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# ABOUT RIZWAN ADATIA FOUNDATION

Established in 2015, Rizwan Adatia Foundation's core philosophy is to encourage self-reliance through sustained access to productive roles and resources and building resilience through prosperous and adaptable communities. Our partnerships and initiatives are grounded on the belief that access to quality education and healthcare, fulfilment of human potential and the assurance of good governance are indispensable to improving the quality of life. We work with civil societies, private and government agencies to promote innovative and impactful development solutions in Asia and Africa.

RAF runs programmes which focus on issues like Health, Education and Livelihoods that enable people (especially the young population and women) to have more choice and control in their lives and help them move out of poverty. According to the current data, we are reaching out to nearly 700,000 lives in Asia and Africa. A majority of the RAF's intervention has special focus on children from marginalised communities. The organisation works with the communities to create an encouraging environment where all stakeholders can achieve the desired level of social change.

### **VISION**

**MISSION** 

'Creation of a resilient and self-reliant society.'

'RAF strives to improve the quality of life of marginalised and disadvantaged communities in focused geographical areas across Asia and Africa by making systemic and strategic investment around the sectors of health, education, economic development along with harnessing human potential.'

### FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

When we founded Rizwan Adatia Foundation (RAF) in 2015, we wanted to do something for the underprivileged; especially for the youth, women and senior citizen. We started our work even before the registration was final. Once the registration came through, we set up the office and hired key people. We started implementing our projects under the key thematic areas of -- Education, Health and Livelihoods.

Today, we have been able to work in nearly 80 projects in Asia and Africa in partnership with key organizations. We are functional in four countries, i.e India, Bangladesh, Mozambique and Dominican Republic of Congo. While we continue to strive towards improving the quality of life, we have been able to create impact among Youths, Women and Senior Citizens through intervention in the areas of Education, Health, Livelihoods and Governance & Civil Society.

Last year, RAF's key focus was to create stable and quality programmes based on our experience. While reaching out to a greater number of people was still a priority, ensuring quality programmes and creating maximum impact in ongoing programmes was important.

This year, we relooked at our 'Vision' and 'Mission' and added 'Food Security' as an important aspect to achieve the mission and vision. Further, looking at the complexity of our projects, we realized we bring systemic and long-term change. Hence, we changed our thematic areas to Education Systems Improvement, Health Systems Improvement and Economic Inclusion.

Finally, we have been able to successfully complete some of our key projects in partnership with Aga Khan Foundation, India Vision Foundation and Shabhagi Sikshan Kendra (Lucknow).

Behind every successful implementation of a programme, event or initiative, there is a community of people associated with the mission of Rizwan Adatia Foundation. These are our esteemed partners across Asia and Africa and the dedicated RAF staff who tirelessly work to realise our vision.

**Rizwan Adatia** 

Founder & Chairman — RAF

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### OUR REACH GLOBAL



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### **PROJECTS**

In August 2015, Rizwan Adatia Foundation (RAF) started with two major initiatives,

- Early Childhood Development in Rural and Urban Bihar
- Holistic development of village in Maliya Hatina, Gujarat

While, the Early Childhood Development project got completed successfully in 2018 in partnership with, Aga Khan Foundation, India; Maliya Hatina Village Development is still going on strongly.

RAF started as a grant-making organization as the registration was not final and mostly depended on Founder's Corpus for implementing the programmes. Keeping the target of three years, the Foundation decided to secure as well as strengthen its funding sources to continue the initiatives.

Within, the span of three years (2015-18), RAF has strengthened its operations, created systems,

created organizational policies, maintained audited accounts; and most importantly created and maintained relationships with Partners.

Further, in 2019 the focus will be implementing the programmes to reach out to the beneficiaries directly by ensuring quality of program as well as cost-effectiveness. In lines with this, while the new thematic area – Food Security has been launched; RAF will continue to work and strengthen 'Health and Education' as per the need of the communities.

With new projects in pipeline, the Foundation will work towards reaching out to women, children and senior citizens across Asia to strengthen and expand its work along with collaborating with Government.



