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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A tide swept across the globe last year, in the form of the contagious Covid 19 infection. Almost everywhere, it affected the poorest, most severely. While most of us attempted to keep ourselves safe and hopeful and were toying with the idea of a new normal, the following year brought our world simply crashing down. This time, we saw death closely. Almost all of us lost somebody we knew, to the epidemic. The challenges were grave in a large and populous developing country, as India. The wails of relatives who lost family members, the many children who were left orphaned, the painful images of burning pyres and the fears of the men/women who were slipping away into the unknown, were real emotions, real losses of a country.

India has been strong to bounce back on many fronts, during the same year that devastated her. We owe greatly to the scientific community as well as all the medical professionals and frontline workers who were truly the foot soldiers, battling to protect the rural as well as the urban population. This phase has been significant for RAF Global in India as we responded to the call for humanitarian support by district administrations in several states and extended support of critical medical supplies, set up make-shift Covid Care centre and also found a benevolent donor, the Zarina Foundation to enhance the capacity of District Civil Hospital in Junagadh, Gujarat with respect to medical oxygen requirements for critical patients.

During the humanitarian response, we built an understanding that it is absolutely essential to firm up the medical infrastructure of district hospitals and the block level Community Health Centres. With time, we transitioned into undertaking developmental work in the Barmer district of Rajasthan. We have strengthened our livelihoods programme in the states of Gujarat and focused on linkages with the Government initiatives. In Jharkhand, we ensured that the early detection of leprosy cases and specialised treatment carried on. We have begun working with farmers in several areas and promoting the shift to organic methods of farming. In doing so, we carried on with our endeavour to improve the Quality of Life of the poorest, marginalised and vulnerable segments of the society.

It is a proud moment for me to share with you the Annual Report, 2021 for RAF Global in India and explore our work. During the year, Rizwan Adatia Foundation also underwent a brand building process and now presents its work across Africa and Asia under the brand, RAF Global. Our new logo is a transition from the original one yet, carries its essence of service to humanity with collaborative efforts and symbolises hope, renewal and resilience.

I am thankful to all stakeholders such as the local community, administration, various Government departments, institutions and programme partners who were pivotal for programme implementation in the year, 2021. It is by pooling together of our strengths that innovations and sustenance of initiatives are possible, beyond projects.

I invite you to read through our work and engage with us.

Best Wishes,  
Rizwan Adatia  
Founder Chairman, RAF Global



# ABOUT RAF GLOBAL

RAF Global is a private, non-denominational, not-for-profit international organisation committed to improving the quality of life primarily in selected countries across Africa and Asia. RAF Global has branches and affiliates in 6 countries. RAF Global works with the most marginalised individuals, families, communities in the poorest areas of Asia and Africa to improve the Quality of Life by acting as a catalyst that brings together resources, technology, systems, and effective grassroots strategies, giving better choices and control to people for lasting change. In pursuit of its mission, RAF Global endeavours to make long-term, strategic and systemic investment in the areas of Economic Integration and Livelihood Support for Women and Youth, Climate Smart Agriculture, Health and Nutrition Initiatives, Education and Technology, Good Governance and Humanitarian Response.

## OUR VISION

A resilient society that is free from poverty and where every woman, man and child leads a fulfilling life with dignity, peace and security of rights.

## OUR MISSION

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# RAF GLOBAL IN INDIA

Operational since 2015, RAF Global is registered in India under section 8 of the Indian Companies Act, 2013. With long term interventions in the Indian states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Jharkhand, it is reaching out to over 600,000 lives through multi-sectoral programmes. RAF Global presently implements a wide array of long-term and comprehensive projects in seven districts of the intervention states, across the sectors of livelihood, public health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education along with expanding the scale and scope of good governance.

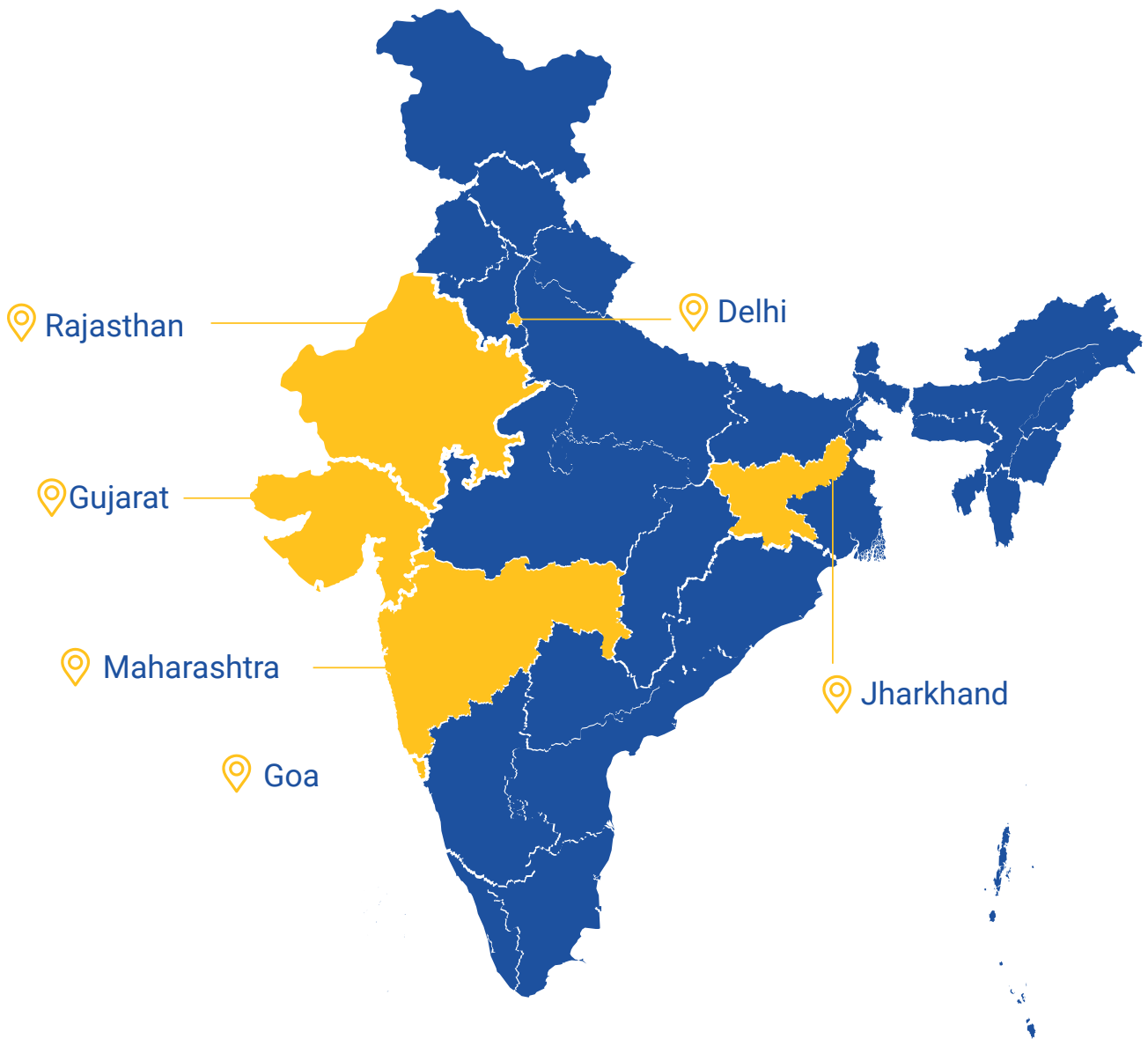
RAF Global in India possesses rich and extensive experience of meaningfully engaging with both international aid agencies and the Government, across various levels. In the past, RAF Global has collaborated with various state governments, INGOs, and CSOs in a plethora of projects aimed at driving social change and sustainable development through better convergence and optimal utilisation of resources demonstrating an effective and meaningful partnership for development.

