



# Mumbai Smiles Foundation

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## About Mumbai Smiles Foundation

Mumbai Smiles Foundation is a nonprofit organization that has been working for the lesser privileged sections of the society for the past 11 years in the city of Mumbai. Our shared goal is the peaceful struggle against poverty and guaranteeing the human rights of those dwelling in the slums of Mumbai.

Health, Education and Livelihood are our main areas of intervention.

### Vision

We aspire to see a Mumbai free of poverty and social injustice, whereby all its citizens can equally enjoy the most basic human rights.

### Mission

Our mission is to transform the social reality of underprivileged communities in Mumbai to guarantee access to basic human rights and a dignified life.

### Values

**Justice:** Our developmental work is oriented towards enabling equal access to opportunities and universal freedom.

**No discrimination:** We respect human diversity in all its aspects, without any distinction of race, age, political affiliation, religion or gender.

**Transparency:** We manage our resources with rigour, by committing ourselves to transparency and by being accountable to our partners, donors, beneficiaries and society.

**Consistency:** In our words and our actions, we are faithful to following our vision and mission, and our work speaks for itself.

Volunteerism strengthens civic engagement; safeguards social inclusion deepens solidarity and solidifies ownership of development results. It is an important vehicle for sustainable development. It lets people and communities participate in their own growth. Through volunteering, citizens build their resilience, enhance their knowledge base and gain a sense of responsibility for their own community.

A photograph of a classroom scene. A teacher in a white shirt is standing at the front, writing on a chalkboard. The board has some text in Hindi, including 'Date: 20/05/2020' and 'विद्यया ऽ मृतमश्नुते'. In the foreground, several students are seated at desks, some looking towards the teacher. The entire image has a semi-transparent pink overlay.

What does volunteering with  
Mumbai Smiles Foundation mean?

A “volunteer” is anyone who, without compensation or expectation of compensation beyond reimbursement performs a task at the direction of and on behalf of Mumbai Smiles Foundation.

A skill based approach is what best defines the Volunteer Program at Mumbai Smiles, where ones abilities, talents, networks and resources are used to get a volunteering assignment completed.

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## What are the different categories where one can volunteer at Mumbai Smiles Foundation?

- Fundraising
- Organizing events
- Graphic Designing
- Being an Ambassador/ Campaigner
- Social Media Campaigner
- Developing Content
- Photography and making short Videos
- Assisting in project activities: Health Camps, Organizing training programs, English teaching etc
- Others

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## If you wish to volunteer this year, this is what you can do:

### Activity based and hour based assignments

#### Activity based Volunteering

This is short term volunteering, which could last for few days or a week approximately.

Activities	Months of volunteering
Taking mentoring sessions or be a resource person for the Life Skill Empowerment Project for adolescent girls and boys	From August to December in the afternoons
Organizing a photography exhibition of our projects	At the convenience of the volunteer
Organize education fairs for the schools with which we partner	Between August to December during school timings
Organize an Awareness Drive for one of our projects	From August to January

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### Hourly based Volunteering

This is long term volunteering which could be on-going for even a year.

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#### Activities

#### Months of volunteering

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From August to December in the afternoons

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Data entry work

March during office timings

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Field visits with the team

April to June during office timings

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Assist in health camps

Organized for 1-2 days, several times at different months of the year.

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Making videos of our project activities

August to December

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Social media campaigns

August to January

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Photography of the projects

August to January

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### Online Volunteering Activities

Has no time limitation.

Activities	Months of volunteering
Designing our communication materials	Throughout the year
Content development	Throughout the year
Preparing Case Studies	August to December
Translations	Throughout the year

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## Be involved and take action even post completion of your volunteer assignment

Volunteering with Mumbai Smiles Foundation also gives you the opportunity to continue being an agent of change in several ways even if you are not actively volunteering on a particular assignment. Here's how:

### **Be an influencer**

Speak about our projects and activities among your friends and family and motivate them to get involved.

### **Organize talks and sessions at your university / club / college / school**

Raise your voice on an issue and create awareness about it in your university, school or college and support the cause of the organization.

### **Assist in fundraising**

Keep yourself updated with the fundraising campaigns of the organization and donate in small ways to help it reach its goal.

### **Share -Tweet-Like**

Share our blog articles and photographs on social media sites and help us reach out to more daily.

### **Become our family member**

Register to be invited to all our events and activities carried out through the year and join hands.



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## “Change begins with YOU!”

Meet some of our volunteers and hear their story!

### Chiranshu Kumar

Chiranshu Kumar contributed wholeheartedly over a period of one year with his collaboration with us. His association involved publishing blogs about the regular activities of the organization on a daily basis. He has written more than 200 blogs on our website in a span of just one year, becoming the only volunteer in Mumbai Smiles to have achieved that. Even though being employed, Chiranshu very keenly worked on the content of the blogs by coordinating with the team online and over the phone, thus making it always possible to have the work complete without having to travel often to the organization. His assistance to the communication department of the organization is just simply beyond comparison!

### Khushboo Jani

Khushboo began her volunteering work by mentoring 2 of our beneficiaries of the Higher Education Project. Her hours dedicated to Mumbai Smiles were utilized in teaching the beneficiaries Maths and Science thrice a week. Her continual involvement in the program not only helped the girls score higher grades in their exams but also built such a close rapport with them that they are in regular touch with each other even while Khushboo has moved to the US for higher studies. One of the best experiences for the beneficiaries as a part of Khushboo's volunteering work was when she took them on her own to an educational field trip around the city which turned out to be an unforgettable trip for the young girls.

### Shruti Pandit

With a great love for the Spanish language, Shruti Pandit decided to volunteer her skills for a good cause. Her involvement consisted of assisting the Responsive Action Coordinator in organizing visits for the Spanish Nationals to the projects in the field. Shruti interacted with the Spanish and Latin American guests and helped them greatly in understanding our projects in their very own language. She volunteered for approximately 15 visits, both of large and small groups assisting greatly in the management, coordination and presentation aspects of the visit. Shruti's involvement in the projects as a volunteer not only gave her the opportunity to improve her command over Spanish but also helped the visitors immensely in understanding the vision and mission of the organization with all clarity.

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## Take 2 easy steps to begin volunteering at Mumbai Smiles Foundation

**Step 1:** Write to us on [info@mumbaismiles.org](mailto:info@mumbaismiles.org) mentioning your area of interest mentioned on page 3 and send us your CV.

**Step 2:** Visit the organization on a scheduled date and time for a brief meet with the team

**Step 3:** Fill up our Volunteer Application Form and start your Volunteer Assignment!

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## Perks for volunteering with Mumbai Smiles Foundation

- Receive a volunteer certificate at the end of your assignment.
- Be a part of the shout outs that Mumbai Smiles gives its volunteers on its social media platforms.
- Mention of you on the Annual Reports of the organization.
- Be invited to the celebrations planned for International Volunteer Day each year.
- Contribute to make the world a better place



“Alone we can do so little, together we can do much”

— Helen Keller



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