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if they will match your donation

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Avoid capital gains tax

7- Legacy & Planned Gifts

Please remember IDRF in your Will
and Trusts

*Participate and become part of a global giving
movement!*

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 3, 2019

Donate to your favorite organization IDRF and help change lives!

Newsletter: November 2019

Dear Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving! In warm appreciation of your compassion and commitment to help the underprivileged during the past year, I extend my very best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season. I am also excited to share with you some updates on our various development projects that have been made possible through your generosity.

In this Newsletter:

- **SAVE THE DATE...December 3, 2019**
- Livelihood and financial stability for school dropouts
- Availability of water in rain scarce areas
- Relief and Rehabilitation for flood victims

SAVE THE DATE....December 3, 2019 for #GivingTuesday

The Tuesday after thanksgiving is celebrated as #GivingTuesday and kicks off the charitable season for holidays and end-of-year-giving. On December 3rd, join the global movement and give back to the poor and needy and change their lives. **Donate to IDRF on Facebook** and Facebook will match upto \$7 million in donations made to US non-profits on a first-come, first-served basis and no fees charged!

Livelihood for School Dropouts: Patient-Assistant Program Maharashtra

IDRF is supporting "Patient-Assistant Courses" for making poor girls self-reliant and financially stable in the rural areas of Pune. Many girls are not encouraged to pursue education and drop out during high school. Several are married off at a young age, leaving them financially dependent and vulnerable

8- Donate an Old Car
www.Donationonline.com
 (gross proceeds of sale will be tax deductible).

9-Shop and Donate
 Shop at [Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.com/india-development-and-relief-fund) & 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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to dowry demands. Our partner Swa-Roopwardhinee has been running this program for 23 years. 1,164+ girls have completed the course and gotten jobs at hospitals and nursing homes and are able to provide a life of dignity for themselves and their families.

Unique Housing Solution: Many parents are reluctant to let their daughters stay in urban areas to attend training programs. So this program is brought to villages to offer safe housing for participants. Girls from tribal areas and remote interior villages are also able to attend this program as a result.

[Read more.](#)



2018-19 Batch: The program at Maale village, has **36 girls** enrolled for the one-year course (6 months theory + 6 months practical training). The cost per student is about \$580/year (including boarding, lodging and tuition). with your compassion and generosity these young women are on the path to become self-reliant and lead a life of dignity).

Water Harvesting and Ground Water Management Gujarat and Chhattisgarh

IDRF has partnered with Samerth to provide safe and sustainable water resources for the poor and marginalized communities in water-scarce parts of Kutch district. In the past, lack of rainfall, low agricultural productivity and insufficient water for people and cattle, forced several families to migrate out each year. But with the success of IDRF-supported Water-Security program in **Nakhtarana block**, all water bodies are now filled with water. The rainwater in these ponds last for 6 to 12 months and support the recharge of wells and bore wells adjacent to the ponds. Now the number of families migrating seasonally due to lack of adequate water has decreased considerably!

Nakhtarana Block, Kutch district, Gujarat (September 2017 to August 2019)	
29 Ponds and 3 Dug Wells developed	
Number of villages covered	15
Number of beneficiary households	4,287
Total beneficiary population	22,380
Total beneficiary cattle	20,861



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Pond constructed at Bairekh village in Chhattisgarh

IDRF has also expanded the program to Chhattisgarh, in the tribal villages of **Kawardha district**, where rainfall is inadequate and erratic.

Kawardha District, Chhattisgarh (January to June 2019)	
11 Earthen Check Dams developed	
Number of villages	11
Number of beneficiary households	616
Number of beneficiary farmers	74
4 Spring Management Structures developed	
Number of beneficiary households	111

Construction work of **Rain Roof Water Harvesting Structures** was also completed at **3 schools** that lacked safe drinking water. **Collected rainwater** will provide **200 days of drinking water facility to 218 children.**

Flood Relief and Rehabilitation Programs, Bihar

More than 8 millions people were badly affected by the Bihar floods caused by heavy monsoon rains in July 2019. With your generous help, IDRF's partner-organization Manav Seva Sansthan was able to provide urgent help to victims in 3-blocks of Madhubani district.

Relief Program: 150 families provided Relief Kits (personal hygiene items and non-perishable food items, etc.)
Rehabilitation Program: 5 Mobile Health Camps -free medical checkups and medicines 75 Hand Pumps Repaired to restore water supply Low-depth Hand Pumps Chlorinated to provide safe drinking water Livelihood to 150 families by providing high-quality seeds like: wheat and potatoes, etc. to start over again 150 families given quilts, water filters, solar-powered emergency lights and mosquito nets



On behalf of IDRF team, I would like to thank you once again for helping us *'put power, not charity in the hands of those in need!'* This would not have been possible without your continued support and commitment to help the underprivileged.

Warm Holiday Wishes,
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