

# SMILE REPORT

Winter Relief Work

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# Overview



As the winter sweeps through the country, it carries with it happy memories, leaving behind the essence of fall. The distinct fragrance of winter hovers over the notion of festive spirits and charms for the residence, but amidst the happiness and freshness it carries lies the harsh reality. There are many for whom the beauty of winter is overshadowed by the hardship it inflicts on their daily lives.

The weather intensifies vulnerabilities that already exist due to poverty. Cold temperatures increase the need for adequate housing, warm clothing, and heating, which many low-income families cannot afford.

As per the data revealed by the Centre for Holistic Development (CHD), an NGO working with homeless communities, the capital of the county alone recorded **474 deaths of homeless people due to “winter exposure”** between 15 November 2024 and 10 January 2025. The data indicates that at least eight homeless people lost their lives in Delhi during this period due to extreme cold and other winter-related hardships.

As the severity of the harsh winter became alarming, Miles2Smile intensified its relief efforts—packing warm jackets and blankets and making its way toward those in need. At the center of these vulnerabilities are children—those who have been displaced, those who have lost their parents, and those whose families struggle to make ends meet.

**“At Miles2Smile, we take our onus to provide comfort to people in every way possible. Our love for them is not for one season but all,”** said Aasif Mujtaba, Founder & Director, Miles2Smile.

Miles2Smile went on the ground, met the downtrodden children, particularly those who belonged to the learning centers of Miles2Smile, heard their struggles, met their demands, and brought happiness to their souls. The aim of this report is to chronicle the details of how Miles2Smile transformed the lives of these children through a small yet powerful act of kindness.



# Intervention of Miles2Smile



Upon completing the various field visits, careful scrutinization of the vulnerability, and reading the alarming condition of children, Miles2Smile, on December 23, 2025, rolled out its first winter wear distribution drive.

To begin its drive, Miles2Smile first reached Nuh, Haryana, where *it has five learning centers running, consisting of a total of 150 children.* The roots of these children's families are fragile. They struggle to beat the harshness of winters and cherish their tranquillity.

Ahead of the success of the Nuh distribution drive, Miles2Smile expanded its winter distribution drive to other learning centers in Delhi—including those not run by the organization—alongside its own centers across various pockets of the city.

The other round of ***distribution provided relief to approximately 200 children in a span of three days.*** The drive was conducted with the help of our donors and provided relief in the following ways.



## Distributed Jackets and Blankets

Miles2Smile ensured that every child in the learning centers received winter jackets and warm blankets as part of its winter initiative. The distribution was carried out in an organized manner, prioritizing those most exposed to the cold. These essential items were selected keeping in mind the harsh winter conditions and the fragile living environments of the children. The effort aimed to provide immediate protection while also instilling a sense of care and dignity among these children.



## Saved Children from the Harshness Of Winter

The distribution of winter essentials played an imperative role in protecting children from the severe impact of the cold. By equipping them with proper winter wear, Miles2Smile helped reduce health risk. With the provision of warm blankets and jackets, they were able to rest more comfortably and securely.



## Provided Warmth

Beyond material relief, the distribution provided warmth in both a physical and emotional sense. The jackets and blankets served as a crucial shield against freezing temperatures, reducing the children's vulnerability to illness and exposure. At the same time, the presence of the Miles2Smile team and their engagement with the children created a sense of security and belonging to these children.



# Smile Stories



# 01 How Miles2Smile turned winter into comfort for Nuh's children



*Miles2Smile has five learning centers at Nuh, Haryana, consisting of around 150 students.* They long for summers not because winters do not excite them but because its sharp waves shatter their happiness. At Miles2Smile, we believe in providing warmth in all senses possible; to do the same, we arranged blankets and jackets for them. Initiatives like these not only bring smiles to their faces but also warm their hearts.