Our interventions in India have laid strong emphasis on strengthening education and public health systems aimed at improving quality of public services thereby influencing Quality of Life on a sustained basis for our primary target group. RAF Global is engaged in skilling the youths with a broad range of trade, and further ushers them to favourable linkages around finance and market, in order to augment and sustain their income. Capacity building of farmers and providing supportive mechanisms for enabling their shift to organic farming has been a growing area of our work. Besides, we work on rain water harvesting in the Thar desert region of Barmer for improving access to drinking water, as well as economic integration of women SHG collectives with banks and Government schemes for livelihood support in three states. With children, we work on Foundational Improvement Learning Programme to build a strong, age appropriate base in language, numeracy, comprehension and creativity for elementary level children, endeavouring smooth transition to higher classes and addressing school dropout due to learning deficits.



## OUR PROJECT LOCATIONS IN 2021

The reporting period was one with unprecedented challenges, posed by the public health emergency situation in the country. RAF Global continued its focus during the year in Porbandar and Junagadh districts of Gujarat, in East Singbhum district of Jharkhand and in Mumbai city, Maharashtra besides providing specific relief support in the Union Territories of Delhi and Goa. The foundation also engaged with District Administrations of Barmer and Jaisalmer in the state of Rajasthan for humanitarian response during the second wave of Covid-19. Later, it decided to initiate development work in the Barmer district and explore other districts, incrementally.





State/UT	District & Block	Coverage (Institution, Villages, Population)
Maharashtra, Goa (UT)	Navi Mumbai area	2 facilities of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, supporting cancer patients
Delhi (UT)	Bhogal	1 school for children of Afghan refugees
Gujarat	Porbandar Ranavav	District Covid care hospitals Bhavsinhji Hospital, Porbandar  Block level CHCs (Kutiyana) PHCs: Modhwada, Simar and Visavada No. of villages: 20
	Junagadh Blocks: Maliya Hatina, Keshod, Mangrol, Chorwad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMERS General Hospital</li> <li>• Referral hospital &amp; CHC, Maliya Hatina</li> <li>• Referral hospitals-Keshod, Mangrol,</li> <li>• CHC, Chorwad</li> </ul> No. of villages: 10
Rajasthan	Barmer Blocks: Sindhari, Payla Kalan	District Civil Hospital (Barmer Rajkiya Chikatsalaya) Sindhari Community Health Centre  No. of villages: 10
	Jaisalmer city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Civil Hospital (Shree Jawahir Hospital)</li> <li>• Set up a Covid care centre with 100 beds</li> </ul>
Jharkhand	East Singbhum  Blocks: Dumariya, Musabani, Potka, Dhalbhumgarh, Baharagora and Chakulia	No. of villages = 1,263 (Approx population: 7 lakh) The project broadly covered 293 villages of Potka block (Approx population 2 lakhs) through screening in previous project years. Presently, a population of 43,925 is covered through Dhalbhumgarh & Chakulia blocks  3 CHCs 1 Leprosy hospital
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Girls' +2 High School, Potka</li> <li>• Upgraded +2 High school, Manpur, Potka-1</li> </ul>

# OUR PROJECT LOCATIONS IN 2021

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## ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH (EILSWY)

RAF Global in India promotes economic well-being of women and youth, across the spectrum of decent work opportunities such as, wage employment, self-employment and enterprise development by aiding their income generating skills, enabling them for a strong market and financial linkage as well as supporting them to start businesses and build productive assets.



Women are encouraged to collectivise under Self Help Groups at the village level wherein they save money, inter-loan at low interest rate, plan for activities that could generate additional income, and have access to financial services such as cash credit and insurance services at affordable cost. Through a process of regular SHG meetings, discussions and trainings over the years, RAF Global in India has enabled the SHGs to maintain their book-keeping system, have access to Community Investment Fund support and other loans through banks, attend trainings on various trades like poultry farming, tailoring and enhance their livelihood.

During the financial year 2021-22, SHG groundwork was undertaken in a total of 33 villages across the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan. 192 SHGs were either formed or revived across these villages directly by India country office field team.

## KEY INTERVENTIONS

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### 1. Groundwork for SHG formation or revival and Strengthening

In course of formation of SHGs or their revival where they were defunct for various reasons, more than 1500 SHG members received trainings on the Standard Norms of SHGs operations and in Book-keeping for maintaining an efficient and transparent financial transaction system. Regular handholding support has been provided in the above areas.

### 2. Establishing Linkage with Financial Institutions for Credit

As a result of the linkage of 61 SHGs with banks and the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), the SHGs availed loans of Rs 46 lakh as Community Investment Support Fund (CIF) and Rs 56 lakh as Cash Credit Loan (CC) from the banks. Rs 20 lakhs of the CIF loan was also repaid.

### 3. Promoting Skill Building to initiate Micro Enterprises

As an endeavour towards Skill Building of SHG members to initiate Micro Enterprises, 199 SHG members were trained in poultry farming, pickle and papad making, garment stitching, rope weaving and other trades through institutions such as Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) and others.







**Training on Animal Husbandry:** All across India, household cattle is the primary responsibility of women. This is true of Maliya, Gujarat too, where SHGs demanded to provide training on proper care of household cattle. Subsequently, training was organised through veterinarians on management and feeding of newborn calf, types of feed and fodders, shed, feeding, health management of calves from 0-3 month age group etc as a step to strengthen existing income source of SHG women members.

**Linkage with income-generation activity:** SHGs engaged in micro-businesses have been supported to improve the visibility of the products and in establishing market linkages to increase the sale of their products. For example, in Bokhira village, Porbandar (Gujarat), 3 SHGs are collectively manufacturing incense sticks by using their SHG fund. Unable to sell their products widely, they approached RAF Global team that supported them in developing product pamphlets for greater visibility. These pamphlets were also distributed with the local newspapers across Porbandar city which gained them more publicity and orders.

#### 4. Trainings on Self Awareness for Social Empowerment

Apart from building financial capability of poor and disadvantaged women in the intervention states, RAF Global is also laying emphasis on their social empowerment through knowledge and practice of their rights and building solidarity against atrocities in society through the forum of SHGs.

Awareness sessions and workshops have been organized for SHG members on the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (2005), legal services, Government schemes and entitlements etc. Government officials and resource persons from our in-house team of experts have facilitated these sessions. These workshops have built a deeper understanding of the SHGs on these issues and enabled them to take action.





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# CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE (CSA)

RAF Global in India has made a beginning towards promoting and strengthening farming practices and systems that adapt to climate change in order to ensure sustainable income and food security for farm families in the western and eastern regions. The programme has five sub themes – Promotion of Organic Farming, Conservation Agriculture, System of Rice Intensification, E-Agriculture and Micro Irrigation, relevant to the intervention geographies. It is established fact that use of chemicals and input sensitive model of agriculture harms the groundwater and poses a threat to the ecosystem. Organic farming methods on the other hand, contribute to good health, chemical-free food, mitigate climate change and create a healthier ecosystem.

During the financial year 2021-2022, we have worked closely with 240 farmers across the districts of Junagadh and Porbandar in the state of Gujarat, for improving the methods of their farming practices. In East Singbhum district in the state of Jharkhand, RAF Global supported its implementing partner, Bharat Sevashram Sangha towards improving farming practices among the Sabar community.

Organic farming method of crop production based on crop rotation and mix farm strategies build soil's organic matter and Conservation Agriculture revitalises degraded soil as well as reduces soil erosion. These are identified practices that we consider valuable. At RAF Global, Information dissemination, handholding support through regular trainings and setting up of demonstration sites have been the key strategies towards promoting sustainable farming practices.





## KEY INTERVENTIONS

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### 1. Training of Farmers on Organic Farming

Organic farming is undertaken in small numbers in Porbandar and Junagadh districts of Gujarat, despite its long-term benefits. To promote the shift to organic farming practices among farmers, RAF Global organised a series of trainings and practical demonstrations in both districts. As any large size gathering was not possible during the first two quarters due to the infectious Covid disease, online trainings were coordinated by RAF Global for farmers of both the districts. RAF Global not only engaged agriculture scientists from the Krishi Vigyan Kendras - Dr. H.N.Der, Dr.V.M.Savaliya and Dr. M.C. Katariya (Retd. Deputy Director of Agriculture department) and trainer-practitioners of organic farming such as Ms Namrata Acharya, but also supported development of audio visual training content and online modules to keep the virtual training engaging for the trainee farmers. All the participant farmers were connected to a Whatsapp group post the trainings, to continue transfer of technical knowledge through short videos.

