



2024 Annual Report



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ABOUT IDRF

Since 1988, we have worked relentlessly for vulnerable and marginalized communities and empowered them with social and economic dignity.

MISSION

Enhance sustainable and equitable access to education, health, agriculture, water and sanitation, and infrastructure to target groups, along with a rapid response to victims of a disaster. We support the holistic development of our beneficiaries as well as their socio-economic advancements.

TOPMOST ACCREDITATIONS & RECOGNITION FROM THE INDUSTRY



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IDRF MAKING VISION A REALITY

Dear Supporters and Partners,

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that we present IDRF's 2024 Annual Report—a testament to the resilience and transformation that your generosity has fueled.

Over the past year, your unwavering commitment has empowered communities across India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, through initiatives in education, skill development, healthcare, women's empowerment, disaster relief, and sustainable development.



Inside this report, you will find a comprehensive review of the milestones we have achieved together. From expanding educational opportunities to widening healthcare access, we continue to drive sustainable change in the lives of those who need it most. These achievements reflect the power of collective action and the extraordinary impact of your support.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to deepening our reach and strengthening our programs. With your continued partnership, we can amplify our efforts and build a future where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. We invite you to explore our 2024 Annual Report and celebrate the difference we have made—together.

With appreciation,

Dr. Vinod Prakash

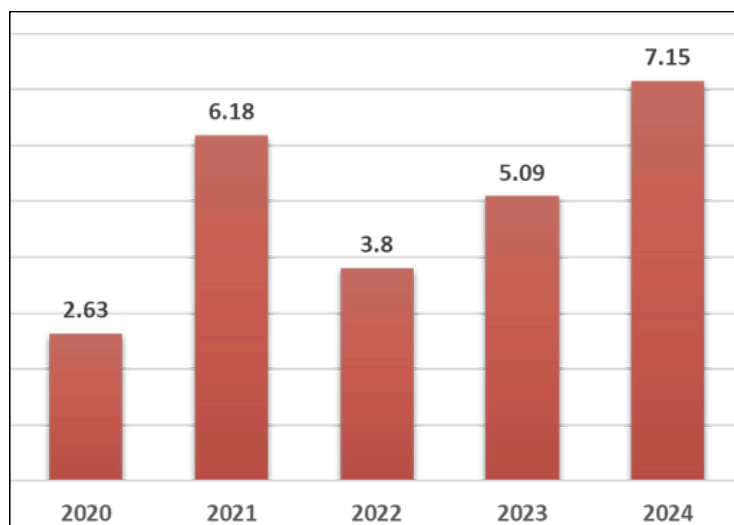
**SINCE
1988**

**FUNDS RAISED = \$63.8 MILLION
GRANTS DISBURSED = \$56.6 MILLION
OVERHEADS** = \$2.2 MILLION**

**** ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, AND FUNDRAISING**

FUNDRAISING AND GRANT DISTRIBUTION: 2024

FUNDS RAISED (USD MILLIONS): 2020 TO 2024



IN
2024

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED = \$7.2 MILLION

TOTAL GRANTS* DISBURSED = \$6.4 M

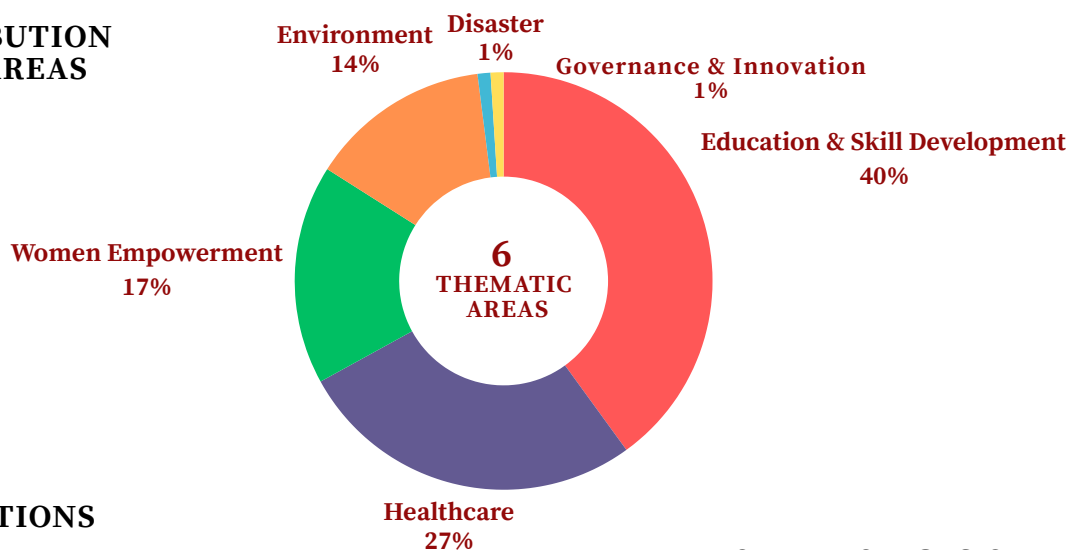
***DEVELOPMENT GRANTS = \$6.3 M AND**

DISASTER RELIEF/REHAB GRANTS = \$57,785

OVERHEADS = \$264,000

EXPENSE TO REVENUE RATIO = 3.7%

GRANT DISTRIBUTION BY THEMATIC AREAS



PROJECT LOCATIONS



TOP 7 PROJECTS OF 2024

Construction of Yoga & Ayurveda Hospital and Corpus Fund
Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Sansthan, Karnataka
\$850,000

Biodiversity Conservation & Ecosystem Restoration Activities
Dharmavana Nature Ark, Telangana, \$776,255

**Purchase & Renovation of Buildings for the NGO
Dipti Trust, Puducherry, \$465,000**

Construction of a Hospital
Shri Jalaram Arogya Seva Trust, Gujarat, \$252,545

Construction & Repair of Water Structures, Microcredit and Benefits for Backward Tribal Communities
Samerth Charitable Trust, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat, \$221,987

Construction of Schools and Digital Library
SM Sehgal Foundation, Karnataka and Maharashtra, \$182,833

**Annual Support for 101 Students at the IDRF Tribal Girls' Hostel
Shiksha Bharati, Uttar Pradesh, \$155,995**

NGO PARTNERS AND PROJECT LOCATIONS: 2024

Action Research in Community Health & Development	Gujarat	Rawa Academy	Odisha
Anahat Foundation	Karnataka	Rotary Charitable Trust Ambarnath	Maharashtra
Anand Service Society	Madhya Pradesh	Rotary Eye Institute	Gujarat
Arapana Research and Charities Trust	Delhi	S M Sehgal Foundation	Karnataka & Maharashtra
Arapana Research and Charities Trust	Haryana	Sadbhawana Rural Development society	Gujarat
Arunachal Vikas Parishad	Arunachal Pradesh	Sadguru Sri Gnanananda Seva Trust	Puducherry
