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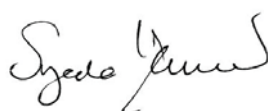
Chairperson's Message

I am pleased to introduce the 2017 Annual Report of the National Foundation for India. The Report describes the work undertaken by the foundation during the year, across a wide range of activities, events and projects. NFI has made considerable progress in the pursuit of its aims, objectives and mission as an independent, national, professionally managed grant-making organization. It has created an excellent track record of supporting strong and committed development work on the ground in partnerships with responsible and passionate partners.

As NFI stepped into its twenty fifth year, earlier this year, efforts were made to dwell deeper into the subject of equality and social justice through various thematic interventions. While the foundation continued work under its seven thematic areas, it strategically worked towards strengthening collaboration with the state towards effective and accountable implementation of its plans and policies specifically towards achieving the SDGs. Particularly, in Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, NFI is now formally collaborating with state to enhance the coherence and integration of SDGs with state planning, budgeting & functioning. Also in the last one year, we have been able to particularly strengthen our work around improving the water-waste and sanitation services in 12 cities in the states of Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh by demonstrating models of community managed innovative technological solutions for water, sanitation and waste management in urban poor settlements.

During 2016-17, NFI raised over ₹20 cores from various national and international donor agencies. We made grants to over 90 organizations and supported approximately 50 individuals through awards and internships. Details of all NFI's initiatives have been included in report.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our donors, partners and friends for their continued trust and support for our work. I am grateful to my fellow trustees for their active engagement with the affairs of the Foundation. To Amitabh Behar, Executive Director, and the team of staff members for the excellent work put in by them, my special appreciation and gratitude.



Dr. Syeda Hameed
Chairperson



NFI continued to support strong and committed development work on the ground in partnerships with responsible and passionate CSO partners



Executive Director's Message

One of the most rewarding experiences of working with the National Foundation for India (NFI) is the opportunity of meeting remarkable individuals working on the frontlines of people's struggles for basic rights, entitlements, justice and dignity; amidst overwhelming challenges. They are the unsung heroes of the Indian developmental landscape, working with sheer grit and deep personal commitment without any significant external support. As part of our C. Subramaniam Awards program, we have the privilege of interacting and learning from the life journeys of these individual leaders.

A common thread which runs across almost all these journeys is a personal first-hand experience of deprivation, oppression and discrimination. In just the last couple of years we have met leaders who have emerged from difficult personal experiences of manual scavenging, sex work, acid attacks, bonded labour, displacement and communal violence. Depressingly, for women leaders, these oppressive and discriminatory experiences have invariably been accompanied by gender based violence in one form or another, accentuating the trauma. Nevertheless, the second and inspiring thread which runs across every leader's story is their courageous standing up to indignity and injustice, and not giving up even in front of apparently unsurmountable tribulations. These leaders share a commitment to compassion, solidarity and a deep sense of justice. Their journey demonstrates how true leaders are not bogged down by personal experiences or ambitions; infact, they use their personal experiences to lay the foundations of life long work to protect and promote justice and dignity for fellow human beings.

One of the most fascinating aspects of this journey is the transformation of a victim into a survivor and then into a leader working relentlessly to change conditions, systems and structures responsible for socio-economic oppression and exploitation. While we all acknowledge the importance of organizations and *sangathans* in leading social change processes, it is also important to appreciate and celebrate the role of individuals and their leadership in building a just and humane society. Individual leadership becomes particularly critical and 'need of the hour' in hostile conditions and contexts in which institutions are left vulnerable. NFI recognizes the importance of individuals and has consistently invested in building and



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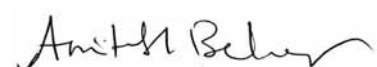
nurturing leadership especially with young people, media professionals, voluntary sector workers and community leaders. We take immense pride in sharing that in our 25 years of existence we have supported more than 430 leaders, which includes approximately 300 media, 65 voluntary sector leaders and 70 community leaders.

In addition to the 49 awards to individuals in 2016-17, our work has continued to grow. We have been able to strengthen our accountable-governance work by complimenting the civil society budget work portfolio with a new program on supporting social accountability initiatives of civil society. Towards the end of the year we organized the ArtEast festival in Delhi to create a space in the capital for seamless conversations on Northeast culture, history, society, development and people. We are happy to report that the spectrum of NFI work has continued to expand and we made 94 grants this year in the seven thematic areas of our work.

We are delighted to present the annual report of the National Foundation for India for 2016-17. This presents an account of our work done in the last financial year. Our attempt in this report is to document and share the highlights of our work. Equally important for us would be to hear a candid feedback from you to help us improve our work.

We are truly grateful to our partners, donors and all the co-travellers who believe in the vision and mission of a just and humane India (and NFI). Special thanks are due to Syedaji (Hameed), our chairperson and the Board of Trustees for their continued guidance, oversight, faith and support to the work of NFI. Working together in a dynamic organization with a large agenda in a difficult context has limited moments of thanking ones immediate comrades. However, I want to take a pause and express my heartfelt gratitude and warmth to each and every member of the NFI team for passionately living the idea of NFI on a daily basis.

In solidarity,



Amitabh Behar
Executive Director

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Citizens & Society



The role of a civic community is critical in the contemporary development discourse. While constitutional spaces have been created for people's participation, these alone have not been able to bring about the desired change in society. NFI believes that proactive social leadership and community participation has the potential to bring about substantive social transformation.

Citizens & Society

Social Justice Philanthropy

Voluntarism Programme

C Subramaniam Awards Programme

With this in mind, NFI has over the past decade aimed to invest in, support and strengthen individual leaders – the youth, development sector workers and those associated with the business community in their various capacities to bring in social change and transformation. The projects for these groups fall under three thematic areas: “Social Justice Philanthropy”, “Voluntarism Programme” and “Leadership Development Programme”.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PHILANTHROPY

Social justice philanthropy initiative is an endeavour of NFI to strengthen philanthropy in India. This initiative, with a specific focus on the private sector in India, attempts to influence both the philanthropic discourse and practice in the country towards a more pro-social justice approach. NFI has adopted a multi-pronged approach to achieve this end. Evidence-based policy advocacy utilizing research and publication, direct dialogue with private sector players and media engagement around key issues, are some of the instruments used by NFI for this.

Activities

The activities have been around

- ▶ Media engagement activities through publishing writings and a series of radio programs.
- ▶ Business round tables and bilateral dialogues with businesses for direct interactions to sensitize and encourage business responsibility activities towards a pro-social justice approach.
- ▶ Evidence-based research and publications as tools for targeted public advocacy as well as for social justice.

Highlights

Human rights education is one of the very critical yet severely underfunded areas of social justice. In order to raise awareness and potentially influence private sector to support human rights education among school children, NFI organized three business round tables in Chennai (August 2016), Pune (February 2017) and in Bangalore (March



2017), in partnership with People's Watch, Madurai and in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) - Chennai chapter, the German Embassy in Chennai and the Indo German Chamber of Commerce – Pune.

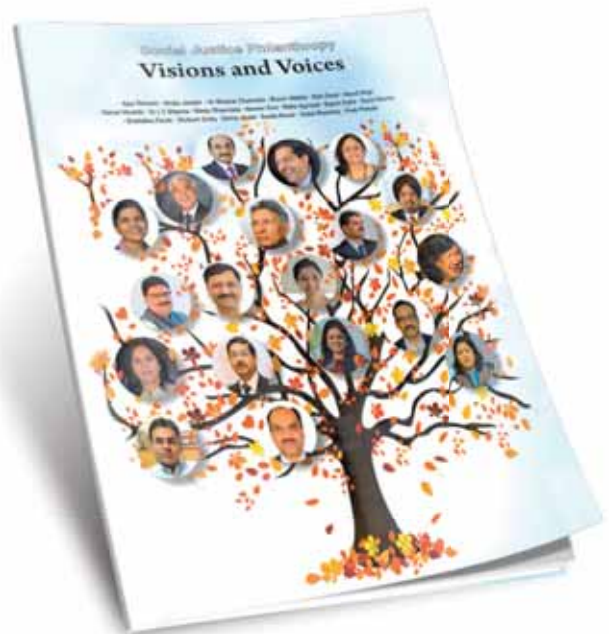
Radio programs involving interviews with leading thinkers and decision makers from business and civil society have been one of the key media strategies to raise awareness on various social justice issues. NFI and One World South Asia have produced and broadcast more than 20 radio programs under this initiative. For the benefit of all those who could not listen to the programs as well as for wider dissemination, a booklet containing interview transcripts was collated, published and released in a public event in Delhi in February 2017. This was accompanied by a panel discussion with select leaders from business and civil society.

NFI in partnership with CII-Odisha and Centre for Youth and social Development (CYSD), Bhubaneswar organized a round table on “Business Responsibility and development of Odisha” in September 2016 to discuss strengthening CSR contribution by the corporates operating in Odisha towards development of the state. More than 30 representatives from Corporates, corporate associations and civil society participated in the round table.

NFI in partnership with Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), Bhubaneswar and the Government of Odisha, organized the first “Odisha Vikash Conclave 2016” in Bhubaneswar between 19 and 21 September 2016. This three day multi- stakeholder consultation brought together ministers, senior leaders and experts from National and state Government, private sector, civil society, media and academia to deliberate on key challenges behind the state’s continuing backwardness and approaches to accelerate the pace of development.

NFI in partnership with Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and Grant Thornton, a leading accounting firm, organized a capacity building “training program for CSR practitioners from the private sector on business responsibility, CSR and development”. The two day training took place in Delhi in July 2016 and nearly 25 participants from the private and development sector attended the training.