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### EDUCATION SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT

#### **Key Projects**

Supporting Early Childhood Development (ECD) for Bihar's most marginalized communities

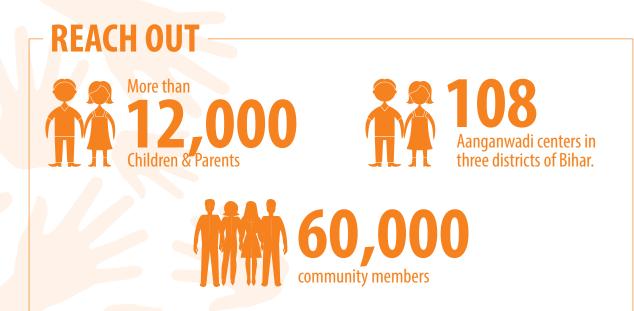
- The three-year project started in August 2015.
- It was in partnership with the Aga Khan Foundation, India.
- The project targeted both urban and rural areas of Bihar.
- Partnered and signed an MoU with Government's ICDS programme to enhance its reach.
- The specific curriculum has been designed for the children as well as parents.
- Training on the curriculum delivery has been provided to the ICDS workers.
- In 2018, the team gradually shifted from a center-based support to a systemic improvement approach and the working relationship with ICDS has been strengthened.

Looking at the absence of quality education and its impact on young people, RAF works as a solution provider to improve the quality of education. Also, understanding that Quality Education encompasses multiple dimensions, RAF seeks out innovative approaches to provide solutions to specific problems. We strive to be an enabler to bring about impactful change.

#### AIM

- Improve teaching and learning environment in pre-primary centers.
- Promote higher transition rates to primary grades in schools.





### Quality Education Improvement Programme at the Diamond Jubilee High School, Chitrawad (Junagadh, Gujarat)

- Purpose was to provide a holistic learning environment to the students.
- RAF supported Diamond High School at Chitrawad, Junagadh, for a year -- from June 2016 to May 2017.
- Following positive impact as well the potential to do better, RAF considered the school's request to extend support for the next two years, which will allow the school to create a mechanism to sustain the project on its own.
- The second phase, named as Quality Education Improvement: Phase II, started from January 1 2018.

- Nearly 100 students participated in various Taluka and District-level sports competitions.
- Two students (one boy and one girl) were selected by the Sports Authority of Gujarat to study in their special schools.
- Currently, the project is reaching out to 275 students.
- The young athletes have been able to win gold medals at State-level competitions.
- Currently, this school has the highest number of participation at the District-level as well as State-level sports competitions.
- In the district, only this school has been able to participate at National-level sport competitions.
- The school has been awarded with cash prizes from Sports Authority of Gujarat.

### CASE STUDIES



Jagruti Vaja

The 'Quality Education Improvement' programme in Diamond Jubilee High School in Chitravad has many impactful stories. Most of the positive behaviour is witnessed among girls who were given a chance to prove themselves through the project.

These girls have not only been able to play sports, but were also able to demonstrate their success in many ways. Most of these children belong to poor families and work part-time in farm lands to support their families financially. These girls participated in district-level sports and were able to win cash prizes. This has helped to create immense impact on the girls as well as their family.

Jagruti Vaja has been associated with the programme since the beginning. She is a dedicated girl who has been constantly improving her performance. Jagruti comes from a rural family where her parents work as labourers. She participated in 1,500-metre runs in 2017 under the sports teacher's supervision. Soon, she was participating in taluka and district-level competitions. In the district-level competition, Jagruti bagged the second place, thus winning a cash prize of Rs. 3,000. This created a huge impact on her family. Jagruti and her mother are still emotional about the prize and have put the money in the budding sprinter's bank account. Jagruti, who dreamed of qualifying in state-level sports competitions, is making a mark in her chosen field. She has secured first and second positions in more than one-state level competition.

### DR CONGO

During the year, RAF DRC supported a total **277 children** for education. This included sponsorship of school fees to **72 children**, distribution of education supplies to **22 children**, distribution of benches for **110 children** to sit on at school and training of **73 children** in paper art and craft





The importance of school facilities in the development of an effective educational system, particularly in rural areas in Mozambique, cannot be over-emphasized. The utilization of the goals and objectives of education require the provision, maximum utilization and appropriate management of the school facilities. RAF has demonstrated this by building a mordern school in Nhansole in the district of Gorongosa.

RAF views a school as an organized environment where educational curriculam are implemented. It is a formal structured organization which serves as a transitional stage in life between family and society. School is a place where the child is prepared to function as an adult. The purpose of the teaching and learning process is to bring about in the learner,

desirable positive and effective change in behaviour by encouraging critical thinking.

The lives of more than 400 students are expected to be transformed by the existence of the newly constructed Nhansole Primary School in Cheringoma in Gorongosa District. The children will have an opportunity to pursue their education in a decent environment. In Gorongosa district alone, there are around 50 schools operating out of temporary shelters. In such a scenario, Nhansole Primary School is a modern school within the district which will make children to realize their dreams.