“At Miles2Smile, our responsibility goes beyond seasonal assistance, it is a continuous commitment to the well-being of our children. Winter relief is not just about protecting them from the cold; it is about assuring them that they are cared for and valued. **Through this initiative, we hope to bring not only warmth to their bodies but also comfort and hope to their hearts,**” said Aasif Mujtaba, Founder & Director, Miles2Smile. **“A single smile from a child receiving a warm sweater is enough to reaffirm the purpose of our work,” he added.**

***“Many of these children had been managing winter with very thin clothes. Seeing their relief reminds us how essential such efforts are,”*** said Imaam Uddin, cameraperson, Miles2Smile, while capturing the happiness of these children.

“If more people come forward, no child will have to suffer through winter without protection,” he added. ***“The jacket is so beautiful and so warm; it has become my favorite now. And the blankets are so vibrant; I am so happy to see these,”*** a child said while receiving the gifts.

As the distribution came to an end, the children wrapped around jackets and frolicked around the ground with laughter and happiness. The warmth radiated brought a sense of satisfaction to our hearts and motivated us to thrive even more. It helped us learn the true meaning of “Happy Winters.”



# 02 Miles2Smile brings Winter Relief to Students at Institute Sirajul Uloom



On a winter morning, when the breeze was strong enough to wake the skin even before the eyes could fully open, the young souls of the Institute Sirajul Uloom with tender hearts and crestfallen eyes stood without shield on their body to fight the cold breeze. Their nails turned blue, lips white and hopes diminished. Oblivious to what lay ahead, these kids harbored the notion that their winters would pass, shivering and freezing. Upon learning about the students' circumstances, Miles2Smile assumed responsibility and initiated support by distributing warm clothing to them.

"At Miles2Smile, we consider it our duty to ensure the comfort and dignity of every child in all circumstances. Our care for them goes beyond seasons and timelines. **This initiative is aimed not only at helping students endure the winter, but also at instilling a sense of warmth, care and belonging that will stay with them for years,**" said Asif Mujtaba, Founder and Director of Miles2Smile.

**"We had assumed the winter would pass without the need for sweaters or jackets. We did not anticipate receiving such warmth—quite literally—in the form of jackets and blankets,"** a child said on receiving the blankets and jackets.

**"Several of these children were braving the winter in little more than thin garments. Witnessing their sense of comfort and happiness underscores the importance of initiatives like this,"** said Imaam Uddin, cameraperson with Miles2Smile, while filming the children's newly found warmth and cheer.

**"The distribution made us all smile, gave warmth to our hearts, and provided us relief,"** said Islamuddin, a volunteer at the drive.



## 03

# Miles2Smile extends Winter Support to Students at Gerda Philipsborn Learning Center and Bi Amma Learning Center



Winter is often associated with warmth, togetherness, and celebration, yet for thousands of underprivileged children, it remains a season of struggle rather than joy. In a few pockets of Delhi, poverty, displacement, and inadequate shelter are everyday realities, and the dropping temperatures bring heightened risk to vulnerable communities. Many children are forced to endure freezing nights in fragile homes with little protection against the cold. The children of Miles2Smile's Bi Amma Learning Center and Gerda Phillipsborn Learning Center associate themselves with the same vulnerability. They struggle to keep themselves warm in winter. But how could we leave them to Shiver?



Miles2Smile Foundation extended its winter relief efforts to the Bi Amma Learning Center and Gerda Phillipsborn Learning Center, reaffirming its commitment to safeguarding the well-being of these children.

***"I am happy that alongside our education, Miles2Smile also cares about our well being, we needed these warmers and got it in such a beautiful manner,"*** said a child, with a tear of happiness in eyes.

# 04 Miles2Smile brings Winter Relief to Students at Learning Center Miftahul Quran



A blend of splendid beauty and warm gratefulness was sketched with laughter, cheerfulness, and mesmerizing memories as the Miles2Smile winter distribution drive unfurled on 7th January, earlier this month, providing blankets and jackets to the students of its learning center, Miftahul Quran.

