

Annual Report 2023

The year our tuition centres became a community hall — and 100 Right to Education children moved to coaching near their own homes, with KarmaCorps paying the fees and keeping watch.



100

RTE CHILDREN

30

TUITION CENTRES

80

BANK PASSBOOKS

₹42.57L

INVESTED

A year of change

KarmaCorps submits its 2023 annual report: a record of the year's work for the holistic welfare of our Right to Education children, covering quality education, digital learning, supervision, child protection, financial support and events.

The year's largest decision was structural. In May, operations at the Ayanavaram centre were concluded and the Chetpet centre became a community hall. Children now attend tuition close to home — the choice their parents asked for — while KarmaCorps pays the fees, visits

the centres and keeps its own hall for IXL practice, documentary screenings, the library, birthdays and parents' meetings.

A second change went with it: monthly support for education, sports and extracurricular activities is now transferred directly into each child's own bank account. Eighty passbooks were opened at the State Bank of India for Chetpet families, with Ayanavaram's process completed in parallel.

The data in this report covers finance, education, technology, health, monitoring and safety, so progress and gaps in each can be tracked.

₹8,83,000

Scholarships to 98 children

₹9,96,120

Tuition fees paid at local centres

24

Documentary screenings at the hall

THE YEAR IN ORDER

JAN-APR	IXL classes and lesson plans continue at both centres. Children make and send new year greeting cards. IXL appreciation certificates awarded.
MAY	Ayanavaram operations concluded; computers, kitchenware and furniture donated to three non-profits. MCC school fees paid for six children. Tuition centres surveyed across Chetpet, Anna Nagar and Ayanavaram.
JUN-JUL	Chetpet children enrol at a new centre from 12 June; Ayanavaram children start at Anna Nagar East in July. Screenings and birthdays begin at the hall.
AUG-SEP	Scholarship distribution on 26 August. Parents' meetings held at the centres. Visit to the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu at Nehru Park.
OCT-DEC	Children move to tuition centres near home; 80 passbooks received and monthly transfers begin, signed for on every acknowledgement.

HIGHLIGHTS

The year at a glance

100 RTE children · community hall + tuition near home · ₹42,56,729 invested

PROGRAMME	WHAT HAPPENED	FIGURE
The transition	Ayanavaram operations concluded in May and Chetpet became a community hall; equipment was donated to three partner organisations.	2 → 1 premises
Tuition near home	From October, parents chose a centre near home and KarmaCorps paid the fees — with staff visiting twice a month to check attendance and speak to teachers.	30 centres ₹9,96,120
Scholarships	Awarded on attendance at a distribution event on 26 August attended by our founder and co-founder — ₹6,84,000 at Chetpet, ₹1,99,000 at Ayanavaram.	₹8,83,000 98 children
Bank accounts	Accounts opened at the State Bank of India so support arrives in the child's own name, with passbooks handed to mothers against signed acknowledgements.	80 passbooks
School fees	Fees paid in full at MCC for six children in classes 4 and 8.	₹2,81,040 6 children
Digital learning	IXL practice continued at the hall and at home; 89 of 105 accounts in use, and the laptop rental programme ran a second year with usage logged monthly.	112 hrs top child
Saturdays at the hall	Weekly documentary screenings, the library, monthly storytelling with the children's own props, and greeting cards made for the people who look after them.	24 screenings
Sports	A visit to the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu at Nehru Park; a private coach was chosen so any child could take part, not only selected ones.	Open to all 98 children
Community support	Monthly grants to nine organisations in education, health, disability, elder care and transgender welfare, plus ₹5,000 a month in family financial assistance.	₹2,25,000+ per month
Total invested	Salaries, tuition fees, scholarships, rent, school fees, nutrition and events, January–December 2023.	₹42,56,729

100 children, classes 2 to 8

For the academic year 2023–24, KarmaCorps supported 80 RTE children in Chetpet and 20 in Ayanavaram. Attendance was tracked all year: 189 working days at Ayanavaram, and 149 days from January to September at Chetpet before children moved to centres near home.

