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VISION

Agewell Foundation's vision for the older persons is to empower them to lead a life of dignity and respect. We believe, sustained efforts would not only create older persons friendly environment, it would also awaken a sense of responsibility amongst us all, to make this possible. Older persons do not need charity or sympathy. They need respect companionship and opportunities to live with their beliefs.

Agewell Foundation is committed to make a coordinated effort with compassion and understanding to transform social attitudes towards senior citizens. The effort is to create the infrastructure to empower every older person.

MISSION

Agewell endeavours to bring about a change in the perception of old age and assist older persons to move surely but steadily from helplessness and self-pity towards - Confidence, Respect & Mutual Caring.

Agewell has been set up to initiate better interaction between the generations. It endeavours to:

- Bring about a change in perceptions about Old Age
- Initiate steps towards senior citizens friendly environment
- Evolve a sense of moral and social responsibility towards senior citizens
- Advocate for the needs and rights of senior citizens
- Extend a helping hand to senior citizens wherever required



AGEWELL'S HIGHLIGHTS

- **Special Consultative Status** with ECOSOC, **United Nations** since 2011
- Accredited with UN Department of Public Information (**UN-DPI-NGO**)
- **Empaneled** with **NGO-DARPAN** by **NITI Aayog**, Govt. of India
- **Chairman, Working Group** on **Awareness and Capacity Building for Senior Citizens, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**, Govt. of India
- **Member, Sub-Group on Elderly Care**, under NITI Aayog's CSOs Standing Committee, Government of India
- Member, **Committee of Experts on "impact of COVID-19 pandemic on human rights and future response"**, **National Human Rights Commission**
- **Member, Working Group on Older Persons, National Human Rights Commission**
- Participated in Several **United Nations Conferences** including Working Sessions of **Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing as Panelist** etc.
- Member, working group on Reforming the Social Deviants and Caring the Other Disadvantaged, for Five-year-plans, Planning Commission
- Set up a Consortium of over **1500 NGOs** and Two-tier national voluntary network - **7500 primary & 80000 secondary volunteers** spread across **718 districts** of India



Agewell Foundation's Major Initiatives

- Agewell **Helplines** for Older Persons since 1999 – **Helped over 7.5 million older persons** so far
- Agewell **Research & Advocacy** Centre for Needs & Rights of Older Persons – **Conducted 44 National Surveys** on issues concerning old people, also organized **Series of Symposiums** on Needs & Rights of Older Persons
- Distribution of **Healthcare Equipment** (Wheelchairs, Walkers, Adult Diapers, etc.) to destitute elderly– **46,500+ Wheelchairs, 14.5 Lac+ Adult Diapers, 28500+ Walkers** distributed so far
- Distribution of **Food Ration Packets** to poor elderly living in slums – Over **80000 monthly food packets** distributed among destitute old people since 2020
- Distribution of **Nutri Kits, Wellness Kits and Gift Packs** among destitute elderly – **Over 24500 Kits/Packs** distributed among the needy elderly since the year 2020
- **Digital Literacy** Program for Older Persons – **Over 4,50,000 older persons benefitted** so far
- **Share the Warmth** Campaign during winters – Collected and distribution of **2.5 lakh+ pcs** among destitute and elderly every year. More than 10 lakh elderly helped since the year 2010

PROGRAMS

AGEWELL - HELPLINE FOR OLDER PERSONS

Agewell Foundation aims to disabuse the popular mind-set that regards old age with a sense of pity for their helplessness. Replacing it with an attitude of confidence, fostering respect for them and encouraging fortitude in them. And bringing a little certainty, even fun into their lives. A network of thousands of volunteers is already at work in given areas. They are constantly alert to attend, to matters of medical or emotional nature, affairs to do with security as well as legal and financial advice. They are spread across 718 districts of India so that no cry for help goes unanswered. **Agewell extends a helping hand to over 25,000 people daily across India.**



Objective and methodology of the Agewell Helpline:

- Helpline counters to identify and assist the needy. Understand their specific requirements, immediate as well as in long term.
- Assist them in identifying and availing best possible offerings as per their needs from all other voluntary organizations, NGOs, Govt. bodies and international organizations.
- Counsel them. Help them re-build themselves. Rekindle the self-confidence.
- Assess impact of disaster on individual life and families.
- Organism counseling and community participation activities
- Agewell Helpline for Older Persons also works as a bridge between the assistance seekers and the assistance providers.

