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IDRF's Mission

Enhance sustainable and equitable access to education, health, agriculture, water and sanitation, and infrastructure to target groups along with a rapid response to victims of a disaster.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

As I share the Annual Report, my deepest gratitude to you for helping IDRF experience significant growth and success recently! Your generosity helped us raise \$5.1 million in 2023. With nearly 1,000 individual donors supporting our mission, it's evident that IDRF's efforts are resonating with a broad audience.



The increase in donor support is also a testament to the highest ratings for transparency and accountability in our funds' utilization as per the charity assessment organizations in the United States. Your support has allowed IDRF to expand its impact through a 35% increase in grant disbursements compared to 2022, indicating strong confidence in IDRF's work!

We have also established new partnerships with several USA-based nonprofits demonstrating IDRF's commitment to augment the resources and expertise for funding projects in India. These collaborations are helping us lead to innovative approaches and broader reach in addressing shared goals of serving the underprivileged.

Additionally, appointing an Executive Director to strengthen IDRF's operations team signifies dedication to enhancing our organizational structure and leadership, and driving further growth and effectiveness in pursuing our mission.

Overall, these developments showcase IDRF's continued commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of the less fortunate and our ability to adapt and grow to meet both new challenges as well as opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support of IDRF.

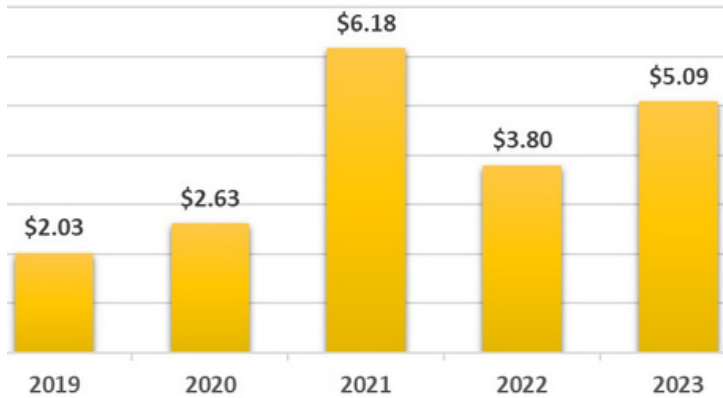
Best regards,
Dr. Vinod Prakash

Top-most accreditations and recognition from the industry!



Fundraising and Grant Distribution: 2023

Funds Raised (USD Millions): 2019 to 2023

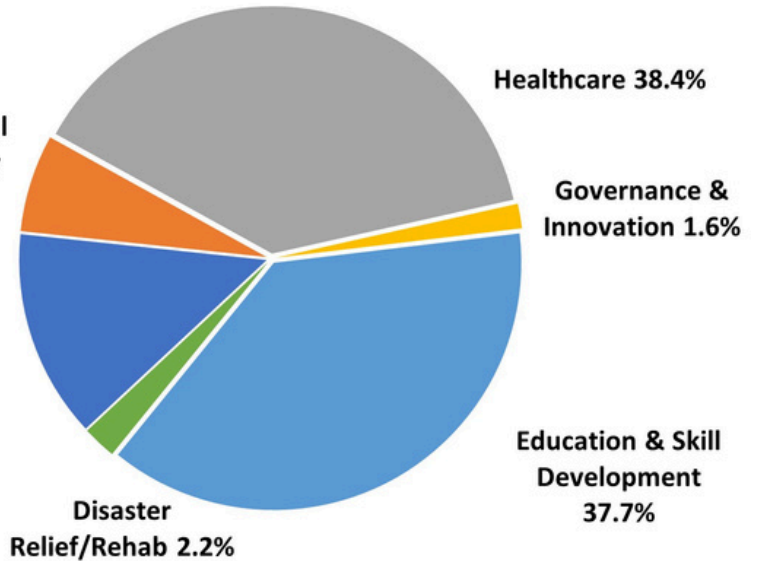


Total Funds Raised = \$5.1 million

Total Grants* Disbursed = \$5.7 million
 *Development Grants = \$4.9 million
 and
 Disaster Relief/Rehab Grants = \$97,010

