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Donor Malini Joglekar with the staff at the Society of Door Step School, Pune. IDRF has helped provide 2 buses that benefit 1,500 poor children at 21 locations.

Dear Friends,

Namaste! I am very happy to share with you the progress our team and partners are making in providing a life of dignity to hundreds of less fortunate in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka with the generosity of our donors.

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- Digital Literacy for girls in economically deprived communities
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Digital Literacy-Vocational Courses for Girls Bodh Shiksha Samiti, Rajasthan

In 2022, IDRF helped Bodh Shiksha Samiti start certificate courses in Digital Literacy for girls at the Manas Ganga Intermediate College. These 6-month long courses intend to empower learners to use digital resources for their education and professional career. Well equipped labs have been set up and 93 girls are attending the first batch of the program.



Health Center for Villagers Economic Rural Development Society, West Bengal

With the support of generous donors, IDRF has helped construct a health center for villagers in Gajole District. The con-

struction is completed and the fully equipped health center will soon start providing quality healthcare services to poor patients from the nearby rural areas.





Livelihood opportunities for unemployed and marginalized youth <u>Vatsalya Trust Mumbai, Maharashtra</u>

IDRF supports the skill development and empowerment initiative for unemployed youth through Vatsalya Trust's program Drive with Pride. In 2022, 200 men and women received training and licenses for driving 2/3/4 wheel commercial vehicles and are working as chauffeurs, delivery vans drivers, and construction equipment operators.

IDRF also supports the Patient Assistant Program of Vatsalya Trust to provide employment to schooldropout young women from rural and tribal areas. In 2022, 100 women completed this course and are working as assistance to nurses at clinics, nursing homes, hospitals and home care attendants.



DONATE TO IDRF WITH CONFIDENCE

We did it again! IDRF has earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency for the seventh year in a row! You can see our strategy, metrics, and achievements on Guidestar by Candid. <u>https://www.guidestar.org/profile/52-1555563</u> Platinum Transparency 2023

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Project Site Visits

We encourage our donors, volunteers, staff and board members to visit the project sites on their trips to India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Please share your feedback and pictures with us!



(LEFT) IDRF Operations Manager-Vandana Matravadia at the construction site of the newer and bigger Sri Jalaram Arogya Seva Trust Hospital, Meghraj, Gujarat.

(RIGHT) IDRF Board Member-Rajeev Jain at the Computer Lab set up with IDRF and Computer Shiksha's support at the Govt. School, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Once again, my heartfelt gratitude to you for your continued support of IDRF in our mission to help the underprivileged in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

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

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