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WITH PASSION & PURPOSE



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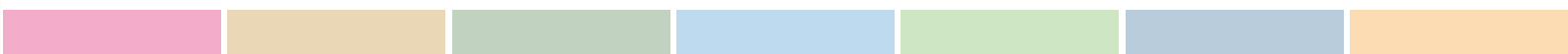
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Message by the Founder & Chairperson Mrs Nita Ambani

Creating Momentum with Passion and Purpose



A world in which communities flourish, the most vulnerable find agency, and India surges ahead towards the sustainable development goals – this is the world that we are helping create, with passion and purpose through various initiatives of Reliance Foundation.

Set up in 2010, the mission of our Foundation is to build an inclusive nation, address some of the most pressing concerns, and contribute as actively as possible towards India's development.

At Reliance Foundation, the year was signified by diversity – a richness of themes, thoughts, and perspectives as we built more synergy to enhance outcomes and align with national and global priorities.

'We Care with Passion and Purpose' provides an overarching view of our impact. It shares stories of

people whose inspiring journeys of transformation have given us greater purpose and motivation to enhance our multiple efforts.

From the tractor-driving Nitu Nagpure who facilitated a digital farm school for women in Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh to Priya Bhatia, aspiring young tech student, pursuing quality education in Haryana; from giving wings to dreams of talented sportspersons like Shubhangi Singh to building resilience for people in locations vulnerable to disasters; through the years, we are humbled to have been able to touch the lives of **over 69.5 million people across the country**.

Beyond numbers, what is precious are the smiles we strive to bring to the faces of people across the length and breadth of India, **in over 54,200 villages**. Every life we have impacted is an inspiring story of resilience, hope and transformation. Our journey of transforming lives spurs us to constantly reinvent innovations for the social sector and scale up our work towards far greater impact on people's lives. For us, the ability to make a difference – big or small – to touch someone's life for the better, is most important.

The spirit of 'We Care' motivates us to work towards this vision, hand-in-hand with the government, civil society, and communities. What inspires us is how our innovative approaches for the development sector take shape alongside the Reliance approach of creating social impact with bold and unique pathways. For instance, one of our recent initiatives in partnership with like-minded organisations is working to bridge the gender-digital divide. Seetu Yadav from one of our interventions in Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh sums it up beautifully – 'a woman with a phone in her hand, can achieve anything she aspires to'. It fills us with joy

to see many more such positive champions trigger social change around them.

We look forward to defining and redefining our approaches with contemporary, need-based, and futuristic initiatives and actions. These include working with women, value chains, and on climate change as core areas in Rural Transformation facilitating enhanced lives and greater profitability of rural livelihoods.

Better quality of life includes better individual and collective agency. I was privileged to launch the 'HerCircle EveryBODY' project through Her Circle, to bring momentum for conversations on body positivity – a movement that focuses on a socially positive ecosystem for inclusivity and diversity. HerCircle continued to expand its growing global digital community of women, to provide a safe space for sharing, growing and learning. Diversity is also something we are facilitating through Reliance Foundation's Drishti, launching a unique Braille newspaper in Marathi in addition to the existing Hindi Drishti Braille newspaper, reaching out to more people with visual impairment.

As the nation builds strength from its young population, we are enhancing our comprehensive **Education** initiatives covering end-to-end of the spectrum from early childhood to higher education. With the largest private scholarships for higher education through Reliance Foundation Scholarships, we hope to change lives of our youth enabling their educational aspirations.

On the occasion of the 90th birth anniversary of my respected father-in-law, Shri Dhirubhai Ambani, we were delighted to announce 5,100 new Reliance Foundation scholarships this year, as a tribute to his vision and belief in the youth of our country.

Growing India's sporting ecosystem, we have built on our Sports for Development initiatives. Grassroots football gained momentum through the year with the participation of over 33,000 students with 2,400 teams

across the country. Through our Education and Sports for All programme, we have impacted over 22 million youngsters till date.

Empowering girls – from building their capacity to facilitating opportunities for women from all walks of life, our **Women Empowerment programme** will accelerate our efforts through several new partnerships. With the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation we aim to empower 1 million women entrepreneurs in rural communities. With USAID, we launched the second round of the WomenConnect Challenge India, to bridge the gender digital divide and reach an additional 350,000 women.

It gives us immense joy to witness India's rich heritage of art and culture find its rightful place on the global stage. It is our duty to help preserve our traditional arts and crafts and enhance avenues for livelihood of our skilled artisans. Reliance Foundation will continue to constantly reimagine ways to protect and promote **Arts, Culture & Heritage**. It has been a truly humbling experience to facilitate the Swadesh experience centre for some of India's ancient and most precious art forms to be preserved and showcased for Indian and international audiences to enjoy a sublime experience of interacting directly with artisans.

As we step into another year of new initiatives – we look at expanding the depth and intensity of our reach across our various themes of work from early childhood to women empowerment, from disaster management to climate resilience. We also look to build strong stakeholder connections and warm partnerships, so that together we help accelerate the pace of our nation's progress and march forward with passion and purpose into a better and brighter tomorrow for all.



Nita M. Ambani
Founder & Chairperson,
Reliance Foundation



Reliance Foundation

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Creating momentum with passion and purpose – this was our approach through 2022-23; a year when we leveraged on the deep **‘We Care’** philosophy that has defined our work, objectives and our approach to enable people with better lives, hopes and aspirations.