Overheads = 4.3%

Distribution of Grants by Focus Area



90 NGO partners
79 in 21 states of India
1 in Nepal
1 in Sri Lanka
9 in USA

Project Locations



Since 1988

Funds Raised = \$54.0 million
Grants Disbursed = \$48.0 million
Overheads = \$2.2 million**
 **administration, management, and fundraising

Auditors:
Jones & McIntyre, PLLC
Virginia, USA

NGO Partners and Location: 2023

NGO	Location	NGO	Location
Action for India	Pan india	Sant Joseph Sevika Sanstha	Madhya Pradesh
Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram	Andhra Pradesh	Satya Sai Trust	Odisha
Anahat Foundation	Karnataka	Satya Surabhi Trust	Tamil Nadu
Anand Service Society	Madhya Pradesh	Savitribai Phule Ekatma Samaj mandal	Maharashtra
Arya Gram Vikas Samiti	Uttar Pradesh	Seva Sahyog Foundation	Maharashtra
Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment	Karnataka	Shiksha Bharati	Uttar Pradesh
Auroville Foundation	Pondicherry	Shree Gram Vikas Samiti (Naguri school)	Uttar Pradesh
Bhagini Nivedita Gramin Vigyan Niketan	Maharashtra	Shree Surti Modh Vanik Sarvajanik Trust	Gujarat
Blind Peoples Association	Gujarat	Shri Aurobindo Ashram Delhi Branch	Pan india
Bodh Shiksha Samiti	Rajasthan	Shri K K Shah SabrkathaArogya Mandal	Gujarat
Brahmachari Bhagvatinandji Education Trust	Gujarat	Shri Nilkanth Samaj Seva Trust	Gujarat
Center for Advocacy and Research	Rajasthan	Siddh Divyang Foundation	Maharashtra
Code the Dream	USA	Snehwan	Maharashtra
Computer Shiksha	Himachal Pradesh	Sri Lanka Center for Development Facilitation	Sri Lanka
Dipti Trust	Pondicherry	Sri Ramakrishna Sarda Vidyalyaya	Tamil Nadu
Dorcas Ministries	USA	Surabi Trust	Tamil Nadu
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishtan	Assam	Swami Vivekananda Education Pratishtan	Maharashtra
Economic Rural Development Society	W.Bengal	Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission	Tamil Nadu
Emmaus Rotary Foundation, USA	Maharashtra	Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society	Tamil Nadu
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina	USA	The Society of Door Step Schools	Maharashtra
Hindu Society of North Carolina	USA	Think Peace Organisation	Andhra Pradesh
India Agriculture Advancement Group International -USA	USA	Upakar Foundation, USA	Arunachal Pradesh
ISKCON of DC	USA	USA	USA
ISKCON, W.Bengal	W.Bengal	Upekshit Kshetra Utthan Nyas	Rajasthan
Jalaram Seva Trust	Gujarat	Vaidehi Seva Samithi	Telangana
Jnana Prabodhini, Solapur	Maharashtra	Vatsalya Trust Mumbai	Maharashtra
Kaivalya Dham	Maharashtra	V-Excel Education Trust	Tamil Nadu
Kakinada Engineering Alumni Trust for Service	Telangana	Vidya Sagar	Tamil Nadu
Keshav Seva Samithi	Telangana	Vidyarthi Sahayak Samiti	Maharashtra
Landour Community Hospital	Uttarakhand	Vikahar Paribar Bikash Kendra	W.Bengal
Lila Poonawala Foundation	Maharashtra	Vikas Bharati Bishunpur	Bihar
Lotus Petal Foundation	Haryana	Vimukti Sanstha	Rajasthan
Maa Madhuri Brij Varis Sewa Sadan Apna Ghar	Punjab, Uttar Pradesh	Vivekananda Memorial and Kanya Kumari	Andaman Nicobar
Magan Sanghralaya Samiti	Maharashtra	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh
Mahamanav Baba Amte Bahuudheshiya Vikas Seva Sanstha	Maharashtra	Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana	Karnataka
Maharogi Sewa Samiti	Maharashtra	Vivekananda Yoga University, USA	USA
Malenadu Education and Rural Development Society	Karnataka	Yogoda Satsang Society	Himachal Pradesh
Mazzarello Magalir Nalvazhvu Maiyam Social Service Society	Tamil Nadu	Pan india	Pan india
Mitr Foundation	Telangana	Youth for Social Development	Odisha
Nayantara Memorial Charitable Trust	W.Bengal	Modern Architects for Rural India	Telangana
Nimar Abhyudaya Rural Management And Development Associatio	Madhya Pradesh	Universal Just and Action Society	Rajasthan
Pokharma Foundation	Bihar		
Prakash Deep Trust	Uttar Pradesh		
Public Health Concern Trust	Nepal		
Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram	Uttarakhand		
Rawa Academy	Odisha		
S M Sehgal Foundation	Rajasthan		
Sadguru Sri Gnanananda Seva Trust	Pondicherry		
Samaj Vikas Sanstha	Maharashtra		
Samerth Charitable Trust	Chhattisgarh		
	Gujarat		