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Chetpet — classes 4 to 8

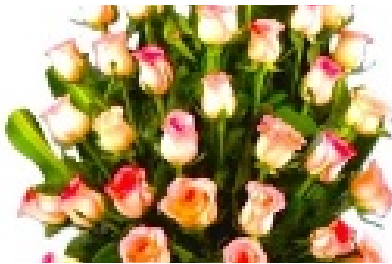
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Ayanavaram — classes 3 and 4

13→6

Staff, before and after May

Until April the team numbered thirteen — five teachers, two nutrition aides, cleaning assistants, a computer instructor, an accounts manager, an education co-ordinator and the programs director. From May the work was carried by six: a programs director, accounts manager, computer instructor, education co-ordinator and housekeeping staff, supported by the tuition teachers at each partner centre.



Our children, academic year 2023–24, at Chetpet and Ayanavaram.

From two centres to a community hall

On 11 May the Ayanavaram centre was wound up. Two computers and the furniture went to Wisdom Learning Centre, a special school run by the Vinayaka Charitable Trust; kitchen utensils to Thozhi, which works with the transgender community; and equipment to a soup kitchen and day care centre for the elderly run by a Christian charitable trust. The rest was moved to Chetpet.

The Chetpet premises became a community hall: a place children come to practise IXL, read in the library, watch documentaries, celebrate birthdays and meet with their parents and our staff.

Tuition itself moved outward. In May and June our team visited centres across Chetpet, Anna Nagar and Ayanavaram and chose one for each group of children. Chetpet children started on 12 June; Ayanavaram children joined Credible in Anna Nagar East in July.

By September parents said plainly that they would rather their children walked to a centre near home. From October KarmaCorps agreed and began paying tuition fees at whichever centre each family chose — 80 children across 30 centres — with staff visiting twice a month to check attendance and speak to teachers.



Shifting day at Ayanavaram, equipment handed to partner organisations, and the new tuition centres.

IXL, laptops and the library

Children continued to practise on IXL through the year, at the hall and at home. Of 105 accounts, 89 were in use; the highest practice time recorded by one child was 112 hours. Practice was strongest in the first four months, dipped mid-year and recovered a little in September — a pattern the team is working on with the children directly.

IXL's effect shows up in the things that are hard to test: new vocabulary, clearer reasoning, the confidence to keep working without a teacher standing there. Certificates from the platform

went to the children who answered the most questions, and the monthly top ten were posted on the board at the hall.

The laptop rental program ran a second year with device usage logged month by month. Over 2023 the highest use was 307 hours (Yazhini) and 245 (Kaviya); the lowest was 80 (Akash). Review meetings and home visits by our technical assistant addressed connection problems and encouraged longer use.

At the hall, children read fiction, science and English titles from our own library each weekend — a habit that pays back slowly and for a long time.



Student	Grade	Subject	Score	Time Spent
Yazhini	4	Math	95	307
Kaviya	4	Math	92	245
Akash	4	Math	80	80

From October 1, 2023 to December 30, 2023, your students...

ED
264
NS

SPENT
2,836 hr 24 min
PRACTICING

PRACTICE BY MONTH



Karmacorp here wishes to inform you that we are pleased to give the students the monthly financial support for educational and extracurricular activities from October 2023 onwards. We hope you will utilize the money for the above-mentioned cause, and we congratulate you on your future endeavors.

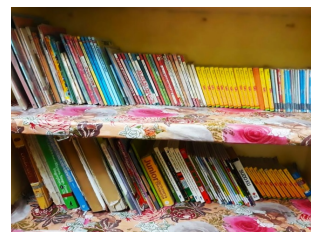
Acknowledgement receipt:

I thank you very much for your monthly financial assistance towards the education and extracurricular activities fees. Rs _____.

Your support is greatly appreciated it motivates me/us to work hard and be successful.

Sincerely,

Date:



IXL practice, laptop review meetings and home follow-up visits, and the library at the community hall.

Documentaries, stories and birthdays

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Documentary screenings across the year

Documentary shows. Every Saturday the children watched a documentary at the hall — world events, science, history — chosen to give them accurate knowledge about things nobody had told them yet, and to leave them curious.

Storytelling. The monthly session grew all year, with more children volunteering their own stories. They used stick puppets, pictures, stuffed toys, drawings, paper cuttings and a miniature globe, and taught their listeners new words as they went.