Asha Jyothi Handicapped Welfare Society	Andhra Pradesh	Samerth Charitable Trust	Chhattisgarh & Gujarat
Ashadeep	Assam	Sant Joseph Sevika Sanstha	Madhya Pradesh
Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment	USA	Sapna	Rajasthan
Auroville Foundation	Puducherry	Satya Surabi Trust	Tamil Nadu
Auroville Unity Fund	Puducherry	Savitribai Phule Mahila Ekatma Samaj Mandal	Maharashtra
AVVAI Home and Orphanage	Tamil Nadu	Seva Bharati-Delhi	Delhi
Blind People's Association	Gujarat	Seva Sahayog Foundation	Maharashtra
Bodh Shiksha Samiti	Rajasthan	Shiksha Bharati	Uttar Pradesh
Catalysts for Social Action	Maharashtra	Shree Nilkanth Samaj Seva Trust	Gujarat
Center for Advocacy and Research	Rajasthan	Shri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi Branch	Delhi
Chatham Education Foundation	NC, USA	Shri Jalaram Arogya Seva Trust	Gujarat
Chinamaya Organisation of Rural Development	Odisha	Shri Pratyaksha Charitable Trust	Tamil Nadu
Code the Dream	NC, USA	Shri Ram Gram Vikas Samiti	Uttar Pradesh
Computer Shiksha	Pan-India	Siddh Divyang Foundation	Maharashtra
Dharmavana Nature Ark	Andhra & Telangana	Smt. Hasumatiben S. Talati Charitable Trust	Gujarat
Dipti Trust	Puducherry	Snehwan	Maharashtra
Divya Deepa Charitable Trust	Karnataka	Society for Education Welfare and Action-Rural	Gujarat
Door Step School Foundation	Maharashtra	Sri Ganga Ram Trust Society	Delhi
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidakiya	Maharashtra	Sri Lanka Center for Development Facilitation	Sri Lanka
Economic Rural Development Society	W. Bengal		
Ek Tara	W. Bengal	Sri Ramakrishna Sarada Vidyalaya	Tamil Nadu
Gigi's Playhouse	USA	Suprabhat Mahila Mandal	Maharashtra
Gram Vikas Parishad	Bihar	Surabi Trust	Tamil Nadu
India Tribal Care Trust	Assam & W. Bengal	Swami Vivekananda Education Pratishthan	Maharashtra
Jalkranti Trust	Gujarat	Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society	Tamil Nadu
Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy	Odisha	Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana	Karnataka
Jnana Prabodhini	Maharashtra	Thakershy Charitable Trust	Gujarat
Kakinada Engineering Alumni Trust for Service	Telangana	The Mysore Rotary Club Charitable Trust	Karnataka
Kalanjiyam Trust	Tamil Nadu	The Rotary Foundation, USA	Maharashtra
Keshava Seva Samithi	Andhra Pradesh	Think Peace Organisation	Andhra Pradesh & Arunachal Pradesh
Kusum Goel Dr Santosh Saraswati Vidya Mandir	Uttar Pradesh	Universal Just and Action Society	Rajasthan
Landour Community Hospital	Himachal Pradesh	Upakar Foundation	USA
Lila Poonawalla Foundation	Maharashtra	Vaidehi Seva Samithi	Telangana
Lotus Petal Foundation	Haryana	Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra, Ranchi	Bihar
Loyola College Society	Tamil Nadu	Vanvasi Kalyan Parishad	Telangana
Maa Madhuri Brij Varis Sewa Sadan Apna Ghar	Rajasthan	Vanvasi Kalyana, Karnataka	Karnataka
Maharogi Sewa Samiti	Maharashtra	Vatsalya Trust	Maharashtra
Malenadu Education and Rural development Society	Karnataka	V-Excel Education Trust	Tamil Nadu
Malvi Education and Charitable Trust	Gujarat	Vikahar Paribar Vikash Kendra	W. Bengal
Manav Seva Sansthan	Kerala	Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra	Andaman, Arunachal, Assam
Mitr Foundation	Telangana	Yoganjali Kelavni Mandal	Gujarat
Mitra Jyothi	Karnataka	Yogoda Satsanga Society	Andaman & Nicobar, Karnataka, W. Bengal
Modern Architects for Rural India	Telangana	Youth for Social Development	Odisha
Multiple Sclerosis Society of India	Maharashtra		
Nayantara Memorial Charitable Trust	Rajasthan & W. Bengal		
Nimar Abhyudaya Rural Management And Development A	Madhya Pradesh		
Payir Trust	Tamil Nadu		
Pokharma Foundation	Bihar		
Pratham Education Foundation	Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat & Maharashtra		
Public Health Concern Trust	Nepal		
Quality Education Support Trust	Maharashtra		
Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram	Uttarakhand		
Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Memorial	Gujarat		

