

# IDRF

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Making a Difference in lives of  
the underprivileged in India and Nepal

## Mission

***Breaking the cycle of poverty in India and Nepal by empowering marginalized people with skills, services, and infrastructure grounded in sustainable development.***

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# A Message from the PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

I thank you for your sustained philanthropy that enabled IDRf to infuse positive changes in tens of thousands of impoverished people in India and Nepal. Our collective effort amounting to \$28 million succeeded in empowering downtrodden people all across India: from J&K to Kanyakumari and Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat, besides Nepal.

This report features implementation of our development strategy and mission: 15 years Journey of rural transformation; NRIs' dreams of giving back to their native land; 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan- Rural Sanitation Program'; and unique private-public partnership in 'Arogya Dhara'- public health. Thanks to your trust in IDRf's mission and your passion for development, we raised \$1.57 million in 2015. Utilization of your hard-earned money is reflected in the program highlights: quality education for migrant children; medical care in foothills of mountain; economic self-reliance among rural women; establishing first-ever Solar Energy Co-operative; citizen empowerment in urban India; providing relief kits and strengthening medical facilities for Earthquake victims; and distributing relief materials to flood victims beyond reach!

We express our gratitude to the independent reviewers on *Greatnonprofits.org*- 'IDRF has once again earned a spot in top rated non-profit list'. Due to our continued exemplary efforts, IDRf is recipient of highest possible rating (4 star) for three consecutive years by Charity Navigator, the Premier Non-Profit Rating Agency- 'Attaining a 4-star rating verifies IDRf exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in our area of work'.

Success brings in new challenges as well as opportunities. We need to broaden the scope of our support to include new areas: skill development trainings for unemployed youth; construction of 'Green' building for farmers' school; providing individual sanitation unit for BPL families; meeting huge demand of micro-credit loans for women empowerment; and enhancing capacity of rural communities for Good Governance.

Hope you enjoy reading our Annual Report!



Thank you,

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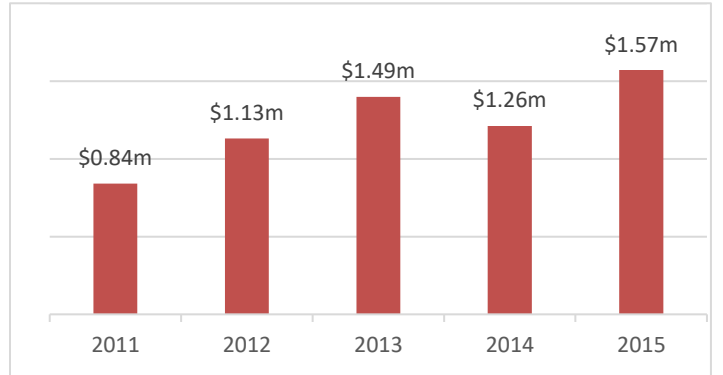
Dr. Vinod Prakash  
Founder and President

# FUNDRAISING AND GRANT DISTRIBUTION



 Disaster Relief/Rehab programs  
 Development programs

YOU HELPED IDRF RAISE \$1.57 million in 2015

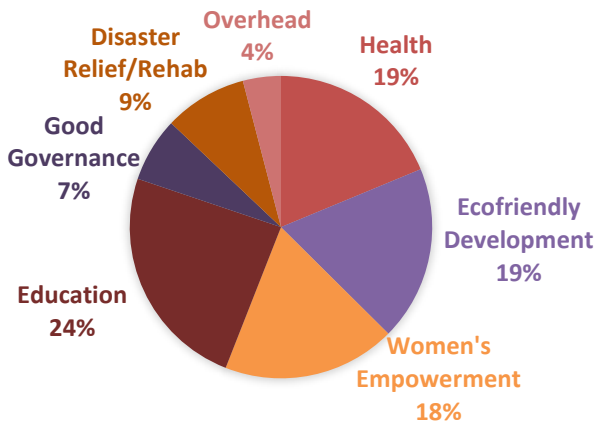


## Funds raised: 2011-2015







## 2015 Grant Distribution by focus area

-  \$274k Health
-  \$273k Ecofriendly Development
-  \$270k Women's Empowerment
-  \$353k Education
-  \$100k Good Governance
-  \$129k Disaster Relief/Rehab

