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About India Development and Relief Fund

India Development and Relief Fund (IDRF) is a USA-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit advancing sustainable, community-led development across India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Since 1988, IDRF has partnered with high-impact grassroots organizations to expand access to education, healthcare, women's empowerment, environmental sustainability, and disaster relief. With a commitment to transparency, low overhead, and measurable results, IDRF channels donor generosity into locally driven solutions that uplift marginalized communities and create lasting pathways to dignity, opportunity, and resilience.

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.

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Founder & President's Message

Thank you for the trust and generosity that powered IDRF's work in 2025. With your support, we reached communities across 23 states in India, as well as Nepal and Sri Lanka, raising \$7.57 million for programs that advanced education, healthcare, women's empowerment, environmental restoration, and disaster relief.

Your partnership created real opportunities—scholarships for young women, digital libraries for rural children, microloans that helped families launch home-based enterprises, and health interventions reducing anemia among women and girls. Whether restoring ecosystems in Telangana or strengthening gender justice in Rajasthan, each initiative reflects our shared commitment to dignity and community-led development.



As we look ahead, we remain focused on scaling impact, strengthening grassroots leadership, and ensuring every dollar creates lasting change.

Dr. Vinod Prakash



The greatest pleasure I have known in my life has come from the good work I have been able to do through IDRF.



Scan to read Dr. Vinod Prakash's interview in Canvas Rebel Magazine (March 5, 2025), or click here:

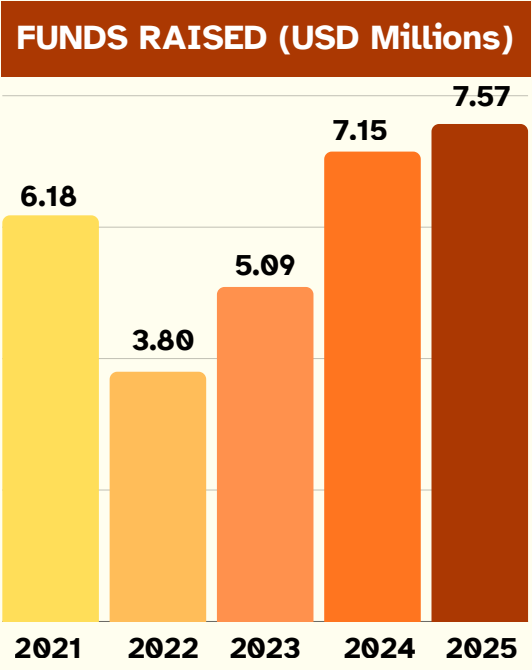
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Fundraising & Grant Distribution: 2025