AGEWELL - RESEARCH & ADVOCACY CENTRE (FOR NEEDS & RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS)

The Agewell Centre for Ageing is committed to bringing in a dynamic change for the Older Persons in terms of social participation & integration, economic security, macro societal change and development, healthy ageing, enhancing the physical and mental quality of life and ushering in care systems in diverse cultural, socio-economic and environmental situations.

The research agenda includes - studies in policy related areas of ageing where the findings may have practical and realistic application. Agewell undertakes advocacy on issues of concern for welfare of elderly with the government, national and international agencies, elected representatives e.g., parliamentarians, bureaucrats, political parties, business, industry and other structures of power & media at all levels.

Agewell attempts to initiate more extensive and comprehensive studies on the Older Persons, so that emerging needs, problems and rights of the older persons could be identified, understood & analysed in a completely changed socio-economic scenario, drawing a road map for the empowerment of older persons.

Over the years, Agewell Foundation has also participated in all sessions of **United Nations Open Ended Working Group on Ageing** and submitted its representations/study reports from time to time. In addition, it has also represented older persons of the country at various other international/united nations' forums. **Agewell has conducted 40 research studies so far. Its Study reports submitted to United Nations, are also available on United Nations website <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/eleventhsession.shtml>**



During the year under report, Agewell Foundation has conducted following surveys/research studies;

- **Covid-19 Impact: Human Rights of Elderly at stake due to ever-widening generation gap, September, 2021**
- **Contribution Of Older Persons In Sustainable Development (With a special focus on Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on old people) February 2022**

Covid-19 Impact: Human Rights of Elderly at stake due to ever-widening generation gap September, 2021

Major Findings

Approx. every second elderly (53.4% respondents) claimed that Human Rights of elderly are affected due to pandemic and related issues. Among them 81% elderly complained that ever widening gap is responsible for this situation.

Covid-19 pandemic has imposed many challenges before older people, from social isolation, financial penury, psychological issues to elder abuse and neglect.

A large number of older persons have suffered due to many ills of Covid-19 situation such as unemployment, paralyzed healthcare system, almost non-functional education system, derailed transport system, loss of business & industry, restrictions on social, religious & cultural freedom. It has not only affected day-to-day life of older persons but also affected their quality of life adversely.

- 85.4% i.e. 8542 elderly persons admitted that they are facing or had to face Covid-19 situation and related issues.
- Among affected (8542 elderly) financial issues were termed as most critical issues by 27.9% i.e. 2384 elderly while 25.2% i.e. 2152 elderly said that they find social issues more critical while 22.4% elderly respondents claimed that healthcare issues were critical for them and 21.7% respondents found psychological condition more critical during this situation
- 41% respondents termed sense of loneliness / isolation termed as the most prominent psychological issue
- Most disturbing Impact of increased Unemployment / Joblessness was increased dependence on others as per the 20.5% elderly respondents.

- Every 5th elderly respondent (21% elderly) their quality of life has been compromised due to rising inflation.



- Covid-19 phenomenon has changed the attitude of more than 85% elderly. Among them 81% elderly reportedly said post-Covid-19 threat, they are not optimistic towards the future or are now uncertain about the future
- 92.5% i.e. 9247 elderlies admitted that their major concern is looking after the health condition of self/spouse
- Due to ever widening generation gap, **Human Rights of older persons were also found violated as 53.4% elderly (43.1% rural and 63.7% urban elderly)** realized that during Covid-19 situation their human rights were compromised remarkably.

Based on the interactions and observations, Agewell Foundation recommended –

- To bridge the gap between generations by promoting and conducting inter-generational bonding programs.
- To protect elderly from violence, abuse, neglect and social isolation
- To create better awareness about Human Rights of Old People across the country.
- To improve overall attitude toward older people living with mental / psychological disorders.
- To set up door-step healthcare support systems for elderly with poor health conditions / disabilities.

