



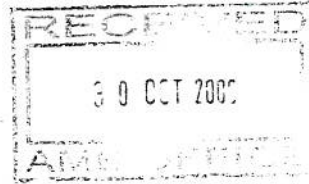
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Embassy of United States of America,
Shantipath,
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Hon'ble Sir,

The Department of Labour, US Govt. has released their Annual Report on Child Labour in which 122 products have been identified from 58 countries where either child labour or forced labour is being used.

We are shocked to find the name of "Soccer balls from India" in this report.

We would like to inform you that Soccer ball manufacturers based in India had formed **Sports Goods Foundation of India** way back in 1998 which is an organization working on elimination and rehabilitation of child labour in the Sports Goods Industry. 95% of the export of Soccer balls from Punjab to various foreign countries is done by the members of foundation which is providing livelihood to over 20,000 workers. A brief report on the activities of Sports Goods Foundation of India and efforts put in by this organization in successful elimination of child labour from soccer ball manufacturing is enclosed at **Annex "I"**.

We have gone through the whole report published by Dept. of Labour, USA and our comments are given below:-

1. It is claimed that the report has been prepared based on primary and secondary data, whereas in case of "Soccer Balls from India", all the data referred in the bibliography is secondary. Following three sources have been mentioned as basis for including "Soccer balls from India" in this report:-
 - a) **HBO Documentary:** This documentary was telecast on HBO in USA, based on a report by an Indian NGO "Bachpan Bachao Andolan". The balls of a reputed brand "MITRE" has been shown in this documentary and "MITRE" has already filed a court case in US against HBO on showing the documentary about their product without verifying the facts. We have also represented this matter to our Minister of Commerce & Industry to stop such NGOs in undertaking malefide campaign to gain publicity.

- b) **Article by Secretary General, WFSGI** : The article mentions about the efforts made by WFSGI along with FIFA to eliminate child labour from the Soccer Ball Industry in Pakistan. Even the photograph shown in the article is from Pakistan. Only in one of the Para in article, it mentions that Indian Sports manufacturers have also adopted the Pakistan's model to fit their unique circumstances.

Ironically Pakistan is not one of the identified countries by the Department of Labour for Soccer Balls, whereas India has been included for unknown reasons.

Moreover the Annual handbook of WFSGI, every year, publishes the efforts made by Indian Soccer ball industry to keep it child labour free. Copy of the referred article is enclosed at **Annex-"II"**.

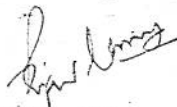
Copies of reports published in yearly Handbook (2009) of WFSGI are enclosed at **Annex-"III"**.

- b) **Report in Newspaper "The Hindu"** : Report clearly mentions the name of same NGO "Bachpan Bachao Andolan" which is conducting this malefide campaign (Copy of The Hindu article enclosed at **Annex-IV**).

In light of above facts, we request you to take up the matter with Department of labour, USA to review the report and remove "Soccer Balls from India" from the list of products identified as using Child labour immediately as our exports have suffered very badly not only to USA but to other countries too.

Sir, we would also like to meet you personally to apprise you of the complete facts on the case and would be grateful if suitable date/time, convenient to you, is given to us at your earliest.

Kind Regards,



Rajan Mayor
Vice-Chairman

About Sports Goods Foundation of India (SGFI)

Twenty five exporters of sports goods joined hands together voluntarily and created the Sports Goods Foundation of India (SGFI) in 1998. Registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 vide Registration No. 1681 of 1998-99 Dated 25th January 1999 as an NGO. It is a non-profit making organisation committed to the prevention and rehabilitation of child labour in the sporting goods industry.

SGFI is an ISO 9001: 2000 certified organization by SGS India Pvt. Ltd. Vide certificate number SG05/0280.

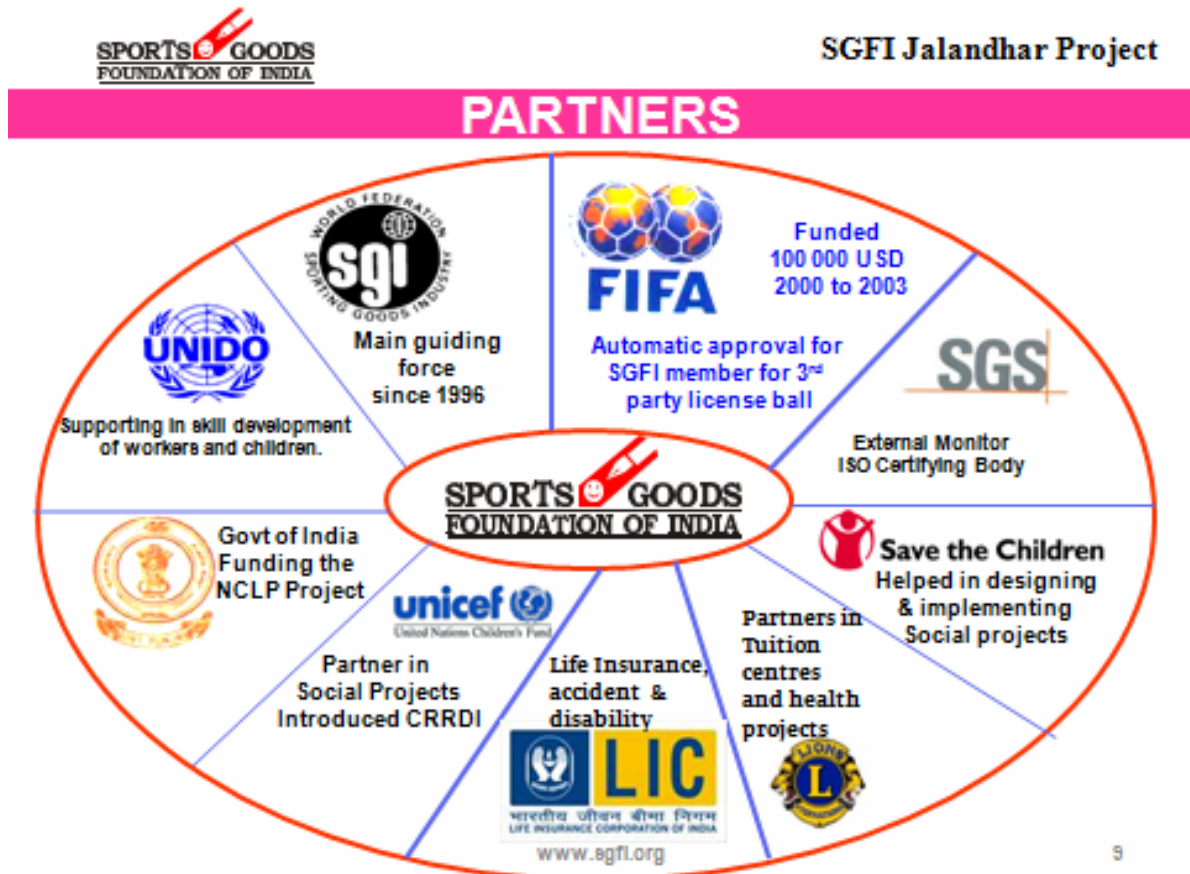
Today SGFI membership consists of 32 manufacturers & exporters of footballs/volleyballs/rugby. These members are responsible for appox. 95% of the total exports of these inflatable balls. **All members of SGFI are voluntarily contributing a fixed percentage of their exports of inflatable balls every month for this noble cause.**

VISION: To foster and energize social responsibility initiatives of the Indian Sporting Goods Industry.

