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Dear Supporter,

I feel honored to thank you once again for your continued support to IDRF. Just in this quarter, we have accomplished new goals by supporting 3 distinct programs in 4 states - W.Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Haryana.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:

Just before his sad demise in May-2016, our donor established a Trust for donating $20,000/year to IDRF for ten consecutive years. This generosity boosted our program 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' -
building eco-friendly private sanitation units for 60 BPL (Below Poverty Line) families of Gazole block, Malda district in rural West Bengal; and also Toilet-cum-Bathrooms for 12 most downtrodden families in the remote Periya Karumbur village, Tamil Nadu.

Good Governance:

IDRF has initiated its first innovative good governance project in rural India. This program is executed jointly by the new partner NGO, ADIG (Association for Democratic and Inclusive Governance) with long time partner NGO, Arpana in Haryana. This three year project has started in July 2016. It aims to empower Gram Panchayats through capacity building and fostering of good-governance skills.

Relief - Soldiers’ Families Welfare:

On February 3, 2016, 10 Indian Army Soldiers were hit by an avalanche at an altitude of 19,600 feet and lost their lives. Thanks to our volunteers’ initiative, we succeeded in raising handsome amount and provided financial help to affected families through new partner NGO ‘Youth for Seva’, Karnataka—led by our old-time volunteer, now residing in India.

We have shared just a few successful stories: how your trust in IDRF is changing lives in rural India—especially those who are forgotten by our society. Please keep up your spirit of giving back!

Regards,
Dr. Vinod Prakash,
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