Your gift makes a world of difference for some. Discover the Joy of Giving!

Donate Today!

- Mail a Check payable to “IDRF” (please include email address for receipt).
- Donate Online www.idrf.org (3% processing fee charged to you or IDRF).
- Stock Transfer: Please contact us for details.
- Donate an Old Car through www.Donationonline.com (gross proceeds of sale will be tax deductible).
- Corporate employees may double their donations through ‘Charitable Matching Gift Program’ at their company (IDRF EIN # 52-1555563).
- World Bank staff and retirees may double their donation by participating in World Bank Group Community Connections Fundraising Campaign (November 1st -December 20th) and selecting our name.
- Federal employees and retirees can contribute to IDRF through CFC (#89602)
- Planned Giving: Please remember us in your Will and Trusts.
- Smile Amazon: Shop at www.smile.amazon.com and a portion of your purchase will be donated to IDRF at no extra cost to you.

Please read IDRF’s 2017 reports:

Contact Us:
IDRF
5821 Mossrock Drive,
N. Bethesda, MD 20852
Email
admin@idrf.org
Tel
(301) 704-0032
Web
www.idrf.org
A 501(c )3 tax-exempt public charity
(Since 1988)
All donations are tax-deductible
EIN: 52-1555563

# 89602
October 2018

Dear Friend,

30 years ago, my wife Sarla and I founded IDRF with a mission to break the cycle of poverty in India. Since then, the marginalized are served by IDRF without regard to caste, creed and religion. IDRF’s transparency, accountability and financial health have won it coveted accreditation like: Platinum Seal from Guidestar and 4 out of 4 stars for five consecutive years from Charity Navigator.

In recognition of IDRF’s 30 years of commitment and contribution to the disadvantaged, IDRF has been conferred with 
**Manav Seva Sarvodaya Award** by the Indian American Community, **Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award** by Lead India Foundation and UNDCA and **Distinguished Community and Humanitarian Service Award** from Ekal Vidyalaya earlier this year.

I am immensely grateful to you for your philanthropy that has enabled us to change the lives of thousands, who were in desperate need of help. Your benevolence has led numerous poor children to get quality education, healthcare to slum dwellers, eradication of open defecation in numerous villages, making numerous women economically self-reliant and active participants in rural governance and so on. But the tasks ahead are still enormous and I am counting on your support once again. IDRF offers you a unique opportunity as a public charity, that keeps its overheads (fundraising + administration) barely 4%, ensuring that 96% of your hard earned money is used by the ultimate beneficiaries in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. By continuing your support to IDRF, I hope you will be blessed by the joy of giving!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Vinod Prakash
President & CEO (pro bono)

---

**Provide Hope and Bright Future for Underprivileged Tribal Girls!**

**Shiksha Bharati, Uttar Pradesh**

IDRF is providing free education, lodging and boarding to extremely underprivileged tribal girls from North-east India, who would otherwise face a bleak future. To ensure that these girls get high-quality and holistic education, a dormitory that can accommodate 100 girls is attached to a C.B.S.E accredited higher secondary school in Hapur. The parents feel safe about sending their daughters here because of the good experiences of the alumnae. At present there are 87 girls here, many more girls can be accommodated in the dormitory with additional funding for which we need your help! Educating a girl will not only give her financial independence, but help her lead a life of dignity and self-respect.

With YOUR financial support, **Anjana**, a poor orphan from the tribal area, grew up in IDRF Tribal Girls’ Hostel and did her schooling at Shiksha Bharati. A meritorious student throughout, she graduated from the university and now works as a yoga instructor at a reputable institute! She is grateful to IDRF and donors like you to have changed her life!

**Your gift of Endowment Fund- a one-time donation of $ 6,000 endows one permanent educational seat, in perpetuity, OR an annual donation of $ 550 per girl will take care of all her annual expenses.**
Fighting Malnutrition Among Tribal Children and Women!

**Vivekananda Kendra, Arunachal Pradesh**

IDRF is combating malnutrition among children and women in remote and hilly tribal villages. In phase-1 of the project (2018-19), 200 children with malnutrition and 30 pregnant/lactating women with severe anemia have been identified and provided with nutritious meals and dietary supplements. Regular health awareness camps are conducted to monitor the changes. In phase-2 (2019-20), additional 300 children and 75 women will be selected for intervention. This project requires us to raise $15,000 per year in order to fight malnutrition among extremely poor children and women.