OBJECTIVES

- **To prevent** and progressively eliminate child labour in the manufacture or stitching of Soccer balls.
- **To facilitate** an attitudinal change in the community as well as the worker's families regarding the importance of education and evils of child labour.
- **To promote** education in the inflatable balls stitching community.

In order that the above objectives are achieved in a time bound manner, it was decided to involve other technical support and donor organizations as partners of the foundation.



WFSGI : The World Federation of Sporting Goods Industries, Switzerland has been involved with the foundation right from the beginning. They have been working hard to coordinate efforts of the major international brands and the manufacturers and are very concerned about the use of child labour. They have been extremely active in helping the foundation at every stage.

FIFA Marketing: FIFA Marketing have been key supporters of the foundation. FIFA had agreed to fund the monitoring program by SGS for four years Jan-2000 to Dec-2003. **FIFA Marketing has allowed it's licensees to produce these balls in India only from firms that are members of the foundation and who are all in compliance with the rules of the foundation.**

SGS India Pvt. Ltd: They were appointed as the external monitors of our program. They had set up an office in Jalandhar dedicated towards SGFI programme. They monitored all our stitching locations and if any children are found stitching footballs, SGFI was immediately informed so that we get these children involved in the social protection program and weaned away from child labour.

Now SGS is our certifying body for ISO 9001:2000 and is auditing our monitoring program regularly.

UNICEF: They bring to the foundation their enormous wealth of knowledge on issues related to the exploitation of children, social awareness. While not a financial contributor to the foundation, their advice and guidance has been invaluable to our social protection program.

SCF-U.K: Save the Children's Fund-U.K, have been involved in this program even before the foundation was officially started. Their active participation in our program along with UNICEF has been the key factor in getting our social protection program started. They suggested that a steering committee be formed between the foundation and it's partners so that the monitoring and social protection program can constantly be reviewed.

GOVT. OF INDIA, DEPT. OF LABOUR: They have been supporting the foundation and its objectives from the beginning. Theirs has been a key role in the establishment of the **27** Transitional Schools in Jalandhar, **8 of which are being run by the foundation.** They provide a substantial grant for the running of these schools. In conjunction with the Govt. of India, Dept of Labour. Their Jalandhar office & the transitional schools played a major role in shaping our social protection program.



United Nations Industrial Development Organisation- Cluster Development Project (UNIDO-CDP)

SGFI has been sub-contracted a three year project on Corporate Social Responsibility by United Nations Industrial Development Organisation- Cluster Development Project (UNIDO-CDP). This project is called Social and Environmental Responsibility of Businesses (SERB). Under this project SGFI has scaled up its child labour project with more community participation and home-based workers, strengthened educational initiatives, focus on health and safety at workplace and Environment issues. SGFI is also providing advice to its members on Social Compliance to handle social audits done by their respective customers.



Lions Club – Jalandhar East.

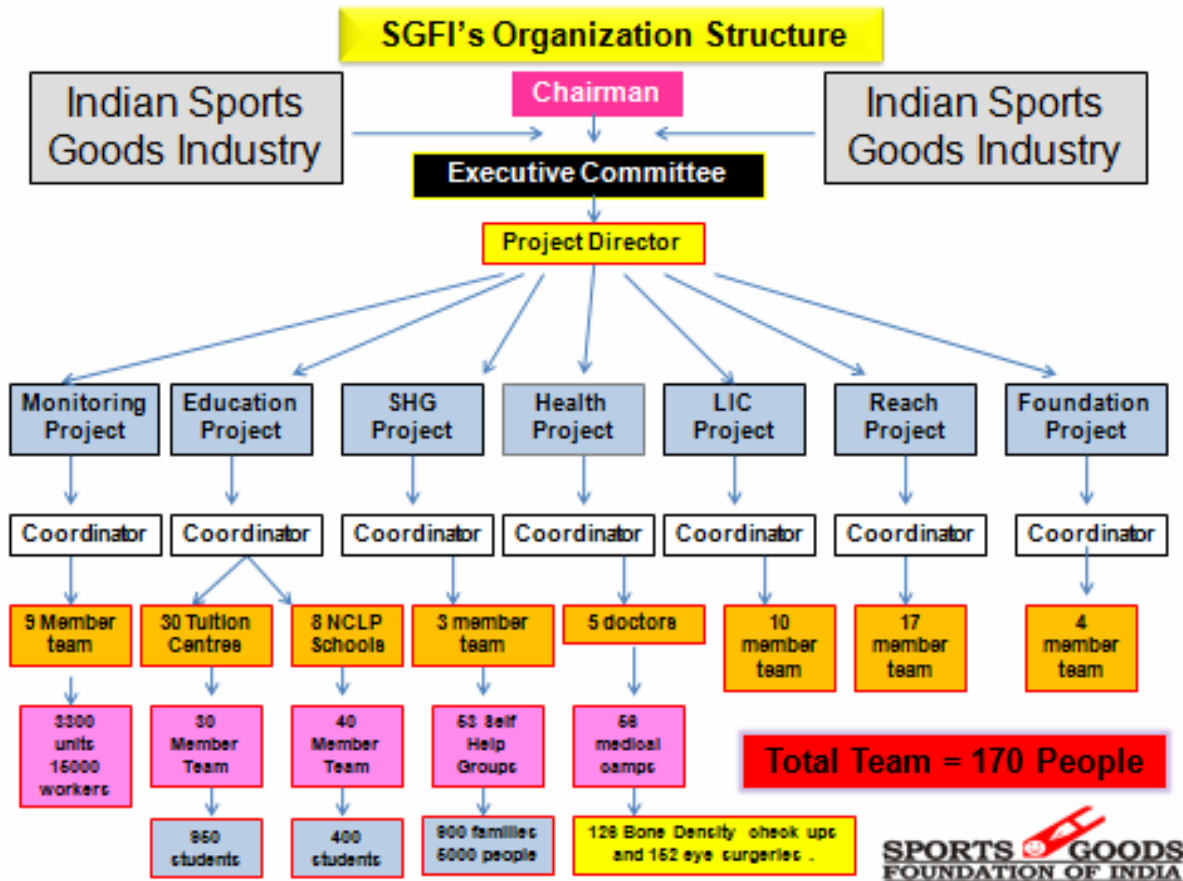
Lions Club has partnered with SGFI for health awareness camps. The team of doctors is from Lions Clubs. SGFI has also created 5 tuition centers that have been adopted by 5 different lions clubs. **152 eye surgeries have been performed in the last 2 years**, 2 bone density camps, 2 drug awareness camps, 2 diabetes check up camps & 1 dental check up camp have already been organised .

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

SGFI has partnered with LIC to promote micro insurance scheme "Jeevan Madhur" amongst its household workers. Till date it has covered 800 workers. Target is 15000 workers. **Recently 1 worker passed away after paying only 1 premium, LIC gave a cheque for Rs. 28000. This week a women worker who was the head of her family passed away, her family will be getting Rs. 85000.**



Cheque being presented to the widow of the



deceased.

