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India Development and Relief Fund

EMPOWERING PEOPLE IN INDIA, NEPAL AND SRI LANKA

IDRF'S MISSION

Breaking the cycle of poverty in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka by empowering marginalized people through skills, services and infrastructure grounded in sustainable development

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A USA-based 501(c) (3) tax-exempt public charity since 1988.

IDRF has received top-most accreditations and recognition from the industry!



- [Charity Navigator USA](#) has conferred a 4 out of 4-star rating for 9th consecutive year for strong financial health, accountability and transparency.
- [Guidestar.org \(Candid\)](#) has awarded IDRF the Platinum Seal for the 5th consecutive year.
- [Greatnonprofits.org](#) considers IDRF a top-rated charity with 5-star ratings for 9th consecutive year based on numerous independent reviews.

Presidents' Message

Dear IDRF friends,

I am very proud and happy that you have trusted us to use your hard-earned money to help those in need in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. I am extremely thankful to you for your continued support of IDRF. Your kindness and commitment to helping the needy in 2021 helped us **raise a whopping \$6.2 million!** We were able to make **grants of \$4.6 million to 90 NGO partners in 18 Indian states, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.** This has been the highest amount of donations IDRF has raised and grants made in a single year since its inception in 1988.



Dr. Vinod with wife Sarla Prakash

I hope you will continue your support to IDRF for helping the underserved and providing a life of dignity to thousands through our new and ongoing programs. IDRF offers a platform to you to fulfil your dreams of 'giving back'. You can also donate for specific causes dear to your heart or in the memory of a loved one through Donor Advised and Funded projects.

Our due diligence process ensures that we partner with only those organizations that demonstrate a successful track record, and financial accountability, and serve people regardless of religion, caste or creed. All our partners are approved to receive funds from overseas under their respective Government regulations. This helps us ensure the highest compliance standards and yet maintain one of the lowest overheads in the industry of barely 5%. This report profiles IDRF's key achievements and success stories made possible by your support during 2021. These unprecedented times have led us to adapt to new circumstances and our partners are also modifying the scope of their programs to benefit people hit hard by the pandemic (page 6).

In April 2021, India faced a heart-wrenching second wave of COVID-19. Your generous support helped us send grants of \$1.2 million to 15 states of India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka to provide relief and rehabilitation by **providing** oxygen plants, ventilators, concentrators, medical supplies, and grocery kits. We supported the management of vaccination centers and transportation of people to the centers and set up recovery centers and dignified cremations. We are now providing **economic and livelihood support**, vocational training, and **bridging the learning gap** for children created due to lack of access to communication devices during the pandemic related

Finally, it is with great sadness that I share with you the passing of the Vice President of IDRF, Mr. Dileep Thatte in May 2022. He had been a valued member of our team since 2013 and a very active volunteer and highly respected member of the Indian-American community. He was a big supporter of women's empowerment through education, grassroots development, communications, and management. He will be greatly missed by everyone at the IDRF.

