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(Building Inclusive Communities through Compassion, Care and Sustainable Development)

Message from the Managing Trustee

Dear Partners, Donors, Friends and Supporters,



It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report of SCOPE India for the financial year 2025–2026. This report reflects another year of meaningful progress towards our mission of empowering vulnerable communities and promoting dignity, equity, and sustainable development across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. For more than three decades, SCOPE India has worked alongside communities, government institutions, corporate partners, and civil society organizations to address the needs of older persons, women, children, persons with chronic illnesses, and other socially vulnerable groups. During the reporting year, our programmes expanded in both scale and impact, reaching thousands of beneficiaries through integrated interventions in elder care, palliative care, child development, women's empowerment, skill development, digital inclusion, and community health.

One of our significant achievements this year has been strengthening community-based elder care systems through residential care, home-based palliative services, caregiver training, and social protection initiatives. Simultaneously, our child development centres, digital safety campaigns, and women's livelihood programmes have continued to create opportunities for education, economic empowerment, and social inclusion.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our government partners, CSR contributors, philanthropic organizations, volunteers, academic institutions, healthcare professionals, community leaders, and dedicated staff. Their partnership has enabled us to respond effectively to emerging community needs while maintaining the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and service delivery.

As we look ahead, SCOPE India remains committed to strengthening community institutions, expanding integrated care services, promoting innovation in social development, and contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Together, we will continue building resilient communities where every individual can live with dignity, security, and hope.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire SCOPE India family, I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who has been part of this journey.

Together, we are transforming lives and building a more inclusive and compassionate society.

Dr. S. Sathiya Babu
Managing Trustee & Founder Director
SCOPE India

ABOUT SCOPE INDIA

Established in 1992, SCOPE India (Society for Community Organization and People Empowerment) is a registered non-profit organization committed to promoting equitable, inclusive, and sustainable development among marginalized and vulnerable communities.

For over three decades, the organization has implemented community-centred development programmes addressing the social, economic, educational, and healthcare needs of disadvantaged populations across Tamil Nadu and neighbouring regions. SCOPE India adopts a rights-based and participatory approach that empowers individuals, strengthens community institutions, and enhances access to essential services through partnerships with government departments, corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, academic institutions, and civil society organizations.

The organization has developed recognized expertise in:



- Community-Based Elder Care
- Palliative and Home-Based Care
- Women's Empowerment and Livelihood Promotion
- Child Development and Education
- Community Health and Nutrition
- Skill Development and Employability
- Finance and Digital Literacy and Cyber Safety
- Social Protection and Welfare Linkages
- Capacity Building for Geriatric Palliative Caregivers and Community Volunteers
- Disaster Response and Community Resilience

SCOPE India believes that sustainable development is achieved when communities themselves become active participants in planning, implementing, and sustaining development initiatives. Guided by this philosophy, the organization continues to strengthen local capacities while ensuring that the most vulnerable populations receive dignified, equitable, and quality services.

Over the years, SCOPE India has earned the trust of government agencies, corporate partners, donors, healthcare institutions, and local communities by consistently delivering impactful programmes that improve quality of life and promote social inclusion.

Chapter 2

ABOUT SCOPE INDIA

Organizational Profile

SCOPE India (Society for Community Organization and People Empowerment) is a registered non-profit and voluntary organization established in 1992 with a vision of creating an inclusive society where every individual, irrespective of age, gender, disability, health condition, or socio-economic background, enjoys dignity, equality, and the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life. Headquartered in Devadanapatti, Theni District, Tamil Nadu, SCOPE India has over three decades of experience designing and implementing community-based development programmes that respond to the evolving needs of vulnerable populations. The organisation works in close partnership with government departments, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, academic institutions, healthcare providers, local self-governments, and community-based organisations to deliver sustainable and measurable social impact.

Registered under the applicable statutory provisions and holding FCRA registration, SCOPE India is committed to maintaining the highest standards of transparency, accountability, ethical governance, and responsible financial management.

OUR JOURNEY

Since its inception, SCOPE India has continuously evolved from a community-based voluntary organization into a recognized development institution implementing integrated programmes in health, education, elder care, livelihood promotion, child protection, and community capacity strengthening.

The organisation's philosophy is founded on the belief that sustainable development can only be achieved when communities themselves become active participants in identifying their needs, designing solutions, and leading local development processes. Consequently, every programme implemented by SCOPE India places communities at the centre of planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

Over the years, the organization has expanded its geographical reach while strengthening institutional partnerships and technical expertise in community health, palliative care, geriatric services, digital inclusion, and social protection.

OUR AREAS OF WORK

SCOPE India implements multidisciplinary programmes addressing the interconnected challenges faced by vulnerable communities.

Our major programme areas include:

- Community-Based Elder Care and Active Ageing
- Palliative Care and Home-Based Health Services
- Shelter and Rehabilitation Services for Homeless Elders
- Child Development and Education
- Women's Empowerment and Livelihood Promotion
- Community Health and Preventive Healthcare
- Skill Development and Employability Enhancement
- Digital Literacy, Digital Safety and Cyber Awareness
- Social Protection and Government Welfare Linkages
- Capacity Building for Caregivers, Community Volunteers and Institutions
- Disaster Response and Community Resilience
- Research, Advocacy and Knowledge Development on Ageing and Community Care



Each programme is designed to improve access to essential services while strengthening local capacities and promoting inclusive development.

Our Development Approach

SCOPE India adopts an integrated, Development-based, and community-driven approach to development. Rather than addressing issues in isolation, the organisation works to strengthen families, communities, and local institutions so that development outcomes remain sustainable long after project completion.

Key principles guiding our interventions include:

- Community ownership and participation
- Human dignity and social inclusion
- Gender equality and women's empowerment
- Evidence-based programme design
- Capacity strengthening of local institutions
- Partnership with government systems
- Accountability and transparency
- Innovation and continuous learning
- Sustainability and long-term impact

This approach enables SCOPE India to build resilient communities capable of addressing their own development challenges while ensuring that vulnerable individuals receive timely and appropriate support.

Our Impact

During the financial year 2025–2026, SCOPE India continued to expand its reach across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry through integrated development initiatives benefiting more than 20,000 individuals directly and indirectly.

The organization worked extensively with:

- Older persons requiring residential, home-based and palliative care
- Women from socially and economically vulnerable backgrounds
- Children requiring educational support and life skills development
- Adolescents and youth seeking vocational skills and employment opportunities
- Caregivers and healthcare professionals requiring specialized training
- Community volunteers promoting local development
- Families requiring access to health, social protection and welfare services

Through collaboration with government departments, CSR partners and civil society organisations, SCOPE India strengthened access to healthcare, education, livelihood opportunities, digital inclusion and social security, thereby contributing to improved quality of life for vulnerable populations.

Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



SCOPE India contributes to several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through its integrated development programmes.

Our interventions primarily support:

- SDG 1: No Poverty
- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

By aligning programme implementation with national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals, SCOPE India remains committed to creating inclusive, equitable and sustainable communities where every individual has the opportunity to live with dignity and hope.

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Vision, Mission, Core Values and Governance

Vision

To build an inclusive, compassionate, and equitable society where every individual—regardless of age, gender, disability, socio-economic status, or health condition—can live with dignity, security, equal opportunity, and access to quality services that enable a healthy and fulfilling life.

Mission

SCOPE India is committed to empowering vulnerable and marginalized communities through integrated, community-driven development programmes that promote health, education, social protection, livelihood security, capacity building, and sustainable development.

Working in partnership with government institutions, corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, academic institutions, civil society organisations, and local communities, we strive to strengthen community systems, improve access to essential services, and create lasting social impact through inclusive and evidence-based interventions.

Our Core Values

our work is guided by a set of fundamental values that define our organisational culture, programme implementation, and relationships with communities and partners.

Compassion

We believe every individual deserves care, respect, and empathy. Our programmes place human dignity at the centre of every intervention, particularly for older persons, women, children, and vulnerable communities.

Integrity

We uphold the highest standards of honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct in programme implementation, financial management, governance, and stakeholder engagement.

Inclusion

We are committed to ensuring that no one is left behind. Our programmes actively promote social inclusion and equitable access to opportunities regardless of age, gender, disability, caste, religion, or socio-economic status.

Community Participation

Communities are not merely beneficiaries but partners in development. We encourage local ownership, participatory decision-making, and community leadership to ensure sustainable outcomes.

Excellence

We continually strive to improve programme quality through innovation, evidence-based planning, professional development, and effective monitoring and evaluation.

Accountability

We remain accountable to the communities we serve, our donors, government agencies, CSR partners, employees, volunteers, and all stakeholders through responsible governance and transparent reporting.

Collaboration

We believe sustainable development is achieved through strong partnerships. We work closely with government departments, healthcare institutions, educational organisations, corporate partners, and community-based organisations to maximise collective impact.