At Reliance Foundation, the year was also signified by diversity and richness of themes, thoughts and perspectives as we reached out to partners and stakeholders with a purposeful approach to share our learnings and an effort towards wider synergy to enhance outcomes and the vision for the nation and for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

This Report **‘We Care with Passion and Purpose’** attempts to deliver an overarching view of all of these initiatives through numbers, through impact pathways and through stories of the people whose lives we have managed to touch and enable their personal transformations and inspiring journeys.

Our efforts contribute in the direction of the National Sustainable Development Goals. Being a social sector innovator in the region, we harness all our experience and resources to make more equitable and inclusive nation.



CUMULATIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF RF

Touched lives of
69.5 Million+ people



Impacted **595** *Districts and*
54,200 *Villages*



8 *Impact Areas* **14** **SDGs**





**PROGRAMMATICALLY, AS ON March 31, 2023,
THE TOTAL IMPACT IS AS UNDER:**



*Rural
Transformation*
17.66 Million+



Health
8.56 Million+



Education
0.65 Million+



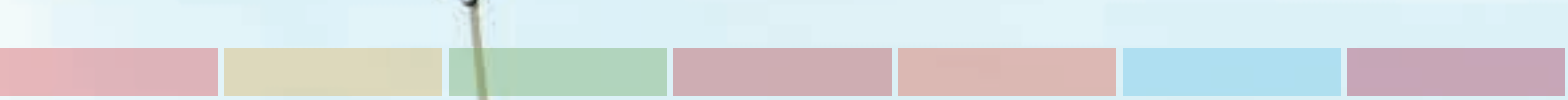
*Sports for
Development*
22 Million+



*Disaster
Management*
20 Million+



*Women
Empowerment*
0.35 Million+



RURAL TRANSFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Reliance Foundation aims to enable rural communities to be income secure, nutrition-sufficient, climate-resilient and gender-just. It works towards these goals by addressing challenges and enhancing farm and off-farm livelihoods, with a focus on climate-resilience and women empowerment. Reliance Foundation's approach leverages synergies with communities and people's institutions, peer or partner organisations and the government.

Reliance Foundation's Rural Transformation initiatives implemented by the RF-BIJ and RF-IS programmes have rallied rural communities around tailored development action plans at household, village or district level; facilitated resources and enabled pathways to collectivization, access to finance and markets; helped improve management and efficiency of resources, mainly water; empowered communities with information to safeguard livelihoods and help address challenges, reaching several million communities across rural India.



Highlights 2022-2023

2.7 Million+

persons reached

0.22 Million+

*fisher folk received critical
weather and fishing zone
information*

56,538+

*people including 60% women
in SHGs supported to diversify
their income sources*

1,346

*villages engaged in water
resources development*

54,900+

*individuals provided access
to financial services*

14,500+

*youth trained for jobs in
the retail sector*

Creating self-reliant communities



Enhancing the lives and livelihoods of people in rural areas

Reliance Foundation Bharat India Jodo - RFBIIJ

The Reliance Foundation Bharat India Jodo (RF-BIJ) initiative, under the 'Rural Transformation' pillar of Reliance Foundation, is working to enhance the lives and livelihoods of people in rural areas through replicable and scalable models.

The RF-BIJ initiative transitioned to a new approach in FY 2022-23 with a focus on establishing and promoting resilient and self-reliant rural communities. Based on previous learnings, the programme has been redesigned to address contemporary issues and new challenges in a post-pandemic world, and align with the nation's goals along three main pillars – **Climate Resilience for Sustainable Development (CR4SD)**,

Integrated Value Chain Development (IVCD), and **Diversifying Rural Incomes through Women Empowerment & Entrepreneurship (DRIWE)**.

The RF-BIJ initiative aims to build a resilient rural India through improved climate resilience, better production practices in agriculture and livestock sectors as well as, particularly for women SHGs and youth, by bringing together partners and communities. Adopting an integrated approach and with the support of NGO implementation partners, the Rural Transformation programme aims to achieve sustainability and livelihood resilience through community participation and convergence with diverse stakeholders in the ecosystem. These initiatives contribute towards national priority missions and the Sustainable Development Goals. The execution strategy involves collaborating with development sector organisations, private agencies, government organisations and collectives for impacting rural communities.



Scaling through partnerships and proven models

Promotion of Climate Smart Agricultural Practices

Climate Resilience for Sustainable Development (CR4SD)

Climate change is impacting agriculture by lowering yields, changing disease-causing pest behaviour, affecting crop quality and in many other ways that undesirably affect the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers. As a result, making agriculture more resilient against climate change is one of the key pillars of RF-BIJ. It is promoting climate resilient agriculture practices and technologies to address the interlinked challenges of agricultural production and climate change. It is strengthening Gram Panchayats for active participation and ownership by building capacity in climate resilience and adaptation. This year, RF-BIJ adopted a comprehensive approach to build resilience of communities against climate change across 998 Gram Panchayats. This was done by raising awareness during Gram Sabha meetings, preparing Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs) for planning actions towards climate resilient villages, and

increasing the capacity of Gram Panchayats and local functionaries for effective implementation of plans.

Key interventions include promotion of solutions for efficient management of water, introduction of climate resilient varieties, crop diversification and appropriate technologies that save time and improve production.

Farmers from 1,800+ villages adopted a range of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices the production across 16,200+ hectares improved.

Community based Water Resource Management

The RF-BIJ programme builds the capacity of communities with respect to mapping of common resources, such as water, land, soil and plants, their assessment, restoration, conservation and better governance of these resources, to help communities to prepare village level integrated natural resources management plan through participatory assessment.