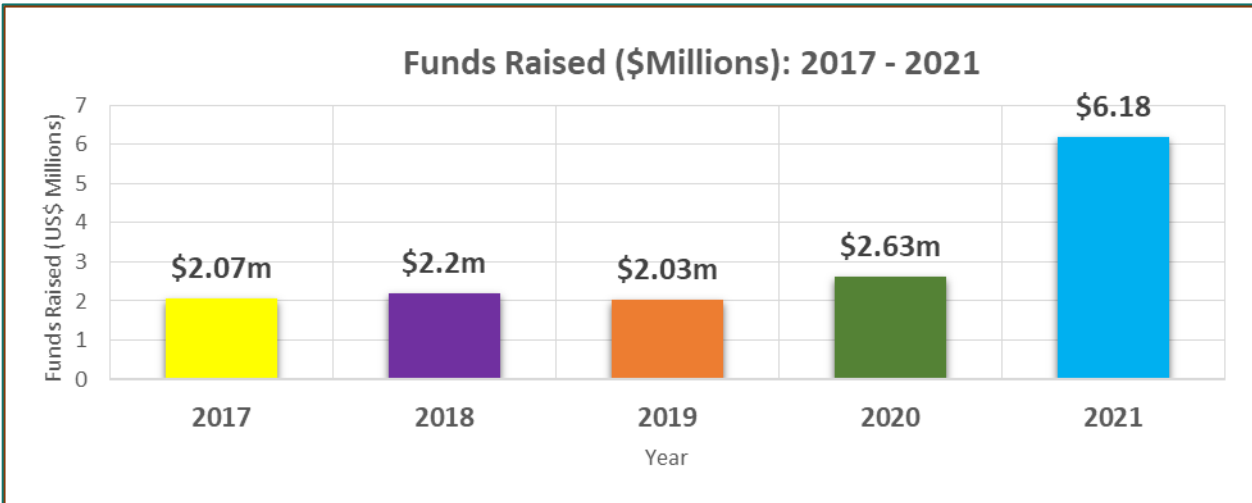


Thank you and stay well!
Warm regards,

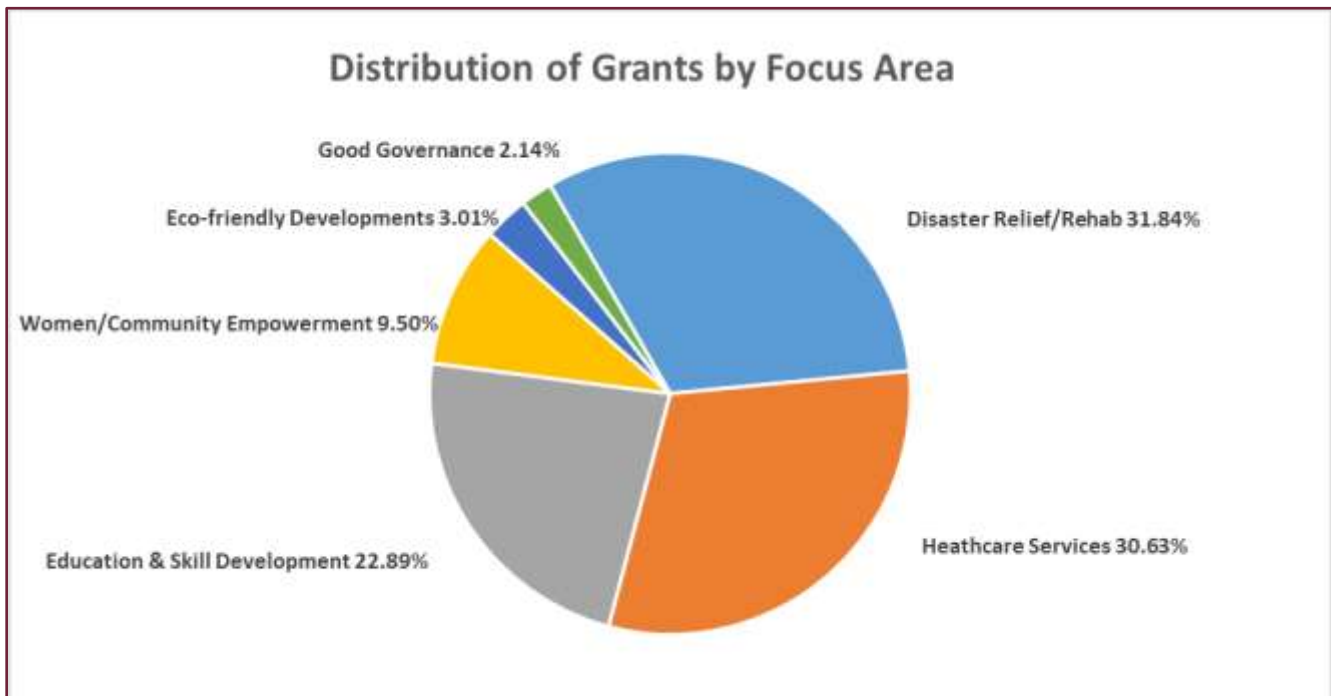
Dr. Vinod Prakash

Fundraising and Grant Distribution: 2021

Total Funds Raised = \$6.18 million*



Total Grants Disbursed = \$ 4.55 million



*Unaudited

[Financial statements and tax returns](#)

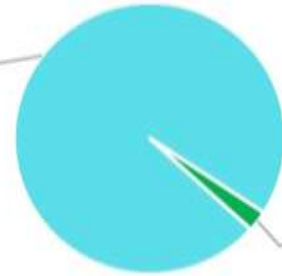
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NGO Partners by Focus Areas and Location: 2021

Total Expenses = \$4.66 million

Total Grants Disbursed	\$ 4.55 million
Total Overheads (General, Administration and Fundraising)	\$ 111,370

Programs
97.5%



General,
Administration, and
Fundraising 2.5%

IDRF has one of the lowest overheads in the industry.



Our Program Sites



Development Programs



Disaster Relief/Rehab Programs

Total NGO Partners	90
India	80
USA	8
Nepal	1
Sri Lanka	1

Our NGO partners over the last five years

Year	Total NGOs	Indian States	Nepal	Sri Lanka	USA
2020	57	19	1	1	3
2019	46	16	1	1	1
2018	44	18	1	1	1
2017	48	17	1	1	1
2016	41	15	1	1	1

IDRF's evaluation and monitoring process ensures that grants are awarded to NGOs that demonstrate successful track records, maintain financial accountability, serve people regardless of religion, and caste, and are approved to receive funds from overseas under the Government regulations.

