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About Us

National Foundation for India envision in promoting social justice by strengthening civil society and shaping philanthropy on governance and inclusion.

NFI is an independent grant-making and fundraising foundation, with a core mandate to strengthen civil society and philanthropy in India for promoting social justice.

NFI enables capacities through financial and technical support, promotes leadership, facilitates platform for dialogue and mobilise resources for social justice.

NFI's strategy has been partnering with Indian and International aid agencies to support Civil Society Organizations to further the institution's mission of Governance, Inclusion, and Philanthropy.

NFI is governed by an independent Board of Directors and is headed by the Executive Director. The decisions are implemented by a professional team of social workers, domain experts from development sectors, researchers, communication, finance, HR and administration.

Administration

Staff Details from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

- Jashodhara Dasgupta- **Executive Director**
- Rumana Nazmi
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- Sarah Farouqi
- Santosh Kumar
- Sujatha PV
- Sachin Sharma

- Fathayya Khan
- Radhika Mathur
- Monica Banerjee
- Kasmita Basing
- Gitanjali Das

NFI's Board Members

- Dr. Syeda Hameed (**Chairperson**)
- Pamela Philipouse
- Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal
- Satyananda Mishra
- Prof. Rama V Baru
- Gagan Sethi

Community Health & Nutrition

Nutrition is one key area of our interventions where we target civic engagement with state and local government. We promote civil society organisations' participation, addressing community leaders and representatives at all levels, working with various line departments, and addressing transparency.

Nutrition project envisions in building awareness and momentum for effective implementation of SDG-2, target 2.2 and World Health Assembly nutrition targets by state governments and multi-stakeholder partnerships. Our key intervention is made through Communicating Research and Knowledge products; Engagement with decision makers and influencers; Civil Society and Community Participation; and convening for macro impacts and cross learning.

With the regular guidance of the **Project Advisory Group (PAG)** composed of experts from the media, academia and CSOs, we intervened in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and West Bengal. The programme was grounded with 5 state partners in 5 states. A Resource Group was identified to support the evidence generation and capacity building, and quality control.

Impact:

- A **learning cohort** was facilitated with all the 7 partners with an objective of peer learning, reviewing, and monitoring. Quarterly review and planning meetings were conducted at the cohort level.
- Capacity building events were organised for the project implementation teams on nutrition, gender sensitization, result based management, and strengthening understanding on management information system.
- Community members were facilitated to attend the Gram Sabha regularly and raise their concerns and issues. Issues like ration card distribution, PMMVY, ICDS, PDS, and poor infrastructure were addressed.
- Regional level journalists were oriented and the stories and news at district level and state level pertaining to Anganwadi & Health services, FRA, MGNREGA, Women and Child Health, Community Mobilization and Action, people's demand for Egg, Malnutrition status, safe drinking water etc. were highlighted.
- Community based Monitoring (CBM) training with the help of tool and Participatory Learning and Action (PLA cycles) training have been organized in which focus was given for ICDS, PDS and maternity entitlements.
- During the **National Health Assembly**, a session on *Gender and Health: Maternity Entitlements - Non-negotiable and Overlapping Health Rights for*

Women and Children was organised. This resulted in macro-level resolutions which took advocacy on maternal entitlements forward.

- National Advocacy Event on Advancing Childcare Agenda was organised in India International Centre, New Delhi which was attended by various leading nutrition agencies along with the Member of Parliament, media persons, and CSO members.



Local Governance and Accountability

Strengthening Social Accountability through citizen engagement and civil society participation has been critical in enhancing NFI's work on transparency, participation, and accountability in the country.

Four states were identified based on where NFI's Budget Accountability work was strong and where the Social Accountability initiative could complement the efforts of the budget partners. State consultations on Social Accountability were held with attendance of civil society organizations and activists with expertise on multiple domains within human rights work.

A landscape study was done where the main objective was to identify key geographical intervention areas and specific communities based on their marginalization and vulnerabilities. In terms of domain, NFI focusses on both public and private sector accountability. The design is to on monitoring of implementation of schemes and programmes like Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Mid-day Meal Scheme, Public Distribution System (PDS). Altogether, 9 partners were identified, and interventions were made through:

- Strengthened practice of social accountability in partnerships in identified intervention areas.
- Improved indicators for accountability of governance in both procedural and substantive terms in intervention areas
- Enhanced citizens participation in governance processes
- Positive trend towards better developmental outcomes
- Improved strategic networking amongst social accountability groups and budget groups.

