

Understanding the impact of mid-day meals and food relief programmes

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To,
LG Electronics India Private Limited (“LG”)

LG engaged Grant Thornton Bharat LLP (“GT”) to conduct impact assessments of its CSR projects across various years. The projects included Kar Salaam, Karein Roshni, and Mid-Day Meal (with COVID-19 support).

The focus of our assessment included understanding outreach and impact of the projects; gauging the perception of stakeholders; analysing perception and feedback about the projects/ processes followed; and providing any relevant way forward. We followed a four-stage methodology which included, kick off call with the client to understand the project and its scope; review of all project related documents; stakeholder interactions to map their perspective; and analysis and reporting of key findings. As part of the assessment for MDM, surveys were conducted with 170 beneficiaries across Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Vrindavan and interactions were held with school staff and project team members. Further, for COVID-19 support, 24 beneficiary interactions were conducted in Ahmedabad and Silvassa. Additionally, discussions with Government officials and project team were also conducted.

GTBL confirms completion of all tasks within the scope of work as detailed in the engagement letter dated 15th March 2024 signed between both parties.

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Introduction and
background



About LG Electronics India

LG Electronics India, a wholly owned subsidiary of LG Electronics Inc, South Korea was established in January 1997 in India.

It is one of the most formidable brands in consumer electronics - Home Entertainment, home appliances, HVAC, IT hardware. In India, LG Electronics has earned a premium brand positioning and is an acknowledged trendsetter in the industry.

LG Electronics India's manufacturing unit at Greater Noida is one of the most eco-friendly units among all LG manufacturing plants in the world. The second Greenfield facility is located at Ranjangaon, Pune which manufacture LED TVs, air conditioners, commercial air conditioning systems, washing machines, refrigerators, and monitors.

Key CSR focus areas in alignment with the Schedule VII:



Eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting preventive health care and sanitation



Promoting education, including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills



Measures for the benefit of armed forces veterans, war widows and their dependents.



Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, and protection of flora and fauna

Rationale

Outline the programme's necessity by detailing current conditions and relevant historical data from government reports, industry reports, and studies.

Food and meal support programmes are vital initiatives to ensure improved quality of life. It impacts various aspects including health, education, economic stability for the underprivileged communities

Mid-day meal

Health and nutrition

According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), 2019-2020, 36% of children under the age of five in India are stunted, 19% are wasted and 32% are underweight.

School attendance and enrollment

Poor health and frequent illness are one of the major reasons for students to miss school. This leads to a higher likelihood of dropouts.

Social equity

The Mid-Day Meal Scheme targets disadvantaged children, improving access to nutritious food, narrowing educational disparities, and fostering social inclusion.

Long-term Impact

Investing in childhood nutrition breaks poverty cycles, empowering children with education and health. It also lays the foundation for future prosperity and equity.

COVID-19 food relief

Basic human need

In the Global Hunger Index 2023, India ranks 111th out of 125 countries, indicating the need for urgent attention and intervention.

Social equity

According to a Rapid Assessment Survey by the World Food Programme and the Government of India, 'about 70% of vulnerable households reduced food consumption during the COVID-19 lockdown, with marginalized communities disproportionately affected.'

Economic instability

The pandemic's economic fallout left millions jobless or with reduced incomes, especially those in the informal sector. Basic necessities like food was a major area of concern.

About the programmes

LG Electronics India's two key programmes on food security include:

- ❖ **Mid day meal**- The programme was launched to complement and supplement the existing Mid-Day Meal programme of the Government. Its aim is to improve food and nutritional security among underprivileged children.
- ❖ **COVID-19 food relief**- The programme aimed to address immediate food insecurity challenges due to the pandemic, specifically for underprivileged communities.

What is a 'Mid-day meal'?

A wholesome freshly-cooked lunch served to children in government and government-aided schools in India

What is a Mid-day meal scheme?

Government's initiative to tackle hunger, malnutrition, and low school attendance among children by offering free, nutritious meals to students.

It ensures that children in primary and upper primary schools receive a freshly prepared meal each day.

What is emergency 'food relief'?

The overarching goal of an emergency food relief is to ensure that no one goes hungry during challenging times. It also focuses on alleviating financial burden on those who are struggling to afford basic necessities.

What is COVID- 19 food relief for the underprivileged?

Efforts aimed at providing food assistance or aid specifically targeted towards individuals or communities facing food insecurity due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

