

## What is Prayas?

Prayas is a charity organization based out of Charlotte, North Carolina, with the aim to raise funds for poorly resourced charitable organizations in rural Maharashtra, India. A focused project is chosen every year based on the needs of local NGOs. **Unlike other charitable organizations 100% of donations directly reaches recipients vs administrative costs.** We are able to do this through our lean business model and direct access to NGOs in India.



## Current project:



In the drought-prone Jalgaon district in the state of Maharashtra, water shortages threaten the livelihoods of thousands of farmers. This year, Prayas is helping to expand access to clean, fresh water year round by developing water reservoirs that will help arrest rainwater and direct water to ponds and help replenish ground water.

## Impact & Past Project Showcase




7+ years of aid




\$200,000+ dollars raised



300+ Children Impacted

 *Balgram at Beed, Maharashtra* – Balgram is an orphanage located in a drought stricken area of India. In 2018 we addressed this problem by building a well that provided clean water access to the children and caretakers that lived in orphanage. In 2019 we worked with this orphanage again to enable a construction project that built a fully functioning kitchen and dining area. Our efforts had a lasting impact on the health and living conditions of the 130 children that had sought shelter at Balgram, as well as provided lasting infrastructure for years to come.

 *Baba Amte at Srigonda, Maharashtra* – The Baba Amte school teaches children K-12 and help improve literacy in the region. The school maintains its own farm, which helps sustainably feed the 120+ children who study there. In 2020 our project was to build a farm pond that helped expand access to clean water and provided consistent source of irrigation for farming needs. 2022 was the year was dedicated to female education; we built two free girls only school dormitories for uneducated girls of tribal area. This expanded access to education for young girls that are often excluded from these reforms

These were only a few of the many projects we have led over the past 7 years. Please visit our project gallery for more information about each of these projects and the impact that they had on these communities: <https://prayascharlotte.org/2020-project-gallery/>