NFI organized a book release cum panel discussion on 19 November 2016, to release the new book on philanthropy by noted author



The programme attempts to influence the philanthropic discourse in the country towards a more pro-social justice approach

The youth programme is designed to promote youth leadership and citizenship across the country

Ms. Pushpa Sunder at Delhi titled “Giving with a Thousand Hands: The Changing Face of Indian Philanthropy”, published by Oxford University Press, India. This book release was accompanied by a panel discussion with noted philanthropist and investor Mr. Ashish Dhawan, social activist Mr. Harsh Mander and academic Prof. Dipankar Gupta.

NFI in partnership with India International Centre (IIC), and Business and community Foundation, organized a full day seminar on 19th December 2016 on the theme “Social Responsibilities of Business”. This consultation was called to commemorate 50 years of one of the first business responsibility seminars held in 1965 under the leadership of late Shri Jaiprakash Narayan. The seminar brought together leaders from civil society, business, academia and activists.

IMPACT

- ▶ Been able to form multiple formal and informal partnerships with industry, industry associations, regulatory agencies and fellow civil society organizations working on similar themes.
- ▶ Strengthened advocacy through print and electronic media including through radio programs.
- ▶ Have widened the geographic reach of advocacy activities around business responsibility and social justice.

VOLUNTARISM PROGRAMME

India has its largest ever adolescent and youth population. While these

young Indians are seen as the big untapped market for everything there is a need to invest in their development, encourage their participation and promote youth leadership. Set in this context, the NFI youth voluntarism programme is designed to engage young people in reflective dialogue and social action to help them emerge as socially aware and responsible individuals. The programme engages with youth from diverse backgrounds, supports youth-led organizations and seeks to create youth spaces in decision-making.

Activities

Under the voluntarism programme, the 15th round of the internship programme was facilitated



this year. Grants in the last year have been made to Programme for Social Action, Delhi; Patang, Sambalpur Odisha; St. Xaviers Non-formal Education Society, Ahmadabad; Alfa Education Society, Rajasthan; Abhivyakti Foundation, Jharkhand; Reach India, West Bengal and consultancy support was provided to Smita Sen.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Facilitating exposure of youth to various development sites for an interface with the grassroots workers and experience first-hand the many development challenges.
- ▶ Enabling youth participation in civic action through volunteering, participation in campaigns, formation of youth groups and exposures to development work.

Highlights

The sheer number of young people in the country is indicative of the scale of intervention that is required to engage them in a constructive dialogue around nation building. NFI focused on setting up and strengthening regional youth hubs in different part of northern India. Focus of all interventions has been to work with the state and educational system to influence plan, policies and programmes for young people.

The programme is operational in both rural and urban areas and caters to youth coming from various segments. Efforts were made in the last year to reach out to youth from socially excluded groups including dalit youth, women and minority groups like Muslim youth . All interventions were designed keeping in mind the diversity, context and aspiration of youth with the aim of recognizing and enhancing young people's potential to emerge as empathetic change leaders.

While we work with both school – college going and drop out youth, it is our endeavour to work within the college and school ecosystem where ever possible. In the last year efforts were made to involve school and college teachers in programme planning, who in many cases were trained to work with young people from a youth development perspective. Over the years partnerships with many colleges and universities have been established and strengthened. The college intervention has ensured ownership within college and continued association with students year after year.

NFI continued its youth internship programme in the 15th year. As part of the programme young people in the age group of 18 to 24 were placed with a grass roots civil society organizations for a period of 4 to 6 weeks

Programme aims to create platforms for enhancing youth capacities and skills through experiential learning at youth resource centers facilitated by NGOs/ young people

The programme involves young people into co-creating common spaces for collective action

during their summer vacation. The programme has been designed to expose young people studying in various colleges and universities of Delhi to development challenges of the country. The programme aims to channelize the energies, interest and idealism of the youth in promoting greater social justice and humaneness in our society.

IMPACT

- ▶ Created spaces for youth leadership, engagement and self-development through capacity building and exposure.
- ▶ Encouraged youth engagement in civil action thereby developing their understanding on some critical social and development issues.
- ▶ Created institutional partnerships with educational institutions, state machinery and the media.

C. SUBRAMANIAM AWARDS PROGRAMME

The Social leadership development program aims to motivate the community members and community collectives to come together, work for a common cause, and assume the role of change agents. The programme is built around NFI's belief that ordinary people, who do not wield power, also have immense transformational vision and wisdom that could be harnessed for the common good for the society.

Activities

NFI facilitated the 14th round of C. Subramaniam Awards. Awards were given to 16 voluntary sector workers and community leaders from

different parts of the country. The award felicitates community level leaders who articulate the need of the local citizenry and mobilize them to access their rights and entitlements.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Strengthening the capacities of the C. Subramaniam awardees through leadership workshops and exposure visits.
- ▶ Interface with the media to forge partnerships to enhance development communication.



Highlights

NFI facilitated the 14th year of the Social Leadership Programme for civil society workers and community leaders selected as a part of the C. Subramaniam Awards. The program is designed to discuss the importance of social leadership and contemporary development issues in India through some brainstorming sessions. The program provides opportunities to the participants to upgrade their skills deepen their leadership qualities, increase their motivation and understanding of various social issues.



NFI video documented the journeys of the awardees to recognize and appreciate the unnoticed hard work of these grass root workers and bring it to the lime light. The film produced highlights their journeys, their passion for their work and the challenges that they face. The film is available on some digital platforms including YouTube.

As a part of the NFI Annual Day function, the awardees of the C. Subramaniam Award from 2016 and 2017 batch were felicitated for their efforts in trying to make a difference in the lives of ordinary people.

IMPACT

- ▶ The programme helps in upgrading the skills of the Subramaniam awardees, deepen their leadership qualities and enhance their motivation and understanding of various issues.
- ▶ A network of individual and institutions has been created to increase the voluntary sector's understanding of the contemporary issues.
- ▶ Enhanced capacity of community level leaders to articulate and highlight the need of the local citizens.

The programme has been able to upgrade the skills of the community leaders and workers, deepen their leadership qualities and enhance their motivation and understanding of various issues



Community Health



NFI supports activities that seek knowledge, influence attitudes, beliefs, and health promoting behavior particularly among the under-privileged. It proposes to promote health seeking behavior of socially, politically and economically disadvantaged group of people including women and children.

Community Health

Youth Innovation Fund

Early Childhood Care and Development

Prioritizing Health in Legislative Spaces

Girls Count

The instruments that NFI uses to bring aforesaid changes are grant making, facilitating national level coalitions and organising research, events and publications. Through the Community Health program, NFI works in four areas

- ▶ It reaches out to youth and adolescent girls and boys to improve their understanding of reproductive and sexual health including health rights (Youth Innovations Fund-YIF).
- ▶ It engages in arresting the declining child sex ratio in India that stands at an abysmal 919 girls against 1,000 boys in 2011 (Girls Count Coalition).
- ▶ It reaches out to children with effective and efficient early childhood nutrition and care (ECCD).
- ▶ A new area called PHLS (Prioritization of Health in Legislative Spaces) has been added.

YOUTH INNOVATION FUND

Youth Innovation Fund was conceived to address various issues of sexual and reproductive health rights that young people face across India. The focus was on approaching it through innovative methods, unreached communities and geographies as well.

Activities

In the last one year, grants have been made to Gramya Vikas Mancha, Assam, Patang, Odisha, Muskaan, Madhya Pradesh, Vishakha, Rajasthan, Akshara, Maharashtra, FST, Assam, Tathapi, Maharashtra, RVC, Assam and CSED, Tamil Nadu.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Efforts to provide information and knowledge around Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) to urban and rural youth.
- ▶ Work with gate-keepers including parents and teachers through information sharing and knowledge creation.



- ▶ Proactive engagement with stakeholders in the health and education system around issues of SRHR for a holistic impact.
- ▶ Capacity enhancement of partners through various training programs and exchange visits among partners were also organized so that they could learn from one another.

Highlights

The first phase of the NFI's YIF project has come to an end. Over the four years of intervention, eight civil society organizations in six states of India were supported to strategically engage with the issue of SRHR. All partner organizations devised and implemented innovative projects to address the issue amongst adolescents and young people and closely engage with the system to mainstream the issue in policies and programmes. The partner organizations are now in the process of institutionalizing the knowledge generated through this intervention.

Research and Advocacy on sexual and reproductive health rights of persons with disability was successfully carried out in Assam with the relevant stakeholders. As a result of the intervention young people with disability and their care takers have started talking about their sexuality and sexual and reproductive rights.

A curriculum on youth work from SRHR perspective in Oriya language was developed along with youth pertinent counselling curriculum and courses that are being now used by universities. Students are taking these courses and have been able to develop and implement small projects to address gender, sexuality and SRHR issues in their communities.

IMPACT

- ▶ There has been a change in the attitude of college authorities, parents, care-takers, police, teachers regarding the needs of young persons in the changing times and context.
- ▶ The pictorial tools on sexual violence have been used by magistrates in a district court in Assam as an aid for a deaf and mute girl to testify against the man who raped her.
- ▶ Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai has launched the youth pertinent counselling course developed under the intervention into a certificate program.

Programme is built around providing information and knowledge on SRHR to urban and rural youth

A network of more than 400 organizations and individuals, the Secretariat tries to influence policy, amplify advocacy and establish accountability and generate evidence to halt the decline in CSR

- ▶ Safe City Initiative in Mumbai has worked with support from the City Bus Transport Department (BEST) and the Suburban railways to bring change regarding safety of women. This was explicitly seen during the girls night out campaign. Over 5,000 bus conductors have been trained around women safety and they are authorized to intervene in case of sexual harassment in the buses.
- ▶ In Odisha and Tamil Nadu, the district officials are requesting our partners to work with the Anganwadi workers and the ANMs to understand sexual violence and help the government in strategising its prevention.