IN 2025

Total Grants Made = \$6.13 m*

*Development Grants = \$6.08 m

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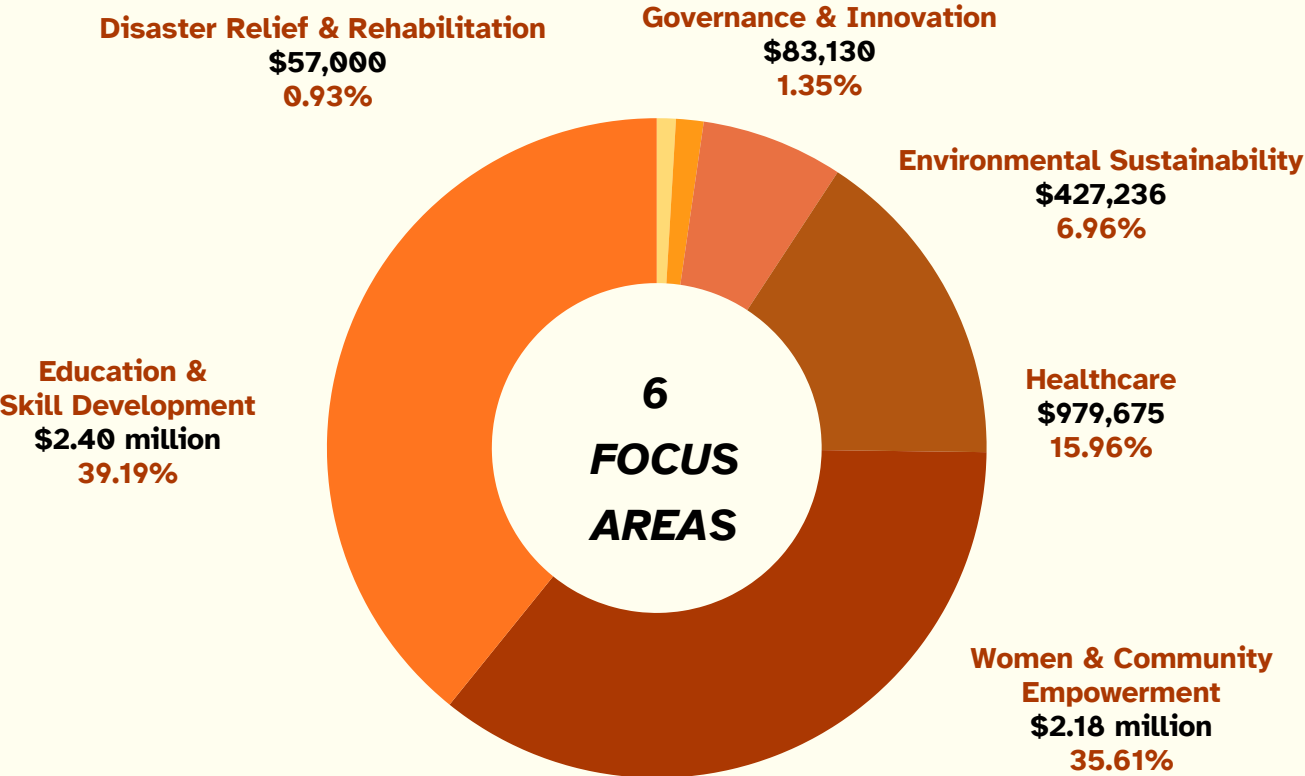
Disaster Relief & Rehabilitation Grants = \$57,000

Overheads = \$328,000

Expense to Revenue = 4.33%

Total Number Of Donors = 1,700

GRANT DISTRIBUTION



Top Ten NGO Partners by Grant Allocation: 2025

- **Dipti Trust (\$457,779):** restoring a heritage building in Puducherry to create inclusive spaces for learning yoga, meditation, and other community well-being activities.
- **Blind People's Association (\$435,986):** establishing a Mental Health Education and Training Centre in Gujarat.
- **S-VYASA (\$400,000):** constructing an integrative medicine hospital in Karnataka that offers holistic care through yoga therapy and traditional healing systems.
- **Dharmavana Nature Ark (\$299,944):** supporting ecological restoration at the world's largest botanic park in Telangana to protect rare and endangered species and strengthen community-led conservation.
- **S M Sehgal Foundation (\$285,445):** setting up digital libraries in 51 schools to provide 16,000 rural children with essential digital learning resources across Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Telangana.
- **Shri Jalaram Arogya Seva Trust (\$178,335):** building a 250-bed super-specialty hospital in rural Gujarat to expand access to advanced, affordable healthcare.
- **Lila Poonawalla Foundation (\$169,711):** providing need-based scholarships to girls in Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Telangana to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies in fields such as Nursing, Pharmacy, Engineering, and the Sciences.
- **Samerth Charitable Trust (\$143,826):** advancing water conservation in Chhattisgarh and Gujarat, tree plantations, and biogas units; digital libraries; microloans; and assistance for marginalized families to access government social security schemes.
- **Pratham Education Foundation (\$141,000):** to strengthen foundational learning for over 200,000 children across Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
- **Maa Madhuri Brij Varis Sewa Sadan Apna Ghar (\$130,830):** to construct apartments for the homeless and to renovate Apnaghar, a shelter for homeless and destitute individuals in Neem Ka Thana, Rajasthan.



