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Donors Cynthia Kramer and Dr. Emmanuel D'Silva visiting the project site in Chhattisgarh

Dear friends,

Season's Greetings!

As we approach the end of 2022, we are all eager to welcome a new year with hope for better times. I would like to express my deep gratitude to you for your support of IDRF in serving the needs of the less fortunate in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. We hope we can continue to rely on your kindness and generosity to help even more people.

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Initiative to Mitigate Climate Change

Project site visit by Cynthia Kramer and Dr. Emmanuel D'Silva, Chhattisgarh

IDRF supporters Ms. Kramer and Dr. D'Silva have generously helped with Samerth's plantation drive of 20,000 fruit-bearing trees in Kawardha. Under this project, plants and organic manure were provided to villagers across 125 villages. Local communities and women's Self-Help Groups have been mobilized for aftercare and tree maintenance for three years. (See pictures above).

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: A Unique Way to Give Back!
Tablet Library and Vocational Training Center, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh

A generous IDRF donor in memory of her sister helped set up the **Monika Gautam Tablet Library** at the community center in a slum of Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The 8-tablet library has provided 45 girls with access to digital resources and helped with their academic and vocational guidance to create a better future for them.

In 2021, the donor helped set up the **Monika Gautam Vocational Training Center** on Shiksha Bharati's education campus in Hapur, UP. The center provides free tailoring and dressmaking courses for underprivileged women to improve their employability skills. 57 girls and women have benefited from this course since its inception.



Van for Rural Development Projects, Maharashtra
Honoring the memory of IDRF's late Board Member Mr. Dileep Thatte

To continue the legacy of our beloved Late Mr. Dileep Thatte, in helping the underprivileged, Thatte Family and Friends and IDRF have provided a multi-utility van and its operational costs for three years to Savitribai Phule Mahila Ekatma Samaj Mandal. The van will help transport the NGO team members to the project sites in 6 districts, 450 villages, and 70 slums in Maharashtra.



Outstanding Humanitarian Award for COVID Relief Efforts

Greater Washington Association of Physicians of Indian Heritage ([GWAPI](#)), honored and awarded IDRF the **Outstanding Humanitarian Award for COVID Relief Efforts** at their November Diwali Gala in Washington DC. IDRF had contributed \$30,000 to GWAPI for providing Oxygen Concentrators during the deadly second wave of COVID in India.



A Smart Way to Get Tax Deductions!

IDRF offers a **DONOR ADVISED program** to make your dream of giving back to the needy a reality! Make a charitable contribution to IDRF and receive an immediate tax deduction. Over time, recommend grants from your fund to your favorite cause/state/charity or in memory of loved ones.

Please feel free to contact admin@idrf.org for any queries.

Thank you once again on behalf of my entire team for your continued support of IDRF in the past and for providing a life of dignity to the less fortunate. I look forward to your philanthropy in the new year as well!

Warm wishes,
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Founder and President, IDRF

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