Over and above the construction of the school, RAF Mozambique has been supporting a number of initiatives.

New ECD Centers Construction
400
Beneficiaries

12 School Kits & Exercise Books Distribution.
44000
Beneficiaries

1 Menstrual Hygiene Education.
700
Beneficiaries

12 Food support to ECD Centres & Orphanages.
600
Beneficiaries

### **Education Systems Improvement**

On December 3, RAF in collaboration with Gorongosa National Park inaugurated the Nhansole Primary School in Gorongosa. This school is set to benefit more than 400 students.









### HEALTH SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT

Understanding the need in India, RAF makes an effort to resolve health issues that may contribute directly or indirectly to poor health status. For example, poor infrastructure, inadequate or unsafe water, ineffective systems for health-seeking behaviour and environment are some areas that need improvement to impact health. Rizwan Adatia Foundation focuses on collaboration with the private or government sector to create improved health status of individuals and the community.

#### Building lodging facility for cancer patients, at Vashigaon, Mumbai, in partnership with Bharat Sevashram Sangha

- RAF is supporting the construction of an accommodation facility for underprivileged cancer patients.
- Aims to enhance the availability of subsidized accommodation facility for outstation cancer patients and build a support system in Mumbai.
- The structure will support more than 350 cancer patients and their families once it is ready.



### Improving Community Access to Specialized Leprosy Care

- In partnership with Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS) in Jharkhand.
- The three-year project commenced in April 2017.
- Expanded hospital's existing capacity.
- Initiated outreach through awareness activities.
- The objective is to detect early cases of leprosy.
- It provides specialized treatment and referral facilities for leprosy patients from low income as well as disadvantaged communities.

### Solid waste management and safe water drinking project in Maliya, Gujarat

- RAF aims to develop a sustainable system of Micro Solid Waste Management by increasing awareness and change behaviour about segregation and management of waste.
- The project is initiating a system to separate dry and wet waste not just at the household-level, but community-level as well.
- Working in partnership with the Panchayat.
- Present project reaches out to:-
  - 2,300 households
  - 6 schools
  - 500 shops



19,500
patients at hospital

Expected to reach
140,254
population by the end of 2018

Project
Active in
Block of
East Singbhum
District

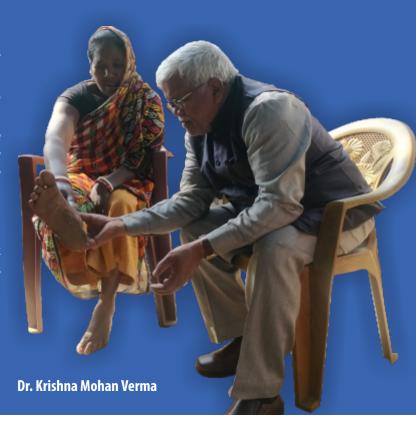


Dr Krishna Mohan Verma is the single most important person in the project - 'Improving Community Access to Specialized Leprosy Health Care' - in Bharat Sevashram Sangh (BSS), Jharkhand. He has been working for leprosy care from more than three decades now. He was associated with BSS's Leprosy Hospital since 1988.

Due to unavailability of funds, the hospital was closed for a long time. Understanding the need of patients in the area, Rizwan Adatia Foundation supported BSS to refurbish the hospital as well as to run it.

When Dr. Verma was associated with BSS in 1988, the prevalence of leprosy was very high. Today, he is more than 60 years old and has dedicated his life for leprosy care. He rejoined BSS when the hospital was functional. Currently, he comes to the Leprosy Hospital six days in a week. He is mostly busy conducting Early Leprosy Detection Camps (ELDC) in nearby villages, running an out patient department (OPD), overseeing the 20-bed hospital and conducting reconstructive surgeries. Despite limited resources as well as support, Dr. Verma has been able to work diligently, showcase his expertise in leprosy detection as well as treatment. And most importantly, he demonstrates dignity and sensitivity while handling these cases.

### CASE STUDIES



### **DR CONGO**

During the year, RAF reached out to a total 3,595 individuals under the health category. This includes cataract awareness program for 1,423 school children, cataract awareness program in communities with 756 individuals, cataract surgeries of 399 persons, awareness on WASH interventions and demonstration of hand washing practice with 764 children in schools and

orphanages, awareness session on menstrual hygiene and distribution of sanitary napkins to 253 adolescent girls. With the help of such activities, the RAF team was able to create its recognition as a genuine developmental organization for the community. The Foundation was also recognized by other NGOs and business communities for its contribution in DRC.