A full list of all **NGO partners for 2025** is available at <https://www.idrf.org/annual-reports-and-statements/>

Financial Growth and Grantmaking Since 1988



**\$71.37
million
Funds
Raised**



**\$66.29
million
Grants
Disbursed**



**\$2.45
million
Overhead
Costs**



**300+
Programs
and
Projects**



**110+
NGO
Partners**

A GLIMPSE OF IDRF'S MULTI-DECADE IMPACT ACROSS INDIA, NEPAL, AND SRI LANKA

1 MILLION BENEFICIARIES, 25,000 DONORS



100,000+ children & young people supported across schools, colleges, and orphanages



2,000+ unemployed youth completed vocational training and received livelihood support



3,000+ household toilets constructed ending open defecation and improving safety and dignity for women and girls



12,000+ farmers trained in eco-friendly, climate-resilient farming practices



50,000+ patients treated annually through Mobile Medical Clinics providing primary care and health education



21,200+ underprivileged pregnant & lactating women provided free weekly nutritional mix



8,500+ women received anemia screenings, treatment, and health education



500,000+ people provided emergency relief & rehabilitation during disasters



285,000+ people served through the desilting and repair of 71 village ponds



115 villages strengthened through rainwater harvesting—127 check dams/ponds and 147 wells built



2,900 slum households upgraded into livable habitats with the Government of Odisha, and 9 cities declared slum-free



48 Panchayats trained to access government programs and strengthen corruption-free service delivery

MISSION AND STRATEGY: 1

A JOURNEY OF EMPOWERMENT: IDRF AND THE LILA POONAWALLA FOUNDATION

At IDRF, we believe that every empowered girl carries forward the promise of lasting change. Our mission is to expand access to education, strengthen pathways to employment, and ensure that young women from underserved communities have the skills and confidence to thrive. Our long-standing partnership with the Lila Poonawalla Foundation (LPF) reflects this mission in action—and is made possible through the steadfast generosity of our donors.



Since 2009, IDRF's \$1.32 million in donor-supported grants has enabled **540 financially challenged yet meritorious girls** across **Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Telangana** to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies in science, engineering, nursing, and health sciences. Many are now contributing to leading companies, hospitals, research institutions, academia, consulting, and civil services.

A growing culture of “giving back” among LILA alumnae continues to strengthen this cycle of empowerment.

Established in 1995 by Padmashree awardee Lila Poonawalla and Firoz Poonawalla, LPF has grown from supporting 20 girls to nearly 19,000 through scholarships and holistic skill-building programs. With ongoing support from IDRF and other partners, LPF aims to reach 25,000 girls by 2030.

The continued trust of our donors enables IDRF and LPF to create sustainable pathways for young women to rise, lead, and drive generational progress.



Belief, Opportunity, and a Life Transformed

“ LPF didn't just fund my education—it gave me belief in myself. Because of LPF, I've been able to support my family and come this far. ”

Asmita, an LPF Scholar from a farming family in rural Maharashtra, calls LPF the turning point of her life. With limited finances at home, pursuing engineering felt impossible until the IDRF-supported scholarship opened the door. That support set her on a path from earning an engineering degree in Pune to completing a Master's at IIT Delhi, and now to a career as a Data Scientist at Microsoft. She also financially supports four Engineering girls and serves on LPF's Hyderabad scholarship selection committee.

MISSION AND STRATEGY: 2

EXPANDING LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH REVOLVING MICROLOANS

IDRF advances its mission of empowering marginalized communities with dignity by investing in sustainable, community-driven livelihoods. Our revolving microloan program provides **poor rural women** and **persons with disabilities**—often unable to access bank credit—small, low-interest loans to build or expand home-based enterprises. Through partners across **Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, and Sri Lanka's Kandy District**, these loans support activities ranging from tailoring and food processing to manufacturing and livestock rearing.

Grounded in self-reliance, the model reinvests repaid loans, offers larger follow-on loans, and trains women in basic bookkeeping to prepare them for formal credit. This cycle strengthens financial independence, household stability, and women's leadership within their communities.

Across India and Sri Lanka, IDRF's revolving microloan initiative has enabled **2,130** widows, single mothers, young students, and persons with disabilities overcome financial barriers, support their families, and chart their own path toward economic independence.

See how a women's Self-Help Group built a thriving dairy cooperative with IDRF's microloans, watch their story on YouTube.



