



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear {FIRST_NAME},

Namaste. In celebration of October's upcoming Diwali "festival of lights," we are proud to present some of our partner organizations who are doing their part to bring light-- both literally and figuratively-- to the problems facing our supported communities. The hard work of our partners has brought solar-powered lamps to villages in India without electricity, and has delivered health services to impoverished families in far-flung, rural areas.

Without your help, these developments would not have been possible. Therefore, from the IDRF family, we extend our deepest gratitude to you for your continued support to the men, women, and children of India and Nepal. May you have a happy and healthy Diwali.

Regards,

Vinod Prakash
President, IDRF

Bringing Light to Uttarakhand

It has been over a year since the floods in Uttarakhand state that affected over 100,000 people, yet many

families are, quite literally, still in the dark. To address the vast need for clean energy among the remote communities hardest-hit by last year's disaster, IDRF partner organization *SCALE* is ready to deliver sustainable solar energy. The organization developed a cooperative to produce low-cost, durable, renewable sources of lighting.



The solar lighting will reduce families' dependence on expensive kerosene, helping them to save money. The lighting will also decrease the need for biomass fuels, which can be harmful to health, not to mention environmentally degrading. The lighting will ensure that children are able to study at home, and will provide jobs as technicians and distributors. *SCALE*'s solar energy project will serve as a clean and economical alternative to many less ideal sources of energy. [Click here to see photos](#) of the lamp-making process, as well as the finished results!

Mobile Medical Unit Reaches the Most Remote Villages



This July, highly reputed partner NGO *Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari* inaugurated its new Mobile Medical Unit. The Medical Unit delivers healthcare to some of the most remote, impoverished, rural communities of Arunachal Pradesh state.

Due to distance, poverty, and challenging terrain, villagers in these communities have extreme difficulty accessing any form of medical care. This Mobile Medical Unit, funded by IDRF, is designed to reach these remote locations, and has already provided free medical camps to 7 of these villages!

The program is supported by village health workers, who give integral support. *Vivekananda Kendra* plans to continue the camps to the remaining villages of its covered districts, representing a population of over 250,000 people.

[Click here to learn more about Vivekananda Kendra's work!](#)

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