- To organize recreational / entertainment activities for older persons through social / electronic media and encourage their participation
- To provide digital training to digitally illiterate elderly to help them remain in the mainstream and connected to the modern digital world.
- To conduct special training programs for public health practitioners, mental health providers, health care professionals and volunteers for providing better and effective care to older people.

Representative media coverage

- <https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/senior-living-communities-gaining-prominence-in-post-covid-world-101638472638483.html>
- https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/alone-in-pandemic-tech-rescues-elderly/articleshow/86692342.cms?fbclid=IwAR2UVebSZIOI7w0nCOiVD6ZO_ZWo_VFqfix9nH9m4VUBVd3WDVwMidUG7Ro
- <https://www.livemint.com/science/health/88-elderly-are-either-facing-or-had-to-face-covid-related-issues-11628077723913.html>
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- <https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/aug/05/ngo-survey-finds-healthcare-psycho-social-issues-were-critical-to-elderly-during-second-covid-wave-2340679.html>
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- <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/for-senior-citizens-government-launches-pan-india-toll-free-helpline-11632826539518.html>
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**Contribution Of Older Persons in Sustainable Development
(With a special focus on
Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on old people)
February 2022**

The study report is also available on the United Nation's website for the 12th Session of Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing as a point of reference for concerned stakeholders. See link - https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/documents/twelfth/Contribution_OP_Sustainable_Dev_impact_covid19_on_OP%20-February%202022.pdf

Agewell Foundation's recommendations, based on survey findings and observations;

To address the ever-growing challenges pertaining to issues concerning older people, governments at all levels, need to modify their old age-related policies and make them older persons friendly. In order to ensure equal rights & opportunities for older people, there is an urgent need to take these steps;

- Develop, formulate and implement requisite policy programs for the elderly population
- Study various aspects of older persons and initiate social, economic and health policy debate about aging
- Create older persons friendly environment in the country in order to facilitate their participation in sustainable development and appreciate their contribution

In order to ensure older persons' economic security, the following initiatives must be adopted at a larger scale as better practices;

- Pre- and post-retirement training programs for older persons to provide the soft skills, digital literacy, communication and other training for skill enhancement.
- Provisions for encouraging employment of retired elderly in the unorganized service sector by initiating incentives schemes.

To ensure social security for people in old age, concerned stakeholders need to focus on:

- Maximum coverage under existing and/or new income and social security schemes
- Positive environment for financial planning from the younger age, so that they can earn ensured income in old age
- Old age pension amount should be benchmarked to the increasing cost of living

To protect human rights of older persons, following steps need to be taken up;

- To bridge the gap between generations by promoting and conducting inter-generational bonding programs.
- To create better awareness about Human Rights of Old People across the country.
- To improve overall attitude toward older people living with mental / psychological disorders.

Representative media coverage**March 2022**

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- <https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/india/85-of-the-elderly-faced-difficulties-during-the-kovid-epidemic/articleshow/89930344.cms>

Submission of Representations during Budget 2022

During the Union Budget preparation, Agewell Foundation submitted representations to several concerned stakeholders, opinion makers and opinion leaders with an appeal to include older people friendly provisions in the budget. Media coverage about our initiatives are as under: -

- <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/budget-ngos-recommend-creating-separate-ministry-special-digital-literacy-scheme-for-elderly/articleshow/89256185.cms?from=mdr>
- <https://www.businessinsider.in/india/news/budget-ngos-recommend-creating-separate-ministry-special-digital-literacy-scheme-for-elderly/articleshow/89254363.cms>
- <https://www.timesnownews.com/business-economy/increase-in-social-pension-gst-exemption-for-medicines-senior-citizens-expectations-from-budget-2022-article-89225075>

January 2022 Pre-Budget

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- <https://www.businessleague.in/good-news-for-pensioners-in-the-budget-pension-can-increase-by-so-much-know-update/>

Business News → Personal Finance News

Budget 2021: Agewell reveals what the elderly really need - From tax relief, special provision in schemes to revision in pension

Budget 2021 is due next month and everyone wants their demands to be included in the Union Budget.



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Budget 2021 is due next month and everyone wants their demands to be included in the Union Budget. Like everyone, senior citizens too have their demand. They are expecting the government to make friendly budgetary provisions for them in the Budget 2021-22.