GIRLS COUNT COALITION

The Girls Count Coalition is working to draw attention to the problem of the pre and post birth discrimination against women and girls. The Secretariat aims to influence policy, amplify advocacy and establish accountability through dialogue, capacity development, support for community action and evidence generation to halt the decline in Child Sex Ratio (CSR); enhance the value of women and girls; address issues of housing and land rights of women; asset ownership and skilling of girls and young women.

Activities

The activities have been around

- ▶ Advocacy with the government for amendments and effective accountable implementation of the PCPNDT Act through consultations and forums for discussion.
- ▶ Media campaign to highlight broad issues of gender with specific focus on declining CSR, in national and vernacular newspapers in different parts of the country.
- ▶ Research and publication of factsheets, newsletters, IEC material on broad gender issues including Declining Child Sex Ratio (DCSR).
- ▶ Support to organizations for on-ground interventions to promote elimination of violence and discrimination against women and gender-biased sex selection with communities in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Telangana.



Highlights

Girls Count monitored the broadcast content of ten radio stations in Delhi/NCR to gauge the coverage of gender issues. The study was undertaken to identify opportunities for media advocacy over the radio to highlight gender issues in their regular programs in order to encourage a public discourse on the issue.

Girls Count through a consultative process with members of parliament proposed the formation of a collaborative parliamentary forum where both parliamentarians and civil society could work together to address issues of gender inequality and ensure social justice for girls. The idea of the forum was endorsed by some members of the parliament as a space for convergence between the government and civil society to engage in planning and better implementation of various government schemes under *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao* (BBBP) initiative.

Girls Count took an unique initiative to invite young photographers from across the country to participate in “Each Click Counts - A Travelling Photo Exhibition”. The exhibition which focused on promoting gender equality was launched in New Delhi. Young people from across the country were encouraged to contribute photographs on the theme of gender equality. The selected photographs were then designed as a mobile exhibition and were taken to twelve public places in Delhi/NCR including colleges, malls, and metro stations to initiate a dialogue with common people on sensitive gender issues.

Media plays a key role in building opinions, making service providers accountable and also influencing the behavior of people and other stakeholders. With this in mind Girls Count worked with a group of 20 journalists from national and vernacular newspapers to promote the issue of declining CSR in the country. Capacity strengthening workshops and exposure trips were organized for these journalists to build their perspective on the broad issue of discrimination and violence against women.

Girls Count organized an on-ground campaign to educate and sensitize members of the local governance institutions on patriarchy and gender equality in Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. The campaign was to strengthen people's accountability around gender equality specifically on safe abortions, domestic violence and gender-biased sex selection. Process documentation of this intervention was done in these three states. The campaign was implemented in around 140 *panchayats* districts and reached to some 17,000 people.



The coalition is working towards building a consortium of elected representatives on the issue of declining CSR and mobilizing urban youth for collective action against gender biased sex selection

The campaign has been able to strengthen media response on the issue of declining CSR



Girl Count launched the HerShare campaign to accelerate public response for asset ownership and skilling for women and girls, by fostering a discourse among common people around gender norms associated with women's asset ownership and skilling. The campaign also hopes to highlight the challenges in the ability of women to earn, own, inherit and control assets and negotiate with the state to ensure that the issue of asset ownership and financial independence of girls become an integral part of all *Beti Bacho Beti Padho* initiatives at local, regional and national levels.

IMPACT

- ▶ Reinforced relationship with the state mechanism for policy advocacy on the issue of declining child sex ratio.
- ▶ Strengthened media response on the issue of gender-biased sex selection and asset ownership of women. Increased coverage of issue in national and vernacular newspapers in the focus states.
- ▶ Increased number of women attaining joint ownership of property reported from Satara; approximately 500 women reported joint ownership as an outcome of the HerShare campaign.

PRIORITIZING HEALTH IN LEGISLATIVE SPACES

NFI through its partner organizations has invested in working towards prioritizing health through engagement with elected representatives in Chhattisgarh and Odisha. The idea behind this multi-pronged approach is to create a critical understanding within the community and elected representatives dedicated to improving the health status of their respective constituencies. It is expected that health will be prioritized for discussions in policy circles.

Activities

The project is implemented with a focus on seven legislative constituencies in the states of Odisha and Chhattisgarh. In Odisha the work is in Junagadh, Narla, Balangir and Patnagarh while in Chhattisgarh the work is in Rajnandgaon, Baloda Bazaar and Ambikapur constituencies. The major focus of the initiative is to work with the elected representatives of these constituencies.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Perception study on basic health facilities at PHC and CHC level in areas of intervention.

- ▶ Real time data tracking of health issues among target communities through *Swasthya Pratham Mobile Vanni*.
- ▶ Publication of knowledge products for discussions with the legislators of Chhattisgarh and Odisha on health scenario for effective policy planning.
- ▶ Media collaboration to promote issues of community health in vernacular media.
- ▶ Tracking of all the health related questions during different assembly sessions in Odisha.

Highlights

Round table discussions and bilateral meetings are a continuing feature with the legislators, in Odisha and Chhattisgarh. The consultation with MLAs in Chhattisgarh was organized inside the Vidhan Sabha. This was attended by the Chief Minister, the Speaker, the Opposition leader, the Health Minister and nearly 50 percent of the MLAs.

In Odisha, the round table discussion with the legislators was organized during the assembly session. This was attended by 15 MLAs from different parties, government officials and civil society organisations. They worked together to explore the opportunities in strategic thinking and planning for addressing health issues on the ground.

In Chhattisgarh, a state advisory committee is constituted by 10 MLAs from all parties. The purpose is to carry out health as an agenda in the assembly session, thereby creating a shared understanding regarding prioritizing health.

Regular meetings are conducted with the editors of newspapers, news agencies, electronic media houses to ensure wide coverage of health related issues through human interest stories and in- depth reportage.

IMPACT:

- ▶ We are beginning to see the impact of the project, as there are health related questions being raised in the Legislative Assembly.
- ▶ Communities are also beginning to raise their voices for betterment of public health services and infrastructure.

Under the early childhood care and development intervention NFI supported the North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati to conduct a research study on “Causes and extent of health vulnerability: A study of health status of women and children in tea gardens of Assam”.

Given the high degree of malnutrition among the tea garden workers of Assam the research focuses on analysing the factors behind the poor health status. The study was carried out in three districts including Sonitpur, Dibrugarh and Sivsagar. It highlights factors such as low levels of income, low levels of education, lack of medical facilities in the tea gardens, pathetic hygiene and sanitation and perception about different occupational health hazards that has resulted in a number of work-related accidents and health problems. Also poor nutritional status of adolescents, especially girls, has important implication in terms of adverse reproductive outcomes. This is also one of the big reasons for high IMR and Under Five Mortality Rate. The detailed findings of the report are available on NFI’s website. (www.nfi.org.in)

The project hopes to prioritize discussions on health in political and policy circles



Development Journalism



NFI's development journalism programme aims to influence and develop public opinion around issues of local and national development priorities through media engagement. Over the years the programme has evolved and developed along with the changing nature and role of the mass media. With seeping in of various forms of media, to the larger public, be it radio, print, television or the internet, media has moved from just being a disseminator of information to one which sensitizes the mass.

The desk proactively engage with mainstream media to create greater space for issues of equality and social justice and to bring these issues alive for readers, listeners and viewers

NFI's work primarily has been around creating constructive communication for the masses. The programme, for over two decades, has been engaging with different media forms including print, electronic, radio, internet and more recently social media through varied tools including awards, trainings, dialogues, research and grants to popularize peoples issues.

Activities

Seventeen journalists were supported under the 22nd National Media Awards Programme, this year. The award provides an opportunity to journalists to write in-depth articles/photo essays on issues of the common man with adequate evidence – qualitative and quantitative – in an effort to influence public policy and the domain of social consciousness. Awards are given to print and photo journalists.

Grants in the last year were made to Manthan Yuva Sansthan, Jharkhand, Dhristi Ahmadabad, Aawaj Jankalyan Samiti, Madhya Pradesh, Charkha, Delhi, and Communication for Development and Learning, Karnataka.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Orienting and supporting journalists and other media personnel from the national, regional and local media on effective coverage of development issues.
- ▶ Creating suitable space for development issues in the print media, radio, cable, internet, television and social media.

Highlights

In the 22nd year of the media award programme (in 2016), NFI awarded 17 Media Awards. The Orientation and Awards Programme was held at the India Habitat Centre on 2nd, 3rd and 4th March, 2017. To mark the event a panel discussion was organized on “Changing Landscape of India: Role of Philanthropy, Media and Civil Society” with Mr. Arun Maira, Ms. Neera Chandhoke and Mr. Aakar Patel as panellists.

NFI initiated an experiential research on the impact of community radio station on communities. The purpose of the research is to understand the influence of a community media intervention and to establish the role of a community radio station as a resource located within the community eco- system.



NFI through all its media initiatives envisions a strengthened partnership between the civil society and media to better address people's issues. In this context, a media advocacy campaign on the issue of child protection was supported in Madhya Pradesh. The intervention contributed towards building a public discourse on the issue through proactive engagement with different media forms including print, social, electronic and radio. The campaign has been able to highlight the scale and the urgency to address the issue.