Impact:

- Influenced the service delivery by participatory monitoring of key development programs, that is MGNREGS, PMAY, and SBM through 'Citizen report card 2.0s'.
- Improved access to and quality of sanitation and hygiene services through enhance citizen voice and accountability in Ganjam district of Odisha
- Promoted involvement of LGBTH people at all levels of decision making and social acceptance of LGBTH and to stop stigma and discrimination at community level.

Social Justice Philanthropy

By 2020, India became the 5th largest economy with the fourth highest number of billionaires in the world. Indians have long standing tradition of giving money to support religious causes as well as of charity. However, this had remained within one's identity and community and very less has been invested in institutional strengthening of the non-profit sectors in India.

As an independent grant-making and fund-raising foundation, NFI's core mandate is to strengthen civil society and shape philanthropy in India for promoting social justice. We provide platforms to hold multi-stakeholders' dialogues, mobilize resources for social justice, and identify NGOs especially at the grassroots for nurturing, hand-holding, and ultimately growing to self-sufficiency.

In 2019-20, NFI was commissioned to promote philanthropy, especially domestic philanthropy in India. NFI collaborated with the University of Oslo, the local Norwegian Consulate General's office, and SAMHITA Social Ventures to put together a conversation entitled Rethinking Business for 2030 around the SDGs in May 2019, Mumbai. Representatives of nearly 40 corporates and presence of the government, media, and civil society made this a truly multi-stakeholder dialogue on promoting a sustainable future and fostering an inclusive development model.

An alliance emerged with the SDG Philanthropy Platform convened by the UNDP Business and Human Rights department. An event was organized in Mumbai by the Platform in collaboration with SAMHITA and DASRA, Increasing Role of Philanthropy in Financing for Development (29th and 30th May 2019) and NFI's Executive Director was invited as a speaker at the plenary session titled 'Changing Face of Philanthropy in India'. This has led into a conversation on the potential for collaboration with NFI, especially around the 'Leave no one behind' slogan of the SDGs.



Session 1: Business Practices for a sustainable future for the Planet

Prof. Dan Banik, Moderator (University of Oslo)

R-L (Speakers): Namita Vikas (Group President and Global Head, Climate Strategy & Responsible Banking, Yes Bank), Ajay Menon (General Manager India, Gelato), Raj Gupta (CEO Lowe Lintas), Kristine Arvik Leach (Managing Director, Jotun), Sudhir Shenoy (CEO & Country President (DOW Chemicals), Anirban Ghosh (Head of Sustainability, Mahindra Group)

Jashodhara Dasgupta, Executive Director, was invited as a panellist at the Global Development Network Conference Working Session "Research for what kind of development? Emerging

understandings and practices in uncertain times” organized by International Development Research Centre from 23rd October 2019 to 25th October 2019 in Bonn, Germany,



Ms. Jashodhara Dasgupta, Executive Director (3rd from left), as a panelist in a sessions at Global Development Network Conference organized by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) at Bonn, Germany from 23-25 October 2019.

With the Ashoka University, NFI co-hosted a conversation among CSO networks and leaders: 'Status of Civil Society Funding in India', to understand barriers and best approaches to enable resources for the sector. This was co-hosted in partnership with CSIP and PRLA New Delhi (May 2019), following the findings of the CSIP report Advocacy Rights and Civil Society: the opportunity for Indian Philanthropy (2018). In addition, NFI contributed as a regular member of the Corporate Responsibility Watch that brings out reports on the status of CSR compliance.

Elementary Education

NFI considers education to be one of the most critical foundations for development of an individual and society. It should, therefore, be at the core of all its developmental interventions to usher better socio-economic progresses. Given that free and compulsory education for children up to the age of fourteen is the constitutional rights of every child in India, there are remote villages and difficult terrains in India that make schools and learning inaccessible to children from many deprived communities. Children belonging to tribal, Dalit, Muslims, and other marginalized communities are particularly vulnerable and NFI supports initiatives in making children from these communities and difficult areas access reasonably good elementary education.

Instruments and approach

The education programme of NFI supports community initiatives such as education centres, tutorial centres, child resource centres, schools, provide learning materials for children, and facilitate the formation of parents' committees to monitor these schools. Modest grants given to institutions and NGOs for running primary schools, education centres, tutorials, child resource centres, in the east and northeast states.