107 NGO PARTNERS

**100 IN 23 STATES OF INDIA
1 IN NEPAL
1 IN SRI LANKA
5 IN USA**

Education and Life Skills to Empower Tribal Girls

Shiksha Bharati (SB), an educational institution, runs a C.B.S.E.-accredited senior secondary school on a 20-acre campus in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh, about 40 miles east of Delhi. With IDRF's guidance and financial support, SB constructed a well-equipped **dormitory**, *Banwasi Chhatrawas*, with a capacity to house 101 girls within the campus of *Srimati Bhahma Devi Saraswati Balika Vidya Mandir*. Together, we provide completely free education, medical expenses, boarding, lodging, travel to hometowns during summer vacation, and field trips to historical and cultural sites to the tribal girls residing here. Girls from tribal villages of the Northeastern and other states of India are selected by Vidya Bharati and sent here for schooling.



258 TRIBAL GIRLS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY IDRF

IDRF supports the girls' education through **endowment seats or annual support, scholarships, and recurring expenses** (staff salaries, maintenance, and addition of new facilities to the IDRF Hostel).

IDRF also supports higher education or vocational courses once the girls complete their schooling.

In 2020, with the vision and support of Dr. Emmanuel D'Silva, an environment specialist and World Bank retiree, IDRF set up two eco-friendly biogas units at the IDRF tribal girls' hostel to meet the cafeteria fuel needs and replace at least 57 LPG cylinders per year.



A donor in memory of her sister donated generously to IDRF to help set up the **Monica Gautam Tailoring Center** (in 2021) and the **Monica Gautam Computer Training Center** (in 2022) on the SB campus.



Free six-month courses are offered at these centers to improve the employability skills of the students and marginalized young women from nearby areas.

130 YOUNG WOMEN

**80 through Tailoring
AND
50 through Computer courses**

have gained skills and qualifications to achieve financial independence, to support themselves and their families

MISSION AND STRATEGY: 1

ASHWINI IS A YOUNG GIRL WITH A CLEAR VISION FOR HER FUTURE AND ATTRIBUTES HER CONFIDENCE AND SUCCESS TO THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY IDRF AND SB.

