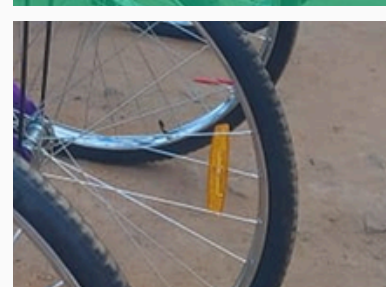
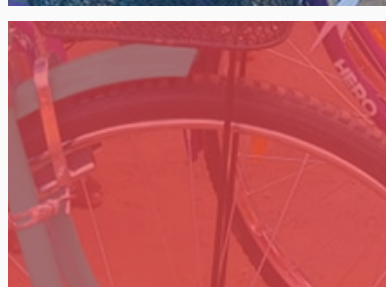
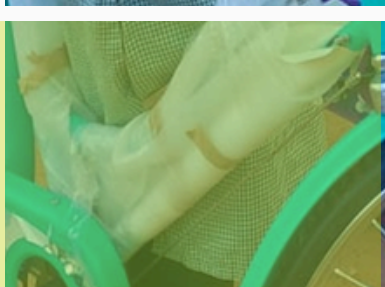
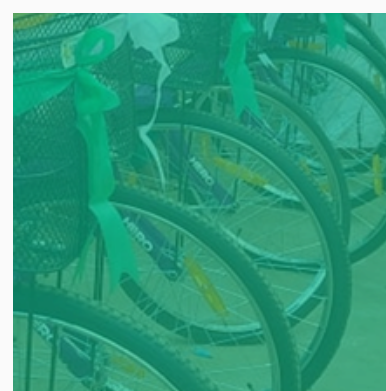
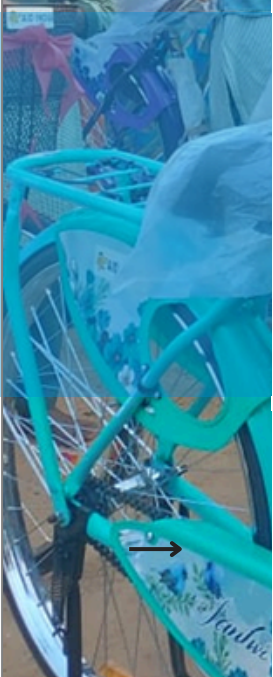


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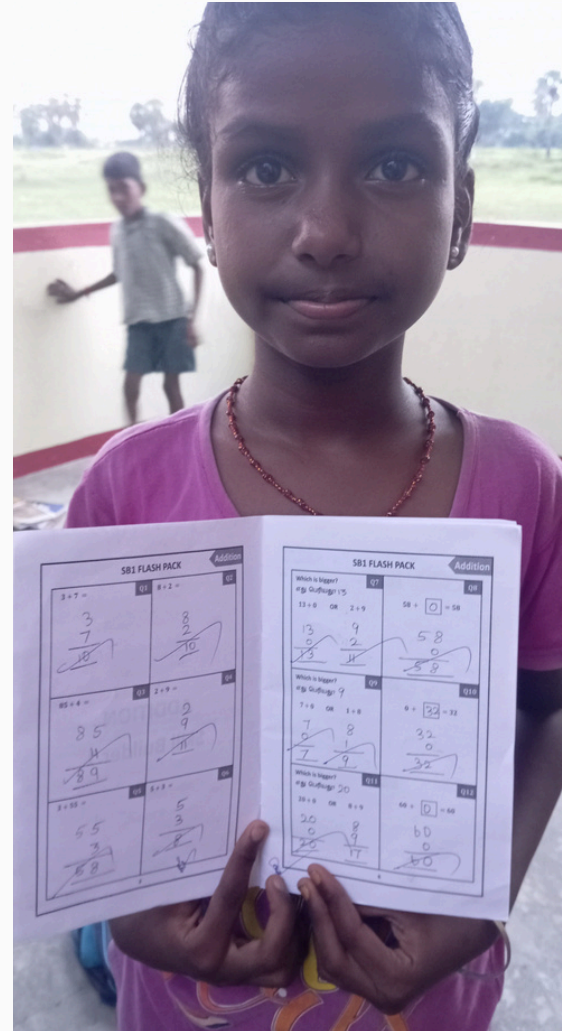
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About AID INDIA

Founded in 1996 by alumni from BITS and IIT, AID INDIA is a non-profit organization working to improve the lives of underprivileged communities across India. Its mission is to promote equitable growth through a wide range of development programs.

