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MESSAGE FROM CEO

STRENGTHENING FOUNDATIONS, TRANSFORMING LIVES

Every year in the life of an organization tells a story. Some are defined by growth, others by resilience, and a few become turning points that shape the future. For CHINAR International, the financial year ending March 31, 2026, was one such year. Although I assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer in January 2025, FY 2025–26 was my first full year leading CHINAR International. It has been a year of listening, learning, and working closely with our Board, staff, volunteers, donors, partners, and the communities we serve to shape the next chapter of our journey.



We believe lasting community impact requires a strong, transparent, and accountable organization. This year, we strengthened governance and internal processes, conducted a procurement audit to improve compliance, and streamlined our MIS systems for better data management, reporting, and accountability.

The communities we serve continue to face economic hardship, limited access to quality education and healthcare, unemployment, and social vulnerabilities. At the same time, the nonprofit sector faces evolving regulations, rising expectations for transparency and accountability, and increasing competition for philanthropic resources. These realities reinforce the need for CHINAR to continually evolve, innovate, and ensure that every contribution entrusted to us creates the greatest possible benefit for those we serve.

While strengthening our foundations, we remained focused on our purpose: creating opportunities, promoting self-reliance, and restoring hope and dignity. Through our programs for children and youth, we continued working alongside communities to expand access to education, build skills and livelihoods, strengthen economic security, and restore dignity.

Our progress is a collective achievement, driven by our staff, volunteers, partners, donors, and Board. Together, we are strengthening an organization grounded in integrity, compassion, and accountability. Looking ahead, we will strengthen capacity, deepen partnerships, embrace innovation, diversify funding, and enhance impact measurement—keeping the communities we serve at the heart of every decision.

On behalf of the leadership team, I sincerely thank our donors, volunteers, partners, employees, and Board for their continued trust and support.



Abid Qadiri
Global Executive Director

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & IMPACT OVERVIEW

Child Development

- Achieved an 86% pass rate among children who appeared for exams, including 79% in Class 10 and 74% in Class 12.
- Organized 14 medical camps across 9 districts, benefiting 2,961 beneficiaries.
- Supported 33 new families through livelihood support.
- Conducted 22 Adolescent Training Program sessions with 140 children.
- Provided 19 vulnerable families with safe living support.

Quality Education

- Established six new Community Learning Centers, taking the total to 95
- Added 16 Reading Corners and 6 Digital Learning Centers
- Reached 8995 students and delivered 98,000 Remedial Hours
- Conducted 20 Trainings and LCMs

Youth Development

- 28 new Skill Development Centers (SDCs) launched across multiple districts, taking the total from 96 to 124 (29% increase)
- 26 new Small Business Support (SBS) units launched across multiple districts, taking the total number of units from 95 to 121 (27% increase)
- 51 students enrolled under Higher Education Sponsorship Program (HESP) taking the total from 106 to 157 (48% increase). Additionally, 94 students enrolled under Higher Education Counselling and Sponsorship Program (HECSP)
- Football Tournaments: 3

Community Development

- 38 stakeholder meetings in 16 communities (800+ reached; 65% women)
- 27 awareness & mobilisation programs (2,700+ reached).
- 4 community training programs on disaster, farming & livestock (200+ trained).
- 44 women enrolled in functional literacy across 4 communities (80% trained).
- 9 medical screening & awareness camps for senior citizens (1,200+ reached).
- 50 elderly enrolled under Lifetime Privilege Card (free medicines for life)
- A youth-led advocacy group- Poshwaer replicated in Baramulla (20 youth)

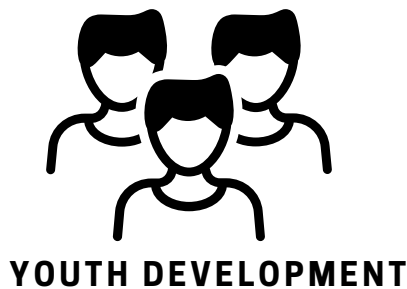
2026-27 GOALS & TARGETS



- Support education of 2400 children
- Provide nutrition to 500 families
- Train 400 children in life skills
- Deliver Career Prep to 200 children
- Provide 20+ family with Livelihood Support