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

Regular Monitoring

The immediate challenge for the programme was to locate the home based locations and register them for the monitoring programme. Members of SGFI provided the information regarding each contractor and their subsequent stitchers. SGFI processed the information and gave unique location numbers to individual location. This database was used for regular external monitoring by SGS on random and unannounced basis. **Today SGFI has over 3300 families under close watch covering over 15,000 stitchers.**

Awareness Raising:

SGFI is running an awareness campaign in all football stitching areas in Jalandhar and Batala by organizing free medical camps, magic shows, street plays etc. which brought people out of their homes to listen to us.

In year 2000, UNICEF introduced the Center for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), to undertake awareness raising exercise. CRRID's main job was building the credibility of SGFI initiative amongst the critical mass. **The stitching community, local youth clubs, Mahila Mandal (women's groups) and local leaders were identified and made part of the programme.**

After that SGFI took training from CRRID and sustained the awareness campaign on its own. Now SGFI has a regular campaign targeting the less aware areas. The profiling of the families was done to understand the reasons as why they engage their children in labour activities, which helped in planning for rehabilitation.

This awareness campaign has been very successful in terms of reaching the stitchers and making them understand that their children should be going to schools and enjoying their childhood and not doing any labour activities.

SGFI is committed to work on sustainable ventures so that this problem does not re-emerge or find its way out into some other area. The external monitoring and social protection projects will continue and we are constantly trying to increase the effectiveness of our campaign.

We have seen a dramatic change in the attitude and awareness of the community against the child labour. Now the village leaders (Panchayat and Sarpanch) have also started working in partnership with us. This partnership has been a breakthrough in accessing the community in a credible and trusted manner. They understand the importance of education in building the future of children.

NCLP Special Schools:

Successful establishment and running of 27 transitional schools in Jalandhar in September 2000 under National Child Labour Project funded by Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India. Each school has 50 children with 2 educational instructors and one vocational instructor. 1350 Children are benefiting from these schools.



SGFI has adopted 8 schools that cover 400 children. The children in these schools were not going to school or dropouts and are from the ages of 8 yrs to 14yrs. The objective of these schools is to prepare these children to enable them to join the regular schooling system.

Since September 2000 funds are coming from Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India which is routed through Deputy Commissioner who is the Chairman of this project.



FACILITIES AT TRANSITIONAL SCHOOLS:

- Mid-Day meal
- Free Books.
- Rs.100/- as monthly stipend to each student
- Free Uniform .
- Free Medical / Dental Check up camps
- Competitions like painting, sports meet, cultural etc.
- Vocational Training – garments stitching, pot making etc.
- Under Supervision of a qualified principal.

Regular Health check-ups at the schools

Health is always given importance by SGFI, so health check up for all children studying in schools as well as in free tuition centers is organized on regular basis.

A dental check-up, eyes and general check up is conducted by qualified doctors. Some doctors have volunteered their services to SGFI project on long-term basis.

Free Tuition Centers:

SGFI is running 30 free tuition centers for rehabilitating children who were previously involved in labour activities. Each tuition center looks after app. 25-30 children. These tuition centers are helping those children who are going to school in the morning.



Most of their parents are busy in their work or they are not educated enough to teach their children at home after the school. The Children therefore, visit the tuition center between 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The time spent by these children at these centers means time away from any form of child labour.

One big achievement of these free tuition centers has been to inculcate a sense of responsibility among the parents who now prefer to send their children to these centers and not get any work done from them.

Free computer education

SGFI is running a free computer training centre in collaboration with Punjab Rural information Technology Management Agency (PRITMA) at village Tajpur, Jalandhar. This centre will give free computer literacy to all children of this village and then will move to next village. This centre would be covering appx 300 children. Two instructors are hired to provide training. Village Panchayat has provided a room in the community centre building. Children are given basic training on computers and in second phase specialized training would start in collaboration with some professional institutes like NIIT, APTECH etc.



Self Help Groups (SHG):

SGFI has built over 52 SHG with 15-20 women in each group covering 1000 families. SGFI found that these people are under debt constantly as they are not able to get loans for their micro finance needs and end up borrowing from local money lenders. SGFI created SHG where these women are contributing Rs. 100/- monthly towards their bank accounts and **the banks have allowed them overdraft facility also**. The money so collected is being used by the SHG members for inter loaning. Few SHG have also availed of a bank loan & have successfully repaid back also. SGFI is currently in the process of linking

these 600 families with health insurance & pension benefits also.

Reach Project:

SGFI member's wives have formed this project through which underutilized material is collected and recycled. Items like clothes, books, household items etc are collected through regular collection drives at its collection centers. This material so collected is then distributed to the poor and needy people.

Swasth Man Swasth Tan (SMST) – Healthy Mind Healthy Body.

Our health project is called SMST. **Under this SGFI conducts one medical camp each week at 2-3 of its tuition centers / NCLP schools, a major camp every 2 months for its workers outside of the factory.** Awareness camps for health related issues are conducted at the factory itself. Besides this, daily 70 first aid kits are issued to our 3300 household workers through our monitors. This kit is replaced every 3 months. SGFI has conducted over 150 eye cataract operations recently.

Charitable trusts / foundations run by SGFI members.

1. F.C. Sondhi charitable trust is run by F.C. Sondhi & Co which provides scholarships to students.
2. Nivea charitable trust is running a charitable hospital which is opened by Freewill Exports.
3. Sports Syndicate is also running a charitable hospital.
4. Ranson Sports is running Aashi Foundation to work towards providing free education.



Monitoring System of SGFI.

1. As per Atlanta agreement 1996 & other partners.
2. Random & unannounced visits.
3. Minimum of 8 visits per year
4. Monitors will confirm name, age & production capacity.
5. A first aid kit is given in every visit.
6. Check for children stitching.
7. Check further sub contracting.
8. Check ID code of manufacturer.
9. Check general hygiene/cleanliness of work area.

Modus Operandi of monitoring program.

1. Members of SGFI submit internal monitoring reports to SGFI office.
2. SGFI verifies that report by going to the site and prepares an external monitoring report.
3. SGFI database is updated.
4. Any issue of child found stitching, further sub contracting, id code of member not printed on the football etc is informed immediately to the concerned member. Member's internal monitor will then verify and take action.
5. A monthly Report of Inspection (ROI) is prepared and sent to all members. This report gives a list of all locations visited that month, how many child labour cases found, number of further sub contracting cases, id codes not printed etc.
6. SGFI monitoring in-charge & project director conduct regular internal audits of its monitoring team to ensure reports are prepared fairly & monitoring team does actually visit the sites.
7. SGS conducts annual audits on SGFI as per ISO 9000 to ensure proper, smooth and transparent working.

Present Status.

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| No of stitching units/centers under monitoring | 3300 |
| No of monitoring visits undertaken in Nov 09 | 800 |

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| No of monitoring visits undertaken since 1999 | 144000 |
| No of stitchers monitored | 15000 |
| No of manufacturers/exporters who joined the program in 1999 | 25 |
| No of manufacturers/exporters currently enrolled | 32 |

A feather in our cap: Seeing the working of SGFI, the CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education), New Delhi has included a chapter titled "SGFI & its Organizational Setup" in the official text book of health, physical education and sports for class XII nationwide.

