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INSPIRATIONS

Rizwan Adatia Foundation (RAF) gathers its strength from these beacons of light, the exemplars of intellectual demeanor, personalities of prominence and constant sources of inspiration.



Angelo Salgado



Ashiq Adatia



Ayul Adatia



Gregory C. Carr



Hanif Vertejee



Javin P. Oza



Salma Adatia



Sujeet Sarkar

LEADERSHIP TEAM

RAF has experienced leadership team, which draws agenda for developmental activities in alignment to the Foundation’s mission, strategy and operations.



J. Ravi Shanker



Shipra Sharma

RIZWAN ADATIA



Improvement in 'Quality of Life' of poor and marginalized for a happier society has seeded the idea of Rizwan Adatia Foundation (RAF). At RAF we believe that for those who have nothing we ignite hope, courage and spark and for those who have in abundance we inspire purpose, meaning and sharing.

The RAF activities started off by working with local communities, identifying underprivileged children and ensuring their education, providing livelihood for widows and organizing medical camps for local communities.

In 2015, the Foundation set up to lend a helping hand to several individuals and organizations across Asia and Africa. In its first year of intervention we reached 6 countries covering about 80,000 population. We are targeting to reach 1 million populations in five years. This dream is cherished and shared by thousands of supporters, well wishers, volunteers, professional staff and generous contributors across several countries.

I believe that collective efforts with positive attitude and with a solution-oriented approach can result in positive impact. I invite everyone to come forward and bring happiness to people by caring and sharing.

PROFILE

Sharing the birthplace with Mahatma Gandhi, in Porbandar, Gujarat - Mr. Rizwan Adatia developed an ideology very early in life, influenced by the Gandhian philosophy. He lived the essence of Mahatma's preaching a guiding force that helped him challenge his destiny of a struggling entrepreneur, who traveled all the way to Congo, Africa at a tender age of 17 years. Determined to change his future and that of others, Rizwan found joy in supporting many struggling lives.

As the founder of RAF and the Chairman of Board, COGEF Group – Rizwan is a symbol of hard work and resilience. He built the business from a small chain of shops to COGEF Group a multi-million dollar conglomerate now.

Motivational Speaker: He firmly believes in sharing his life experiences and knowledge in order to improve people's lives. This is achieved by helping them overcome their challenges through motivation, practical tips and self-belief.

Community Services: Member of Ismaili Khoja Muslim, involved in community and institutional services at higher level in Mozambique since 2000.

Philanthropist: He founded Rizwan Adatia Foundation (RAF) which actively supports interventions in the field of health, education, income generation and livelihoods that deliver Quality of Life (QoL) to the poorest and the most deprived in Africa & Asia.

Personal Life: He has been practising yoga for past 7 years, physical exercise and meditation for past 30 years. He strongly believes that happiness doesn't come from what we get, but from what we give.

BUSINESS PROFILE

COGEF Group	Chairman	Africa
VISION EXPORTS FZC	Director	UAE
SOFIA S.P.R.L	Director	DRC

PROFESSIONAL & VOLUNTARY ENGAGEMENTS

Aliança De Negócios SA (Business alliance in Mozambique)	Founder Member & Ex-President (2008-12)
Asian Culture Association	Founder Member & President (2010-15)
Indian Business Council	Board Member, Mozambique
Aga Khan Hostel, Malia Hatina	Trustee Member
Diamond Jubilee Girls Hostel, Bhuj	Advisor





Rizwan Adatia Foundation (RAF) established to create opportunities for people by providing and support to address issues related to health, education and economic disparities in society. Incorporated in 2015, the Foundation is an effort by Mr. Rizwan Adatia - Chairman of COGEF Group that spans across 9 countries. About 50% of the population in East Africa and Asia is living on meager resources of \$2 per day. RAF is rapidly progressing to reach out to these populations to bring qualitative change in their lives.

The Foundation builds partnerships to offer resources, expertise and vision by working with impactful organizations across Africa and Asia to improve Quality of Life of people. RAF works in synergy with influencers such as civil society, private sector, individuals and local government agencies. RAF's interventions in its 1st year has reached 6 countries covering about 80,000 population.