- Monitor 95 Community Learning Centers
- Monitor 66 Digital Hubs
- Monitor 59 Reading Corners
- Oversee Teach with CHINAR Fellowship in 8 schools
- Monitor 20 Tuition Centers
- Oversee 131 School Interventions



- Mentor 81 SBS enterprises
- Expand 15 SIDBI-supported enterprises
- Establish 6 Skill Development Centers
- Train 200+ youth
- Support 30 SDC graduates
- Train 30 youth (SkillShare)
- Monitor 164 HESP students
- Facilitate 4 national sports tournaments



- Community stakeholders meetings - 40
- Community capacity building - 8
- Functional literacy for women - 4
- Adolescent group - 3
- Community awareness/mobilisation - 20



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

"Provides critical support to children from most vulnerable communities to enable them to attain quality education."

This program supports vulnerable children from families with little or no means of livelihood who struggle to provide for their children. Each selected child receives essential assistance including school fees, stationery, uniforms, shoes, school bags, nutritious food, hygiene kits, and primary healthcare. It also provides livelihood support to guardians to promote stable incomes, self-reliance, and long-term family stability. The program aims to strengthen family resilience and achieve sustainable self-reliance within three to five years.

To date, 3452 children have been enrolled in the program from 8 districts

Art Melas Brighten Summer

Several Art Melas were organized across seven intervention districts under the Child Development Program, turning summer holidays into vibrant celebrations of creativity. A total of 372 children participated, filling the events with colour, joy, and imagination. In preparation, children were oriented around specific themes to help them channel their thoughts and creativity into meaningful artistic expression. A flagship event was held at the Environment Hall in Handwara, where Dr. Saad Parvez, Director, Greenovator Incubation Foundation, NIT Srinagar, graced the occasion, adding significance to the day. To appreciate their participation, certificates and prizes were distributed to all child artists.



Shabnum's Story: A second chance at learning

After losing her father, Shabnum left school to care for her younger siblings while her mother struggled with depression. In 2023, all three children were enrolled in CHINAR International's Child Development Program, providing the family with much-needed support and stability. Encouraged to return to school, Shabnum resumed her education with renewed determination.

Today, she walks 3 km every day to attend tuition classes at the Community Learning Center in Heergam. Her dedication paid off when she passed her Class 8 examinations with 70% marks.





Training on Child Psychology

CHINAR International, in collaboration with SAWAB – Brain and Behavioral Science Academy, conducted a two-day training on Child Psychology for 26 field staff members under the Child Development Program, aimed at strengthening their response to mental health and child protection concerns.

SAWAB, founded by renowned psychiatrist and CHINAR board member Dr. Mushtaq Margoob, supported the program to help staff identify psychological challenges and cases of child abuse during fieldwork. The training focused on understanding child psychology, recognizing early warning signs, and providing basic psychological support.



Prioritising Child Health

As part of CHINAR International's holistic approach to child development, **14 medical camps** were organized across **nine districts**, reaching **2,961 children and community members** with free health check-ups, specialist consultations, counselling, diagnostic support, and essential medicines in collaboration with local health authorities and specialist doctors.

The camps focused on preventive healthcare, early identification of common illnesses, and timely referrals for further treatment where required. They also provided families with awareness on nutrition, hygiene, and healthy living practices. By reducing barriers to quality healthcare and encouraging regular health screening, the initiative strengthened the overall health and well-being of children, enabling them to learn, grow, and thrive in healthier environments.



Annual Scale-Up

As part of its Annual Scale up, CHINAR International welcomed 455 new children into Child Development Program across nine districts of the Kashmir Valley, bringing the total number of children supported so far to 3452. The newly enrolled children will receive comprehensive support, including quality education, educational resources, medical care, nutrition, hygiene products, and life skills training. Through this initiative, CHINAR International reaffirms its commitment to equipping vulnerable children with the opportunities and support they need to learn, grow, and thrive.



Strengthening CLC Facilitators' Skills

A one-day capacity-building training was conducted for 20 newly recruited Community Learning Center (CLC) facilitators at the Srinagar Base Office. The session focused on strengthening facilitators' skills in classroom management, lesson planning, reading corner management, and program documentation. Participants learned how to create positive learning environments, design structured lesson plans, organize reading corners to encourage children's reading habits, and maintain key records such as attendance and student progress. The training allowed facilitators to share experiences, discuss challenges, and gain practical tools to effectively implement program activities support quality learning outcomes in their CLCs.

