

## **Impact of Little Literacy Library on Children living in the poverty areas**

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### **Background**

The Little Literacy Initiative is dedicated to meeting children's educational and nutritional needs in the slum areas of Chetla and RG Kar. In these communities, literacy rates among children are significantly impacted by poverty, overcrowding, and limited access to quality education. These challenging conditions lead to serious consequences, including high rates of child labour, school dropouts, and health issues stemming from insufficient nutrition and education. The Little Literacy Library Initiative seeks to offer transformative opportunities for these children by prioritizing foundational education and promoting nutritional awareness.

### **Objective**

We aim to enhance literacy, numeracy, and health knowledge by offering flexible, community-centred learning environments to foster engagement and motivation. Classes should take place in an open environment where questioning and curiosity is encouraged and progressed,, developing future career skills will aid in education and the workplace.

### **Methodology**

The program engages 43 children from the Chetla and RG Kar slums, using targeted strategies to build foundational English literacy at a level of A1 literacy. A parallel nutrition education component promotes healthy eating, food hygiene, and balanced diets, addressing immediate needs. This combined approach seeks to break the cycle of poverty by enhancing both literacy and health outcomes.

### **Results**

Within its first year, the Little Literacy Library Program has demonstrated substantial progress. Participants' literacy skills in basic English, including familiarity with the alphabet and essential vocabulary, increased by 60%. Additionally, there was a notable 70% improvement in participants' understanding of basic nutritional concepts. Alongside these advancements, children exhibited a 75% increase in self-awareness, confidence, participation in activities, and social skills.

### **Conclusion**

The Little Literacy Library Initiative has greatly enhanced participants' literacy skills and personal growth. The notable improvements in reading, writing, and social engagement highlight the program's success in promoting literacy through accessible resources and targeted support. Continued investment in this initiative is essential for sustaining and expanding these benefits, supporting the long-term literacy and well-being of the community's youth in the future.