



## India Development and Relief Fund NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2024

Dear Friend,

Season's Greetings!

This holiday season, I wish you and your loved ones, a joyous holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments. Because of your continued support throughout the year, we were able to educate more girls and provide skill development to women to empower themselves, their families, and their communities. Once again, IDRF has once again been honored with the GreatNonProfits top-rated award for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Your generous donations were used to truly transform lives and give many men, women, and children a second chance at life.

I look forward to sharing more success stories about our sustainable development programs for the underprivileged in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. On behalf of our leadership team, the prestigious board, and our partners, I want to thank you once again for your kindness and warm wishes for the new year.

Warm wishes for the new year,

Dr. Vinod Prakash  
Founder and President

### **Only a Few Days Left to Receive Tax-Deductions for 2024 A Smart Way to Support IDRF!**

Gifts of appreciated securities are a cost-effective way to help underprivileged individuals. You can avoid the capital gains tax, if you donate the appreciated stocks that you have held for longer than one year to IDRF.

IDRF will sell the stock tax-free to support its various sustainable development programs. You will also receive a charitable deduction for the full market value of the stock.

### **Don't Know What Project or Cause to Donate To?**

IDRF offers the Donor Preference Fund to make your dream of giving back to the less fortunate, a reality! Make a charitable contribution to IDRF and receive an immediate tax deduction for 2024.

You can contribute to the fund as frequently as you like, and then recommend grants to your favorite charities or causes whenever you want. Contact [admin@idrf.org](mailto:admin@idrf.org) or (855) 463-4243 before you donate.

### **Aftercare Program for Youth Aging Out of Orphanages in Karnataka**

IDRF is supporting **Catalyst for Social Action** to provide higher education or livelihood support to 55 youth aging out of Care Homes. The beneficiaries receive financial assistance for education or occupational training, career advice, mentorship, etc. to make sure they are headed in the right direction and have a bright future.

### Success story from the field:

Santosh belongs to the Belagavi district in Karnataka. His mother passed away and struggling with health issues, his father was unable to support his family properly.

Later, Santosh was admitted into a Child Care Institute in Bijapur to continue his studies. Subsequently, he moved to Government Aftercare Home, Belagavi where he came in touch with Catalyst for Social Action staff that helped him with his career training.



## IDRF's Disaster Relief Efforts Provided Aid and Dignity to Victims of Cyclones and Floods in Bihar and Odisha

Heavy rains and floods damaged the homes, livelihoods, and crops of the people in several districts of Bihar in September. IDRF helped Gram Vikas Parishad provide 14 days' worth of food items, sheets, mosquito nets, and solar lamps to 110 families in the Madhubani and Supaul districts.

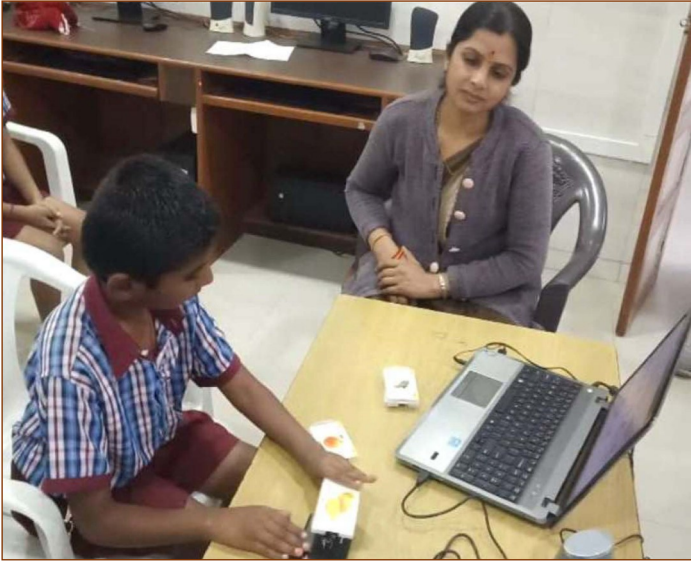


Cyclone Dana wreaked havoc on the coastal districts of Odisha in October, and significant damage to homes, livelihood, and infrastructure was caused due to strong winds and rains. IDRF supported the Youth for Social Development in the preparedness efforts before the cyclone and provided immediate relief items, and awareness on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), to 250 families in the Kendrapada and Bhadrak districts in collaboration with government authorities.



## Development of Assistive Technology-based Solutions for the Empowerment of Children with Special Needs

IDRF is funding a project by the **Siddh Divyang Foundation** to detect and identify perinatal developmental deficits in babies using technology. A first-of-its-kind app called "**Vatsalya**" was developed and launched in **Maharashtra** in December. The [Vatsalya App](#) will benefit millions of people and will be ready for usage across India soon.



### For Retirees over age 70 1/2, a Qualified Charitable Distribution is worth considering!

#### How to Donate Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Using Qualified Charitable Distributions

The IRS allows Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) owners age 70 1/2 or over to transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year as a QCD. For people 73 and older, QCDs count towards the IRA owner's RMD for the year.

You can also make charitable distribution directly from an IRA before RMDs begin. QCD reduces your taxable income and is a very tax-effective way to support a cause before the end of the year. [Read for more details.](#)

### Donor Preferred Program

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

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