When Grandmother Leads Learning

At the Community Learning Center in Astanmohalla, Palhalan, learning came alive when Mrs. Nabla Begum, grandmother of one of our students, Afan Tariq, led a kitchen gardening session. She guided students through planting, soil care, and the role of sunlight, making the session interactive and engaging. This reflects the co-teaching approach introduced by the Quality Education team, where parents join the facilitators in leading classroom activities.

QUALITY EDUCATION

"Large scale mainstreaming of vulnerable children and ensuring they receive equitable access to quality education."

This program works to improve education in underserved communities while creating safe, welcoming spaces where children feel encouraged and supported. Through Community Learning Centers (CLCs), children receive support in basic reading and writing, additional learning assistance, and emotional development. To further strengthen education, CHINAR implements the Teach with CHINAR Fellowship, trained fellows support learning in resource-constrained schools while gaining valuable teaching experience and professional skills.

To date, 14, 823 children have been reached through school transformation & community learning centers





Uniting Educators for Impact

A two-day training workshop titled “Teach, Reflect and Transform: Building Skills for Effective Classrooms” was conducted under Quality Education Program. The workshop brought together 60 facilitators/fellows for a shared learning experience focused on growth and impact. The sessions covered topics such as learning theories, classroom practices, English language teaching, self-reflection and systemic reflections, helping participants understand how to provide quality education to children in need. Participants expressed renewed motivation to applying their learning to transform classrooms.



100 School Leadership Training

A series of on-site trainings on Instructional and Leadership Coaching across Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Bandipora and Baramulla was conducted, bringing together 200 participants including HOs and teachers from the Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) –CHINAR 100 School Fellowship Program along with additional nominated teachers. The sessions focused on developing educators as effective coaches through key skills such as active listening, questioning, feedback and reflection. Interactive activities like Mirror Walk, role plays and self-reflection helped participants strengthen leadership practices, build relational trust and improve school management and collaboration.



Transforming Warwan Valley

A three-day field visit under the Warwan Valley Transformation Program assessed progress across 21 Community Learning Centers in 11 villages, focusing on learning environments, teaching materials, and overall effectiveness. Small Business Units were also reviewed to track functionality and sustainability. Two new skill development centers were launched, enrolling 55 trainees in tailoring and embroidery. Additionally, 12 tablets with preloaded content were distributed to facilitators, supporting digital learning.



Higher Education Expands Horizons

A total of 145 students have secured admission to three-year diploma programs in Engineering and Technology at various polytechnic colleges across Jammu & Kashmir. Of these, 51 students secured admission through CHINAR's Higher Education Sponsorship Program (HESP), while 94 students gained admission through the Higher Education Counselling and Support Program (HECSP), implemented in collaboration with EHSAAS International. By investing in the education of the economically challenged youth, CHINAR International aims to create a ripple effect that positively impacts entire communities.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

“Transforming potential into self-reliance for Kashmiri youth through skills, education and opportunities for a confident, independent future.”

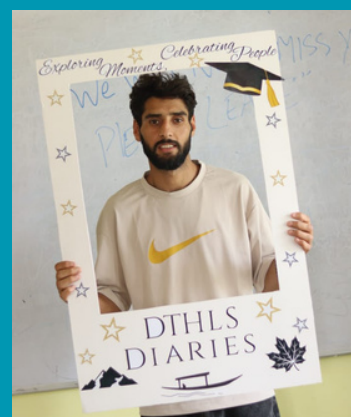
In Kashmir, many young people are unemployed or engaged in unsuitable jobs, while most continue to view government employment as the only path to success. However, government opportunities are limited, and the private sector is gradually expanding. At the same time, many skilled jobs are taken up by workers from other states because local youth often do not pursue such work, as the dignity of labour is yet to gain wider acceptance. The program encourages young people to explore diverse career pathways beyond government jobs, equipping them with practical skills and opportunities to succeed in the evolving job market.

To date, 4851 youth have been supported through skill development, business support and entrepreneurship guidance under the program.



