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Dear Friend,

Namaste!

As the children and youngsters head back to school, I am sure you are back to your busy routines and fast paced lives. I would request you to take a few minutes and

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glimpse at how YOUR support to IDRF has helped change lives of thousands of underprivileged!

In this Newsletter

- **Special Mention:** IDRF's Founder & President awarded **Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award**
- Padmawathie's new enterprise gives new hope to her family!
- Updates on Kerala Floods Fundraising

Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award for Dr. Vinod Prakash, Founder and President of IDRF

Lead India Foundation and United National Diversity Coalition of America (UNDCA) conferred the award "in deep recognition for outstanding leadership commitment and immeasurable positive contribution to the community" on July 29, 2018 in Washington DC. For more details [watch](#).



Dr. Prakash at the award ceremony (third from Right)

Padmawathie's Success Story

Padmawathie's new self-employment and hope for her family to alleviate economic setbacks has been possible by YOUR generosity and support to IDRF!

After the success of IDRF's micro-credit programs to empower underprivileged rural women in various states of India, we have partnered with **Sri Lanka Center for Development Facilitation (SLCDF)** to expand their Revolving Loan Fund program to give micro-loans to below poverty line women in Kandy to set up small local and eco-friendly businesses.

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Padmawathie's husband is an unskilled casual worker and recently diagnosed with a kidney disease. Her whole world came crashing down around her as the expenses of his medical bills, childrens' education, housing loan and groceries started piling up. With IDRF supported micro-credit, she has set up a small enterprise of mushroom cultivation after receiving the appropriate training from our partner NGO. She has set up a small mushroom production shed and started the initial cultivation with 400 bags. She is a hard worker and confident that her mushroom production will expand with time and help her raise her family out of abject poverty. For program details [click here.](#)



Padmawathie (Left) setting up a mushroom production shed

IDRF's Relief Efforts for Kerala Flood Victims

IDRF has been actively involved in raising funds for the relief and rehabilitation of the flood victims. IDRF Fundraiser was organized by Rajesh Gooty (IDRF supporter) at Tatva Indian Cuisine, on August 25, 2018 in Herndon, Virginia. Supporters and volunteers created Facebook Fundraisers that have raise the much needed funds for thousands of people suffering in Kerala.

IDRF has sent its first installment providing RELIEF KITS to the displaced families. Our partner since five years- Manav Seva Sansthan, 'SEVA' is implementing the relief efforts in coordination with District Magistrate and National Health Mission (Govt. of India) in Wayanad district.

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In order to rebuild the lives of the flood victims, IDRF will start the rehabilitation programs once the relief efforts are taken care of. IDRF is continuing to accept donations for the resettlement of the victims. **Please DONATE generously** for this humanitarian cause.

Thanks to all donors and well-wishers for helping IDRF- **'put power not charity in the hands of those in need!'**

Enjoy the beautiful days of Fall with your family and friends!

Best Regards,
Vinod Prakash
President, IDRF

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