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Children on the screening roll

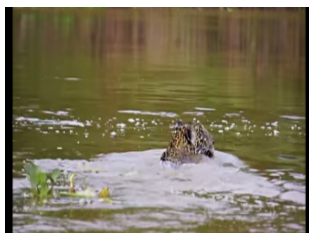
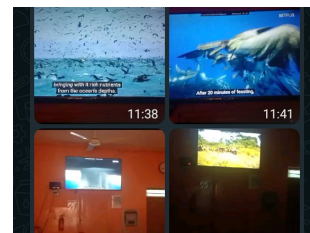
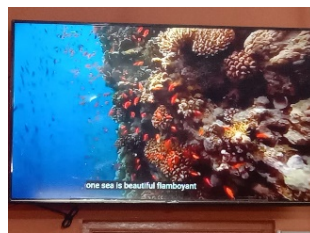
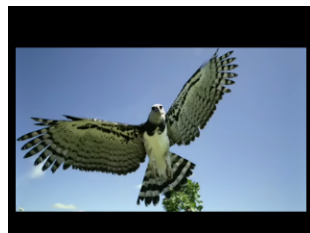
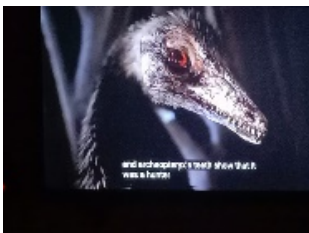
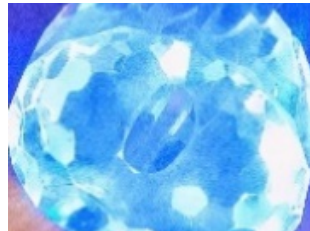
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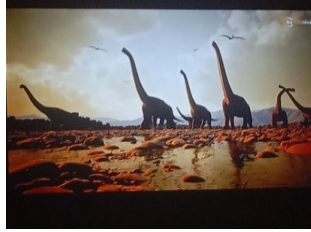
Monthly birthday celebrations

Birthdays. Celebrated at the end of every month for all the children whose birthdays fell in it — decorations, a cake, a gift, and the whole room singing.

Greeting cards. From 2023 the team taught the children to make and send cards to the people who look after them — a small lesson in gratitude that goes beyond good manners.

Nutrition. Through the first four months, while the centres ran, a hot balanced snack was served each evening in a clean, well-lit dining room, with RO water and food tasting recorded by our nutrition aide.





Greeting cards and evening snacks, storytelling sessions, monthly birthdays and Saturday documentary screenings.