Agewell Foundation interacted with a large number of older persons, their family members and caregivers on a daily basis through its nationwide volunteers' network. Agewell Foundation has submitted a representation to the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and others with an appeal for including the elderly-friendly measures particularly while finalizing the next budget.

Himanshu Rath, Founder Chairman, Agewell Foundation said, "With longer life span and limited source of income in old age, old people look up to the dynamic Prime Minister for more support from the government, particularly in view of ensuing pandemic situation since for most of the elderly taking care of their own needs has become an uphill task."

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- <https://www.tv9hindi.com/budget/budget-2022-ngos-urged-the-government-to-increase-the-allocation-of-funds-for-health-and-nutrition-for-elderly-in-budget-2022-1014575.html>

Marathi

- <https://www.dainikgomantak.com/arthavishwa/budget-large-provision-for-health-nutrition-of-adolescents-and-elderly-prs05>

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Celebrated on 15 June 2021

On this occasion, Agewell Foundation created awareness about human rights of older persons through various mediums in order to create an older persons' friendly environment in the country.

Media coverage about the initiatives-

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- <https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/india/about-73-percent-of-the-elderly-faced-abuse-during-the-lockdown/articleshow/83510605.cms>
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More details on Research Activities undertaken by Agewell Foundation can be seen at www.agewellfoundation.org

SHARE THE WARMTH CAMPAIGN A WINTER INITIATIVE



Agewell Foundation conducted "Share the Warmth" campaign to ensure no needy & destitute old person is deprived of warmth in Delhi-NCR during the year. Agewell has been conducting this campaign since 2010.

During the year 2021-22 the campaign was conducted from November 2021 to February 2022.

Agewell conducted the process of mobilizing donation & collection of old/used woolens from across Delhi & NCR & distribution of woolens amongst poor & needy older persons.

Agewell Foundation set up Collection Points at prominent locations, posh colonies, Clubs, Residents Welfare Associations, Corporate offices across Delhi NCR. Hundreds of Agewell volunteers spread across Delhi & NCR dedicated their time & efforts to make this initiative a great success.



Under the campaign over 1.40 lac pieces of woollens, etc collected and distributed amongst over 75,000 destitute and older people through distributions camps set up by volunteers across Delhi-NCR.

Major supporters to the campaign were Blessings Clinic, HPCL, India Habitat Centre, IMT Ghaziabad, FIIB, NCU, Max India Foundation, etc.

HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION AMONG DESTITUTE ELDERLY (Slums of Delhi & NCR)

Agewell Foundation has been conducting healthcare equipment distribution campaigns to provide medical accessories to destitute elderly in Slums of Delhi & NCR for 9 years. During the year under review, Agewell volunteers identified 17500+ destitute & elderly as prospective beneficiary under the project.

Agewell volunteers organized camps in various localities as per the convenience of the beneficiaries in coordination with local volunteers and distributed free healthcare equipment to destitute elderly.

Healthcare equipment distributed among the needy persons - Wheelchairs / Walkers / Walking sticks / Adult Diapers / etc.

Agewell Foundation has distributed over **4360 Wheelchairs, 3850+ Walkers, 188000+ Adult Diapers and other relief material** among destitute elderly across Delhi/NCR under Free Healthcare Equipment Distribution Camps during the year 2021-22.

Distribution of Wheelchairs and Adult Diapers among destitute elderly campaign was also supported by various PSUs and corporates like Oil & Natural Gas Corporation, Mercer Consulting, Ferolite Jointings, Hilite Industries, Oiles India, GAIL India, Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance, Adobe, etc.



DISTRIBUTION OF FREE FOOD RATION PACKETS AMONG DESTITUTE ELDERLY (In Slums of Delhi & NCR)

Agewell Foundation has initiated Free Food Packets Distribution campaign to provide food ration to destitute elderly in Slums of Delhi & NCR. During the year under review, Agewell volunteers identified over 5600 destitute & elderly as prospective beneficiary under the project. Agewell volunteers organized camps in various localities as per the convenience of the beneficiaries in coordination with local volunteers and distributed free food packets (containing Daliya, Rice, Pulses, Edible Oil, Sattu, Sugar, Masale, Tea, Biscuits, rusk, etc.) to destitute older persons living in BPL (below poverty line) families.