NGO partners over the last five years

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
70	90	57	46	44

What NGO partners are saying about us!

IDRF has been facilitating projects to assist Sri Lankan poor communities to uplift their lives since 2018. Up to now with funding assistance from the IDRF, more than 750 families have enhanced their livelihoods in Kandy district .

IDRF is very flexible and reliable donor donating grants to needy communities and the guidance of their professionals is helpful for growing organizations.

-Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation



Mission and Strategy 1: Journey with Samerth Charitable Trust



Samerth, a non-profit organization, founded in 1992, focuses on improving the conditions of marginalized communities and helping vulnerable communities gain access to their social and economic rights. IDRF's partnership with Samerth started in 2009 to provide a safe and sustainable water supply to the marginalized communities in the arid Kutch district of **Gujarat**. Since then, IDRF has supported the **construction and recharge of water harvesting structures** like 92 ponds, check dams, and 11 wells in over 100 villages. This has benefitted over 55,000 people and has led to a considerable decrease in the number of people and cattle migrating from village to village in search of water and employment. With the success of this project, IDRF has expanded the **water management program** to the water-scarce tribal areas of the Kabirdham district, **Chhattisgarh**, and provided safe drinking water to more than 4,000 villagers.

Since 2010, IDRF has supported Samerth in the construction of 1,700 **pucca toilets** for Below Poverty Line rural families in Kutch to end open defecation and save

women's privacy and dignity. As a result of the excellent execution of this project, Samerth was granted funding from the Government agencies under the Clean India Mission (started in 2014) to scale up the project.

In 2017, IDRF started its support for Samerth *Talim Kendra*- a **daycare center for children with special needs** in Ahmedabad that caters to over 100 students. The center has increased the number of children enrolled, hired better-trained staff, procured better equipment, and improved the quality of services offered. In 2022, IDRF helped set up a **Sensory Room** where sensory, speech, and physiotherapies are conducted.



IDRF has also helped provide **relief kits and livelihood support** to 1,711 victims of floods (2017 and 2018) and Biparjoy Cyclone (2023). During the COVID pandemic, IDRF helped Samerth in setting up **health centers** and providing **food, PPE kits, medicines, oxygen concentrators, and vaccines** to more than 15,000 people.

Mission and Strategy 1: Journey with Samerth Charitable Trust



Post-pandemic IDRF helped in the **education recovery** support for 778 children on the verge of dropping out by setting up 20 **learning centers** in remote rural areas and a **digital tablet library** in slums. In addition, 268 persons hit hard by the pandemic were provided **livelihood support** through **micro-finance** to set up small-scale enterprises or upgrade agricultural activities such as grocery shops, vegetable carts, vermicomposting, etc. This program helped them sustain and improve their income levels in the 20 to 75% range.