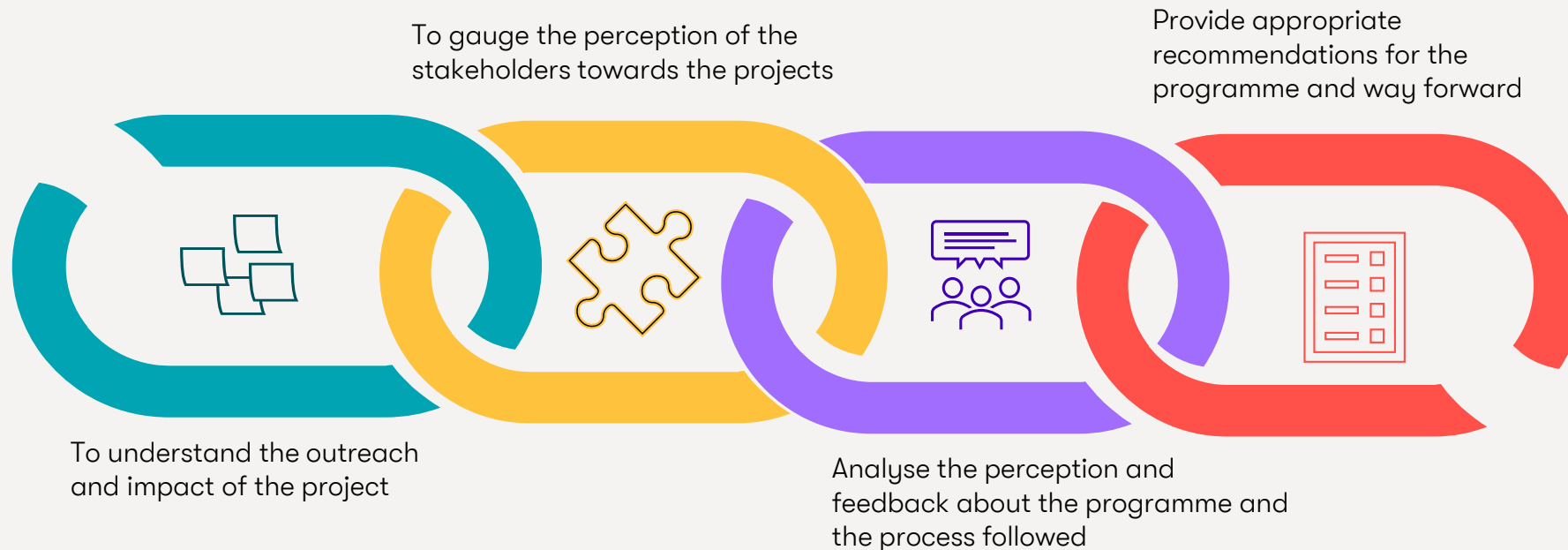
Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Scope of work

Grant Thornton Bharat LLP was appointed by LG Electronics India to conduct an impact assessment of its meal programmes: the Mid-day meal (FY 22-23), including the COVID-19 food relief programme (FY20-21). The key respondents were primary and upper primary school students and community members.

Objectives of the assessment



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Approach and methodology



Our methodology

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Kick off and scoping

- Inception meeting with LG Electronics India team to discuss scope and programme details
- Discussion with Akshaya Patra's team to understand the programme
- Reviewed secondary data to understand coverage in terms of beneficiary profiles, relevance etc.

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Beneficiary interaction

- Quantitative survey with school children (170) for mid day meal programme.
- IDIs with the school staff and programme team from Akshaya Patra to understand the impact of the programme.
- IDIs and FGDs with govt. officials and community members for COVID-19 food relief program.

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Desk review

- Reviewed data and documents maintained by the partner
- Mapped key areas of enquiry as per the objectives of the study.
- Developed relevant tools for interactions with stakeholders.

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Analysis and reporting

- Thorough analysis of the data collected through the quantitative survey and interaction with the team and other stakeholders.
- Preparation of draft and final report post incorporating inputs from LG Electronic India.

Our framework

Based on the principals of OECD DAC, the APICS evaluation framework for social development projects helps evaluate projects holistically.



Accessibility

- Evaluating the accessibility of the initiative to the target beneficiaries, in terms of ease of participation, and inclusivity.
- Assessing the barriers, if any, that may hinder access to meals provided through the programmes.



Importance

- Assessing the importance of meals within the context of addressing the health and nutrition needs of the beneficiaries.
- Recognizing the significance of LG Electronics India's contribution to Akshaya Patra in fulfilling the food and nutritional requirements.



Performance

- Analyzing the performance of the Mid-day meal and COVID-19 food relief programmes in achieving its stated goals and objectives
- Measuring the performance metrics, to gauge the effectiveness of the initiative in delivering expected outcomes.



Coherence

- Assessing the alignment of meals support with relevant government schemes or policies
- Ensuring coherence between the objectives of the programmes with the broader mission of LG Electronics India

*Considering the nature of the projects, the aspect of Sustainability is not relevant. For the mid-day meal programme, LG Electronics India has provided financial support to an already existing government scheme while the COVID-19 food relief programme was an emergency response initiative, limited to the pandemic period only. Hence, sustainability will not be covered in the assessment