VISION & MISSION



VISION: Creation of a resilient and self-reliant society

MISSION: RAF strives to achieve the improvement in Quality of Life (QoL) of marginalized and disadvantaged communities in focused geographical areas, across Asia and Africa by making appropriate and strategic investment around the sectors of health, education, livelihoods along with harnessing human potential.

OBJECTIVES

- To raise the living standards of people through programs for enhanced income, provisions, more jobs, education, health, water & sanitation in developing countries.
- To support governments and institutions working in above sectors by financing, and assisting to full-fill the above objectives to benefit poor and other needy people.
- To increase the availability and distribution of basic life-sustaining goods such as food, shelter and health care.
- To positively contribute to society for inner happiness – thoughts, emotions, beliefs.

QUALITY OF LIFE

RAF values are deeply rooted to deliver inner happiness and bringing about a positive change in Quality of Life (QoL) of people. With its interventions and outreach in various thematic areas, RAF is aiming to reduce disparities in society and offer momentum to influence purpose and meaning in lives of people.

The underlying principle of the Foundation is its firm commitment to empowering the financially weak or socially disadvantaged sections of society.





The Foundation provides training and equips women and youth with skills that ensures employability and sustainable livelihoods. The Foundation strives towards continuous positive economic and social growth of it's beneficiaries. With an idea to contain migration and poverty, also citing holistic development of youth, the Foundation works on all parameters to reduce risks that may rise from mass movement of rural populace to metros.

The efforts surpass needs of training and extend to creating opportunity in form of investments in small entrepreneurial ventures. Along with skill development, entrepreneurship, the Foundation also supports on the job training, with an aim to develop self-reliance among the youth, the Foundation supports youth with scholarships, as well as initial investment by donating tools and convenient seed capital.

RAF is actively promoting the cause of sustainable development and environmental conservation in Mozambique.

The Foundation is supporting various initiatives in and around Gorongosa National Park where communities are mobilised on lines of sustainable living and conservation. Families are provided with sewing machines, solar panels and school kits for children.



Projects Location	No.of Projects	Outreach
Africa	05	480
Asia	07	22,080
Total	12	22,560



The Foundation attributes various inequities in society, whether in resources or opportunities to the lack of education, right skills and sustainable livelihood. RAF extends programs to promote initiatives in training and skill development across sections and geographies. Efforts are undertaken to ensure all supports are available to create an employable and skilled community. The Chairman is personally involved in motivating youth to pursue higher education through scholarships and supplying educational materials.

The Foundation contributes towards infrastructure development and administrative support to schools, which give access to primary education, and skill development of girls and boys alike. RAF constructed 7 classrooms; toilet blocks and staff room at Intaka in Mozambique. The school block is inaugurated by Dr. Jorge Ferrão Education Minister of Mozambique. In another initiative it has renovated 3 classrooms and 2 toilet blocks and constructed fence around ECD center at Namacha.

In Matola Gare the Foundation built pre-school for the children managed by local NGO. More than 2000 school kits were also distributed to poor children in various schools. Focusing on ECD, the Foundation has supported 6 ECD centers for children in 5 neighborhoods of Maputo.

Projects Location	No.of Projects	Outreach
Africa	22	7,173
Asia	06	1,113
Total	28	8,286



Model sanitation facility in 11 rural schools: INDIA.

To enhance the Quality of Life of school-age children model school sanitation facilities are provided in 11 schools of Gir Somnath, Junagadh and Amreli districts of Gujarat. The project reaching out to 1891 children, 78 teachers and communities. Implemented by Aga Khan Foundation (AKF-India) the project through various intervention such as establishment of school health clubs, and student dialogue focused on hygiene promotion. It is expected that the current initiative will provide functional and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in schools to facilitate a healthy school environment.





Infrastructure support to home for mentally challenged:

Presidents award winner, ADHAR, is home to 258 mentally retarded children's (male & female) at Badlapur and Nashik. For past twenty-one years, ADHAR not just providing lifelong care and protection to adults with special needs but also engages them in vocational training, treatment, recreation & rehabilitation facilities. Rizwan Adatia Foundation has provided infrastructure support to Badlapur centre for a comfortable living conditions for residents and encouraged their overall growth.