NGO Partners by Focus Areas and Location



Health

\$1,356,225

Partner NGO	Project Location
Manasadevi Charitable Trust	Andhra Pradesh
Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown Charitable Trust	Gujarat
Blind People's Association	Gujarat
Shri Agasimata Charitable Trust	Gujarat
Thakershy Charitable Trust	Gujarat
Blind People's Association	Gujarat
Shri Jalaram Arogya Seva Trust	Gujarat
Landour Community Hospital	Himachal Pradesh
Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana	Karnataka
Vanvasi Kalyana Karnataka	Karnataka
Anahat Foundation	Karnataka
Savitribai Phule Mahila Ekatma Samaj Mandal	Maharashtra
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan	Maharashtra
Saraswati Jain Sewa Samiti	Rajasthan
Sankara Nethralaya	Tamil Nadu
Lions Club of Hyderabad Meerpet Charitable Trust	Telangana
UM Capital Region Foundation	USA
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina	USA
Arogya Foundation of India	Uttar Pradesh
Sri Ram Grameen Kshetra Vikas Samiti	Uttar Pradesh
Yogoda Satsanga Society	various states
International Society for Krishna Consciousness	West Bengal
Economic Rural Development Society	West Bengal



Education

\$1,046,285

Partner NGO	Project Location
Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram	Across Tribal India
Computer Shiksha	Across India
Jayarama Educational Society	Andhra Pradesh
The Circle of Goodwill	Andhra Pradesh
Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana	Karnataka
Aai Janhit Bahu-uddeshiya Sevabhavi Sansthan	Maharashtra
Mahamanav Baba Amte Bahuuddeshiya Samajik Vikas Seva Sanstha	Maharashtra
Sulabh Trust for Special Education and Research	Maharashtra
Savitribai Phule Mahila Samaj Mandal	Maharashtra
Swami Vivekanand Education Pratishthan	Maharashtra
Swa-Roopwardhinee	Maharashtra
Rayat Shikshan Sansthan	Maharashtra
Pardada Pradadi Education Society	Uttar Pradesh
Bodh Shiksha Samiti	Rajasthan
S M Sehgal Foundation	Rajasthan
Swami Keshwanand Smriti Charitable Trust	Rajasthan
Vimukti Shikshan Sanstha	Rajasthan
Nayantara Memorial Charitable trust	Rajasthan & W.Bengal
Upkar Foundation	USA
Sri Ram Gram Vikas Samiti	Uttar Pradesh
Vikahar Paribar Bikash Kendra	West Bengal



Women's Empowerment

\$403,475

Partner NGO	Project Location
Arpana Research and Charities Trust	Haryana
Sant Joseph Sevika Sanstha	Madhya Pradesh
Vatsalya Trust, Mumbai	Maharashtra
Lila Poonawalla Foundation	Maharashtra
S M Sehgal Foundation	Rajasthan
Surabi Trust	Tamil Nadu
Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society	Tamil Nadu
Activate Good	USA
Shiksha Bharati	Uttar Pradesh



Disaster Relief/Rehab

\$1,469,492

Partner NGO	Project Location
Gram Vikas Parishad	Bihar
Pratham Education Foundation	Bihar
Jan Swasthya Sahyog	Chhatisgarh
Samerth Charitable Trust	Gujarat
Sadbhavana Trust	Gujarat
Arpana Research and Charities Trust	Haryana
Vikas Bharti Bishunpur	Jharkhand
Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana	Karnataka
Anahat Foundation	Karnataka
Vanvasi Kalyan Karnataka	Karnataka
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan	Maharashtra
Magan Sangrahalaya Samiti	Maharashtra
Swa-Roopwardhinee	Maharashtra
The Society for Door Step Schools	Maharashtra
Public Health Concern Trust	NEPAL
Youth for Social Development	Odisha
Sri Sathya Sai Trust	Odisha
Centre for Advocacy and Research	Rajasthan
PHD Family Welfare Foundation	Rajasthan
Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation	SRI LANKA
Auroville Foundation	Tamil Nadu
Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society	Tamil Nadu
DonBosco Foundation	Tamil Nadu
Manav Seva Sansthan "SEVA"	Uttar Pradesh
Vardan Sewa Sansthan	Uttar Pradesh
Sri Ram Gram Vikas Samiti	Uttar Pradesh
Sri Ram Grameen Kshetra Vikas Samiti	Uttar Pradesh
Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama	Uttarakhand
Greater Washington Association of Physicians of Indian Origin	various states
Sewa International USA	various states
S M Sehgal Foundation	various states
PM CARES Fund	various states
Yogoda Satsanga Society	various states
Economic Rural Development Society	West Bengal
The International Society for Krishna Consciousness	West Bengal