AID INDIA focuses on key areas such as education, livelihood, housing, and rights advocacy. It improves access to quality education by setting up schools, providing learning resources, and offering scholarships.

AID INDIA helps people learn skills and start small businesses to earn a steady income. It builds affordable homes and improves living spaces for slum dwellers and the homeless. The team stands up for marginalized groups, provides help during disasters, and supports rebuilding efforts to create a fair and self-reliant society. Through its holistic and community-based approach, AID INDIA works to build a just, inclusive, and self-reliant society.



Our Reach

235
villages

16
initiatives

876
Homes constructed

Rs. 445 lakhs
of Govt. benefits ensured for 3,829 families

1000
girls playing sports daily

14,988
children attending daily classes

549
cycles given to school
girls

24,967
trees planted and cared for

5,000
families growing Kitchen
Gardens

430
scholarships across
Tamilnadu and Karnataka



Year Overview

The year 2024-25 reflects sustained and consistent efforts across AID INDIA's villages, with programs implemented through a deeply community-driven approach. The work throughout the year focused on continuous engagement, ensuring that children, families, and communities experienced steady progress across education, health, nutrition, housing, and access to rights.

The Eureka Focus Village model continued to guide this work, addressing multiple issues simultaneously. Across villages, the emphasis remained on building strong foundations, enabling access, and fostering long-term self-reliance, supported by a committed network of local tutors and volunteers.



Eureka Evening Classes


235 Villages

7295 Children

Eureka Evening Classes aim to ensure children achieve foundational literacy and numeracy while remaining engaged in school.

The program focused on bringing children back into learning spaces and ensuring regular attendance in evening learning centers. Teaching was structured using level-based grouping, allowing children to learn according to their ability. Sessions focused on strengthening reading, writing, and arithmetic through activity-based methods. Regular assessments, reading practice sessions, and math exercises were conducted to monitor and support progress. This year, our students progressed in reading ability, arithmetic skills, participation, and confidence.



Eureka Evening Classes

Tutors attend monthly training to improve their teaching. They use a special tool called the skill chart to track each child's progress every month. This year, villages have been grouped into Level 1 and Level 2 after assessments in Tamil and Math. Level 1 students work on basic skills, while Level 2 students tackle advanced lessons.

Enrolment rallies were conducted across villages where existing Eureka students walked with banners throughout the village encouraging parents to enrol students in morning and evening classes. After enrolment, pre-evaluations were conducted to check the current skill levels of students in all subjects, enabling effective lesson planning.



Eureka Reading and Library Classes



136 Villages



3170 Children

The Eureka Reading and Library program helps school-going children develop a regular reading habit. Every morning before school, children gather for one hour to attend reading sessions. They start by practicing letter sounds and word pronunciation in Tamil. Once they are comfortable, they move on to reading sentences and short paragraphs using story cards and graded reading materials.

These sessions help children improve their reading fluency and comprehension. Children also become more confident in reading aloud. The library allows children to borrow books and take them home to read. This helps create a reading habit and encourages children to enjoy reading in their daily lives.



Eureka Reading and Library Classes

Children begin their day with Tamil lessons, and they are highly motivated to carry that energy forward. The Tamil reading practice make learning engaging and enjoyable, helping students improve their vocabulary, pronunciation, and overall comprehension.

The morning classes have made a significant difference, strengthening their foundational skills and creating a positive learning routine.



Eureka Kindergarten Classes



91 Villages



1740 Children

The Eureka Kindergarten program prepares children from ages 3 to 6 for formal schooling by building foundational cognitive, language, and motor skills.

Sessions for younger children focused on introducing basic literacy and numeracy through play-based methods. Activities such as storytelling, rhymes, drawing, and games were used to develop language skills, coordination, and social interaction.