Since 2021, IDRF has provided 500 **Water Wheels** (45-liter containers on wheels) to women's self-help groups, each shared by 3-4 families to fetch water from wells and ponds for household use thus reducing the drudgery and discomfort of carrying heavy water pots on the head.

Over the decades, IDRF has funded various programs across India that facilitate rural enterprises by incorporating clean-energy technology and practices.



In 2022, IDRF started the **Biogas and Reforestation Program** with Samerth and had encouraging results from the 10 **biogas units** installed in Gujarat and Chhattisgarh and the **plantation** of 20,000 saplings in 31 villages of Chhattisgarh.

Since 2022, IDRF has helped **obtain important government documents** like *Aadhar* cards, Voter IDs, and Ration cards, and **open bank accounts** for marginalized *Parkar Koli* community members who work as agricultural laborers or daily wage earners in the Kutch district. This has helped 794 families from 34 villages access government benefits, healthcare, education, and better livelihood opportunities.

IDRF's partnership with Samerth has benefitted more than 85,000 needy people and as we move forward we will continue our support to marginalized communities. In 2024, 50 additional families will be provided **revolving micro-loans** and as a result over the next three years, 363 families will be able to rise above the cycle of poverty.

Mission and Strategy 2:

Improving Foundational Literacy and Numeracy of Children in Grades 1-5

Foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) refer to basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills that are building blocks of education and are recognized by India's National Education Policy (2020) as a prerequisite for all future schooling and lifelong learning. The Government of India launched the **NIPUN Bharat Mission** which emphasizes the need to attain FLN goals nationally by 2026-27.

IDRF has supported **Bodh Shiksha Samiti, Pratham Education Foundation, and Youth for Social Development** in conducting an intensive research-based program by adopting a multi-faceted approach involving, community engagement, teacher training programs, curriculum reforms, government partnerships, and investments in educational infrastructure. The main objective is to **enhance FLN in more than 40,000 children (Grades 1-5) in 5,283 government schools in rural areas and slums in Arunachal Pradesh, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Odisha**. The program utilizes technology, and innovative teaching methods, creating peer learning clubs, and involving local volunteers and mothers.

A significant improvement in the learning levels of children was seen in the project's first year. The number of children who could read text increased by 49 percentage points in Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu and children who could do arithmetic increased by 34 percentage points in Khunti, Jharkhand.

Despite significant progress in enrollment rates and improved educational infrastructure, there have been challenges in ensuring that children attain these foundational skills due to variations in the quality of education across states, language barriers, socioeconomic disparities, shortages of teachers, lack of training, assessment, and monitoring, etc.

This project will eventually be scaled up in the long term in the other districts based on outcomes, working closely with government departments to ensure that more than 90% of children up to Grade 3 achieve FLN skills.



Highlights of Programs: 2023

1. EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Development of Assistive Technology-based Solutions for the Empowerment of Children with Special Needs- Bihar, Maharashtra and Uttarakhand Siddh Divyang Foundation

IDRF is supporting a project for 3 years to provide education and vocational skills to students and health awareness to parents and teachers to detect and identify perinatal developmental delays in babies with the help of technology.



Aarti, places the **“Talking Pen”** on the **3D map** and the audio explains the details regarding the location.

Free Web and Mobile Apps:

Benefitted **2,880+ students** in **20 schools** in Bihar, Maharashtra and Uttarakhand.



Upgradation of Schools for Children from Marginalized Refugee Communities - Arunachal Pradesh

Think Peace Organization

IDRF has helped in the upgradation of **two rural schools** attended by **872 children** from *Chakma* and *Hajong* communities. The community members were actively involved in the process and provided all manual labor.



Newly renovated school building



Toilets and Water Tank

Highlights of Programs: 2023

2. HEALTHCARE

Nutritional Supplements for Pregnant Mothers and Healthy Babies- Tamil Nadu Surabi Trust

IDRF helps provide nutrition powder packets for nine months to **1,000 pregnant and lactating mothers** in the low-income suburbs and rural areas of Chennai through the Primary Health Centers. The powder is prepared at a hygienically maintained manufacturing unit certified by the Food Safety and Standards Authority and routinely lab-tested to maintain high quality.