*Your gift of $ 350 will help us raise the funds for providing nutritional supplements to 7 severely malnourished children plus iron supplements for 7 anemic women for one year.*

Provide Water for Safe Drinking and Irrigation!

**Samerth Charitable Trust, Chhattisgarh**

IDRF is supporting water harvesting program in impoverished and backward hilly areas, where rainfall is inadequate & erratic. Lack of water leads to low agricultural yields & increase in malnutrition, infant and maternal mortality rates. Scarcity/poor quality of water force women to walk daily for 1-2 miles to fetch drinking water! 2017-18 Project constructed rain roof-water structures, earthen check-dams, diverted existing spring water into wells/tanks to harvest rainwater. So far 4,000 people have benefitted but there is still a dire need to cover thousands more facing acute water shortage. The total cost of the project (2018-19) is $67,000.

*“In the remote and hilly tribal villages, there is extreme poverty. 73% children are malnourished and 55% women are anemic.” says Dr. Debashis Adhikary, (project’s chief coordinator)*

Digitization of Microcredit Program for Marginalized Rural Women

**Arpana Research and Charities Trust, Haryana**

IDRF’s support has led to empowerment and emancipation of poor rural women by creating financial security through micro-credit for self-employment. 830 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in 105 villages with 11,580 members have utilized loans for various income generation activities. This program will now train 200 SHG women scribes as auditors with digital skills over the next two years, so that SHGs keep in tune with changing technologies like: online banking, payments, and digital account keeping, etc.

*Your gift of $ 1,500 will train 30 Self Help Group women leaders for modern audit practices.*
Relief and Rehabilitation for Kerala Floods Victims

Manav Seva Sansthan “SEVA”, Kerala

Heavy Monsoon rains caused devastating floods in Kerala earlier this summer. Thousands have lost all their belongings, animals and standing crops. With YOUR help, IDRF distributed Kitchen Kits and appliances to severely affected families in Pozhuthana, that helped set up their kitchens over again. IDRF is also starting programs to rehabilitate the flood victims whose only means of livelihood are agriculture and animal husbandry. 58 families in this Gram Panchayat have lost all their livestock which were their only means of sustenance.

Please help REBUILD THE LIVES of these flood victims by gifting livestock (cows) to start up again! Your gift of $2,500 will help raise the much needed funds to buy cows for three severely affected families.

Why Donate to IDRF?

- Very low overhead costs (administration & fundraising) of 4%, 96 cents of each $1 goes to beneficiary NGO
- 30+ years of successful experience in grassroots development
- Programs implemented by reliable and reputable NGO-partners
- Accredited and Recognized 501 (c ) (3) tax-exempt public charity
- Platinum Seal from Guidestar
- 4 out of 4 stars for last five consecutive years by Charity Navigator
- ‘Top 10 perfect score (100%) charities relying on Private contributions’ by Charity Navigator
- Top-rated 5 star ratings by GreatNonProfits.org

IDRF in 2017

YOU helped us raise: $2.07 millions
Grant Distribution: $1.88 millions
We worked with 45 NGOs
In 17 Indian States
1 in Nepal
1 in Sri Lanka
1 in USA

What Donors are saying about IDRF...

I have used IDRF... to support causes that are near and dear to me such as....disaster relief efforts or fund an orphanage. IDRF has done an admirable job of following up... and ensuring that funds were directed to the designated cause. Another aspect that I appreciate... how easy they have made it to enable corporate matching funds....IDRF staff have been very responsive... I highly recommend IDRF to anyone who is looking to support a worthy cause in India.

-R. Krishnamaguru, California

I was introduced to IDRF by my cousin Arun Gupta who has used its services since a long time. My experience has been amazing too! Working with Vinodji (head of this organization) and his team has been pleasant. He always responds to my phone calls and emails without delay...I have all respect for his dedication and efforts to run IDRF. I am looking forward to having a long lasting association with IDRF.

-Durgesh Gupta, New Jersey

Beneficiary Testimonial

Kailash’s journey from desolation, despair & deprivation to security, stability & success!

“All this is a dream come true! Without the support and micro-credit I could have done nothing. Today my family is financially secure and well respected in our community. I can only say...thank you IDRF and Arpana.” smiles Kailash with tears of happiness in her eyes. Over 14 years Kailash has taken and repaid 7 micro-loans to start and expand a successful flourmill and acquire other assets in a village in Karnal, Haryana.