The implemented solutions include creation and/or renovation of water harvesting structures and facilitation and promotion of micro-irrigation systems. Through the initiative, additional water harvesting



capacity of over 173 lakh cubic metres was created during the year. The activities were carried out by creating water budget plans in 1,346 villages that promote a more efficient use of groundwater and irrigation for agriculture and ultimately improves the quantity and quality of water available to farms. Soil related efforts include helping farmers understand soil nutrient status, improving soil fertility with farm-yard manure, vermicompost and other sustainable ways that have a minimal climate footprint and help farmer lower their inputs expenditure.

Reliance Foundation helps in ensuring drinking water availability at the last mile by supporting various community-led initiatives like strengthening of the water distribution infrastructure in villages and augmenting storage capacity. It also supports efforts that aid in improving source availability, withdrawal and water hygiene. For instance, communities' efforts to refurbish wells is supported by facilitating reinforcement of the structure and equipping wells to make water withdrawal easy and hygienic.



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Water initiatives at Shahdol

Reliance Foundation has worked towards improving access and availability of drinking water while also ensuring visible presence of irrigation and ground water with the following initiatives:

- Over 12,000 households have been ensured clean drinking water availability round the year.
- More than 180 handpumps submersible pumps repaired/installed in project villages of Shahdol and Kotma which will provide drinking water to around 3,000 households.
- Facilitation of 115 low cost community water harvesting structures, Bori Bandhan, created by community in project villages of Shahdol and Kotma.
- Over 6.5 Lakh cubic metre water harvesting capacity was created which will benefit around 600 farmers by ensuring irrigation water in over 500 acres farm area and also making water available for consumption by cattle etc. during lean season.

- Towards improving rain water harvesting, new farm pond digging and old WHS deepening work was done which has created capacity of 1.5 lakh cubic meter benefitting over 300 acres farm area.
- Improving public amenities for village residents, over 25 infrastructure strengthening works done in project villages.



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Supporting water initiatives in the development ecosystem

Reliance Foundation has been supporting Paani Foundation in Maharashtra since 2016 to create a people's movement in the districts of Paschim Maharashtra, Vidarbha and Marathwada to build community resilience to drought & climate change. Under this partnership,

- Digital Sheti Shalas - A platform to connect farmers directly with experts, digital 'sheti shalas' or digital farming schools, help farmers get access to top agri experts, hosted at no cost and covering 26 major kharif crops.
- Several farmer groups implemented their learnings into action following best practices. From testing seed germination capacity before sowing and treating the seeds, to purchasing inputs as a collective, several groups saved on costs and improved their yields. Other initiatives included the 'Maha Gat, Maha Kutumb' across 39 taluks, free lab testing and the subsequent sale to help to connect farmers with the markets.

Another initiative supported by Reliance Foundation aimed to enhance livelihood opportunities in 28 villages of Palghar, Vikramgad, Dahanu and Talasari blocks of Maharashtra for 1,107 farmer families.

Diversified food basket

Improved nutrition is critical for building resilience because nutritionally resilient households are better equipped to withstand and recover from external shocks. At Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh, over 15,700 households were encouraged through the year, with focused awareness campaigns to diversify their diets by raising nutritional awareness, especially for vulnerable groups, to improve food utilization and prevent acute and chronic malnutrition.



Expanding reach through strategic partnerships

Strengthening crop value chains for small and marginal farmers

Integrated Value Chain Development (IVCD)

Reliance Foundation, through its BIJ programme, strives to improve market returns by strengthening crop value chains for the benefit of small and marginal farmers. Through systematic interventions on increasing crop productivity and facilitating market access post-harvest it also encourages farmers to move up the value chain.

In FY 2022-23, the RF-BIJ programme worked in 22 value chains across 24 districts. To help farmers achieve higher productivity, better farming practices and technological interventions were introduced in more than 16,200 hectares of agricultural land. Better farming practices include introduction of improved varieties of crops such as soybean, mustard, wheat, chickpeas, turmeric, etc. In the area of technological intervention, farm mechanization, viz. mechanized spraying through drones, boom sprayers, etc., and mechanized sowing

through seed drills, mechanized paddy transplanting, etc., have been introduced.

During the year, Reliance Foundation has also been working with more than 121 farmer collectives, building their capabilities, linking them to markets as well as helping them improve governance and compliance. These farmer collectives have transacted with more than 60,800 farmers, for nearly INR 112 crore. On an average, farmers received over 12% better market returns as compared to the local market.

In October, Reliance Foundation in partnership with NAB Foundation, hosted a roundtable titled 'Journey of FPOs: Successes, Learnings and Way Forward,' to bring together the leading voices in the FPO space on a single platform, to reflect on the FPO journey thus far and consider the key challenges that the sector continues to face.



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Over 80 delegates attended the event, including representatives from the academia, private sector, FPOs, government and development organisations. The event consisted of panel sessions in which the panellists focused on current status of the FPO ecosystem and reflected on the purpose, challenges,



the way ahead as well as policy recommendations on the functioning of FPOs. The proceedings also addressed themes of sustainability, leadership structures and gender roles. Ultimately, the conference focused on purpose of FPOs and how they can be bolstered moving forward in a national context.

Reliance Foundation's experiences in working with FPOs through the years was translated into five key learnings for the development sector. The stakeholder engagement provided an opportunity for robust discussions on how these learnings can help the sector contribute to national priorities.

Promoting Cultivation and Consumption of Millets in Mandla, MP

Leading to the International Year of Millets in 2023, Reliance Foundation initiated a project to promote cultivation and consumption of millets in Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, for improving climate resilience of tribal farmers in the region. With an aim to make millet farming more remunerative and less labor-intensive, this project proposes to adopt an 'Integrated Value Chain' approach to improve farm productivity of minor millets, reduce drudgery in cultivation and also focus on processing of millets to be

sold in value added form, thus helping farmers gain a better share of the millets value chain.