Shaped by Strength, Lifted by Hope — Nirosha's Path Forward



Despite living with a spinal deformity and raising her young daughter alone in Kandy, Sri Lanka, Nirosha has worked tirelessly to keep her small broom-making livelihood alive. With no collateral and irregular income, she was unable to access a bank loan.

Through an IDRF-supported microloan delivered in partnership with Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation, she was finally able to purchase raw materials and stabilize her modest home-based workshop.

Her steady production now supports her household and her daughter's education, and she has fully repaid her first loan. Nirosha hopes to improve her workspace and expand her tools to ease the physical strain of her work. As she shares,

“ This support helped me stand on my own and give my daughter the future I dream of for her. ”

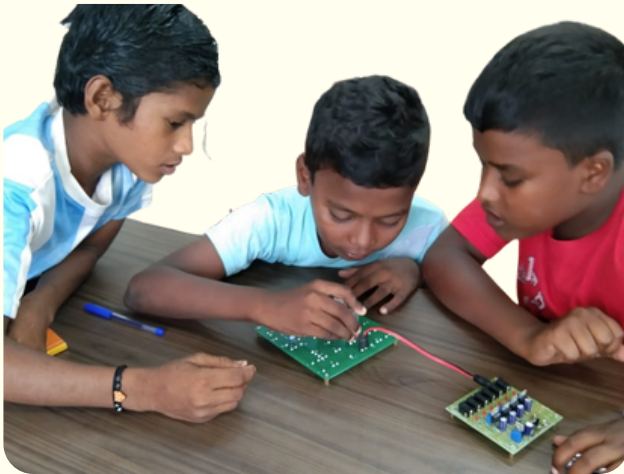
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EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Creating Pathways to STEM for Rural Students in Tamil Nadu

Through its HiEd Initiative, IDRF helped **Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society** establish **STEM Tinker Labs** in Ulundai, serving students in grades 6–9 from three nearby villages. The labs provide hands-on access to science and technology learning that would otherwise be out of reach for these children.

Every Sunday, an average of **60 students** arrive by 7 a.m. for a full day of computer and science activities. Two buses and a van ensure reliable transportation, enabling consistent participation and strong program impact.



“ We want to ensure that children in rural villages have the same opportunity for hands-on, high-quality learning as their peers in the cities. Every child deserves the chance to think, create, and discover.

Gayathri Seenumani, IDRF Donor and Program Development Lead.

Watch the full story on our YouTube channel to see this impact come to life.

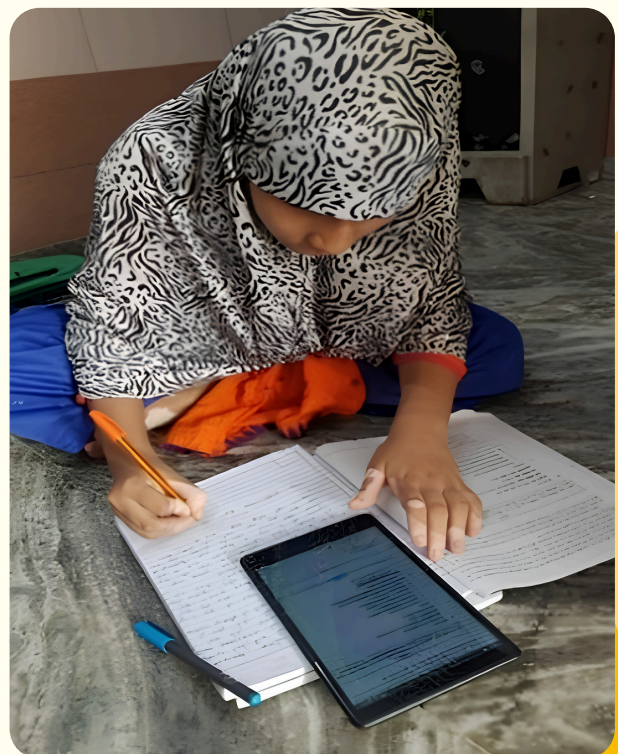


Bridging the Digital Divide for Rural and Urban Slum Children

Project *Umeed*, in partnership with **Sehgal Foundation**, established 15 solar-powered **Digital Libraries** across **Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Telangana**, expanding digital learning and computer skills for **5,477 rural children**.