Ashwini Limboo comes from a little village in Sikkim. It was quite difficult for her mother to raise her children when her father passed away. Ashwini learned about the selection process for free education at SB and applied for it. Due to her excellent academic records, she was selected for the program, but her mother was apprehensive about sending her so far away from home. However, after learning about SB's excellent education, discipline, nutritious meals, and mentoring programs on its secure campus, she finally agreed.



Currently in the ninth grade, Ashwini excels academically and in sports, winning multiple medals. Utilizing the career counseling provided, she has made the decision to pursue a science degree and apply for medical school after graduation. She aspires to return to Sikkim as a doctor and serve the poor.



If Shiksha Bharati and IDRF hadn't supported me, either my mother would have married me off at a young age, or I would have ended up working as a farm laborer. This opportunity has given my family and me a new ray of hope."



In 2024, IDRF conducted an external Impact Evaluation of SB to measure the effectiveness and sustainability of support in the long run. The Impact Evaluation was proposed with the objective of enhancing an internal operational learning to improve long-term strategic planning and project implementation, and accountability to provide transparency and reporting to our donors.



When some of these educated and confident girls return to their native places to work, they contribute to breaking the cycle of gender discrimination and poverty in their communities.

says Swati Garg, President, Shiksha Bharati



MISSION AND STRATEGY: 2

Empowering Underprivileged Women through Vocational and Skill Development

IDRF is committed to providing women with skills that improve their **employability** and **self-sufficiency**, acknowledging that **economic independence** is essential to **social upliftment**.

The vocational training initiatives aim to:

- Provide **marketable skills** in various trades.
- Enhance their **confidence** and ability to secure **sustainable livelihoods**.
- Promote **entrepreneurship** and **financial independence**.
- **Bridge the gender gap** in employment opportunities.

IDRF offers training in diverse fields, including:

- Tailoring and Handicrafts, Beauty and Wellness, Computer Literacy, Healthcare and Nursing Assistance, Agriculture and Sustainable Farming, Food Processing and Catering, Retail and Entrepreneurship, Home-Based Businesses such as making bangles, bags, brooms, *kurtis*, quilts, pickles, and papadum, etc.

These programs are designed to help impoverished women become self-sufficient and economically independent, and the majority are either free or have extremely minimal costs.

IDRF collaborates with local NGOs and community leaders to identify the specific skill gaps and employment opportunities in different regions. IDRF helps establish **training centers** in rural and urban areas, equipped with the necessary **tools** and **resources**.

Training programs are tailored to meet local economic demands, ensuring that women gain skills that are relevant and marketable. The implanting NGOs partner with local businesses and industries to facilitate job placements and entrepreneurial opportunities. This structured approach ensures that women not only acquire skills but also gain economic independence and long-term sustainability.



More than 1,500 women in Delhi, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and Sri Lanka have had their lives changed by IDRF by giving them the means to end the cycle of poverty.

The skill training programs have had a significant impact on the local communities of the beneficiaries by creating employment opportunities for others as well. These training programs foster gender inclusivity, enabling women to enter traditionally male-dominated fields like commercial driving, automobile repairing, and electrical work.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAMS: 2024

1. EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

BROADENING PERSPECTIVES AND LEARNING THROUGH NEW EXPERIENCES

Auroville Unity Fund, Tamil Nadu

IDRF supports a variety of summer camps designed to provide underprivileged children with academic and enrichment opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have access to.

29 children embarked on a 15-day journey to Delhi, Agra, Vrindavan, and Nainital. Along the way, they explored historical and cultural landmarks, took part in yoga and meditation, and participated in adventure sports and theater workshops.

ADVENTURES BEYOND THE CLASSROOMS!

“

Duraisri says,
I enjoyed this camp very much and didn't feel bored without a phone or TV. It was nice to make new friends and learn many new things from this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

”



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND LACK OF OPPORTUNITIES

Auroville Foundation, Tamil Nadu and Divya Deepa Charitable Trust, Karnataka

6,500 LUNCHES

18,500 SNACKS

900 TAKEAWAY MEALS

IDRF provided a brand new multipurpose van to Kaliyuva Mane- a residential school for children with learning disabilities for easy transportation to activities and medical appointments.



55 students in rural areas of Tamil Nadu receive meals and snacks every day of the week from IDRF. Additionally, students who need more nutritional help can take home extra meals. Daily oral hygiene services for everyone and routine blood testing for those who are extremely malnourished are also offered.