## 2015 GRANT DISTRIBUTION BY FOCUS AREA (TOTAL OF \$1,459 K)



# OUR NGO PARTNERS BY FOCUS AREA

| NGO Name  | Project Location  | NGO Name   | Project Location    |
|---|-------------------|--|---------------------|
|  <b>Health</b>                   |                   |  <b>Education</b>                     |                     |
| VYASA   | Across India      | Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram   | Across Tribal India |
| Sree Kasturbai Mahila Samajam   | Andhra Pradesh    | Upakar   | Across USA          |
| Yogoda Satsanga Society of India  | Andhra Pradesh    | Jayarama Educational Society   | Andhra Pradesh      |
| Vivekananda Kendra, Kanya Kumari  | Arunachal Pradesh | Circle of Goodwill   | Andhra Pradesh      |
| Health Aid Trust  | Gujarat           | World Teacher Trust  | Andhra Pradesh      |
| Indian Association of Muscular Dystrophy  | Himachal Pradesh  | Sri Sivananda Samskrita Veda Agama   | Karnataka           |
| Mata Balak Utkarsh Pratishthan  | Maharashtra       | Swami Vivekananda Education Pratishthan  | Maharashtra         |
| Surabi  | Tamil Nadu        | Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals   | Odisha              |
| Sahaj Seva Samsthan   | Telangana         | Swami Keshwanand Smriti Charit. Trust  | Rajasthan           |
| Shri Ram Grameen Kshetra Vikas Samiti   | Uttar Pradesh     | Bodh Shiksha Samiti  | Rajasthan           |
|   |                   | Udavi School Trust   | Tamil Nadu          |
|   |                   | Ma Saraswati Trust   | Tamil Nadu          |
|   |                   | Grama Bharathi   | Telangana           |
|   |                   | Sahaj Seva Samsthan  | Telangana           |
|   |                   | Seva Bharti  | Telangana           |
|   |                   | Uttaranchal Daivi Apda Peedit Sahayata   | Uttarakhand         |
|   |                   | Nayantara Memorial Charitable Trust  | West Bengal         |
|   |                   | Economic Rural Development Society   | West Bengal         |
|  <b>Ecofriendly Development</b> |                   |  <b>Good Governance</b>             |                     |
| Sree Parthi Sai Trust   | Andhra Pradesh    | Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship & Democracy  | Across Urban India  |
| Samerth Charitable Trust  | Gujarat           |  |                     |
| Magan Sanghralaya Samiti  | Maharashtra       |  |                     |
| Shyamprasad Institute for Social Service  | Telangana         |  |                     |
| SCALE   | Uttarakhand       |  |                     |
|  <b>Women's Empowerment</b>    |                   |  <b>Disaster Relief &amp; Rehab</b> |                     |
| Shree Banaskantha Anjana Patel Kelvani Mandal   | Gujarat           | Public Health Concern Trust  | Nepal               |
| Arpana Research and Charities Trust   | Haryana           | Manav Seva Sansthan  | Nepal               |
| Chaitanya Trust   | Maharashtra       | Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Soc.   | Tamil Nadu          |
| Lila Poonawalla Foundation  | Maharashtra       | Yogoda Satsanga Society of India   | Tamil Nadu          |
| Vatsalya Trust  | Maharashtra       |  |                     |