Impacts

The education programme helped grassroot civil society organizations to run innovative educational centres and schools in ensuring children in areas not served by state and other institutions get access to meaningful quality education and later became part of the mainstream schooling. In the year 2019, with Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) and Caring Friends support, NFI have been able to provide grants to ten grassroot organizations in Assam, Bihar, Manipur, and Meghalaya.

- Grants made to ten grassroot CSOs to work with the most marginalized communities and their children in conflict areas in northeast India and Bihar.
- Organized one partner meet cum youth conclave. Thirty-three youth leaders from sixteen organizations attended the event, gained insights and deliberated upon issues facing their community.
- Touched the lives of 7588 children and their education through the ten organisations.
- Supported four primary schools that catered 4676 children' primary education.
- Supported 118 learning centres where 4759 children accessed remedial classes.
- Supported one school of 355 children with special needs.

- Strengthened learning spaces for economically weak children from different ethnic tribes; Boro, Mishing, Khasi, Muslims, Mushahar, Paite, Santhal, Thadou, Khasi, Santhal and other smaller tribes.

Challenges

Greater resources are needed as these institutions grow. The remoteness of the geography and digital divide posed difficulties for these CSOs to fully harness modern-day communications that are so vital to get along with the right resource agencies.

Case study

The unexpected loss of his son motivated a father to turn his sorrow into victory for others by starting Jubayer Masud Educational and Charitable Trust (JMECT), a school that provides education to vulnerable children in conflict-ridden and flood prone areas of Bongaigaon district in the Bodoland Territorial Region of Assam. NFI supported JMECT since the beginning of the organization. Abdul Jalil, this young father sought to provide education to sons and daughters of other families like he would have provided to his son who passed away too young. JMECT's non-formal learning centres and the JM Academy, establishes the right learning environment for children with modest resources yet vibrant classrooms. Teaching-learning materials, and equipment, training their teachers in innovative teaching methods to make classrooms engaging and joyful is what NFI supported them for.

In last year amidst disturbing Covid situations, JMECT continues to run the non-formal learning centres providing remedial classes to more than ninety underprivileged kids of seasonal-migrant brick-kiln workers. Of these 42 boys and 55 girls were mainstreamed to proper schools and one kid secured admission in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in 2020.

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Last year, with the support extended by Caring Friends, Mumbai and the Shamdasani Foundation, NFI was able to continue supporting JMECT to run the non-formal learning centres that provide remedial classes to the 97 underprivileged kids of seasonal migrant brick-kiln laborers. Among these are 42 boys and 55 girls who have access to basic education.



Livelihood Security

The livelihood security portfolio at NFI envisions to foster and facilitate action in partnership with local NGOs, Government, and other resource agencies for improving livelihoods and lives of marginalized communities. NFI has adopted a two-pronged strategy: engagement of smallholders in agriculture and allied activities and promoting employability by enhancing capacity of youth to acquire knowledge and skill to take up dignified jobs.

Under livelihood security NFI has worked on the issues of economic inclusion to enhance lives and livelihoods through agriculture and livestock intervention, skill building for employability, market linkages, women empowerment, and engaging with stakeholders including Government departments, Banks, Universities, agriculture centers KVK, NABARD. The opportunities created through these programs have given small and marginal women, PwDs, SC, ST to increase access and control over skills, technology, mobility, market, and resources.

Partners of NFI are facilitated to engage with various Government organizations, Panchayat Raj Institute members, preparing resource persons to leverage resources and transfer knowledge and skills to community. Our partners have focused on strengthening community-based organization like Self Help Groups for smooth and better implementation of program and to build strong relation with Panchayat, Block , and District officials.

Impact:

- With NFI support, local partner organizations supported 30,000 households belonging to tribal, Dalit and OBC communities with a primary focus on women, persons with disabilities and youth in more than 20 districts of rural and urban areas across three states (Assam, Chhattisgarh, Odisha). The interventions led to an annual incremental income of at least Rs. 25,000 to Rs.30,000 per family through various livelihood activities.
- Cadre of 150 community resource persons specialising in agriculture, livestock, and skill to develop linkages for livelihood promotion has been one of the primary outcomes of partner interventions.
- Strengthening of programme design and financial system of all partners to build their institutional capacity for sustainability.
- Considerable improvement in nutritional status and income at household level through intervention and improved cultivation of practices through promotion of kitchen garden and commercial vegetable cultivation.