3595

individuals under

1423

awareness program

cataract surgeries

764

sanitary napkins distributed

cataract surgeries

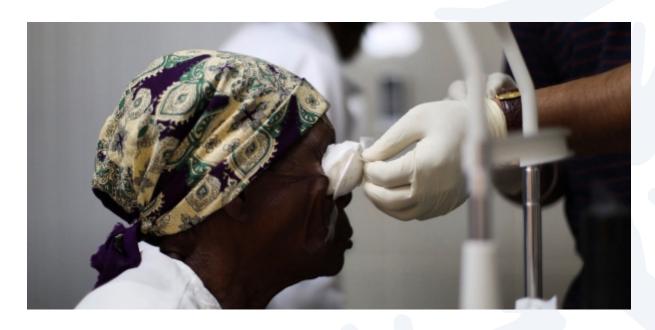
### HEALTH SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT

Many people have suffered loss of eyesight due to delay in treatment of cataract, a curable disease. This vision impairment has resulted in completely dependent patients in Mozambique, thereby placing additional burden on their immediate family members. These patients become economically vulnerable and they would hardly be able to sustain their own livelihood.

The crisis has been worsened by the lack of adequate resources in local hospitals. In today's technologically revolutionized world in the medical field, the average cost of cataract surgeries has come down drastically to approximately USD 25 per surgery worldwide with locally manufactured medicines in the developed world. However, in Mozambique, the same surgery would cost approximately in the range of US 110-130 in private hospitals, whereas the public hospitals have a long list of patients waiting for the surgeries over 5-7 years who are developing hard corneas that eventually lead to permanent blindness. Due to the exorbitant costs of the cataract treatment privately

and scarcity of resources and medicine availability with the Ministry of Health, the reach out to these suffering patients has been minimal over the decades, resulting in blindness amongs those patients.

Cataract affects individuals in different ways. It can prevent people from driving, undertaking work that requires fine detail or recognizing faces. This has an obvious financial and emotional cost to the patient. For some people, even a small change in their sight in one eye will cause a significant problem. Denying treatment leaves patients at risk of social isolation. Investing now to save someone's sight is logical to take care of a vision-less financially dependent person for the rest of his life. It is from this background that RAF managed to facilitate the surgery of 230 patients in Mozambique in 2018. This was also followed by an intensive training that was conducted by Prof Poul Roux from South Africa where 12 Ophthalmology doctors underwent rigorous training on a weekly basis from July to November 2018.



3 Health Camps

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1 Cleft Palate Surgery Campaigns 76
Beneficiaries

Distribution of Baby Blankets

1000
Beneficiaries

1 Hearing Aid Campaign
420
Beneficiaries

### HEARING AID CAMPAIGN

Over 400 hearing impaired individuals underwent a procedure to fit hearing aids during an audiology camp conducted from January 9 to 24, in three provinces of Maputo, Gaza and Inhambane.

400 Rearing aids fitted



# **ECONOMIC INCLUSION**

RAF believes that if one person moves out of poverty, then there is high chance that it will break the chain of poverty, which otherwise will affect the other person in the line. Hence, RAF focuses on building skills that will enable people to break the cycle. This will further help people to access sustainable livelihood. RAF also passionately works with women and youth to help them achieve economic empowerment.

#### 'Women Empowerment Project' by Rizwan Adatia Foundation, a part of the Maliya Village Adoption

- Promotes self-help groups (SHGs) to initiate savings and credit programme among marginalized women.
- Helps link them to state entitlements and banks for long-term credit requirement to develop SHG clusters and federations for sustainability.

- Through the initiative, RAF is directly associated with 1,200 women of Maliya in 110 SHGs currently.
- Individuals as well as groups of women have initiated income generation activities, such as, Tailoring, Broomstick preparation, Segregation of waste products, Dairy farming, Creating and selling vermi-compost and incense sticks.
- The women -- in association with RAF -- keep on exploring ideas for sustainable livelihood.
- These SHGs are now converted into 6 Clusters (60 SHGs) and linked with various government schemes for receiving loans and getting engaged in livelihood.
- The project continues to reach out to more women in the community to involve them in productive livelihood and developmental activities.