Governance

Strong governance forms the foundation of SCOPE India's institutional credibility. The organisation is governed by an experienced Board of Trustees that provides strategic leadership, policy direction, fiduciary oversight, and guidance to ensure that all programmes remain aligned with the organisation's mission, legal obligations, and ethical standards.

The Board works closely with the senior management team to promote sound governance practices, strengthen institutional systems, and ensure effective utilisation of financial and human resources.

Regular Board meetings review programme performance, financial management, statutory compliance, organisational risks, strategic priorities, and long-term sustainability.

Board of Trustees



Dr. S. Sathiya Babu

Managing Trustee & Founder Director

Provides strategic leadership and overall direction to the organisation. Under his leadership, SCOPE India has pioneered innovative community-based models in elder care, palliative care, capacity building, and social development.

Dr. S. Manikandan



Trustee

Provides strategic guidance on programme development, institutional partnerships, and organizational strengthening while supporting the implementation of community development initiatives.

Mr. R. Elango

Trustee



Contributes to organizational governance, programme oversight, and institutional development, ensuring effective implementation of the organization’s strategic priorities.

Mrs. S. Yeswanthika

Finance Trustee



Oversees financial governance, budgeting, statutory compliance, financial reporting, and resource management to ensure transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of donor resources.

Advisory Committee

SCOPE India benefits from the guidance and expertise of distinguished professionals who provide technical advice, strategic inputs, and sectoral knowledge across programme areas.

The Advisory Committee supports organisational learning, innovation, institutional partnerships, and quality improvement.

Advisory Members

- Dr. M. Annadurai,
- Mrs. Thowleth Fathima,
- Mr. Herbert Ravikumar ,
- Mr.Jerum Fancies,
-Mr.Sharavanabhavan

Institutional Governance and Accountability

SCOPE India is committed to maintaining high standards of institutional governance through:

- Transparent financial management and statutory compliance.
- Regular monitoring and evaluation of programme performance.
- Compliance with Government of India regulations, including FCRA and other applicable statutory requirements.
- Internal financial controls and responsible resource utilisation.
- Ethical programme implementation guided by safeguarding principles.
- Stakeholder engagement and participatory decision-making.
- Continuous organisational learning and quality improvement.

These governance mechanisms ensure that every contribution entrusted to SCOPE India is utilized efficiently, responsibly, and in a manner that maximizes impact for the communities we serve.

Our Commitment

As SCOPE India continues to grow, we remain steadfast in our commitment to strengthening institutional excellence, expanding strategic partnerships, and delivering innovative, community-centred development programmes that improve lives and create sustainable social change.

Our governance framework reflects our belief that accountability, transparency, and integrity are essential to achieving meaningful and lasting development outcomes.

Chapter 4

Year at a Glance: 2025–2026
Delivering Impact through Community-Centred Development

The financial year 2025–2026 marked another significant milestone in SCOPE India's journey of empowering vulnerable communities through integrated, inclusive, and sustainable development programmes. Guided by our mission to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged populations, the organisation continued to expand its reach across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry through strategic partnerships with government departments, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partners, healthcare institutions, educational organisations, and community-based networks.

Our programmes focused on strengthening community resilience, improving access to healthcare and education, promoting dignified ageing, enhancing livelihood opportunities, advancing digital inclusion, and building the capacity of community institutions to sustain long-term development outcomes.

ORGANISATIONAL REACH

During the reporting period, SCOPE India directly and indirectly impacted more than 20,000 individuals through its diverse portfolio of development programmes.

Programme Coverage

- 20,000+ individuals reached through integrated community development programmes.
- 18 villages covered across Theni District.
- 3 villages covered in Cuddalore District.
- 2 villages covered in Puducherry.
- Programmes implemented through strong collaboration with government institutions, hospitals, educational institutions, CSR partners, and local communities.

Key Programme Achievements

Women's Empowerment

- 1,317 women from vulnerable communities, including Female Sex Workers (FSWs), received support through rehabilitation, livelihood promotion, health awareness, financial literacy, and social protection initiatives.
- Beneficiaries were linked to government welfare schemes, vocational training, and income-generating opportunities to promote economic independence and social inclusion.

Youth Development

- 1,900 adolescents, youth, and members of vulnerable communities participated in skill development, career guidance, health education, life skills, and employability programmes.
- Training initiatives focused on enhancing confidence, employability, leadership, and community participation among young people.

Child Development

- 430 children benefited from educational support, remedial learning, life skills education, career guidance, and child-friendly learning environments established through community learning centres.
- Scholarships, educational materials, and mentoring support contributed to improved learning outcomes and school retention.

Elder Care

SCOPE India continued to strengthen comprehensive elder care services through residential care, community-based support, home care, palliative care, and active ageing initiatives.

Major achievements include:

245 homeless older persons received residential care, nutritious meals, healthcare, counselling, rehabilitation, and dignified living support.
140 members actively participated in Elder Self-Help Groups, promoting social inclusion and peer support.
30+ bedridden elders received home-based care through trained caregivers.
22 abandoned elders received compassionate end-of-life care and dignified funeral support.
More than 178,900 community members benefited from digital literacy, awareness programmes, and improved access to welfare services.

Capacity Building

Building local capacity remained a core organisational strategy during the reporting year.

SCOPE India organised specialised training programmes for:
- Professional caregivers
- Community volunteers
- Managers of elder care institutions
- Healthcare professionals
- Youth leaders
- Community organisations

Training covered geriatric care, palliative care, caregiver competencies, institutional management, elder rights, safeguarding, and quality standards in community care.



Finance and Digital Safety and Digital Inclusion

Recognising the growing importance of digital literacy, SCOPE India expanded digital safety initiatives across educational institutions and community settings.
The programme covered:
- 20 schools
- 30 colleges
- 40 villages
- 30 Elder Self-Help Groups

More than 52,000 individuals participated in digital safety awareness activities, while over 175,000 Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials were distributed to promote responsible digital practices, cyber security awareness, financial safety, and online inclusion.

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Throughout the year, SCOPE India strengthened collaborative partnerships with:

- Government departments
- Medical colleges and government hospitals
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partners
- Academic institutions
- Community-based organizations
- Local self-government institutions
- Volunteers and community leaders

These partnerships enabled the organisation to expand programme coverage, strengthen service delivery, and enhance long-term sustainability.

Measuring Our Impact

Beyond numerical achievements, SCOPE India's work has contributed to meaningful and lasting change in the lives of individuals and communities.

Our programmes have resulted in:

- Improved quality of life for older persons through integrated care services.
- Increased livelihood opportunities and financial independence for vulnerable women.
- Enhanced educational outcomes and life skills among children and adolescents.
- Strengthened community capacity to support ageing populations.
- Improved access to healthcare and social protection services.
- Greater awareness of digital safety and responsible technology use.
- Stronger collaboration between communities, government institutions, and civil society organisations.



Looking Beyond the Numbers

Every statistic presented in this report represents an individual life transformed through partnership, compassion, and community engagement. Whether supporting an abandoned elder with dignity and care, enabling a young woman to secure employment as a professional caregiver, or helping a child continue their education, SCOPE India remains committed to

creating sustainable opportunities that empower individuals and strengthen communities.

The achievements highlighted in this chapter reflect not only the organisation's programme outputs but also the dedication of our staff, volunteers, donors, government partners, and community members who continue to work together towards a shared vision of inclusive and sustainable development.

Chapter 5

Programme Portfolio and Strategic Interventions
Strengthening Communities Through Integrated Development



SCOPE India believes that sustainable development requires an integrated approach that addresses the interconnected social, economic, educational, and health challenges faced by vulnerable communities. Rather than implementing isolated interventions, the organization adopts a holistic development model that strengthens individuals, families, institutions, and community systems simultaneously.

During the financial year 2025–2026, SCOPE India implemented a diverse portfolio of programmes designed to improve quality of life, enhance community resilience, and promote inclusive development across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. These interventions were implemented in partnership with government departments, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partners, healthcare institutions, academic organizations, local self-government bodies, and community-based organizations.

Our programmes are guided by the principles of dignity, participation, equity, accountability, and sustainability, ensuring that the most vulnerable members of society receive appropriate care, opportunities, and protection.

Strategic Programme Areas

1. Community-Based Elder Care and Active Ageing



Responding to India's rapidly ageing population, SCOPE India has developed a comprehensive model of community-based elder care that promotes healthy ageing, dignity, independence, and social inclusion.

The programme integrates residential care, home-based care, palliative care, psychosocial support, rehabilitation, caregiver development, and access to government welfare schemes. By working closely with families, healthcare institutions, and local communities, the programme enables older persons to receive quality care while remaining connected to their communities whenever possible.

2. Palliative Care and Community Health

Access to quality healthcare remains a major challenge for vulnerable populations, particularly older persons, individuals living with chronic illnesses, and those requiring long-term care.