In **Ahmedabad's** slum communities, **1,600 children** are learning through **digital tablets**, creative tools, and pre-vocational skills across seven centers with **Samerth Trust**. Students strengthened academics, digital literacy, and confidence through consistent monitoring, computer training, and support for out-of-school youth.

Strong community ownership ensures these centers continue to thrive long after they are set up.



HEALTHCARE

Strengthening Community Health: Our Fight Against Anemia in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam

In 2025, **Mission Shakti**—implemented by **Vivekananda Kendra**—marked five years of dedicated work to combat anemia among women in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. Through 18 health camps, 807 women were screened, and 505 cases of anemia were treated. Since its launch in 2021, the program has **screened 7,401 women** and treated **4,014 anemic cases**. Alongside medical supplies and treatment, we continue to invest in awareness activities and regular monitoring to ensure sustained, measurable impact.



“ We are observing that anemia is sharply decreasing in our targeted villages, reflecting the impact of consistent medical intervention. However, a high prevalence of anemia among school-going girls (6–15 years) has emerged as a critical concern, prompting us to expand our focus in the coming year to include school-based screening camps and awareness programs, to build an anemia-free future for the next generation. ”

— Dr. Debashis Dey Adhikary, Vivekananda Kendra Arun Jyoti

In Assam’s tea garden communities—where anemia affects up to 72% of women—poverty, hard labor, and limited healthcare put women and girls at severe risk. With IDRF’s support, **Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan** reached **1,000 women and girls** through hemoglobin monitoring, diagnostic and treatment camps, medical supplies, and awareness sessions.

The program also built long-term well-being by establishing organic **kitchen gardens**, forming **women’s health groups**, and training **Village Health Workers** to sustain progress.

“ Before the screenings, I was always tired but never understood why. Through Mission Shakti, I learned about my anemia and received the treatment and guidance I needed. Today, I feel stronger, and with the kitchen garden we started, my family is eating healthier too. ”

— Sangita, a tea estate worker, Assam



Join us on Facebook to see more of IDRF’s impact in action.

WOMEN AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Breaking Taboos, Building Confidence: Advancing Menstrual Health for Schoolgirls in West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, and Karnataka



In partnership with the **Auroville International (USA)**, IDRF supported **1,525 rural schoolgirls** with **menstrual health education and sustainable cloth-pad kits**. By pairing knowledge with eco-friendly solutions, the program is helping girls manage menstruation confidently, reduce reliance on disposables, and break long-held taboos with dignity and assurance.

Watch the full story on our YouTube channel to see this impact come to life.



Heritage-Driven Livelihoods for Women in Hyderabad

IDRF, in partnership with **Disease Eradication through Education & Prevention (DEEP)**, is creating **sustainable livelihoods for marginalized women** in Hyderabad through traditional Hyderabad bangle-making. **105 women**—many widows and single mothers—have gained a marketable skill that strengthens their income and confidence.

Four shops in the Charminar area purchase their bangles, and several women have launched micro-enterprises, joined cooperatives, or begun selling at local markets and festivals. By equipping women to produce these iconic bangles, the initiative boosts economic independence while preserving a cherished cultural art form.



“IDRF’s support has changed my life. For the first time, I can feed my children with my own hard work, and I’m even helping other women do the same.

— Fahmeda Begum



Watch the beneficiary share her story on our YouTube channel.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Strengthening Ecosystems Through Collective Action and Support in Telangana

Dharmavana Nature Ark—400 acres in Bhongir—is the world’s largest botanic park dedicated to conserving the tropical dry flora of the Deccan Plateau and Eastern Ghats. Since 2016, IDRF has supported its science-led **restoration, protecting rare species and rebuilding a thriving habitat** that now serves as a vital green lung and learning space.

In 2025, IDRF enabled major restoration efforts, including creating natural pond-like **soil beds, collecting seeds** of threatened species, strengthening **nurseries**, and **managing the habitat** year-round.

With strong community engagement, we are safeguarding biodiversity and nurturing long-term stewardship for generations to come.