In partnership with media schools, trainings were organized for media students in Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka on themes of media ethics and effective communication. Also, as part of promoting citizen's journalism, rural young people from Bihar and Chhattisgarh were trained to write and photo document community issues which were then circulated in vernacular and national media.

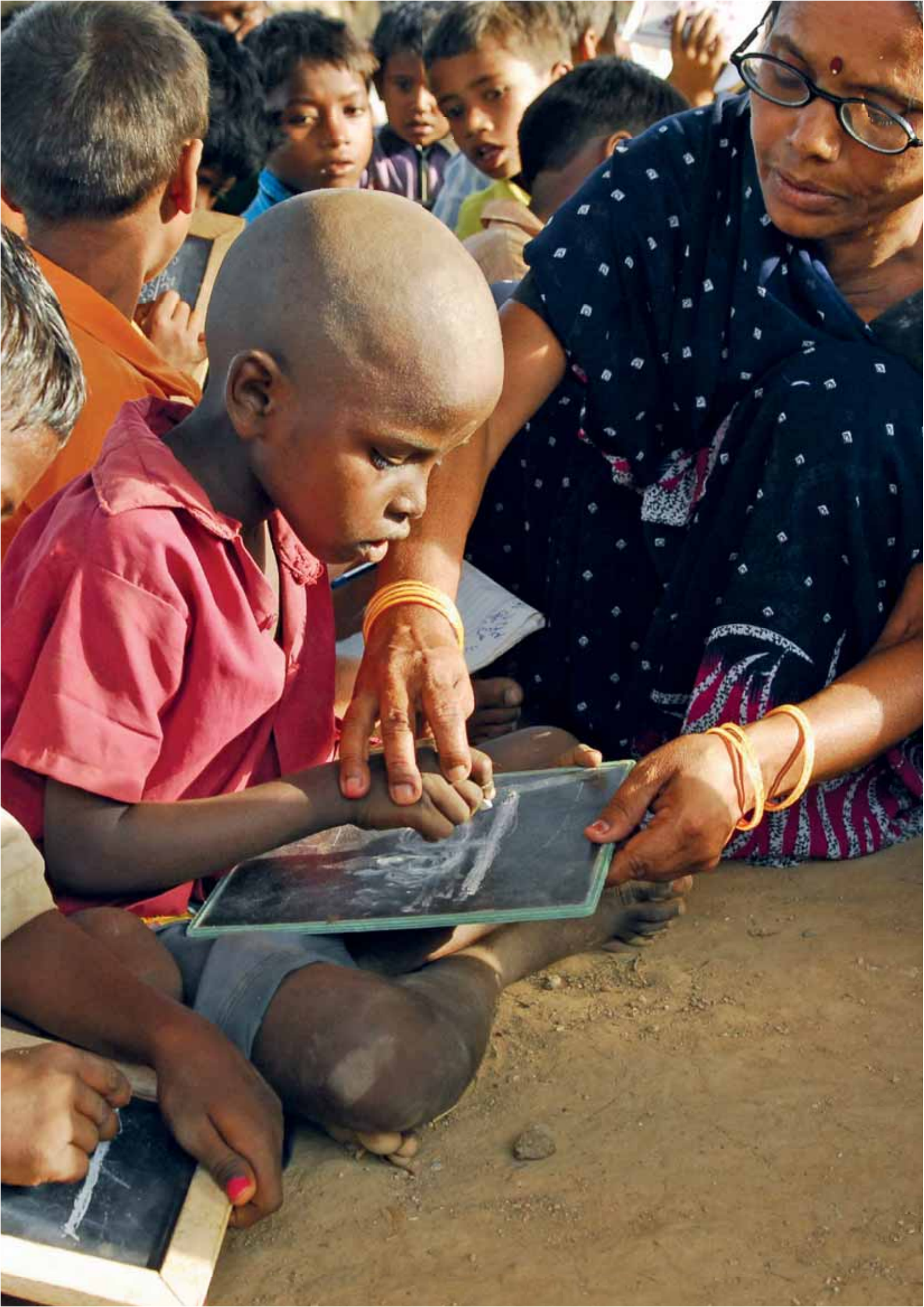
In a day and age when many people are relying on social media 'forwards' for news and updates, NFI felt it was imperative to understand the impact of social media on conventional media forms and to explore spaces for work in this relatively new domain. NFI supported a National Seminar on Impact of Social Media on Journalism. The conversations highlighted the emerging role and scope of this new media form and its influence on how the news is getting generated/made in today's times. The seminar pointed out that while on one hand the social media and internet are increasing the disparity in the society on the other it facilitates the culture of connection and relation.

IMPACT

- ▶ Oriented journalists in the national and vernacular media for effective coverage of development issues.
- ▶ Networked with editors and senior journalists to create a buy-in for development stories.
- ▶ Created space for development issues in the media through media advocacy initiatives.
- ▶ Created cadre of young writers in two districts of Bihar and Chhattisgarh.
- ▶ Built partnerships between the media and the voluntary sector organizations.



The project has been able to create a network of development journalists across the country



Elementary Education



NFI considers education as one of the central strand for any development interventions. It has been widely acknowledged that an educated society is the foundation for ushering in better economic progress and reducing social inequalities. However, there are remote villages and habitations in difficult terrain and poor urban neighborhoods that are often excluded from accessing good educational facilities.

The programme is committed to strengthening education centers, tutorials, child resource centers, LSG structures, parents committees that foster wholesome education with focus on good values and responsible citizenship among children

NFI invests in helping children from marginalized communities and difficult areas access mainstream education of reasonably good quality. It remains committed to strengthening institutions (NGOs, education centers, tutorials, child resource centers, LSG structures, parents committees etc) that foster wholesome education with focus on good values and responsible citizenship among children.

Activities

The 'Education for Marginalized Children (EMC)' programme was started by NFI in partnership with Shamdasani Foundation (SF) two years ago. The EMC programme has supported ten NGOs in the Northeast and Bihar towards securing quality elementary education for marginalized children. Under the EMC programme, grants were made to Samagra Seva in Bihar, Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) and Siamsinpawlp (SSPP) in Manipur, North East Research and Social Work Networking (NERSWN), Sido Kanhu Institute (SKI); Jubayer Masud Educational & Charitable Trust (JMECT) and FarmzFood Foundation in Assam, Synroplang for Social Transformation (SST) in Meghalaya, SNEHA in Arunachal Pradesh and Reachout Foundation in Delhi.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Ensuring basic education for marginalized children through inclusive and innovative learning techniques.
- ▶ Providing learning and rehabilitative support to differently-abled and orphaned children.
- ▶ Capacity building of primary school teachers and providing teaching and learning materials to improve learning outcome of children and ensuring quality education.
- ▶ Advocating for ensuring quality education by strengthening government structures and active participation of community in Assam, Bihar, Meghalaya and Manipur.
- ▶ Documenting the multicultural diversity in Delhi NCR Schools to counter negative generalizations around race, ethnicity and stereotypes.

Highlights

A partner's meet was organized to forge and strengthen collaboration among NFI's ten elementary education partners. The meeting was organized to encourage partners to have constructive interaction with each other, work together and gauge the collective impact of the work undertaken so far. The meeting also worked as a platform for deliberations on larger developmental challenges.

NFI supported schools in Arunachal Pradesh have played a vital role in bridging the gap between communities with different ethnic identities. While the school was established for the marginalized Chakma children from the region, it has over the years emerged as a center for learning for both the Chakma and the non-Chakma communities. The school has developed not only as a center for providing quality education to children but also as a space for dialogue and understanding between hitherto hostile communities.

While elementary education remains the primary focus of intervention at the learning centre supported by NFI for differently abled children in Manipur, it has played a significant role in altering the perception of disability among the community. The center has been able to flash a conversation about equality and inclusion as overriding principles for development.

NFI in partnership with Tony Blair Foundation launched a life skills education project for young people with its existing partners in North East. The programme aims to cultivate the idea of an open-minded society, promote mutual respect and avoid religious conflict or extremism.



More than 35,000 children have benefited from various activities under the intervention

IMPACT

- ▶ About 35,000 children from economically weak communities, adivasi, tribal and orphaned children living in geographically remote areas have directly and indirectly benefitted from NFI's educational interventions across five states. They were mostly from the tribal communities such as the Paites in Manipur; Adivasis, Bodos and Rabhas in Bodoland; Mishings in upper Assam; Chakmas in Arunachal Pradesh; Khasis in Meghalaya and Musaharis in Bihar.
- ▶ Promoted civil society engagement and leadership in ensuring quality education for children of marginalized communities. It also encouraged community participation for realization of better educational and developmental outcomes.
- ▶ Successfully started ground work for understanding multicultural diversity in some Delhi NCR Schools to counter negative generalizations around race, ethnicity and stereotypes leading to prejudice and racial discrimination.
- ▶ Most of our partners have slowly emerged as strong advocacy agencies in their respective areas of work, developed linkages and collaborations with government departments and influenced grassroots level policies.



Local Governance & Accountability



The philosophy of this thematic area is to deepen democracy and improve the quality of life by making the institution of governance effective, accountable and efficient through active and informed participation of people, especially those from the marginalized and peripheral section of the population.



The programme focuses on promoting participatory and inclusive governance to ensure effective democracy in India

The primary objective of the programme is to enable marginalized section of the society to participate in local decision making system. The programme aims to strengthen citizen associations, community structures and ordinary people for deliberation, dialogue and collection action towards this and to also improve public understanding of participatory local governance. The thematic area has three specific strands of work, namely, The Urban Programme, Civil Society led Budget Work and work on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

THE URBAN PROGRAMME

The Urban Programme supports work that lends itself to improving the quality of life of ordinary people by building their capacities, creating peoples agencies, improving their interfaces with the Governance systems and strengthening and deepening the role of civil society organizations in building effective, inclusive and participatory democracies.