Good Governance

\$100,000

Partner NGO	Project Location
Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy	Odisha
S M Sehgal Foundation	Rajasthan
Universal Just Action Society	Rajasthan
Hindu Society of North Carolina	USA



Ecofriendly Development

\$175,399

Partner NGO	Project Location
Samerth Charitable Trust	Chattisgarh
Samerth Charitable Trust	Gujarat
Jnana Prabodhini	Maharashtra
Magan Sangrahalaya Samiti	Maharashtra
Sri Sathya Sai Trust	Odisha
Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society	Tamil Nadu

Mission and Strategy in Action-I



Our journey with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan

IDRF's partnership with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan (BAVP) started in 1998 to provide healthcare to the poor people in the Marathwada region. In 1989, a few motivated doctors came together to bring social change through healthcare and set up a 10-bed **Dr. Hedgewar Hospital** in Aurangabad under the umbrella of BVAP. For 23+ years IDRF has helped in the expansion, purchase of equipment, and providing free treatments for the poor. Today it is a 300-bed multi-specialty charitable hospital with state-of-the-art facilities treating 400,000+ patients annually.



From 2005 onwards, we expanded our support to BAVP's **slum development programs**. In 2006, we provided a **mobile dispensary** and running expenses for people living in densely populated slums in Aurangabad. In 2018, we replaced the old van with a new and modern van and the operational expenses.



The mobile dispensary provides OPD services to 15,000+ people annually in 6 slums and supports various preventive and awareness programs for the poor communities.

"Arogya Mitras" (health volunteers) are trained to spread health awareness. During the COVID pandemic, IDRF helped provide **healthcare at the doorsteps** of the slum-dwellers and **oxygen ventilators, PPEs, medical supplies, and relief packets** to the

COVID-affected families.

Drs Patil and Diwakar along with their families have been living in the slums for several years in order to understand the health and social conditions of the dwellers and serve them better.

In 2006, **Shri Guruji Rughnalya** was set up in Nashik by young doctors from Hedgewar Hospital. The 65-bed multi-specialty hospital has provided affordable medical care to 60,000+ patients. IDRF has helped in the expansion of the hospital and buying equipment for the oncology department in 2013. In 2017, IDRF supported a community health research project to reduce mortality and morbidity in 5,000 malnourished children in 110 tribal villages in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Savitribai Phule Mahila Ekatma Samaj Mandal was started as a wing for need-based social projects in villages and slums. During the pandemic, IDRF supported a comprehensive program to provide **education and mental and physical development** to 5,000+ boys and 9,000+ girls in the Aurangabad district.

As we move forward in our journey with BAVP we will continue our support for the mobile dispensary for the poor and provide holistic preventive health activities like health camps, poster exhibitions, video shows, etc., and awareness programs for community health development.

Mission and Strategy in Action-II



The compassion of our donors helped us send \$1.2 million to India (15 states), Nepal and Sri Lanka (in 2020-2021) for the relief and rehabilitation of the struggling people.



How has IDRF adapted to the COVID-19 Pandemic

In March 2020, when the pandemic broke out, IDRF moved all operations online. India went under complete lockdown to prevent the spread of coronavirus, and millions of poor daily-wage earning migrant laborers started returning to their homes. Our operations team in the USA started reaching out to partners in India on phone/video calls to plan/implement relief programs for those affected. We reached out to donors through phone/video calls, mass appeals, and social media. Donations started pouring in and we were able to raise more funds than our targets!

IDRF office did not shut down even for a day, rather our Board Members and staff worked tirelessly to get updates regarding the relief programs from our ground partners. IDRF also provided help to diverse communities in the USA and organized 36 food drives in 2020.

As India experienced the deadly second wave of COVID in April 2021, we provided oxygen plants, ventilators, concentrators, medical supplies, and grocery kits. We supported the management of vaccination centers, registration, and transportation of people to the centers, and set up recovery centers and dignified cremations. We are now rehabilitating the people by providing economic assistance and livelihood support, obtaining government assistance, and vocational training, bridging the learning gap for children of underserved communities, and setting up schools for those orphaned during the pandemic.