Follow up actions involved providing practical, on-site training to the farmers to show them various techniques on improving soil quality by use of organic fertilisers and organic pesticides, along with improved irrigation practices that could contribute towards a healthy agro eco-system. Use of readily available fertilisers such as cow-dung, vermicompost, panchagavya was shared apart from demonstration on making Jeevamrut, an organic fertilizer and Agniashtra, an organic pest repellent and setting up of Vermi-compost bed.



### 2. Promoting Vermicompost beds

After the trainings on organic farming, 22 farmers were identified in both districts of Junagadh and Porbandar who were provided with 2 vermicompost beds each, to produce vermi-compost for usage in their farms as well as, to propagate the benefits of such practices to other farmers. These farmers had agreed to use only organic fertilisers in their farms and had expressed interest on utilising their land as demo



plots for the nearby farmers. Presently, these farmers have already utilised the first yield of fertiliser from the beds on their land. This is motivating other farmers in the vicinity too, to take up vermi-composting for healthy farm produce.

### **3. Promoting Kitchen Gardens among SHG members**

With the twin purpose of helping SHG members learn sustainable farming techniques in the backyard of home as well to give an impetus to improving dietary intake of seasonal vegetables at household levels, RAF Global has trained 60 SHG members on growing vegetables organically, without use of harmful pesticides and insecticides. Kitchen Garden kits have been provided to the trained participants comprising 4-5 varieties of vegetables. From amongst them, 45 participants have successfully grown vegetables and are continuing the practice since the first harvest. They reportedly save money through the Horticulture initiative as they are less dependent on vegetables from the market now.

### **4. Setting up of Farmer Resource Centres and Worm Development Units**



In both Junagadh and Porbandar districts of Gujarat, RAF Global has set up two Farmer Resource Centres --- a collaborative initiative where RAF Global in India provides technical inputs and handholding support to local farmers in their farmland, for adoption of organic methods of crop production and improved farm management practices.

These centres have been developed as on-farm demonstration hubs where farmers will gain hand on exposure and understanding of the processes, techniques, cost-benefits, and crop yields under the organic methods of crop production, besides the in-classroom, theoretical knowledge imparted to them on farm management. This is likely to help farmers gain confidence and motivation to shift to organic methods of production, also beneficial to the ecosystem in the long-run. These centres will be nurtured as sites of knowledge, interactive learning, and networking among farmers and between farmers and other stakeholders and institutions, encouraging them to adopt and propagate benefits of natural farming across the districts.

3 Worm Development Units have also been set up in both districts to help farmers who are shifting to organic farming learn to generate compost as well as to have large scale access to vermi compost at block level, making the shift towards natural farming practices smooth.

## 3

# HEALTH AND NUTRITION INITIATIVES (HNI)

Good health is critical to fighting poverty at the individual, family and community levels and is a precondition for progress on several of the SDGs on which RAF Global in India is committed. During the reporting period, RAF Global's Health and Nutrition Initiative (HNI) in India has focused on the following programme sub-themes:

1. Prevention and care of critical diseases
2. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
3. Health System Improvement and,
4. Building access to social safety nets

The geographical coverage of these initiatives have been in the states of Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

## 1. PREVENTION AND CARE OF CRITICAL DISEASES

RAF Global is committed to addressing critical diseases in its intervention geographies covering NCDs (Novel Infectious, Chronic and Non-Communicable Diseases) as well as NTDs (Neglected Tropical Diseases). We understand that these diseases disproportionately affect low-income economies and further stress the already weak health systems in poorest regions, create exorbitant costs at the household level, affect individual productivity, including loss of income and may further push people into poverty and debt.

## KEY INTERVENTIONS

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### 1. Reducing the Prevalence of Leprosy in East Singbhum, Jharkhand

The foundation has strengthened community access to specialised leprosy care in the tribal belt of East Singbhum district, Jharkhand for the past 6 years, covering a population of 4.5 lakhs. Besides supporting detection of early cases of leprosy through extensive camps in community and schools, the foundation has funded specialised treatment to the patients at a leprosy hospital in Debanki and follow up support to the patients. The awareness generated through the community outreach mechanisms along with efforts to de-stigmatise the infection has resulted in proactiveness of local communities in self detection, reporting and accessing specialized treatment. The project has promoted community linkages with 3 Community Health Centres and Government systems for timely intervention through referrals and also contributed to improvement in uptake of services aimed for at-risk and infected population.

During the reporting period, community outreach through camps was spread to a total of 6 blocks namely, Dumariya, Musabani, Potka, Dhalbhumgarh, Baharagora and Chakulia. In the month of April 2021, when the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 was dominant in India and Delta variant had just been identified and spreading fast, a total of 948 people attended the outreach camps (12) and OPDs (6) resulting in identification of 5 early cases of leprosy, admission of 6 leprosy patients and identification of 3 cases of deformities due to leprosy. During the same month, 33 patients were In Released from treatment (RFT). After a temporary shutdown of all activities at the peak of second wave of Covid 19, the work resumed full-swing in July 2021. The data July 2021 onwards shows that total of 4,137 locals attended the outreach camps (75) and the OPDs (42) and during these interactions, 74 new cases of leprosy were identified while 187 patients were In Released from treatment (RFT).



## 2. Extending support to Outstation Cancer patients and families in Mumbai



In the year 2021, RAF Global in India provided a grant to Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS) for expanding its boarding and lodging facility for outstation cancer patients and their caregivers in Navi Mumbai. With the construction of a new building, the total lodging facility has been raised to 162 beds that will provide succour to many



outstation poor patients who visit Mumbai every year from various parts of India for cancer treatment. The new block of flats was inaugurated by RAF Global's Founder and Chairman, Mr. Rizwan Adatia on 9th October, 2021 and has been functional since then.

BSS runs several of these centres in Mumbai to ease the financial burden and mental stress of the outstation cancer patients and their families. These facilities have provided free accommodation, free transportation to the hospital, subsidised canteen facilities and counselling related services. RAF Global has financed these efforts for past several years.

## 2. WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene promoting interventions are at the centre of Health and Nutrition Initiative of RAF Global in India. The key interventions during the reporting period under WASH programme are presented below.

### KEY INTERVENTIONS

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#### 1. Access to water for household consumption



RAF Global started its programme interventions in Barmer district of western Rajasthan after the successful execution of its humanitarian assistance to district administration during the second wave of Covid 19. The district forms part of Thar desert region known for its dryness, extremes of temperature, erratic rainfall besides salinity in groundwater. Rural inhabitants have to walk miles to fetch drinking water due to acute scarcity of water during the post monsoon period, every year.

The communities have traditionally practiced building “Tanka” (sump tanks) to conserve rainwater for the purpose of meeting their domestic water requirements for the year. Created under various Government schemes at different points of time, most of these structures are presently in disuse and unable to store rainwater due to the damaged catchment areas. Even when in use, the size of catchments are small that barely conserved 3 to 4 feet rainwater. The beneficiaries had to purchase water from the market— on average, 7-8 tankers of water.

RAF Global has therefore initiated the activities to reconstruct catchment areas of these tanks for the most marginalized community in selected villages of Sindhari and Payla Kalan blocks of Barmer district. The identification of the families and monitoring of the work has been done by the committee formed in the target villages, specifically for this purpose. This initiative has enabled 40 families during 2021-22 to save approx. INR 10-12 thousand annually, which they used to spend on the purchase of water.

## 2. Menstrual Health and Hygiene Awareness



Effective Menstrual Hygiene Management and general hygiene and health awareness is essential to prevent adolescent girls and women from the infections of reproductive and urinary tract. RAF Global has emphasis on spreading awareness on how to maintain hygiene when in menstruation, reducing risks to infection, normalizing the biological cycle of menstruation and encouraging girl children to attend the school, informing them on useful of sanitary pads in making menstruation manageable and safe and thus improve the overall health of adolescent school going girls. Strategically, the initiative aspires to develop confident girls who would be able to break the cultural barriers in education and later, at work and other life opportunities.