From Warwan to Amritsar

Sharing the inspiring journey of Firdous Ahmad Khanday from Aftee, Warwan, Kishtwar, who has been placed as Faculty in Tourism at the Global Group of Institutes, Amritsar, after successfully completing his Master's in Tourism, Hospitality & Leisure Studies from the University of Kashmir. This achievement was made possible with the support he received through our HESP program. Expressing his gratitude, Firdous said: “It was possible only because of your generous support and encouragement. Your support not only eased my financial burden but also kept me motivated to achieve my goals. This success is as much yours as mine.” Firdous's story is a true example of how timely support can transform lives and shape futures.





Launch of SBS - Cohort 6

CHINAR International successfully concluded its three-day Small Business Support (SBS) event, selecting 24 entrepreneurs for Cohort 6 of its Small Business Support under Youth Development program. This year, the initiative received an overwhelming 450+ applications from six districts—Srinagar, Pulwama, Shopian, Bandipora, Baramulla, and Kupwara. After a rigorous multi-stage process, 50 candidates were shortlisted to pitch their business ideas before an expert panel, and 24 were finally selected for support. The shortlisted participants underwent four months of intensive training focused on refining their business and presentation skills. Each will receive up to ₹2 lakh financial support along with mentoring in marketing, accounting, and business management.



Training Youth in Multiple Skills

A total of 28 Skill Development Centers completed their training cycles, graduating 373 trainees. The trainees were provided with hands-on learning experiences across a diverse range of practical and vocational skills designed to enhance both employability and self-reliance. The training areas included digital learning, Mehndi arts, electrical work, and cutting and tailoring, alongside traditional and locally significant crafts such as Sozni art, Tilla work, and crewel embroidery. With the successful completion of the training programs, the graduates are now equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and practical expertise required to monetize the skills they have acquired. Furthermore, the programs have played a vital role in building confidence, fostering creativity, and encouraging entrepreneurial thinking among the trainees.



LCM for Mental Wellbeing

A Learning Circle Meet was hosted for students from our Higher Education Sponsorship Program. Nearly 63 students participated in the day-long meet and opened up about their day-to-day fears and pressures. They also explored 21st century competencies and how a fast-changing world is reshaping opportunities. Students performed a skit on stress, pain, friendship and counselling that shed light on the silent epidemic of substance abuse. They hailed CHINAR for addressing their mental well-being in addition to their educational needs.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Program focuses on holistic community development by supporting vulnerable groups such as children, youth, and under-resourced educational institutions.

The program emphasizes active participation of community members, parents, and local leaders to raise awareness, mobilize, and collaborate with them in implementing initiatives that nurture children and youth. CHINAR's core programs—child development, quality education, and youth development—serve as key enablers, ensuring that interventions in education, skills, and capacity building contribute to holistic community development. By strengthening families and empowering young people, the Community Development Program promotes self-reliance and sustainable progress across communities.

Currently, 16 communities from five districts are enrolled in the program.

Youth Trained for Disaster Emergency

In collaboration with the J&K SDRF Headquarters, Baghat Barzulla, a Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) training session was conducted at Srinagar office. Thirteen youth from Palpora and Rakhi Arath communities, along with CHINAR's Crisis Response Team and staff, participated in the session. Experts from SDRF shared critical knowledge on disaster management and safety measures during floods, earthquakes, and fires. The session included live demonstrations on first aid, CPR, Heart Revive techniques, and the proper use of fire extinguishers, making the training highly interactive. The session helped participants gain valuable lifesaving knowledge and confidence to act effectively in emergencies.



Awareness Through Art

Under Community Development Program, CHINAR organized "Awareness Through Art" events in Srinagar and Baramulla, engaging over 200 students from classes 6 to 10. The initiative used creative expression to raise awareness on key social issues such as drug abuse, education, and child well-being. Through group art activities, cultural performances, and a powerful skit, students showcased their ideas and perspectives. The events saw active participation from educators, officials, and community members, with certificates awarded to all participants and top performers recognized—highlighting the role of creativity in driving social awareness and holistic development.