Coverage and limitations – Mid day meal programme

Stakeholder	Sample covered	Location*	Tool used	Areas of enquiry
School children (primary and upper primary)	60	Ahmedabad	Quantitative survey	- Frequency of mid-day meals - Food items included in the meal - Satisfaction level - Quality standards (taste, hygiene, freshness) of meals provided - Awareness about nutrition and sanitation - Influence of mid-day meals on school attendance, personal health, and concentration
	50	Lucknow		
	60	Vrindavan		
School staff (principle, teachers, etc.)	1	Ahmedabad	In-depth Interview	- Understanding of the programme - Hygiene and sanitation levels in school - Effect of the programme on students' enrolment and retention rate - Effect on students' school attendance and participation in activities - Effect on students' overall health - Challenges, if any
	6	Lucknow		
	4	Vrindavan		
Akshaya Patra programe team	3	Ahmedabad		- Overall process of implementing the programme - Food menu selection - Food distribution process and monitoring mechanism - Feedback from schools and students - Collaboration with the government - Challenges faced, if any
	2	Lucknow		
	3	Vrindavan		

*Schools visited-

1. Shilaj Primary School, Shilaj, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
2. Primary and Upper Primary School, Khasarwara development block, Sarjini Nagar, Lucknow
3. PM Shri Upper Primary School, Bati, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

Coverage and limitations – COVID 19 food relief programme¹³

Stakeholder	Sample covered	Location	Tool used	Areas of enquiry
Beneficiaries (community members), including Sarpanch and Panchayat members	24	Ahmedabad and Silvassa	Qualitative interactions	- Awareness about the initiative. - Effect of COVID-19 on access to food - Frequency and quality of food provided - Accessibility of food distribution center. - Challenges faced, if any - General feedback on the process - Satisfaction level
Akshaya Patra programme team	5			- Overall process of implementing the programme - Identification of communities and food distribution centres - Distribution process and monitoring mechanism - Outreach - Challenges faced, if any
Government official	1			- Collaboration with Akshaya Patra Foundation - Identification of people - Transparency and accountability - Challenges, if any

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Analysis
and findings

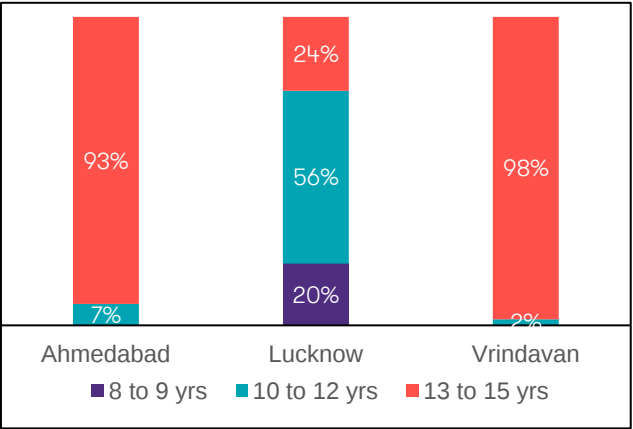


A. Mid-day meal programme

Respondent profile

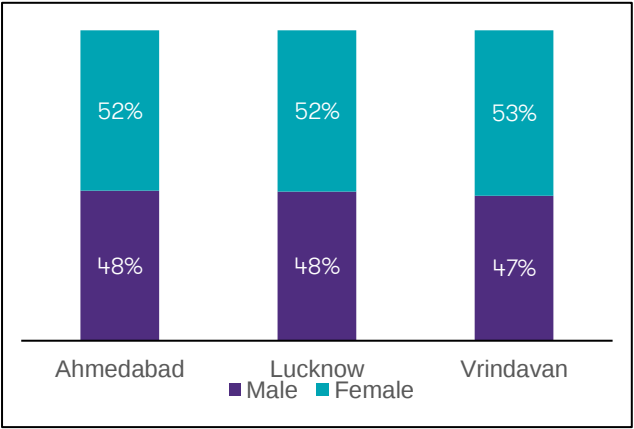
The following graphs present survey respondents' (students) profile. These visual representations include key information such as age and gender distribution based on their locations.

Location wise age distribution



In Ahmedabad, 93% of respondents are aged 13 to 15 years, and 7% are 10 to 12 years. Lucknow has 56% aged 10 to 12 years, 24% aged 13 to 15 years, and 20% aged 8 to 9 years. In Vrindavan, 98% are aged 13 to 15 years, with 2% aged 10 to 12 years.

Location wise gender distribution



In all three cities, the gender distribution is relatively balanced. In Ahmedabad and Lucknow, 48% of the respondents are male, and 52% are female. In Vrindavan, the distribution is slightly different, with 47% male and 53% female respondents.

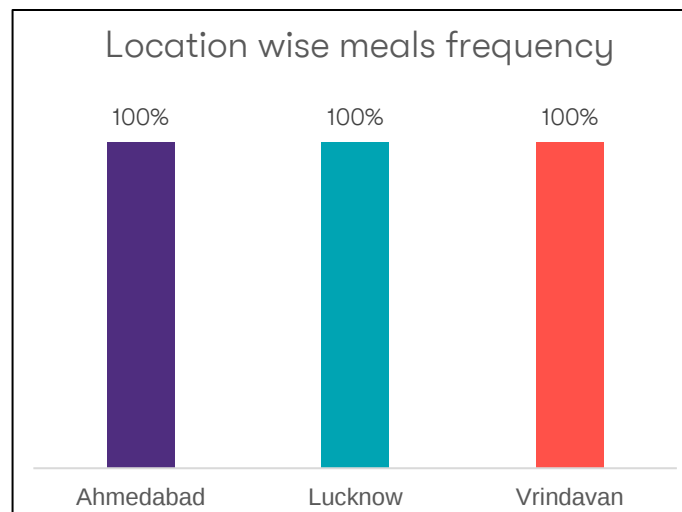
Accessibility

The extent to which a programme or initiative is easily available and reachable to its intended beneficiaries. It encompasses factors such as physical, financial, and social accessibility.