In Kaliyuva Mane, in the rural outskirts of Mysuru City, Karnataka, IDRF provides meals and snacks to more than 100 students and volunteers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAMS: 2024

2.HEALTHCARE

MOBILE MEDICAL CLINICS IMPROVING TRIBAL HEALTHCARE Indian Tribal Care Trust, Assam and Tripura



**ACCESS TO FREE
MEDICAL SERVICES TO**

**8,500 PATIENTS
ANNUALLY**

IN 23 VILLAGES

We started the second phase of our mobile health services in the tribal areas of Assam and Tripura after our first phase in 2022 proved effective in West Bengal, where 16,000 tribal patients receive free medical care annually.



**OVER 35 MEDICAL VANS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY IDRF IN
17 INDIAN STATES SINCE 1992, HELPING 50,000 PATIENTS/YEAR
IN SLUMS, REMOTE HILLY AND TRIBAL AREAS**

CONSTRUCTION OF AN EYE HOSPITAL TO TREAT THE UNDERPRIVILEGED Blind People's Association, Gujarat

IDRF has helped construct the Shrimati Bellaben and Shri Yogeshbhai Patel Eye Hospital in Vatrak.

Thousands of underprivileged and destitute patients from Sabarkantha, Aravalli, and the nearby state of Rajasthan will now be able to receive free, high-quality eye care at this three-story, state-of-the-art facility.

**WHAT OUR
PARTNER IS
SAYING ABOUT
US!**



IDRF has helped to raise and channelize funds for our new eye hospital. They are very warm, pro-active, genuinely concerned about development and very enthusiastic and helpful. Their smooth efficiency has helped us to get our funds without any problem.

Nalini Rawal, Executive Director, Blind People's Association

READ MORE TESTIMONIALS BY DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PARTNERS : [HTTPS://GREATNONPROFITS.ORG](https://greatnonprofits.org)

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAMS: 2024

3. WOMEN AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUNG WOMEN Sewa Bharti, Delhi



IDRF assisted with founding the "SOPAN" training facility, which provides 6-month courses in Beauty Culture and Fashion Design to economically weak women in the *Paharganj* area who want to become both professionally and financially independent.

66 women
48 in Beauty Culture
18 in Fashion Design
have completed the
program's first batch

WOMEN BREAKING BARRIERS AND OPTIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES

“The Beauty Culture course has totally transformed my life. I am now working at a Beauty Parlor and rather than being a dependent, I am contributing to my family's well-being.”

Shruti, a graduate of the first batch of Beauty Culture course at Sopan”

CERVICARE INITIATIVE: PROTECTING WOMEN AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER Arpana Research and Charities Trust, Haryana

Cervical cancer is still a leading cause of death in rural India, especially where stigma, lack of awareness, and poor access to healthcare go hand in hand. We have implemented a cervical cancer prevention program to help raise awareness, provide early detection, and promote the use of simple and efficient methods for detection.



ACROSS 103 VILLAGES:

378 women screened for symptoms
154 women tested for cancer
37 women referred to hospitals for urgent care



“Women's Self Help Groups perform street plays during village meetings to raise awareness about cervical cancer.”

And we are taking the next step: starting HPV vaccinations for 880 girls ages 8-14 to stop cervical cancer before it starts.

Aruna Dayal, Governing Body, Vice President, Arpana Trust

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAMS: 2024

4.ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

GOING GREEN AND LOWERING ELECTRICITY EXPENSES Shri Nilkanth Samaj Seva Trust, Gujarat



With assistance from IDRF, a 40KW rooftop solar power plant was installed on a 750-student *Gurukul* (residential school) building .

The electricity is also provided to the newly constructed prayer hall, kitchen, and cow shelter (*gaushala*).

As the school prepares to grow to 1,000 pupils soon, the solar plant is assisting in lowering carbon footprint and electrical costs.

EMPOWERING MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Samerth Charitable Trust, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat

Since 2009, IDRF has been supporting Samerth in the construction and revival of water structures in 115 rain-deficient villages that have reaped immense benefits to the tribal communities who are otherwise living in distressed situations and engaging in difficult work conditions.

147 ponds and wells
127 check dams
33 spring structures



With the increased availability of water, seasonal migration has gone down for 3,000 families in the past 10 years.

“ WITH IDRF'S DEDICATION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY WELL-BEING...

20,000 people now have access to water for drinking, irrigation, and livestock, increased agricultural output, a shorter commute to the closest water source, and an improvement in income and living standards.