Development Journalism

Media Awards

NFI's Media Award Programme aims to influence and develop an informed and critical public opinion around issues of local and national development priorities through media engagement. The programme was started in 1995 with two main objectives- to create suitable space for development issues in the print media, radio, television, and digital media; and orienting journalists in the regional and local media on effective coverage of development issues. More than 200 journalists have been awarded since 1995.



In 2019-20, 13 Journalists were selected for the award- 5 female and 7 male from 8 different states. The candidates were selected based on various indicators: theme, region, gender, vulnerable communities etc. Wide array of themes was covered during the reporting stage ranging from the plight of Valmikis among the scheduled castes community in Jammu and Kashmir to marital rapes in Kerala, post-coal mining ban in Meghalaya to violence in childhood in Jharkhand.

An orientation event was held at NFI with all the awardees during NFI's Annual Day. NFI ensured that each awardees submitted 10 articles within the contract period.

Ms. Nileena Atholi, a sub-editor for Mathrubhumi, one of our awardees, wrote on "Marital Rapes" in Kerala. Her stories were heated discussions in prime-time news channels. It caught the attentions of Kerala Minister of Social Welfare, and Minister of Tourism. She has received many awards for her stories: Kollam Press Club Award, V.K. Madhavan Kutty Award, and Kerala Best Woman Journalist Award. Soon, her reports will be released in a book format.

C. Subramaniam Awards 2019-2020

NFI believes that pro-active social leadership and community participation has the potential to bring about substantive social transformation. C. Subramaniam award aims to encourage the mid-career community leaders and voluntary sector workers. Through nurturing their community leadership quality, this award creates a space and pace for mobilizing the civic action and facilitating the most marginalised sections to access their rights and entitlements. Also, by recognizing the awardees for their significant contribution, it creates a supportive environment for enhancing the leadership. It facilitates building and increasing the knowledge, skill, and attitude for understanding on contemporary issues and bring some participatory actions and solution to them. It creates a network of individuals and institutions to increase the support base available to those working in isolation under difficult circumstances.

This year (2019-20) NFI presented the C S awards to 3 Voluntary Sector and 5 Community Leaders from 6 states of India. Diversity data includes 2 Muslim women who were victims of severe domestic violence, 1 transgender, 1 disabled, 1 single mother, 1 Adivasi, 1 OBC, and 1 female victim of child marriage.

In February 2020, a 4 days orientation cum capacity building program was organised which was attended by both previous as well as the current year fellows at the Sanskriti Kendra. Nirantar was roped in to facilitate the event and covered essential themes:

- Understanding the concept of gender, its understanding in the binary and attribution of masculinity and femininity.
- Understanding gender continuum, transgression, and roles/expression/norms according to binary understanding of gender under a structure of compulsory heteronormativity
- Understanding sexuality in context of gender and understanding sexual norms & sexual hierarchies.
- Exploring gender and sexuality as they intersect with other social identities like caste, class, religion, language, region, disability etc., and use of intersectionality as a lens to understand the process of marginalization.
- Looking at patriarchy from the lens of power and privilege.
- Exploring the concepts of feminism, feminist principles, and leadership. Feminist analysis of human rights movements and feminist leadership in diverse contexts.
- Situating context of citizenship, human rights, and equality in contemporary times.
- Integrating learning of training in their work and planning.

List of Awardees 2020:

2020		
Sl. No	Awardee Name	Distt & State
1	Shabina Mumtaz	Banda, UP
2	GIRJA JALKSHATRI	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
3	Atwari Devi	Mau, UP
4	Pushpa Saini	Jaipur, Rajasthan
5	Radhalekshmi DO	Trivandrum, Kerala
6	Shahjahan Mirza	Govandi, Mumbai
7	Shyam Lal Bheel	Chittorgarh, Rajasthan
8	Tanmay Nivedita	Araria, Bihar



Financials

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INDIA
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2020

(Amount in Rs)

