



# Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Fortunately, the Covid situation is becoming easier now that the restrictions have been lifted here in the UK but this is not the case in all countries.

In India the problems also seem to be easing and I am very pleased to say that after nearly three years I have booked to go to Goa in early November. I am so looking forward to meeting all the children and staff again after such a long time – no doubt I will have difficulty recognising most of the children as they will have grown up during this time.

### Day Care Centre.

The work of the physiotherapists continues to have a profound effect on the children they help and on the respective families. Here are two examples:

1. Sai – who, when he first came to the Day Care Centre, could not walk but got around by shuffling on his bottom. Now as can be seen he is not only walking but is able to climb stairs.
2. This shows Regan who also could not walk and had limited use of his arms. Now after years of treatment he is not only able to walk but is learning to swim.



In both cases their families no longer have to carry them everywhere they go so their lives as well as the children's have been transformed and the future is looking much brighter.

### **Educational Sponsorship Scheme.**

All pupils will be returning to their schools on June 6<sup>th</sup> after a two-year break for Covid. At the end of May, Jane made a trip lasting a few days to Mumbai to purchase all the school wear for 50 students which included school bags, water bottles, raincoats, shoes, sandals, lunch boxes, sports kit, stationery etc. Most of us would find kitting out one child bad enough!

The students' exam results are slowly filtering through and I am pleased to say that of the dozen or so that I have received all have been passes.

### **Covid 19 Food Distribution / Outreach work.**

Due to the absence of foreign tourists going to Goa, the high majority that depend on the tourist trade are still unable to return to their usual place of work. We are therefore continuing to provide basic rations each month to 35+ families in this position and a further 15 families whose sole breadwinner is disabled and unable to work. This picture shows a group from one of the small slums waiting to receive their month's supply in April.



### **Starting Point.**

The school having opened in late February after a two-year closure due to the Covid pandemic, is now closed for the summer holidays and will not re-open until the first week in June.

The slum children who attend Starting Point are anxiously waiting for it to re-open as it is cooler in school (it is very hot and humid at this time of year), there is a constant supply of cold water and they have a meal every day.

### **Financial.**

We are fortunate to continue to have the support of all our monthly donors except for the few who have sadly passed away during the past three months.

### **Sponsors & Supporters.**

We are saddened to report the passing of Glenda Pash on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 who has been a sponsor of this charity for the past seventeen years. Our thoughts and condolences go out to her family.

I expect many of you will be looking forward to enjoying a holiday over the next few months and hope you have a wonderful time.

Regards and thanks to you all for your continued support.

Clive.

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