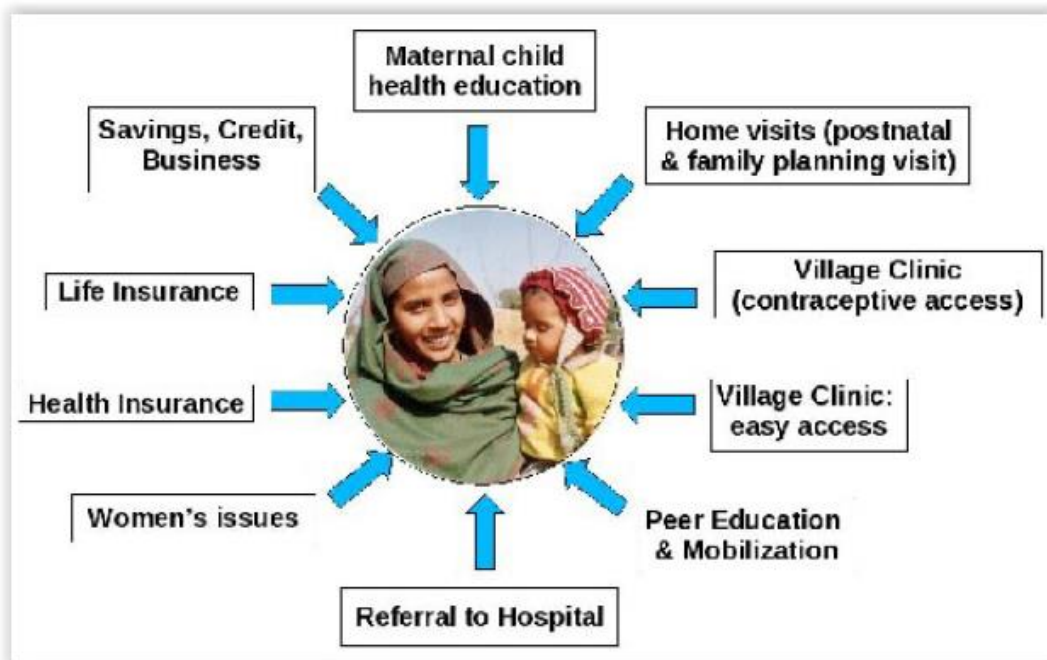
IN 2015 IDRf HAD WORKED WITH 39 NGOs IN 14 INDIAN STATES,  
& 1 each in NEPAL and in USA

## IDRF Mission and Strategy in Action-I

### 15 Years Journey with ARPANA, leads to transformation in over 100 villages

Fifteen years ago, we initiated our journey of close collaboration with **Arpana Research and Charities Trust**, starting in just 10 villages of Haryana. We focused on family planning. The program involved health awareness and education—separately for men and women including adolescent girls. Having succeeded dramatically in reducing natural birth rate from 31 to 22 per 1000 and virtually accomplishing the goal of population stabilization, we followed a two-pronged approach: not only the program was scaled up, the scope of the program was also increased. On the one hand we gradually expanded the number of villages from 10 to 40 then to 65 and eventually to 100; on the other hand the scope of intervention and community-participation was broadened to include Family planning, Gender parity, formation of Self-help-groups (SHGs), building foundation of good governance by supporting women participation in ‘Panchayat Raj’, economic self-reliance for women and income generating skills and opportunities for the people with different abilities, who were organized into “Differently-abled Peoples Organizations” (DPOs).

By 2015, we have 820 SHGs with 11,516 members, who are regularly participating in micro-saving and micro-credit programs and are flourishing into 5574 self-reliant small entrepreneurs. The number of DPOs has gone up to 48 with 1025 members.



IDRF's approach of providing long-term support as against a one-off contribution has thus yielded enduring achievements with Arpana in building women's Self Help Groups and Federations of these groups. This 15-year collaboration has firmly embedded as SHGs an instrument of women's economic independence, empowerment and has brought a much greater sense of well-being, self-confidence and financial self-reliance.

## IDRF Mission and Strategy in Action-II

### Giving Back: NRIs' Dreams come true

IDRF has been working very closely with the Indian-American Community, especially whenever a member of the community wishes to give back to his/her native place. It has been a rewarding experience for IDRF, NRIs and the marginalized people in India. The fulfillment of such a wish requires at least two essential elements: 1: Reliable and effective partner non-government organization (NGO) in India, who is active in specific geography. 2: Such NGO must have permission to receive funds from overseas under Govt. Of India regulation. (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, FCRA), and If the NGO does not have FCRA approval, IDRF's 'Letter of commitment' has enabled it to receive FCRA on '**Prior Permission Basis**'. So far, IDRF has successfully issued 'Letter of Commitment': ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

Ram and Santosh Arya (New Jersey) had founded a trust, **Sukh Ram Gram Vikas Trust** and started elementary school at their ancestral home providing free education to children of their village - Kalirawan, Haryana.