As we adapt to new circumstances our partners are also modifying the scope of the programs to benefit people hit hard by the pandemic. Some such examples are:

- Our **Mobile Dispensaries** continue to provide healthcare to slum-dwellers and poor tribes and also spread coronavirus awareness and preventive measures.
- Another organization was unable to operate the centers where they prepared **meals for malnourished children** in the Himalayan villages. Determined to provide meals to 300+ children, the team started supplying uncooked food items on foot so that the parents could cook and feed the children.
- Our various partners are providing **online classes** and **learning kits** to bridge the education gap among underserved children.
- **Vocational training** for driving, tailoring, etc. is provided to those who lost their employment.
- In the past, IDRF has been supporting the desilting of village ponds to provide safe water for household consumption. However, during these difficult times, the **unemployed local villagers are hired** to do the work.

Program Highlights: Education and Skill Development

Education recovery and bridging the learning gap during the COVID-19 pandemic

-*Samerth Charitable Trust (Gujarat), Savitribai Phule Mahila Ekatma Samaj Mandal (Maharashtra), Swa-Roopwardhinee (Maharashtra), Manav Seva Sansthan 'SEVA' (Uttar Pradesh), Pratham (Bihar), and the Doorstep School (Maharashtra)*

During the pandemic, IDRF supported education for children of underserved communities. The schools were closed and most children had no access to communication devices. This created a huge education gap for most children. Family members were encouraged to do hands-on activities to support learning.

Learning kits were distributed or content shared through SMS and WhatsApp on family/mentors' phones and followed up by regular telephonic and in-person review of the children.

This has brought about a significant motivation among the parents for considering the importance of education and helping their children assimilate into the next class even after the schools reopen.



1,000+ children in remote areas of Kutch, Gujarat participated in educational activities at 31 educational centers in remote villages.

1,000 children (first-generation learners) provided foundation literacy and numeracy skills in Pune, Maharashtra.

2,000 children in Uttar Pradesh, engaged in educational and extra-curricular activities and received educational and nutritional kits.

5,000+ boys and 9,000+ girls benefitted from comprehensive programs of education and mental and physical development in the Aurangabad district, Maharashtra.

19,000+ children in 170 villages in Bihar benefitted through remote learning and catch-up initiatives through Mohalla (community) Learning Camps.

15 laptops were distributed to Balwadi (rural pre-primary school) and Nursing Teachers in Pune to develop the curriculum and teach. Laptops were also used for recording information on COVID vaccinations administered by our partner.



Program Highlights: Healthcare

Combating COVID-19 through vaccinations in rural areas

-Arpana Research and Charities Trust (Haryana), Anahat Foundation (Karnataka), Centre for Advocacy and Research (Rajasthan), Magan Sangrahalaya Samiti (Maharashtra), Samerth Charitable Trust (Gujarat), Swa-Roopwardhinee (Maharashtra), Vanvasi Kalyan (Karnataka), and Vardan Multispeciality Hospital (Uttar Pradesh), Youth for Social Development (Odisha)

IDRF provided support to work in close cooperation with the local health administration to manage vaccination centers, reduce vaccine hesitancy, community mobilization, help in door-to-door registration, and transportation of aged, disabled and who lacked public/private transport to the vaccination sites. The coronavirus impacted the vulnerable rural and tribal population more who already lacked healthcare.



- 418 People with Disabilities vaccinated in 50 villages of Karnal, Haryana
- 1,000 vaccinated in backward suburbs of Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5,000 vaccinated in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
- 9,000+ vaccinated in 4 Primary Health Care centers of Rapar, Gujarat
- 45,000+ people mobilized by IDRF support to be vaccinated in 44 villages of Kutch, Gujarat
- 152,000+ vaccinated in 100 villages of Karnal, Haryana, mobilized by IDRF-supported rural women's Self Help Groups



Mission Shakti: Anemia Detection and Eradication program, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam

-Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari

With IDRF's support, 1,907 pregnant and lactating women were tested for anemia and provided supplements in 21 villages. After two rounds of follow-ups, an 82% of success rate was achieved. 100% of pregnant women, who took supplements delivered healthy babies and no infant or maternal mortalities were reported.

1,200+ anemic women were provided Iron and Folic Acid supplements along with counselling

Program Highlights: Women Empowerment

Skill development and vocational training for IDRF-hostel girls and marginalized women, Uttar Pradesh

-Shiksha Bharati

IDRF provides education, boarding, and lodging to underprivileged tribal girls at the IDRF dormitory on an accredited school's campus in Hapur. To improve their employability skills, free tailoring courses are offered to these girls and other local women at the “**Monica Gautam Vocational Training Center**” named in the memory of the late sister of the IDRF donor.