1665 SHG women and 270 adolescent girls have been oriented by the trained staff of RAF Global and medical practitioners. Apart from this, sanitary napkins and pad incinerators have been provided to schools and hospitals, both at the block and district levels.

### 3. HEALTH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

#### 1. Support to GMERS General Hospital, Junagadh in setting up an Oxygen Generation Plant

RAF Global, with its commitment to strengthen district level public healthcare infrastructure in tier III towns has taken a landmark step with the setting up of a PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plant of 960 LPM at GMERS General Hospital in Junagadh district of Gujarat. The plant has created additional 270 oxygenated beds and would bolster critical life-saving services of GMERS hospital for the next 10 years, by bringing self sufficiency to the hospital's requirement for medical oxygen.





Built with the benevolent support of Zarina Foundation, the plant would serve not only the patients from Junagadh district, but also patients from adjacent districts like Porbandar, Rajkot, Amreli, Gir-Somanth and Diu. Leading the work, RAF Global has also taken care of installation and expenses of maintenance of the plant for the next two years.

## 2. Blood Donation Camp

After supporting the Porbandar district administration to strengthen its efforts in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic by providing Oxygen Cylinders, Humidifiers, Stretchers, Oxygen Concentrators and other equipment, RAF Global in India has continued its supportive role in strengthening healthcare system at the block and district levels. To help a local blood bank have access to regular supply of blood through healthy and aware blood donating volunteers, RAF Global organised a blood donation camp in Rana Khirasara village in association with the Rotary Club of Porbandar.

## 4. BUILDING ACCESS TO SOCIAL SAFETY NETS

The role of social safety nets in reaching the most disadvantaged people of a community is well acknowledged. RAF Global in India considers social safety nets as critical component under the health programme, given its systemic benefits in enabling better food security, household consumption and improvement in human capital at large. In Porbandar, RAF Global team has been ensuring that no young child is left out of the ICDS system and the supplementary food support that can help fight malnutrition.



In Porbandar district, Gujarat our team has supported the ICDS department in successful turn out of children at 4 Aadhar camps covering different villages and Aadhar enrollment of 218 children that will mainstream their access to a range of free services.

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## EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME (ETP)

RAF Global in India recognises that education must provide its learners with the knowledge, skills, attitude and values to lead productive lives, make informed decisions and contribute as responsible citizens in the wider society to foster peaceful societies, practice gender equality, sustainable living and health and well-being for all. Initiatives in these areas had severely been affected in the year 2020 due to Covid 19 disease and public health safeguarding measures. After a few months of relative calm, there was a surge in the number of Covid-19 patients and deaths reported due to the Delta variant of the virus, from all across the globe including in India. The first quarter of reporting period (FY 2021-22) was therefore low-key with regard to education activities with children or investments in school infrastructure.

From the next quarter onwards, RAF Global initiated 3 specific types of interventions, responding to the learning crisis created during 1.6 years of Covid's dominance. Prolonged closure of schools and limited or no physical involvement of teachers in how students were receiving and comprehending information resulted in projection of large scale learning deficits among children. Such learning gaps had existed and posed a challenge to the school education system even in pre-Covid period. Studies have confirmed that a sizeable number of children in primary and post-primary grades lack the basic language and numeracy skills and are promoted to higher classes without the foundational skills of reading, writing and basic mathematics.







Focussing on the very poor school children from grades 3 to 5 in the districts of Junagadh and Porbandar in Gujarat and Barmer in Rajasthan, RAF Global rolled out the Foundational Learning Improvement Programme (FLIP) after intensive field testing and developing modules to facilitate learning activities with children. The other interventions related to School Improvement Programme, focusing on improvement of infrastructure and learning environment as well as Career Counselling of advanced level school students.

## KEY INTERVENTIONS

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### 1. Foundational Learning Improvement Program (FLIP)

FLIP focuses on building the foundational learning levels among children in grades 3-5 on basic language and numeracy skills, particularly in the areas of reading, writing and basic mathematics and structured learning through groups works, games, art and variety of other teaching learning support materials to bring student to age-appropriate learning levels.



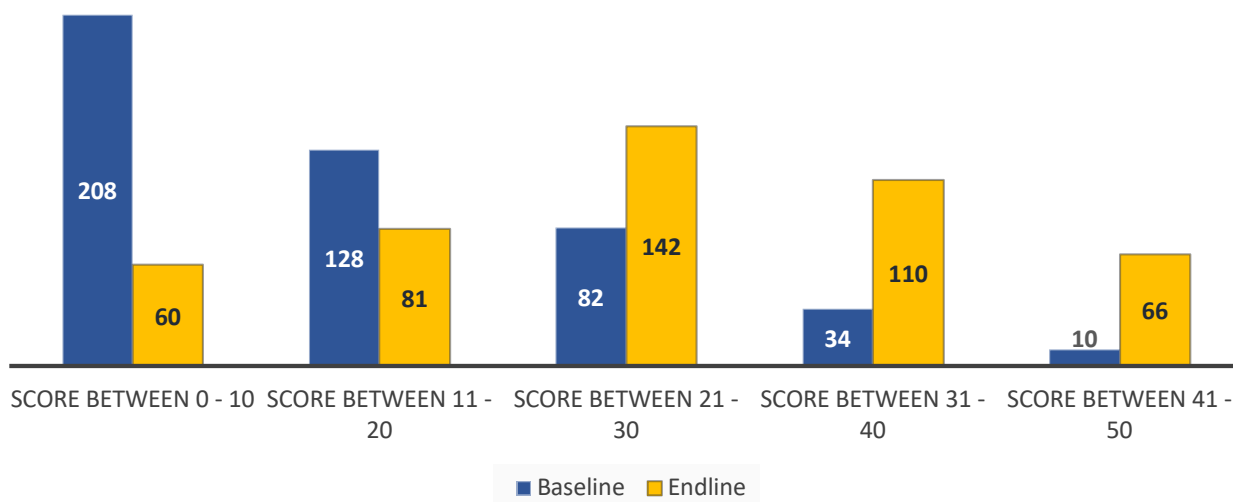




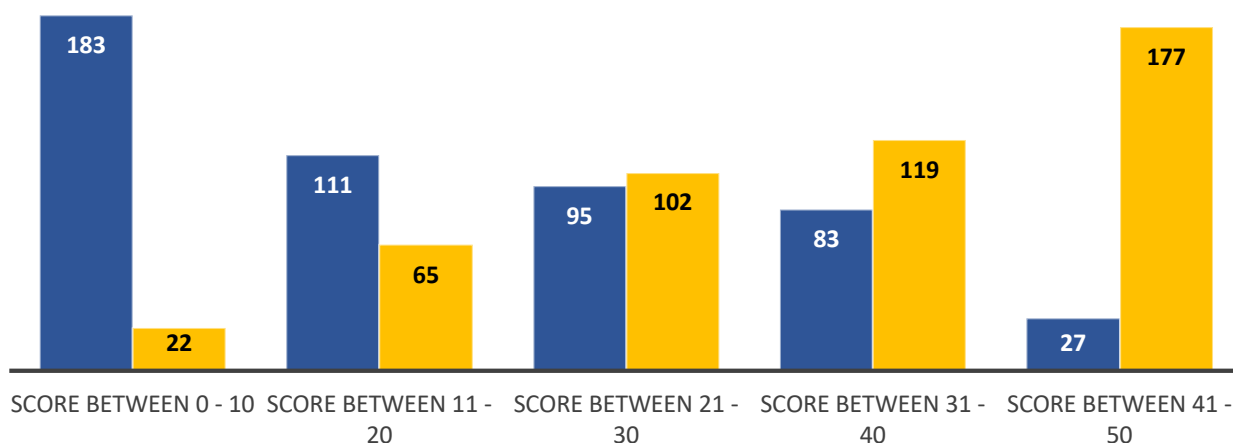
These processes have built school readiness and confidence among children to continue their education when the schools re-opened after the infection situation normalized. 18 FLIP Centres have been operational, catering to 551 students. The children were assessed on their basic learning levels through a baseline and from each village 30-35 children having learning deficit in language and mathematics were selected. Local volunteers were identified and trained on methods of FLIP learning activities to work as Village Education Facilitators (VEFs) to facilitate the learning activities with the children in the respective villages. Each FLIP learning centre is provided with Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) so that children can engage in hands-on learning activities in language and math. The implementation of the programme is based on collaboration of the community and village panchayats for ensuring regularity of children as well as making learning space available in the panchayat premises.