Through the Tamil Nadu Institute of Palliative Medicine (TNIPM), SCOPE India promotes compassionate, patient-centred care by providing home-based palliative services, caregiver training, community awareness programmes, and institutional capacity building.

The programme emphasises holistic care that addresses physical, emotional, psychological, social, and spiritual well-being.

3. Child Development and Education

Children represent the foundation of future community development. SCOPE India works to ensure that children from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to quality education, safe learning environments, life skills education, and opportunities for holistic development.
Community Learning Centres provide remedial education, academic support, mentoring, career guidance, scholarships, and recreational activities that strengthen educational outcomes while promoting child rights and personal development.



4. Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Livelihoods



Women's social and economic empowerment remains central to SCOPE India's development strategy.

The organisation supports women from vulnerable backgrounds through livelihood promotion, entrepreneurship development, financial literacy, rehabilitation services, vocational training, employment opportunities, and linkages with government welfare programmes.

Special attention is given to enabling women to achieve financial independence, improved self-confidence, and active participation in community decision-making processes.

5. Skill Development and Employability

Recognizing the importance of employment in breaking cycles of poverty, SCOPE India invests significantly in vocational education and professional training.



Training programmes are designed to equip youth, caregivers, community volunteers, and healthcare workers with practical skills that improve employability while addressing critical workforce shortages in elder care, healthcare, and community development.

Many participants successfully transition into employment, contributing both to household income and to the growing care economy.

6. Finance and Digital Inclusion and Cyber Safety



Digital technologies increasingly influence education, employment, healthcare, governance, and financial services. However, unequal access and limited awareness expose vulnerable populations to digital exclusion and cyber risks.

SCOPE India addresses this challenge by promoting digital literacy, cyber safety awareness, responsible technology use, financial security, and access to e-governance services. The programme reaches school children, college students, self-help groups, older persons, informal workers, and community members through structured awareness campaigns and practical demonstrations.

7. Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening

Strong institutions are essential for sustainable community development. SCOPE India invests in strengthening the capacities of caregivers, community volunteers, civil society organisations, old age homes, healthcare providers, and local institutions.



Training programmes focus on technical competencies, leadership, quality standards, safeguarding, community mobilisation, programme management, and person-centred care. These initiatives contribute to improved service quality and stronger community ownership.

Cross-Cutting Themes

Across all programme areas, SCOPE India integrates several cross-cutting priorities to ensure

equitable and sustainable development.

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

The organisation actively promotes equal participation of women, older persons, persons with disabilities, socially excluded communities, and economically disadvantaged households in all programme activities.

Rights-Based Programming

All interventions are guided by the principles of human rights, dignity, participation, and non-discrimination, ensuring that beneficiaries are recognized as active rights holders rather than passive recipients of assistance.

Community Participation

Communities are engaged throughout the programme cycle—from needs assessment and planning to implementation, monitoring, and evaluation—strengthening ownership and long-term sustainability.

Partnership and Convergence

SCOPE India works in close collaboration with government departments, healthcare institutions, educational organisations, CSR partners, and community-based organisations to maximise programme effectiveness, avoid duplication, and strengthen service delivery systems.

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL)

The organisation continuously monitors programme performance using quantitative and qualitative indicators. Regular reviews, beneficiary feedback, field visits, and outcome assessments enable evidence-based decision-making and continuous improvement.

Building Sustainable Impact

The diversity of SCOPE India's programme portfolio reflects its commitment to addressing multiple dimensions of poverty, vulnerability, and social exclusion. By integrating health, education, livelihoods, community care, and institutional strengthening, the organisation creates long-term solutions that improve resilience and enable communities to lead their own development journey.

The following chapters provide a detailed overview of each programme area, highlighting achievements, outcomes, and the lives transformed through SCOPE India's interventions during the financial year 2025–2026. Chapter 6

Community-Based Elder Care and Active Ageing Programme

Enabling Older Persons to Age with Dignity, Security and Independence

Introduction

India is experiencing a rapid demographic transition, with the population of older persons increasing significantly each year. While advances in healthcare have improved life expectancy, many older adults continue to face multiple challenges including poverty, loneliness, chronic illness, disability, neglect, abandonment, and limited access to quality health and social care services. These challenges are particularly severe among economically disadvantaged communities where family support systems are weakening due to migration, urbanisation, and changing social structures.



Recognising these emerging realities, SCOPE India has developed a comprehensive Community-Based Elder Care Programme that promotes healthy ageing, independent living, social inclusion, and access to quality care. The programme combines residential services, home-based care, community participation, capacity building, health promotion, and government welfare convergence to create an integrated model of elder care.

During the financial year 2025–2026, the programme continued to expand its reach across Tamil Nadu, strengthening support systems for older persons while promoting dignity, respect, and active participation in community life.

Programme Goal

To improve the quality of life of older persons through comprehensive, community-based care that ensures dignity, health, protection, social participation, and access to essential services.

Programme Objectives

The Community-Based Elder Care Programme aims to:



- Improve physical, emotional, and social well-being of older persons.
- Provide safe residential care for homeless and abandoned elders.
- Strengthen home-based care services for frail and bedridden older persons.
- Promote active ageing through community participation and social engagement.
- Improve access to healthcare, social protection, and government welfare schemes.
- Build the capacity of caregivers, volunteers, and families to provide quality elder care.
- Promote awareness of elder rights and prevent neglect, abuse, and social isolation.

Programme Components

Residential Care for Homeless Older Persons

One of SCOPE India's flagship initiatives is the Shelter for Homeless Elders, which provides comprehensive residential care to older persons who have been abandoned, neglected, or have no family support.

The shelter offers a safe, caring, and dignified environment where residents receive:

- Safe and secure accommodation
- Nutritious meals
- Regular medical care and health monitoring
- Personal care and hygiene support
- Counselling and psychosocial care
- Recreational and cultural activities
- Spiritual and emotional support
- Rehabilitation and social reintegration wherever possible



During the reporting year, 245 homeless older persons benefited from residential care services, enabling them to live with dignity, safety, and compassion.

Home-Based Elder Care – Palliative care

Recognizing that many older persons prefer to remain within their own homes and communities, SCOPE India strengthened its home-based care services during the year.

Trained caregivers and community health workers conducted regular home visits to support frail, bedridden, and chronically ill older persons by providing:



- Assistance with activities of daily living
- Personal hygiene support
- Medication adherence monitoring
- Nutritional guidance
- Mobility assistance
- Pressure sore prevention
- Emotional counselling and companionship
- Family caregiver guidance

More than 30 bedridden and highly vulnerable older persons received continuous home-based care, enabling them to remain in familiar surroundings while improving their comfort, safety, and quality of life.

Elder Self-Help Groups (ESHGs)

Community participation remains central to SCOPE India's approach to active ageing.



The organisation strengthened 140 Elder Self-Help Group members, creating platforms through which older persons could:
- Share experiences and provide peer support.
- Participate in health education sessions.
- Access information on government welfare schemes.
- Promote financial inclusion and savings.
- Address issues affecting older persons through collective action.
- Reduce loneliness and social isolation.

These groups have become important community institutions that promote confidence, leadership, and social participation among senior citizens.

Village Elder Care Committees

To strengthen local ownership and sustainability, SCOPE India facilitated the formation and strengthening of Village Elder Care Committees across programme villages.

The committees serve as community-level mechanisms to:

- Identify vulnerable older persons.
- Coordinate home visits.
- Facilitate referrals to health services.
- Support access to pensions and welfare schemes.
- Respond to cases of elder neglect and abuse.
- Mobilise community volunteers.

This community-led approach has significantly improved local accountability and strengthened the delivery of elder care services.

Health Promotion and Medical Support

Access to healthcare remains a critical concern for many older persons.

Throughout the reporting period, SCOPE India organised regular health assessments, medical consultations, health awareness programmes, and referral services in collaboration with government hospitals and medical colleges.

Older persons received support including:

- Routine health screening
- Chronic disease management
- Medication guidance
- Physiotherapy referrals
- Nutritional counselling
- Mental health support
- Palliative care referrals

These interventions contributed to improved health outcomes and enhanced quality of life for programme participants.

Social Protection and Welfare Linkages

Many vulnerable older persons are unaware of their entitlements or face barriers in accessing government welfare programmes.

SCOPE India actively supported older persons in obtaining:

- Old-age pensions
- Identity documentation
- Health insurance enrolment
- Disability benefits where applicable
- Access to food security programmes
- Other social welfare entitlements

These linkages improved financial security and reduced vulnerability among economically disadvantaged older persons.

Promoting Active Ageing

The programme encourages older persons to remain physically, mentally, and socially active through regular community engagement activities.

During the year, participants took part in:

- Health awareness sessions
- Yoga and wellness activities
- Cultural programmes
- Recreational gatherings
- Celebration of International Day of Older Persons
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day campaigns
- Digital literacy sessions
- Intergenerational activities involving children and youth

These initiatives strengthened social connectedness, improved mental well-being, and promoted positive ageing.

