Dear Friends,

Namaste! I hope you and your loved ones are well and keeping safe! I am immensely grateful to you for your generosity in the past that enabled us to change the lives of thousands in need of help. In 2020, as we adapt to these exceptionally challenging circumstances, we are continuing to serve the marginalized in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. The magnitude of the disruptions and need is enormous as millions have lost their livelihood and are on the verge of starvation. Please don’t postpone and donate to help those affected adversely. Your support NOW will save thousands of affected families and lead them to new hopes in the year to come.

IDRF also offers donor-advised program to make your dream of giving back a reality! We support you to direct your funds to your favorite charities or causes whenever you want! Make a charitable contribution to IDRF and receive an immediate tax-deduction and then decide when and to which NGO(s) you would like to send your funds to. This can be done on an on-going basis by contributing as frequently as you like. You may recommend disbursement of the funds to your favorite charities or causes over a period of time. IDRF ensures that the selected NGO meets the criteria.

Once again my heartfelt thanks to you for your kindness and continued support to help the needy, especially during these unusual times!

Sincerely,
Dr. Vinod Prakash
President and CEO (pro bono)

Our overhead costs are only 6% and 94 cents/$1 go directly to beneficiary NGOs.

Provide relief to poor families struggling in India during the COVID-19 pandemic

During these challenging times, millions of extremely poor workers like rickshaw-pullers, garbage-collectors, domestic helps and farm-workers etc. have no paid leaves and bank savings. They rely on cash earned daily and now their families are struggling and in danger of starvation. IDRF has sent $137,000 to eight Indian states and Nepal, to provide Relief Kits to thousands of poor migrant families, medicines, PPEs, and food to thousands of medical personnel and patients. In addition, thousands of destitute migrant workers were provided snacks, water-bottles, facemasks, and sanitizers at various checkpoints on their journey back home. To combat this dire situation we are seeking to continue providing relief to more destitute families hit hardest by the pandemic.

Your gift of $1,000 ($10 per family per month) will help provide 100 struggling families essential groceries for one month

Please help us raise funds to feed at least 5,000 poor and needy families

For program details check us out at www.idrf.org
Provide Education and Bright Future to Underprivileged Girls
Shiksha Bharati, Uttar Pradesh

With your help, IDRF is able to provide free education, lodging and boarding to poor tribal girls from North-east India. The IDRF-supported hostel is on the campus of a C.B.S.E. accredited High school in Hapur. Since 2002, 76 tribal girls from 16 batches have graduated and most of them have pursued higher education through IDRF support. At present there are only 66 girls residing at the hostel but many more can be accommodated. Your gift of education to these underprivileged girls will make them financially independent and help lead a life of dignity.

Your gift of Endowment Fund - a one-time donation of $10,000 will endow one permanent educational seat in perpetuity, OR a donation of $550 ($1.50 a day) will take care of one girl’s annual expenses

Please help us raise funds to educate at least 40 academically bright but underprivileged girls

Provide Nutritious Meals and Supplements to Severely Malnourished Children and Anemic Mothers
Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari, Arunachal Pradesh

600 malnourished children (2-6 years) are provided one healthy and balanced meal per day and 100 anemic, pregnant and lactating women (25-40 years) are provided iron, folic acid and vitamin supplements in 10 remote hilly villages. For the sustenance of the program, the team is encouraging people to use locally available produce to prepare nutritious meals.

Your gift of $7,500 (0.20 cents a day per child) will help provide nutritious meals and supplements for 100 severely malnourished children and anemic young mothers for one year

Please help us raise funds to feed at least 300 children and provide supplements to 50 young mothers

Provide Community Development through Citizen Engagement and Participatory Planning
Janaagraha Center for Citizenship & Democracy, Odisha

IDRF has partnered with Janaagraha, the Odisha state government and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (principal financier) for a 3-year period to implement a process in two cities for improving municipal finances, staffing/capacities and citizen engagement in urban governance. Your donation will be used for capacity building and training of civic leaders in the community, content development, partnership building and developing performance management systems through the use of technology.

