

SOCIETY FOR EMPOWERMENT, SERVICE, TRAINING AND AWARENESS - AUSTRALIA

Helping the disabled and disadvantaged
Registered charity in Victoria, Australia

INDEPENDENCE, INCLUSION AND INTEGRATION

Annual Review, 2019-20

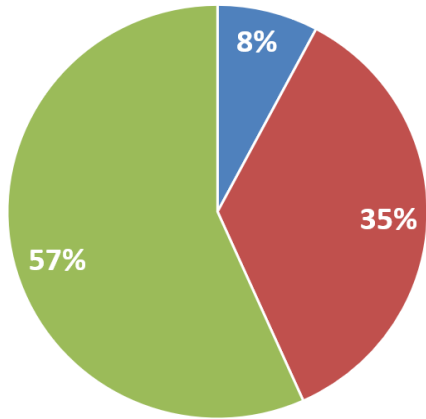
The year 2019-2020 was quite unlike any other year. During the first half of the year, we financially supported both *Shishu Sarothi* and *Shishu Greh* to continue with their activities for the children with disabilities. But from January onwards, the pandemic changed everything. The last outreach camp held in Goalpara was on 14th March 2020 and it was not possible to hold face to face services due to difficulties associated with travel and other restrictions. From April 2020, field worker and therapists were able to contact few families of the children through phone, video calls and other means. From the month of July, *Shishu Sarothi* started weekly online therapy sessions through zoom for the parents who are able join. The therapists' team got in touch with many of them and have been offering advice and inputs on therapy and general counsel to them. The follow up was done fortnightly and during phone follow up, the issues discussed were the financial status of the family, present status of the child, therapy inputs and general counselling to the parents.

For obvious reasons, only one fundraising event was held during the year. SESTAA's 2019 movie night in October was a huge success among our patrons and helped us raise more money than expected. There were also the lucky patrons who won the generously donated raffle prizes. During the year, we raised a total of \$12,574.60 through fundraising and donation. We thank all our sponsors for their generosity and the volunteers for their help and support. There were 39 members during the year – 10 Active, 3 Associate and 26 Ordinary members.

We thank everyone for their help and support during this difficult year and look forward to a fruitful 2020-21.

2019-20 INCOME

■ Membership ■ Fundraising Event
■ Donation



2019-20 EXPENSE

■ Overseas Project ■ Fundraising