Activities

In the last year, grants were made to eight organizations including Health and Development Initiatives (HDI)-Bhubaneswar, Odisha; Urban Development and Resource Centre (UDRC)-Bhubaneswar, Odisha; Samajik Parivartan Sansthan (SPS)-Giridih, Jharkhand; Centre for Action Research and Management in Developing Attitudes, Knowledge and Skills in Human Resources (CARMDAKSH)-Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh; Centre for Child and Women Development (CCWD), Odisha; VIKASH-Bhubaneswar, Odisha; Institute of Social Science (ISS)-Bhubaneswar, Odisha; Foundation for Social Transformation (FST)-Guwahati, Assam.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Supporting and facilitating models of community-managed water, sanitation and waste services.
- ▶ Advocating for better governance and services in small towns and peri-urban areas.
- ▶ Strengthening civil society organizations, citizens platforms, youth groups on issues of urban poverty and urban governance.
- ▶ Strengthening inclusive and participatory governance mechanisms by interfacing communities with local bodies and city governments.

Highlights

NFI's urban intervention in 12 select cities and urban settlements in three states of Jharkhand, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh in the last one year has

integrated social and technological interventions and changes in improving the water-waste and sanitation basic services by way of sustainable innovative models and demonstrations together with networking with communities and the Urban Local Bodies. NFI in partnership with SaferWorld Communications carried out an impact evaluation study of the urban programmes. The study report titled “Sabka Seher: Ideas That Have Worked”-Localizing Innovations of NFI’s Urban Programme” highlights the successful innovative solutions in our intervention. Building Local Institutions by way of mahila milan, youth media club, youth centers, score card system; Bringing in Solutions for Basic Services such as terafil filter, community toilets, waste segregation and door-to-door waste collection; Amplifying and advocating Urban Issues by university workshops, toolkit development, social media outreach etc. are some of the successful innovative solutions.

IMPACT

- ▶ Strengthened community structures in urban poor settlements to manage basic urban services through integrated community-based urban water, sanitation and waste management and ensure citizen centric governance systems.
- ▶ Demonstrated models of community managed innovative technological solutions on water, sanitation and wastes management in urban poor settlements.
- ▶ Enhanced youth leadership from marginalized urban communities towards effective urban governance.
- ▶ Enhanced knowledge of the sector through research, advocacy and constructive action towards effective urban governance processes.

CIVIL SOCIETY LED BUDGET WORK IN INDIA

This programme aims to strengthen institutional and individual capacities at the sub-national level for promoting transparency, accountability and inclusive governance through people’s participation, evidence collection and strategic advocacy. It intends to build public discourse around the issues of budgetary allocation, planning, spending and implementation for critical social sector and vulnerable groups.

Activities

Under this programme, grants were made to 16 State-level budget organizations including Life Education and Development Support



The intervention has been able to strengthen community structures to ensure citizen centric governance systems

The project supports state-level organizations in tracking expenditure, analysing and developing policy reports in social sectors

(Jharkhand); Centre for Youth and Social Development (Odisha); Centre for Child and Women Development (Odisha); Centre for Rural Studies and Development (Andhra Pradesh and Telengana) Sanket Development Group (Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh); Public Health Resource Network (Chhattisgarh); Chengai Jesuit Society (Tamil Nadu); Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (Karnataka); Centre for Communication and Development Studies (Kerala) Samarthan (Maharashtra); National Centre for Advocacy Studies (Maharashtra); Pathey Trust (Gujarat); Area Networking and Development Initiatives (Gujarat); Astha Sansthan (Rajasthan); Prayas (Rajasthan) and Centre for Equity Studies (NCT of Delhi) and one national-level budget organizations- Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability across 14 states of India.

Planning, Monitoring and Documentation support was provided to a Coalition of Dalit Organizations working on the issue of Human Rights for Capacitation of Dalit/Women/Tribal headed organizations at the District and Village Level.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Supporting state-level budget groups to spearhead budget reforms in the country and mapping gender responsive budgeting in the states.
- ▶ Supporting state-level organizations for tracking expenditure, analysing and developing policy reports in social sectors.
- ▶ Training of young professionals on gender responsive budgeting and planning.

- ▶ Building awareness and public discourse around Access to Medicines.

- ▶ Supporting internship programme for young College going students on Budget Work.

Highlights

National Meeting on “Future of Budget Work in India”: Research and advocacy around Budget Work in India started in late 90’s followed by extensive engagement and participation of civil society and academicians. In the past 20 years, Budget Work has led to raise some of the critical issues from Dalits in Gujarat to allocation for Tribal Sub-Plan at the Centre and State level. In the last one decade, Budget Work has contributed extensively towards building discourse for transparency and accountability leading to legislation of Right to Information Act. Over the years, the role of



civil society has widened with greater participation in every sphere of governance at different level. On the other hand, the civil society space is shrinking gradually at an increasing rate. This has led to scepticism about the future associations with the government and inclusion in day-to-day social responsibilities of civil society.

Some of the big questions which were discussed during the meeting are strategies of scope, developing new tools for budget work, roadmap for sustained advocacy, networking and alliance building, addressing the issues of individual and institutional capacities, defining the approach for the next 4-5 years and way forward.



Launch of Web Portal on Budget data: Availability and accessibility of public budget data in usable form is a serious challenge at State and Sub-State level. The lack of availability of budget information constrains public scrutiny and citizen's engagement in the policy making processes of the Government. Non-availability of relevant budget-related data weakens the role and contribution of common citizens, researchers, academicians, media and civil society in development of evidence based public policies.

Different States share budget data in different forms and at different levels. This makes inter-state comparison not only impossible but also impractical. The situation is graver at the Municipal and Gram Panchayat level where most of the implementation takes place but no or very limited information is available on allocation, disbursement and utilization.

To address some of the above said challenges, a national web portal has been built to host all the annual public budget data of released or prepared by Union, States and some Municipal Governments. This portal provides user interface to visualize annual changes in terms of allocation, expenditure etc. for different sectors. The website also acts as a self-learning portal for academicians, researchers, media, civil society and students to understand Budget Work and spread budget literacy in the country in easily understandable and simplified manner.

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IMPACT

- ▶ Enhanced individual and institutional capacities around budget work.
- ▶ Increased community participation at the local self-government level.

The project engages with state governments to enhance the coherence and integration of SDGs in state planning, budgeting and functioning processes

- ▶ Greater disclosure of budgetary information at sub-national level.
- ▶ Interest among students to pursue research on Budget Work after college.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The SDGs Project is proactively engaging with select state governments with an aim to enhance the coherence and integration of SDGs with state planning, budgeting and functioning. NFI is also engaging with civil society and media for community outreach on SDGs and to support and enhance the governments' efforts on popularizing SDGs.

Activities

The SDGs Project has formalized collaboration with the Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka. NFI has made grants to the following civil society organizations for popularizing SDGs – Social Uplift through Rural Action (SUTRA) in Himachal Pradesh; Centre for Rural Studies and Development (CRSD) in Andhra Pradesh; and Samarthan – Centre for Development Support in Chhattisgarh.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Providing support to the state governments on SDGs.
- ▶ Supporting civil society dialogue and raising awareness among diverse stakeholders on SDGs.
- ▶ Extending the SDGs discourse to common citizens through media outreach.

Highlights

As part of the financial and technical support, NFI has established a core team on SDGs in the Governments of Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh, who are coordinating with the SDGs related departments in the state to achieve the project objectives and are also supporting the states' other SDGs related initiatives.

NFI has conducted orientation workshops on SDGs and their integration with state planning and



budgeting with all Heads of Departments of the Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, chaired by the Chief Secretaries of the states. With global and national indicators not finalized, NFI Technical Advisers have also provided guidance to the states on identifying indicators and data sources for monitoring state progress.

NFI is supporting the process of developing and implementing training modules on SDGs for policy making level, schemes' monitoring level and for community level institutions and groups. The process is being led in consultation with development practitioners and experts, and state academies and institutes of Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Chhattisgarh.

The radio series on SDGs in partnership with One World Foundation India, that is aired on Air FM Rainbow in Hindi every week has received hundreds of responses and feedback from Bihar, UP, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi/NCR, Goa, Uttarakhand, Assam, Haryana, Nagaland, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. The Social Media partnership with Youth Ki Awaaz has reached out to 12 million internet users through two Twitter Chats on International Women's Day and World Environment Day, 10 articles on various themes of SDGs and other forms of social media engagement.

NFI continues to engage with NITI Aayog and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) for key national processes related to SDGs. NFI had formally requested MoSPI in February, 2017 for a Civil Society Consultation to discuss SDGs Indicators that can be included in the national SDGs monitoring framework, in response to which MoSPI shared that Draft National SDGs Indicators were made available online in March, 2017, inviting inputs and comments from experts and general public.

IMPACT

- The political interest on SDGs in the four states has increased. The governments have initiated efforts to integrate SDGs with state goals and priorities.



Civil society and Government partnerships formalized in the states of Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka



Livelihood Security



The Livelihood Security portfolio of NFI is envisaged to foster and facilitate actions in partnership with local NGOs, Government and other resource agencies for improving livelihoods and lives of marginalized communities. NFI supports and capacitates local implementing organizations to help the economic empowerment of poor producers and socially excluded youth to adopt improved practices and access better services.