Programme Outcomes

The Community-Based Elder Care Programme achieved significant outcomes during 2025–2026:

- 245 homeless older persons received comprehensive residential care.
- 140 older persons actively participated in Elder Self-Help Groups.
- More than 30 bedridden elders received continuous home-based care.
- Community awareness regarding elder rights and healthy ageing increased across programme villages.
- Access to healthcare and government welfare services improved for vulnerable older persons.
- Families and caregivers demonstrated improved knowledge and confidence in providing quality elder care.
- Community institutions became more actively involved in supporting older persons.

Creating Lasting Impact

SCOPE India's Community-Based Elder Care Programme demonstrates that ageing with dignity is possible when communities, government institutions, healthcare providers, and civil society organisations work together.

By integrating healthcare, psychosocial support, social protection, community participation, and capacity building, the programme has created a sustainable model that not only improves the lives of older persons but also strengthens community responsibility towards ageing populations.

As India's elderly population continues to grow, SCOPE India remains committed to expanding innovative community-based elder care models that uphold dignity, independence, and quality of life for every older person.

Chapter 7

Tamil Nadu Institute of Palliative Medicine (TNIPM)

Advancing Compassionate Care Through Education, Innovation and Community Partnerships

Introduction

The Tamil Nadu Institute of Palliative Medicine (TNIPM) serves as the specialised training, research, and service delivery wing of SCOPE India, dedicated to improving the quality of life of individuals living with chronic illnesses, life-limiting conditions, disabilities, and age-related health challenges.

Established with the vision of making quality palliative and geriatric care accessible to all, TNIPM has emerged as an important institution promoting community-based healthcare, professional caregiver education, and integrated support services across Tamil Nadu. The Institute combines clinical expertise with community engagement to ensure that compassionate care reaches individuals and families who

need it most.

During the financial year 2025–2026, TNIPM continued to strengthen healthcare systems by expanding home-based palliative care services, developing skilled human resources, supporting government health institutions, and creating greater public awareness of palliative and geriatric care.

Vision

To establish a compassionate and inclusive healthcare system where every individual living with chronic illness, disability, or age-related conditions has access to quality palliative care, comprehensive support services, and the opportunity to live with dignity.

Mission

To strengthen community-based palliative and geriatric care through education, professional training, service delivery, research, advocacy, and strategic partnerships with government institutions, healthcare providers, academic organisations, and communities.

Our Approach

TNIPM follows a person-centred and family-oriented model of care that recognizes the physical, emotional, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of patients and their caregivers.

The Institute believes that quality palliative care extends beyond medical treatment. It focuses on improving comfort, reducing suffering, supporting families, and enabling individuals to live meaningful lives regardless of the stage of illness.

All services are delivered through a multidisciplinary approach involving healthcare professionals, trained caregivers, social workers, community volunteers, and local institutions.

Key Programme Components

Community-Based Palliative Care

TNIPM continued to strengthen community-based palliative care by providing regular home visits and comprehensive support for patients who were unable to access institutional healthcare.

The programme focused on:

- Pain and symptom management
- Home nursing support
- Personal care assistance
- Counselling for patients and family members
- Medication adherence
- Nutritional guidance
- Emotional and psychosocial support
- Referral to specialised medical services where required

Home-based care enabled patients to remain within their families while receiving quality support in familiar surroundings.

Home Care Services

During the reporting period, home care teams conducted regular visits across programme villages and residential institutions.

These visits ensured continuity of care for older persons, bedridden patients, and individuals living with chronic illnesses.

Services included:

- Health assessment
- Personal hygiene support
- Mobility assistance
- Pressure sore prevention
- Medication monitoring
- Family caregiver education
- Rehabilitation support
- End-of-life care planning

This approach reduced unnecessary hospital admissions while improving patient comfort and family confidence.

Geriatric Care Services

As India's elderly population continues to grow, TNIPM expanded specialised geriatric care services focusing on the complex health needs of older adults.

Interventions included:

- Comprehensive geriatric assessment
- Chronic disease management
- Falls prevention
- Nutritional counselling
- Mental health support
- Dementia awareness
- Functional rehabilitation
- Promotion of healthy ageing

These services complemented SCOPE India's Community-Based Elder Care Programme and strengthened continuity of care for older persons.

Professional Caregiver Development

One of TNIPM's most significant contributions is the development of a skilled caregiver workforce capable of responding to India's growing demand for quality elder care and palliative care services.

Training programmes combined classroom instruction with practical clinical exposure, equipping participants with competencies in:

- Bedside patient care
- Infection prevention and control
- Safe patient handling
- Personal hygiene assistance
- Nutrition and feeding support
- Communication with patients and families
- Palliative care principles
- Elderly care
- Basic emergency response
- Ethical caregiving practices

Many graduates successfully secured employment in hospitals, home healthcare agencies, residential care facilities, and community health programmes, contributing to both improved healthcare delivery and household livelihoods.

Medical Camps and Community Outreach

To improve healthcare access among underserved communities, TNIPM organised medical camps and outreach activities in collaboration with government hospitals, medical colleges, and healthcare professionals.

These initiatives provided:

- General health screening
- Blood pressure and diabetes testing
- Health education
- Referral services
- Counseling
- Awareness on chronic disease management
- Guidance on healthy ageing

The camps strengthened early identification of health issues and promoted preventive healthcare within communities.

Awareness and Health Education

Community awareness remained a key strategy during the reporting year.

Educational programmes addressed topics including:

- Palliative care awareness
- Healthy ageing
- Caregiver responsibilities
- Dementia awareness
- Nutrition for older persons
- Mental health
- Prevention of elder abuse
- Home-based patient care

These initiatives improved public understanding of palliative care and encouraged families to seek timely support for individuals living with chronic illnesses.

Partnerships for Better Healthcare

TNIPM continued to strengthen partnerships with:

- Government Headquarters Hospitals
- Medical Colleges
- District Health Authorities
- Healthcare Professionals
- Academic Institutions
- Community-Based Organisations
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Partners

These collaborations enhanced service quality, strengthened referral systems, and expanded access to healthcare for vulnerable populations.

Programme Highlights: 2025–2026

During the reporting period, TNIPM achieved several important milestones:

- Home-based palliative care services expanded across programme villages.
- Older persons received specialised geriatric healthcare and follow-up support.
- Caregivers completed competency-based training programmes.
- Medical camps improved healthcare access in underserved communities.
- Public awareness regarding palliative care and healthy ageing increased significantly.
- Government and institutional partnerships strengthened community healthcare delivery.

Impact

The work of TNIPM extends beyond clinical services. By combining professional education, community

participation, home-based care, and institutional partnerships, the Institute is helping to build a sustainable ecosystem of compassionate healthcare across Tamil Nadu.

Its programmes have improved the quality of life of patients and older persons, strengthened the capacity of caregivers, supported families during challenging periods, and demonstrated that quality palliative care can be successfully delivered through community-based models.

TNIPM continues to serve as an important centre of excellence within SCOPE India, contributing to improved healthcare systems while advancing the principles of dignity, compassion, and person-centred care.

"Every patient deserves not only medical treatment but also compassion, comfort, dignity, and hope. Through TNIPM, SCOPE India remains committed to ensuring that no individual faces illness or the end of life without care, respect, and human connection.

Chapter 8

Capacity Building and Training Initiatives



Developing Skilled Professionals for Sustainable Community Development

Introduction

Sustainable development depends not only on the delivery of services but also on the availability of skilled professionals, motivated community volunteers, and strong local institutions. Recognising this, SCOPE India has made capacity building a strategic priority across all its programme areas.

Through structured training, mentoring, practical exposure, and continuous professional development, SCOPE India equips caregivers, healthcare workers, social workers, youth, volunteers, and community institutions with the knowledge and competencies required to deliver quality services and respond effectively to emerging social challenges.

During the financial year 2025–2026, the organisation expanded its training initiatives across Tamil Nadu and neighbouring states, contributing to the development of a skilled workforce capable of supporting healthcare, elder care, child development, and community-based social services.

Capacity Building Approach

SCOPE India follows a competency-based training model that combines theoretical learning with practical experience. Participants are encouraged to develop not only technical skills but also professional ethics, communication abilities, leadership qualities, and a strong commitment to community service.

Training programmes are designed to be participatory, learner-centred, and practice-oriented, enabling participants to apply their knowledge immediately within their workplaces and communities.

Major Training Programmes

Geriatric Caregiver Training

The growing demand for quality elder care has created a significant need for trained caregivers.

SCOPE India organised specialized training programmes in geriatric care covering:

- Understanding the ageing process
- Personal care and hygiene
- Nutrition and hydration
- Safe patient handling and mobility support
- Dementia awareness
- Fall prevention
- Infection prevention and control
- Communication with older persons
- Mental health and emotional well-being
- Ethical caregiving practices

Participants received classroom instruction, demonstrations, case discussions, and supervised practical exposure, preparing them for employment in hospitals, residential care facilities, and home-based care services.