The Foundation focus is on efficiency and quality of healthcare across its projects. Healthcare delivery has been a challenge across in many developing countries, resulting from low per capital and less disposable income. In such geographies, the Foundation played a provider's role through its interventions. The programs are designed for both rural and urban scenarios. Support ranges from funding dialysis machines, ambulance vans, water, sanitation and Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers. In areas, where the Foundation is unable to reach, it funds the programs for healthcare, medical consultations, free medicines, basic investigations of patients suffering renal, cardiac diseases, cleft and palate surgery camps.



In Mumbai, India RAF actively supported dialysis centres for poor and needy patients. Five such centers are helping hundreds of patients to access quality health care. RAF is supporting Thembekile Mandela Foundation (TMF) and its innovative program 'Pride of Rural Girl' where each rural girl student is given sanitary pads for a year. The program supports 4 schools in South Africa covering 1600 girl students.



Projects Location	No.of Projects	Outreach
Africa	07	15,345
Asia	09	12,630
Total	16	27,975



The Foundation is committed and is responsive to offer relief and support to people during emergencies.

The Foundation focused on reaching out to communities across regions to extend helping hand to come out of distress and meet the basic survival needs. Food, cloths and medicines are distributed to people affected by earthquake and floods. Volunteers and employees of COGEF Group have whole-heartedly participated in the relief and rehabilitation activities through donations and volunteering.

In Madagascar and Mozambique communities are provided with food items and cloths during floods as part of relief operations. Mr. Rizwan contributed to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) in India. This fund was aimed to rehabilitate the earthquake victims of Nepal.

The Foundation always remained committed and responsive to such contingencies.



Projects Location	No.of Projects	Outreach
Africa	02	1,300



With poor communities falling short basics such as food, shelter, drinking water and sanitation for them needs of healthcare, education and hygiene can be unaffordable luxuries.

The Foundation offers support to communities living below the poverty line, that are unable to meet their basic needs of nutrition, shelter and sanitation.

RAF offered medical grants for patients and elderly undergoing regular treatments. Other social causes supported by the Foundation include distribution of food grains to the needy, supporting communities with infrastructure such as community hall, promote sports and cultural activities, facilitating community events such as *Pasandgi Melo, Samuh Lagan* etc.

The Foundation is supporting 12 organizations in Mozambique with food support to feed 1678 orphan children who visit on regular basis. These organizations conduct regular activities for the orphan children. Besides the Foundation also extends food support to 6 ECD centers where more than 300 children are enrolled.

Projects Location	No.of Projects	Outreach
Africa	14	14,901
Asia	05	1,678
Total	19	16,579



The Foundation undertakes motivational sessions with Asian communities residing in Africa followed by promotion of culture and family environment. Importance of family & family culture is promoted among youth residing in Africa.

RAF is committed to drive the agenda by engaging and further nurturing community leadership to mainstream youth in nation building.

Vast numbers of 'volunteers' are integral part of this development agenda where they act as 'Leaders for Change'. RAF is building on this huge force of volunteers who are 'helping hands' in this endeavor. Celebrities, Social leaders, Political Leaders, media is proactively engaged with the ideology of Rizwan Adatia Foundation.



Street children’s day with UNESCO

Street children represent one of the most marginalized groups of children worldwide, facing multiple deprivations of their rights on daily basis. In collaboration with UNESCO Mozambique, RAF celebrated International Day of Street Children on 12th April 2015. About 200 representatives from various schools participated in drawing competition on the theme of 'Children's Rights'.



VILLAGE ADOPTION



The Foundation has adopted village Maliya-Hatina in India and has started to implement its plans to assist people in improving Quality of Life by investing in education, health and hygiene, and empowering women through training in savings, credit and livelihood management. Detailed Quality of Life (QoL) survey is undertaken to identify priority areas and needs and start long term measures to be undertaken.

Meditation, Yoga & Inner Happiness



RAF is playing a pivotal role in giving purpose to life and empower people. The Foundation's values are deeply rooted to deliver inner happiness across segments. There is strong belief in bringing about a positive change with interventions and outreach which end disparities, offer momentum to significantly influence purpose and meaning in lives.