Restoring Dignity Through Safe Sanitation in Tamil Nadu



IDRF is supporting the **Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society** in building **eco-friendly toilets and bathrooms** for below-poverty-line rural families, addressing needs for safety, privacy, and health. With women facing the greatest risks from open defecation, households with women members are prioritized.

Since 2016, IDRF has enabled the construction of **379 toilets and bathrooms, improving access to sanitation for more than 1,000 people** and helping communities move toward an **open-defecation-free environment**—restoring dignity, security, and well-being for women and girls.

“ *Having a toilet at home has brought us dignity. I no longer worry about going out in the dark, and my daughters feel safe too. IDRF’s support has changed our daily life.* ”



— Revathi, beneficiary of the toilet and bathroom program

GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION

Grassroots Leadership in Action: Advancing Gender Justice in Rajasthan



Building a Coordinated Response to Prevent and Reduce Gender-Based Violence (2021–2025), implemented with the **Partnership for Transparency Fund (USA)** and the **Center for Advocacy and Research**, strengthened awareness, shifted social norms, and improved institutional responsiveness across 10 Gram Panchayats in Ajmer. Reaching more than **68,000 people**, the initiatives combined community mobilization, Panchayat-led governance, and institutional partnerships to address structural and social drivers of GBV. Communities reported better safety infrastructure—streetlights, CCTV—and rising legal awareness.

Women’s agency and economic independence grew markedly: over half began earning in the last four to five years, and three-quarters now have full or partial control over household income. Survivors experienced stronger **institutional support**, with 97% reporting **faster police responses** and over 91% of Panchayats passing anti-violence resolutions. Community groups—*Gram Sakhis*, *Suraksha Sakhis*, and women’s forums are **mobilizing women, supporting survivors**, and encouraging **positive shifts in men’s behavior**.

“*For years, I lived with domestic violence, trapped by dependence and unable to read or write. When a Gram Sakhi & Paralegal Volunteer explained our rights, I found the courage to rebuild my life. Today, I earn my own income and stand with other women seeking safety and dignity.*

— Bhanwari, domestic violence survivor

Expanding Access to Entitlements and Livelihood Security in Gujarat

Since 2022, IDRF’s partnership with **Samerth Charitable Trust** has strengthened the rights and well-being of the marginalized **Parkara Koli** community across **61 hamlets**, reaching **7,534 individuals**.

Through mobilization, documentation camps, and government linkages, **4,035 people secured essential identity documents**—unlocking access to pensions, health insurance, and key welfare schemes.

Livelihood security also improved through **microcredit** and targeted **training** in agriculture, vegetable cultivation, charcoal production, animal husbandry, and honey collection for **634 beneficiaries**.



DISASTER RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

From Crisis to Stability: IDRF's Emergency Action in Times of Disaster

IDRF's timely support enabled **Jnana Prabodhini** deliver essential relief to reach some of the hardest-hit villages in Solapur, **Maharashtra**, after the September **floods** caused widespread damage to homes, crops, and power supply. The team provided **food kits to 400 families**, **solar lamps to 50 households**, **temporary tin-shade shelters** for three families who lost their homes, and **fodder** to 100 villagers to help protect cattle and restore livelihoods. This early intervention offered stability and relief to communities working to rebuild after the disaster.



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When the floods came, our fields were destroyed and our home was left in ruins. We didn't know how we would manage even a single day. The support that reached us through IDRF and Jnana Prabodhini gave us the strength to stand again. It felt like someone cared enough to help us rebuild with dignity.

— Vithal, a smallholder farmer impacted by the Solapur floods

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IDRF's emergency grant enabled our partner, the **Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (SLCDF)**, to deliver rapid relief to **321 families** in **Kandy District** after **Cyclonic Storm Ditwah** triggered severe **flooding and landslides** across Central Province. With many households—especially those led by women, caring for the elderly or persons with disabilities, or dependent on daily wages—losing homes, food stocks, and livelihoods, SLCDF prioritized the most vulnerable and provided each family with standardized **dry rations and essential supplies**. All distributions were monitored and certified by the Divisional Secretariats, ensuring accountability as urgent support reached those hardest hit.