#### **Supporting Livelihood in Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin**

- The project started from January 2018 in partnership with Aga Khan Foundation (India) and Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC).
- The project's goal is the economic empowerment of women and youth through enhanced access to productive, sustained and dignified incomes.
- There are three major components of the project, such as, through a Career Development Centre (CDC) for youth and two women's enterprises – Insha-e-Noor (IeN) and Zaika-e-Nizamuddin (ZeN). The women's groups will be registered as independent legal entities and will

- gradually move towards functioning independently.
- The project is expected to benefit 1,100 families.
- By end of 2018, Zaika-e-Nizamuddin initiated its many activities such as 'pop-up' restaurants and added new members and trained them.
- Insha-e-Noor has forayed into working in a new geographical area as well as expanding market linkages.
- Till now, the project has directly benefited 545 people 441 through CDC, 93 through IEN and 11 through ZeN.







### Building Opportunities for Economic Empowerment and Better health (BOFEBH), Japla, Jharkhand

- In association with Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra (SSK), the two-year project started from October 2016.
- It aims to create low-cost, hygienic and easily available sanitary napkins in the rural areas of Jharkhand where awareness as well as availability of hygienic sanitary napkins is rare.
- Currently, women-led enterprises are generating awareness and producing sanitary napkins with the help of manufacturing units.
- The product is marketed by rural girls of Hussainabad block of Palamu district.
- It's estimated that by the end of the second year, 400 adolescent girls will reach the product to

- families in the Hussainabad block as well as in the neighbouring areas.
- The project established 37 URMI Vikray Kendras and reached out to nearly 50,000 people during the course.
- The partner requested to support the project further as they have not been able to arrange other financial support to continue the work.
- Looking at the work they have done in the past, RAF agreed to support the project till the end of March 2019.
- The partnership will continue under the name of Project Urmi'.

### CASE STUDIES



Shahana Parveen is a resident of Lotaniya village. She got married to a driver when she was 19 years old. But destiny had something else in store for her. Shahana's husband died an untimely death in an accident. After his sudden demise, she was ill-treated by her in-laws. When things got worse, she decided to move to her parents' house. At present, she lives with her father, mother, two daughters and two younger sisters. Her father is a farmer and has limited earnings. With more members added to the family, it has added more burden on his shoulders.

Shahana, who has studied till class 8, started looking for an opportunity to change her destiny. Last year, she was approached by a Panchayat Sakhi and Sahayika who motivated her to overcome her situation. Earlier, she was hesitant as she had never taken up any sort of work in her entire life. But when she saw other Urmi Vikray Kendra (UVK) Sanchalikas doing well, she thought of giving it a try. To develop her understanding on menstrual hygiene management (MHM), she attended many Mahila samuh meetings. Gradually, her fear of interacting with people vanished and she was confident enough to speak in front of many people. She expressed her desire to open a UVK centre at her house. She started spreading awareness in her neighborhood on MHM and disseminated information which she had got from the meetings. Because of her humble nature and hard work, she received positive response from all. Today, she sells as many as 35 sanitary packets a month and has created a database of users who are her regular customers.

She says with a smile "agar Urmi nahi hota to main aaj bhi usi halat me hoti" (without Urmi I too would have remained in the same situation).

Shahana Parveen-"Giving wings to my dreams"

### HOPE to empower female inmates of Dasna prison towards a self-reliant life

During RAF's monitoring visit to Dasna Prison in April 2017, RAF understood the need of working for women inmates. Also, during conversation with India Vision Foundation (IVF), it was decided to focus on women as the need was apparent. The project is working towards building livelihood and life-skills through training. This is largely focusing on adult education, tailoring and building emotional

balance. The project is expected to support nearly 300 women in one year. From July, RAF continued to provide support to the female inmates for building life as well as livelihood skills. For the same, a new grant has been renewed between RAF and IVF. Currently, the project is reaching out to 73 inmates through Adult Education and Tailoring prgrammes.

#### **Linking Youth to Employment in Bangladesh**

- In partnership with Aga Khan Foundation (Bangladesh), the project is enabling youths to get placed in meaningful internship opportunities as well as employment.
- The focus is to increase the employability of youths by providing skill and reducing the gap between youth aspiration and the actual need and demand from the service industry.
- So far, the project team has heavily marketed the learning portal to youth, resulting in 300
- Bangladesh Youth Leadrship Center (BYLC) graduates completing the online courses and 4,695 non-BYLC graduates accessing the courses.
- This means that a total 6,164 non-BYLC graduate youths have accessed the online courses to date, which has exceeded the target of 5,000 youth by 23%.