Gazala Paul, Managing Trustee and Founder, Samerth Trust



HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAMS: 2024

5. GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION

PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN RURAL AREAS Partnership for Transparency Fund, USA and Center for Advocacy and Research, Rajasthan

IDRF is funding a three-year project (2022-25) that aims to address Gender-based Violence at the grassroots level, focusing on 20,500 women in 33 villages across 10 Gram Panchayats in Ajmer. The first two phases gave women's forums access to socio-development programs, such as livelihood projects that support survivors in their fight for justice. In the third phase, a collaborative government and women-led GBV reduction response structure has been established within the Panchayat Samiti and Block Administration.

Key Outcomes Achieved:

- safety infrastructure installed: street-lights & CCTVs
- self-defense training
- livelihood schemes
- helpline numbers displayed in public vehicles
- training on sexual harassment in workplaces
- setting up a Violence Response Committee
- gender responsive policing training at Police Stations to 10 Gram Sakhis, 99 Suraksha Sakhis, and 5 Women Desk Staff



“We have been able to strengthen intersectoral coordination between departments of Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Development, Labor and Legal Services, Police, District, and Block Administration.”

Kiran, Head of the Help Desk, Naloo Gram Panchayat

EMPOWERING MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES BY FACILITATING ACCESS TO ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS AND GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES Samerth Charitable Trust, Gujarat

Members of the Parkar Koli community live in abject poverty and work as agricultural laborers or daily wage earners in the Kutch district. Since 2022, IDRF has helped provide Aadhar cards, Voter ID, Ration cards, bank accounts, and other documents to 1,500 villagers to access government benefits, healthcare, education, and livelihood opportunities to improve their quality of life.

Phase 1: November 2022-April 2024
794 families in 34 villages

Phase 2: June 2024-November 2024
706 families in 27 villages



IDRF has provided microloans for creating local employment opportunities for the Parkara Koli community, helping them start enterprises aligned with their skills.



Samerth Trust is training young volunteers from the community to help secure widow and old-age pension plans.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAMS: 2024

6.DISASTER RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

IDRF has been a pillar of support for disaster-stricken communities, providing timely aid and long-term rehabilitation assistance. IDRF and partner organizations step up to bolster the efforts of local authorities, offering resources, expertise, and manpower, preventing an overlap in their efforts and ensuring that aid reaches the most underserved areas. Beyond immediate relief, it focuses on rebuilding lives by supporting healthcare, livelihoods, and sustainable development programs, ensuring affected families can regain stability. These efforts highlight IDRF's commitment to turning disasters into opportunities for sustainable development.

KERALA FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES, JULY Manav Seva Sansthan

Relief efforts supported **200 families** in the Wayanad district by distributing hygiene, shelter, and back-to-home kits, including tarpaulin sheets, buckets, soaps, sanitary napkins, blankets, emergency lights, water filters, essential kitchen items, etc.

Karuppan, a 60-year-old daily wage earner, carries the responsibility of providing for his wife and four children. Among them, one daughter requires constant healthcare, a challenge that has stretched the family's resources.

“The relief and recovery kits from IDRF and MSS met our immediate necessities and also helped us rebuild and resume life after the floodwater receded.”



This story is a testament to the resilience of individuals facing crisis and the profound impact of timely assistance. As communities work to recover, continued support remains critical in restoring livelihoods and ensuring a hopeful future for those most affected.

GUJARAT FLOODS, AUGUST Samerth Charitable Trust

Essential items, including ration kits, tarpaulin sheets, mosquito nets, chlorine tablets, and solar-powered lamps to **300 families** in the Kutch district.



BIHAR FLOODS, SEPTEMBER Gram Vikas Parishad

110 families in Madhubani and Supaul districts were provided tarpaulin sheets, mosquito nets, solar lamps, and 14 days' worth of **dry food items** (such as wheat, cereals, sugar, oil, masalas, lentils, etc.).

ODISHA CYCLONE, OCTOBER Youth for Social Development

In cooperation with governmental agencies, IDRF assisted **pre-cyclone preparations** and distributed relief supplies and education on **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)** to **250 families** in Kendrapada and Bhadrak districts.

TAMIL NADU CYCLONE, DECEMBER Udavi School, Auroville Unity Fund

The school site sustained significant damage as a result of the cyclone. A 20-meter section of the brick compound wall collapsed entirely. In addition to other cyclone-related **repairs** on the school grounds, IDRF provided funds to **restore the compound wall**.