POSHEWAER Youth Lead Change

POSHEWAER, the adolescent advocacy group from Palpora, Srinagar, along with volunteers from Baramulla, met with CHINAR International's Founder and Chairman, Irfan Shahmiri, at the Srinagar office. The meeting aimed to deepen the volunteers' understanding of CHINAR's mission, generate community-driven solutions, and plan future initiatives. Launched in July 2024 under Parvaaz, POSHEWAER brings adolescents together to build leadership skills and address social issues at home, in school, and within their communities. Shahmiri warmly welcomed the volunteers and emphasized their role in community development. He encouraged them to become role models for new volunteers who will soon form a similar group in Baramulla.



Healthcare for Elderly

CHINAR International, in collaboration with Moul Mouj Foundation and GK Labs, organized nine medical camps across Baramulla, Shopian, Kulgam, Anantnag, and Srinagar, benefiting over 1,200 elderly individuals. Led by Dr. Zubair Saleem and his team, the camps provided free health check-ups, diagnostic tests, medicines, and counselling. A total of 50 elderly were enrolled under Lifetime Privilege Card for free medicine and healthcare. Additionally, in collaboration with multiple health partners, organized a series of medical camps across Baramulla, Shopian, Anantnag and Kulgam, benefiting almost 1400 individuals. The camps offered free check-ups, diagnostic tests, medicines, and specialist consultations and addressed common ailments such as cough, fever, anemia, and nutritional deficiencies.



Mental Health Awareness

In collaboration with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), a Mental Health Awareness Session was held at Palpora Pamposh Colony, Srinagar, ahead of World Mental Health Day. Around 100 participants attended the event, which featured separate counselling sessions for men and women. Resource persons from MSF discussed the importance of mental well-being, early identification of symptoms, coping strategies, and the need to break stigma and encourage help-seeking behaviour.



CHINAR hosted first ever Patrons Meeting

On July 15th 2025, CHINAR International hosted its first-ever Patrons Meeting in Kashmir at the historic Amar Singh Club, Srinagar. The event brought together patrons, board members, key stakeholders, partners, and supporters to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and explore the road ahead. The primary aim was to expand local patronage, deepen engagement, and inspire attendees to contribute in meaningful ways toward CHINAR's mission.



Annual Rewards and Recognition Ceremony

CHINAR International held annual Rewards and Recognition Ceremony at its base office in Srinagar. Mr. Abid Qadiri, Global Executive Director, felicitated the best performers, best field support staff, and relief warriors of the year for their hard work and dedication in creating a meaningful change in the lives of the people. Mr. Mozam Guru received this year's Leader's Excellence Award while Ms. Mehreen was awarded with Long Service Award of the year, as she completed her ten years of service with the organization.