Scholarships, school fees and 80 passbooks

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION · 26 AUGUST 2023

₹8,83,000

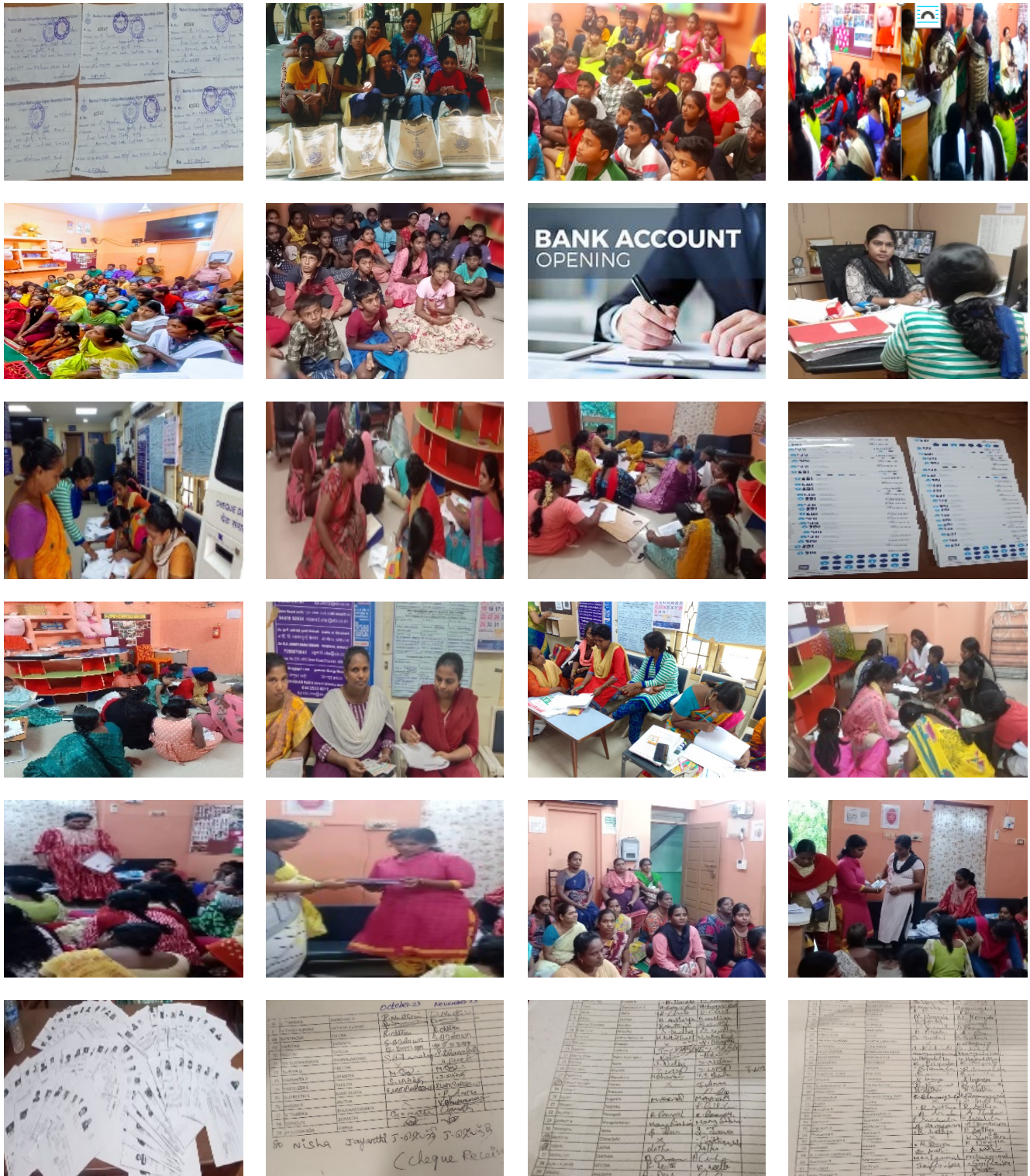
Awarded to 98 children on the strength of their attendance — ₹6,84,000 at Chetpet and ₹1,99,000 at Ayanavaram. Our founder Mr Sriram and co-founder Ms Catherine attended; cheques were handed over and signed for on the day.

School fees at MCC. On 19 May KarmaCorps paid school fees for six children: Makkesh, Mithuna and Augustine in class 4 at ₹45,230 each, and Jeeva, Keerthika and Akash in class 8 at ₹48,450 each — ₹2,81,040 in all.

Bank accounts. From October the team collected forms from the State Bank of India, briefed mothers on the documents needed — Aadhaar copies, photographs, proof of address — and helped them fill everything in at the hall. Eighty passbooks were received in November and handed to the mothers against signed acknowledgements.

Monthly transfers. Support for tuition, sports and educational costs now goes straight into the child's account, with a monthly signature from the parent on the acknowledgement receipt. For Ayanavaram children, tuition fees were paid to the centre by cheque.

Family support. Direct monthly financial assistance of ₹5,000 to one family facing hardship continued through all twelve months — ₹60,000 for the year.



MCC school fees, the scholarship event, account opening at the State Bank of India and passbook distribution.

Thirty centres, twice a month

Paying fees at 30 different tuition centres only works if somebody turns up. Our staff visited each centre twice a month to confirm the children were present, collect attendance and hear from the teachers. Children knew the visits were happening, and attendance improved because of it.

Parents' meetings

A joint meeting on 13 May explained the transition to both centres' families. Anna Nagar East holds meetings twice a month, where teachers go through each child's performance individually with their parents.

Registers and records

Staff and children's attendance, Saturday events, documentary sessions, IXL attendance, accounts and staff work reports — maintained through the year as the record of everyone's work.

Health and hygiene

Handwashing after the toilet, safe drinking water at every event, and the hall cleaned regularly with disinfectant by our cleaning aide.

Weekly staff meeting

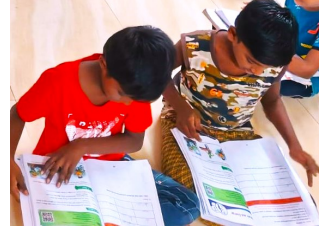
Every week the team meets at the hall: what is done, what is pending, what needs fixing — children missing tuition, laptops going unused, gifts and stationery to buy, home visits to make.