The initiative aimed at providing relief to the students, who have borne the harsh realities of the inferno that wiped away their shelters, education, and serenity amidst the Delhi riots of 2020.

“The students of Miftahul Quran are our family, and how could we sleep peacefully when our family shivers? ***“It is not only our duty but also our love for our students at various learning centers that draws us closer to providing them warmth in all ways possible,”*** said Aasif Mujtaba, Founder & Director, Miles2Smile.

A large queue accompanied by inquisitiveness and giggles was formed at the threshold of the Learning Center Miftahul Quran to receive the pack of jackets and blankets. ***The drive aimed at providing relief to 30 students.*** One by one, each student was provided with jackets and blankets, winning their hearts and smiles.



***“I am excited to receive a new jacket along with a fresh piece of blanket,” a student cheered, standing in the queue.***

***“The jacket fits me perfectly; it feels as if it was tailored just for me,” said a student upon receiving it***

***“The blanket is incredibly soft and beautiful; I can’t wait to sleep under it,” another student said.***

***“This support means a lot to us. It allows our children to focus on their studies without falling sick in winter,” a teacher at the learning center said.***



***“Hearing their words and seeing their smiles truly made my day. Their excitement and happiness brought me a deep sense of peace, and it felt like our efforts had truly paid off. The children loved the drive, and most importantly, they felt cared for and valued,”*** Islamuddin, a team member of Miles2Smile who volunteered at the drive, said.

***“Moments like these remind us why we do this work. Seeing the children smile, feel safe, and be cared for fills my heart with gratitude. Their happiness tells us that our efforts matter, and it inspires us to keep reaching more lives with warmth and hope,”*** Aasif Mujtaba, Founder & Director, Miles2Smile, said.

# 05 Miles2Smile brings Winter Relief to Students at Institute Imaam Ul Bukhari



Miles2Smile organised a winter relief distribution at the Imaam ul Bukhari learning center earlier this month, on 14 January, providing jackets and blankets to students of the learning centre to help them cope with the harsh winter.

The drive was aimed at supporting children from refugee backgrounds, for whom winter often brings added hardship. Many students struggle to stay warm due to limited resources, which affects both their health and their ability to attend classes regularly. ***“The students of Imaam ul Bukhari learning center are like our own children. When they are facing the cold, we cannot remain comfortable.”*** said Aasif Mujtaba, Founder & Director, Miles2Smile.

Students lined up at the entrance of the learning, waiting patiently to receive the winter kits. The queue was filled with excitement and happiness as each child stepped forward to receive a jacket and a blanket.

***“I am very happy to get a new jacket. It will keep me warm when I come to class,”*** said one student.

Teachers at the institute said the support would make a real difference. ***“When children have proper winter clothes, they fall sick less and are able to focus better on their studies,”*** a teacher said.

A Miles2Smile volunteer who was present during the drive said, ***“Seeing the children happy after receiving the jackets and blankets made the entire effort worthwhile. Their smiles tell us how much this support means to them.”***

***“Work like this reminds us why we started Miles2Smile. When children feel cared for and supported, it gives us the strength to continue reaching out to more students in need,”*** Aasif Mujtaba added.



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# Winter Relief Work 2025

**147**

 *Smile Hours*

**180**

 *Miles Covered*

**334**

 *Smiles Restored*





## Expense Details

**Total Donations Received: ₹ 2,64,450**

- Jackets:  $220 \times 550 = ₹ 1,21,000$
- Blankets:  $800 \times 140 = ₹ 1,12,000$
- Burqa for girls:  $800 \times 33 = ₹ 26,400$
- Travel & Transport: ₹ 8,900

**Total Expenditure: ₹ 2,68,300**



# About the organization



The Miles2Smile Foundation, established almost six years ago, is committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of survivors of mob lynching, communal violence, targeted demolition, and hate crimes. From responding to the crisis during the pandemic to its continuous work in education, creation of livelihood, relief and rehabilitation, and advocacy, the Foundation remains devoted to fostering a more inclusive and equitable society.



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