SPORTS  GOODS
FOUNDATION OF INDIA

...ensuring children
their child hood

Sept 2009

Presenter: Satish Wasan - Chairman

JALANDHAR



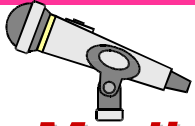
POPULATION

13 Million

AREA

3500 Sq Km

WHAT MADE US THINK

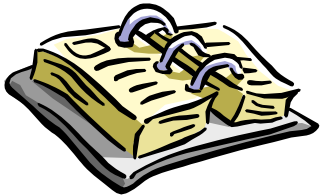


Media

⊕ **Media reports on Child Labour**



⊕ **Business Partners Pressure (External)**

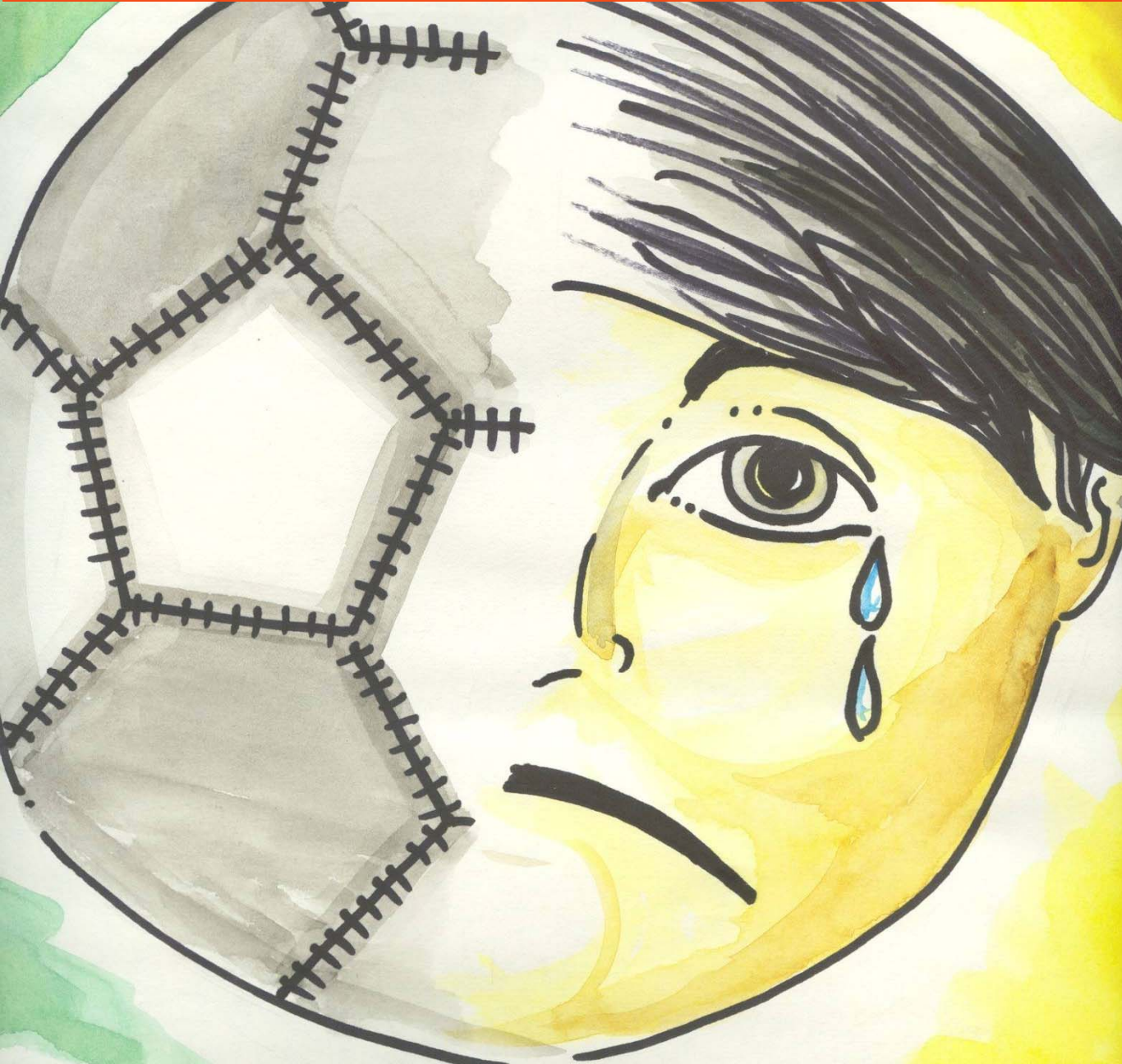


⊕ **Local Law Enforcement Pressure (Internal)**



⊕ **Competition
(ILO/ IPEC) PROJECT IN PAKISTAN)
Started in 1997**

25 Sports Goods Manufacturers in 1998 voluntarily decided



**To have
a
Monitoring
System**

**in place
to
ensure**

**Prevention
&
Rehabilitation
of
child labour
in
Sports Industry.**

OBJECTIVES

To prevent and progressively eliminate child labour in the manufacture or assembly of soccer balls in Jalandhar district and its environment.

To identify and remove children under the age of 14 years involved in the manufacture or assembly of soccer balls and provide them with educational and other opportunities.

To facilitate changes in community and family attitudes to child labour, including in the soccer industry

An ISO 9001:2000
Certified Organisation

Certificate SG05/0280

SGS

The management system of

Sports Goods Foundation Of
India

22-A, Tagore Nagar,
Opp. Hotel Regent Park,
Jalandhar - 144 002,
India.



has been assessed and certified as meeting the requirements of

ISO 9001:2000

For the following activities

Monitoring and Management of prevention and rehabilitation of child
labour in stitching of inflatable balls being manufactured and exported
by members of Sports Goods Foundation Of India, Jalandhar.

Further clarifications regarding the scope of this certificate and the applicability of
ISO 9001:2000 requirements may be obtained by consulting the organization

This certificate is valid from 18 January, 2005 until 17 January, 2008.
Issue 1. Certified since 18 January 2005.