Discussions were held with children and other stakeholders to understand the extent to which the programme was easily accessible and reachable to its intended beneficiaries.

Meal frequency during the week



The survey outcome revealed that **students were provided mid day meals on all working days of the week** at the appropriate time.

Food items

- During the survey, students revealed that they are **regularly served chapati, rice, dal, and vegetables, depending on the menu of the day.**
- Additionally, **they are also served regional dishes** such as kheer, thepla, chana, fruits, idli, khichdi, tehri, sweets, and puffed namkeen.
- Discussions with the programme team revealed that the **menu is curated based on government's mid-day meal guidelines, and considering factors such as regional palate, taste, flavor, and nutritional value.**

The diverse range of meals, including regional dishes and its regular provisions highlight the programme accessibility. It helps improve nutrition, educational access, and overall well-being of children.

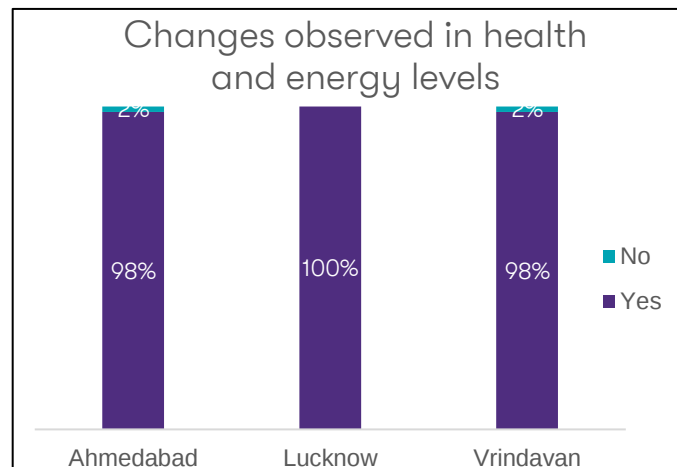
Performance (1/2)

The effectiveness and efficiency with which a programme or initiative achieves its intended objectives and outcomes. It involves measuring the extent to which goals are met, targets are achieved, and desired results are realised.



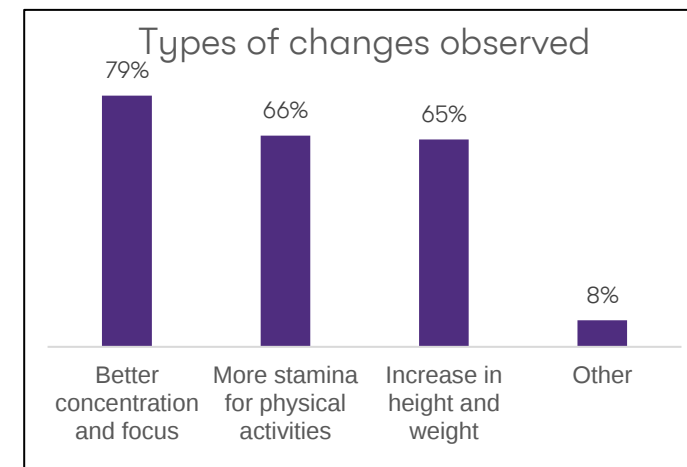
To understand the programme's performance, students were asked about the changes that they observed in their health and energy levels due to the meal provisions at school.

Effectiveness



Students were asked if they noticed positive changes in their health or energy levels since the mid-day meal programme began.

- In Lucknow, 100% of students acknowledged noticing positive changes, while in Ahmedabad and Vrindavan, 98% each reported the same
- This acknowledgement of change across three locations suggest the programme's role in ensuring an overall improvement in the quality of life.



The positive changes that students have observed in themselves due to the improved energy levels are:

- 79% students stated that their focus and concentration levels in class have improved, resulting in better grades.
- 66% stated that they now have more stamina for physical and other activities, while 65% stated that their height and weight have increased.

Performance (2/2)

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Local government authorities and School Management Committees regularly monitor meal quality and hygiene through visits and discussions.