PROJECT SITE VISITS IN 2024

Project site visits by donors, the Board, and team members play a crucial role in strengthening IDRF's impact and fostering transparency. Direct interactions with beneficiaries and local leaders provide valuable insights that can shape future funding decisions, ensuring resources are allocated effectively. By facilitating these visits, IDRF enhances accountability, inspires greater donor engagement, and ultimately amplifies its ability to drive meaningful change.

PREMA AND ANIL GOGATE (CALIFORNIA) **Lila Poonawalla Foundation, Maharashtra**

Merit and need-based scholarships are provided by IDRF to academically deserving but financially disadvantaged females so they can pursue higher education.

The Gogate family has offered 145 young women financial assistance to pursue postgraduate degrees in science and engineering.



SHEELA AND JAIPAL RATHI (NEW JERSEY) **Savitri Soni Vidya Mandir, Uttar Pradesh**

With IDRF's vision and development strategy, the dream of an NRI to have a school in his native village of Nagauri has been fulfilled!



“ We had started this school in my village with two rooms and transported our students using bullock carts. It's heartwarming to see how far this institution has traveled over the last three decades, says Jaipal Rathi. ”

Today, with IDRF and the Rathi family's support, the CBSE-accredited school has expanded to grade 12, and 500 children from 30 villages receive quality education. Modern facilities like smart boards, CCTVs, science labs, playgrounds & six school buses have been provided.

GAYATHRI SEENUMANI (CALIFORNIA) **Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society, Tamil Nadu**

IDRF has assisted in the establishment of STEM Tinker labs at the SVRDS Training Center in Ulundai.

80 middle school students from 3 villages participate in computer and science-related activities on Sunday mornings, thanks to the assistance of IDRF donor Gayathri Seenumani.

The project is currently in its second year of success.



PROJECT SITE VISITS IN 2024

NIMITA AND KISHORE SHAH (NEW JERSEY) Shri Jalaram Arogya Seva Trust, Gujarat

A larger and modern Smt. Shardaben Ramanlal Shah Memorial Hospital is being built in Meghraj with assistance from IDRF. This hospital will offer impoverished patients from rural and backward tribal areas top-notch medical care at a reduced or no cost.

“We are very happy and thrilled to support this project... We thank IDRF very much for introducing us to the Jalaram Trust and arranging a visit to their hospital. The visit helped us in making the decision to support them, says Kishore Shah.”



RAJEEV JAIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IDRF Door Step School, Lila Poonawalla Foundation and Siddh Divyang Foundation, Maharashtra, Lotus Petal Foundation, Haryana, and Sir Ganga Ram Trust Society, New Delhi

Rajeev visited the IDRF-supported Kamayani School in Pune, which serves **550 children with mental disabilities**. The Siddh Divyang Foundation manages this school, and it employs technology-based platforms to teach academic subjects and career skills that foster students' cognitive growth.

He also visited the IDRF-supported Door Step School in Pune, which gives kids from buildings and slums access to a basic education. Each month, more than **200 children** are reached by the **9 buses** that have been transformed into mobile classrooms.



VANDANA MATRAVADIA, OPERATIONS MANAGER, IDRF Vivekananda Kendra Arun Jyoti and Think Peace, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, and Samerth Charitable Trust, Gujarat

Vandana met with beneficiaries of *Mission Shakti*: An Anemia Detection and Eradication Program in the remote mountain communities of Arunachal Pradesh. **3,650 anemic women in 43 villages** have received treatment from IDRF and Arun Jyoti-supported Mobile Medical Clinics over the project's three years, and they are now anemia-free.



IDRF EVENTS & YOUNG LEADERS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

On March 30th, 2024, IDRF donors and supporters from the Washington DC metro area came together in Gaithersburg, Maryland, for the launch of **Service Before Self: A Journey of Conviction, Courage and Commitment**, the inspiring memoir of IDRF's founder and CEO, Dr. Vinod Prakash.

The evening was a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Prakash's remarkable life—an immigrant's journey marked by resilience, the courage to confront adversity, and an unwavering commitment to social service. Despite losing his eyesight in 2010 due to medical negligence, Dr. Prakash, now in his 90s, continues to champion the cause of the underprivileged with unshakable dedication. His story is one of profound family values, a belief in 'duty' over 'rights,' and a deep-rooted calling to '*seva*' (service), which has empowered thousands over five decades.



YOUTH DRIVEN INITIATIVES FOR SOCIAL GOOD

Natasha Ambeskar and the **Surdaan Foundation** exemplify the profound impact that young minds can have when empowered with purpose, talent, and the drive to make a difference. Through music and philanthropy, these students are changing lives!