Authorised by

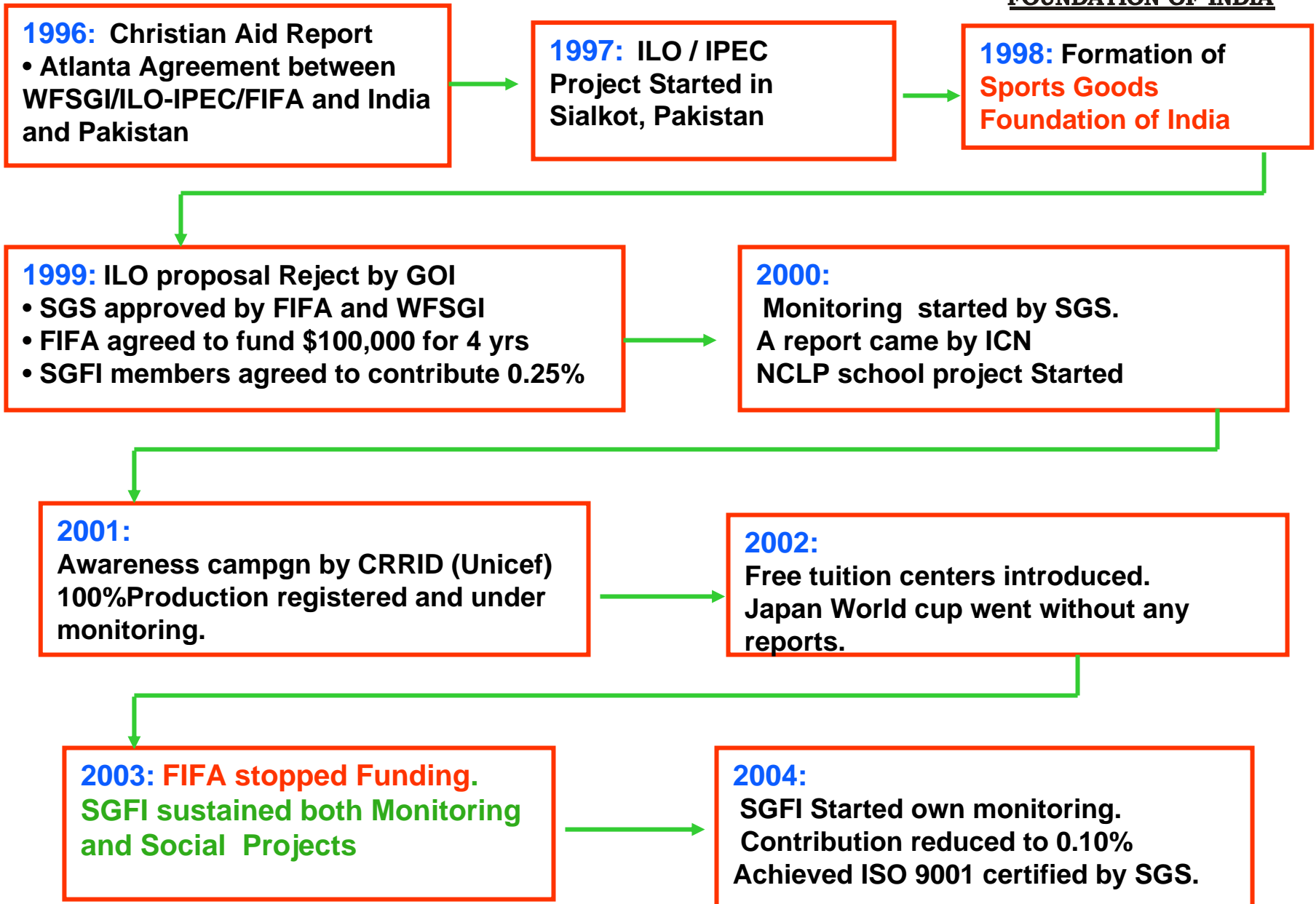


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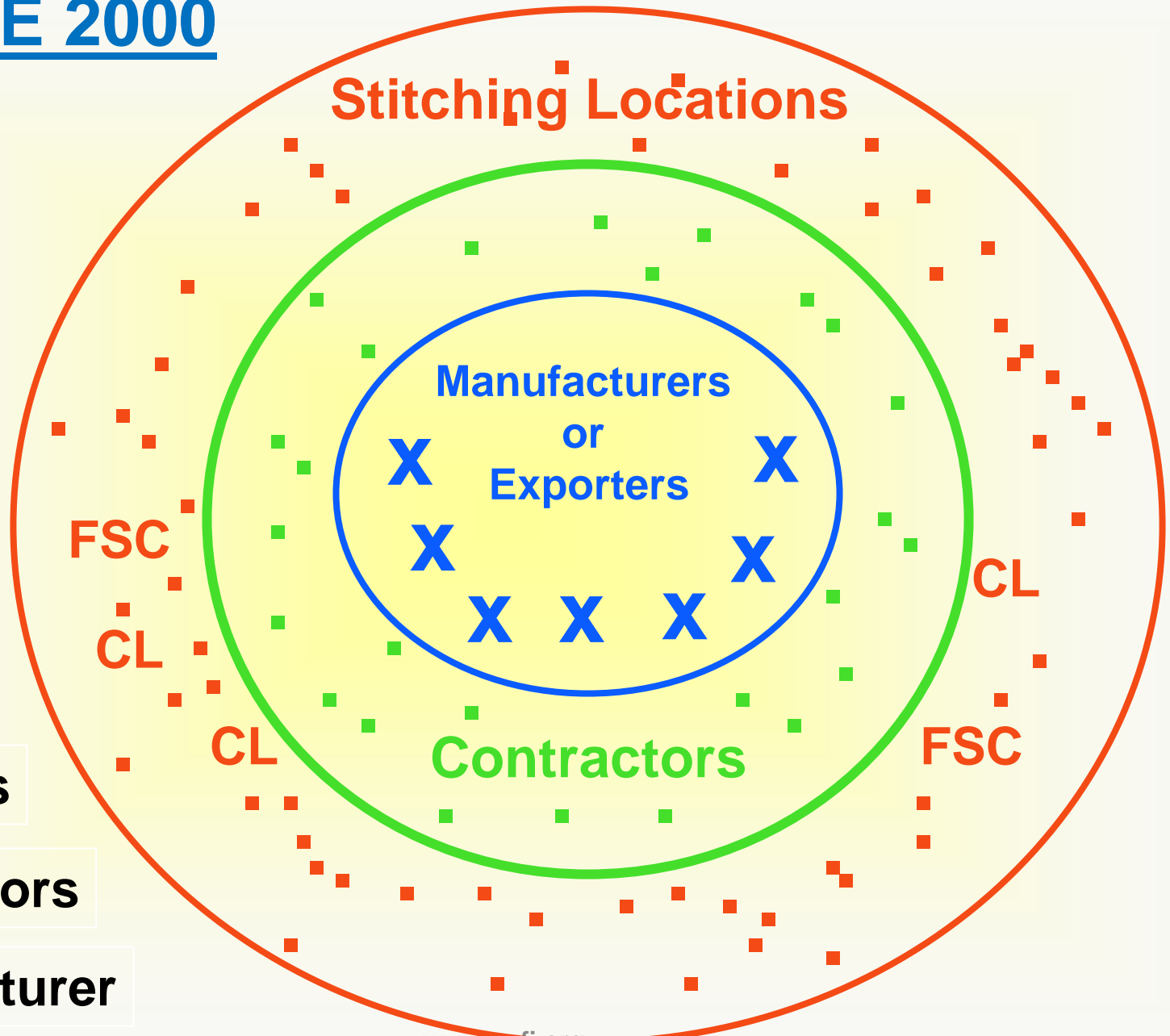
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A Journey to Success