### **DR CONGO**

Year 2018 was very fruitful in the sense of skill development and self-employment generation. As many as 567 women and youths were provided skill development training in tailoring, beautician, bakery and micro-entrepreneurship. The project

supported the Pediatri De Kimbondo orphanage by constructing a bakery where their inmates will be trained to make bread to fulfill their requirement so that they don't have to be dependent on others.



### **ECONOMIC INCLUSION**

#### **Centre for Aspiration for Youth in Mozambique (CAYM)**

Many of today's youth in Mozambique have neither completed school nor graduated through a school system, weakened by both human and physical resources. Those who have managed to complete school find themselves unprepared for realities of the employment market as traditional school subjects don't fulfill the needs of the market. In most cases, schools have also provided limited preparation for self-employment and most of the youth lack enterprise-specific technical and management knowledge, skills and experience. Most young people are absorbed into the informal sector and can easily be exploited. It is from this background that RAF has established a training center that has been named as, "Centre of Aspiration for Youth in Mozambique" (CAYM).

In 2018, RAF managed to facilitate skill development through the various courses that it is currently offering at CAYM. The courses range from Information Technology, Soldering, Event Management & Decoration, Carpentry, Beautician & Make-up, Electrician, Secretary & Reception, Arts & Crafts, Plumbing, Weaving, Jewellery making, Early childhood education, Sewing and Gardening.

Priority was being given to the vulnerable groups and youths so that they can have access to the services offered at CAYM.

The courses supported students with business management skills from C-Serve, a local consultancy service company. Business Management skills have helped to improve the ability of the youth to identify, organize, plan and allocate resources (e.g., time, money, materials, facilities and human resources) as they will be expected to start their projects or business in their specific areas after graduation at CAYM. In 2018 alone, 1,320 students managed to graduate while more than 3,700 students have graduated since the inception of the center in 2016.

On a quarterly basis, RAF has been providing new materials for new students who will be kick-starting a new course as each course has a duration of three months. Thereafter, a graduation ceremony is arranged where top officials from the Ministry of Education in Mozambique are invited to grace the occasion as guest of honour. In 2018, the Vice-Minister of Education, Mr. Armindo Ngunga, was the guest of honour during the graduation ceremony at CAYM.



### **Borehole Rehabilitation**

A total 18 boreholes were rehabilitated in Gaza province, reaching out to more than 40,000 beneficiaries. In October, distinctive plaques were placed on all sources rehabilitated to acknowledge the efforts of different donors who contributed to this noble cause.

In Gaza 18 40,000 beneficiaries





### GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Rizwan Adatia Foundation understands that government has the machinery and resources to execute complex and long-term projects. And it needs suggestions, good citizens and technology to make the initiatives effective. Although working with the government can be challenging, isolating the government will never result in long-term sustained change. RAF sees 'Governance' as the process by which a society manages itself through the mechanisms of the state. Interactions with civil society is therefore important. Hence, RAF works in 'Governance and Civil society' as a key domain to link all the other initiatives under different sectors with the Foundation's vision.

#### Strengthening Voluntary Civil Society Leaders for Social Action

- RAF has launched the project in partnership with Aga Khan Foundation (Bangladesh), with the aim to expand the scale and scope of social action for public good.
- The project is identifying and building capacity of Voluntary Civil Society Leaders (VCSLs) who will undertake concrete actions and raise funds to benefit the youth citizens in need in their communities.
- The project is expected to benefit 7,500 youths directly. However, it has already benefited 18,041 people through various actions.
- So far, the selected 150 volunteers have already taken up 2,291 concrete actions to benefit the poor and disadvantaged people.



• Further, the project has been able to raise 9.67 million BDT for sustaining the project.

#### Mainstreaming State Entitlements and Schemes Among Marginalized Communities In Urban Patna, Bihar

- In partnership with Aga Khan Foundation
- Project aims to strengthen 30 existing government-approved Common Services Centres (CSCs) of Phulawari sharif and Danapur and develop four of them into eresource centres to provide technical support to other CSCs.
- The three-year project started from May 2016
- Helps to map and document government schemes and entitlements relevant to the community in the project area.
- Improves community awareness about existing schemes and entitlements to generate demand through sustained information, education and communication activities.
- Currently working with 32 CSCs (2 more CSCs than planned)
- So far, the project has conducted 41
   awareness camps and 52,704 applications
   were made to avail government schemes.
- Also, liaisons with government department were done. Some of them were with the National Urban Livelihood Mission, Dept. of Block Agriculture, Dept. Of Labour, Dept. of Revenue & Land Reforms.