## Results of the FLIP intervention (Before and After comparison of a control group)

### SCORES IN LANGUAGE



### SCORES IN MATHS



## 2. School Improvement Programme

In past several years, RAF Global had supported the creation of model school sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion among young children and adolescent girls in 11 schools of Gujarat. Toilets had been constructed in 3 Government schools in Junagadh district of Gujarat, apart from setting up safe drinking water facilities in schools.

In the reporting period FY 2021-22, 13 Government primary schools, 2 Secondary schools and 11 Anganwadi centres have been surveyed in the villages where FLIP centers are being run to understand the status as compared to the school data available on UDISE (update till March 2019). The findings of the survey would inform the planning of School Improvement Programme later, including improvement in the infrastructure facilities at the surveyed institutions.



In East Singbhum district, Jharkhand, RAF Global has invested in school infrastructure improvement in 2 schools (Project Girls'+2 High school, Potka and Upgraded +2 High school, Manpur) involving provision of internet connection/Wi-Fi for smart class, installation of UPS of 1050 VA for smart classroom, replacing old blackboards with white boards in classrooms, ensuring water connection in the toilets and urinals of 2 schools, ensuring safe drinking water (by replacing all old pipes connected with the taps for drinking water and installing new taps) in 1 school and donating other furniture and other fixtures. As a result, 1074 students access the toilets with more convenience while 424 benefit from improved drinking water connection, computer classes are held uninterrupted due to inverter power back up, white boards provided in 8 classrooms have made teaching as well as reading, easy and the donated bench sets for class 12 students help them write exams properly.

### 3. Career Counselling Programmes



455 students from secondary and higher schools in Junagadh and Porbandar district of Gujarat participated in the Career Guidance Workshops organised during the reporting period in collaboration with the District Employment Exchange office and other Government departments. The objective of these initiatives has been to help students to reflect on their ambitions, interests, qualifications and abilities as well, as gain an understanding of skills required to be absorbed in the labour market in the sector of their interest. In addition, RAF Global team has also facilitated enrolment of several college students in skill-based trainings at Yuva Junction, run by Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) in the Junagadh district.



## GOOD GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME

Good Governance is the single most important factor that could eradicate poverty and promote development (stated by Late UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan). This is particularly relevant for developing countries where, programmes that promotes inclusive development or give weighted consideration to the poor and other social and economically vulnerable groups are effective when the institutional channels and actors involved for delivery are agile, have clarity of purpose, are accountable, in dialogue with the clients they intend to serve and pro actively seek their feedback to improve the processes.

RAF Global's programme on Good Governance endeavours to promote citizen's access to services and entitlements so that the poor and marginalised communities access them and are able to improve their quality of lives. In the technology driven society of today, when accessing information, submitting applications and undertaking several other activities can be done completely virtually thus saving time and effort, RAF Global's team help target communities familiarise with technology or technological processes meant to improve their lives. Our teams in India work along with various Government departments through community mobilisation for camps, building their awareness on rights and entitlements and supporting them with the paperwork for social security schemes, widow pension, awas yojana, enrolment of Aadhar card, establish linkages with health schemes etc.



A key initiative by RAF Global in Porbandar district of Gujarat, India has been organising 4 Aadhar camps to ensure enrolment of the children of several villages in the Aadhar system so that their access to certain entitlement is ensured. Organised in association with the ICDS department of Porbandar, in total, 218 children were enrolled and later, received their Aadhar cards during the reporting year, 2021-22. Similarly, in association with the social security department in Porbandar, RAF Global facilitated document verification of widow pensioners in Bhod, Vadavala and Boricha villages to enable annual renewal of the pension. Besides, RAF Global facilitated

paperwork and access to various entitlements for communities in intervention areas, the details of which are given below:

Scheme Linkages & Benefits across states	Beneficiaries
Gujarat	
Aadhar Card	218 children
Widow Pension Scheme	143 women
Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana (MMUY)	120 SHG women
Atal Pension Yojana (APY)	30 SHG women
Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)	130 SHG women
Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)	154 SHG women
E-Shram Card	90 SHG women
Kisan Credit Card (KCC)	13 farmers
	898 beneficiaries linked with various schemes
In Rajasthan, facilitation was undertaken in 2 blocks	455 beneficiaries
In Jharkhand, linkage of leprosy patients with appropriate social security schemes have been explored esp. with the Government pension scheme	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1353</b>

## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

RAF Global has been proactive in its response to emergency situations in India. In the past, it donated to the Central and state Governments, besides working directly with volunteers, inter-agency networks and local administration for a coordinated response in order to provide life-saving assistance. Primacy is accorded to addressing the needs of women, girls, the specially-abled, elderly and other vulnerable groups to ensure that appropriate and timely relief support reaches them to alleviate their suffering. The foundation also works towards protecting fragile livelihoods of vulnerable social groups and guarding them against slipping into extreme poverty.

In the year 2020, when a contagious viral infection caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-Cov-2) was declared as a Public health emergency of International Concern' by the World Health Organisation, globally, many national Governments imposed lockdown and restrictions as a key preventive measure. When such a lockdown was imposed in India, RAF Global responded with relief support at various locations. The efforts of RAF Global on financial inclusion, in the state of Gujarat through bank linkages and loans to Self Help Groups (SHGs) supported families at the critical hour. With continuation of inter-lending activities in SHG groups, the target communities had options to fulfill both, their consumption as well as livelihood needs. Operations of regular health interventions continued—health camps and leprosy care support in the state of Jharkhand and lodging facility to out-stationed cancer patients and caregivers in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

During the 2nd wave of Covid-19, India was struck hard by Delta variant of the disease that began showing its catastrophic effect by April 2021, posing an unprecedented public health emergency situation in the country. 400 districts reported positivity rate of over 10 percent and 265 districts reported positivity rate of more than 15 percent. On May 1, 2021 India hit the global records of over 400,000 cases, with the total tally crossing 19 million mark and families losing over 3,523 lives on the same date, due to Covid.







RAF Global therefore accelerated its humanitarian responses in the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Goa and Delhi (UT), responding to the ground realities. The foundation's response could be summed up as:

1. Improving the Capacity of Public Health Institutions (District hospitals, CHCs, Health centres) with supplies of Oxygen cylinders, concentrators, medical equipments and consumables for Covid patients, medical attendants and frontline health professionals.
2. Establishing additional Covid care centre/quarantine or patient isolation facility at district level in coordination with the District Administration
3. Raise the critical lifesaving capacities of Public Health Institutions in the district headquarters and block level hospitals
4. Providing food and medical supplies to high risk people
5. Protecting fragile mainly by promoting income generation activities through SHGs, Banks, Government missions and schemes
6. Promoting Community Awareness on Water, Sanitation, Respiratory Hygiene and other critical health programmes for continuation of access and uptake of services

## KEY INTERVENTIONS

### 1. Support to Covid care hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Public Healthcare Centres (PHCs)

Based on emerging needs for attending to the rural population as identified by the district and block level officials across intervention states, RAF Global decided to focus on firming up critical life-saving medicines, oxygen cylinders and equipments at the block level Community Health Centres (CHCs), village level Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and district level Covid care centres. A CHC is the nearest available healthcare facility that caters to the needs of community from across 60-70 villages of the entire block. Critical medical supplies at the CHCs and proper early treatment of Covid-19 disease at these centres could not only save lives, but also reduce the stress on district hospitals where large numbers of cases were being referred to from the CHCs.