27 young women trained in sewing & dressmaking in 2021

Shiksha Bharati has applied for getting affiliation from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for the center. Once granted, the participants will be awarded diplomas that will enhance their employability options.

Automobile driver training for underprivileged women, Tamil Nadu

-Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society

100 women received driver's training and licenses in 2021-2022

These women belong to the underprivileged fishermen's community and are being helped by our partner in getting jobs as Drivers.

During these difficult times, their contribution to their family's income is making a big difference!



Program Highlights: Eco-friendly Developments

Easing the weight of water and burden for rural women in drought-prone areas, Gujarat

-Samerth Charitable Trust

IDRF in partnership with Samerth Trust has provided **487 Water-Wheels**, that help women and girls to fetch 45 liters of water at one go, thus saving time and effort. Each Water-Wheel is provided to women's Self Help Groups and used by 4-5 women daily and lasts for 4-5 years.



"The Water-Wheels have saved me from years of neck and back pain", says Jyotiben. "Even the personal hygiene activities of my family has improved with the availability of extra water!"

The use of Water-Wheels has brought about a reversal of roles! Now boys and men also enjoy fetching water. It's a big change and relief for women and girls!

"Thanks to IDRF for providing Water-Wheels, my daughter Pooja now has time to study and play with other children", says Deviben.

Providing water for drinking and irrigation through Water Harvesting, Gujarat

-Samerth Charitable Trust

IDRF helped Samerth in the construction of **13 water-retention structures** in 2021. These structures in turn recharged **72 wells**. Many farmers can now grow two crops and as a result, several families don't need to migrate seasonally.

**360 families were provided drinking water.
153 farmers irrigated 555 acres of land growing cash crops (cumin and castor).**



BEFORE



AFTER

Sajansar Pond at Phulpara, in Rapar block, Kutch

Program Highlights: Good Governance

Transforming the quality of life in poor urban communities, Odisha

-Janaagraha Center for Citizenship & Democracy

In association with JAGA Mission (Govt. Of Odisha's flagship program), IDRF is providing part-funding and helping on transforming 2,919 slums across 119 cities into livable habitats and integrating them into the mainstream city fabric.

The 3-year project (2020-23) is empowering the urban poor in local governance by improving citizen participation, denotifying slums, and improving infrastructure and services to transform slums into Adarsh colonies.



In 2021:

- 81,654** families provided basic infrastructure
- 550** slums delisted (converted to Resident Welfare Associations)
- 9** cities became slum-free
- 62** peer mentors trained to help city officials in slum upgradation work
- 512** officials trained to initiate slum upgradation and delisting process and strengthen governance

Towards self-sufficiency, livelihood, and skill development for the differently-abled, Haryana

-Arpana Research and Charities Trust

IDRF is working on a 2-year project (2021-23) to empower and improve the quality of life for differently-abled people. They are provided counseling and help in accessing government benefits. They were also provided help in getting COVID-19 vaccines.

- 5** new organizations with **89** new members added in 2021
- Totaling to 53** Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) with **1,341** members
- 23** members provided food processing training
- 150** loans provided for starting income generation activities



Assistive devices for those in need

Nathu Ram, 62, lost vision in both eyes and was finding it difficult to move around. His wife was unable to afford any devices on her meager income as a daily laborer. With the motivation of Arpana's team, Nathu Ram became a member of the IDRF-supported Disabled People's Organization and able to obtain a smart cane through their help. This has totally transformed his life and he is now able to move around more independently.

Program Highlights: Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation

Providing relief and rehabilitation to people during the second wave of COVID-19

Location	Organization Name
Bihar	Gram Vikas Parishad, Pratham Education Foundation
Chhatisgarh	Jan Swasthya Sahyog
Gujarat	Samerth Charitable Trust, Sadbhavana Trust
Haryana	Arpana Research and Charities Trust
Jharkhand	Vikas Bharti Bishunpur
Karnataka	Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Anahat Foundation, Vanvasi Kalyana
Maharashtra	Swa-Roopwardhinee, Magan Sangrahalaya Samiti, The Society for Door Step Schools, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan
Odisha	Youth for Social Development, Sri Sathya Sai Trust
Rajasthan	Centre for Advocacy and Research, PHD Family Welfare Foundation
Tamil Nadu	Auroville Foundation, Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society, DonBosco Foundation
Uttar Pradesh	Manav Seva Sansthan "SEVA", Vardan Sewa Sansthan, Sri Ram Gram Vikas Samiti
Uttarakhand	Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama
various Indian states	Greater Washington Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, Sewa International USA, S M Sehgal Foundation, PM CARES Fund, Yogoda Satsanga Society
West Bengal	Economic Rural Development Society, The International Society for Krishna Consciousness
NEPAL	Public Health Concern Trust
SRI LANKA	Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation

In 2021, IDRF sent \$1.46 million for COVID-19 relief and rehabilitation

Relief programs: As India battled the second wave of coronavirus, IDRF provided:

- **oxygen concentrators, ventilators, and medical supplies** to hospitals and health centers
- **grocery kits** to struggling families
- **mobile clinics** to slums and tribal areas to spread prevention awareness and detection of COVID cases,
- **transportation** of severe cases to medical centers and finding beds for the patients in hospitals
- **recovery and rehabilitation centers**, and dignified cremation of patients



Program Highlights: Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation cont.