Palliative Care Training

Through the Tamil Nadu Institute of Palliative Medicine (TNIPM), SCOPE India continued to strengthen the capacity of healthcare professionals and caregivers in delivering compassionate palliative care.

Training covered:

- Principles of palliative care
- Pain and symptom management
- Psychosocial and emotional support
- Family-centred care
- End-of-life care
- Communication with patients and caregivers
- Home-based palliative care
- Ethical decision-making

The programme contributed to improving the quality of care available to individuals living with chronic and life-limiting illnesses.

Community Volunteer Development

Community volunteers are essential partners in delivering sustainable development programmes.

SCOPE India organised training sessions to strengthen the knowledge and leadership skills of volunteers involved in:

- Community mobilisation
- Health promotion
- Elder care
- Child protection
- Digital literacy
- Awareness campaigns
- Referral services
- Government welfare linkages

These volunteers now serve as important community resource persons, supporting programme implementation and strengthening local ownership.

Youth Skill Development

To improve employability and promote economic empowerment, SCOPE India implemented skill development programmes for adolescents and young adults.

Training modules included:

- Career guidance
- Employability skills
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Leadership development
- Digital literacy
- Workplace ethics
- Financial literacy
- Life skills education

These programmes enhanced participants' confidence and preparedness for employment and higher education opportunities.

Professional Development for Institutions

SCOPE India also provided specialised training for managers, administrators, and staff of old age homes, healthcare institutions, and community organisations.

Key themes included:

- Quality standards in residential care
- Institutional management
- Safeguarding vulnerable populations
- Geriatric care practices
- Documentation and reporting
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Leadership and team management
- Compliance with government regulations

These programmes strengthened institutional capacity and improved the quality of services delivered by partner organisations.

Practical Learning and Field Exposure

A distinguishing feature of SCOPE India's training approach is its emphasis on experiential learning.

Participants gained practical experience through:

- Clinical demonstrations
- Home care visits
- Hospital-based internships
- Community outreach activities
- Case study discussions
- Simulation exercises
- Mentoring by experienced professionals

This practical exposure enabled trainees to develop confidence, professional competence, and problem-solving skills required in real-world situations.

Training Achievements During 2025–2026

During the reporting period, SCOPE India successfully organised multiple capacity-building programmes benefiting:

- Geriatric caregivers
- Palliative care professionals
- Community volunteers
- Youth and adolescents
- Managers of elder care institutions
- Social work students
- Healthcare personnel

Training programmes were implemented across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Tripura, reflecting the

organisation's growing reputation as a centre for professional learning and community capacity development.

Impact of Capacity Building

The organisation's investment in capacity development generated significant outcomes.

Training programmes resulted in:

- Increased availability of skilled caregivers.
- Improved quality of elder care and palliative care services.
- Enhanced employability among youth.
- Strengthened institutional capacity of partner organisations.
- Greater community participation in development initiatives.
- Improved confidence and professional competence among trainees.
- Better service delivery through trained volunteers and healthcare workers.

Many participants secured employment in hospitals, home healthcare agencies, residential care facilities, NGOs, and community development programmes, contributing both to improved service delivery and household income.

Looking Ahead

SCOPE India recognises that strengthening human resources is fundamental to achieving sustainable development. The organisation will continue to invest in innovative training methodologies, curriculum development, digital learning platforms, research, and institutional partnerships to prepare the next generation of caregivers, community leaders, and development professionals.

By building skilled human resources today, SCOPE India is laying the foundation for stronger health systems, more resilient communities, and improved quality of life for future generations. Chapter 9

Children's Development Programme

Investing in Children, Transforming Communities

Introduction

Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and realise their full potential in a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment. However, children from economically disadvantaged and socially vulnerable families often face barriers that limit their access to quality education, life skills, and holistic development.

Recognising that education is one of the most powerful pathways out of poverty, SCOPE India has developed a comprehensive Children's Development Programme that supports children's educational, social, emotional, and personal development while strengthening families and communities.

During the financial year 2025–2026, the programme continued to provide educational support, scholarships, mentoring, life skills education, and child-friendly learning environments for children across programme villages in Tamil Nadu.

Programme Goal

To ensure that every child has equitable access to quality education, opportunities for holistic development, and a safe environment that enables them to become confident, responsible, and productive members of society.

Programme Objectives

The programme seeks to:

- Improve access to quality education for children from disadvantaged communities.
- Strengthen foundational learning through community-based learning centres.
- Reduce school dropout rates.
- Promote life skills, leadership, and personal development.
- Support children through scholarships and educational assistance.
- Encourage parental and community participation in children's education.
- Create safe, inclusive, and child-friendly learning environments.

Community Learning Centres

Community Learning Centres remain one of the flagship interventions under the Children's Development Programme.

These centres provide structured academic support to children who require additional assistance beyond regular school hours. The centres offer a child-friendly environment where learning is interactive, engaging, and tailored to individual needs.

Programme activities include:

- Remedial education
- Academic mentoring
- Homework support
- Reading and language development
- Mathematics learning support
- Creative learning activities
- Personality development
- Recreational learning

During the reporting year, 430 children benefited from these educational initiatives across programme villages.

Educational Support

To ensure that financial hardship does not interrupt children's education, SCOPE India provided a range of educational assistance to children from economically vulnerable families.

Support included:

- Distribution of school bags and learning materials
- Provision of notebooks and textbooks
- Educational counselling
- School enrolment support
- Academic mentoring
- Individual guidance for children requiring additional support

These interventions helped reduce financial barriers while encouraging regular school attendance and improved academic performance.

Scholarship Programme

Education should never be limited by a family's economic circumstances.

During the reporting year, 63 students received scholarships and educational assistance, enabling them to continue their education without interruption.

Scholarships supported students by reducing financial pressure on families and encouraging continued participation in formal education.

Career Guidance and Life Skills

Preparing children for the future requires more than academic achievement.

SCOPE India organised career guidance sessions that helped students:

- Understand different career opportunities.
- Set educational goals.
- Develop confidence and communication skills.
- Improve decision-making abilities.
- Build leadership qualities.
- Strengthen problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

More than 130 students participated in these sessions, gaining valuable knowledge to support future educational and career choices.

Summer Learning and Enrichment Camps

To promote holistic development beyond the classroom, SCOPE India organised summer camps that combined education with recreation, creativity, and personal development.

Activities included:

- Art and craft
- Sports and games
- Music and cultural activities
- Leadership exercises
- Team-building activities
- Environmental awareness
- Health and hygiene education
- Digital literacy sessions

These camps created joyful learning experiences while strengthening children's creativity, confidence, teamwork, and social skills.

Child Protection and Safe Learning Environments

SCOPE India believes that every child has the right to grow in an environment free from violence, abuse, neglect, and discrimination.

Across all programme activities, the organisation promotes:

- Child safety
- Inclusive education
- Equal opportunities for girls and boys
- Respect for children's rights
- Positive parenting practices
- Community awareness on child protection

Teachers, parents, community volunteers, and local leaders were actively engaged in creating safe and supportive environments where children could thrive.

Community and Parent Engagement

Parents and communities play a critical role in children's education.
Throughout the year, SCOPE India encouraged active parental participation through:

- Parent meetings
- Community awareness sessions
- Educational counselling
- School-community coordination
- Volunteer participation in learning activities

This collaborative approach strengthened accountability for children's education and created a supportive environment for learning.

Programme Achievements 2025–2026

Key achievements during the reporting year include:

- 430 children benefited from educational and developmental interventions.
- Community Learning Centres provided structured academic support.
- 63 students received scholarships and educational assistance.
- Career guidance programmes reached more than 130 students.
- Summer camps promoted creativity, leadership, and life skills.
- Educational materials were distributed to children from economically vulnerable families.
- Community participation in children's education continued to strengthen across programme locations.

Programme Outcomes

The Children's Development Programme contributed to several positive outcomes:

- Improved school attendance and learning outcomes.
- Increased confidence and participation among children.
- Enhanced parental involvement in education.
- Reduced financial barriers to schooling.
- Greater awareness of child rights and child protection.
- Improved life skills and leadership among adolescents.
- Stronger community ownership of educational initiatives.

Looking Ahead

SCOPE India remains committed to ensuring that every child, regardless of social or economic background, has the opportunity to learn, dream, and succeed.

In the coming years, the organisation will continue to strengthen Community Learning Centres, expand scholarship support, integrate digital learning, promote child protection, and enhance life skills education to prepare children for an increasingly dynamic and technology-driven world.

By investing in children today, SCOPE India is investing in stronger families, resilient communities, and a brighter future for society.