#### State of Gujarat



In Porbandar district, RAF Global supported the District Covid care hospitals with equipments catering to the critically ill Covid patients such as Oxygen cylinders, trolleys for carrying oxygen cylinders, Regulator cum Humidifier for Oxygen cylinders, Oxygen concentrators, Bain breathing circuit, and steel stretchers. It also provided fogging machine and oxygen concentrators to CHCs and PHCs through the office of Chief District Health Officer (CDHO). In Junagadh district, RAF Global provided the above products covering CHCs of 4 blocks, besides PPE kits for medical staff, surgical gloves and oxygen masks.





## State of Rajasthan



RAF Global set up a makeshift Covid Care Centre in Jaisalmer town with 100 beds, for a period of one month, from May 7 to June 6, 2021. After assessing the other requirements of Covid Care Centre, jumbo sized oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, oxygen regulator cum humidifiers, NRBM masks and pulse oximeters were handed over to the district administration. The intervention was based on a request from the district administration to firm up medical infrastructure at the block level Community Health Centres as well as ease the case load at the District level Civil Hospital at a time when 300-400 cases were being reported on a daily basis, for a district of population size of 7.5 lakhs. Shri.Saleh Mohammed and Shri Sukhrum Bishnoi, both Cabinet Ministers in the Rajasthan State Government who had visited the Covid Care Centre, greatly appreciated the relief efforts.





In Barmer district, the reported cases ranged between 450 to 600 persons per day of which, about 250-300 cases were being referred to the district civil hospital from the blocks for critical care and oxygen support. The civil hospital functioned beyond its capacity and a requirement for oxygen supply was imminent. Based on the district administration's request, RAF Global handed over life savings equipments to the district administration such as oxygen cylinders, NRBM masks, pulse oximeter, oxygen concentrators and oxygen regulator cum humidifiers for the district civil hospital, Barmer

### **State of Jharkhand**

RAF Global concentrated its humanitarian response in Potka block of East Singbhum district where it had strengthened community access to specialised leprosy care for past several years. Besides supporting detection of early cases of leprosy, the foundation had funded specialised treatment to the patients through developing infrastructure and facilities of a leprosy hospital in Dabanki. The project promoted community linkages with

3 Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Government systems for timely intervention through referrals and also contributed to improvement in uptake of services aimed for at-risk and infected population.



The patients referred to the CHCs are getting registered under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme and are provided timely and regular MDT and other medicines free of cost at their doorstep through Sahiya didi or Anganwadi Worker, thus ensuring timely medical treatment.

Potka block with a population of over 200,000 reported a sudden rise in the Covid caseload during the second wave of Covid. In consultation with the district administration, RAF Global provided oxygen concentrators and pulse oximeters to the CHCs in Potka block. The local implementing partner of its health interventions, Bharat Sevashram Sangha was also provided some oxygen concentrators for meeting the oxygen requirements of critical patients at the leprosy hospital in Dabanki.



**Details of Equipments donated by RAF Global for public health institutions  
(Covid care hospitals, CHCs, PHCs)**

State	Qty.
Gujarat, Rajasthan and Jharkhand	
Oxygen Cylinder Jumbo	60
Oxygen Cylinder Trolley	15
Oxygen Humidifier kit	90
Bain Breathing Circuit	130
Stainless Steel Stretcher	24
Fogging Machine	1
Oxygen Concentrator	29
PPE Kits	60 Staff
Surgical Gloves	1000 pairs
NRBM Oxygen Masks	150
Pulse oximeter	100
Essential prescribed drugs for treatment of Covid-19 patients	Various places

## 2. Providing food and medical supplies to high risk people

### Support to cancer patients and other vulnerable groups in Mumbai and Goa

RAF Global's humanitarian response in Mumbai was focused on adding more strength to the work of its local implementing partner, Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS). The foundation provided BSS with 250 medical kits for home isolation and other preventive care support items for the residential hostel for poor cancer patients undergoing treatment in the city.

During this time, the foundation also committed financial resources to BSS for constructing a new building in the ashram complex at Navi Mumbai that would expand the lodging facility for outstation cancer patients and their families to 162 beds. These centres run by BSS have provided free accommodation, free transportation to the cancer hospitals, subsidised canteen facilities and counselling related services for past several years to poor patients and their families, thus easing their financial burden and mental stress. Support of medical consumables was also extended in Goa through BSS during relief efforts.



### Relief measures during the Tauktae cyclone

A strong cyclone, Tauktae was expected to strike the coastal areas of Porbandar district on May 18, 2021. As per projection, this was to be the strongest cyclone to strike the coast of Gujarat, since 1998. As a preventive measure, the district administration evacuated around 3500 people from the vulnerable areas and relocated them to various places that were converted into temporary shelters. Based on the request from district administration, RAF Global extended its support in relief activities, by providing food packets to 500 affected families who were relocated to two temporary shelters at M.D Science College and Khapat Primary School, Porbandar.





### **Food Support to the children of Afghan refugees in Delhi**

In early 2021, RAF Global was in dialogue with the Afghanistan embassy in India for establishing development cooperation in Afghanistan. The foundation therefore began to engage with the Afghan community in Delhi. A needs assessment with Afghan refugees in Delhi during the 2nd wave of Covid highlighted issues of food scarcity and hunger among the children. Responding to the situation and in collaboration with the Afghan embassy in India and a local school, RAF Global distributed 300 food kits to the Afghan children enrolled at the school. Children were also informed about the Covid safety protocols and encouraged to carry on their studies at home, during the emergency situation, when all the schools were shut to avert the spread of the contagious infection.



### 3. Pledging support to build in-house oxygen generation facility at the district hospitals

Aware of the acute shortage of oxygen cylinders during the second wave of Covid 19 which resulted in many deaths esp. of patients with co-morbidities, and after getting several requests for medical oxygen cylinders from administrators of various districts, RAF Global undertook an important fund-raising initiative—informing high net worth Indian living overseas, of the ground reality during the public health emergency in India and seeking support.

Having found a benevolent donor in Zarina Foundation, the next milestone was identifying a location, proposing the project to the District Administration of Junagadh, participating in a series of conferences with the District Administration and others (Chief District Medical Officer, Junagadh and the Superintendent of GMERS Medical College and Hospital), identification of and selection thereafter, of vendors through a committee, procurement related formalities and signing an MoU with the GMERS General Hospital in Junagadh to set up a PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plant of 960 LPM.



This has been the first initiative of RAF Global born during a humanitarian crisis and seeking to make a lasting mark on the oxygen generation capacity of district hospitals in India and saving critical patients. The foundation is open to working in many more states.

# OUR REACH

(BENEFICIARIES UNDER 5 PROGRAMMES)\*

SN	Program Theme	Program Component	Nature of Activity	Outcome Achieved 2021-22	Coverage
1	EILSWY	Financial Inclusion	SHGs Formed/ Revived	92 SHGs	1032 women
			SHGs linked with Bank	61 SHGs	671 women
			SHGs given training sessions	132 SHGs	1584 Women
			SHGs linked with NRLM	61 SHGs	671 Women
			SHGs listed for support  (These SHGs were formed under Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society)	8 SHGs in 1 Panchayat (Potka block)	96 women
		Skill Building	Linkage with Govt. Vocational Training Institute (SBI-RSETI)	199	199 Women
2	Climate Smart Agriculture	Promoting Organic Farming	Promoting vermicomposting with Farmers	22	20 Men 2 Women
			2 Women	Kisan Credit Card (KCC)	13 farmers
			Training of farmers on organic farming	250	158 Men 92 Women
		Kitchen Gardening	60	60 women	
		FRC	Farmer Resource Centre	2 FRCs	