IDRF acted as a catalyst in 2002 by issuing 'Letter of commitment' for \$250,000 enabling the trust to receive funds from **the Aryas (N.J.)**. Our funding helped expansion of the school from Pre-KG to senior secondary serving 1100 students from 24 villages.

This school is accredited by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). This is an English Medium co-ed school with girls comprising of 35% of the students.

Two years ago, an NRI from Texas approached IDRF for helping him in fulfilling his desire to expand college facilities in his native place (Palanpur, Gujarat). The concerned NGO, **Shree Banaskantha Anjana Patel Kelvani Mandal**, did not have FCRA approval.

IDRF issued 'Letter of commitment' in 2014 for \$200,000/- on his behalf: to construct and establish co-ed Commerce College and an adjoining Girls Hostel. IDRF also guided the NGO in proficiently completing the paperwork. The funds were disbursed in 2015. The expansion of college has enabled it to accommodate 1,000 students, and offer new Hostel facilities to 200 girls who would have been deprived otherwise of such facilities.



Ms. Reena Goyal, NRI from California, is an ardent supporter of girls' and women's empowerment through education and skills development. Initially she launched an annual scholarship program for tribal girls residing in IDRF supported Girls' Hostel in '**Shiksha Bharati**' Hapur, Uttar Pradesh. But that was not enough for her, she had a burning desire to empower girls around her native place-Moradabad District, U.P.

The local implementing NGO, '**Banasthali Shiksha Samiti**' had no FCRA approval. IDRF issued a 'Letter of commitment' for \$125,000/- and helped with the process of getting the FCRA approval in order to establish two skill development centers: Computer Center and Stitching/Sewing Center. The NGO is expected to receive approval in the very near future.

# IDRF Mission and Strategy in Action-III

## Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission)

**To UPHOLD** the dignity and the well-being of the poor in India, the national campaign of **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan** was launched by Prime Minister Modi to clean the streets, roads and infrastructure of the country, with its key goal to eradicate open defecation. The sincerity and seriousness of the campaign launched on Mahatma's Gandhi's Birth Anniversary Oct 2, 2014, energized 3 million people to participate in the event. **Expected benefits from this effort are multifold** and would have multiplier effect, especially for the rural areas by promoting healthy communities, reduced malnutrition, sustained education and welfare. For women/girls in rural areas, this would also enhance their confidence and dignity since in the absence of toilets, they have to wait for the sunset to go to the fields. So... **What will it take:** The national effort needs construction of tens of millions toilets in rural India, requiring close collaboration among the communities, business, industry, research organizations, Government, and bilateral-multilateral aid agencies.

While the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan** has become house-hold word now, IDRF has been actively involved in this mission since 2010. Thanks to an NRI family from Massachusetts, hailing from Kutch, Gujarat who not only helped IDRF in identifying a reliable partner NGO '**Samerth Charitable Trust**' but also made a magnanimous donation.

As an integral part of our policy, we expect active participation from the beneficiaries. In this case the beneficiary families contributed labor ('**Shramdan**') equivalent to 40% of the cost per unit. Keeping in view the gender dimension of the issue, Samerth held separate meetings with women. They also worked very closely with local and state government administration to ensure that the villagers received the requisite subsidies. With funding from IDRF, Samerth had completed private sanitation units for 1707 rural families.

Hats off to the excellent execution of this project by Samerth, in future, they would be able to get entire funding from Govt. agencies under 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' and scale up the project.

Inspired by this mission, IDRF expanded its program to W. Bengal through partner NGO-'**Economic Rural Development Society (ERDS)**', where the beneficiaries are not yet getting the Government funding due to inordinate bureaucratic hurdles. IDRF aims to provide private toilet units to 3000 'Below Poverty Line' (BPL) families in Malda and Dakshin Dinajpur districts. In this context, we also organized a special event 'Ramp with a cause' in November 2015 (see details on page 15).