Device inventory

The annual check covered printers, internet connections, computers, laptops, headphones, SIM cards, dongles and chargers, with purchase dates, serial and model numbers recorded.

Sports

A visit to the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu at Nehru Park to arrange coaching. The government coach could take only selected children; a private coach was willing to take any of them, so KarmaCorps chose that route.





Tuition centre visits, parents' meetings, extracurricular activities at partner centres, the sports authority visit and our registers.

Nine organisations, every month

Beyond our own children, KarmaCorps funds organisations working in education, health, women's empowerment, livelihood, disability, elder care and the transgender community — under contractual agreements, and against regular updates on their work.

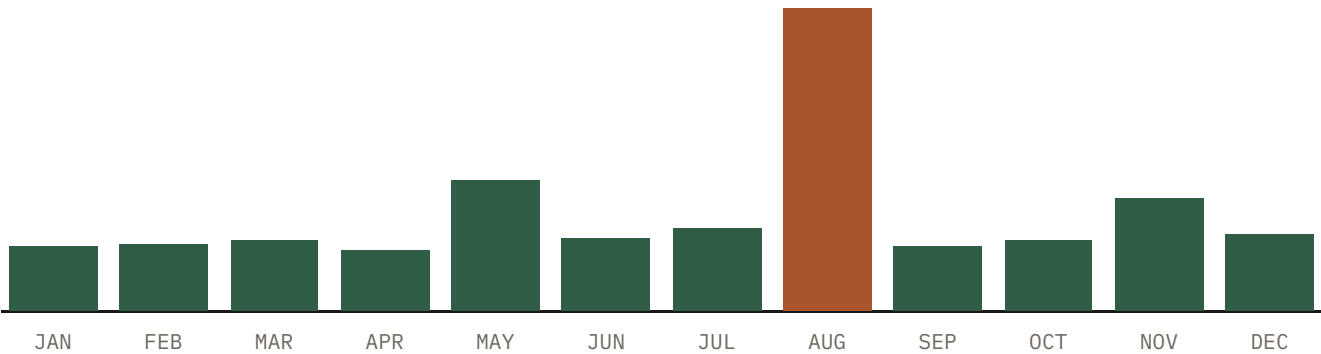
ORGANISATION	WORK	PER MONTH
GNE Foundation	Global Network for Equality — rebuilding the lives of children of prisoners	₹50,000
East West Foundation	Community welfare	₹45,000
Nethrodaya	Welfare organisation for the visually challenged — with additional support for scholarships and a carrom tournament	₹30–36,000
DRIK	Educational intervention for urban and rural children and youth	₹30,000
TIARA	Medical support for cancer and haemophilia patients	₹25,000
TYCL	Trust for Youth and Child Leadership	₹15,000
Thozhi	Welfare of the transgender community	₹10,000
CCTM (soup kitchen)	Food donation for the elderly	₹10,000
Vinayaka Charitable Trust	Support for mentally challenged children	₹10,000
Total, per month		₹2,25,000+

Grants to partner organisations are held and reported separately from centre expenditure. A KarmaCorps staff member also volunteered with partner organisations on administrative work and computer training.

₹42,56,729 across the year

Support was released against written plans with costed estimates, and every category was tracked month by month so the team could compare spending and stop what was not needed. The figures below are the full-year record for January to December 2023.