This year children were gradually familiarized with structured learning environments, helping them adapt more easily when they entered school. The program also supported the development of confidence and communication skills among the children.



Eureka Kindergarten Classes

In our Kindergarten program, the focus is on learning through fun and engaging activities using colorful and attractive learning materials. At this age, children learn best through play, stories, rhymes, and drawing rather than formal teaching.

These activities help develop their language, motor skills, and social interaction. Learning in a joyful and activity-based environment helps children become more confident, curious, and better prepared for school.



Eureka Kindergarten Classes

At the end of the year, a Graduation Day event was conducted for the kindergarten children to celebrate their learning and growth. The children dressed in graduation robes and caps and participated in the celebration with great excitement. They received certificates and were appreciated for their progress during the year.

Parents were also invited to attend the event, which made it a proud and memorable moment for the families. The event helped parents see their children's progress and understand the importance of early childhood education. It was a joyful celebration for the children, parents, and teachers, and it encouraged children to start school with confidence.



Eureka High School Support Classes



22 Villages



320 Children

As students go into higher classes, subjects become tough. In most cases, due to lack of proper support and guidance, these kids eventually drop out from school. To help them stay in school and understand concepts better, the Eureka High School Support classes were introduced.

Here students from classes 9th to 12th are guided with the help of expert teachers. These classes are conducted both online and in-person at the villages.



Eureka Science and Tinkering Classes



65 Villages



690 Children

Eureka Science and Tinkering classes help children explore and experiment with things they see in daily life. Students from classes 5 to 8 take part in these sessions. Each village has its own kit, and children learn by doing, with help from an expert teacher.

Last year, students learned about mobile repair, plumbing, and basic house electrical connections. This year, they are learning to make their own power banks using simple, easily available materials and circuit diagrams. These fun and practical classes are held every Saturday and help children understand how things work around them.



Eureka Kitchen Garden


100 Villages

5000 Families

Seeds and seedlings of vegetables like tomato, brinjal, gourds, chillies, and leafy greens were distributed to families. The families planted these in their backyards and are now able to grow their own organic vegetables at home. They were also guided on how to take care of the plants and maintain the garden regularly.

Having a small kitchen garden helps families eat fresh and healthy food regularly. It also helps them save money, as they do not have to buy vegetables from the market often. Growing their own food makes families more self-reliant and also helps children understand the value of farming, nutrition, and healthy eating habits from a young age.



Eureka Tree Club

 **66 Villages**

 **24967 Trees Planted**

The Eureka Tree Club is run by the Eureka students in our villages. The children plant and adopt trees, taking care of them as they grow. They use shade cloths to protect the young plants from the sun and fix name boards on each tree to show who planted it.

This gives the children a strong sense of pride and ownership. Through the Tree Club, the students become young caretakers of nature and help make their village greener.



Education Technology Program

 **3057 Children**

The Education Technology Program brings interactive learning to schools through the use of projectors, tablets, and expert math videos. Conducted for students from Classes 3 to 8, this program makes math fun and easy to understand. At the start of each year, we take permission from school authorities and hold these sessions during school hours.

Students watch concept videos, practice on worksheets, and solve problems using tablets. This blend of visual learning and hands-on practice helps children grasp difficult concepts better.



Eureka Schools

 **2 Schools**

 **520 Children**

Two Eureka Schools are run for students upto class 5. These schools focus on conceptual clarity rather than rote learning. Teaching is done through activity-based methods that help children understand concepts in a simple and practical way. The aim is to make learning enjoyable and meaningful, so that children understand what they learn and not just memorize lessons.

Various activities are planned throughout the year to support this approach. These include game sessions, spoken English classes, math quizzes, and other learning activities that make children think and participate actively. These activities help improve children’s understanding, confidence, communication skills, and interest in learning.