Agewell Foundation has distributed over **17100 Food Ration Packets** Food packets among destitute elderly across Delhi/NCR under the project during the year 2021-22

Free Food Packets Distribution campaign was supported by various corporates like, Mercer Consulting, Azim Premji Foundation, Adobe, etc.

Distribution of Wellness Kits, Gift Packs & Nutri Kits AMONG DESTITUTE ELDERLY (In Slums of Delhi & NCR)

In view of miserable living condition of elderly, particularly due to Pandemic and its impact on the elderly, we continued distribution of the following among destitute and needy elderly as per their requirements;

- **Nutri Kit** (containing Daliya, Sattu, Electrol Powder, Esabgol, Glucon-D, Nutrila, Fruit Juice, Threptin Biscuits, Chyavanprash, etc.)

- **Wellness Kit** (containing Sanitizer, Hand wash, Toilet Soap, Tooth Powder, Vaseline, Soframycin Tube, Burnol, crepe Bandage, Dettol, Cotton, Nail Cutter, Comb, Face Towel, Hair Oil, etc.)
- **Gift Pack** (containing Sarees-Petticoat-Blouse for women / Kurta-Pajama for men, Chappal, Gamchha/Chunni, Hair Oil, Comb, Surf Pack, Bathing & Washing soaps, etc.)

Agewell Foundation has distributed **2750 Wellness Kits, 2910 Nutri Kits and 2560 Gift Packs** among destitute elderly across Delhi/NCR under the project during the year 2021-22.



AGEWELL EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE FOR OLDER PERSONS

Old age notwithstanding there are goals to achieve. Agewell strongly subscribes to that view and sees a tremendous opportunity in gainful re-employment. Indeed, there are many jobs that could well use their skills and expertise, and of course their years of experience. Agewell attempts to bring the opportunity seekers and providers together.

- An Intergenerational Initiative, as a gainful engagement for retired old persons
- Community involvement and to pursue opportunities for complete development of their potential
- Launched Eklavya Scheme (Home Tutors & Easy Accounts schemes).

Agewell Employment Exchange for Older Persons had received over 1250 calls/visits from older persons during the year 2021-22



DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAM FOR OLDER PERSONS (In Delhi & NCR)

With increasing role of modern communication and information technology in day-to-day's life, digitally illiterates (particularly 55+) find themselves totally lost and find it difficult to remain in mainstream. In view of gravity of the situation, there is an urgent need to bridge the knowledge and intergenerational gap in the society.

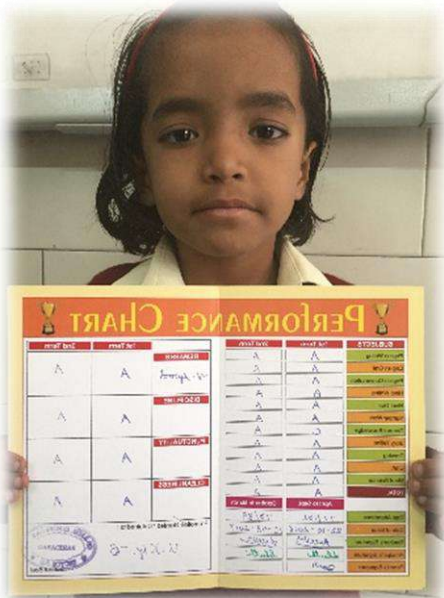
Agewell Foundation has been conducting Digital Literacy Program for Old People since April 2016 in Delhi-NCR to empower them and make them computer literate,



so that they can adjust themselves in modern fast paced life and lead a more comfortable and respectable life in old age. The program is bringing a qualitative change in the lives of elderly and helping in bridging the generation gap and bringing generations together.

The program was sponsored by **Centre for Curiosity USA** during the year 2021-22. Over 25300 digitally illiterate older persons have been benefitted under the program.