Monthly expenditure

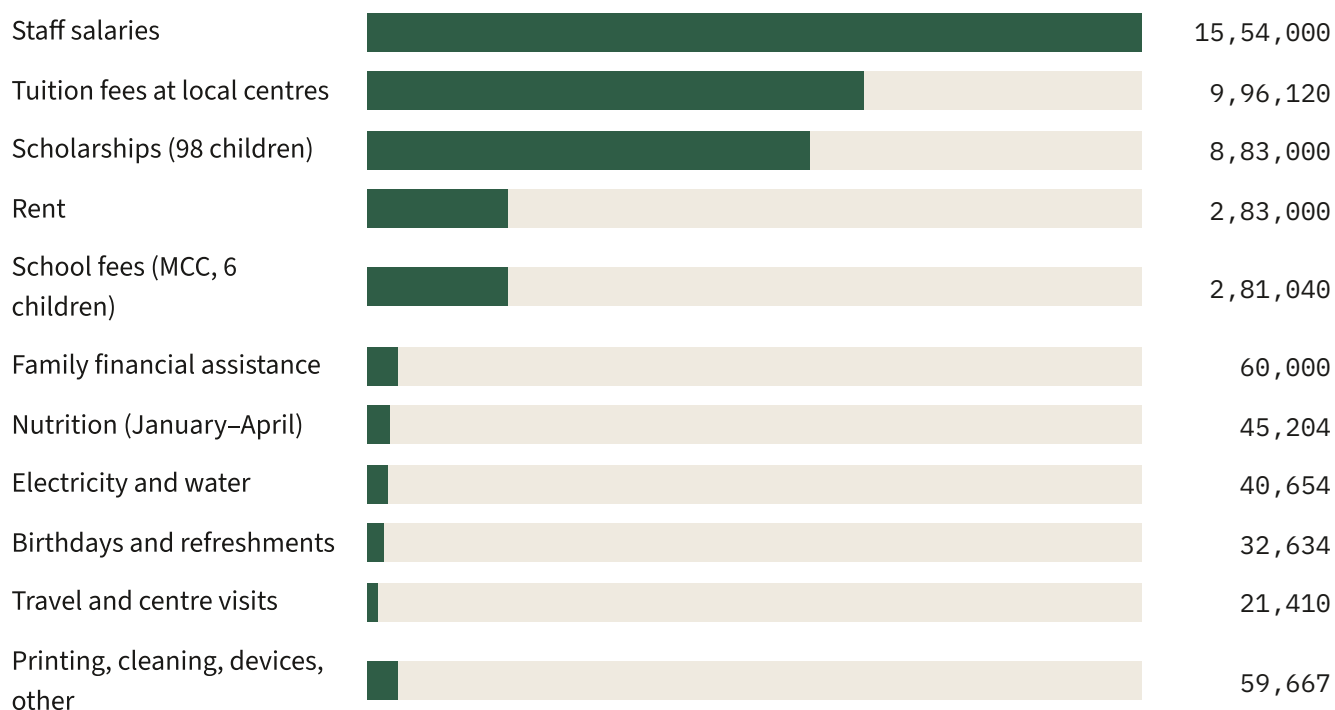


August carries the year's scholarship disbursement of ₹8,83,000; May carries MCC school fees and the Ayanavaram shifting costs.

Summary by month

MONTH	PRINCIPAL ITEMS	TOTAL
January	Salaries, rent, nutrition, headphones for Chetpet children	2,30,765
February	Salaries, rent, nutrition, birthday celebrations	2,40,446
March	Salaries, rent, electricity, stationery	2,53,599
April	Salaries, rent, final month of centre nutrition	2,24,522
May	MCC school fees ₹2,81,040, Ayanavaram shifting, salaries and rent	4,73,529
June	First month of tuition fees at partner centres	2,63,910
July	Tuition fees, reduced rent, travel for centre visits	2,98,499
August	Scholarships for 98 children ₹8,83,000, tuition fees	11,06,180
September	Tuition fees, birthdays, centre visits	2,29,832
October	Tuition fees at 30 centres near children's homes	2,58,332
November	Tuition fees, staff bonus, bank account work	4,04,795
December	Tuition fees, birthdays, hall maintenance	2,72,320
Total		₹42,56,729

Where the money went



Figures in rupees, from the 2023 expense record. Bar lengths are relative to the largest category. A petty cash float of ₹1,25,927 was transferred to the accounts department across the year and is accounted for within these categories.

What 2023 leaves behind

This year KarmaCorps worked to keep quality and holistic education going through a change of model, while adding weight to extracurricular activity and sport.

Children kept practising digital learning, and came to the community hall for documentaries, the library and their birthdays. Parents enrolled them at tuition centres near home, and we paid the fees and checked they were there.

Scholarships reached 98 children. Eighty passbooks were issued at Chetpet and the Ayanavaram accounts completed, so support now arrives in a child's own name. Regular visits to the centres told the children plainly that someone was keeping track — and their attendance improved.

Support to our partner organisations continued, helping them reach their own goals. We thank our founders, our funders, our small staff and the parents who kept up with all of it.



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