Eureka Sports for Girls



75 Villages



1000 Girls

In many of our villages, it is still considered a taboo for girls to pursue sports. Even if they are interested, they often do not get the opportunity or encouragement to learn. The Eureka Sports for Girls program provides a platform for girls to learn and participate in various sports such as volleyball, athletics, shot put, silambam, and discus throw. Regular practice sessions were conducted to help girls build strength, confidence, and teamwork



Eureka Sports for Girls

Block-level competitions were also organized to encourage and motivate the children. Villages from each block participated and competed with each other in different sports events. Both winners and participants were recognized and given awards, which helped boost their confidence and morale.

The program has helped many girls step forward, participate actively, and gain confidence through sports.



You Go Girl! Cycles Distribution

 **549 Cycles**

Many tribal girls drop out of school because they have to walk a long distance to reach school, and it is not safe. Often, they have to complete household chores before leaving, making them late to school. The gift of a cycle gives these girls the freedom to chase their dreams. They are now able to travel safely and independently, and attend school regularly.

This program was kicked off on Independence Day 2024.



Eureka Scholarships

 **430 Scholars**

AID INDIA has provided scholarships to help students from poor families get into college and complete their education. These Eureka Scholarships have helped 430 children from our villages to pursue college and achieve their dreams. The scholarship program helped students continue their education by supporting expenses such as fees, books, and transportation.



Rights and Entitlements Initiative



41 Villages



3839 Families

Tribal communities find it difficult to access their rights and government schemes. This program helps them with the application process.

Every month, project coordinators visit various villages to ensure that all people have access to government schemes and provisions. To enrol in the schemes, people need documents like Aadhaar Card, Ration Card, Bank Passbook etc.

Right until the families have the documents in their hands, our team follows up at each and every step.



Village Committee

Every Eureka Focus Village is led by a village committee. The committee meets regularly to discuss the problems in the village and find possible solutions together. They discuss issues related to education, health, government documents, housing, and other village needs.

The village committee helps bring the entire community together and encourages people to take responsibility for the development of their village. It also helps identify families who need support and ensures that the programs reach the right people. Through the committee, community members slowly become leaders of change in their own village.



Eureka Homes



867 Homes



133 Huts

110 Homes Underconstruction

The Eureka Homes program supports homeless and vulnerable families, especially tribal families, single women with children, and elderly or disabled people living alone, who are living in unsafe and temporary shelters. Through this program, safe and permanent pucca houses are constructed, which greatly improve the safety, dignity, and living conditions of these families.

The construction process involves the local community, where skilled local workers are identified and family members also contribute their labour, especially during foundation work. This ensures that the house is built with a sense of ownership and involvement from the family, making it not just a house, but a secure home for their future.



Eureka Education Centers

Eureka Centers provide a comfortable space for children to learn in the mornings and evenings. These centers have a computer room for children to learn from online classes and digital apps. Eureka Centers also double up as community centers for health camps, training sessions and distribution of relief materials.

Ten *pucca* centers and 35 hut centers have been constructed between 2024-15 across our villages after getting the approval from the local government.



Irumbedu's Transformation Story



Manja Board, a dumpyard near Chennai, was home to 21 Irular families living in very difficult conditions amidst garbage. AID INDIA identified these families and supported them in obtaining basic documents and accessing government entitlements. In 2023, land was allocated to them in Irumbedu. The land was cleared and huts were constructed for all the families. Borewells, water tanks, and solar lights were installed, food provisions were provided, and a canal was built to prevent waterlogging. Kitchen gardens were also started.

By the end of 2023, concrete houses for eight families were under construction. Seeing the impact, the Rotary Club of Madras supported the construction of more houses. During 2024–25, 25 pucca houses were constructed.

In the coming year, we plan to build pucca houses for the remaining families and continue supporting the community.

Erpakkam's Transformation Story



Until 2024, sixteen families were living in Kolathur, where they had stayed for nearly 35 years. They lived in small huts near a lake, and whenever it rained, the water would overflow into their homes, making life very difficult. In 2022, they received patta land in Erpakkam, Tiruvannamalai, but they did not have the money or resources to move and build houses there.

In 2024, after learning about AID INDIA's work in nearby villages, the families approached us for support to relocate to Erpakkam. Sixteen huts were constructed, water tanks were installed, trees were planted, and solar streetlights and lamps were provided. An Eureka Learning Center was set up in the village.

We also started the education, livelihood and kitchen garden programs.

