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Mozambique: RAF conducted a Climate Change workshop on November 2nd in collaboration with UNESCO.

**RAF** is committed to create an equitable society and strategically invest in programmes that are collaboratively designed and implemented with the target communities. The intent is to achieve sustainable development and improve the quality of life of marginalised communities, enabling them to be self-reliant and resilient.

**Vision:**
Creation of a resilient and self-reliant society

**Mission:**
RAF strives to achieve the improvement in the quality of life of marginalised and disadvantaged communities in focused geographical areas across Asia and Africa, by making appropriate and strategic investment in the sectors of health, education, livelihoods, along with harnessing human potential.
Where We Work

Active Countries
- Mozambique
- Kenya
- India
- Swaziland
- South Africa
- DR Congo
- Bangladesh

Planned Countries
- Nepal
- Afghanistan
- Madagascar
- Tanzania
- Uganda
BUDGET ALLOCATION

AFRICA
- 44% Social & Cultural Development
- 17% Livelihoods
- 05% Relief
- 17% Education
- 16% Health

ASIA
- 30% Social & Cultural Development
- 23% Livelihoods
- 05% Relief
- 21% Education
- 21% Health
## Area-wise Project Distribution

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Providing viable livelihood opportunities to marginalised communities can significantly reduce poverty and create an environment for sustained growth and inclusive development. RAF works towards sustainable poverty reduction in a way that is aligned with the world’s vision to reduce poverty and its related issues. The Foundation has partnered with Aga Khan Foundation (India), Aga Khan Foundation (Bangladesh) and India Vision Foundation to create equal opportunities for underserved communities, especially women, and enable them access to a standard of living that will satisfy essential needs related to food security, housing, healthcare and education.

RAF’s interventions range from increasing community-level awareness and uptake of government entitlements and schemes, empowering women through the formation of self help groups (SHGs), supporting micro enterprise development, as well as skilling and linking the youth to employment opportunities. The Foundation is assisting micro entrepreneurs realise their dream of financial independence by imparting vocational training to women and youth on different livelihood options such as tailoring, crafts welding, computer operation etc.
Health is central to sustainable development. Healthy communities contribute to the economic growth and overall wellbeing of a nation. However, universal access to affordable and quality healthcare remains a challenge for most developing nations. Using a participatory approach, RAF ensures disadvantaged sections of society, especially young girls and women have access to basic health and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) facilities. Strategic partnerships with the World Food Programme, Pathfinder International, Operation Smile, Ministry of Health (Government of Mozambique), Aga Khan Foundation (India), and Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS) have helped RAF reach out and cater to underserved rural and urban populations across Africa and Asia.

Sensitizing the community on the importance of waste segregation and facilitating micro solid waste management, creating sanitation facilities in rural schools including supply of potable water, and helping build women-led small scale enterprise to manufacture low cost sanitary napkins for better health, an example would be our partnership with Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra (SSK), Jharkhand, and hygiene among rural women and girls are some of the key intervention areas. RAF also works to improve community access to specialised leprosy health care and organises cataract surgery campaigns, which include training ophthalmologists on advance surgical procedures.
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Maputo, Mozambique: It’s the graduation day at a RAF run Early Child Development Centre (ECD)

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RAF supports disaster relief measures through humanitarian relief and response interventions based on both the needs and vulnerabilities of at-risk communities. The Foundation endeavours to address the basic needs of families in the event of a disaster by ensuring quality food, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene.

Access to clean water is critical to community health. RAF worked with Grameen Shramik Pratishthan, to provide immediate drought proofing measures and watershed development for two drought-affected villagers in Latur, Maharashtra (India). Replenishing groundwater levels through watershed area development significantly improved the community’s access to water. Tubewells and water pumps have been constructed to improve supply of potable water to communities in Mahua, Bhavnagar, Gujarat (India). In Africa, RAF supports flood victims with necessary essentials to survive the extremities and provides warm clothing to people vulnerable to harsh winters.
Positivity and a general sense of wellbeing are key contributors to a vibrant environment of collective action and growth. RAF in collaboration with partners such as UNESCO, Pathfinder International, CEPROSOC, Help Age International and Brahma Kumaris organised events and forums such as International Yoga Day, International Children’s Day and International Day for Elderly to bring communities together and link them with relevant services and benefits.