Reaching the Unreached for fulfilling the dreams of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

[https://youtu.be/9LKru1FV\\_sA](https://youtu.be/9LKru1FV_sA)



# IDRF Mission and Strategy in Action-IV

## Unique Private-Public Partnership: IDRF's leverage more than 13 times

Private-Public partnerships remain the secret of successful development- bringing a host of skills as well as financial, technical and operational know-how for efficient and effective implementation and sustained operation.

IDRF has recently completed an exemplary partnership with '*Shyamprasad Institute for Social Service*' (SISS) by implementing '*Arogya Dhara*' project during April 2013- March 2016 in Telangana.

The project is designed to improve health, sanitation and livelihood-supporting activities: health awareness programs for women and young girls; eye checkup camps in schools; distribution of homeopathic-medicine for prevention of communicable diseases; construction of toilet soak pits; propagation of horticulture plantation; vocational trainings for unemployed youth. To promote organic farming practices, the project also distributed vegetable seeds and fruit plants to families to help them raise vegetables and fruit gardens.

The project target was to reach the unreachable tribal population spread over 133 remote villages encompassing 7,800 families in 4 development blocks of Adilabad district in three years. IDRF acted as a catalyst by meeting the critical requirement of 7.5% funding of INR 108 million. The ultimate beneficiaries contributed 8.6% through labor (*Shramdan*), the partner NGO raised 2.9% locally and the remaining 81% was financed by Central and State Governments.

The '*Arogya Dhara*' project has far exceeded its target by **benefitting 50,000 people from 10,000 families!**

### *Abode of Cleanliness - Mutnuru Village*

Thanks to '*Arogya Dhara*' Project, the people of Mutnuru Village are now able to walk freely on the roads as the roads are now clean and without garbage. Open defecation has been eliminated, a great improvement from three years earlier



"There was acute shortage of water in our village during summer. We were not even able to provide drinking water to our cattle and they ventured into forest in search of water. Many cattle were killed by wild animals while doing so. After we dug the soak pits, our water woes are zero. We are able to get enough water for our household needs, for cattle and even to water plants in our premises" said Todasam Sungu

# Highlights of 2015 Programs

## I- EDUCATION

### Overcoming the language barrier: Hindi Primary School, Boral, West Bengal

IDRF came across an unique situation conveyed by our long term partner NGO- '*Economic Rural Development Society*'( ERDS), W.Bengal. The future of Hindi speaking migrant laborers in W. Bengal was bleak because of their inability to study in Govt. schools, where the medium of instruction was Bengali. Being cognizant of this situation, ERDS succeeded in securing 100% tax exemption under Indian Income Tax Section 35AC- rarity in INDIA , which allowed them to meet IDRF's requirement of 50% co-financing. Thereby IDRF succeeded in establishing '*Velji Vishram Popat Primary School*' –thanks to the philanthropy of a Massachusetts based NRI family.

The school has 300 students belonging to below poverty line families (BPL) and due to shortage of school rooms is run in 2 shifts. To reduce the rate of drop-outs incentives in the form of toys, occasional tiffin are given to the children. As an integral part of imparting education, school creates awareness about health, hygiene and environmental sanitation so that the children can cultivate good habits from their very childhood. The curriculum also includes Bengali, computer, drawing, dance & music.

### Udavi School, Auroville

IDRF has been supporting 'Udavi School', Auroville, Tamil Nadu over the past decade. Besides providing traditional education to the children from nearby villages, the school aims at imparting the vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Children's formal education from KG.-10th Grade is supplemented by an array of activities: clay work, dance, drama, music, carpentry, tailoring and art work. IDRF's grants have met varied needs such as construction of compound wall, library building, staff quarters, dorm-room furnishings, computer and math labs; our 2015 grant enabled them to build care taker quarter and a storeroom for sports equipment.



### SEVA BHARATHI, Telangana

IDRF acted as a catalyst towards completion of an important project of 'Seva Bharathi', in Telangana by providing the urgently required financing for 25% of the project cost-thanks to the magnanimity of NRI family from Massachusetts. Our grant enabled them to complete the construction of the 10,000 sq. ft. two storied building on 4.5 acre campus. This building serves dual objectives:

- "**Kaushalam – Center for Excellence**"– A skills development center: which provides training program guided by Godrej & Boyce, the best Home appliances manufacturing company in India.
- **Affection home**- This facility provides residence for 80 poor, needy and talented youth pursuing college and engineering education.

