



Friends of Aseema, www.friendsofaseema.org, is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) headquartered in Pittsburgh to raise funds and awareness for the Aseema Charitable Trust of Mumbai, India. For more than 25 years, Aseema has provided high-quality, secular education, meals and medical care to children living in deep poverty in Mumbai's streets and slums and in a remote tribal region. Aseema, meaning "limitless" in Sanskrit, reflects the co-founders' belief in the limitless potential of every child. Aseema children routinely outpace their private school counterparts. Aseema is a model for change and effective altruism anywhere.



Greetings at an Aseema School



Homes in an Area Served by Aseema

ASEEMA'S ART PROGRAM

Aseema's robust art program, part of Room 13, owes much to Varsha Trivedi, a gold medalist from one of India's best art schools. She taught privately and then came out of retirement to develop Aseema's program, working for 20 years and refusing any pay. She learned from the children as they learned from her. An early example came when she suggested to a child that he take his art home to hang on the wall, only to be told, "We don't have any walls." Varsha taught art infused with lessons on justice and perseverance.



Varsha in One-on-One Focus



By 13-Year-Old by Huzef Momin



Art During Remote Learning