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Dug well developed by IDRF's support in 2017 in Ratadia village,
Nakhatrana, Gujarat

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Dear Friend,

Namaste!

As the season of bright and hot days rolls in, it warms our heart to share with you some of the updates from our programs that were made possible by YOUR magnanimity and commitment to help the underprivileged. YOUR confidence and continued support to IDRF has made it possible for us to improve the lives of

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**Class XII tribal girls in IDRF supported hostel come out with flying colors
 in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh**

13 underprivileged tribal girls living in the IDRF hostel at Shiksha Bharati, took the All India Senior School Certificate exams earlier this year. When the results were declared last month, we were thrilled to learn that Diksha Sharma, hailing from a poor family of daily wagers in village *Sicche Basthi*, Sikkim, has scored a whopping 96% marks and 6 other girls between 80 to 90%.

The journey for these underprivileged tribal girls from North-east is an arduous one, as in the early grades they are faced with the challenge of learning Hindi-which is the medium of instruction at this school. These girls are moving ahead with college education and determined to change their destiny and then supporting more girls in leading a life of dignity.

None of this would have been possible without YOUR support! We at IDRF are celebrating their success and hope YOU celebrate it by sharing it with YOUR children and friends. **If these girls can do it...anyone can do it!**

Read more about the [IDRF Hostel](#).

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(L to R) Diksha (96%), Nisha (87%) and Nitisha (82%) in Class 12

Conserving and revitalizing water sources for accessing safe drinking water in Gujarat and Chhattisgarh

Each year the water crisis in arid parts of the states start as early as March- April and almost all the major water sources dry up by May. The work Samerth Charitable Trust is doing with the support from IDRF over the past several years in Gujarat has proved that revival and construction of small ponds, wells and tanks is beneficial to the community to get water in a tough situation in the peak of the summer season and also throughout the year. Since 2017, **17 ponds** and **one dug well** have been constructed in 13 villages of Nakhatrana block to provide safe drinking water to people and their livestock.

A **Water Federation** has been formed in the region to deal with issues related with water security at community level and to take up these problems to the higher authorities through this platform. The training workshops have started and the initial response from the community is very encouraging!



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An earthen check dam in Jinjay village, Nakhatrana, provides water to people and livestock

After the impressive success of our program in Gujarat, we have expanded water security and ground water management to the most impoverished and backward hilly villages of Kabirdham district in Chhattisgarh. Rainfall is inadequate and erratic in these remote areas and the primitive tribes are dependent on subsistence agriculture, and forced to migrate as a result of depleting water. In 2017, with IDRF's support, Samerth started the work on designing water security plans for the area and identify appropriate sources for better groundwater management. By April 2018, the team was able to provide **spring management at two locations, rain roof water harvesting structures at four and eight earthen check dams** for water conservation that will provide water to the tribal people throughout the year. Water and sanitation committees have also been revived and strengthened in these project areas.

Read more about IDRF's [water harvesting programs](#).



A water storage tank constructed at Sarodhadadar, Kabirdham to collect spring water for drinking purpose

Promoting good governance and fighting corruption in rural areas of Bihar and Jharkhand

IDRF and Transparency International India's project '*Pahal*', is a one-year project (2017-18) aimed at raising awareness among poor and illiterate families about their legal rights and entitlements. The team has prepared a **Baseline Survey Report** to provide a starting point for reference that is helping in planning, monitoring and evaluating changes during and after the program implementation. A five-page "**Passbook of Entitlements**" containing information about the rural development schemes implemented by the central and state government has been developed and distributed in the villages of the targeted panchayats. **Awareness Camps on Social Audit and Social Security Schemes** as well as **seminar on Status of Right to Information Act** have also been organized by the team. **Wall and table calendars** with anti-corruption slogans and helpline numbers are distributed to generate awareness about this program at the grassroots level.

Project PAHAL is also promoting interaction between citizens and government officials to improve service delivery and good governance. Citizens are provided a support system by way of a grievances redressal for combating corruption and free legal/administrative advice for reporting mal-governance.

Read more about Project [PAHAL](#).

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Spreading awareness program about digitalized Public Distribution system in Panchayats

Mobile clinic for slum dwellers in Aurangabad, Maharashtra

After the success of IDRF-supported mobile clinics in other parts of India, we are now collaborating with our long- time partner Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan to expand our program for three years (2018-2021) to six slums in Aurangabad. IDRF intends to use medical services as a tool for social development of people living in abject poverty and unhygienic conditions in these densely populated slums.

IDRF will support this project through holistic preventive health activities and people participation leading to community development. Cataract and micro ear surgeries will be performed free of cost for the poor. Volunteers will be trained to carry out various health awareness camps. **This project will require us to raise \$58,000 in order to improve poor people's health and bring awareness among them to lead a healthier life that will result in increased economic productivity.**



Mobile clinic to provide primary health care facilities to 24,000+
slum dwellers per year in Aurangabad

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Have a fun-filled summer with your family and friends!

Best Regards,
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