## II - HEALTH

### VIVEKANANDA KENDRA- Arunachal Pradesh & Assam Mobile Medical Clinic



IDRF-financed latest Mobile Medical Clinic is serving 3 border districts (Tirap, Changlang and Longding) of Arunachal Pradesh since July 2014. The significance of the medical aid provided by this clinic can hardly be overemphasized: **Pravin Dabholkar** (Jt. General Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra) explains, *“The real challenges we are facing during our mobile medical activities is the very poor road connectivity. Because of the new vehicle donated by IDRF, now we can reach the remote places, where the need to get basic health care is extreme. ”*

Notwithstanding harsh realities, in 2015 the clinic served around 14,000 patients by organizing 160 medical camps consisting of general medical, basic health, eyesight checkup-cataract detection, and dental camps. In order to ensure sustainability of meeting operational cost, patients are expected to contribute whatever they can afford but the medical care is provided even to those who can't afford the fees. In addition, the mobile clinic is used to train health workers.

### Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (VYASA) Stop Diabetes Movement (SDM)

IDRF has been working closely with VYASA for two decads. In 2015, we financed their ambitious nationwide program 'Stop Diabetes Movement' (SDM). Diabetes (Type 2) has reached epidemic proportions in India. 61 million people are already affected by it.

Throughout India, 1426 camps were conducted in 21 states from June 21-27-the week of 'International Yoga Day'. More than 56,000 people participated in SDM module by receiving CDs, booklets and yoga training. Monitoring of these participants over the next 6 months showed consistent reduction in FBS (Fasting Blood Sugar) levels. Encouraged by the clear positive results, the program is going forward and aims to significantly reduce this growing epidemic.

### Health Aid Trust, Gujarat

IDRF succeeded in fulfilling the keen desire of a native of Chaparda, Gujarat by supporting 'Health Aid Trust', which is situated on the foothills of the Girnar Mountains -30 miles from Junagadh. This hospital is very crucial for medical care of 600,000 people- comprising of mostly BPL families residing in 250 nearby villages.

IDRF's grants were used for meeting the critical needs of expansion and modernization of the hospital facilities, besides supporting the unavoidable operational deficit.



### III - WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

#### Chaitanya Trust, Maharashtra

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| <p><b>Vermin-Compost</b></p>  | <p>IDRF has been collaborating with <b>Chaitanya Trust</b> for the last 7 years, where IDRF's entire funding has been dedicated to the enhancement of Women's livelihood programs.</p> <p>In 2015, IDRF supported their initiative '<b>Livelihood Enhancement Action Program for women</b>' (LEAP) that imparts training to women in various skills and improved agricultural practices. Activities such as clean milk production, better fodder processing, improved rice farming, importance and trainings on organic farming, Vermin composting as a business and promotion of kitchen garden.</p> <p>This program helped three federations of self-help group to work on livelihood activities: 22 families for dairy, 21 for kitchen garden and 20 for rice farming and 9 for soil testing.</p> |
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#### Arpana Research & Charities Trust, Haryana

For **Arpana**, 2015 was a year of consolidating strength, energy and talent of women members of the Self Help Groups (SHG). Over 100 women of the SHGs are groomed to become peer educators, of which 60 have already accomplished the goal. Other accomplishments include:

- 30% of women have increased their monthly income by INR 6,000;
- 46% micro-credit borrowers have started their own business, of which 91% have succeeded in increasing their income;
- The majority of these women retained their earnings and could take independent decisions without being subjugated by others.

**These accomplishments indicate increased access and control over resources for many women.**

#### Lila Poonawalla Foundation, Maharashtra

IDRF has been supporting the Foundation programs of women's empowerment since 2009: scholarships for college education to bright but financially weak women. It has incorporated physical fitness, physical check-ups and a range of workshops geared towards improving the professional standing of women. The Foundation celebrated its 20th year in 2015 and awarded a record breaking **190** scholarships to young female students.