IDRF has provided nutrition powder packets to 3,542 women since 2016.

Redevelopment of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Services at the Hospital- Uttarakhand

Landour Community Hospital

IDRF helped in the purchase of equipment and supplies and infrastructure modification at the 35-bed multi-specialty primary and secondary care facility serving local villagers and migrant laborers.

780 patients have been treated at the newly upgraded facility.



Highlights of Programs: 2023

3. WOMEN/COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Health Improvement Initiatives for Women in Hazardous Cigarette (*Bidi*)-rolling Industry- Maharashtra

Jnana Prabodhini Solapur

IDRF's support for the **Mukti Campaign** since 2022 has helped

- **8** women with **alternate employment** in paper and cloth bag-making.
- **8** women with **tailoring course** and **sewing machines**.
- **336** women with **health improvement** and **deaddiction programs**.



Skill Development Training for Underprivileged Youth- Madhya Pradesh Nimar Abhyudaya Rural Management And Development Association (NARMADA)



In 2023, IDRF provided operations costs for the Vivekananda Institute of Technology to provide **two-year diploma courses** in various trades like plumbing, carpentry, masonry dairy farming, and bookkeeping etc.

42 students trained in various vocational courses per year.

Highlights of Programs: 2023

4. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Construction of Soil and Water Conservation Structures- Maharashtra Prayas Charlotte, USA and Seva Sahayog Foundation



IDRF has supported the construction of continuous contour trenches, gabions, and loose boulder buds to harvest water, prevent runoff, and recharge groundwater levels in Abhone village.

**1 million gallons of water harvested in one year
benefitted 100-150 farmers in protective
irrigation during the dry spells.**

Green Energy Project for a Home for Destitute- Rajasthan Apna Ghar Ashram, Bharatpur

With IDRF's help solar panels were installed on the roof of *Apna Ghar Ashram*, a home that can accommodate 200 old, sick, abandoned, and destitute persons in Neem Ka Thana. The project **covers an area of 28,000 sq feet and provides clean solar energy** to the ashram, bore-well pumps, kitchen appliances, etc. This has helped reduce the electricity charges and power outages at the ashram.



What Donors are saying about us!

"IDRF is one of the most trusted and reliable Great NON-PROFIT charitable organizations that I have come across. They do a very professional job raising funds from us and distribute it to needy organizations in India and other South Asian countries. Your donation is 100% tax deductible in US...I will recommend everyone to use this sanstha for your donation. I wish them a lot of luck."

-Pravin Shah, California.

Read more testimonials by donor, volunteer and partner. <https://greatnonprofits.org/>

Highlights of Programs: 2023

5. GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION

Empowering a Marginalized Community by Facilitating Access to Entitlement Documents and Government Social Security Schemes- Gujarat Samerth Charitable Trust

Members of the **Parkar Koli community** work as agricultural laborers, or daily wage earners. IDRF has helped provide Aadhar cards, Voter ID, Ration cards, bank accounts, and other documents to **794 families from 34 villages** to access government benefits, healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities to improve their quality of life.



6 Financial Literacy Training Sessions conducted to ensure members make the most of their entitlements.



15 widows have availed of the Widow Pension Scheme.

Preventing and Reducing Gender-based Violence- Rajasthan Partnership for Transparency Fund, USA and Center for Advocacy and Research

IDRF is helping raise awareness about available services and legal resources for women affected by violence. A multi-faced approach has been adopted to benefit **20,500 women in 33 villages** in Ajmer by forming women's forums, setting up resource centers, providing awareness campaigns, strengthening police initiatives, sensitizing boys and men, adopting village-specific micro plans, skill development training, and access to income-generating opportunities.



Annapurna Indira Rasoi

Creates immediate livelihood opportunities for victims, employing them as cooks, kitchen staff, or administrators within the community kitchens.

