



A Mobile App helps track the growth of 10,000 trees planted with IDRF's support in 46 villages of Chhattisgarh.

Dear Friend,

I am very happy to share with you the updates of some of our ongoing programs that have benefitted thousands of underprivileged people in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka .

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**Promoting Sustainable Solutions for Climate:
Biogas Units and Tree Plantations, Chhattisgarh
Samerth Charitable Trust**

IDRF supports several environment-friendly projects to solve the climate challenges at the grassroots level. We have installed **25 biogas units** of 2 cubic meters each for families that used wood or cow dung as fuel. Each biogas unit costs \$412 and is easy to install and maintain.

IDRF has also helped plant **10,000 fruit trees in 46 villages**. Local women's self-help groups and community members were mobilized to plant and maintain these trees. We are raising funds to scale up and replicate these projects in other parts of India and possibly Sri Lanka, by providing biogas units to 500 rural families over the next few years.

"Wood smoke made my eyes water and I coughed while I cooked. Since the installation of biogas, I got relief from the smoke of the wood burning chulha that harmed my eyes and lungs", says Savitri of Atariya village.



Livelihood Assistance to Vulnerable Low-income Families **Sri Lanka Center for Development Facilitation**

Over the past two years, IDRF has been supporting vulnerable low income families, especially women-headed households in the Kandy district affected by the economic crisis faced in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

IDRF provided revolving loans to support new income generation activities or improving existing ones like plant nurseries, making dresses, flowerpots, brooms, soaps, etc. **102 beneficiaries** were provided skill training, taught online marketing techniques, provided regular monitoring and linkages built with local authorities.



Odisha Train Crash Relief Work: Updates **Youth for Social Development**

The train derailment tragedy in June 2023, killed 288 and injured more than 900. IDRF helped provide immediate rescue efforts and assistance in **transporting the injured to hospitals for medical attention. Three meals a day** were provided for 800 patients, family members and volunteers from June 15th to 21st. **Unconditional cash support** was provided to eight seriously injured patients to meet medical, travel, and food expenses by depositing INR 5,000 in their bank accounts.





Four professional nurses were hired to support the overworked hospital staff to better care for the victims. **Counselling support** was provided for the victims and the families of the deceased. Volunteers also assisted the victims and their families to prepare **documents** for applying for ex gratia, entitlements and other assistance from government and organizations.

We are not just providing relief to the victims and families and moving on. We are continuing our Rehabilitation Program to help them start over again.

IDRF Honored With Top-Rated Award of 2023 by GreatNonProfits

We have been honored for the **11th consecutive year** with a Top-Rated Award based on 150 independent reviews of donors, volunteers, beneficiaries, and professionals who have experienced the work of IDRF up close.



"I have been associated with IDRF since 1995; I started as a donor to support a project named Vaidehi Ashram in Hyderabad. Embracing the values of IDRF and taking inspiration from Dr. Vinod ji's dedication and meticulous planning, I strive to achieve the quality of selflessly serving society by being a lifetime volunteer of IDRF...", Bharathi Mallampati. [Read more](#)

"We have been donating via IDRF to charities in India for several years now. The donations went to develop infrastructure projects in rural Maharashtra that benefited underprivileged children...The donation process is seamless. IDRF team follows up with questions immediately and are always available...We are very happy with IDRF and hope that people in need will get help from IDRF for a long time...", Nitin Patwardhan. [Read more](#)

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All our development programs have been made possible by the hard work of our team, NGO partners, and, above all, the generous support of our donors. Thank you very much for your continued support for IDRF and helping change the lives of less fortunate people.

Best Regards,

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