## IV - ECO-FRIENDLY DEVELOPMENT

### Samerth Charitable Trust, Gujarat Water Security Project

IDRF initiated its partnership with **Samerth** in 2009. Partnership was aimed at supporting the water security plan in the arid area of Kutch. Plan implementation succeeded in transforming the 12 out of 20 water scarcity villages in 2015 into 'Water secured' and 'Water Positive' Villages. It was achieved by undertaking major repairs of 22 water harvesting structures: 18 Earthen dams and 4 dug wells. This work provided employment to 3337 needy families, who were enabled by Samerth to receive compensation through the Govt. Scheme: '**Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act**'. This significantly reduced the seasonal migration, which changed the life of thousands of villagers by improving educational opportunities, health and economic sustainability.



### Society to Create Awareness towards Life and Environment - Uttarakhand Solar Energy Project

In 2013, Uttarakhand flood disaster led to IDRF's unique partnership with '**Society to Create Awareness towards Life and Environment**' (SCALE). As usual, IDRF endeavored and succeeded in accepting the challenge of turning a disaster situation into an opportunity for long term sustainable development.

IDRF's collaboration with SCALE resulted in establishing a Solar Energy Cooperative, first of its kind in India-'**Uttarayan Co-operative for Renewable Energy**', Haldwani-Uttarakhand. This cooperative is engaged in manufacturing, selling and supporting solar lights and self-designed solar equipment. 60% of this cooperative's work force are women, and 80% are underprivileged people.

IDRF's grants to SCALE enabled the Cooperative to receive interest-free credit (seed capital) that was critical for its financial sustainability and scalability.

To date, this project provided solar lights to 2900 households in 40 villages. It also succeeded in reviving the small and medium business industry by training youth in the assembly, repair and installation of solar equipment.



## V- GOOD GOVERNANCE

### Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship & Democracy-Karnataka

IDRF continued its mission of good– governance with '**Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship & Democracy**'. IDRF-Janaagraha work to improve quality of life in cities and towns through urban good governance and citizen empowerment. The success of this mission requires a multi-level approach that brings together school children, corporate employees and heads of urban local bodies.

**'Bala Janaagraha'**, a civic learning program aims to transform today's children into informed, responsible and active citizens with focus on addressing local civic issues. The program covered over 40,000 eighth grade students, across 527 schools in 25 cities of India.

**'IMatter'** an innovative civic learning intervention for corporate employees. It intends to increase citizen participation in local governance through civic awareness. The program has reached 114 employees from 9 corporates and has received widespread support and recognition.

**Community Policing**, launched in 2013 by the Bangalore City Police in partnership with Janaagraha to enhance neighborhood safety and security perceptions through police public partnership. The program has reached 236882 citizens through various platforms of citizen interfacing with the police, like awareness programs and activity campaigns.

**Central Government:** 14th '*Finance Commission of India*' included Janaagraha suggested two reform agendas which are submission of *Audited Annual Accounts* and *Publishing Service Level Benchmarks*. These are two of the three mandatory conditions to be fulfilled by municipalities to avail performance grants.

In Brief, IDRF's journey of combating corruption and enhancing the quality of governance at all levels in urban India is marching forward with significant and sustainable accomplishments.



"I have been absolutely thrilled with my association with IDRF... I feel very grateful to Vinod and Sarla for letting me be a part of their great endeavor which has profoundly changed for better the lives of so many people... The work that IDRF has accomplished has an enduring effect for generations to follow"

**-Dattakumar (donor) – Source:Greatnonprofits.org**

## VI - DISASTER RELIEF/REHABILITATION

### Nepal Earthquake

Himalayan Kingdom Nepal was hit by two catastrophic earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.8 on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 7.4 on May 12, 2015- more than 9000 people lost their lives, thousands of families were rendered homeless and thousands were severely injured. IDRF was impelled to launch its special fundraising campaign that enabled us to support '**Manav Seva Sansthan**' (MSS), **Gorakhpur** for relief work and '**Public Health Concern Trust (PHECT), Kathmandu**- for rehabilitation.