"Before, I felt isolated and helpless...now I have access to support like healthcare, counseling, and legal aid. These have helped me heal and rebuild my life. I am grateful for your support during my moment of crisis", says a domestic violence survivor.

Highlights of Programs: 2023

6. DISASTER RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

Odisha Train Accident, June

Youth for Social Development and Sri Sathya Sai Trust

IDRF sent relief kits, financial support to families who lost the breadwinners for their children's education and livelihood, and assistance to government officials in rescuing and transferring victims to hospitals, as well as in removing human remains.

- **800** people served **meals** for seven days.
- **8** severely injured provided **cash support**.
- **4 nurses** hired to support hospital staff.

Fixed Deposits for **10 children** who lost a parent: Annual interest is being transferred to the surviving parent and the entire amount is to be transferred to the child for education and livelihood on reaching maturity.



Gujarat Cyclonic Storm Biparjoy, June

Samerth Charitable Trust

1,531 Food Kits

300 Tarpaulin Sheets

distributed to displaced families in Kutch dist.

West Bengal Floods, October

Economic Rural Development Society

IDRF provided **groceries** to **825 families in 16 villages** displaced by floods in Malda dist.

"It was difficult for my family to survive the crises without the help of IDRF and ERDS",
Basudeb of Battali village.



Tamil Nadu Floods, December

Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society

IDRF provided **groceries** to **3,700 families in 10 villages** displaced by cyclonic floods in Chennai, Kanchipuram, Tiruvallur, and Chengalpet districts.

Project Site Visits in 2023

We encourage our donors, volunteers, and board members to visit the project sites on their trips to India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Their feedback helps us make our programs more efficient and effective.

Society for Door Step Schools, Swa-Roopwardhinee, and Vatsalya Trust- Maharashtra

Donor **Malini Joglekar** visited a construction site where the Door Step School bus operates one of its education centers for the children of the laborers. IDRF has helped provide two buses that benefit 1,500 poor children at 21 locations in Pune.

Malini also visited Swa-Roopwardhinee in Pune, where IDRF funds its educational and career-training initiatives for disadvantaged youth and women.

“It was so satisfying to see happiness and joy on the faces of the students and teachers”, says Malini.

Malini also visited Vatsalya Trust Mumbai which IDRF has been supporting since 2008 to care for and rehabilitate destitute children through its orphanages, women empowerment and education efforts.



Bodh Shiksha Samiti- Rajasthan

Since 2015, IDRF has supported children's education in the slums and rural areas. Donors **Durgeshnandini and Ashok Gupta** visited the Computer Vocational Training Center, set up with IDRF's support at Bodh's Manas Ganga School for Girls in Jaipur.

“The computer teachers we met seemed very competent and confident. Interaction with girls led me to believe that the IDRF contributions are well utilized to transform the lives of so many underprivileged girls excited and motivated to enter the digital world”, says Durgeshnandini.

They also visited three rural *Bodhshalas* where IDRF is supporting the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy program in partnership with the state government.

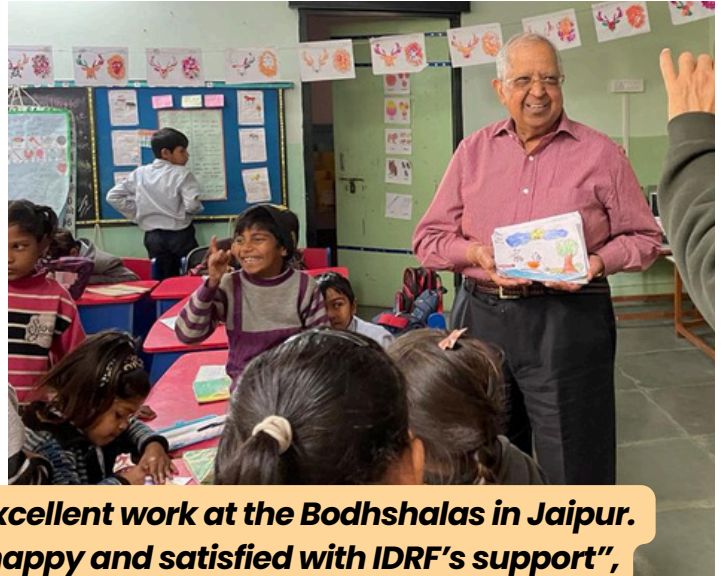
“The whole team of Bodh conveyed its gratitude and thankfulness to IDRF. Words are not enough to express my gratitude, feelings, and appreciation for IDRF and respected Vinodji for his constant support”.