- School principal

Achievement of objectives

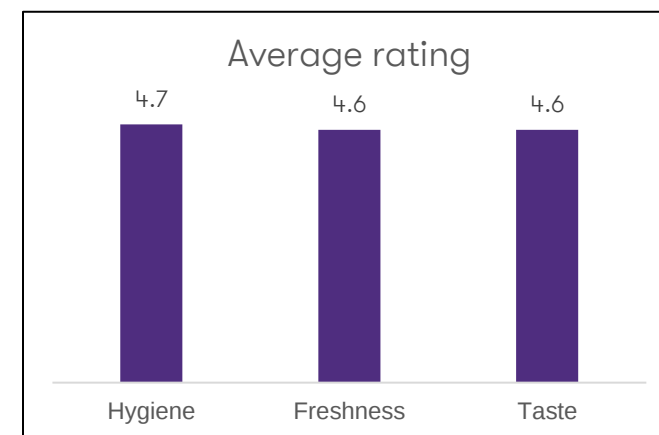
The agreement between LG Electronics India and Akshaya Patra Foundation was to provide Rs 5,00,01,000 (Rupees Five crores one thousand) to Akshaya Patra for feeding 33,334 government school children at Rs 1,500 per child per academic year from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

Outreach

S/N	Location	Beneficiary count*
1	Ahmedabad	5,000
2	Bhillai	3,334
3	Bhubaneshwar	4,000
4	Guwahati	3,000
5	Hubli	3,000
6	Hyderabad	2,000
7	Jaipur	5,000
8	Lucknow	2,500
9	Nagpur	3,000
10	Vrindavan	2,500
11	Vadodara	1,528
12	Vishakhapatnam	1,744
Total		36,606

*As per the data provided by the implementing partner

Rating on food parameters



Students rated food parameters like hygiene, freshness, and taste on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest.

All three parameters received ratings above 4.5, signifying a high satisfaction level with the quality of food among students

The meals provide better access to nutrition among children. It also helps improve concentration levels and overall stamina for physical activities.

Importance (1/2)

The significance, relevance, and value of a programme or initiative within a broader context. It involves assessing the degree to which the initiative addresses critical needs, priorities, or challenges within a community or society.



To understand the significance of a mid-day meal programme for underprivileged children, their understanding of nutrition and sanitation practices was assessed.

Significance and relevance

Access to nutritious meals is a challenge for economically disadvantaged children. This programme ensures they receive essential nutrients for growth, development, and better academic performance.

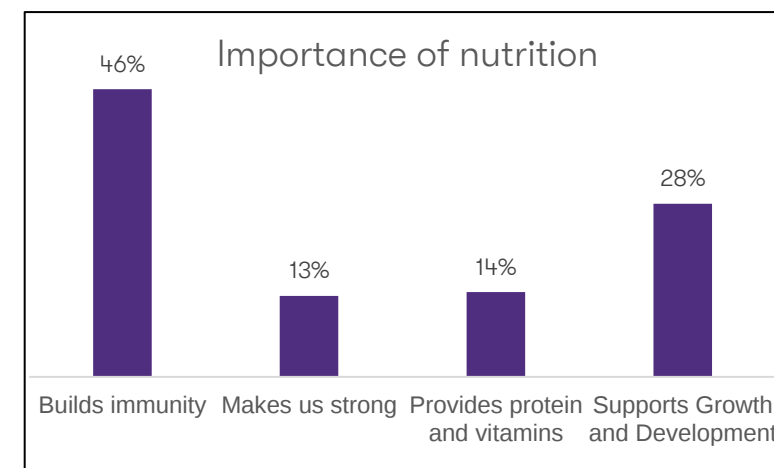
Furthermore, investing in the health and education of underprivileged children yields long-term benefits, as it helps break the cycle of poverty, promotes economic contribution, and fosters societal participation.

Awareness and Knowledge

The intervention helped improve awareness on the importance of nutrition and sanitation practices. This helps improve dietary habits, disease prevention through proper hygiene practices, and better overall health outcomes.

It was observed that **students were taught about nutrition and its importance** in the school curriculum.

Students were able to highlight the need for nutritious food. **46% students stated that good nutrition builds immunity**, **28% recognized its role in supporting growth**, while **14% and 13% mentioned strength enhancement and nutrient provision**, respectively



Importance (2/2)

During the discussion, the school staff acknowledged the significant impact of the mid-day meals in retaining students and encouraging regular attendance and active participation in school activities.



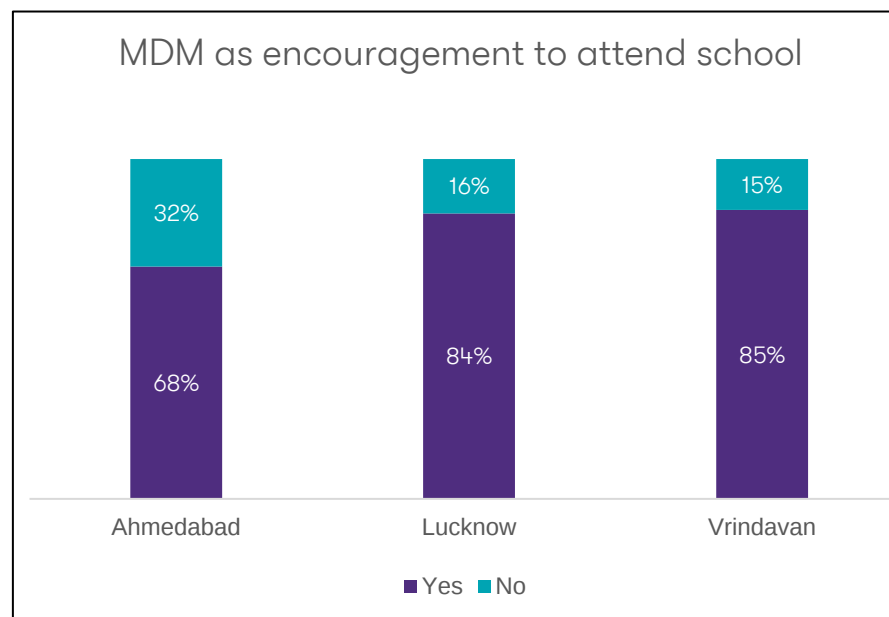
The mid-day meals not only encourage children to come to school every day but also helps them concentrate better in their classes.