More than 3,000 farmers trained to adopt improved practices, cultivate off-season and produce high-value crops as per the demand in market

NFI has adopted a two pronged strategy to accelerate engagement of smallholders in agriculture and allied activities and promoting employability by enhancing capacity of youth to integrate with the market for non-farm jobs.

Activities

In the last one year, grants have been made to eleven organizations: Gramin Vikas Manch, Mahila Shakti Kendra, NERSWN and Diya Foundation in Assam; CARMDAKSH, Chhattisgarh; SACAL, NIRMAN, VIEWS, RARE and PATANG in Odisha and CSEI, Delhi. The major parts of the initiatives are supported by The Hans Foundation.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Capacity building of partners to plan and implement large scale livelihood programme and leverage resources from the Government department and NABARD.
- ▶ Training of partners to facilitate Self Help Groups to play an active role in household level planning, implementing improved cultivation practices in paddy and vegetables, improved practices for livestock, design small and affordable irrigation system and exploring market linkages.
- ▶ Rain-water conservation works were taken up in Odisha and Chhattisgarh where the village development committees planned and implemented the structures. Access to irrigation schemes were promoted through group and individual model.
- ▶ Support for skill building and employability initiatives for marginalized youth with special focus on persons with disability and women.

Highlights

Most of the farmers in our target areas are traditionally cultivating vegetables for personal consumption. Through our initiative, more than 3,000 farmers were trained to adopt improved practices, cultivate off-season and produce high-value crops as per the demand in market (for commercial trade). Local partners have encouraged entrepreneurial farmers to prepare centralized nurseries for timely and quality supply of saplings. The additional average incomes of vegetable farmers have gone up by ₹20,000 per year.

More than 1,000 producers were supported through goat-rearing, piggery, commercial and backyard poultry farming. The idea behind goat and pig rearing was to help marginal farmers to transit from subsistence to sustainable level of livestock farming. Animal health camps were

organized at village level to vaccinate livestock, including small and big ruminants. These activities have helped farmers to receive incremental income of at least ₹15,000 per annum in the second year of the initiative and reduce the incidence of mortality of the livestock.

Rain and water conservation work and access to irrigation benefited more than 1,200 farmers with a command area of 1,500 acres of land. 80 acres of lands were developed for agriculture purpose, which will benefit nearly 95 farmers in Odisha. A total number of 14 farm ponds were supported by the Horticulture department for irrigation. These structures will directly impact water conservation and the availability of water for irrigation during *Kharif* and *Rabi* season.

Series of training programmes were designed for the implementing partners. Focus has been given to plan and customize the trainings for staff as well as village level resource persons and farmers. Through this effort, NFI attempts to build a cadre of resource persons at local level to provide specific services around community institutions and various aspects of livelihood interventions.

IMPACT

Under agriculture and allied intervention, NFI helps to build capacities of nine organizations in Assam, Chhattisgarh and Odisha imparting livelihoods of smallholders in 150 villages. Through our skill building and employability, NFI has supported at least 1,500 youth with a targeted focus on women and persons with disability in rural and urban areas. The major impact from our intervention has been:

- ▶ Significant shift from subsistence level of farming to improved cultivation practices in paddy, millet and vegetable with application of organic manure and pesticides.
- ▶ Enhanced understanding of partner NGOs in livelihood planning and designing process as well as result oriented interventions through intensive training and handholding support.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Functional linkages with Government departments, NABARD and NABFIN have resulted into accessing timely credit, other input such as seed, implements and various trainings.



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Peace and Justice



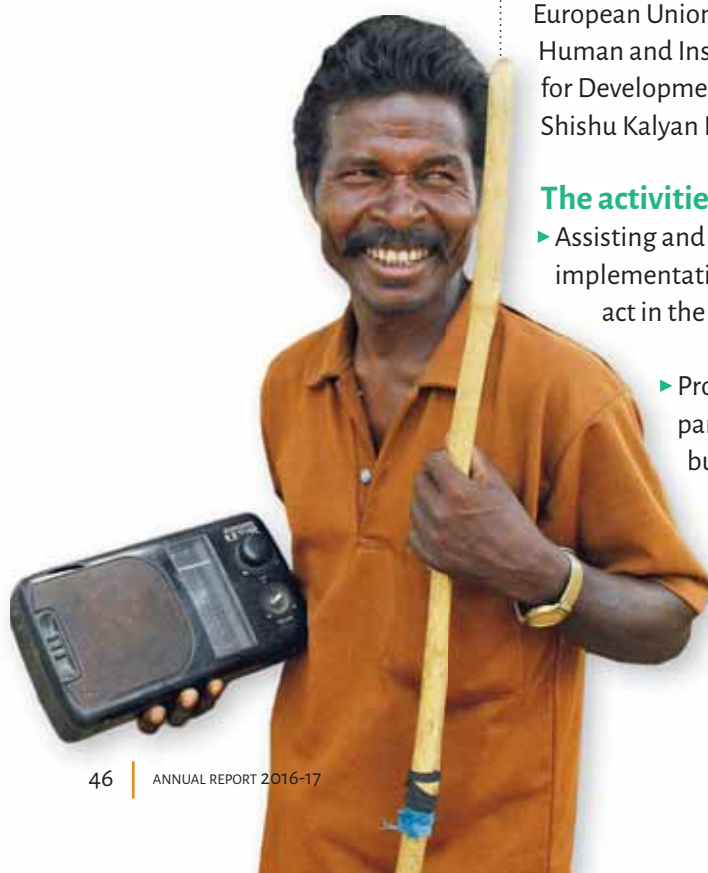
The constitution of India guarantees equality of status and opportunity to all citizens of India whereas historical and other social factors combined with apathy and systematic bias result in vulnerable groups suffering perpetual exclusion and discrimination, trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty and deprivation resulting in discrimination against vulnerable groups who have been unable to access their rights and justice.

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Northeast Desk

The programme promotes peace by facilitating participation of young people in a dialogue on nation building



It has, therefore, resulted in discrimination against vulnerable groups who have been unable to access their rights and justice. The Peace and Justice Portfolio has sought to address this issue and create spaces where survivors of violence could find themselves enjoying better social infrastructure and governance.

The projects fall under two thematic areas: “Peace and Justice Programme” and “Northeast Desk”.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The programme engages with communities to help them make informed decisions; it also invests in strengthening the capacities of NGOs, youth and women towards conflict transformation. The core strategy has been to make grants to NGOs, CBOs to work with affected communities and women for peace building. Other instruments used are - building capacities and facilitating regional networks of NGOs and youth engagement in peace building besides supporting research, documentation, conferences, seminars, workshops, publication and improved media coverage.

Activities

Grants in the last year were made to Centre for Equity Studies (CES), Delhi, Integrated Social & Institutional Development for Empowerment (INSIDE), Manipur, Society for Rural Urban Tribal Initiatives (SRUTI), Delhi and to Sanket Development Group, Madhya Pradesh. Under the European Union supported Rehnuma Project, grants were made to Human and Institutional Development Forum (HIDF), Karnataka, Institute for Development Education and Learning (IDEAL), Gujarat and Nari-O-Shishu Kalyan Kendra (NOSKK), West Bengal.

The activities have been around

- ▶ Assisting and monitoring the commissioners’ office responsible for implementation of right to food act for effective implementation of the act in the country.
- ▶ Promoting peace and development by facilitating participation of young people in a dialogue on nation building.
- ▶ Supporting the economically backward and vulnerable communities to claim their entitlements through law centres in six states: Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Karnataka and Telengana.

- ▶ Supporting people's engagement with SAARC processes through a national level secretariat.
- ▶ Supporting research and documentation of forest and land laws to de-mystify the laws for the people especially those dealing with forest produce.

Highlights

The law centres supported by NFI under its Rehnuma Project continued in their fourth year. These centres were established as entitlement centres in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Telengana to facilitate process of entitlement for the vulnerable communities. These centres have been running intensive awareness programmes on various social- welfare schemes and providing handholding support to the community for accessing benefits under the various Government schemes. Over the course of four years approximately 5,000 entitlement cases were successfully raised and resolved through partnerships with government departments.

People's SAARC secretariat continued to facilitate events, debates and discussions on a range of concerns such as livelihood, migration, environmental degradation and common challenges such as flooding, drought etc pertinent to India and its Southeast Asian neighbours. The secretariat also continued to advocate for developing people friendly trade and other development policies amongst the South East Asian nations.



The initiative has been able to build spaces for interaction between communities for promoting peace

IMPACTS

- ▶ Strengthened civil society initiatives for social change through sustained partnership with NGOs and individuals working at the grassroots.
- ▶ Increased awareness and access to entitlements for vulnerable communities' specifically the religious minorities.
- ▶ Forged successful linkages with government mechanisms such as social welfare and minority affairs departments and the legal services authority for successful implementation of the programme.
- ▶ Established spaces for interaction between communities for promoting peace.



Core objective of the desk is to improve the understanding of civil society, state and public on social, economic and political dimensions of the region

NORTHEAST DESK

To build upon and re-conceptualize NFI's two decades of work in Northeast, an exclusive northeast desk has been carved out from NFI's Peace and Justice Portfolio. Core objectives are to improve the understanding of civil society, state and public on social, economic and political dimensions of the region. Efforts are being made to amplify these objectives by using various instruments.

Activities

The activities have been around

- ▶ Strengthening and supporting NFI's initiatives in Northeast by consolidating past work, strategizing future work and giving momentum to existing efforts in terms of visibility and expansion through awards for building capacities of the youth; facilitating networks of NGOs and youth engaged in constructive work; supporting research; holding events- festivals, roundtables, conversations; engagement with media and commissioning films, have been the core activities.