In addition to building community centers to facilitate holistic development of all age groups, RAF promotes sports and cultural activities among all age groups to catalyse a shared awareness of humanity and solidarity.

Catering to the sentiments and needs of the elderly is a core focus area for RAF. The Foundation organises events such as senior citizen’s Jeevan Saathi Sammelan (in association with Anubandh Foundation) to help the elderly find life partners and Bhavvandan to celebrate their lives. RAF also initiated a new project where old age home residents are taken on an international tour.
As high as 80% to 84% of the area under agriculture in Maharashtra is rain-fed, there is a huge variability in rainfall in different regions of the state. One-third of the state falls under the semi-arid climatic zone and has its agriculture dependent on the monsoons. Deficient rainfall is reported once every 5 years and drought conditions occur once every 8-9 years.

In the year 2016, Latur district, of Maharashtra was on the brink of water catastrophe and been experiencing severe drought over the last three years due to deficient rainfall and this has further worsened the situation with a drastic drop in groundwater levels, acute water shortages and severe loss of crops.

Rizwan Adatia Foundation joined hands with Grameen Shramik Pratishthan to overcome drought in two villages in Latur district. The two partners, in tandem with the local community worked on percolation of a lake - the lake was deepened, its edge extended. An enclosure was created for the canal leading to an increase in the water level. The collaboration led to a drastic change in the life of people. This intervention raised groundwater levels from 500 ft.-700 ft. to 200 ft-500 ft., benefitting nearly 7000 people of Budhoda and Selu village of Latur. In addition to that, the agricultural lands are being farmed and subsequently, water borne diseases have also reduced.

This project also improved the standard of living of 68 visually challenged inmates of the nearby Grameen Shramik Pratishthan rehabilitation center.
In Mozambique, almost one in every 100 persons is visually impaired and cataract is a major contributor to this condition. RAF implemented a cataract surgery campaign in Mozambique, where over 1,000 poor patients benefited with advanced phacoemulsification surgery. Eight doctors from government hospitals were trained during the campaign. Patients under the campaign were referred by government hospitals. Individual donors and corporate sponsors like Olam International came forward to sponsor patients.

“I saw my wife for the first time. She looks beautiful. I thank the Foundation for giving my vision back. It feels so good to see the world.”

Miguel Valingue, one of the many who benefited from free cataract surgery campaign in Mozambique.

Maputo, Mozambique: Miguel Valinques’ cataract was treated at a RAF eye camp.
Case Study
Women and Livelihoods

Havaben belongs to an economically weak community in Jasapara area of Maliya Hatina, Gujarat, India. Determined to improve her family’s financial status, Havaben, a seasonal labourer, planned to start a small goatery business. She lacked the resources and was wary of being exploited by local loan sharks.

In December 2015, RAF started the Women Empowerment Project in Havaben’s village. Havaben and other women in her community joined this initiative as members of Sitara SHG. Havaben used the money she had saved with the SHG and also took a loan from the group to purchase goats. From an ordinary seasonal labourer Havaben is today an entrepreneur, looking after the everyday operations of her goatery. She plans to reinvest her earnings into the business and ensure a bright future for her family.
Recognition

Best Friend Award, 14th December 2016, Gorongosa Mozambique

Honoured with the Hind Ratan Award, 25th January 2016

Education Minister (Gujarat) Bhupendrasinh Chudasama presented the Salute India 2016 Award, 22nd December 2016

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis received Relief Fund, April 2016
Partners

- AGA KHAN FOUNDATION
- BRAHMA KUMARIS
- GURUKUL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
- AMURT
- India Vision Foundation
- Operation Smile
- HelpAge International
- UNESCO
- PRIA
- Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra
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