

Friends of Aseema



Overcoming child poverty
through educational justice

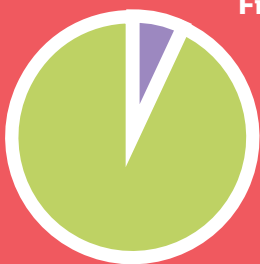
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What is Friends of Aseema?

Friends of Aseema (FoA) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit steadfast in its mission to help the Aseema Charitable Trust in India.

What is Aseema?

For more than 25 years, Aseema has educated children who live in crushing poverty – less than \$2 per day per family – in Mumbai's street and slum communities and in remote tribal villages. An Aseema education is transformative, propelling graduates to college and employment.



Financial integrity

Aseema functions on a lean annual budget with only 7% spent on administrative expenses. With supplemental support from FoA, Aseema can take its mission further.

“We are continually faced with great opportunities which are brilliantly disguised as unsolvable problems.”

Margaret Mead





A proven record of success

Aseema, which means “limitless” in Sanskrit, has grown from a borrowed classroom for a single class to fully operating multiple public schools in Mumbai for the city’s poorest children. Aseema also built and runs a school for indigenous children in a remote tribal region.

Aseema’s approximately 3,000 students learn with Montessori methods. Upon graduating, they have passed India’s rigorous S.S.C. exam with an 11-year average of 97.9% – well above the city and state average, including private schools.

To remove obstacles so the children can thrive, Aseema social workers take each child’s psychosocial history and teach parents about issues such as positive parenting and low-cost nutrition.



During the COVID-19 crisis, Aseema distributed food to all of its families. Aseema gave donated computers to teachers who could not afford them and provided students with smart phones for distance learning.



Teaching altruism

Aseema’s children grow up learning that there is joy in serving others. Former Aseema students have even returned to work as teachers, sales executives and other staff, and to encourage the current students.

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You can demonstrate what we can achieve when we love without regard to nationality or color or caste or religion or socioeconomic status.

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“The support received by us from **Friends of Aseema** – from the very first year of its inception and onward – has been incredible. The contributions made towards education and medical care, and even on providing essential provisions to the families of our children at the height of the pandemic, have helped to sustain us, including at very difficult times. FoA’s commitment provides security and comfort to all of us at Aseema that we are not alone in our mission to provide quality and value-based education to India’s poorest.”

Dilbur Parakh
Aseema Chairperson and Co-Founder



Aseema's school serving marginalized, indigenous children has proven Aseema's belief in every child's limitless potential.



Mamta Aeidurappa

attended Aseema's first class. She now has her own family and has become a Montessori-trained teacher at one of Aseema's schools.



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