QUICK BITES

Internships

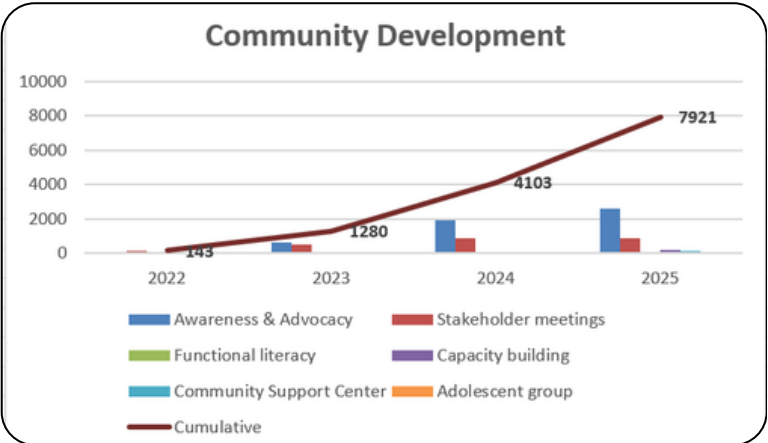
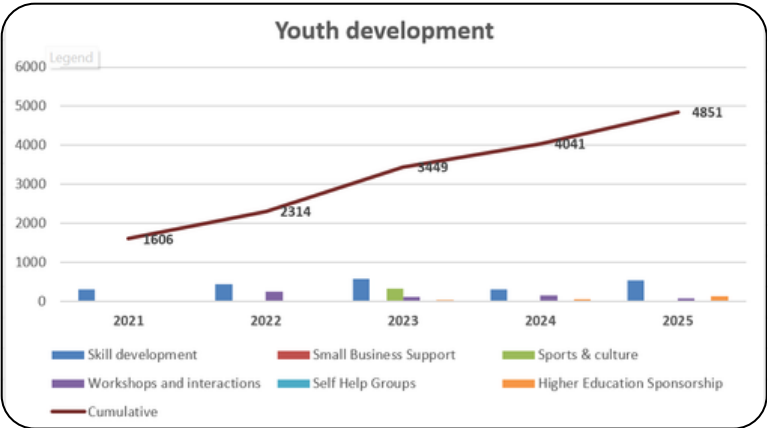
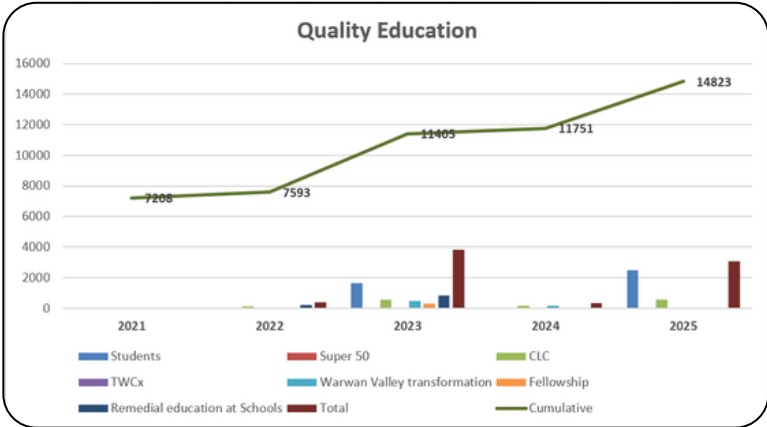
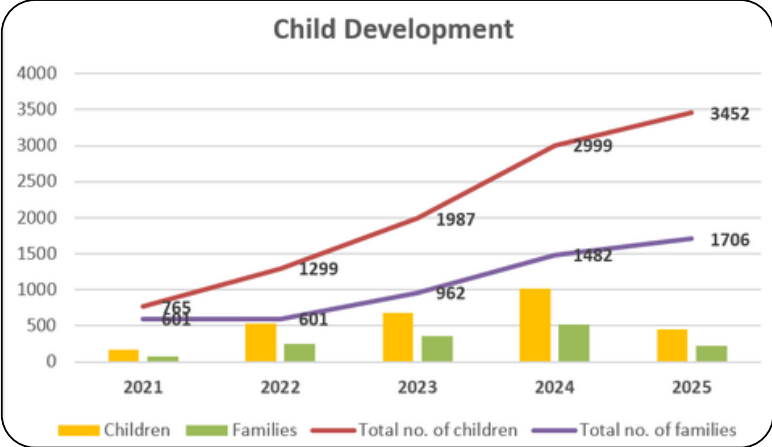
CHINAR International proudly marked the successful completion of 16 internships, celebrating the efforts of students from diverse academic backgrounds. The interns actively contributed to research, documentation, fieldwork, and community activities. Through both short-term and extended programs, they gained valuable hands-on experience while supporting key initiatives. Their dedication was recognized with certificates at closing ceremonies. These internships reflect CHINAR's commitment to nurturing young talent and preparing them for meaningful futures in the development sector. We wish all of them every success as they continue to pursue their careers in social work.



Educational Leadership Award

CHINAR International was honored with the Educational Leadership Award 2025 by the Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) at SCERT Bemina, Srinagar. The award was presented by Mr. G.N. Itoo, Director General School Education, along with other distinguished dignitaries, in acknowledgment of CHINAR's sustained efforts to enhance the quality of education in Jammu and Kashmir. Through these initiatives, CHINAR reaffirms its vision of ensuring quality education for every child.