Rehabilitation programs: IDRF also helped rehabilitate those who were hit hardest:

- **economic assistance and livelihood support** by providing micro-credit and vocational training to start over again
- organization and management of **vaccination centers** in association with local government, and transportation of people from remote areas to vaccination camps
- help in obtaining **government assistance and care cards** for the poor population
- **education recovery** to bridge the learning gap created due to school closures

Oxygen Gas-Plant at the Kapil Dev Government Hospital

-PHD Family Welfare Foundation, Rajasthan

Renowned physician, philanthropist and IDRF Board Member **Dr. Suresh C. Gupta** (right) and his wife **Adarsh** (left) helped set up an Oxygen Gas-Plant at the government hospital at Neem Ka Thana in Sikar. This hospital mainly serves the rural population from nearby areas and with IDRF's help is now well equipped to meet the oxygen demands in times of future emergencies.



“Without your help in providing us food, my children would have starved to death during COVID”, says Khaleeda Bibi of Boral. “My husband lost his work as a rickshaw puller in the big city and we have no money left”.

Khaleeda Bibi is one of the thousands of beneficiaries that were helped by IDRF during the pandemic. Free grocery kits enough to last for 2-3 months were distributed to 900 needy families in Malda and South Dinajpur districts in West Bengal. The food items provided by the Public Distribution System was inadequate and extra support by IDRF and partner Economic Rural Development Society helped the families severely affected during the pandemic.

Project Site Visits

Sri Aurobindo's Educational Academy and Society (SAEA), Telangana, November 2021

Lakshmi Reddy, Missouri

"The Academy is a rare gem in the Gadipalli village focusing on providing holistic education. Through sensory, physical, and hands-on education, students are prepared not only to take care of themselves but think about their communities when they grow up. The school and villagers are grateful to IDRF donors for providing good education to their children."



At SAEA, 300 poor children from 15 nearby villages and tribal areas attend school. Due to the lack of digital infrastructure, learning opportunities came to a complete halt when the schools closed down during the pandemic. With the support of IDRF, students and teachers received tablets and were able to access virtual learning. Students were also able to have access to education specialists from cities and widen their horizons of learning. The school reopened in September 2021, but the students and teachers are still able to access virtual learning resources.

Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society (SVRDS), Tamil Nadu, November 2021

Gayathri Seenumani, New York

Gayathri visited the skill development training center at Ulundai for the inauguration of the IDRF-supported center started to rehabilitate pandemic-affected poor women. The center offers a range of free courses and facilitates employment by collaborations with local companies and the securing of bank loans for starting small businesses. The center even offers skills to women such as two-wheeler mechanics and house-painting certification.



"I had a chance to engage with the women at the center and observe their optimism and hope for a better future. I greatly commend the grassroots efforts of SVRDS at changing and impacting lives", says Gayathri.

Helping the Corporate Sector Give Back to the Needy

IDRF has started a new initiative to help companies that place a strong emphasis on charitable giving meet their philanthropic responsibilities through us.

Chicago Trading Company: When the second wave of COVID started in India, Anurag Kumar, a long-time IDRF donor, organized a fundraiser through his company's HR team to help the people in India. The company was committed to matching the funds raised by its employees and over \$35,000 were donated to IDRF to help those struggling.

"The company understands this sort of commitment to charitable giving helps to build loyalty and goodwill amongst the employees. I'm very pleased I was able to introduce my colleagues to IDRF and the amazing work that the organization does. I am hopeful that my colleagues will continue to donate in the future", says Anurag Kumar (Illinois).



ANSYS, Inc., employees based in the USA raised funds and donated to IDRF for support in India during and after the second wave of COVID-19. Employee matching was provided through Ansys India to IDRF nominated partners that work predominantly in interior rural Indian villages. This raised over \$40,000 which enabled IDRF and its partner entities to facilitate vaccination drives, provide Tele support to help combat COVID using phone calls and messages, provide food rations, create an awareness campaign, and conduct volunteer training programs and medical kits distribution.