Chapter 11
Digital Safety and Digital Inclusion Programme

Empowering Communities for a Safe and Inclusive Digital Future

Introduction

Digital technology has become an integral part of modern life, transforming the way people learn, work, communicate, access healthcare, receive government services, and conduct financial transactions. While digitalization has created unprecedented opportunities, it has also increased the risk of cyber fraud, identity theft, online exploitation, misinformation, and digital exclusion, particularly among vulnerable populations.

Recognising these emerging challenges, SCOPE India implemented a comprehensive Digital Safety and Digital Inclusion Programme to promote responsible digital citizenship, improve digital literacy,

Chapter 12

Partnerships and Collaborations

Building Sustainable Impact Through Strategic Partnerships

Introduction

At SCOPE India, we firmly believe that sustainable development can only be achieved through collaboration. Complex social challenges such as ageing, poverty, inadequate healthcare, educational inequality, and gender discrimination require coordinated action by government institutions, civil society organisations, corporate partners, academic institutions, and local communities.
Partnership has therefore remained a cornerstone of SCOPE India's development philosophy. Throughout the financial year 2025–2026, the organisation continued to strengthen multi-sectoral collaborations that enhanced programme quality, expanded outreach, mobilised technical expertise, and ensured long-term sustainability.

Our partnerships are founded on mutual trust, transparency, accountability, shared learning, and a common commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable communities.

Government Partnerships

Government institutions remain among SCOPE India's most important development partners.

Working closely with national, state, and local government agencies enables the organisation to complement public welfare programmes, strengthen service delivery systems, and improve access to essential services for disadvantaged populations.

During the reporting year, SCOPE India collaborated with:

- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Government of India
- National Institute of Social Defence (NISD)
- Government of Tamil Nadu
- Government Headquarters Hospitals
- District Administration
- Local Self-Government Institutions
- Health Department
- Social Welfare Department
- Municipal Corporations

These partnerships facilitated programme implementation, caregiver training, community health services, welfare convergence, and institutional strengthening.

Healthcare Partnerships

Improving community health requires strong collaboration between healthcare institutions and community organisations.

SCOPE India continued to work closely with:

- Government Hospitals
- Medical Colleges
- Primary Health Centres
- Healthcare Professionals
- Nursing Institutions
- Community Health Workers

These collaborations strengthened:

- Home-based healthcare services
- Palliative care
- Geriatric care
- Medical camps
- Patient referral systems
- Professional caregiver training
- Community health awareness programmes

Healthcare partnerships enabled vulnerable individuals to receive timely and quality care closer to their homes.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Partnerships

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partnerships play a vital role in enabling innovation, programme expansion, and sustainable community development.

During the reporting period, SCOPE India partnered with several corporate organisations to implement projects focusing on:
- Community health, - Elder care, - Skill development
- Finance / Digital literacy, - Women's empowerment
- Child development
- Livelihood promotion

CSR support strengthened programme quality while enabling the organisation to reach underserved communities with innovative and scalable interventions.

The organisation gratefully acknowledges the support received from:

- Karur Vysya Bank – CSR
- TAGROS – CSR
- Other corporate and philanthropic partners

These partnerships demonstrate the important role of responsible corporate citizenship in addressing social challenges.

Academic and Educational Partnerships
Knowledge sharing and professional education remain essential for sustainable development.

SCOPE India collaborated with:

- Tamil Nadu Open University
- Educational institutions MCMC, AVMC
- Schools -
- Colleges
- Social Work Departments
- Training Institutions

These collaborations supported:
- Professional education
- Student internships
- Community-based research
- Field exposure
- Capacity building
- Digital literacy initiatives
- Career guidance programmes

Students benefited from practical learning opportunities while contributing meaningfully to community development initiatives.

Community Partnerships

Communities remain at the centre of SCOPE India's work.

The organisation actively collaborates with:

- Village Elder Care Committees
- Elder Self-Help Groups
- Women's Self-Help Groups
- Community Volunteers
- Youth Groups
- Panchayat Institutions
- Community-Based Organisations
- Local Leaders

Community participation strengthens programme ownership, ensures cultural relevance, and enhances sustainability.

Through these partnerships, communities become active agents of change rather than passive recipients of services.

Institutional Collaboration

SCOPE India also works closely with specialised institutions involved in:

- Healthcare
- Skill development
- Vocational education
- Social protection
- Community development
- Public health
- Elder care
- Digital inclusion

Institutional collaboration enables the organisation to continuously improve programme quality, adopt innovative approaches, and respond effectively to emerging community needs.

Value of Partnerships

The organisation's collaborative approach has generated several important outcomes during the reporting year.

Strategic partnerships have contributed to:

- Expanded geographical coverage.
- Improved quality of programme implementation.
- Enhanced technical expertise.
- Increased access to healthcare and welfare services.
- Greater institutional credibility.

- Stronger community participation.
- Improved sustainability of development interventions.
- Better utilisation of financial and technical resources.

By combining the strengths of different stakeholders, SCOPE India has been able to create integrated solutions that generate lasting social impact.

Our Commitment to Collaborative Development

SCOPE India recognises that no single organisation can address complex development challenges alone.

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Stories of Change

Transforming Lives, Restoring Hope

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Story of Change 1

Murugajothi: From Rural Unemployment to Professional Caregiver

Growing up in a drought-prone village in Ramanathapuram District, Murugajothi, an 18-year-old young woman, faced significant economic hardship after completing her higher secondary education. Despite her determination to build a better future, limited financial resources prevented her from pursuing higher education or vocational training.

With few employment opportunities available in her village, Murugajothi faced an uncertain future. Like many young women from economically vulnerable families, she risked remaining unemployed and financially dependent.

Her life changed when she enrolled in the Bedside Assistant and Professional Caregiver Training Programme conducted by the Tamil Nadu Institute of Palliative Medicine (TNIPM) under the guidance of SCOPE India.

The training programme provided comprehensive theoretical and practical instruction in:

- Elderly care, - Home-based patient care,- Palliative care,- Infection prevention,- Communication skills
- Professional ethics,- Hospital-based practical training

Upon successfully completing the programme, Murugajothi secured employment as a professional caregiver.

Today, she earns approximately ₹16,000 per month, enabling her to support her family, repay outstanding debts, and improve their overall standard of living.

Beyond financial stability, the programme transformed her confidence and professional identity. She is now recognised within her community as a skilled healthcare worker and serves as an inspiration to other young women seeking meaningful employment.

"The training gave me more than a job—it gave me confidence, dignity, and the ability to support my family. Today, I proudly serve elderly people with compassion while building a secure future for myself."

Story of Change 2

Pavithra K: Building a Career Through Compassionate Care

For Pavithra K, growing up in a low-income family near Paramakudi meant that higher education appeared beyond reach. Although she aspired to work in the healthcare sector, financial constraints limited her opportunities.

Everything changed after she attended a community awareness programme organised by SCOPE India, where she learned about the Professional Caregiver Training Programme.

Encouraged by the possibility of gaining employable skills, Pavithra enrolled in the programme and completed intensive training in:

- Patient care,- Geriatric care,- Palliative care,- Home healthcare,- Hospital procedures,- Communication and counseling,- Professional caregiving standards

Practical internships in hospitals and community healthcare settings allowed her to apply her knowledge under expert supervision.

Following successful completion of the programme, Pavithra obtained employment as a professional caregiver, earning approximately ₹18,000 per month.

Her income has significantly improved her family's financial security while enabling her to become economically independent.

Today, Pavithra hopes to establish a community-based elder care service in her own village, ensuring that older persons receive compassionate care close to their homes.

"The programme gave me skills that changed my life. I now have meaningful employment and the confidence to dream of serving my own community in the future."

Story of Change 3

A. Vidhya: Empowering Tribal Youth Through Skills and Opportunity

Born into a Scheduled Tribe family in Cuddalore District, A. Vidhya experienced severe financial hardship that forced her to discontinue her education.

Determined to build a better future, she joined the Professional Caregiver Training Programme conducted by TNIPM and SCOPE India.

Throughout the course, Vidhya demonstrated exceptional commitment and consistently performed among the top trainees in her batch.

Her learning journey included:

- Classroom instruction,- Clinical demonstrations,- Hospital internships,- Community-based healthcare exposure,- Practical caregiving experience

After completing the programme, she secured employment as a professional caregiver, earning approximately ₹20,000 per month.

The stable income transformed her family's economic condition while strengthening her confidence, independence, and social standing.

More importantly, her success encouraged other young women from tribal communities to pursue vocational education and professional careers in healthcare.

"Education gave me hope, but skill training gave me a profession. Today I am financially independent and proud to care for those who need compassion the most."

Beyond Individual Success

While these stories celebrate individual achievement, they also reflect the broader impact of SCOPE India's development approach.

Across all programme areas, beneficiaries have experienced:

- Improved household incomes.
- Greater access to education and healthcare.
- Enhanced confidence and self-esteem.
- Increased employment opportunities.
- Stronger social inclusion.
- Improved quality of life.,- Greater participation in community development.
- Increased resilience among vulnerable families.