Bringing greater efficiency to paddy cultivation in Telangana

Paddy cultivation is typically a laborious process, and farmers in Kamareddy district of Telangana were finding it increasingly cumbersome to continue physically transplanting paddy because of the expenditure involved as well as the difficulties involved in hiring workers on time.

RF-BIJ addressed the concerns of these farmers through introducing mechanized paddy transplanting which completed the job that normally took 2-3 days in a few hours and at a fraction of cost. The machine was an instant hit with the farmers and three farmer entrepreneurs were encouraged by RF to buy these machines and provide services to other farmers on a custom hiring basis. In the Kharif season of 2022-23, these farmers provided custom paddy transplanting services for nearly 250 farmers, and the demand for their services keeps growing. Playing a catalytic role, Reliance Foundation has introduced a more precision-based planting system, helped develop a self-sustaining model and also led to creation of employment.

Mainstreaming women through potential livelihood sub-sectors

Empowering Rural Women through Entrepreneurship

Diversifying Rural Incomes and Women Entrepreneurship - DRIWE

Diversification and intensification of income sources is a crucial livelihood strategy for income enhancement and income stability in rural households. The RF BIJ programme is assisting rural households in increasing their income, particularly through engagement with women across farm and non-farm sectors.

The focus is on

- Enhancing income by improving existing activities and introducing need-based initiatives across agri, agri-allied and non-farm livelihoods which contribute to income
- Enabling women and youth to earn an income through entrepreneurship promotion and job work
- Financial inclusion to improve capacity to manage income and for risk insurance

- Improved access to social entitlements and social security measures to reduce vulnerability.

Under its DRIWE initiative, Reliance Foundation is adopting a cluster development approach, across 13 sub-sectors across agri, agri-allied and non-farm sectors, to build capacities of women, men and youth to bolster existing livelihoods and promote entrepreneurship for their social and economic empowerment. During FY 2022-23, it focused on strengthening 6,100+ SHGs for enabling livelihoods. Over 56,500 people in more than 2,600 villages were also supported through livelihood orientation programmes, technical skilling in areas like high value vegetable production, goater, poultry, dairy, lac cultivation, mushroom production, agarbatti making, handicraft, job work and retail micro-enterprises, etc., and enabling support for finance, market, knowledge and entrepreneurship development.

The livelihood cluster development strategy includes - Increase production and productivity gains; Cost savings; Better price realization; Reducing risks; and Introducing technology for quality





improvement/reducing drudgery of women /increasing efficiency. The RF-BIJ programme has supported interventions to improve animal nutrition, and upskilling in dairy management for 16,500 milk producers that has led to increased returns for dairy producers. In agri sector, the program has supported over 10,500 producers to improve and adopt high value vegetable production, adopting a cluster approach for livelihood resilience. Reliance Foundation has promoted cultivation of improved forage crop varieties in partnership with partnering organisations including BAIF, government animal husbandary departments, milk federations, IGFRJ Jhansi and private dairies. Over 4,000 acres have been brought under fodder cultivation.

In the non-farm sector, various micro enterprises such as grocery stores, tailoring shops, flour mills, hotels, beauty parlours are being promoted. Additionally, RF-BIJ is empowering and supporting women in SHGs (Self-Help Groups) to engage in mushroom production in Odisha, Gujarat, and Maharashtra, benefiting more than 1,200 women. In Gujarat, it is also supporting a

cluster of women artisans involved in hand embroidery crafts, benefiting more than 400 women. This collective of women in Patan district, called Aanart Gurjara Craftwork Producer Collective, has managed to increase its turnover from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 10 lakh during the year. Furthermore, the programme supports around 200 women in leaf plate making and over 250 women in incense stick production in Odisha. In Rajkot, Gujarat, it has enabled more than 100 women to become skilled imitation jewelry makers, thereby enhancing the livelihood cluster in the region.

Financial inclusion and promoting access to social security benefits

Financial inclusion is recognised as a key driver of economic growth and poverty alleviation. RF BIJ is playing a significant role in facilitating linkages to financial services and social security schemes through mass awareness, linkage camps and documentation services for nearly 55,000 individuals through savings-based initiatives government sponsored health insurance, life insurance, crop insurance and access to institutional credit for SHGs and documentation

support for accessing old age and widow pensions, eKYC, eShram card, Artisan Card amongst others.

Access to bank accounts, loans, insurance, government entitlements and other financial services helped in achieving the collective goals of eradicating poverty, promoting inclusive growth, and reducing inequality.

In Jhajjar, through various CSR initiatives, more than 10 villages were supported for various infrastructure works such as construction of community shed, boundary wall, backfilling work

Mission Sahyog an initiative implemented in 11 villages of the Jhajjar district of Haryana for 8 months, is empowering underprivileged population by increasing their access to welfare policies and various government schemes.

So far, 868 households' surveys have been conducted and 1,832 families are connected with various government schemes such as Ayushman Card, eShram Card, Atal Pension Yojana, Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, Suraksha Bima Yojana, Widow Pension Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Vivah Shagun Yojana, PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, etc. Through Mission Sahyog more than 1,800 villagers have benefited.





