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**3- Memorial or Tribute Gift  
Donations**

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**Volunteers have organized IDRF Food Drive in Virginia and Maryland (February-April)**

**Newsletter: March 2019**

Dear Friend,

Namaste! As we all eagerly wait for the cold days of winter to end and spring to start...I am grateful to YOU for YOUR warm support to IDRF that has changed the lives of thousands in desperate need of help! Here's a glimpse at how YOUR support has helped change lives of underprivileged and given them a life of dignity....

**In this Newsletter...**

- **You have helped IDRF achieve it!**
- **International Women's Day Celebration**
- **IDRF Food Drive- ONGOING**
- **Helping rebuild the lives of flood victims**
- **Strengthening the role of women farmers**

## 5- Workplace Giving

Ask your company's HR office if they will match your donation

## 6- Donate Stock, Bonds & Mutual Funds

Avoid capital gains tax

## 7- Planned Giving

Please remember IDRf in your Will and Trusts

## 8- Donate an Old Car

[www.Donationonline.com](http://www.Donationonline.com)

(gross proceeds of sale will be tax deductible).

## 9-Shop and Donate

Shop at [Amazon Smile](#) & select "India Development and Relief Fund" as the charity and a portion of your purchase will be donated to IDRf, at no extra cost to you!



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## ACCREDITATIONS

### 4 OUT OF 4 STARS FOR IDRf

**IDRf is the recipient of [Charity Navigator](#), 's 4-stars (top rating) award for the sixth consecutive year.** The 4-stars rating for IDRf denotes an exceptional qualitative rating that '*Exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in the similar cause*'.

[Charity Navigator](#) is a premier non-profit rating agency in USA that commends IDRf for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Please continue your support to IDRf and be assured that 95 cents of \$1 of your hard-earned money will directly go to the beneficiary NGOs! [Click for more details.](#)

### IDRf Celebrated Women's Day at an International Law Firm

IDRf Board members were invited by Vedder Price's office in Washington DC on March 8, 2019, on the event of **International Women's Day to present our ongoing programs for empowering marginalized women** with education, livelihood skills and good governance capabilities. The presentation was also attended by the firm's staff in the Chicago and New York offices through video conferencing.

### IDRf Food Drive in Maryland and Virginia- ONGOING

IDRf volunteers have organized a food drive to provide food and personal hygiene items to **Mobile Hope Loudoun, VA (February-March)** and **Manna Food Center, MD (March-April)**. Kudos to Siri Kompalli and Rajesh Gooty, who have been able to bring together adults, youth and kids as a team to make this mission a success! **\$2,500+ worth of food and personal hygiene items were collected and donated to Mobile Hope by the team.**

**Collection of food items for Manna Food Center concludes: April 12, 2019.**

**Please join our team** to help eradicate hunger in the community!

Contact: [admin@idrf.org](mailto:admin@idrf.org)

### Rehabilitating Kerala Floods Victims

Heavy Monsoon rains caused devastating floods in Kerala last year. *Pozhuthana* Gram Panchayat in *Wayanad* district is one of the worst affected areas of the calamity. IDRf has been working closely with the state government, who selected the beneficiaries to receive help from IDRf, so as to maximize the number of victims helped. With your help, IDRf provided **kitchen kits and appliances to 100 severely affected families** last year. Several families have lost their homes, cultivable land and livestock. In February 2019, IDRf provided **18 cows** to the families whose only means of livelihood are agriculture and animal husbandry. IDRf is also starting the program to **repair and rebuild the homes** for several families in the area. [Click for more details.](#)



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*Minister for Social Justice and Health- Ms. K.K. Shailaja presided over the function when check was handed over to Kalpetta Dairy for delivering 18 cows to flood affected families*

## Training Rural Women with Modern Agricultural Techniques, Rajasthan

IDRF's support has led to empowerment and emancipation of poor rural women in 10 villages of Alwar district, by educating them with **new and efficient agricultural practices for growing vegetables**. In the fourth quarter of 2018 (Oct-Dec), **nine training programs** on improved farming practices and **50 crop demonstrations** were organized. The project team formed **10 women farmer's groups** with the objective to make the members aware of agriculture related government schemes. This three-year program (2017-2020) will benefit 2,000 plus farmers by increasing their household incomes and help recognize women's role in the rural economy. [Click for more details.](#)



*Women Farmers' Field Day to learn scientific methods of farming at Savdi village*

On behalf of the IDRF team, I would like to thank the Donors, Volunteers and

NGO partners for helping us all along the way in- 'putting power, not charity in the hands of those in need!'

Best wishes,  
Dr. Vinod Prakash  
President and Founder, IDRF

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