School staff, Teacher

Sanitation practices

The survey data indicates that in all three locations (Ahmedabad, Lucknow, and Vrindavan), 100% of respondents are aware of sanitation practices like handwashing before and after eating. This suggests that there is awareness and likely implementation of handwashing practices among the students in these areas.

School attendance



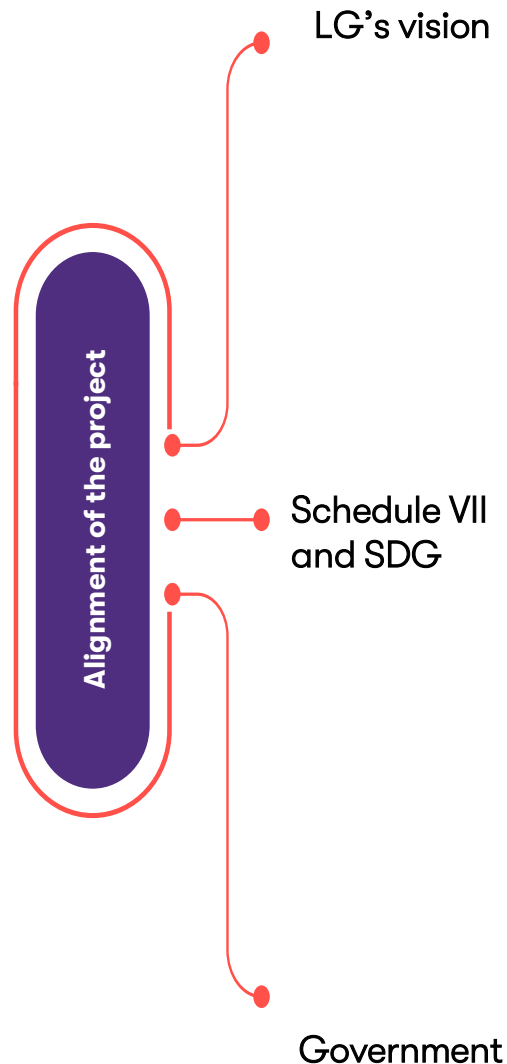
Students were asked whether the introduction of mid-day meals encouraged them to attend school regularly.

- In Ahmedabad, Lucknow, and Vrindavan, 68%, 84%, and 85% respectively answered 'Yes.'
- The data indicates mid-day meals tend to encourage most students to attend school regularly.
- However, there are some students in each location for whom the provision of meals is not the sole reason for attending school.

The programme contributed to better knowledge and awareness with regard to sanitation/nutrition. The meal provisions is an additional source of encouragement for children to attend school regularly.

Coherence

The alignment and integration of various components, activities, and strategies within a programme or initiative. It involves ensuring that all aspects of the initiative are interconnected and contribute to the overarching goals and objectives.



The children nutrition (mid day meal) initiative was started by LG Electronics India with a commitment to serve nutritious meals to underprivileged children studying in government schools across India.

This programme aligns with LG Electronics India's CSR vision of "A better life for all by creating social contribution programmes well aligned with Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013"

The programme is in alignment with two provisions in the Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 and four SDGs:

- **Eradicating Hunger and Malnutrition**, directly addresses the issue of hunger and malnutrition among underprivileged children.
- **Promoting education** by providing mid-day meals to underprivileged school children not only supports their overall health and growth but also serves as an incentive for regular school attendance.
- **SDG 2: Zero Hunger**- The programme contributes to SDG 2 by providing nutritious meals to underprivileged school children, the programme contributes towards efforts to eradicate hunger and malnutrition.
- **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being**- Ensuring children receive essential nutrients through mid-day meals support their overall health and well-being.
- **SDG 4: Quality Education**- The programme encourages disadvantaged children, to attend school regularly by offering them a free and nutritious meal
- **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities**- By providing equal access to nutritious meals, regardless of socio-economic status, the programme works towards reducing inequalities in access to food and education.

The programme supports government's PM POSHAN (Mid-Day Meal) scheme, providing assistance to **improve the nutritional status of disadvantaged children** studying in government and government-aided schools. It **aims to foster regular school attendance among children and help them concentrate in classroom activities.**

Stakeholder feedback

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The meals provided in our school are very tasty and served hot. We get to enjoy various dishes like Dal dhokli, Thepla, and my favorite, Khichdi. These meals have improved my immunity, so I don't fall ill frequently anymore. As a result, I'm able to concentrate and focus better in class.

