

## **Ummeed's Collaborators**

Ummeed believes in leveraging the resources of other organizations to reach out to children and families. We are fortunate to have many wonderful partners who have contributed to our learning and have benefited from our training programs. We have also had partners in both research projects and advocacy initiatives in the field of early child development and disability.

### **1. Aangan Trust**

Aangan Trust is a non-profit organization that works to strengthen India's child protection system, so that even the most vulnerable child can have a safe childhood. Ummeed has supported them through training programs and supervision on early childhood development.

Website: <http://aanganindia.org/>

### **2. Action for Autism**

Action for Autism is a non-profit organization that pioneered the autism movement in South Asia, and strives for access to rights of individuals with autism and their families. They have partnered with Ummeed in multiple ways including training and advocacy for children with autism. Merry Barua, the Founder of Action for Autism, also serves on our Board.

Website: <http://www.autism-india.org/>

### **3. Akanksha Foundation**

The Akanksha Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide children from low-income communities with a high-quality education, enabling them to maximize their potential and transform their lives. Ummeed has partnered with Akanksha to build capacity in the area of mental health and child development; besides Art for Akanksha having helped Ummeed's walls become more colorful and child friendly!

Website: <http://www.akanksha.org/>

### **4. Ambuja Cement Foundation**

Ambuja Cement Foundation is the Corporate Social Responsibility wing of Ambuja Cements Ltd. that works with the rural communities in a variety of people-centric, integrated rural development projects. Ummeed has partnered with them by providing training to help their health workers empower families in early child development.

Website: <http://www.ambujacementfoundation.org/>

#### **5. Maharogi Seva Samiti, Anandwan**

The Maharogi Seva Samiti, Anandwan is a nonprofit organization helping socially disadvantaged people to enhance their livelihood capabilities through self-discovery and empowering them to contribute to society. Ummeed's partnership with Anandwan involves training in building capacity in early child development and disability .

Website: <http://anandwan.in/>

#### **6. Ankara University**

The Developmental Pediatrics Department at Ankara University is one of Ummeed's key partners for the NIH funded 5-year research project on the International Guide for Monitoring Child Development. In addition, Dr. Ilgi Ertem, head of the Department, works with the training resource center at Ummeed.

Website: <http://en.ankara.edu.tr/>

#### **7. Arpan**

Arpan is a not for profit organization and its mission is to empower individuals, families, communities and society with prevention and intervention skills to reduce the occurrence of child sexual abuse and heal its psychological, social, sexual and physical consequences. Ummeed's partnership has been in the form of mutual capacity building.

Website: <http://arpan.org.in/>

#### **8. Asha Daan**

Founded by Mother Teresa and set up with support from Hindustan Unilever Limited, Asha Daan provides a home for abandoned, specially-abled children, HIV-positive people and the destitute in Mumbai. Ummeed has partnered with Asha Daan to provide training for building early child development capacity.

#### **9. AutismCare Nepal Society**

AutismCare Nepal Society is a non-governmental, nonprofit making, non-political and the only active autism organization in Nepal that cares for persons with autism. Ummeed's partnership with AutismCare Nepal Society

has been to jointly sensitize professionals, particularly pediatricians, to identify and provide services for children with disabilities.

Website: <http://autismnepal.org/>

#### **10. Bangladesh Bangabandhu University**

Bangabandhu University in Bangladesh is a government-financed university committed to prepare students to work, acquire skills and enhance their capabilities including co-curricular activities that equip them adequately to live in rapidly changing global environment. Ummeed has partnered with Bangabandhu University for training professionals and parents to identify and support children with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Website: <http://bsmrau.edu.bd/>

#### **11. Broadleaf Darjeeling**

Broadleaf Health and Education Alliance (HEA) is a nonprofit start-up using innovative community-based approaches to school-based healthcare to improve the lives of children in the Eastern Himalayas. Ummeed partners with Broadleaf to build capacity in mental health services for children at risk and children with disabilities.

Website: <http://www.broadleaf.org/>

#### **12. Central Society for Education of the Deaf**

The Central Society for the Education of the Deaf is a well-established institution that educates children with profound hearing disability. Ummeed has partnered with them for capacity building in early child development, academic skills and mental health services for children with hearing impairment and their families.