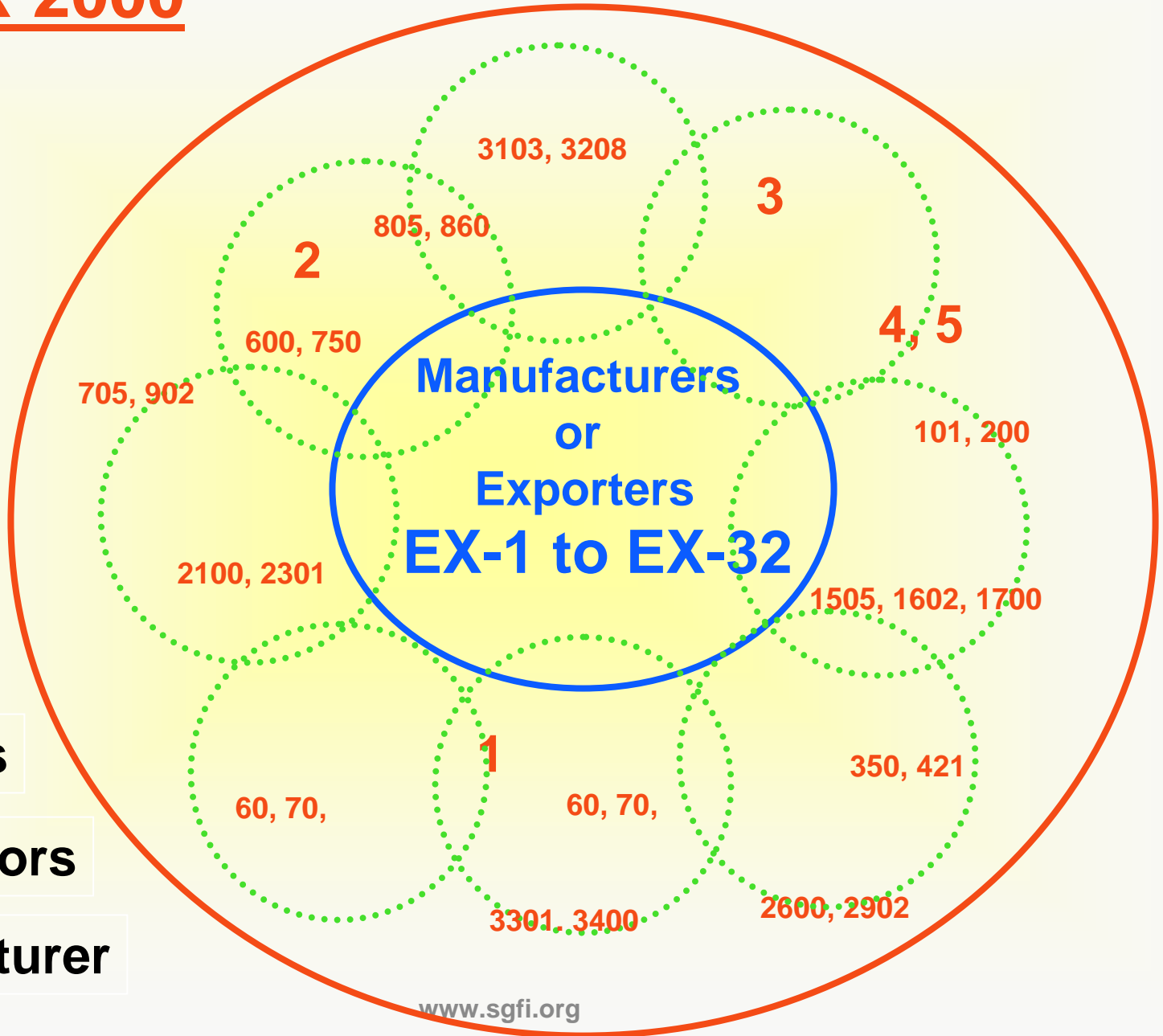
BEFORE 2000



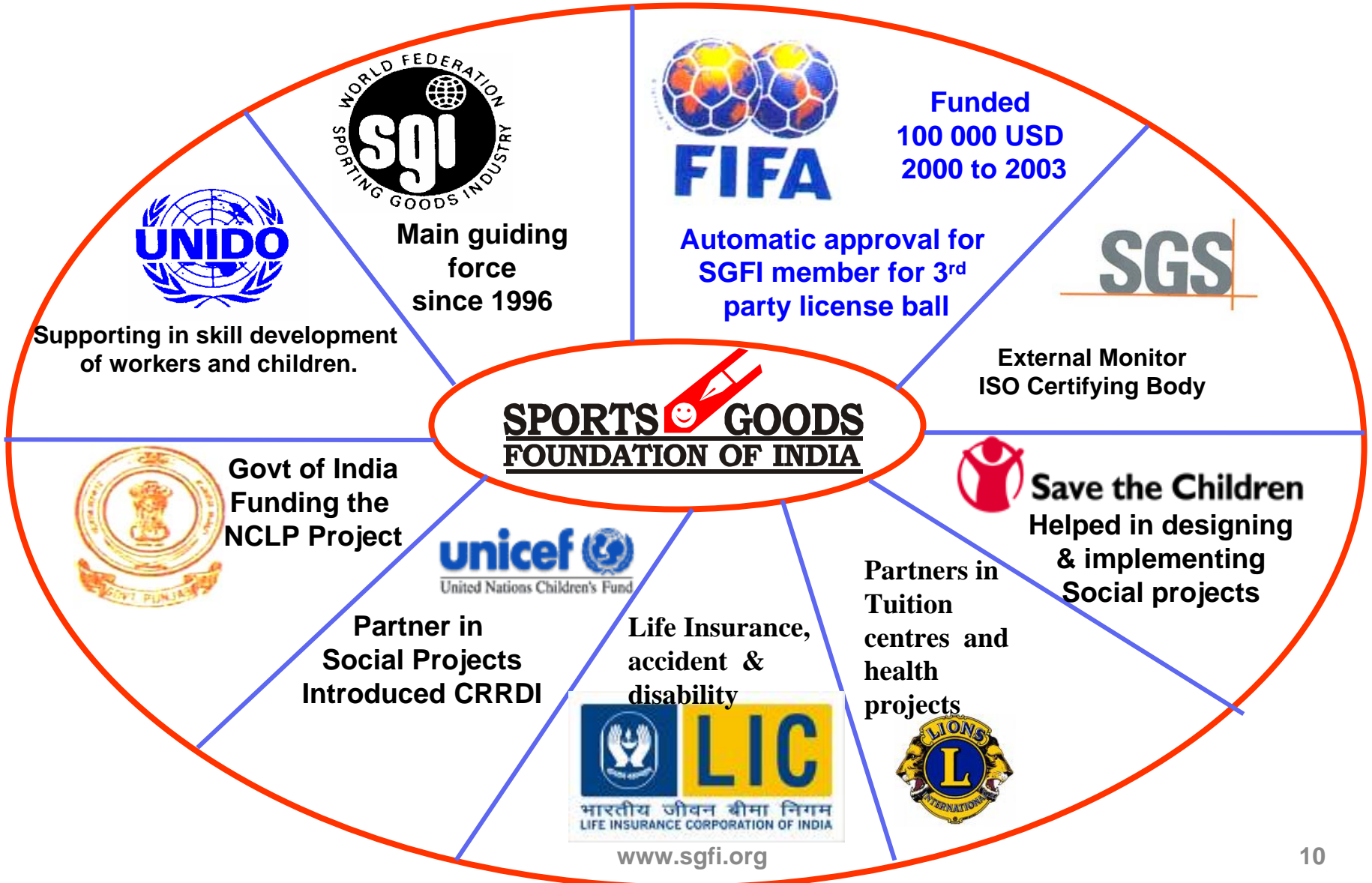
-  **Stitchers**
-  **Contractors**
-  **Manufacturer**

AFTER 2000

MAPING / CREATION OF INFO BASE



PARTNERS



COMPONENTS

⊕ Prevention and Monitoring .