Empowering communities with information



Reliance Foundation Information Services

The Reliance Foundation Information Services (RFIS) programme has evolved as a platform for addressing information asymmetry for improving lives and livelihood. Through a time-tested and evolving phygital approach, key livelihood information across three major themes i.e agriculture, livestock and marine fisheries is disseminated. Its defining feature is that it adopts a multi stakeholder, need-based model for information collection, aggregation and dissemination, contributing to synergy in the development sector. RFIS acts as a bridge between two main audiences, i.e., the community and its knowledge partners and experts. The programme continues to evolve by scaling up its user base and increasing penetration in the existing user base, by the use of newer and effective technology thereby improving their lives and livelihood, and empowering its target audience. The programme sources accurate and relevant information from 1,000+ partners and in

an effort to democratise access to information, disseminates it in 10 Indian languages.

The key areas of intervention are:

- Improving yield and income while reducing cost of cultivation. Addressing yield gaps of nine nationally significant crops, and addressing food security. The programme involves developing package of practices that are tailored to agro-climatic conditions and are aimed at increasing yield while lowering cost of production
- Safe and economic fishing for marine fisherfolk.
- Economic empowerment of women through efficient crop and livestock management

In the year 2022-23, the programme worked with nearly 20 lakh farmers who are cultivating paddy, wheat, maize, bengal gram, red gram, Black gram, groundnut, mustard, soybean and cotton, across 135 districts of 16 States of India. Also, over 2 lakh fisher folk across Indian coastline received critical ocean weather and potential fishing zone information.



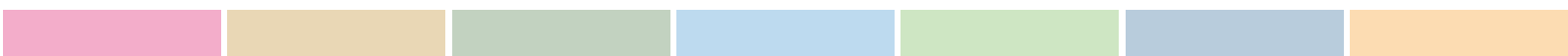
Empowering farmers and fisher folk with technology-based knowledge solutions

The RFIS programme helped farmers enhance crop yields, and safeguard livestock. In 2022-23, the programme addressed 2 lakh queries related to weather based agro-livestock-marine, government schemes, various stages of crop and livestock management issues. Given that more than 60% of the farmers served by Reliance Foundation Information Services keep livestock, livestock camps were conducted in partnership with the Animal Husbandry Department and veterinary universities to diagnose and treat animals, and provide critical veterinary services in remote villages. Over 87,000 animals were treated through livestock camps (nearly 6,80,000 animals treated since inception). In addition, the farmers were also given free medicines and counselling for improving livestock health.

Reliance Foundation endeavours to make fishing safer, sustainable and profitable for marine fisher-folk along

India's expansive coastline with information support from Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) and India Meteorological Department. The Machli app, developed by the RFIS programme, provides real time weather and oceanographic information for all major landing centres to over 10,000 users across the coastline. During FY 2022-23, information was provided in 10 languages like English, Bengali, Odia, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati and Hindi.

The targeted outcomes of the programme such as increasing climate resilience of communities, improving household income, improving participation of women in decision making at household and community level, increasing share of women in household income and economy through capacity building, reducing the input costs, averting losses, increasing productivity, better price realisation, enhancing livestock productivity and promoting micro-enterprises etc.



Digital Farm School

The Digital Farm School is a 'Phygital' (physical + digital) platform specially created for farmers to participate and enhance their skills, exchange knowledge, and build capacities to experiment and innovate. It provides a digital connection between the farmers and other anchors in the ecosystem, to make food production sustainable in locally feasible ways.

It functions through institutional partnerships that channel authentic crop management advisories through multiple ICT platforms like WhatsApp groups, mobile-based audio advisories, chabots, YouTube instructional video streaming and interactive programmes like multi-location audio conference, multi-location video conference and the Reliance Foundation Toll-Free Helpline.

The Digital Farm School learning follows the crop cycle right from seed selection to harvest. Timely advisories and interactive programmes based on identified needs at each crop stage allow farmers to understand fruitful approaches and the science behind them. In 15 states, more than 200 Digital Farm Schools are currently operational with the enrolment of nearly 26,000 farmers, focusing on nine crops of national significance. To contribute to making farming climate-adaptive, Digital Farm Schools propagate appropriate practices like varietal selection, sowing or planting methods, appropriate use of fertilizers, yield improvement and post-harvest technologies.

"The WhatsApp group of the digital farm school taught me about the scientific methods used for cotton cultivation. Earlier, I used to spend more on inputs and spray unnecessary chemicals, which resulted in losses and lesser yields. However, with the help of the Reliance Foundation, I was able to control my costs

and receive good returns from the crop," says

Ramanjaneyulu, a farmer from Dimmagudi village in Anantapuram district of Andhra Pradesh.

The package of practices for each crop are relevant for future use as well. Recognising this, Reliance Foundation leveraged YouTube to disseminate advisories in the form of videos to benefit anyone at any point in time. Since January 2019, Reliance Foundation has leveraged YouTube for conducting live video conferences, and connecting communities with experts. This is in addition to content provided on agriculture, fisheries and livestock through the YouTube in 10 languages, including Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odiya, Punjabi, Tamil and Telugu. Users can also select and use specific content that piques their interest.

These measures taken by Reliance Foundation are resulting in increasing knowledge of communities. During 2022-23, 496 live interactive programmes were conducted and 914 video modules have been made available on YouTube with a total viewership of around 2.4 million.

Nityananda Debnath, a 44-year-old farmer in West Bengal's Bankura district, was disturbed by the low paddy yields owing to water shortage. He contacted Reliance Foundation's toll-free helpline last year and was suggested skip row planting, a method where a row is skipped between every planted row to maximize water usage. As low yields are a problem for farmers across the district, Reliance Foundation produced an explainer video on YouTube about skip row planting to help Bankura's farmers.