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The storm left our home buried in mud, and for days, we didn't know how we would feed our children. When SLCDF came with support made possible by IDRF, it felt like a lifeline. The dry rations helped us get through the worst days. It gave us hope that we could start rebuilding our lives.

— Ranjani, a resident of Kandy District impacted by Cyclonic Storm Ditwah



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PROJECT SITE VISITS

ON THE GROUND, WITH THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

IDRF staff, donors, and volunteers visited project sites across India and Sri Lanka, strengthening relationships, deepening insight into local needs, and reaffirming the impact of IDRF-supported programs.

Rajeev Jain (*Executive Director, IDRF*) visited projects implemented by Arpana Trust, Haryana, Head Held High, and Sapna India, Delhi.

Vandana Matravadia (*Operations Manager, IDRF*) visited initiatives supported through Rotary Eye Institute, Malavi Education and Charitable Trust, Action Research in Community Health & Development (ARCH), Ramakrishna Vivekananda Seva Samiti Trust, Yoganjali Kelvani Mandal Gujarat, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan, and Savitribai Phule Ekatma Samaj Mandal, Maharashtra.



Dr. Niti Duggal (*Communications and Marketing Manager, IDRF*) visited the Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation in the Kandy district and met women participating in the IDRF-supported microcredit program.

“What stayed with me most was the quiet strength of the women I met—widows, single mothers, and students—who are building their futures one small enterprise at a time. Their determination is the clearest reflection of IDRF’s impact in Sri Lanka.”



Rajesh Sinha (Donor): Magan Sanghralaya Samiti, Maharashtra.

“Visiting Belagavi reaffirmed why the work of IDRF and A Future for Every Child is so important. Meeting the young care leavers was inspiring, and many are clearly gaining the confidence and skills to move toward financial independence.”

— Gita Gopal, California donor and founder of A Future for Every Child



Dr. Abhijeet Bhirud (Donor): Doorstep Schools, Maharashtra.

A MILESTONE EVENING OF PURPOSE AND GENEROSITY

On October 8, 2025, IDRF hosted its first-ever **Empower with IDRF Gala** in Gaithersburg, MD, bringing more than 265 guests together for an evening of connection, compassion, lively dance and live band performances, cocktails, and dinner. The event surpassed its fundraising goal, **raising over \$500,000 to support education and skill development programs for women and girls** across India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Beyond the numbers, the gala sparked a lasting ripple of purpose—reflected in every story shared, every pledge made, and every voice that affirmed our belief that lasting change begins when opportunity reaches the last mile.

Experience the celebration—watch the gala moments captured on our YouTube channel.



“The work that IDRF has done to support organizations throughout India is incredible. It’s not just the impact of the direct one million lives—it’s the secondary and tertiary impact on the people whose lives are touched because the first people were touched. Their belief, combined with trust, is how sustainable change happens.”

— Sonal Shah, Keynote Speaker; Co-founder, Indicorps

WUSA9 Morning News, hosted by Allison Seymour, and **TV Asia USA** featured IDRF’s inaugural **Empower with IDRF Gala**, highlighting the organization’s impact, community support, and commitment to empowering underserved communities.



Visit our **YouTube Channel** to experience the celebration and watch more impact stories. @IDRF_US

LOOKING AHEAD: IDRF'S FUTURE PROJECTS

EMPOWERING WOMEN, REVITALIZING LIVELIHOODS

IDRF is exploring a two-year partnership with **Samerth Charitable Trust** to strengthen women's empowerment and rural livelihoods in Kabirdham, **Chhattisgarh**. The initiative will revitalize 50 SHGs and **support 500 tribal and smallholder women** through leadership development, collective mobilization, and diversified livelihoods.

By rebuilding SHGs, forming producer collectives, and expanding market-linked enterprises, the program aims to boost incomes and elevate women's roles in local governance. Phase 1 is proposed at **\$27,640**.



INVESTING IN WORLD-CLASS INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE RESEARCH CAPACITY

IDRF is planning a landmark investment in a new state-of-the-art **Research Block** at **S-VYASA University in Bengaluru, Karnataka**. The multi-story facility will expand advanced labs, research spaces, and modern infrastructure for yoga, health, and integrative medicine. Phase 1 will complete the full civil structure at a cost of **\$874,000**.



INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION FOR NEXT-GENERATION EDUCATION

For over 56 years, **KLB DAV College for Girls** in Palampur, **Himachal Pradesh**, has empowered young women from rural and semi-urban communities. With 900+ students today, the college plans to **add new programs** in vocational education, technology, professional studies, and health care. Over the next two years, it will **upgrade infrastructure** and **build additional classrooms** with an **\$80,000** investment.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Distinguished physicians **Nilima and Krishna Jayaraman** of Maryland have supported IDRF since 2012. Their philanthropy has expanded education, strengthened healthcare, empowered women, and advanced environmental restoration across India.

Guided by a belief that **“what we have is meant to be shared”**, they honor their family’s values and deep trust in IDRF—an organization they call impeccably honest and instrumental in directing their giving toward meaningful change. Their compassion continues to inspire others to help build pathways to dignity and opportunity.

“**What we have is not ours alone—giving back to our Matrubhumi is our duty and joy.**

-Dr. Krishna Jayaraman.



RISING CHANGEMAKERS: YOUTH LEADING WITH PURPOSE

The Surdaan Foundation—founded by teenagers from the Alaap School of Music in Dallas under the mentorship of Manjusha Hardiker—channels their passion for Hindustani classical music into social impact.

Their fundraising supported IDRF programs in Maharashtra, providing free coaching, boarding, lodging, and educational resources to 60 disadvantaged students at Lok Biradari Junior College, enabling them to pursue a rigorous two-year NEET program and their dream of becoming medical professionals.

Aabha Sagare, a high school student from Maryland, marked Mother’s Day by organizing a fundraiser to support women’s health in the remote hilly regions of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

Partnering with IDRF supporter **Shonali Nazare**, she hosted a crafts workshop with 15+ participants to raise awareness about anemia among women. All proceeds supported Vivekananda Kendra Arun Jyoti’s Mobile Medical Clinic, which leads Mission Shakti—IDRF’s initiative to detect and reduce anemia among rural women.



ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

OPERATIONS TEAM

Dr. Vinod Prakash	CEO
Rajeev Jain	Executive Director
Vandana Matravadia	Operations Manager
Dr. Niti Duggal	Communications and Marketing Manager
Banumati Ramkrishnan CPA, LLC	Accounts

SUPPORT TEAM

Marketing Partner	GRIDS Consulting
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**Until November 2025, IDRF had an eight-member Board; a later restructuring established a three-member independent Board meeting IRS and Maryland nonprofit requirements.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

(as of December 2025)

Dr. Vinod Prakash	President
Dr. Prem Garg	Vice President and Treasurer
Adesh Jain	Secretary

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Dr. Sudhir Seksaria



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MATCHING AND EMPLOYER-GIVING

Corporate employees may double their impact through employer matching programs

World Bank Group Community Connections Fundraising Campaign

Staff and retirees can make twice the impact with a 100% match during the campaign. For the rest of the year, gifts to IDRF will receive a 50% match.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE GIVING PROGRAMS

Federal employees and retirees can contribute to IDRF through **Combined Federal Campaign** (CFC #89602)

DONATE AN OLD CAR

Use www.carsforcharity.net for tax-deductible proceeds from the sale of your vehicle.

STOCK TRANSFERS

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LEGACY GIVING

Consider IDRF in your will or trust to make a lasting impact. Contact us: admin@idrf.org

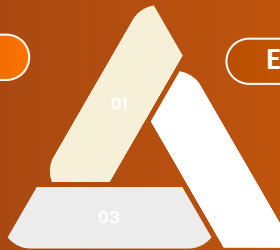
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WHY DONATE TO IDRF

Give with Confidence

Maximum Impact

Very low overhead costs of below 5% (administration, management, and fundraising). Over 95% of funds go to beneficiary NGOs.



Experience and Reliability

With 36+ years of successful experience in grassroots development, IDRF partners with reliable and reputable NGOs to implement impactful programs.

Trusted and Accredited

Accredited 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity, IDRF holds a Platinum Seal from Guidestar for Transparency & Accountability, a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, and a top-rated 5-star rating from GreatNonProfits.org.

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