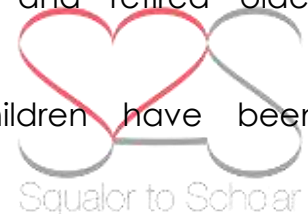
AGEWELL SQUALOR TO SCHOLAR PROJECT (For Supporting School Education Of Children Living In Slums)



During the year 2021-22 Agewell Foundation has continued Agewell Squalor to Scholar Project with the objective to support school education of children belonging to poor families living in slum clusters of Faridabad in the state of Haryana with support from Squalor to Scholar Inc., USA.

Under the project the Foundation is supporting expenses like school fees, uniforms, books and stationery, tuition, transportation expenses, medicines, etc. of children from disadvantaged families. The program is being monitored and coordinated by experienced and retired older persons.

Under the project 210+ children have been supported so far.



AGEWELL – VOLUNTEERS / SOCIAL WORKERS LOCAL NETWORK

Agewell Foundation has a local network of volunteers / social workers from all walks of the life. The network provides its services to older persons in and around Delhi. Agewell volunteers are available for counselling services for general, medical, legal and financial problems; for interaction with Older Persons; for companionship for Older Persons, living alone. Volunteers registered with Agewell include well-educated people, retired persons, working people, social workers, college students etc.

UNITED NATIONS / INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS During The Year

The 11th Working Session of the Working Group Virtually held from 29 March to 1 April 2021, at the United Nations Headquarters.



Agewell Foundation was invited by the NGO branch of United Nations Department of Economic & Social Affairs to participate as a Panelist in the 11th

working Session during 2021. Agewell Foundation has submitted its Study reports and representative documents for the conference which is also uploaded to the conference website.

<https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/documents/Changing-Needs-of-Old-People-In-India-tksMarch-2021.pdf>

Substantive and Normative Reports Submitted on different themes For the Twelfth Session of the Working Group during the month of February-March 2022.

For the Twelfth Session of the Working Group on Ageing held 11 to 14 April 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Study conducted by Agewell Foundation exclusively for the United Nations event

- Contribution of Older People in Sustainable Development with a special focus on Impact of Covid-19 on Older People, February 2022

Other Initiatives / Proposed Programs of Agewell Foundation

“I am Responsible” Campaign

Agewell Foundation has initiated an outreach program in Delhi & NCR to sensitize young school children about needs & rights of older persons and conservation of electricity and water. Through the project the Foundation aims at sensitizing school children, through them their family members and also developing school children into responsible citizens of the future.

Self-Reliance in Old Age

Agewell Foundation organizes Series of Interactions with Older Persons and their Care-Givers across the country to create awareness amongst older persons about the concept of **Self-Reliance in Old Age** for living life comfortably and respectfully and sensitize them to adopt the concept of self-reliance in their respective lives.

Centre for Ageing and Interaction Centre for Older Persons

Centre to provide an opportunity for the older people to interact with like-minded people in old age. The Agewell centre addresses the issue of ageing from the perspective of creating an atmosphere of sustainable and tenable process of inclusion involving society at large to provide care and active ageing beyond an institutional framework. The centre is a platform that initiates better understanding of the problems of ageing from a social

perspective and provides a platform for the aged as well as those concerned to come together to share and care.

Healthcare Training for bedridden older persons and their care-givers

Agewell Foundation continues to develop & publish Health Care Training manual in several vernacular languages and distributes among bedridden patients, older patients, their caregivers and family members. Agewell Foundation distributed 200000 training manuals in Delhi-NCR alone.



Agewell Share A Smile With Your Elders – School Contact Programme

Due to fast paced lifestyle, popularity of nuclear families and many other factors old people are having a rough time today. Agewell believes that children could make the difference. If children are prompted to share a smile with the elders and spend a few moments together, the tide may start to turn. Agewell Foundation has embarked

upon an ambitious social contact program of reaching out to a million-school students in Delhi in a bid to set off a feeling of acceptance and affection for the elders. Agewell Foundation has interacted with 200000 school children so far.

Dharohar Scheme (WILL Safekeeping)

To help older persons to live in a peaceful & harmonious environment in Old Age, the Foundation has launched a new scheme, "Dharohar", for safe-keeping of will documents for Older Persons.