### **OUTREACH**



**6,611** applications submitted

1,564
given access to government schemes & entitlements

59% beneficiaries have accessed govt. social security schemes



14%



7% have accessed the food security scheme



20% have accessed other of

have accessed other govt. schemes and entitlements

#### **Establishment of E-Resource centres**

### Mainstreaming state entitlements and schemes among marginalized communities in Urban Patna, Bihar

At the end of the first year of the project, four common service centres (CSCs) were selected to be resource centres based on the performance of the CSC entrepreneurs (their maintaining of regular business hours and dedication to continuing running the centres) along with their geographical location and proximity to a cluster of six to seven other CSCs spread across the project area.

Over the past six months of the project, the four selected CSCs have been provided with equipment necessary to effectively carry out their work, including a printer, single biometric device, pen drive, broad band, 4G data card. They have been given orientation on the roles and responsibilities of the eresource centre in the community and its goal to become a centre of excellence for other CSCs to learn from.

As a result, these e-resource centres have seen an increase in footfall to about 80-100 customers a day, approximately a 53% increase for each CSC. Over the next six months, the project team will be building the capacity of the e-resource centre entrepreneurs to share their knowledge and understanding of effective management practices for CSCs with the 28 remaining CSCs.

## **CASE STUDIES**



### VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

#### Maliya Hatina, Junagadh (Gujarat)

In the lines of Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, in 2015, Rizwan Adatia Foundation adopted the village of Malia-Hatina in Junagarh district of Gujarat. Through long-term intervention, the Foundation is attempting to make significant improvement in the overall Quality of Life by addressing the key sectors of health, education and livelihoods. Through various projects in Maliya, RAF is reaching out to a population of 15,000.

#### The major activities are:

#### a. Women Empowerment Project (WEP)

The project promotes SHGs to initiate saving and credit programmes among the marginalized women and nurtures leadership among the members. RAF is directly associated with 1,063 women of Maliya through 103 SHGs. Till date, the groups have been able to save Rs 27.5 lakh and supported individuals and groups in livelihood activities.

#### b. Community Hall

The community hall enables an environment for senior citizens that allows interaction with the entire community and our experience shows that available infrastructure helps a great deal in achieving the above. Hence, the construction of Community Hall in the village of Maliya-Hatina (Gujarat) is expected to

act as a tool to bridge the gap between all ages. It encourages activities such as Yoga, Livelihood skills and health awareness camps to promote positive relation between youths and elders. Till date, nearly 3,200 people have used the hall for various reasons.

#### c. Micro Solid Waste Management (MSWM)

Through this project, RAF aims to develop a sustainable system of Micro Solid Waste Management by increasing awareness about segregation of waste through IEC activities. Further, RAF has supported in strengthening infrastructure to initiate segregation at the community-level by providing dustbins at the Community as well as the Household-level. Working along with the Panchayat, a garbage collection vehicle has been provided to collect waste with collection workers who are trained to segregate waste.

#### d. Education Support Programme

RAF provides free basic education for weak students as remedial classes. Language and Mathematics are taught in these classes. As many as 102 students attend these daily remedial classes in Jashapara and new Maliya areas. These students also attend regular schools.





#### **Banca Project**

The project has been designed to support communities to start their own small business with grant or loan assistance and training. It equips small business owners with enterprise training, developing sense of grooming for appropriate occasions and identifying suitable location for business. Initial working capital and holding support is provided for the first 6 months. A majority of the beneficiaries under the Banca project are women and they are encouraged to cultivate savings and loan repayment habit. 123 Banca projects were functional in Gaza in 2018 and it is interesting to note that the model has managed to inculcate a savings culture even among those, who have very little to save. It introduces members to a borrowing and repayment approach, which reflects commercial lending practices, such as repayment with interest and penalties for missed payments.

### The methodology has been based on the following principles:

- Self-management Building capacity of group to manage their own issues.
- Simplicity and transparency of operations –
   The approach does not take a lot of time for members and doesn't have complicated

- records, thus making it attractive to a diverse audience.
- Flexibility Groups decide when and where to meet and how to operate their funds.
- O Very low overhead costs on group earnings In rural areas, groups can just sit under a tree. In urban areas, people have designated points where they can meet and conduct their transactions. It is important that the procedures do not create a lot of overheads or become too complicated for people to feel motivated to be part of the support systems created.
- Earnings are retained Both within the group and within the community

#### **Bhojan Project in Mozambique**

December 13, 2018, was the official opening of the feeding project termed as the, "Bhojan Project" in Maputo. Children of one orphanage were supported with lunch at Infanitario 1° de Maio in Maputo, thus reaching out to 50 orphans on a daily basis. The project is expected to widen its horizons in 2019.