Schedule	FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020			FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019			
	FCRA	NFCRA	TOTAL	FCRA	NFCRA	TOTAL	
SOURCES OF FUNDS							
Corpus Fund:	1	31,62,83,445	1,74,19,950	33,37,03,395	31,62,83,445	1,74,19,950	33,37,03,395
Assets Fund	2	43,77,154	10,31,468	54,08,622	48,89,555	11,58,385	60,47,940
Provision For Gratuity Fund	3	21,91,064	0	21,91,064	35,66,938	0	35,66,938
Provision for depreciation on IHC	4	52,66,800	0	52,66,800	49,89,600	0	49,89,600
Staff Welfare Fund	5	1,27,444	4,500	1,31,944	1,34,090	4,500	1,38,590
Civil Society Development Fund	6	0	0	0	36,882	0	36,882
General Reserve Fund	7	3,44,96,309	25,59,586	3,70,55,894	2,39,53,122	31,41,848	2,70,94,970
		36,27,42,216	2,10,15,504	38,37,57,719	35,38,53,632	2,17,24,683	37,55,78,315
APPLICATION OF FUNDS							
Fixed Assets	8	51,47,470	10,74,213	62,21,683	57,83,848	11,99,283	69,83,131
Investments (At Cost)	9	31,84,19,126	1,80,99,624	33,65,18,750	35,77,25,525	1,80,99,624	37,58,25,149
Current Assets	10	7,72,88,337	90,90,570	8,63,78,907	6,47,93,069	73,02,966	7,20,96,035
Less : Current Liabilities	11	3,81,12,716	72,48,904	4,53,61,620	7,44,48,810	48,77,190	7,93,26,000
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		3,91,75,620	18,41,666	4,10,17,286	(96,55,741)	24,25,776	(72,29,965)
		36,27,42,216	2,10,15,504	38,37,57,719	35,38,53,632	2,17,24,683	37,55,78,315

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As per our report of even date
under section 12A (b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961
For Rajan, Chakravarthy & Associates
Firm Registration No. : 017670N
Chartered Accountants

S. Chakravarthy
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Partner
Membership No. 082138

Place: New Delhi

Date: 28/12/20



For and on behalf of National Foundation for India

Syeda Hameed
Syeda Hameed
Chairperson

Biraj Pansalk
Biraj Pansalk
Executive Director



NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INDIA
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2020

(Amount in Ru)

Schedule	FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020			FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019		
	FCRA	NFCRA	TOTAL	FCRA	NFCRA	TOTAL
INCOME						
Transfer from Grants : Programmes	6,99,82,588	17,52,402	7,17,34,990	9,77,71,235	73,24,409	10,50,95,638
Interest on Corpus Fund Investments	61,73,141	-	61,73,141	93,12,365	-	93,12,365
Income on Corpus Fund Investments-FF	2,01,26,037	-	2,01,26,037	39,57,838	-	39,57,838
Income on Program Fund Investment	15,47,046	-	15,47,046	61,86,177	-	61,86,177
Interest on SB Accounts	5,59,793	3,79,475	9,39,268	11,97,562	7,80,786	19,78,348
Other Income	11,99,856	21,21,783	33,21,639	9,76,489	11,71,972	21,48,461
Civil Society Development Fund Utilised	-	-	-	11,96,025	-	11,96,025
	9,96,28,461	42,53,660	10,38,82,121	12,05,98,091	92,77,161	12,98,75,252
EXPENDITURE						
Programme expenses	8,10,60,677	31,62,042	8,42,22,719	11,89,55,608	1,04,85,862	12,94,41,470
Administrative Expenses	77,47,397	16,81,065	94,28,462	1,08,96,985	(10,68,983)	98,28,002
Provision For Depreciation on IHC capital assets of common facilities	2,77,200	-	2,77,200	2,77,200	-	2,77,200
	8,90,85,274	48,43,107	9,39,28,382	12,92,29,792	94,16,879	13,86,46,671
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	1,05,43,187	(5,89,447)	99,53,740	(86,31,701)	(2,38,718)	(87,71,419)
Less : Accumulation u/s 11(2) of Income Tax Act 1961						
Balance Carried to Balance Sheet	<u>1,05,43,187</u>	<u>(5,89,447)</u>	<u>99,53,740</u>	<u>(86,31,701)</u>	<u>(2,38,718)</u>	<u>(87,71,419)</u>

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The schedules referred to above form an integral part of the Balance Sheet.

As per our report of even date under section 12A (b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 For Rajan, Chakravarthy & Associates Firm Registration No. - 017670N Chartered Accountants

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