- Beneficiary, school student

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Most students in our school come from marginalized, underprivileged communities, making the meals essential for their growth and classroom concentration. Students appreciate the meals, which motivate them to attend school regularly, underscoring the crucial role these meals play in their education and well-being

- School staff, Lucknow

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Through collaboration with like-minded corporates like LG, at Akshaya Patra, we ensure that the food we prepare reaches schools on time without any delay, maintaining its freshness and taste. Our goal is to put smiles on the faces of children

- Programme team member

Field photos (1/4)



Primary School, Khasarwara, Lucknow



Shilaj Primary School, Ahmedabad



PM Shri Upper Primary School, Mathura



Interacting with the beneficiaries in Ahmedabad



Interacting with the beneficiaries in Mathura



Interacting with the beneficiaries in Lucknow

Field photos (2/4)



Interacting with the school staff (Mathura)



Interacting with the school staff (Lucknow)



Head teacher (Ahmedabad)



Interacting with the programme team members

Field photos (3/4)



Children having mid-day meal



Children being served meals

DAY	ITEM-1	ITEM-2	ITEM-3	SNACKS
MONDAY	DAL DHOKLI	VEG PULAV	-	SUKHADI
TUESDAY	SUKHI BHAJI	JEERA PULAV	ROTI	ROASTED DESI CHANA
WEDNESDAY	MIX VEG WITH PULSES	JEERA RICE	THEPLA	ROASTED MASALA SING
THURSDAY	PLAIN DAL	VEG PULAV	-	SWEET CHURMA
FRIDAY	MIX VEG WITH PULSES	VEG KHICHADI	THEPLA	ROASTED CHANA CHAT
SATURDAY	LOUKI CHANA DAL	JEERA PULAV	ROTI	SWEET CHURMA

Mid-day meal menu (Ahmedabad) Akshaya Patra's meal delivery van



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Daily mid-day meal records kept by schools

Sl. No.	School Name	Item	Quantity	Unit	Value	Remarks
1	Shri. G. K. Patil	APPLE	20	kg	2000	
2	Shri. G. K. Patil	BANANA	20	kg	2000	
3	Shri. G. K. Patil	ORANGE	20	kg	2000	
4	Shri. G. K. Patil	GUAVA	20	kg	2000	
5	Shri. G. K. Patil	MANGO	20	kg	2000	
6	Shri. G. K. Patil	PINEAPPLE	20	kg	2000	
7	Shri. G. K. Patil	PEACH	20	kg	2000	
8	Shri. G. K. Patil	PLUM	20	kg	2000	
9	Shri. G. K. Patil	RAISIN	20	kg	2000	
10	Shri. G. K. Patil	STRAWBERRY	20	kg	2000	

Record of fruits received

Field photos (4/4)



Inside view of Akshaya Patra's kitchen



Pressing roller machine for wheat flour



Wet kitchen area



Cleaned potatoes for preparing meals



Rule codes followed inside the kitchen



Packed sweet dish with the school's name and expiry date

B. COVID -19 food relief programme

Accessibility

The extent to which a programme or initiative is easily available and reachable to its intended beneficiaries. It encompasses factors such as physical, financial, and social accessibility.



We used to wait for the Akshaya Patra van to enter our locality. It was something everyone looked forward to.

Beneficiary, Local youth

To understand the accessibility of the program, discussions regarding the physical accessibility of the food distribution centers and community participation were held with the beneficiaries.

Physical accessibility

- The distribution centers were within reachable distances for the target population.
- Extra food was provided to people with family members suffering from disabilities or elderly individuals with limited mobility.

Community engagement

- The programme team collaborated with local youth and active community members, who understood community dynamics and facilitated distribution.

Beneficiary identification

- Discussion with programme teams revealed that the process for identifying beneficiaries varied by location. In certain areas, the Akshaya Patra team conducted surveys, while in others, the government established toll-free numbers.

Provision of hygienic food and easily accessible distribution centers along with active community participation resulted in improved accessibility for the beneficiaries.

Performance

The effectiveness and efficiency with which a programme or initiative achieves its intended objectives and outcomes. It involves measuring the extent to which goals are met, targets are achieved, and desired results are realised.



Effectiveness

Achievement of objectives

The agreement between LG Electronics India and the Akshaya Patra Foundation (APF) was to provide financial support of Rs 2 crores to Akshaya Patra Foundation in providing 10 lakh cooked meals to COVID-19 affected underprivileged people at a cost of Rs 20 per meal.

Based on our field findings, there were **15 food distribution centers in Silvassa and 5 centers in Ahmedabad.**

Quality of food

- Beneficiaries were satisfied with the quality of the food, giving it a **100% satisfaction rating**. According to them, **the food was fresh, hygienic, and had a good taste.**

Efficiency of distribution

- The food delivery time was constant for each locality throughout the implementation phase. Any delays were communicated to the local village coordinators.