Highlights

"ArtEast - A festival to celebrate diversity and raise issues of Northeast", was organized in collaboration with India International Centre (IIC), The Sasakawa Peace Foundation and Ourstories (www.ourstories.org.in). The two-day festival marked 25 years of NFI's philanthropic work in India's northeast. It brought to the public in Delhi Installations, Exhibitions, Workshop, Cinema, Performance, *Adda*, Music, Mukhabhaona, Tea-tasting and discussions on Partition, Livelihood, Governance, Philanthropy and Climate Change – diverse issues

curated through various mediums. Highlight of this festival was a film screening and two art installations around the world's largest riverine island, Majuli (now India's only riverine district).

South Asia and South East Asia between them, comprise two of the most populous regions of the world. The region is fractious and studies on it are primarily driven by disasters and conflict. NFI-IIC lecture Series, "Beyond Borders" tries to bridge some gaps in understanding between and within the two regions. The first of the lecture series titled "North East and Act East" was delivered, to a packed audience by Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhaya, former Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan and Myanmar on 31st January, 2017.





NFI produced “Land between Two Rivers” a film that delved on the threat of habitat loss as well as livelihood of the world’s largest river island, Majuli, in Assam. It explored the challenges in preserving the island physically and its culture of mask making that is as threatened as the island itself.

“NFI Conversations” is a series that brings public intellectuals to discuss issues of relevance for Northeast and allows them to interact with civil society in Delhi as well as grassroots organizations in the Northeast. The conversations were moderated by Mr. Kishalay Bhattacharjee, Sr journalist and author. Conversations around Migration and Discrimination, Diversity and Multiculturalism, Breaking Stereotypes and interactions with Mr. GK Pillai and Mr. PC Halдар were the events organized over the year.

IMPACT

- ▶ The desk is slowly becoming a visible space for engaging with northeast by way of its properties like research products, films, conversations, festivals, monographs, partnerships with digital media etc.
- ▶ ArtEast 2017 was a first of its kind festival on Art and Livelihood, Migration and Displacement. The festival was widely covered and attended by a large number of people. Each and every session and the installation had full house audience. Media coverage has also been favourable.
- ▶ Mentoring of Peace awardees by local CSO laid the ground for more intense capacity building work for peace and constructive work in the region.

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Awardees

Media Awardees, 2016

- ▶ **Shazia Yousuf**, is a freelance journalist from Srinagar. She wrote on public toilet facility for women in Srinagar.
- ▶ **Adila Matra** is from Delhi. She works as chief correspondent with *Mail Today*. Adila wrote on the issue of manual scavenging.
- ▶ **Mohd Anissur Rahman**, works with *Charkha* as deputy editor in Delhi. He researched and published articles on water and sanitation issues in Srinagar.
- ▶ **Vishwadeepak**, is a freelance journalist from Delhi. He documented the model villages in Gujarat and U.P.
- ▶ **Prem Pancholi** is a freelance journalist from Uttarakhand. He researched and wrote articles on Water Purification and Cleanliness.
- ▶ **Mahesh Deka**, works as chief reporter with *Eastern Chronical*, Guwahati. He wrote on education among the children of the tea plantation laborers in Assam.
- ▶ **Arun Ezhuthachan**, is a senior reporter with *Malayalam Manorama*. He wrote on issues of child marriage.
- ▶ **Gulzar Ahmad Bhat** is a freelance journalist from Srinagar. He wrote on issues and challenges of half widow and children in the valley.
- ▶ **Priya Sarikar**, is from Maharashtra. She works with daily *Pudhari* as a correspondent and subeditor. She researched and wrote articles on health problems faced by female garbage collectors.
- ▶ **Teena Sharma**, is a senior reporter with Patrika group. She wrote on child trafficking and bonded labour in Rajasthan.
- ▶ **Intezarul Haque**, is from Bihar, works with *Prabhat Khabar*. He researched and wrote on bonded labour.
- ▶ **Dennis Solomon Jesudasan**, works with the *Hindu* and is from Bangalore. He wrote on bonded labour.
- ▶ **Siddharth Bhadoriya**, works as Sub-Editor with *Dainik Jagarn*, Bihar. He wrote on illegal manufacturing of weapons in Munger district of Bihar and its social economic causes.
- ▶ **K Rajendran**, is a Senior News Editor with *Kairali News*. He documented widespread dowry related migration amongst Malayali women.
- ▶ **MV Vasanth**, works as the Bureau Chief with *Deepika Daily*. He wrote on Issues and Challenges of the sidelined Naayadi community in Kerala.
- ▶ **Mrinalika Roy**, is the Associate Online Producer for *Thomson Reuters*. She published articles on transgender health and healthcare challenges in Karnataka.
- ▶ **Siddharth Behl** is a photographer from Delhi. He photo documented the lives of street children in Delhi.

C. Subramanian Awardees, 2016 & 2017

- ▶ **Varsha Jawalgekar**, founder secretary of Parivartan Kendra, Patna, Bihar. She has been working with video as a mode of communication on the issues of deprived and marginalized communities.
- ▶ **Sanghpal Wahurwagh**, associated with *Baliraja Gram Vikas Foundation*, Akola, Maharashtra. He works on the issues of livelihoods with a focus on organic farming.
- ▶ **Shahjahan Quereshi**, works with muslim women who are victim of atrocity and patriarchy in villages of M.P. and U.P.
- ▶ **Rubina Parveen**, works towards empowerment of poor Muslim communities in Fatehpur, U.P.
- ▶ **Ramjiyaban Koal**, is associated with *Badhel Khand Adivasi Kisan Majdur Mukti Morcha*, works with the stone digging labourers and quarry workers in Satna, M.P.
- ▶ **Moniram Ronghang**, is associated with People's initiative for Rural Development, Anglong. His work focus is on agriculture based livelihood promotion among small farmers.
- ▶ **Deepa Kaushnam**, is a survivor of domestic violence. She is associated with an organization called *Astitva*, in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. She works on the issue of domestic violence specially with low income migrant women workers.
- ▶ **Radha Radhwal**, is a member of *Ekal Nari Shakti Sangathan*, Kangra, H.P. She works on the issue of financial security of single women.
- ▶ **Sharda Singh**, is associated with *Mahila Atma Suraksha Sansthan*, Lucknow, U.P. Her work is around issues of women empowerment.
- ▶ **Y. Mariswamy**, is associated with *Samajik Parivarthana Janandolana*. Bangalore. His work is around working with issues of mal-nourishment in children in the state.
- ▶ **Santoshi Rathore** is from Raipur Chhattisgarh. She is involved with issues related to violence against women and related issues.
- ▶ **Md. Raihan** is associated with *Doaba Vikas Avam Utthan Samiti*, Kaushambi, U.P. He works on health and livelihood issues of Dalits.
- ▶ **Kundan Kumari** is associated with *Samagraveva Jamui*, Bihar. She works with issues of Mahadalits.
- ▶ **Krushna Sabara** is from Rayagada, Odisha. He works actively with tribals in the district.
- ▶ **Manisha Goswami** works with *Centre for Policy Research*, in Valsad, Gujarat. She is involved with the issues of Industrial Pollution in the city.
- ▶ **Sehjadbhen Shaikh** is associated with *Sarjan Mahila Mandal*, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. She is working on the issues of women's health and livelihood.
- ▶ **Gayatri** is associated with *Jan Vikas Kendra*, Ambedkarnagar, U.P. She works on empowering women and raising awareness on women's rights.
- ▶ **Bernadet Tirkey** works with *Bulahat*, in Deoghar Jharkhand. Her work towards ensuring education for orphan children.
- ▶ **Firdosh Khan** works with tribals on issues of mother mortality and malnutrition in Shibpuri district, M.P.
- ▶ **Sunita Chouhan** heads *4B Foundation*, an organization based in Delhi. The focus of intervention is on child rights.
- ▶ **Bhumisuta Sahu** is a life skills trainer from Sambalpur, Odisha. She works with *Patang*, an organization committed to promoting youth issues in the region.
- ▶ **Kamala Upadhyay** works with waste pickers in Gaipur, Delhi. She works with Association for Social Justice.
- ▶ **Madhav Lal Tailor** works with *Sevamandir*, Udaipur, Rajasthan. His work is around natural resource management and related environmental issues.
- ▶ **Wangkheirakpam Shiyani** works with young people from Kokrajhar, Assam. She is associated with Action for Inclusion & Empowerment Trust.
- ▶ **Manisha Mashaal** works in villages of Haryana on issues of manual scavenging and domestic violence amongst dalit women.
- ▶ **Ranjita Sinha** is the project director of transgender association in West Bengal. She actively engages with the transgender movement in the state.
- ▶ **P. Pooja** works with STNS in Salem district, Tamilnadu. She works with the transgender community.
- ▶ **Nabjyoti Baruah** engages with the issue of forest and wildlife conservation in Udalguri, Assam.
- ▶ **Moon Bora** works with North East Network in Assam. She works towards ensuring economic empowerment of women farmers in their area of operation.
- ▶ **Sanjukta Purohit** works with the *Ekta Parishad Trust* on forest rights and violence against tribal women in Kalhandi district, Odisha.
- ▶ **Vilson Valmiki** is from Alwar, Rajasthan. He works on the issue of manual scavenging and with the children of the Valmiki community.
- ▶ **A. Damayanthi** is from Andhra Pradesh, works with sex workers and HIV patients.