⊕ Social Protection and Rehabilitation.

Social Protection Programme

- A) Awareness Raising and Credibility Building Activities**
- B) 27 NCLP Transitional schools**
- C) 30 Free Tuition Centers.**
- D) 2 Free Adult Education Center.**
- E) PRITMA computer training**

WHAT A MEMBER NEEDS TO DO

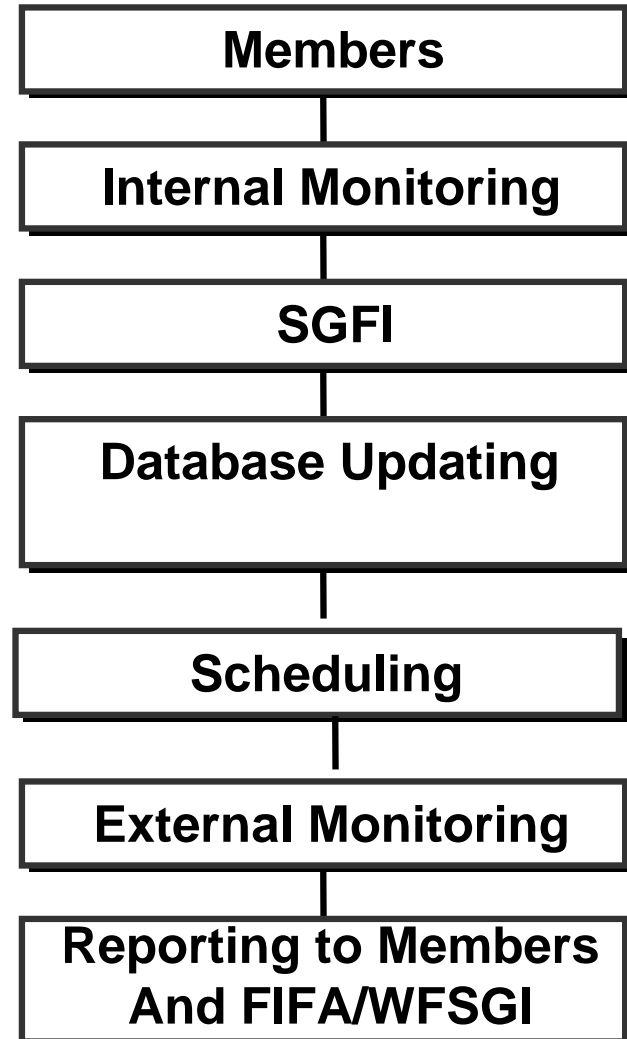
- ✦ **Undertaking - by Member and Contractors**
- ✦ **Appoint an Internal Monitor**
- ✦ **Prepare list of Contractors & stitching locations and submit to SGFI.**
- ✦ **Identification/ Registration of each work place**
- ✦ **Standardized quality of Balls & disclose production.**
- ✦ **Print ID Code on every Ball.**
- ✦ **Give awareness to all contractors.**
- ✦ **Take necessary action where ever needed.**

MONITORING

Procedure:

⊕ Internal Monitoring

⊕ External Monitoring



MODUS OPARENDI OF MONITORING

✦ Atlanta Agreement 1996 & other Partners

✦ Random & Unannounced visit

✦ Minimum 8 visits per year

✦ Confirm Name, Age and Production Capacity

✦ First Aid Kit in every visit

✦ Check Children Found Stitching

✦ Check Further Sub Contracting

✦ ID Code

✦ Hygiene/ Safety

Certificate Sample

CERT # _____

Dated: _____

This is to certify that “Member _____”, JALANDHAR are a member of the Sports Goods Foundation of India, with good standing and are in compliance with its guidelines relating to the prevention and rehabilitation of child labour in the Sporting Goods Industry.

We further confirm that “Member _____, JALANDHAR” submitted to the foundation lists of its stitching units/centers and that these units/centers are being externally monitored by SGFI.

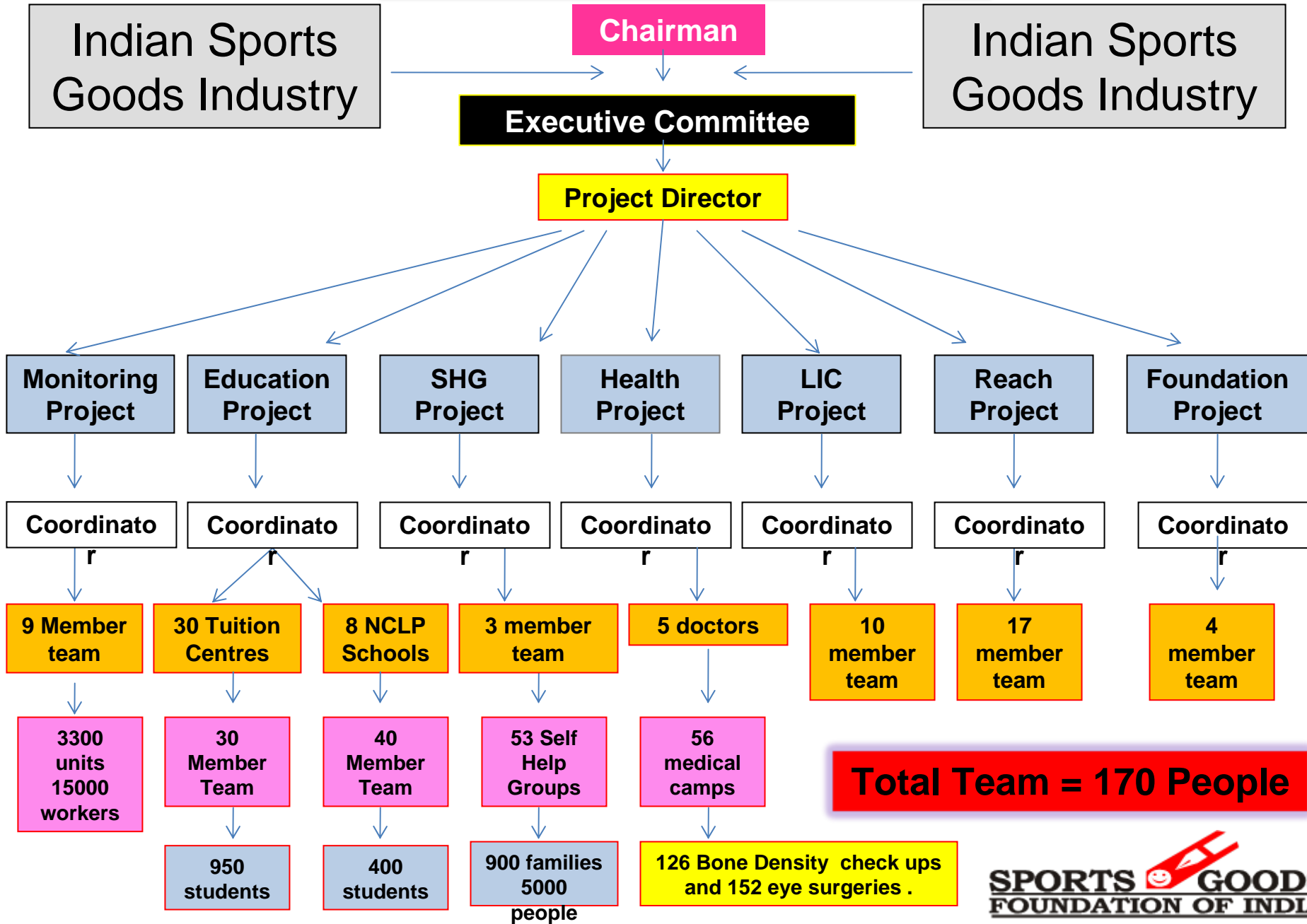
We further confirm that “Member _____” is a football manufacturer which performs fully in compliance with the applicable labour laws, without hiring any child or prison labour, infringing the personal freedom of any employee, violently treating any labour, or forcing any labour to do anything beyond his/her will.