As for Nityananda, he tried skip row cultivation this year and harvested 7.5 quintals from about one acre,

which was 50 kg more than traditional method of rice cultivation. More importantly, Nityananda was able to clear weed without risking encounters with the dreaded Chandrabora or Russell's Viper.

Use of RFIS Whatsapp Chatbot for knowledge sharing



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The knowledge gathered by programme since inception has been gathered and hosted in a knowledge repository. A chatbot was developed to provide users automated interactive access to the advisories in the repository. The chatbot can connect users with live agents. This improved community engagement reduced the response time to the queries raised by the farmers. The WhatsApp based chatbot was piloted in Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati and English.

Creating awareness to protect animals during the outbreak of lumpy skin disease

An extremely severe outbreak of lumpy skin disease (LSD) created havoc in India since mid-2022. The United States Department of Agriculture defines lumpy skin disease as a fatal viral disease that spreads when cattle come in direct contact with vectors like mosquitoes, flies and ticks or through contaminated fodder and water. India first reported the disease in Gujarat's Kutch region. The disease affects milk production. In order to assist the farming community in overcoming this outbreak, Reliance Foundation has closely monitored the situation and worked with the Department of Animal Husbandry. Since July 2022, Reliance Foundation actively raised awareness about lumpy skin disease by regularly notifying 6.1 lakh farmers in 11 states with advisories on symptoms and precautionary measures.



Strengthening livestock rearing

Reliance Foundation adopted a unique way of creating awareness amongst the farmers of Udaipur district. The Knowledge on Wheels (KoW) programme, along with live demonstration was planned with the help of Department of Animal Husbandry, Rajasthan. A vehicle-mounted banner outlining ethno veterinary practices provides information about ways to increase the immunity of the animals and safeguard their animals from the diseases. The banner also included measures to protect the animals before, during and after the symptoms of diseases are visible. Eleven such KoWs were deployed, that covered 540 farmers of 23 villages in the Udaipur district. The live demonstration of ethno veterinary practices proved to be a very useful tool for the tribal community of Udaipur, which is actively involved in cow rearing, but finds it difficult to find affordable ways to protect their cattle. Post intervention, a sample study was conducted which showed that 98% of livestock farmers were able to control the spread of lumpy skin disease to other animals in Udaipur district of Rajasthan.

“We could not do agricultural work this year as both of our bulls suffered from the lumpy skin disease, and in spite of repeated attempts, no treatment was working on them. In such challenging times, the knowledge on wheel (KoW) awareness and demonstration camp of Reliance Foundation came as a blessing to us. We used the remedies suggested for 10 days, and as a result our animals became completely healthy. We will continue to treat our animals with these traditional home remedies moving forward,” said Kanki Bai of Jogyon Ka Gura village in Gogunda block.

Supporting marine fishing communities

Reliance Foundation Information Services (RFIS) programme has been working with marine fishing communities to enhance the lives and livelihoods of more than 2 lakh fishermen across eight states.

Reliance Foundation disseminates Ocean State Forecast (OSF) and Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) advisories provided by the Indian National Centre on Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) in an accessible format in 10 different languages, through Machli app, WhatsApp, text and voice SMS and through a toll-free number. Reliance Foundation is collaborating with the Network for Fish Quality Management and Sustainable Fishing (NETFISH), the state fisheries departments, the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), and the State Institute of Fisheries Technology to assist fishers in adopting sustainable practices. Reliance Foundation also promotes sustainable fishing by training fisher community on mesh-size control and minimum legal net size to help reduce unwanted catch of juvenile fish, smaller species and alerts fishers about the annual trawling ban.

With these tools and diverse partnerships, Reliance Foundation contributes to sustainable fishing practices to advance India's commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 14 of conserving and sustainably using marine resources.





Impact of the Programme

An internal mid-year evaluation of the programme revealed the following among farmers and fishing communities who are involved with the programme:

- 78% of farmers adopted the crop management advisories and benefitted economically
- 87% of farmers have taken some action and used weather-based agro advisories in farming and livestock management; and have positively benefitted.
- 92% farmers adopted the information services provided through the toll-free helpline number.
- 97% of fisher folks adopted marine fisheries advisories and around 73% of fisher folks avoided no catch trips, thus saving operational costs

The various initiatives to support rural communities for improved on and off-farm livelihoods and capacity building was carried out across multiple locations through the country.

In Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh this year, through various initiatives, 12,000+ households depending upon farming as a source of livelihood were provided with support including input provision, improved farming technology transfer, augmenting farm income with alternative income sources, etc. These efforts by Reliance Foundation have resulted in:

- Sustained income enhancement of 7,000+ households while also contributing to reduced cost of cultivation of all the targeted households.
- Nearly 1,500 farmers adopting advance SRI methods for paddy plantation in 1461 acres of farm area in around 80 villages in Shahdol and Kotma districts. Over 150 farmers adopted improved System of Pulse Intensification (SPI) technique for sowing pulses in 72.25 acres area.
- Enhancing income through agroforestry and improving green cover, 24,107 saplings were planted on private and common lands benefitting over 1,000 community members.
- Progressive farmers established 68 orchards as models for long term income sustainability.
- Establishment of Over 5,000 Nutrition Gardens (RNGs) towards improving availability of fresh vegetables for marginal households.
- To ensure availability of farm yard manure, 3,400+ bio compost units established in project villages of Shahdol and Kotma, this activity will support farmers in reducing their input cost and boost soil health towards enhancing productivity.

Additionally, Reliance Foundation also worked in close coordination with Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Department of Agriculture to establish proof of concepts through demo farms with quality inputs and other support in over 500 acres farm area.