3	Health & Nutrition Initiative	Addressing Critical Diseases	Community outreach camp, OPD, Specialised treatment	Expansion to 2 more blocks (total 6)	4,137 people
			Leprosy hospital, Dabanki (In-house patient support) functioning most of 3 quarters	20 beds	
			Lodging of cancer patients & families	Construction of 1 block at BSS, Navi Mumbai centre  Functioned for nearly 6 months since its inauguration	30 beds
		WASH	Awareness on menstrual hygiene	4 training sessions	1665 Women  270 adolescent girls
		Health System Improvement	Support to CHCs (Community Health Centres)	12 CHCs	
			1 PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plant of 960 LPM , General Hospital in Junagadh district of Gujarat	270 Oxygenated beds created	
			Blood donation camp	1 camp	45 Donors

4	Education & Technology Program	Bridging digital divide	FLIP Centres	18 Centres	551 students
		School Improvement Program	Survey of 7 primary, 2 secondary school and 11 Anganwadi on existing condition of schools/Anganwadis	20 schools/ AWCs	
			Survey in 5 middle & high schools (Potka block, E.Singbhum, Jharkhand) on infrastructure improvement	Intervention in 2 schools	1074
		Leadership & Ethics Building	Career Guidance Program	455 students	455 students
5	Good Governance Programme	Citizen's Access to Services and Entitlements	Organizing camps with various govt. departments	1353 people	218 Children 883 women 252 men
<b>Total</b>				<b>14,135 beneficiaries.</b>	

*\* This does not cover the beneficiaries of Humanitarian response. The unit of intervention for Humanitarian response were the PHCs, CHCs, Covid Care Centres and District Civil hospitals.*

# CASE STUDIES\*

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## KAJALBEN WEAVES A DREAM: JOURNEY OF A WAGE LABOURER

(Theme: Economic Integration)

Kajalben Sundavadra from Kuchhadi village in Porbandar taluka is a member of Gatral Self-Help Group (SHG). She joined the group to save money from whatever is left from her meagre daily earnings from working in the agricultural field or construction sites. Due to the economic condition of her family, she was forced to choose this occupation, three years ago.

In one of the SHG meetings, she shared about her hardship with the group members. She also shared that if the circumstances were good, she would have opted to make handicraft items. From her childhood, she was interested in creating handmade-stuffs.

One of the RAF Global team members who was attending the SHG meeting, introduced Kajalben to an expert of handicraft items, Nayanaben from the nearby village, who agreed to train Kajalben.

Under Nayanaben's mentorship, Kajalben learnt making toran, dori jula and other handicraft items. Currently, she sells her handmade items in her village and the neighboring villages and earns more than Rs 2000 a month. During the marriage season, her income increases manifold, as she gets orders from many customers. She is happy that she could turn her interest into a means of added income. This was made possible due to mutual help and sharing between the SHG members during their meetings.



\* All case stories written by Ms.Minu Marydas, Regional Manager (Western region)



## MASHRIBHAI CHAMPIONS THE CAUSE OF PROMOTING ORGANIC FARMING IN PORBANDAR, GUJARAT

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*(Theme: Climate-Smart Agriculture)*

“Mitti kathan thai jaiche” - Our soil has become hard, shared a farmer in Junagadh with desperation. Due to continuous use of chemical pesticides and insecticides, the soil has hardened. This makes the ploughing difficult with traditional methods. Hence, there is a growing realization to shift to natural practices and adopt organic farming.

To support the farmers with this shift in Gujarat, RAF Global has initiated the process of capacitating them with techniques of organic farming and growing their own organic produce. More than 20 farmers have been trained and supported to set up the vermi-compost beds in their farm. One such farmer, Mashribhai Odedara of Bileshwar village in Porbandar district has successfully completed four cycles of vermi-compost, post the training in November 2021.



This month, Mashribhai has taken out approximately 800kg of compost from one bed and 3 ton of compost from the whole vermi-compost unit. This is more than sufficient for his farm which has mango orchards and other vegetables. He has also started producing organic medicines for the crops. Now, RAF Global plans to ensure market linkage for these produce through Farmer Resource Center so that all the farmers in the area have an access to the products near their home, instead of traveling more than 100km to the Junagadh market. This would promote more organic farmers in the region.

## SHIKSHA MERA ADHIKAAR

(Theme: Education and Technology Programme)

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Priyanhi is a fifth grade student in Lathodra village of Maliya Hatina Block in Junagadh district, Gujarat. Her parents are engaged in farming and daily wage labour. A first-generation school goer, Priyanhi's score was very low in the baseline survey that was undertaken before starting the FLIP programme. She could neither read her textbooks fluently nor was able to write and understand basic numeracy. She was therefore selected as one of the FLIP students in need of foundational improvement.

Soon, learning became fun for Priyanhi. She started attending the FLIP classes regularly. She became one of the most active students in the class, showing enthusiasm in answering and solving puzzles and questions. The materials provided to FLIP students have been made keeping the 'fun learning' in mind, which has been very effective in engaging the students. Students look forward to their FLIP classes as it gives them learning and fun at the same time and, create a healthy learning environment for them.

In the case of Priyanhi, she started with learning alphabets through the chain talking and guided reading. The FLIP facilitators teach language by using different methods that help the students to learn at their pace. Story reading is one of the methods involved in the language class.

There were many students like Priyanhi who were not able to count till hundred earlier, but after joining FLIP class they are now able to count and do basic calculations as well. Students also help each other in learning which is very overwhelming. Special attention is given to hygiene and proper etiquette in the class. Parents who have visited the FLIP class have given a good review and have appreciated the efforts.

## REHABILITATING PAST WATER CONSERVATION ASSETS TO MAKE BARMER WATER SECURE

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*(Theme: Health and Nutrition Initiatives)*

The Western Region team of RAF Global in India undertook significant groundwork before initiating rainwater conservation work in the Barmer district, to address the scarcity of drinking water for 40 families during the reporting period, and scaling up incrementally.

Barmer district is largely arid, known for its dryness, extreme temperature and erratic rainfall. In such extreme conditions, water becomes the most precious asset for survival. People spend a large portion of their annual income to buy drinking water for their families. Though most of the community members have water tanks (tankas), over a period of time, most of them are not in a usable condition and cannot store enough rainwater due to the damaged catchment areas. Most of the families cannot afford the cost of re-construction. As a result, these families end up buying drinking water for 6-8 months, spending about INR 8000 to 10,000/- per year.



Palu Devi and her husband are members of the one of the identified 40 families from Ed Sindhari village of Payla Kala block. They work as agricultural laborers and have a family of 6 members. They had constructed the water tank through a Government scheme but over the years, the catchment area got damaged and they could not afford the cost of reconstruction. Every year, they had to spend around INR 8,000 to 10,000 to procure drinking water as they could not store the rain water. This was a big cost for a family dependent on daily wages for their livelihood.

Reconstruction of the water tank's catchment was completed in the month of August 2021, with the support of RAF Global. Palu Devi confirms that the water tank is now able to conserve significant amount (estimated to be approx.30,000 litres) of water out of the 40,000 litre capacity of the tank. Palu Devi was happy to know that this year, they will be able to save about INR 8,000 as they will have to procure water for only 3 months. She expressed her sincere gratitude to RAF Global for this support.



## GOVERNMENT SCHEMES AT THE DOORSTEP OF THE ELDERLY BRINGS DIGNITY WITH SUSTENANCE

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(Theme: Good Governance Programme)



Sajanben Odedara is a senior citizen and a widow residing in Boricha village of Porbandar district in Gujarat. She is physically disabled and faces difficulty in doing her daily routine work by herself. She has been availing the widow pension scheme since many years. However, as per the rules of the scheme, every widow beneficiary needs to visit the concerned Government office once in a year, for document and life verification.

Despite her condition, she had to make the annual visit to the Government office, physically supported by her family members.

With passage of years, this annual ritual became harder. The problem was identified in several families with elderly beneficiaries. RAF Global team therefore raised the issue with concerned departments, in order to make the process dignified for the beneficiaries.

In association with the team of social security department of Porbandar, RAF Global organized a 3-day campaign to facilitate access to Government schemes, especially targeting widow pension scheme in Boricha village so that document verification and other requirements could be fulfilled at the doorstep of such elderly widows. This initiative has helped many others like Sajanben.