Website: <http://www.csedmumbai.org/>

#### **13. Children's Hospital, Boston**

Dr. Vibha Krishnamurthy, Founder & Executive Director is a resource person for the Global Health Initiative at Children's Hospital, Boston.

Website: <http://www.childrenshospital.org/>

#### **14. Doorstep School**

Doorstep School is a not for profit organization that provides education and support to the often-forgotten children of pavement and slum dwellers,

construction site families and many other underprivileged families. Ummeed's partnership with Doorstep School involves training to provide mental health support for children at risk.

Website: <http://www.doorstepschool.org/>

### **15. EAR (Education and Audiology Research) Society**

The Education Audiology and Research Society's universal newborn hearing screening tests detect deafness at birth. The hearing impaired baby is then referred to EAR's on-site audiological management team and early intervention team for appropriate amplification. Ummeed's partnership with EAR involves training and support for early intervention therapists and audiologists.

Website: <http://www.leodesigns.com/ear/>

### **16. Forbes Marshall**

The corporate social responsibility wing of Forbes Marshall promotes sustainability and works in three core areas of education, neglected areas of health, and research. Ummeed has trained and mentored their community workers as part of the Early Childhood Development and Disability Program, which enables them to work with families and promote child development in high risk populations in the less privileged communities.

Website: [https://www.forbesmarshall.com/fm\\_micro/FMFoundation/](https://www.forbesmarshall.com/fm_micro/FMFoundation/)

### **17. Forum for Autism**

Forum for Autism is a public trust to improve facilities for diagnosis, education, training and rehabilitation of persons with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). It also serves as a forum for parents to empathize with each other, understand concerns and anxiety, support and learn from each other. Ummeed has partnered with them for training mental health professionals.

Website: <http://forumforautism.org/>

### **18. Fragile X Society of India**

The Fragile X Society is a non-profit organization to help all Indian families affected by Fragile X-associated Disorders, including fragile X syndrome, in a way that is appropriate for our many cultures. They have partnered with Ummeed in creating awareness on Fragile X syndrome to all medical professionals, special educators, therapists, counsellors, families and government representatives.

Website: <http://www.fragilex.in/>

### **19. Gateway School**

The Gateway School of Mumbai empowers children with learning challenges and help students develop the skills, knowledge, understandings and attitudes necessary for them to lead fulfilling and productive lives – as independent and successful individuals who can actively contribute to society. Ummeed and Gateway School's partnership in training helps build capacity mutually.

Website: <http://www.gatewayschoolmumbai.org/>

### **20. Indian Academy of Pediatrics**

The Indian Academy of Pediatrics is committed to the improvement of the health and well-being of all children and strives for the achievement of the optimum growth, development and health in the physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual realms of all children irrespective of diversities of their backgrounds. Ummeed currently offers a Developmental Pediatrics fellowship under the auspices of the IAP.

Website: <http://www.iapindia.org/>

### **21. Jai Vakeel**

Jai Vakeel Foundation and Research Centre is one of the oldest and largest not for profit organizations in the country serving children and older individuals with mental challenges and other related disabilities. The special needs school under the broader umbrella of the organization serves as a resource for many of Ummeed's children. Ummeed has supported the organization with building capacity in Mental Health and Autism Intervention Services.

Website: <http://www.theresearchsociety.org/>

### **22. Latika Roy Foundation**

Latika Roy Foundation is a voluntary organization based in Dehradun, India, working with children and adults who have developmental and other disabilities. LRF and Ummeed share a partnership for mutual capacity building.

Website: <http://latikaroy.org/>

### **23. Muktangan**

Muktangan is a not for profit organization that works toward providing quality, child-centred, inclusive English-medium schooling to thousands of underprivileged children in Mumbai. Ummeed's work with Muktangan has involved building capacity in early child development and inclusive education within their school system.

Website: <http://muktanganedu.org/>

#### **24. Mumbai Mobile Creches**

Mumbai Mobile Creches works towards promoting "child-friendly sites" where every child living on a construction site is safe, healthy and educated, and able to enjoy their childhood. We have a training partnership with them, building capacity in the space of early child development.