We further confirm that FIFA Marketing AG, vide their letter Dt 3rd December 2001, has permitted the foundation members to produce Soccer balls for FIFA Quality Concept Licensees and “Member _____”, being a member in good standing, is permitted to produce Soccer balls for FIFA Quality Concepts Licensees.

This Certificate is valid for 3 months only.

Ravi Purewal
Project Director.

SGFI's Organization Structure



SGFI's Path to Achieve Success

A Joint Programme of



UNITED NATIONS

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION
CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

**SPORTS  GOODS
FOUNDATION OF INDIA**

SeRB

Social & Environmental Responsibility of Businesses

- Monitoring.
- Self Help Groups (SHG).
- Swasth Man Swasth Tan (*Healthy Mind, Healthy Body*)
- Muskaan (*Smile*) - *Tuition Centres*
- Reach – Distribution of clothes & necessary items to the needy.
- LIC (Life Insurance Project).

Monitoring

- **Vision** – To continuously monitor home based stitching units.
- **Target Group** - 3300 families
- **Objectives** –
 - To ensure no child labour involved.
 - To identify & rehabilitate children.
 - To update our database.
- **Achievement** – Since 1999, 144000 visits / revisits have been performed.
- **Methodology** –
 - SGFI developed an internal team of monitors.
 - Monitoring team doubled now.
 - They conduct un-announced random visits daily to locations.
 - Each member also has appointed one internal monitor.
 - Update of locations received from internal monitors.
 - Check for sub contracting.
 - Identify any child labour involved.
 - Rehabilitation of that child at our schools.

Self Help Groups

- **Vision** – Empowering home based stitching locations.
- **Target Group** - 3300 families
- **Objectives** – To empower 500 families over one year.
 - Linkages with banks to promote savings.
 - Group Insurance.
 - Training and capacity building to sustain themselves.
 - Production groups.
- **Achievement** – Since November 2006, 1100 families have been organised into SHGs with average saving of Rs 20000 / per month / SHG.
- **Methodology** –
 - SGFI developed an internal team of SHG experts.
 - They conduct awareness workshops on SHG formation.
 - Provide handholding in terms of Bank linkages, book keeping, exposure, leadership training as support to each SHG for 6 months.
 - Spread success stories.
 - Sustainable Income Generation Programme (Production groups, entrepreneurship).

Swasth Man Swasth Tan

(Healthy mind, healthy body)

A health Project for the industry workers and their families.

- **Vision** - Capacity building measures in factories and local community through training and awareness on healthy living, occupational safety and to reduce drug addiction. To also support rehabilitation of those already trapped.
- **Target groups** – Factory workers, home based stitchers community and 30 tuition centres.
- **Objectives** – To cover about 2000 workers and train 50 counselors over one year on pilot basis.
- **Methodology** – Hired an expert (Doctor) to organise awareness workshops, mapped rehabilitation centres, local NGOs
- **Achievements** – 18 counselors undergoing training and 500 workers have been covered under awareness workshops. 52 medical camps done covering about 6000 workers.

MUSKAAN (Smile)



An education project comprising of 30 tuition centres to help children complete their homework and encourage them to attend their respective

schools

- **Vision** – Convert Tuition Centres into Personality Development Institutions.
- **Target Group** – 30 tuition centres covering about 800 children from home based stitching families.
- **Objective** – Enhance capacity of instructors of 30 centres to cover inputs on communication, subject knowledge and personality development.
- **Methodology** – Linking for regular training of instructors.
- **Achievements** - Industry run schools volunteered to provide inputs and training infrastructure.

Seeing this project 5 Lions Clubs have started 5 more tuition centres.

Faith shown by Government

Till recently SGFI was managing 4 schools under National Child Labour Project (NCLP).

Seeing the success of these four schools, government has entrusted the management of eight schools in the hands of SGFI.

REACH

A project that collects underutilized goods and recycle them to make useful for the underprivileged sections.

- **Vision** – To bring together people, who are willing to share and volunteer for community welfare at Jalandhar.
- **Objective** – Create a group of volunteers to steer an independent Social Responsibility (SR) initiative targeting community at large.
- **Achievement** –
 - SGFI member's wives have formed this group.
 - 35 collection centres have been opened in the city.
 - 140 distribution drives have been held benefitting 2000 children.
 - Children of 8 schools like convents, Mayor World and Cambridge etc of posh localities are involved in the project.

IMPROVED MONITORING PROGRAMME:

- a) **Strength of Monitoring teams doubled to 10.**
- b) **More frequent visits to stitching locations.**
- c) **A new Proforma developed to include a column in the external monitoring report related to observations of Monitors regarding general labour standards of stitching community so that SGFI can look into these aspects also and reach out fruitfully, if need be.**

The gap between SAYING and DOING
Is widening in today's materialistic world.

**But, to foster and energise social responsibility initiatives
of Indian Sports Goods Industry,
we are showing by “doing” and not only by “suggesting”.**

**Along with our ongoing projects under EDUCATION, MONITORING,
HEALTH OR SELF HELP GROUPS we have added another
programme to improve labour standards by providing**

**Life Insurance and Permanent Disability
cover**

to home based workers under social compliance.

EXCELLENT NEW INITIATIVE

**SGFI has been successful in providing hand-holding of
LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA
(A Govt: of India Undertaking),**

popularly known as LIC, with the stitching families and in first phase as many as 500 odd persons have been provided such a “cover”.

**In the absence of Social Security in India, this step
taken by SGFI
not only gives security to labour, it also gives inner
satisfaction to all members of SGFI for being able to
provide such a “cover” to the stitchers.**

TARGET GROUP IS 3000 FAMILIES.

Present Status

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|---|--------|
| ◆No. of stitching centres/units under monitoring: | 3300 |
| ◆No. of stitching centres/units out side Jalandhar | 250 |
| ◆No. of monitoring visits undertaken during Aug 2009 | 800 |
| ◆No. of monitoring visits undertaken since 1999 | 144000 |
| ◆No. of stitchers being monitored: | 15000 |
| ◆No. of manufacturers/exporters who joined the programme in 1999 | 25 |
| ◆No. of manufacturers/exporters who left/removed from the programme | 5 |
| ◆No. of manufacturers/exporters active in the programme as of Sept 09 | 32 |

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