Each individual empowered through SCOPE India's programmes becomes a catalyst for change within their family and community, creating a multiplier effect that extends far beyond a single intervention.

Our Commitment

Every story featured in this report reminds us that sustainable development is ultimately about people—not projects.

Whether restoring dignity to an abandoned older person, enabling a young woman to become financially independent, or creating opportunities for children to continue their education, SCOPE India remains committed to building a society where compassion, opportunity, and human dignity are accessible to all.
As we continue our journey, we will remain focused on creating many more stories of resilience, hope, and transformation—one individual, one family, and one community at a time.

Chapter 14

Financial Stewardship
Ensuring Transparency, Accountability and Responsible Resource Management
Introduction

At SCOPE India, accountability is one of our core institutional values. We recognise that every contribution entrusted to us—whether from government agencies, corporate partners, international donors, philanthropic organisations, or individual supporters—represents a commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable communities.

Accordingly, SCOPE India maintains robust financial management systems that ensure resources are utilised efficiently, transparently, and in accordance with statutory requirements, donor agreements, and organisational policies.

Throughout the financial year 2025–2026, the organisation continued to strengthen its financial governance framework through effective budgeting, internal controls, statutory compliance, periodic financial reviews, and responsible utilisation of programme resources.

Financial Overview

During the financial year 2025–2026, SCOPE India mobilised financial resources from diverse funding sources to support its integrated development programmes.

Financial Summary-Fy-2025-2026			
Income		**Expenditure**	
Source	**Amount(₹)**	**Head**	**Amount(₹)**
Government Grants	7440375	Programmes	1793910
CSR Support	4973851	Training	4996339
Foreign Contributions	25241	Staff Cost	3177315
Individual Donation	965544	Administration	1375747
Other Income	43595	Other Expense	981160
Total	**13448606**	**Total**	**12324471**

Total Income| 1,34,48,606

The diversity of funding sources reflects the confidence placed in SCOPE India by government institutions, CSR partners, philanthropic donors, and individual supporters.

Utilisation of Funds

Financial resources received during the year were utilised to implement programmes across the organisation's major thematic areas, including:

- Community-Based Elder Care
- Residential Care for Homeless Elders
- Palliative and Home-Based Healthcare
- Child Development and Education
- Women's Empowerment
- Skill Development
- Digital Safety and Inclusion
- Capacity Building
- Community Health
- Institutional Development

Programme expenditure also supported field implementation, professional staffing, training activities, community mobilisation, monitoring, administration, and organisational systems necessary to ensure quality programme delivery.

Financial Accountability

SCOPE India is committed to maintaining high standards of financial integrity through well-established financial management practices.

Key financial governance mechanisms include:

- Annual budgeting and financial planning.
- Periodic financial review by the Board of Trustees.
- Internal financial control systems.
- Compliance with donor reporting requirements.
- Maintenance of statutory books of accounts.
- Timely submission of statutory returns.
- Compliance with FCRA regulations.
- Procurement and financial approval procedures.
- Documentation of programme expenditure.
- Independent statutory audit.

These systems ensure that financial resources are utilised effectively while maintaining full accountability to donors, beneficiaries, regulatory authorities, and other stakeholders.

Responsible Stewardship of Donor Resources

Every financial decision at SCOPE India is guided by the principles of:

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Efficiency
- Integrity
- Value for Money
- Responsible Stewardship
- Compliance
- Sustainability

The organisation continuously works to maximise programme impact while ensuring prudent utilisation of available resources.

Investment in Community Development

Financial investments during the reporting year enabled SCOPE India to:

- Expand elder care and palliative care services.
- Strengthen community-based healthcare.
- Improve educational opportunities for children.
- Enhance livelihood opportunities for women.
- Train caregivers and community volunteers.
- Promote digital literacy and cyber safety.
- Strengthen institutional capacity.
- Expand partnerships with government and CSR organisations.

These investments have generated lasting social benefits that extend well beyond the reporting period.

Commitment to Financial Excellence

As SCOPE India continues to grow, the organisation remains committed to strengthening its financial systems in line with national regulations and internationally accepted standards of nonprofit financial management.

We will continue investing in improved financial governance, digital financial systems, risk management, internal controls, and transparent reporting to ensure that every contribution entrusted to us creates measurable and sustainable impact.

Financial accountability is not merely a statutory obligation—it is a commitment to the communities we serve and to every partner who places their trust in our mission.

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Looking Ahead: Strategic Priorities for 2026–2027

Advancing Inclusive Development through Innovation, Partnerships and Community Leadership

Introduction

As SCOPE India reflects on the achievements of the past year, we also look ahead with renewed purpose and determination. The development landscape is evolving rapidly, bringing both new opportunities and complex challenges. Population ageing, changing disease patterns, technological transformation, climate-related risks, and widening social inequalities require innovative, collaborative, and sustainable responses.

Drawing on more than three decades of experience in community development, SCOPE India is committed to strengthening its programmes, expanding its geographical reach, and deepening its impact through evidence-based interventions and strategic partnerships.

Our priorities for 2026–2027 are guided by the vision of creating inclusive communities where every individual can live with dignity, security, and equal opportunity.

Strategic Priority 1

Expanding Community-Based Elder Care Services

With India's elderly population increasing steadily, SCOPE India will strengthen and expand its Community-Based Elder Care Programme by extending services to additional districts and underserved communities.

Key focus areas include:

- Expansion of residential care facilities for homeless older persons.
- Strengthening home-based elder care services.
- Establishment of additional Village Elder Care Committees.
- Increased coverage of Elder Self-Help Groups.
- Integration of telehealth and digital health support.
- Improved access to rehabilitation and assistive devices.

The organisation aims to create a scalable community-based model that can be replicated across Tamil Nadu and other states.

Strategic Priority 2

Strengthening Palliative Care and Home Healthcare

SCOPE India will continue to strengthen the Tamil Nadu Institute of Palliative Medicine (TNIPM) as a centre of excellence in palliative and geriatric care.

Future initiatives include:

- Expanding home-based palliative care services.
- Strengthening caregiver support programmes.
- Developing advanced professional training courses.
- Enhancing partnerships with government hospitals and medical colleges.
- Promoting community awareness of palliative care.
- Supporting family caregivers through counselling and education.

Strategic Priority 3

Building Skilled Human Resources

The demand for trained caregivers and community health professionals continues to grow across India.

SCOPE India will:

- Expand caregiver training programmes.
- Introduce advanced certification courses.
- Strengthen hospital internship partnerships.
- Develop digital and blended learning platforms.
- Enhance placement and employment support.
- Promote continuous professional development for caregivers.

These initiatives will contribute to strengthening India's healthcare workforce while creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for young people.

Strategic Priority 4

Investing in Children and Young People

Children and youth remain central to SCOPE India's long-term development strategy.

The organisation will:

- Strengthen Community Learning Centres.
- Expand scholarship support.
- Integrate digital learning resources.

- Promote STEM and digital education.
- Enhance career guidance and mentoring.
- Strengthen child protection systems.
- Develop youth leadership programmes.

These investments will equip children and young people with the knowledge and skills required for future success.

Strategic Priority 5

Advancing Women's Economic Empowerment

SCOPE India will further strengthen women's economic participation through:

- Entrepreneurship promotion.
- Livelihood diversification.
- Digital financial literacy.
- Market linkages for women-led enterprises.
- Expansion of S…

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Acknowledgements

Together We Create Lasting Change

As we reflect on the achievements of the financial year 2025–2026, we express our heartfelt gratitude to every individual and institution that has contributed to SCOPE India's journey of service, compassion, and community empowerment.

The progress highlighted in this Annual Report is the result of collective commitment, shared responsibility, and meaningful partnerships. Every milestone achieved represents the dedication of people who believe in creating a society where every individual can live with dignity, security, and equal opportunity.

Our Beneficiaries

We extend our deepest appreciation to the thousands of older persons, women, children, youth, caregivers, families, and community members who placed their trust in SCOPE India.

Your resilience, determination, and willingness to participate in our programmes continue to inspire us. We are honoured to walk alongside you in your journey towards improved health, education, livelihoods, and social well-being.

You remain the true partners in our mission and the inspiration behind everything we do.

Government Partners

We sincerely acknowledge the invaluable support and guidance provided by our government partners.

Our gratitude is extended to:

- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Government of India)
- National Institute of Social Defence (NISD)
- Government of Tamil Nadu
- Government Hospitals
- Medical Colleges
- District Administration
- Local Self-Government Institutions
- Social Welfare and Health Departments

Your continued collaboration has strengthened community services, enhanced programme quality, and improved access to essential healthcare and social protection for vulnerable populations.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Partners

We express our sincere appreciation to our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partners for their confidence in our vision and commitment to community development.