In the next year, we plan to support the families in building permanent pucca houses in Erpakkam, helping them move towards a safer and more secure future.

Pakkupettai's Transformation Story



For two decades, 19 Irular families lived in tiny huts in Pakkupettai, working as daily wage agricultural labourers and scrap collectors. They had no land titles and faced severe discrimination, and were not allowed to use the local temple or the common cremation ground. Every monsoon, their huts would flood and they would be moved to relief camps.

In 2024, we supported the families in claiming their patta rights from the government. The low-lying land was raised and pucca houses were built for the families. Solar street lights were installed, a community kitchen garden was started, and evening classes and kindergarten classes were started for the children.

Chinnaponnu paati's gift for Pakkupettai

In a moving gesture, Chinnaponnu of Pakkupettai donated her patta land to construct a learning centre for the children of her village. She chose to move in with her grandson's family in his Eureka home so that her land could be used for the benefit of all the village children. This generous decision will have a lasting impact on the village. The learning centre that will be built on this land will provide a safe and secure space for children to learn, study, and grow. For many children who do not have a proper place to study at home, this centre will become a place of opportunity, support, and hope for a better future.



Deepika: A Budding Sportswoman



Deepika is studying in 8th standard and is an active student at the Eureka Classes and the Sports for Girls sessions. Recently she participated in the Zonal level competitions.

She won the gold medal in shotput and hurdle race and received a silver medal for running race (100 m). She is very athletic and is a role model for the other girls coming to the sports for girls classes.

‘I am very grateful to Vigneshwari akka for training me in various games every Saturday. I always liked playing sports. The Sports for Girls program has helped me turn that hobby into my passion! I hope to win many more medals and trophies in the future!’ says Deepika.

Amarapuram's Education Center is Ready!



In Amarapuram, Eureka classes were earlier conducted in an open space in front of the village temple, and sometimes in front of the teacher's house. While this worked on some days, it became very difficult to conduct classes during the rainy season, and the children often did not have a proper place to learn.

Our team approached the Panchayat and received permission to construct a Eureka Learning Centre in the village. Today, the centre provides a dedicated space where children come to learn every day. The rooms are neat and organised, with shelves to store learning materials, creating a quiet and peaceful environment for children to study, learn, and grow.



A Smoother Ride to School



Sarinashree and Abhinaya study at the Kalappur Middle School, which is about 4 km from their village. The bus comes only at fixed times, so it becomes difficult for them to travel to and from school every day. On days when they have extra classes, they often have no choice but to wait for a lift or walk all the way home.

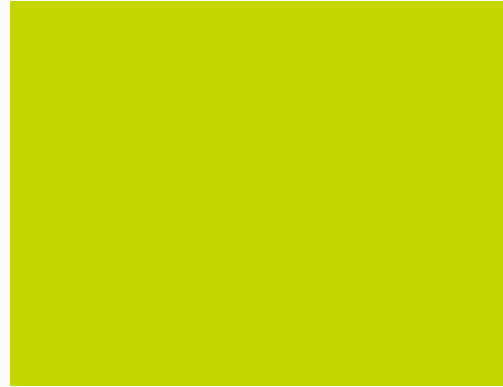
Through the Cycles for Girls program, they received bicycles to make their daily travel easier. With these cycles, they can now reach school and return home on time and focus better on their studies.

Kondam's Aspiring Nurses




Pooja, Hema, and Supriya are from the Narikuravar community in Kondam village. Their parents earn a living by selling small fancy items such as hair clips and bangles in crowded places like bus depots and temple areas. Due to difficult financial conditions, Pooja could not continue her studies after completing Class 12, and Hema and Supriya had to drop out of school as their families could not afford their education.

AID INDIA identified these girls and encouraged them to continue their education. Today, all three are enrolled in a diploma nursing course at Kalam College. Along with the nursing course, Hema and Supriya are also preparing to complete their Class 10 exams. AID INDIA is helping them with scholarship support and also helping Hema and Supriya with special classes for class 10 exams. They are performing well in college and will soon begin their hospital training. They are an inspiration to the entire village!




Thank You

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