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To,  
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Dear Siddhartha,

I really enjoyed your presentation of the innovative QCM framework that you have created at CDSA. It is an excellent work. I have never come across anything like it before.

I am pleased to hear that CDSA and Children of various schools of Pune as well as citizens are going to come together to map various stresses, shocks and risks that children face in the city. I understand that it will be at city scale, hence will help us dialogue with the municipal authorities to address some of these risks that children and citizens face in Pune.

I like the way you have tried to make QCM a city level platform for children to voice their opinion on what should the nature of urban planning and design in Pune. I would be delighted to support and advocate the use of the QCM Framework by the Pune Municipal Corporation and elected representatives. This should help address child protection, disaster risk reduction and other health and wellbeing issues for children of Pune.

With my long experience of engagement with Pune, (Mayor 1997-98 and Corporator till 2010, MLC in 2011) I feel that the QCM will go a long way in building a culture of making contextually appropriate decisions which would be supported by availability of unbiased data and evidence. It will help address various issues in environmental conservation, urban planning, child protection, disaster risk reduction and other health and wellbeing issues for children and citizens of Pune city. It will help inculcate objectivity in the decision making process and will help harmonise the process of governance. This will go a long way in making the city resilient and smart.

I look forward to working with you on QCM for Pune and for taking the process forward in Pune and in other cities.

Wish you all the best in this endeavour.

Best regards

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