## EVENTS

While the first quarter of the reporting period was challenging for programme teams due to the ferocity of the second wave of Covid 19 and delayed roll out of programmes, the regions quickly bounced back, offering several new initiatives. Customised services for specific target groups and the extra mile travelled to bring improvements in the quality of life of communities were inspiring. There were several noteworthy events during this period.



### 1. MoU Signing Ceremony:

On July 15, 2021, RAF Global and GMERS General Hospital in Junagadh district of Gujarat, represented by Mr.Sujeet Sarkar, COO, RAF Global and Dr.Sushil Kumar, Medical Superintendent, GMERS General Hospital entered into partnership to set up a Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Medical Oxygen Generation plant of 960 LPM. Funded by the Zarina Foundation and RAF Global, this initiative is part of RAF Global's humanitarian response in Junagadh and Porbandar districts of Gujarat to support the district administration in addressing medical requirements of patients suffering from Covid-19 infection. It is also a commitment by RAF Global to support public healthcare system at the district level in tier III towns, so that a large segment of local community could access effective medical treatment locally.



## 2. Inauguration of Reconstructed Catchments of Tankas/ water tanks in Sindhari and Payla Kalan blocks of Barmer

To address the issue of scarcity of water for domestic usage in Barmer district, RAF Global team and the committees constituting of panchayat representatives and youth volunteers from selected villages of Payla Kala and Sindhari blocks, worked together to make the traditional underground water reservoirs called 'tankas' functional again, for 40 of the most marginalised families in these villages.

On September 15, 2021, Shri.Lok Bandhu, District Collector of Barmer virtually inaugurated the catchments of water tanks reconstructed by RAF Global for the selected beneficiary families across Sindhari and Payla Kala blocks of Barmer district, Rajasthan. During this virtual event, the beneficiaries were present at their respective tankas and participated through zoom call from their respective location.





### **3. Inauguration of PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plant at GMERS General Hospital in Junagadh district, Gujarat:**

On March 17, 2022 Mr. Rizwan Adatia (Founder & Chairman RAF Global), along with Chairman of Zarina Foundation and notable philanthropist, Mr. Umedali Hassam Dhrolia inaugurated the PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plant at GMERS General Hospital in Junagadh, Gujarat. Dr. Sushil Kumar, MS of the GMERS Hospital expressed his gratitude and acknowledged that this has been the highest ever contribution by any organisation to the hospital.



### **4. Inauguration of Farmer Resource Centre, Junagadh district:**

On March 9, 2022, RAF Global's first Farmer Resource Centre in Maliya Hatina block of Junagadh district, Gujarat was inaugurated by the Taluka Development Officer in presence of 75 local farmers, along with government officials, social workers, elected representatives of Taluka and Gram Panchayat and CEO of IndiAgro Consortium Producer Company Ltd.

This is a collaborative initiative where RAF Global provides technical inputs and handholding support to local farmers in their farmland, for adoption of organic methods of crop production and improved farm management practices under its Climate Smart Agriculture programme.



### 5. International Women’s Day Celebration:

RAF Global organised a series of events in Gujarat, related to International Women’s Day that culminated on March 8, 2022. The theme for the year 2022 was “Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow”, recognizing the contribution of women and girls around the world, who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and response, to build a more sustainable future for all. At RAF Global, we involved school students and SHGs in the week long celebration. Workshops were organized for SHG members on SHGs participation in economic activities and domestic violence Act. Webinar was also organised wherein the SHG members shared their experience and journey of being a SHG member and the positive changes in their lives.

Girl Students of Secondary School, Junagadh district attended sessions on menstrual hygiene—a theme of practical relevance that can advance participation of girls and women in all spheres of life. Essay competitions were also organized in 15 schools of 3 blocks of Junagadh and Porbandar, in which 367 adolescent girls participated and won awards.

# FINANCIALS

During the reporting period, Health and Nutrition Initiatives (HNI) has been the key investment area, deriving the learning from second wave of Covid 19 disease spread that, medical infrastructure at district hospitals have to be firmed up to be able to fulfil critical care requirements of patients (significantly, referral cases from rural areas). Additionally, RAF Global sustained its initiative towards eradicating leprosy in the affected, East Singbhum region of Jharkhand. Besides, the foundation initiated project in Barmer district of Rajasthan to address scarcity of safe water in two blocks, reviving old water conservation structures (underground water tanks) called Tankas.

The second programme area receiving significant investment has been the Education and Technology Programme (ETP) under implementation in the western regions states of Gujarat and Rajasthan that covers three key areas namely, Foundational Learning Improvement Programme (FLIP), School Improvement Programme (SIP) and Career Guidance. Infants, Children and Youth have been the silent sufferers during the pandemic and through support to early childhood care institutions and initiatives that ensure children are going back to school to a safe and learning environment, the foundation has well-defined its focus.

The team's substantial time investment has been towards Economic Integration and Livelihood Support for Women and Youth (EILSWY), Good Governance Programme and Climate-Smart Agriculture. Especially with regard to the first two programmes, our focus has been on linkages with existing Government schemes, capacity-building of the SHGs and the groups of farmers that we work with.





**Independent Auditor's Report**

**To the Members of  
RIZWAN ADATIA FOUNDATION**

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **RIZWAN ADATIA FOUNDATION** ("the Company"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2022, the Statement of Profit & Loss for the year then ended, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements including a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (hereinafter referred to as "financial statements").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the Act in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2022, its profit for the year ended on that date.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing specified under section 143 (10) of the Act (SAs). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) together with the independence requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAI's Code of Ethics.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.


# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONORS AND PARTNERS

Donors and programme partners are the key pillars of strength for RAF Global in India, helping it translate a vision into reality and bringing significant change in the Quality of Life of many lives, spread across regions in India. We express our gratitude to the following institutional and programme partners for the year 2021.

SNo.	Programmes	Partners and Supporters
1	Economic Integration and Livelihood Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banks: Saurashtra Gramin Bank, Bank of Baroda</li> <li>National Rural Livelihood Mission</li> <li>Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI)</li> <li>Aga Khan Rural Support Programme</li> <li>Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI)</li> <li>District Legal Aid cell (Junagadh and Porbandar districts in Gujarat)</li> </ul>
2	Health and Nutrition Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zarina Foundation</li> <li>GMERS General Hospital, Junagadh dist (Gujarat), District hospitals in Porbandar, Barmer and Jaisalmer</li> <li>District Administration (East Singbhum, Barmer, Junagadh, Porbandar, Jaisalmer)</li> <li>Block offices: Maliya Hatina, Junagadh dist (Gujarat), Porbandar &amp; Ranavav in Probandar dist (Gujarat), Sindhari &amp; Payla Kalan in Barmer dist.(Rajasthan)</li> <li>CHCs, PHCs- (Junagadh dist. , Porbandar, Barmer, Jaisalmer, East Singbhum)</li> <li>Bharat Sevashram Sangha (Navi Mumbai and East Singbhum, Jharkhand)</li> <li>District Leprosy dept, East Singbhum</li> <li>Gram Panchayats, ICDS centres</li> <li>Rotary Club of Porbandar</li> </ul>
3	Climate Smart Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Krishi Vigyan Kendras</li> <li>Agriculture Dept (Junagadh, Porbandar)</li> <li>Ms Namrata Acharya, Trainer &amp; Organic Farming expert</li> </ul>
4	Education and Technology Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District &amp; Block offices (Barmer in Rajasthan, Porbandar &amp; Junagadh in Gujarat and East Singbhum in Jharkhand)</li> <li>Gram Panchayat (Barmer in Rajasthan, Porbandar &amp; Junagadh in Gujarat)</li> <li>Village Education Facilitators (VEF)</li> </ul>
5	Good Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Security Dept. (Porbandar district)</li> <li>ICDS centres (Junagadh, Porbandar)</li> <li>Government departments (Barmer district)</li> </ul>
5	Humanitarian Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Administration (East Singbhum, Barmer, Junagadh, Porbandar, Jaisalmer)</li> <li>Afghanistan Embassy, New Delhi</li> <li>Dhara Sansthan</li> </ul>





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