To augment farm income, Reliance Foundation supports alternative livelihoods which includes – poultry, goat rearing, fisheries and cattle management. Under this initiative, the following activities were conducted:

- To improve cattle health and improve their productivity, 30 veterinary camps organized in project villages of Shahdol and Kotma benefitting over 6,500 cattle from more than 1,000 households.
- Fisheries was promoted among 979 households belonging to project villages from Shahdol and Kotma with support for fish fingerlings and feed for fish in 250+ water bodies.
- Additionally, towards enhancing off farm income of over 1,200 households in Shahdol and Kotma, 1,5000+ poultry chicks were supported by Reliance Foundation.
- For improving healthier growth of goats and reducing mortality due to seasonal diseases, deworming and vaccination was done for over 8,000 goats benefitting 1,505 goat rearers from 45 villages of Shahdol.

Reliance Foundation's efforts are also being recognized by the larger development ecosystem. Two farmers from the Reliance Foundation project villages received awards for best farmers under various categories by the District Administration of Shahdol. Over 100 farmers from Reliance Foundation project villages and field cadres of Reliance Foundation benefitted by various trainings/fairs organized by KVK and ATMA on Rabi crop management, natural farming and organic farming; farmers were also provided seeds and other materials for demonstration purposes.

How Mahadevi Lokhande is changing the lives of women in Maharashtra's Parbhani district

Mahadevi Narayan Lokhande, a 38-year-old teacher-turned-Community Resource Person (CRP), has helped establish more than 40 SHGs and 28 women-led enterprises in her village of Isad in Maharashtra's Parbhani district. By motivating the women, uniting them and educating them about income generating activities, she has made women enterprises of Isad highly bankable.

Since 2018, Mahadevi was trained in market and banking linkages and has received livelihoods skill training through Reliance Foundation. She has been an active participant in meetings related to Gram Panchayat Development Plans that has helped her front the agenda of women empowerment in her village. Reliance Foundation takes pride in being a part of the leadership journeys of women like Mahadevi and is committed to fostering women's leadership at levels.

Helping fisher folk weather storms

Ismail Ishabhai Patelia knows that ocean weather can be fickle and timely information about it can prove lifesaving. Therefore, this fisher from Hirakot Bandar in Gujarat's Somnath Gir district has been following Reliance Foundation's precise ocean weather advisories for more than a year now. These advisories alert fisherfolk to ocean weather conditions that threaten lives and livelihoods.

In August 2022, Ismail escaped getting caught in rough waters and returned to the shore safely, thanks to the timely warning from Reliance Foundation. Since other fisherfolk had not registered for the advisories then, Ismail became an advocate keen to share the benefits of the advisories in his community. Committed to safeguarding lives and livelihoods, Reliance

Foundation provided regular advisories to around 2,00,000 fishing communities in 2022-23. Since inception, it has reached out to over 4,20,000 fishing communities.

Women bringing women to the fore in farming

In 2022, Reliance Foundation started a Digital Farm School in Boda, Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh, to help farmers there increase their returns from paddy cultivation. Nitu Nagpure, a woman farmer in the village, became instrumental in taking the group to other women farmers and making it an all-women Digital Farm School.

The school began its operations at the time of paddy sowing in June by making regular advisories available to farmers. Despite providing timely information on all aspects of farming, including crop protection, the paddy crop in the village was faced with stem borer

infestation. Nearly 60-70 were facing severe crop damage by September.

The farmers in the school brought the issue to Reliance Foundation through a WhatsApp query. Reliance Foundation organised a two-day programme with an agriculture expert for the farmers. The pest control measures suggested by the expert, mainly guidance on application of pesticide, helped the farmers tackle the infestation at a reduced cost.

Additionally, many farmers including Nitu have claimed that they harvested 18-18 quintal per acre while the yields of most other farmers reduced to 8-9 quintal per acre and attribute it to the advisories provided by Reliance Foundation.

The women say that their collectivization and effort to help the village save its crop has empowered them and compelled more of the village's women to use phones. They also believe that it will lead to more women having a greater say in farm decision-making.





Making youth future ready

Skilling and Employment Programme (Non-Farm Livelihoods Support)

One of the major drivers of economic growth and social development in India has been skilling and knowledge building initiatives. Given the predominance of youth in the demographic composition of our country – India is home to one-fifth of the world's youth population - the importance of youth skill development to remain relevant, future-ready, and agile, has never been more important. This requires providing people from marginalised communities an equal chance to participate in the country's growth trajectory. To address this, Reliance Foundation facilitates Skilling and Employment Programme in Retail, which identifies and mobilizes the youth in need of employment, supports them in skills development, and works closely on improving their soft skills.

The initiative acts as a catalyst by equipping the youth with skills and providing them with linkages to

aspirational career choices in upcoming sectors like service and retail. The programme provides school dropouts and unemployed youth with training on behavioural and other soft skills that help increase their chances of being employed, empowering youth from marginalized backgrounds to become part of the national workforce and contribute towards the country's progress. Since COVID-19, the Reliance Foundation skilling and employment initiative has gone through a paradigm shift in terms of the digital delivery model and has introduced digitalization for more effective outreach.

Through FY 2022-23, more than 14,000 youth have been trained for opportunities in the retail sector, of whom more than 13,000 have been placed at various jobs

In Jamnagar, through the digital literacy for rural youth initiative, 141 young people were supported in undergoing basic computer courses while 68 people were supported in acquiring tailoring skills through an initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. In another ongoing initiative,



37 young men were trained in operating forklifts to make them industry-ready. With the aim of enhancing education infrastructure in Jamnagar, the programme handed over a newly constructed Government Primary School to the community in Meghpar village. In the place of the earlier dilapidated building, a new two-floor structure with modern amenities was constructed for the community's children.