[Click to watch Amagarh Bodhshala.](#)

Project Site Visits in 2023

Adruta Children Home- Odisha and Bodh Shiksha Samiti and PHD Family Welfare Foundation- Rajasthan

Dr. Suresh C. Gupta visited the orphanage managed by RAWA Academy in Bhubaneswar, and the PHD Foundation that IDRF had supported during the pandemic by setting up an Oxygen Plant at the Kapil Dev Government District Hospital in Neem Ka Thana.



"I was impressed by the dedication and excellent work at the Bodhshalas in Jaipur. The facilities, students, and staff are all happy and satisfied with IDRF's support",

Dr. Gupta, Vice President of IDRF, after his visit to Bodh Shiksha Samiti.

Action for India and Computer Shiksha- Delhi, and Shikshantar- Rajasthan



Rajeev Jain, IDRF Board Member, visited partner AFI which identifies startups focusing on social impacts and mentors future unicorns in getting funding and other support.

He visited Shikshantar's activity center in Udaipur which provides vocational skills to prisoners.

"IDRF is doing excellent work in supporting Computer Shiksha to provide computer and digital literacy to underprivileged children", said Rajeev after his visit to the

Computer Lab set up with IDRF's support at a school in Delhi NCR.

Action for India and Pratham-Delhi, Center for Advocacy and Research- Rajasthan, Janaagraha- Karnataka

Dr. Prem Garg, IDRF Board Member visited partners engaged in good governance programs for the effective and transparent management of resources, institutions, and processes to promote the well-being of the citizens and ensure their rights and needs are met.

Anahat Foundation, Janaagraha, and Mitra Jyothi- Karnataka, Sri Jalaram Arogya Seva Trust Hospital and Samerth Charitable Trust- Gujarat, Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College- Tamil Nadu

Vandana Matravadia, Operations Manager, IDRF, visited several partners to monitor the efficiency of their operations.

Young Leaders in Community Service



Fundraiser Hackathon, March 2023

Abhinav Angirekula and a group of students of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Virginia, organized an event to raise funds and produce software and tools to assist in IDRF's computer literacy programs. The hackathon was attended by 30 students from different schools and more than \$1,150 was raised to support Computer Shiksha's programs for the underprivileged children in India.

Awards and News/Media

The Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS), honored Dr. Vinod Prakash (Founder and President) with the **Lifetime Service Award** at an event in Washington DC, December 9th, 2023.

"On one of my first IDRF trips to rural India, I was wonderstruck to see villagers sharing their sleeping and living areas with their cattle. I found myself heavy-hearted, fighting back the tears. This was a turning point for me...."

An interview with Dr. Vinod Prakash in the digital magazine **GoSolo** visited by 15,000 visitors each month. <https://gosolo.subkit.com/idrf/>, January 20, 2023.

"Down to Earth Actions to Combat Climate Change", Vinod Prakash, **1818 Society, World Bank Group Alumni Quarterly**, Volume 4, Issue 11, Fall 2023, pg 27.

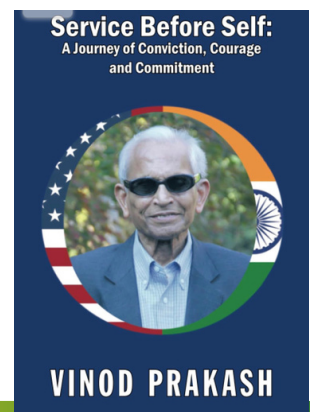
"Service Before Self: A moving chronicle of resilience, patriotism, and social impact."