Website: <http://mumbaimobilecreches.org/>

#### **25. Narrative Practices, Adelaide**

Narrative Practices Adelaide has been established for the development of narrative practices. The center provides counselling services to the community and training workshops on a range of topics relevant to work with individuals, couples, families, groups and communities. They are Ummeed's key training partner and resource persons for the Mental Health Training Program. They also supported India's first International Narrative Therapy Conference that took place in Mumbai in October 2016.

Website: <https://narrativepractices.com.au/>

#### **26. Plan International**

Plan International is a global organization with a mission to advance children's rights and equality for girls. Ummeed's partnership with them is for training in early child development.

Website: <https://plan-international.org/>

#### **27. Re-authoring Teaching, Vermont**

Re-authoring Teaching, Inc. is a consortium of narrative practice teachers, practitioners and enthusiasts from around the world who seek to promote training and professional development in a narrative approach to therapy, organizational, and community work. They are Ummeed's key training partner and resource persons for the Mental Health Training Program. They also

supported India's first International Narrative Therapy Conference that took place in Mumbai in October 2016.

Website: <http://reauthoringteaching.com/>

### **28. Sahyog Chehak Trust**

Sahyog Chehak Trust is committed to work for sustainable change in women and children from marginalized communities by providing them with enrichment education, special education, life skills and access to vocational opportunities. Ummeed's work with Sahyog Chehak Trust has involved a long term partnership to build capacity in early child development and disabilities

Website: <http://sahyogchehak.org.in/>

### **29. Santosh Institute for Mentally Challenged Children**

Santosh Institute is a not for profit organization for Autistic individuals, physically and intellectually disabled children. They have been Ummeed's partners in training for building capacity in early child development and disability.

Website: <http://www.santoshautismcentre.org/>

### **30. Setco Foundation**

Setco Foundation strives to enable a community where every child and woman has full access to healthcare, nutrition, education and opportunity for growth. Ummeed has partnered with them in training on early child development and in assisting children with special needs such as challenging behaviours, limited functional skills, and visual & hearing impairment.

Website: <http://setcofoundation.org/our-mission/>

### **31. Sethu**

Sethu's mission is to be a bridge between children and their families, their schools and their communities to foster their complete development through assessments, therapy, educational initiatives, training, awareness and capacity building. Ummeed's partnership involves mutual capacity building.

Website: <http://sethu.in/>

### **32. Snehalaya**

Snehalaya is a voluntary organization that provides services primarily to Women & Children and LGBT communities affected by poverty and the commercial sex industry. Ummeed partners with Snehalaya in training for building capacity in early child development and disability.

Website: <http://www.snehalaya.org/>

### **33. Sunshine School**

Sunshine Education Society is a non-profit organization aimed at providing quality education to children with autism spectrum disorder mainly and other developmental disabilities like attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia, global developmental delay, language & speech delay. Ummeed partners in multiple ways including training, and advocacy for children with autism.

Website: <http://www.sunshineschool.org.in/>

### **34. Tara Mobile Creches**

Tara Mobile Creches is a non-profit organization to ensure that migrant construction worker's children enjoy the right to safety, healthcare, education, recreation and participation. Ummeed has a training partnership with them, building capacity in the space of early child development and disability.

Website: <http://taramobilecrechespune.org/>

### **35. Teach for India**

Teach for India is a non-profit organization that is part of the Teach For All network which strives to end the problem of educational inequity in India and provide an excellent education to all children. Shaheen Mistry, the CEO of Teach for India, is on Ummeed's Board.

Website: <http://www.teachforindia.org/>

### **36. The Anchorage**

The Anchorage is a non-profit organization with aim to give dignity and self-esteem through work, holistic care, community-building and reaching out to as many differently abled adults. Ummeed partners with The Anchorage for training and support in the area of mental health of adults with disability and their families.

Website: <http://attheanchorage.org/>

### **37. The Orchid School (Pune)**

The Orchid School, Pune, believes that all children can learn once they are given the opportunity in an appropriate productive learning environment and creates community of life-long learners. Ummeed has partnered with them for training on counselling using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy based principles for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders as well as mental health of children and families.

Website: <http://www.theorchidschool.org/>

### **38. Yale University – Dept. of Pediatrics**

Dept. of Pediatrics at Yale University (Dr Brian Forsyth) was one of the key partners for the NIH funded 5-year research project on the International Guide for Monitoring Child Development.