List of Grantees

Citizens and Society		
Sl. No.	Partner/Organization Name	Grant Amount (in Rs.)
1	Patang, Odisha	7,37,400
2	St. Xaviers non formal education society, Gujarat	4,50,000
3	Reach India, West Bengal	3,50,000
4	Programme for Social Action, Delhi	5,88,000
5	Partners in Change (PiC), Delhi	6,00,000
6	SMA Management Consultants, Delhi	5,50,000
7	One World, South Asia	2,50,000
8	Jafferia Institute of Social Medicine Society, Hyderabad	4,80,000
Development Journalism		
1	Drishti, Gujarat	5,00,000
2	Aawaj Jankalyan Samiti, Madhya Pradesh	3,28,000
3	Communication for Development and Learning, Karnataka	4,75,000
4	Charkha, Delhi	50,000
Livelihood Security		
1	Mahila Sakti Kendra, Assam	24,74,817
2	Gramya Vikas Mancha, Assam	25,26,817
3	North East Research and Social Work Networking, Assam	11,43,124
4	Diya Foundation	18,83,136
5	Social Action for Alternative Community Learning, Odisha	31,05,442
6	NIRMAN, Odisha	26,76,855
7	VIEWWS, Odisha	27,58,588
8	CARM DAKSH, Chhattisgarh	53,98,505
9	Centre For Social Equity & Inclusion, Delhi	4,61,044
10	RARE, Odisha	3,82,500
11	Srijan, Delhi	2,55,000
Community Health		
1	Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), Odisha	20,75,000
2	Oniondev Technologies Pvt Ltd, Delhi	37,24,920
3	Siddha Development Research and Consultancy (P) Ltd, Odisha	3,99,050
4	Media Research and Development Studies, Odisha	9,89,000
5	Siddha Development Research and Consultancy (P) Ltd, Odisha	3,99,050
6	Northeast Social Research Centre, Assam	5,00,000
7	Gramya Vikas Mancha, Assam	15,02,200
8	Patang, Odisha	11,98,000
9	Muskaan, Madhya Pradesh	19,26,000
10	Vishakha, Rajasthan	14,54,000
11	Tathapi, Maharashtra	13,73,000
12	Akshara (FREA), Maharashtra	11,39,648
13	Foundation for Social Transformation, Assam	16,80,000
14	Centre for Social Education & Development, Tamilnadu	14,00,000
15	Rural Volunteers Centre, Assam	6,98,300
16	Centre for Health & Social Justice, New Delhi	15,57,600
17	FREA India (Akshara), Maharashtra	2,00,000
18	Gramya- Resource Centre for Women, Telangana	6,91,000
19	Shikshit Rojgar Kendra Prabandhak Samiti, Rajasthan	6,95,000
20	Samarthan, Madhya Pradesh	6,91,800
21	EKTA – Resource Centre for Women, Tamil Nadu	2,68,000
22	Jagori Rural Charitable Trust, Himachal Pradesh	1,60,000
23	Social Uplift Through Rural Action (SUTRA), Himachal Pradesh	5,00,155
25	Joint Operation for Social Help, Delhi	22,72,817
26	Dalit Mahila Vikas Mandal, Maharashtra	10,92,000

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Peace and Justice		
Sl. No.	Partner/Organization Name	Grant Amount (in Rs.)
1	Centre for Equity Studies (CES), Delhi	4,93,876
2	Integrated Social & Institutional Development for Empowerment, Manipur	2,00,000
3	Sanket Development Group, Madhya Pradesh	4,50,000
4	Institute of Development Education and Learning (IDEAL), Gujarat	17,69,727
5	Institute of Development Education and Learning (IDEAL), Gujarat	26,31,292
6	Human and Institutional Development Forum (HIDF), Karnataka	26,31,292
7	Nari-O-Sishu Kalyan Kendra (NOSKK), West Bengal	26,31,292
8	Foundation for Social Transformation, Assam	5,50,000
9	Consultancy to Parasher Baruah - The Masked Island: Faces of Majuli	6,00,000
Elementary Education		
1	Centre for Community Initiative (CCI), Manipur	5,09,000
2	Samagra Seva, Bihar	4,79,500
3	Northeast Research Social Work Networking (NERSWN), Bodoland	9,00,000
4	Sido Kanhu Institute (SKI), Bodoland	3,99,500
5	Synroplang for Social Transformation (SST), Meghalaya	4,50,000
6	SNEHA, Arunachal Pradesh	4,50,000
7	Jubayer Masud Education & Charitable Trust (JMECT), Assam (Roshni project)	3,50,000
8	Jubayer Masud Education & Charitable Trust (JMECT), Assam (JM Academy)	1,50,300
9	Siamsinpawlpi (SSPP), Manipur	4,98,000
10	Farm 2 Food Foundation, Assam	4,00,000
11	Reachout Foundation, Delhi	3,50,000
Local Governance and Accountability		
1	Health and Development Initiatives (HDI), Odisha	90,18,000
2	Urban and Development Resource Centre (UDRC), Odisha	32,66,000
3	Samajik Parivartan Sansthan (SPS), Jharkhand	32,56,000
4	Centre for Action Research and Management in Developing Attitudes, Knowledge and Skills in Human Resources (CARMDAKSH), Chhattisgarh	32,66,000
5	VIKASH, Odisha	3,87,600
6	Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), Odisha	5,10,000
7	Centre for Child and Women Development (CCWD), Odisha	5,00,000
8	Foundation for Social Transformation (FST), Assam	2,44,000
9	Samajik Parivartan Sansthan (SPS), Jharkhand	5,20,000
10	Centre for Rural Studies and Development (Andhra Pradesh)	49,49,000
11	Centre for Rural Studies and Development (Telengana)	10,00,000
12	Centre for Youth and Social Development, Odisha	41,63,000
13	Astha Sansthan, Rajasthan	40,07,020
14	Pathey Trust, Gujarat	32,93,000
15	Samarthan Centre for Budget Studies, Maharashtra	29,93,396
16	Sanket Development Group (Madhya Pradesh)	39,56,310
17	Sanket Development Group (Chhattisgarh)	13,81,110
18	Chengai Jesuit Society, Tamil Nadu	19,85,800
19	Life Education and Development Support, Jharkhand	19,00,000
20	Centre for Communication and Development Studies, Kerala	19,02,000
21	Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Karnataka	10,05,560
22	Centre for Equity Studies, NCT of Delhi	7,43,630
23	Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, NCT of Delhi	12,00,000
24	Prayas, Rajasthan	5,98,000
25	Public Health Resource Society, Chhattisgarh	3,25,000
26	National Centre for Advocacy Studies, Maharashtra	7,12,000
27	Centre for Child and Women Development, Odisha	4,62,000
28	Society for Uplift Through Rural Action (SUTRA), Himachal Pradesh	20,40,000
29	Centre for Rural Studies and Development (CRSD), Andhra Pradesh	20,00,500
30	Samarthan-Centre For Development Support, Chattisgarh	20,00,000
31	Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Kerala	60,00,000
32	Charkha, Delhi	4,78,500

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INDIA		
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2017		
PARTICULARS	Current Year Rs (lacs)	Previous Year Rs (lacs)
INCOME		
Transfer from Grants: Programmes	1,232.16	884.3
Interest on Corpus Fund Investments	115.92	57.93
Income on Corpus Fund Investments	66.67	274.74
Income on Program Fund Investments	97.43	37.48
Gain from Corpus Fund Investment	-	10.51
Interest on Savings Bank Accounts	20.57	15.97
Exchange Gain	178.20	93.13
Other Income	2.00	3.4
Civil Society Development Fund Utilized	18.34	9.81
Liabilities no longer required, written back		
TOTAL (a)	1,731.29	1,387.27
EXPENDITURE		
Programme Expenses	1,448.75	1046.36
Operating Expenses	91.25	106.05
Provision for Depreciation on common facilities IHC	2.77	2.772
TOTAL (b)	1,542.77	1,155.18
Surplus/(Deficit) (a-b)	188.51	232.09
Less: Accumulation u/s 11(2) of IncomeTax Act 1961	-	24.01
Balance amount carried to Balance Sheet	188.51	208.08

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INDIA			
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2016			
PARTICULARS	As at 31.03.2017		As at 31.03.2016
	Rs (lacs)		Rs (lacs)
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Corpus Funds			
Opening Balance	3,049.35		
Receipts in the Year	96.76	3,146.11	3,049.35
Assets Fund			
Opening Balance	81.20		
Additions in the Year	3.91		
	85.11		
Less: Deletions/adjustments during the year	0.00		
: Depreciation in year	-9.93	75.18	81.20
Gratuity Fund			
Opening Balance	37.64		
Add: Provision in year	3.93		
	41.57		
Less: Payments in year	-	41.57	37.64
Provision for depreciation on IHC Capital Assets			
Opening Balance	41.58		
Additions in the Year	2.77	44.35	41.58
Staff Welfare Fund			
Opening Balance	0.69		
Additions in the Year	0.25		
	0.94		
Less: Disbursals during the year	-	0.94	0.69
Civil Society Development Fund			
Amount accumulated during the year u/s 11(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961	50.67		
Add: provision made during the year	-		
Less: Amount utilized as per Income & Expenditure statement	-18.33	32.34	50.67
Excess of Income over Expenditure			
Opening Balance	130.74		
Prior period adjustments	3.50		
Surplus for the year as per Income and Expenditure Account	188.51	322.75	130.74
TOTAL		3,663.24	3,391.87
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets (Cost less depreciation)		88.07	84.58
Investments (at Cost)		4,275.31	4,163.58
Net Current Assets		-700.14	-856.29
TOTAL		3,663.24	3,391.87

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