Outreach

S/N	Location	Beneficiary count*
1	Ahmedabad	3,00,000
2	Vadodara	20,000
3	Silvassa	1,50,000
4	Ajmer	50,000
5	Nathdwara	50,000
6	Noida	2,50,000
7	Bangalore	20,000
8	Hubli	30,000
9	Vizag	45,000
10	Bhilai	35,000
11	Badli (Delhi)	50,000
		10,00,000

* As per the data provided by the implementing partner

The satisfaction level of beneficiaries with the food provided and the efficiency of food distribution significantly enhanced the programme's effectiveness, thereby contributing to a smooth implementation process

Importance

The significance, relevance, and value of a programme or initiative within a broader context. It involves assessing the degree to which the initiative addresses critical needs, priorities, or challenges within a community or society.



Significance and relevance

- During pandemics or any crisis, access to food becomes a major challenges. This exacerbates food insecurity among underprivileged populations.
- Addressing basic needs, the programme promotes **social stability, curbing potential unrest due to hunger and deprivation**. It also **supports vulnerable groups** disproportionately affected by the pandemic, including low-income families and marginalized communities.

Public health impact

- With the support of LG, Akshay Patra was able to serve over 10,000 beneficiaries across 11 locations.
- The quick and efficient model of implementation allowed easy access to beneficiaries and helped address a key challenge.



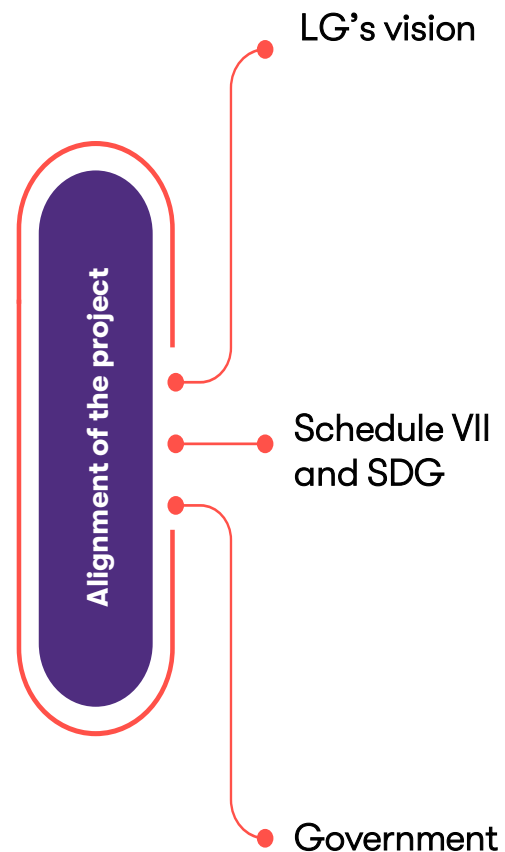
We are thankful to Akshaya Patra for helping us during such tough times

Beneficiary, Daily wage worker

The grant provided by LG Electronics India helped address food insecurity specifically for the underprivileged during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Coherence

The alignment and integration of various components, activities, and strategies within a programme or initiative. It involves ensuring that all aspects of the initiative are interconnected and contribute to the overarching goals and objectives.



The COVID-19 food relief initiative was started by LG Electronics India with a commitment to support the basic food requirements of underprivileged people during the pandemic.

This programme aligns with LG Electronics India's CSR vision of "A better life for all by creating social contribution programs well aligned with Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013"

The programme is in alignment with two provisions in the Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 and one SDG:

- **Eradicating Hunger and Malnutrition**, directly addresses the issue of hunger and malnutrition among the underprivileged population.
- **Promoting Health Care, Including Preventive Health Care**, by ensuring that underprivileged individuals have access to nutritious food, which is essential for their overall health and well-being.

SDG 2: Zero Hunger- The programme directly contributes to SDG 2 by providing food assistance to those who are food insecure, thereby working towards the goal of ending hunger and achieving food security.

The programme aligns with government objectives on food security for the underprivileged and marginalized. **By providing financial assistance for food relief, the programme supports initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) in response to COVID-19.**

Stakeholder feedback



During the COVID-19 pandemic, it was incredibly challenging for us to earn a livelihood and put food on the table for our families. The Akshaya Patra team reached out to us, offering a ray of hope in those difficult times. The food we received was freshly made and tasted good, bringing us much-needed relief. We are truly happy and thankful for their support.

- Beneficiary, Village sarpanch



Through the financial support from LG, we were able to extend food relief to the needy and underprivileged during the COVID-19 pandemic. The food situation was very serious, and restrictions worsened it for poor people, many of whom are daily wage workers. This initiative provided not only food and ration kits but also hope that they and their families could survive the pandemic.

- Programme team member

Field photos



*Programme beneficiaries in
Ahmedabad (1)*



*Programme beneficiaries in
Silvassa*



*Interacting with programme
team members*



*Interacting with the programme
beneficiaries in Ahmedabad (2)*

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