Newell Brands provided pens through their division- Reynolds India Private Limited, to IDRF partners focusing on education programs for rural and underprivileged children in India. Students and staff at nine organizations benefitted from 450,000 pens distributed under this program.



Future Projects

Establishing an Auxiliary Nurse and Midwives School of Nursing, Uttar Pradesh

IDRF in partnership with **Shiksha Bharati** is establishing a residential nursing school for underprivileged youth in Hapur. 18-month long courses along with 6 months of internship will prepare the students to take up jobs at healthcare centers and hospitals. The project will cost \$298,000 and include a teaching block with modern labs, classrooms, and a hostel for young women. Naming rights are offered to generous donors.

Construction of a Skill Development Training Center, Tamil Nadu

IDRF's partner **Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society** is establishing a 9,000 sq. feet center to train poor men and women in employable skills like tailoring, house painting, and computer application. IDRF is supporting the construction of the third floor of the training center which will cost about \$94,000. Naming rights are offered to generous donors.

Setting up Computer Centers to Lessen the Digital Divide among the Underprivileged, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh

IDRF in partnership with **Bodh Shiksha Samiti** is helping set up Computer Vocational Training Centers at schools for underprivileged children in Jaipur. A one-year course in computer applications will be provided to students who have little or no prior experience. The cost to set up the computer centers in two schools is \$27,000.

IDRF in partnership with **Shiksha Bharati** is starting a Computer Center on their 20-acre education campus in Hapur. Free courses in Computer Application and Desktop Publishing will be provided to girls living in the slums, nearby villages, and the tribal students residing at the IDRF-girls' hostel on the campus. These courses will greatly enhance the employability skills of young women. The cost of setting up the new computer center will be \$28,000.

Climate Initiative: Promoting Renewable Energy and Mitigating Climate Change, and Tree Plantation Drive, Chhattisgarh

IDRF in partnership with **Samerth Charitable Trust** is launching a pilot project to set up small biogas units in four villages. Each unit will yield clean energy equivalent to 1.5 LPG cylinders and liquid slurry (a by-product of the biogas) will substitute chemical fertilizers in local farming. The cost of setting up the five eco-friendly units is only \$5,000 and will provide invaluable health and climate benefits to the villagers.

IDRF is supporting **Samerth Charitable Trust** in planting 20,000 trees in 125 villages. The project will cost \$60,400 and also mobilize local communities for the aftercare and tree maintenance for at least 3-years.

Donor Testimonial

"Together we were able to raise sufficient funds to source in most of 10 Ventilators for the hospitals and they are helping numerous Covid Patients already! Simply an extraordinary organization in public service!! Very Very impressed with the dedication IDRF does its work and inspired by its sense of commitment and concern for Motherland India!! I sure look forward to partner with other similar projects".

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IDRF mourns the loss of our Board Member- Mrs. Reena Goyal

Reena Goyal (based in California, USA), passed away in May 2021 after battling a long illness. She had been a valued member of our team since 2016 and was a big supporter of girls' empowerment through education and skill development. For several years she was associated with our partner Shiksha Bharati based in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh, and managed their support for tribal girls' education. She maintained personal contact with the girls at the IDRF-supported hostel at Shiksha Bharati's campus and knew each girl by name and took dolls for them whenever she visited.



Young Leaders in Community Service



Surdaan Foundation is formed by a group of children 14 to 18 years at Alaap School of Music in Dallas, Texas. Manjusha Hardiker trains the students in Hindustani Classical music and helps them organize musical performances as fund-raising events for the benefit of underprivileged children. When the pandemic hit, the students moved their fundraiser events online and were able to raise donations from across the globe. Surdaan donated to IDRF and partner-Prayaas (Charlotte, North Carolina) supported-project for **constructing a kitchen**

and dining area for Infant India, an orphanage for HIV-positive children in Beed, Maharashtra.

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Pravin Shah is a proud member of the Indian-American community in New Jersey. He has been helping organize eye camps at the **Shri Jalaram Arogya Seva Trust Hospital** in Meghraj, Gujarat since 2015. During the pandemic, he spent 15 months in India and visited this hospital to volunteer. He came to know that the hospital lacked modern equipment and several ailments couldn't be detected in the early stages or patients died because of improper diagnosis. Moved by the pain of the patients, he offered help to the trustees to build a new 300-bed state-of-the-art hospital. IDRF has been supporting his mission to build this charitable hospital named after his mother "**Smt. Shardaben Ramanlal Shah Memorial Hospital**", and provide a high level of health care facilities at low cost or free for the poor patients from rural and backward tribal areas. There is no development of any Industries in this area, hence this health care initiative is a boon to the marginalized families.

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