### INSTRUMENT OF CHANGE **MUSIC FOR NOBEL CAUSE**





Instrument of Change – Music for Noble Cause, a musical programme was organized on 24th November, 2018, at Taj Lands End in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Rizwan Adatia Foundation collaborated with axtor, Faissal Khan, as a Brand Ambassador as well as conducted a musical event where notable personalities from across the country participated to share positive vibes about RAF.

### **AFRICA**

In 2018, various international days were observed and celebrated under which a total 1,789 individuals were reached. These included celebration of International Women's Day with 215 adolescent girls and women, celebration of International Children's Day with 650 children from schools and orphanages and celebration of Christmas with 570 children in orphanages. On other occasions, food and toys were distributed to 354 orphanages.

In addition to the above achievements, 103 women's SHGs are formed with membership of 663 women. This initiative really provided boost to work in terms of community acceptance and their readiness to be self-sufficient. Now these groups have also started with micro finance activities within the group to become entrepreneurs.

#### **World Hearing day**



#### Water day



#### **Menstrual Hygiene day**



Children's day



#### Senior citizen day Yoga day





#### Intl. Youth Skills day

Women's day



youth reached at CAYM

#### **Christmas Day**



children reached in Gaza

# RIZWAN ADATIA FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (RAFSCD)

Rizwan Adatia Foundation for Social and Cultural Development (RAFSCD) is a subsidiary department of Rizwan Adatia Foundation (RAF). RAFSCD is a non-profit, working diligently to raise the quality of life of Senior Citizens by providing them an opportunity to take part in recreational activities. RAFSCD's most successful activities are Bhav Vandan (Senior Citizen Get-together Event), Pasandgi Melo (Senior Citizen Match-making Event), and Senior Citizen International Trip.

RAFSCD aims to reduce loneliness in senior citizens' lives by providing an opportunity to interact with

like-minded humans. RAFSCD is envisaging reaching out to as many senior citizens across India as possible.

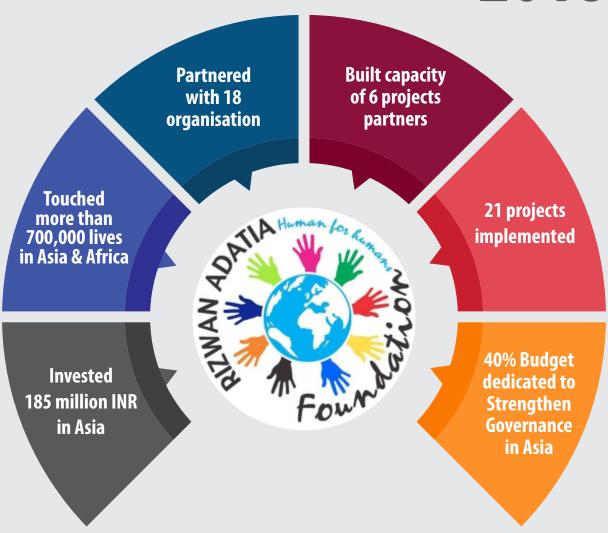
In 2018, six Bhav Vandan events were conducted across Gujarat while two international matchmaking events were conducted in Mumbai and Hyderabad. Also, four match-making events in India - Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Porbandar and Gurgaon -- were conducted. A Senior Citizen International tour to Singapore and Malaysia was conducted as well.







### ACHIEVEMENTS 2018



- Building capacity of the partner organizations
- More focus on creating as well as strengthening systems
  - Improved quality of programmes through monitoring
  - Strengthening the system of data collection, reviewing
- Focusing on thematic areas-wise project outcomes
- Website revamped

### 2019: THE NEW HORIZON

#### **Upcoming projects in Asia**

- Improving maternal and child health in two villages in Maharashtra
- URJA Project Empowering Youth Towards Resilience and Leadership in 40 schools of Palghar district.
- Construction of sanitation blocks in 6 schools in Maliya Hatina village, Gujarat
- Improving quality education in 6 schools in Maliya Hatina village, Gujarat
- Health, Education and Livelihoods intervention in 8-10 vulnerable villages from Rajkot, Porbandar, Palghar and Latur Districts.

#### **Upcoming projects in Mozambique**

- Cataract campaign
- School kits distribution
- Borehole rehabilitation
- Cleft lip and palate campaign
- Hearing Aid campaign
- Health and safety training



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