Your investments have enabled SCOPE India to expand innovative programmes in:

- Elder care
- Palliative care
- Child development
- Women's empowerment
- Skill development
- Digital inclusion
- Community health

Your support demonstrates how responsible corporate citizenship can contribute meaningfully to inclusive and sustainable development.

Donors and Philanthropic Supporters

We gratefully acknowledge every donor, philanthropic organisation, charitable foundation, and individual supporter who contributed financial resources, technical expertise, and encouragement throughout the year.

Your generosity has enabled us to reach vulnerable communities with compassion, professionalism, and accountability.

We remain committed to ensuring that every contribution entrusted to SCOPE India is utilised responsibly and creates measurable social impact.

Healthcare and Academic Institutions

We extend our sincere thanks to our partner hospitals, medical colleges, universities, educational institutions, and professional training organisations.

Your technical guidance, knowledge sharing, internships, research collaboration, and professional expertise have strengthened our programmes and helped build the next generation of caregivers and development professionals.

Shelter Homes for Homeless and Vulnerable Persons Providing Food, Shelter, Safety and Dignity



SCOPE INDIA is currently supporting **three shelters for homeless and vulnerable persons** in Cuddalore and Chennai. These include shelters for **homeless older men, homeless older women, and homeless women** who have little or no family support.

The shelter buildings have been **provided by the respective Municipal Corporations** to support the care and rehabilitation of homeless persons. While institutional support was available during the initial period, after the first five years SCOPE INDIA has had to mobilise resources independently to meet the continuing needs of the shelters.



The major recurring expenditures include **food, staff and caretaker support, electricity and water, building maintenance, sanitation, healthcare, medicines, personal-care materials, clothing and other essential needs of the residents**.



Sustaining these services is a continuing challenge, particularly as the residents are among the most vulnerable sections of society.

Benevity Fund – Food Support

The **Benevity Fund** has provided valuable support towards the food requirements of the homeless residents. Through this assistance, **one meal a day is provided to around 100 residents across the two shelters for homeless men and women**.



For residents who have experienced homelessness, hunger and social exclusion, a nutritious meal is much more than food—it

provides **care, dignity, security and a sense of belonging**. The support has helped SCOPE INDIA ensure that residents receive regular meals while continuing to maintain a safe and dignified shelter environment.

This partnership demonstrates how sustained community and donor support can make a meaningful difference in the lives of people who have **no family or other social safety net to depend upon**.

From a place of shelter to a place of care, SCOPE INDIA continues to work towards ensuring that every homeless person has food, safety, dignity and hope.

Hospital Care and Patient Support
Ensuring Continuity of Care for Homeless and Vulnerable Older Persons



One of the major challenges faced by homeless and abandoned older persons is accessing and continuing treatment in hospitals. As residents age, many develop chronic illnesses and acute health complications that require **frequent hospital visits, investigations, admission and specialist care**. On average, one or two residents from our shelters require hospital admission every week.

SCOPE INDIA facilitates medical care at **Government Hospitals and specialist institutions such as JIPMER and AVMC Medical College Hospitals**. However, homeless and abandoned elders often face a serious difficulty: hospitals generally require a responsible person to accompany and care for the patient during admission and treatment. Without a caretaker or family member, such patients may even be registered as **"unknown cases"** and face difficulties in receiving continuous care.



To address this gap, SCOPE INDIA has arranged **dedicated patient caretakers** to accompany shelter residents during their hospitalisation. The caretakers assist patients with **registration and admission, taking them for scans, X-rays and blood investigations, collecting medicines and reports, providing food and personal hygiene support, giving bed baths, assisting with mobility, and coordinating with doctors and hospital staff**.



Through this support system, **more than 20 homeless and vulnerable older persons have received care and assistance during hospitalisation in Government Hospitals and speciality wards**. This service has helped ensure that no elderly person is left alone during a period of illness simply because they have no family member to accompany them.

The **Benevity Fund support** has played an important role in sustaining this essential service. The support enables SCOPE INDIA to provide not only shelter, but also the **continuum of care—from the shelter home to the hospital and back home—ensuring dignity, safety and compassionate care throughout the journey**.



"For a homeless elder, a hospital caretaker is not merely an attendant—it becomes the family that the person no longer .

The status of resident admitted the hospital in the year 2025 -2026

During the financial year **2025–2026, a total of 65 elderly residents were admitted to Government Hospitals**, reflecting the significant healthcare needs of homeless and vulnerable older persons living in SCOPE INDIA's shelters.

The monthly admissions remained relatively consistent, ranging from **4 to 7 persons per month**. The highest number of admissions was recorded in **April and September, with 7 admissions each**, while the lowest was **4 admissions in July, December and January**.

This pattern demonstrates that hospital care is **not an occasional requirement but a continuing responsibility**. On average, approximately **5–6 elderly residents required hospital admission every month**. For homeless elders without family support, admission alone is not sufficient; they require someone to accompany them, coordinate investigations and treatment, provide food and personal care, and remain with them during their hospital stay.

Residential Care – Back to Home with Community Living
A Home of Dignity, Care, Companionship and Community Living

SCOPE INDIA has developed a unique **Residential Care Model** for older persons who do not have adequate family support but do not wish to live in conventional dormitory-style old-age homes. The concept is simple: **instead of making elders adapt to an institution, we recreate a home where elders can continue to live with dignity, independence and a sense of belonging.**



Under this model, a small group of elders live together in a **separate house within a community setting**, supported by a cook, caretaker, nursing care and regular medical support. A doctor visits the residents as required, and

transportation is provided for hospital consultations, specialist care and other essential needs.

The residential home is designed to provide the comforts of normal family life. Residents enjoy **regular home-cooked meals according to their needs, television, air-conditioning, indoor games such as carrom and chess, recreation, social interaction, religious and pilgrimage visits, and opportunities to participate in community activities**. The house is arranged and maintained according to the preferences and needs of the residents, giving them a genuine feeling of ownership and belonging.

The model is particularly meaningful for elders who have **no family or who are unable to live independently**. In such circumstances, the community becomes their extended family. Social-work volunteers, caregivers and supporting family members work together to ensure that each resident receives emotional support, companionship and practical assistance.

Currently, elders including **Mrs. Papamal (76), Mr. Mathavan (86), Dr. Anila Ahmed (84), Mrs. Shanthala (65) and Mrs. Jaya Amma Ulaganthan (65)** have benefited from this community-based residential care approach, with additional support from family members, caregivers and volunteers.

"Back to Home" – A Community Living Concept



The philosophy behind this model is **"Back to Home with Community Living."** It moves away from institutional accommodation and seeks to restore the feeling of **living in one's own home, surrounded by people who care**.

SCOPE INDIA has promoted this concept through its residential care initiatives, alongside its shelter-home programmes. The experience demonstrates that when older persons are provided with **a home-like environment, personalised care, companionship, healthcare, mobility and opportunities for recreation and social participation**, they can experience greater happiness, dignity and quality of life.

The objective is not merely to provide a place to stay, but to create a place where older people feel that they truly belong.

Community Leaders and Volunteers

Our work would not have been possible without the unwavering commitment of community leaders, Village Elder Care Committees, Self-Help Groups, volunteers, youth leaders, teachers, and local organisations.

Your willingness to serve your communities has strengthened programme ownership and ensured that development initiatives remain sustainable and responsive to local needs.

You are the bridge between our organisation and the communities we serve.

Board of Trustees and Advisory Members

We express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Trustees and Advisory Members for their strategic leadership, guidance, and unwavering commitment to the mission of SCOPE India.

Your vision, governance, and oversight continue to strengthen the organisation and ensure that our programmes remain accountable, ethical, and impactful.

Staff Team

Finally, we extend our deepest gratitude to every member of the SCOPE India family.

Our programme staff, caregivers, social workers, trainers, coordinators, administrators, finance personnel, support staff, and volunteers have worked tirelessly throughout the year with compassion, professionalism, and dedication.

Their commitment to serving vulnerable communities has transformed lives and strengthened countless families across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

Their passion is the foundation of SCOPE India's success.

Looking Forward

As we conclude this Annual Report, we reaffirm our commitment to building inclusive communities where every individual—regardless of age, gender, ability, or social background—can live with dignity, security, and hope.

The challenges before us remain significant, but so too is our collective determination to create positive and lasting change.

With the continued support of our partners, donors, government institutions, volunteers, and communities, SCOPE India will continue to expand its impact, strengthen its programmes, and contribute to a more compassionate, equitable, and sustainable society.

Together, we will continue to restore dignity, create opportunities, strengthen communities, and transform lives.

About SCOPE India

SCOPE India (Society for Community Organization and People Empowerment) is a non-profit organisation committed to promoting inclusive and sustainable development through community-based interventions in elder care, palliative care, child development, women's empowerment, healthcare, skill development, digital inclusion, and social protection.

For more than three decades, the organisation has partnered with government agencies, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, healthcare institutions, academic organisations, and local communities to improve the quality of life of vulnerable populations across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

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