Check this out: I Change My City App

Your gift of $5,000 will help in developing, hosting and maintaining the civic technology platform and related apps required for the fixing of local civic issues in two cities

Please help us raise $50,000 to meet the expenses of the first year of the project

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Why Donate to IDRF?

- Very low overhead costs of 6% (administration, management and fundraising) and 94% funds directly reach beneficiary NGOs.
- 30+ years of successful experience in grassroots development.
- You choose your dream project to give back! We offer donor-advised and donor-preference options to you.
- Programs implemented by reliable and reputable NGO-partners.
- Accredited and Recognized 501 (c )(3) tax-exempt public charity
- Platinum Seal from GuideStar for Transparency & Accountability
- 4 out of 4 stars for last 7-consecutive years by Charity Navigator
- Top-rated 5-star ratings by GreatNonProfits.org

IDRF in 2019

YOU helped us raise: $2.03 millions
Grant Distribution: $1.49 millions
We worked with 46 NGOs
In 16 Indian States
1 in Nepal
1 in Sri Lanka
1 in USA

Provide Skill Development and Livelihood to Underprivileged Rural and Poor Women

Vatsalya Trust Mumbai, Maharashtra

The one-year “Patient Assistant” program creates skill development among young women living in abject poverty, lacking social awareness, family support and access to education and employment opportunities. Most of these women are able to secure jobs in hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes and contribute to their families’ income. During these difficult times, they are providing their tireless services to the patients. About 140 women are trained each year at three locations and the tribal participants receive free lodging, boarding, medical facilities and tuition.

“Your kindness and generosity transformed my life!”
Suvarna Sonawane grew up in a remote village facing financial hardships. While in school her family tried to marry her off in order to have one less mouth to feed. Her school principal convinced her family to send her for the Patient Assistant program in order to change her life. “I attended the course which also imparted the knowledge of basic spoken English and computer skills. I was able to get a job at a reputed hospital and now supporting my family, and also helping them pay off their debts”, says Suvarna with confidence.

Your gift of $1,200 (0.32 cents a day per woman) will help provide Patient Assistant training to 10 underprivileged young women and help them lead a life of dignity and self reliance.

Please help us raise funds to help at least 100 young women

Your gift will touch the lives of many, leaving them forever grateful!
What the Donors are saying about IDRF...

“IDRF provides a wonderful opportunity for Indians living in America to give back to their country. It has projects in multiple sectors and donors can find a cause that speaks to them...Through IDRF I am able to support Women’s empowerment in India as well as COVID relief in DMV area.”

-Shubhra Garg, Maryland

“It’s been a great pleasure and very satisfying working with IDRF. With very low overhead, you know that your charity dollar is going much further in satisfying the needs of the end user...it is most comforting to know that your charity dollar is supporting the cause(s) dear to your heart.”

-Rameshwar Paul, Maryland

Read more testimonials at GreatNonProfits.org

Beneficiary Testimonial

“Thank you for saving my children from starvation during these difficult times!”

Kalyani is a typical migrant worker who works as a day laborer in the city. Her daily wages help sustain her and her children back in her village. With no savings to sustain her, she decided to walk back to her village along with thousands of other migrant workers when everything came to a standstill due to the pandemic. With no savings, or access to credit, the relief kits provided by IDRF support became the sole means of sustenance for her and her family. “Without these food relief kits my family could not have survived these difficult times”, says Kalyani from Gujarat.

Your tax-deductible gift will help those struggling during the pandemic!

Please 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 to IDRF: Please contact us for details.
- Donate an OLD CAR through www.Donationonline.com (gross proceeds of sale will be tax deductible).
- CHARITABLE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM: Corporate employees may double their donations through their company (IDRF EIN # 52-1555563).
- LEGACY GIVING: Please remember us in your Will and Trusts.
- SMILE.AMAZON.COM: Select ‘India Development and Relief Fund’ and a portion of your purchase will be donated to us at no extra cost to you.
- World Bank staff and retirees may double their donation by participating in World Bank Group Community Connections Fundraising Campaign (November 2nd - December 17th, 2020) and selecting our name.
- Federal employees and retirees can contribute to IDRF through Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #89602) (September 21st, 2020 - January 15th, 2021)

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