Agewell Monitoring & Evaluation Centre

Agewell Foundation undertakes innovative research studies, supervision and evaluation for routine social projects. The monitoring & evaluation activities will be in sectors like - Older Persons' Empowerment, Public Health, Women Empowerment, Education & literacy, Agriculture, Employment & Self Employment, Public awareness, Integrated Rural Development, Tribal Welfare, Opinion surveys, Natural disaster zones, etc. Monitoring and Evaluation activities conducted by Agewell Foundation help in better implementation of the projects, developed for the welfare and empowerment of older persons.

Be an Ageweller (to help bedridden and elderly patients)

Agewell Foundation has initiated a project Being an Ageweller with the objective to add colours in the life of bedridden and elderly patients, facing loneliness, isolation and marginalization due to their poor health condition. under the project, Agewell volunteers (Agewellers) perform different kinds of music/dance/singing activity in front of bedridden / lonely elderly and entertain them.

Healthcare of Post-Menopausal Women

Project "Healthcare of Post-Menopausal Women" is an initiative towards improving health condition of disadvantaged women (48+), who have attained post-menopausal stage. Our volunteers comprising old retired people are repository of knowledge, experience and wisdom and the same could become the guiding force for women from underprivileged society. Under the project we identify, encourage, guide and patronize women from economically weaker section of society and empower them with strong healthcare intervention and knowledge under able supervision, guidance and patronage of old retired people.

MAJOR SPONSORS / SUPPORTERS DURING THE YEAR



Agewell Foundation

FINANCIALS

2021-22

Auditor's Report



A.K. NAIR & CO.
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AUDIT REPORT

FORM NO.10 B

We have examined the Balance Sheet of **Agewell Foundation** as at 31st March, 2022 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of accounts maintained by the said Trust.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the Trust so far as appears from our examination of the books.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view:

- i) in the case of the Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of the above named Trust as at 31st March, 2022 and
- ii) in the case of the Income & Expenditure Account of the Excess of the Income over Expenditure over Income of its accounting year ended on 31st March, 2022.

The prescribed Annexures are annexed hereto.



Place: New Delhi
 Date: 30.09.2022
 UDIN: 22084696AXNN5X7360

For A. K. Nair & Co.
 Chartered Accountants
 FRN: 011075N

[A. K. Nair]
 Partner
 M. No 84690

Balance Sheet

Agewell Foundation
 [Regd.No.DIT [E]-99-2000-A-1154/99/102]
 Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2022

	Schedule	As At 31.03.22 (Rs.)	As At 31.03.21 (Rs.)
Sources of Funds			
Trust Fund	1	96,51,090	75,43,346
Non-Current Liabilities	2	78,591	78,591
		<u>97,29,681</u>	<u>76,21,937</u>
Utilisation of Funds			
Fixed Assets	3	32,06,238	34,60,524
Current Assets	4	66,06,045	46,33,965
Less : Current Liabilities & Provisions	5	82,602	4,72,552
Net Current Assets		<u>65,23,443</u>	<u>41,61,413</u>
		<u>97,29,681</u>	<u>76,21,937</u>

Schedule 1-4 form an integral part of this Balance Sheet
 As per report of evendate attached

FOR A.K. NAIR & CO.
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PLACE : New Delhi
 DATE : 30.09.2022
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For Agewell Foundation

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Hemanshu Rath
 Chairman, Trustee

For Agewell Foundation
Abhishek
 Trustee

Income and Expenditure Account

Agewell Foundation

[Regd.No.DIT [E]-99-2000-A-1154/99/102]

Income & Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March,2022

	Schedule	2021-22	2020-21
Income	6		
Donation/Grant		2,46,75,752	3,45,05,822
Donation in kind		2,53,000	72,24,444
CSR Funding		8,99,940	-
Interest Income		2,25,330	3,23,110
Other Income		298	2,39,053
Total		2,60,54,320	4,22,92,429
Expenditure			
Social Welfare expenses for elderly poor	7	2,36,92,290	3,83,36,009
Depreciation	3	2,54,286	2,91,267
		2,39,46,576	3,86,27,277
Excess of Income over Expenditure		21,07,744	36,65,152
Amount transferred to reserve fund		21,07,744	36,65,152

Schedule 5-8 form an integral part of this Income & Expenditure Account
As per report of even date attached

FOR A.K. NAIR & CO.
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