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***IDRF's community-led development initiatives
to achieve positive social, economic and environmental changes!***



Jagrak Krishak- Women Farmers' Training Workshop

Dear Friend,

You are making an incredible impact in the lives of thousands through your support to IDRF. I hope you will spend a few minutes with this newsletter for a glimpse of all the good you are doing!

TRAINING WOMEN FARMERS- Rajasthan

IDRF and our partner-NGO Sehgal Foundation, organized nine training programs, with the objective of educating women on new agricultural practices for growing vegetable crops. The focus is intently on vegetables because, vegetable farming is more labor intensive, input intensive, risky and remunerative than staple food grain farming. Women farmers' groups were given solar-spray machines to provide them with a convenient and efficient technology for protecting plants. This three-year project will benefit 2000 plus farmers in the villages that are focused on vegetable farming in Alwar district.

PROVIDING RURAL SANITATION UNITS- Maharashtra

With your crucial support, we look forward to helping our NGO-partner Magan Sanghralaya Samiti in starting a program to eradicate the problems of open-defecation and unhygienic conditions in 31 villages in Wardha. The project objective is to construct 1,000 sanitation units (consisting of toilet, bathroom and water storage tank) that will benefit 7,000 villagers. These units will provide women and girls with a safe and secure structure to attend to their personal hygiene. This project is an

excellent example of **Private-Public partnership** for providing sanitation units to the villagers. The state government will give 40% of the cost of constructing the units and 60% has to be raised by the NGO.

Your gift of \$ 275 will help us raise the much needed funds for the construction of one sanitation unit and help combat the problems of open defecation and unhygienic conditions.

UPDATE: INDIA FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

Through generous support of people like you, we were able to send relief funds to the flood victims in India. Our partner-NGOs have distributed hundreds of relief-kits in Gujarat, eastern U.P., Bihar and West Bengal. Please join us in raising funds to rehabilitate the poor people who have lost all their belongings and their houses are either damaged or destroyed.



Flood Victims Received Relief-kits (Uttar Pradesh)

UPDATE: PREVENTION OF JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS (JE)-Uttar Pradesh (IDRF Newsletter: March 2017)

With IDRF's support, the partner-NGO Manav Seva Sansthan has initiated a project to reduce death and disability among children from JE in eastern U.P. More than 50,000 children have succumbed to this disease over the last 30 years. Several mass-awareness programs to prevent mosquito breeding, maintaining cleanliness and immunization health-camps were conducted. Recently our partner-NGO conducted a school to school campaign to generate awareness among the children on the issue of encephalitis and hygiene in eastern Uttar Pradesh.



Japanese Encephalitis and hygiene awareness workshop at a school

Your compassion and generosity are changing thousands of lives every day...

Thank you very much!

Best Regards,

Dr. Vinod Prakash
President, IDRF

