction of 3 new classrooms.

This project was inaugurated in August 2020.



This month Saffi have approved a second project at Kunhadi school which has 342 students and only 2 classrooms. The proposal is to build 4 new classrooms and Saffi have agreed to contribute approx. £7,000.

UDAIPUR

Completion of the Bedla school project took place in March, and the Shobagpura school project (see photo below) in July.



FUNDING

In May Hurlingham Estates Ltd donated £50,000 and in August Townhead Investments Ltd donated £25,000.

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