The Foundation believes that 'we have been given an amazing opportunity with this life and keeping our focus on survival needs tends to cloud our mind with negativity and fear'. Taking out few minutes every day to calm the inner self with meditation and practice yoga on regular basis one can discover the happiness within.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

RAF's direct intervention in Mozambique and India are empowering people to become self-reliant, ensuring quality education, inner happiness across the age groups, providing income generation opportunities for youth, food and medical facilities for vulnerable, relief support to areas facing natural disaster. RAF is able to spread across Mozambique, Congo, Swaziland, Madagascar, South Africa in African region and India in Asian region.



MAJOR ACTIVITY COVERAGE

Projects (ASIA & AFRICA) 2015					
S.No.	Project/ Org.	Details	Beneficiary	Location	Status
YOUTH & LIVELIHOODS					
ASIA					
1	Village adoption -Maliya Hatina	Holistic development of the community	18000	Maliya Hatina Gujarat, India	Ongoing
AFRICA					
1	Greg Carr Foundation	Supporting communities in Gorongosa National Park. Sewing machine and Solar panel distribution.	100	Sofala-Mozambique	Ongoing
HEALTH					
ASIA					
1	Shri Naminathji Jain Foundation	Dialysis/heart patients support-subsidized access of healthcare facilities to the needy	400	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	Completed
2	Adhar	Infrastructure support to home for mentally challenged	180	Badlapur Maharashtra, India	Completed
3	Rotary Club	Dialysis machine donation	200	Surendranagar Gujarat, India	Completed
4	Aga Khan Foundation	Early Childhood Development project	2400	Bihar, India	Ongoing

MAJOR ACTIVITY COVERAGE

HEALTH					
AFRICA					
1	Operation Smile	Support to cleft lip surgery missions in Africa	690	African Continent	Completed
2	Drinking Water	Borehole project	10500	Matola & Inhambane, Mozambique	Completed
3	Sanitation	Construction of 4 toilet blocks for the orphanage at Chimoio	750	Chimoio, Mozambique	Completed
4	Thembekile Mandela Foundation	Construction of 4 toilet blocks for the orphanage at Chimoio	3100	South Africa	Ongoing
EDUCATION					
ASIA					
1	HH Aga Khan Hostel	Hostel & Tuition support for the needy students	93	Malia Gujarat, India	Ongoing
2	DJ Hostel		130	Bhuj Gujarat, India	Ongoing
3	Swami Narayan Gurukul	Updgradation of school infrastructure at Sec. & Senior Sec. Schools	240	Chhaya Gujarat, India	Ongoing
AFRICA					
1	ZIZILE	ECD & Community Development	681	Maputo, Mozambique	Completed
2	School Kits	School kits distribution to children living around Gorangosa Park	3000	Sofala and Maputo, Mozambique	Completed
3	Primary School construction	Construction of 7 Class rooms and toilet block; Renovation 2 class rooms and staff room.	1000	Intaka, Mozambique	Completed
RELIEF					
AFRICA					
1	Villas and Golfe/ Rotary club	To support flood victims with basic needs	300	Chimoio, Mozambique	Completed
2	Jackets distribution	To support the needy people during winter	1000	Swaziland	Completed
SOCIAL RESILIENCE					
ASIA					
1	Community hall	Jalaram Dham	48	R.Khirasra Gujarat, India	Completed
		Diamond Jubilee Hall	1000	Keshod Gujarat, India	Completed
2	Gujarat TT tournament	Encouraging sports - District level tournament	300	Porbandar Gujarat, India	Completed
AFRICA					
1	Sword and Spirit Feeding Scheme-Swaziland	Monthly food supply to the needy people	200	Swaziland	Ongoing
2	Food support to 6 Orphanages in Chimoio	Nutritious food support to children	1202	Chimoio, Mozambique	Ongoing
3	Street Children Day	Celebration of Street Children Day with UNESCO	200	Maputo, Mozambique	Completed
4	Christmas Celebration	Celebration of christmas in Maputo and Matola with Radio Mozambique & others	2900	Maputo and Matola, Mozambique	Completed