An article by Manvi Pant in **New India Abroad** about the inspiring leadership and contributions of Dr. Vinod Prakash, December 13, 2023.

<https://www.newindiaabroad.com/news/a-moving-chronicle-of-resilience-patriotism-and-social-impact>

Book Launch

"Service Before Self: A Journey of Conviction, Courage and Commitment", by Vinod Prakash, (IDRF Founder) is a compelling story about the courage to face life's challenges and the conviction, even in the face of the most devastating circumstances, to continue leading a life of service to society. In his memoir, he reveals his source of strength and commitment to 'seva' (service) and the welfare of the marginalized for over 50 years. This book is as much his story as it is of IDRF.



Future Projects

IDRF is also extending collaboration with several US-based 501(c)(3) organizations to amplify the resources and expertise available to benefit the underserved communities in India.

IDRF's partnership for a million-dollar project to bridge the urban/rural digital divide for rural India's school children.

In a landmark partnership with the S M Sehgal Foundation, Teach for Life and Guru Krupa Foundation, **51 digital libraries** are to be launched in villages in **Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Telangana**. Project *Umeed* will provide 16,000 students in 51 government schools access to computers, internet connectivity, educational software, and digital learning resources. This is a 3-year project (2024-2027) and IDRF will contribute \$600,000.



Aftercare program for youth aging out of care homes.

IDRF's partnership with A Future for Every Child, USA, and Catalyst for Social Action, India, will support 55 youth in **Karnataka** who have grown up in orphanages with aftercare programs to serve as a launchpad for adulthood. The care leavers will be provided career counseling, financial support for vocational training/higher education, life skills training, and mentoring for two years after employment to ensure they are on a stable path to a successful future. This is a two-year project and will cost \$40,000. [More details.](#)

Skill Development and Women Empowerment Centers for the unemployed and underprivileged.

To assist in establishing the two facilities in **Andhra Pradesh**, IDRF is working in partnership with the Kakinada Engineering Alumni Trust for Service (KEATS) in India and the USA. Every year, 140 jobless youth from rural areas will receive training in the fields of healthcare, technology, data analysis, artificial intelligence, machine learning, etc. at the **Skill Development Center**. The cost to provide equipment and furniture for computer labs, classrooms, dormitories, generators, revolving funds, etc. is \$98,000.

Forty impoverished and unskilled rural women will be trained annually to work at the **Women Empowerment Center**. They will receive training to make pickles, chutneys, dosas, idli mixes, and other products using local ingredients. IDRF will provide \$40,000 for food processing equipment and revolving money, enabling women from the surrounding districts to break free from the cycle of poverty and support their families.

IDRF Team

(as of December 2023)

Operations Team		Board of Directors	
Dr. Vinod Prakash	Chief Executive	Dr. Vinod Prakash	President
Rajeev Jain	Executive Director (from April)	Dr. Suresh C. Gupta	Vice President
Vandana Matravadia	Operations Manager	Dr. Prem Garg	Treasurer
Dr. Niti Duggal	Project Consultant	Rajeev Jain	Secretary (until March)
Sarla Prakash	Assistant Treasurer	Shubhra Garg	Secretary (from April)
Banumati Ramkrishnan CPA, LLC	Accounts	Mohinder Gulati	Member
Advisory Council Members		Nisha Narayanan	Member
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Donor Spotlight

Nilima and Ravindranath Bhirud are successful physicians and respected members of the Indian American Community in North Carolina. Since 2019, the Bhirud family has supported several projects in India through IDRF. In 2023, they made a generous donation to construct a Child Help Shelter-*Bal Bhavan* to serve the destitute and abandoned children at the Jalgaon Railway Station in Maharashtra with the support of local Police.



My goal is to help as many children and women as I can. IDRF has been helping me to fulfill my dream...I have had the privilege of supporting more than 15 charities through IDRF. My plan is to continue to work with IDRF as long as I am able to!, says Nilima, who is also an esteemed member of IDRF's Advisory Council.