

Mid-year Update 2022-23

Angel Xpress Foundation



Agenda



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Return to our
gardens



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Founder's Note

The light at the end of the tunnel was shining bright as we closed for our summer break in April 2022. We began the new academic year - as if emerging from a long, dark night into the bright sunlit glory of our gardens. While the pandemic years were a test of our resilience, the return to offline classes in our beloved gardens has really brought renewed energy and vigour into the efforts of our volunteers, the enthusiasm of our students and the momentum of our programs. We are pleased to present the highlights of our activities so far in this academic year.

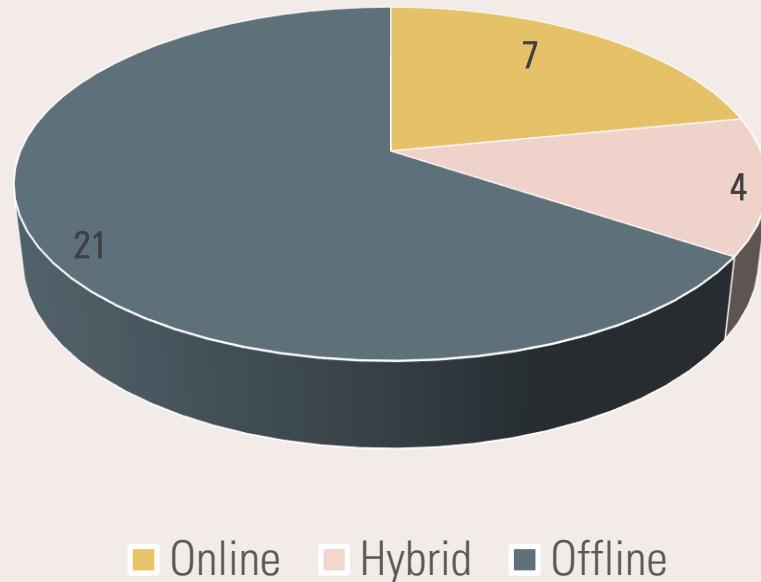


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Free Learning Centres

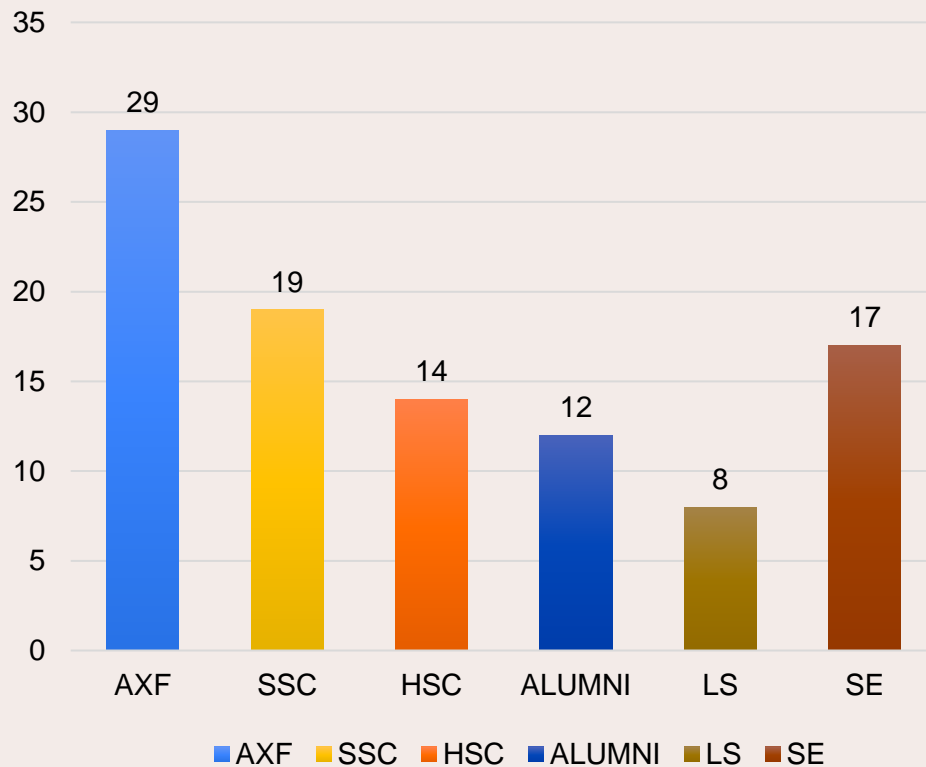
Free Learning Centres (Total 32)