Natasha Ambeskar: Empowering Students in Rural India Through Mobility

In many parts of rural India, students face significant economic challenges that hinder their access to education. Public transportation is often unaffordable, forcing many children, especially girls, to undertake long and exhausting walks to school.

Many families struggle to afford bicycles, leaving students without a reliable means of commuting. Recognizing this critical need, **Natasha Ambeskar**, a student at The Basic Independent McLean in Virginia, organized a school-wide Holi celebration and fundraiser, rallying her community to provide bicycles to students at IDRF's partner, **Kusum Goel Dr. Santosh, Saraswati Vidya Mandir** in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.



Surdaan Foundation: Empowering Lives Through Music and Education

The **Surdaan Foundation** is a remarkable initiative founded by a group of passionate teenagers from the Alaap School of Music in Dallas, Texas. These young musicians, under the guidance of their teacher, Manjusha Hardiker, have combined their love for Hindustani classical music with a deep commitment to social change. Hardiker not only imparts the rich traditions of classical music but also mentors students in organizing musical performances to raise funds for children in need. Through their efforts, the foundation raised \$27,000, which was donated to two IDRF programs (**QUEST's Goshtarang Fellowship Program** and **Maharogi Sewa Samiti's Lok Biradari Junior College**) to provide education to underprivileged students in Maharashtra.

FUTURE PROJECTS

IDRF is dedicated to fundraising efforts for a variety of initiatives in 2025. For those interested in supporting or obtaining further information regarding these projects, please feel free to contact us.

HELP WOMEN TAKE CHARGE & TRANSFORM LIVES: ENCOURAGE DIGITAL LITERACY Sewa Bharti, Delhi

With digital literacy becoming an essential skill in today's job market, IDRF is taking a significant step toward empowering underprivileged women in Paharganj, Delhi, by raising funds to establish a **digital literacy program** at the vocational center it helped set up in 2024. This initiative will offer computer courses lasting six months or a one-year diploma, benefiting 15-20 women per batch.

The estimated cost of setting up the center is approximately \$36,000, which includes \$20,000 in capital expenses and \$16,000 in operational costs. By equipping women with digital skills, IDRF aims to enhance their employability and open doors to better economic opportunities.

SUPPORT THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SPORTS WING OF THE WOMEN'S HOSTEL DAV College Trust and Management Society, New Delhi



Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar, Punjab, has long been a beacon of excellence in women's sports, producing remarkable athletes who have earned prestigious accolades like the Arjuna and Padmashri awards and competed at national and international levels.

However, the women's hostel sports wing, an essential space for aspiring athletes, is now in dire need of reconstruction. Due to its deteriorating condition, the facility has become unsafe for students.

To ensure these talented young women have the proper infrastructure to pursue their dreams, IDRF is raising funds to **rebuild the hostel wing**. The proposed renovation will cost approximately \$66,000 and will feature 19 rooms and restrooms, providing comfortable accommodation for 96 students.

TRANSFORM LIVES BY PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS WITH CARE & SKILLS Blind People's Association (India), Gujarat

IDRF is committed to transforming lives by establishing a fully equipped **Mental Health Education Center** in the underserved areas of the Aravalli district, Gujarat. The center will feature four dormitories designed to house patients discharged from mental hospitals, offering them essential halfway home care services and medical therapies to support their rehabilitation journey. Beyond medical treatment, in-patients will receive vocational training, equipping them with skills to engage in productive activities and regain confidence for formal employment or self-employment opportunities.

Each year, this center is expected to empower 150 patients and their families. The estimated construction cost for the center is \$815,000, and naming rights for buildings in the center will be available to contributors who wish to leave a legacy. The center's annual operational expenses are projected to be \$28,000.

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"IDRF's goal has been to put power, not charity, into the hands of the impoverished through development programs implemented by reliable local NGOs..."

An interview with Dr. Vinod Prakash in Bold Journey Magazine, September 10, 2024.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Shubhangi and Jagdish Thakur are successful physicians and respected members of the Indian American Community in New Jersey. Since 2015, the Thakur family has generously supported 24 projects across various Indian states through IDRF. Their philanthropy has transformed lives by providing quality education to impoverished rural children, essential healthcare for those in need, and empowering disadvantaged women with skill development and livelihood opportunities.

Through their dedication and compassion, Shubhangi and Jagdish Thakur continue to inspire others to contribute towards meaningful change, bridging communities and fostering hope for a brighter future.



I am in contact with IDRF for 20 years, and it has been a very pleasant experience...The organization is very transparent, all the receipts are given in timely fashion. They always follow up on the project, making sure, whatever the project promised is done, says Dr. Jagdish Thakur.

