IDRF provides timely help for people suffering during the second wave of the pandemic in India!

IDRF is sending 100% of donations raised for pandemic relief to the beneficiaries without retaining any administrative costs.

From April 26th to June 21st, 2021, IDRF has sent $617,955 to 14 states in India for COVID-19 relief efforts

Dear Freinds,

As we move towards a future full of hope, I would like to share the success of some of our development programs that were made possible due to our donors’ trust in us and the hard work of our NGO partners and volunteers.

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- Socio-economic improvement of small farmers growing cumin

**IDRF’s COVID-19 relief efforts in 14 states**

**Thanks to our donors, supporters and volunteers...**

As India battles the second wave of coronavirus, IDRF is providing groceries, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, essential medical supplies, managing vaccination drives, registering and transporting people living in far-flung areas to the vaccination centers. In addition to spreading awareness to prevent coronavirus and providing immediate help to patients, IDRF is also supporting a 100-bed recovery center for patients discharged from the hospitals and dignified cremation for those who lost their battle with the deadly virus. To meet the current demands and to prepare for future waves of coronavirus, IDRF is also providing oxygen plants for small/medium hospitals.

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We are extremely grateful to...

for donating $130,000 to IDRF for providing relief to people during the second wave of COVID-19 in the states of Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Uttarakhand, irrespective of religion, caste and creed of beneficiaries.

A "Donor Preference" project provides skill development and vocational training for IDRF-hostel girls and local young women, Uttar Pradesh

IDRF provides education, boarding and lodging to underprivileged tribal girls at the IDRF-hostel for an accredited school run by Shiksha Bharati in Hapur. To improve the girls' employability skills, Veena Von Busse and her husband Dietrich donated money from a trust fund in her late sister's memory to start a vocational training center. The Monica Gautam Vocational Training Center was set up on the campus in February 2021 and is offering cutting and tailoring courses spanning over six months. The classes started in March in two batches, one for the hostel girls (12/batch) and the other for marginalized local women (15/batch).

Shiksha Bharati has applied for getting affiliation from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for the center and once that has been granted, the participants will be awarded diplomas that will greatly enhance their employability options. The equipment and accessories used for the classes are as per the NIOS guidelines.

Read Veena and Dietrich's (donors) review on GreatNonProfits (https://greatnonprofits.org/india-development-and-relief-fund-inc)

Mobile Medical Services for slum-dwellers in Aurangabad, Maharashtra

IDRF provides primary health services and trains volunteers to carry out community development programs for healthier lifestyles and increased economic productivity among people living in poverty and unhygienic conditions. From January to March 2021, the IDRF-supported Mobile Clinic provided Out-Patient services, training of volunteers (Arogya Mitras), health camps, cataract and ear surgeries, etc. to 5,293 beneficiaries living in six slums of Aurangabad.

Our success story!
Socio-economic improvement of small farmers through pond desilting and rainwater harvesting, Gujarat

The desilting of the Saran pond in 2019 and the availability of...
water in Pratapgarh village has helped more than 35 farmers to provide timely irrigation for their cumin crops. Since then, the farmers have an assured supply of water that has increased the crop yield. The farmers' group has made rules and collective decisions for the sustainable use of water. The profits are helping the farmers with the repair of their homes, leveling of farmland, paying off debts, and savings for the future, etc. They can lead a more dignified life and provide better education and healthcare for their children.

“Desilting the village ponds has enabled several villagers to earn their income through farming activities and transit from being migrant laborers to farmers,” says Nathu Moti Koli, who does cumin farming on 5 acres of land and uses water from the Saran pond.

-Frankly Speaking with Vibhuti Jha-

Dr. Vinod Prakash- Helping India's Poor and Helpless

An interview of IDRF’s founder and CEO - Dr. Vinod Prakash was telecasted on ITV Gold (South Asian TV station) on May 8th, 2021.

Click to watch the interview on YouTube

Please continue your support of IDRF, especially during these challenging times. Your support of IDRF can change the lives of those who have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Thank you very much and stay safe,
Dr. Vinod Prakash
Founder and President (pro bono), IDRF