- 32 free learning centres across Mumbai, Thane and Pune as well as new digital centres (including some overseas volunteers)
- 65% of our centres are now offering in-person learning in public gardens
- Digital centres are pan-india and will continue to operate in an online learning mode
- A handful of centres are operating in a hybrid mode due to changes in school timings and local volunteer availability in this academic year, posing scheduling challenges. However, most of these are expected to transition back to in-person learning by the next academic year.

Our programs

Number of FLCs offering various programs



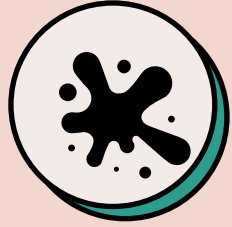
- The flagship program offered across most of our centres is the AXF curriculum program, comprising
 - English language skills (twice a week)
 - Mathematical/logical reasoning skills (twice a week)
- Over the past few years we have enhanced our SSC and HSC curriculum program, which is largely being offered in an online mode by many of our centres
- Last year, we introduced an Alumni program which ensures that our students will continue to be mentored as they pursue higher education and aspire to seek gainful employment
- We are introducing a unique Lifeskills program this year in collaboration with Dream a Dream (once a week), which will be taken up by our centres as volunteers receive training on a gradual basis
- Our Spoken English (SE) program was introduced during the pandemic years in an online and one-on-one format.

Why is it wonderful to be back in our gardens?



Quality learning

Opportunities to observe and learn as a group are enjoyable and enriching



Art, yoga, music and dance!

These activities and classes aid the holistic development of our students



Excursions and field trips

Educational and fun outings provide opportunities for learning and bonding



Good health and well-being

Workshops and camps that enhance physical and mental well-being



Sustainable community involvement

Increased visibility draws community and local government resources together

Glimpses from our gardens



International Yoga Day celebration



Kathak demo by NCPA on Children's Day



World Environment Day plant saplings at CPRA



Workshop on Menstrual Health and Hygiene



Strip garden renovated by local corporator



'Good touch, bad touch' talk by Purple Ribbon



Educational, enriching visit to the museum



Diwali celebrations return to our centres

Our high
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Scholarships 2022

Kotak
#LivetheirDream

Comprehensive scholarships
awarded to 35 students in
Diwali 2022

Udayan Shalini
Fellowship

Disha Kesharwani from AXF
Dosti awarded this prestigious
scholarship with support from
Grade 11 until graduation

E&Y

Awarded scholarships to
support 12 students from
Grade 11 until graduation

Beyond academics



Lifeskills program in collaboration with Dream A Dream

We have implemented Dream A Dream's Arts-based Lifeskills program

- 8 FLCs have opted to implement the program and training is in progress on a gradual basis
- Students are categorised into two age groups as per the curriculum
- Activities interactive and delivered through a combination of structured and unstructured sessions

Lifeskills program

Program structure

- Participants are divided into two groups (standards 4 & 5 and standards 6 to 8)
- Program length is of 19 to 21 sessions of 1 hour each held on Fridays
- Baseline assessment occurs after the first three sessions and endline on completion

Program objectives

- Improve self-efficacy, physical health and community support
- Combines techniques drawn from the Arts and motivational learning
- Aims to develop creativity, personal power, cross-cultural competencies and skills for leading purposeful lives

Source: Introduction to the Dream A Dream Lifeskills Curriculum



Looking to the future

- All volunteers meet planned in January/February 2023
- Endline assessments planned in February 2023
- New data management system being implemented including online attendance and assessments reporting
- Additional events, excursions and workshops planned as most centres move to an in-person learning mode

Thank you

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