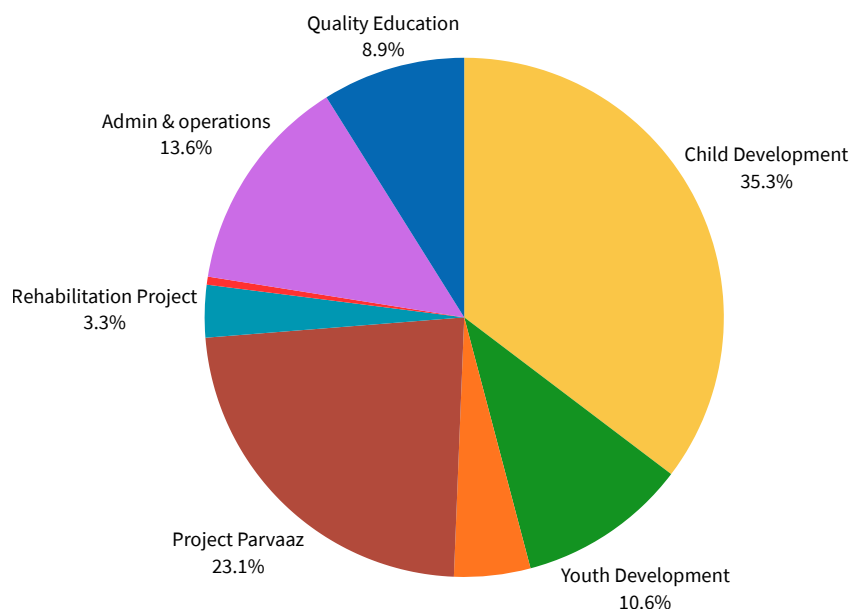




25-26

FINANCIALS

PROGRAMS	AMOUNT(INR)	AMOUNT(USD)
CHILD DEVELOPMENT	2,84,18,159	322,934
QUALITY EDUCATION	89,52,811	101,736
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	1,03,35,784	117,452
WARWAN VALLEY TRANSFORMATION	41,04,429	46,641
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	2,08,43,530	236,858
REHABILITATION PROJECT	34,14,507	62,908
CRISES RELIEF	6,54,995	7,443
ADMIN AND OPERATIONS	1,81,58,550	206,347
TOTAL	9,70,04,178	1,102,320



YEAR AHEAD: FY 2026 -27

In FY 2026–27, CHINAR will focus on responsible growth across all program areas, building upon ongoing initiatives while enhancing quality, systems, and community ownership. Drawing on implementation learnings, the organization is moving beyond scale alone toward measurable, outcome-focused impact that reflects community priorities.

Alongside expanding its programs, CHINAR will further strengthen internal systems, optimize resources, and promote learning and development. Greater clarity in role ownership, stronger planning and monitoring frameworks, and improved coordination across programs, finance, and operations will enhance accountability, operational efficiency, and transparent reporting.

Child Development

In the coming year, CHINAR will continue to extend educational support to its existing 2,400 children, while focusing on strengthening learning outcomes and creating pathways for their future growth. The organization will also prioritize improving nutrition and family resilience, building essential life skills, and preparing adolescents for future education and livelihood opportunities.

Quality Education

The organization will continue to strengthen its network of learning spaces by enhancing the quality and effectiveness of Community Learning Centers, Digital Learning Hubs, and Reading Corners. The Teach with CHINAR Fellowship will continue to support schools, while remedial tuition centres and school-based interventions will be closely monitored to ensure consistent implementation, improved learning outcomes, and sustained programme quality.

Youth Development

CHINAR will continue to strengthen youth development by mentoring small business enterprises, expanding entrepreneurship support, and enhancing employment-oriented skill development opportunities. The organization will also continue to promote youth leadership, confidence, and community engagement through sports and other developmental initiatives, with an emphasis on creating sustainable pathways for education, livelihoods, and economic empowerment.

Community Development

The organisation will undertake community assessments to review progress, measure the impact of its interventions, and assess the eligibility of communities for successful graduation from the program, ensuring that gains are sustained through strengthened community ownership and resilience. Through these efforts, CHINAR aims to build stronger, more informed, and resilient communities.

Looking Ahead

FY 2026–27 represents a year of sustained implementation and outcome-driven progress, where strengthened systems, continuous learning, and focused program delivery reinforce long-term impact. Through effective execution, strong community partnerships, and evidence-based decision-making, CHINAR aims to deepen sustainable, transparent, and scalable development outcomes.



MORE ABOUT US

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