Our funds enabled MSS to procure and distribute two types of kits to 160 families in Gorkha district: A. '**Non-food-relief item**' kit consisted of woolen blankets, clothes for whole family and kitchen utensils; and B. '**Shelter and Hygiene**' kit consisted of tarpaulin cloth, nylon rope needed for setting up tent and hygiene supplies: soaps, undergarments, towel, comb, tooth paste-brush etc.



IDRF was the prominent fund provider for the setting up of urgently required ICU unit at **Kirtipur Hospital of PHECT** because the ICUs of the nearby hospitals were damaged by the earthquake. PHECT was a major provider of free medical and surgical care for the earthquake victims.

### Floods in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

Heavy rainfall in early December 2015 created havoc leading to displacement of thousands of people living in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh due to Floods. We implemented our program through two highly reputable NGOs: **Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society (SVRDS)** and **Yogoda Satsanga Society of India (YSS)**.

**SVRDS** focused on distributing relief kits to those villages around Chennai that did not receive Government aid in time. The relief kit consisting a steel container filled with kitchen utensils, clothing for whole family and mats, etc. were distributed to almost 2000 households. Reconstruction of severely damaged houses of very poor families is still going on.



**YSS** devotees and members helped 8075 families in 5 districts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh; many families among them were very poor and socially deprived, and where other relief agencies had not reached. The distributed relief kits comprised of solar re-chargeable LED lamps, bedsheets and mats.

# Project-site visits by volunteers/Board Members



## Project-site visits:

### Reena Goyal's visit to Tribal Girls' hostel :

**IDRF- Shiksha Bharati** providing free education including residential facilities to tribal girls (grade 2-12) at Hapur ,U.P.

*"I reached hostel. I can't describe my happiness when girls were waiting for me and came running to their Reena didi...."*

*"I am very satisfied with how school /hostel administration is nurturing these girls and how donor's money is working towards the goal.*

*I recommend donors to visit this hostel on their next trip to India, it's worth all your efforts to empower these girls!"*-----Reena Goyal



### Naina Thatte's visit to Women-empowerment Project:

**IDRF-Chitanya Trust,Pune ,Maharashtra** engaged in empowerment of rural-women through multi-dimensional activities: community-based micro-finance ,trainings on gender sensitive laws,financial literacy,livelihood practices, health awareness etc.

*"We came away from this visit with a recognition that even small loans or assistance given to women can have a powerful impact on the finances and stability of these families."*

-Naina Thatte





**Dileep Thatte's (Board Member) visit to Kanjur Marg Prject (Aakaar):**

**IDRF-Vatsalya Trust , Mumbai, Maharashtra** working toward helping destitute and deprived (children/ girls/ elders) people by programs like orphanage-adoption center (**Spandana**), old age house, early intervention program for special needs kids (**Aakaar**), computer and Nursing training centers for orphan girls.



Over the years, **Aakaar** project have treated 900 children for mental retardation, Autism, ADHD, developmental delays etc. This program's intervention is leading towards their mainstreaming into the society.

**Dileep Thatte's (Board Member) visit to Integrated development center for slum children/youth:**

**IDRF-Swa-Roopawardhinee, Pune, Maharashtra** have been working together for two decades: Their goal is to empower slum children and youth through education and vocational training including coaching for competitive exams.



*"I would never have been able to achieve this without the help I received at the institution"* - Hiralal Ramesh Chaudhary, a student selected in Forest officer exam.

*"Organization appeared to be run by enthusiastic, dedicated and committed staff members. They are doing an excellent job of mentoring the youth from disadvantaged backgrounds to prepare for national competitive exams."*

- Dileep Thatte



**Special event - Ramp with a Cause**



Aalponaa Event Designers (Ms. Sailaja Bandhopadhyay) presented 'Ramp with a Cause', a unique fashion event and a charitable mission in support of IDRF: Swachh Bharat Abhiyan ('Clean India Mission') on November 13, 2015 in Houston. Event's goal was to raise awareness and funds to build sanitation facilities for the 'Below Poverty Line' (BPL) villagers in W. Bengal.

This Gala Dinner Event featured two high end main stream designers from Kolkata and Mumbai, who presented unique collection in an entirely contrasting style. The attendees were treated to an evening of visual and gastronomical delights while supporting a good cause.

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