In Jhajjar, a skill development center was established in Sondhi village, in partnership with Sambhav Foundation, which provides computer data entry training. Through this programme the youth are nurtured and their interpersonal skills are enhanced to meet their job requirements. Placement drives have also been organized for skilled youths. A total of 200 young individuals have been trained, and out of these 160 were placed in nearby industries and logistics hubs with average salaries ranging between Rs. 1.80 lakh and 2.16 lakh.



To watch the video, please scan

In Shahdol, Reliance Foundation provided competitive coaching to prepare youth for government job opportunities like the police force and armed forces, with over 100 students benefiting from the programme. Physical training programme jointly organised with RIL security was attended by youth aspiring for the armed forces and the police. Furthermore, 200 women received training from Reliance Foundation to enhance their sewing skills at 10 training centres, enhancing their economic empowerment through skills training.

In Nagothane, with Lakshya training class for youth through a digital platform, over 225 young individuals benefitted through this initiative that was started to strengthen the skills of youth to avail of various opportunities of employment and improve the livelihoods of youth in the surrounding villages. Lakshya provides a platform with many possibilities for students to pair their passion and knowledge in ways that positively impact their careers and overall development.



HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

Reliance Foundation focuses on improving healthcare access, strengthening India's healthcare ecosystem and enhancing community awareness with an aim to encourage well-being and foster healthy living.

Various health initiatives are undertaken across the spectrum of care, from primary to quaternary, with the Health Outreach programme taking preventive and primary care to underserved communities while the Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and other institutions of higher care in multiple locations complement the programme.



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Highlights 2022-2023

1,38,000+

people reached

5,80,000+

health consultations provided

16,000+

*children screened for
malnutrition*

25,500+

*consultations provided to adults
and children living with HIV*

15,000+

*Cancer Risk Assessments
through the cancer prevention,
screening and management
programme*

34,000+

women and girls screened and

19,000+

found to be anaemic

650+

*malnourished children
diagnosed and being treated*

Enriching lives through quality healthcare



Health Outreach Initiatives

Supporting most at-need communities to access quality healthcare, the Health Outreach programme of Reliance Foundation promotes preventive healthcare alongside delivering general and specialized therapeutic care for all groups of people in collaboration with other institutions.

These initiatives strengthen community well-being and health besides focused interventions on key health problems.

Through FY 2022-23, various health outreach efforts reached 1,38,000 people through more than 5,80,000 consultations. Mobile Medical Units are the programme's mainstay and help take medical care to the doorsteps of communities; MMUs facilitated 2,88,000 consultations in multiple locations during the year. The programme's community health centers, also called static medical units, and health camps complement MMUs in facilitating healthcare access.

Besides providing general primary and preventive care, the programme runs focused initiatives to reduce the burden of health conditions like anemia, malnutrition, preventable blindness, cancers and other non-communicable diseases like hypertension and diabetes in vulnerable groups. Of the 34,000 women and girls, aged 15 to 49 years, who were screened for anemia during the year, 19,827 were found to be anemic. The programme provides free treatment to those with anemia and regularly follows up with them.

Recognising that malnutrition during childhood is associated with adverse health outcomes later in adult life, the programme aims to identify malnutrition early in the communities it works with. Creating awareness about nutrition is also an important component of this initiative. In FY 2022-23, 16,094 children were screened for malnutrition. Of these, 464 children were found to be have Moderate Acute Malnutrition and 228 children had Severe Acute Malnutrition.

The programme also works with adults and children living with HIV and ensures their access to care and



support. It provided 25,500 consultations during FY 2022-23, facilitating access of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) to treatment and helping them adhere to the treatment regimen. The initiative also provides nutrition kits to children with HIV to ensure their well-being and health.

To help detect cancers early, Reliance Foundation has been screening high-risk individuals in vulnerable communities. The programme focusses on reducing the burden of oral cancers, breast and cervical cancer. People suspected to have cancer following screening are supported in obtaining a diagnosis and care.

Reliance Foundation also provided support to Lalbaugcha Raja Dialysis Center, which is currently catering to 184 patients through 24 machines.

Laying the ground for a malnourishment-free anaemia-free future

Anika, an 18-month-old infant in Jalditola village of Shahdol district in Madhya Pradesh was found to be malnourished in April 2022. Anika's mother Sushila was also undernourished. Anika was started on nutritional supplements and regularly assessed at one of Reliance Foundation's Mobile Medical Units (MMU) in Shahdol. Anika has now recovered from malnourishment.

To help children like Anika and to help communities in Shahdol overcome malnourishment and anaemia, Reliance Foundation has adopted a two-pronged strategy. First, mothers and children who are undernourished are supported with supplements and are regularly assessed at MMUs. Second, Reliance Nutrition Gardens set up in many homes and Anganwadis are helping over 4,500 households in Shahdol get fresh vegetable produce and consume nutritious food.



Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital

Reliance Foundation works across primary to tertiary healthcare to ensure 'health for all'. Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre is a 345-bed multi-speciality quaternary care hospital in South Mumbai that caters to specialities such as: Cardiac Sciences, Gastroenterology & Hepatobiliary Sciences, Liver Transplant, Nephro-Urology, Neuro Sciences, Oncology, Orthopaedics & Spine, and Woman & Child Health. The Hospital has a Medical Mall with progressive diagnostic services, including Laboratories, Radiology & Imaging, and Nuclear Medicine. The Hospital's mission is to provide safe, equitable and quality healthcare solutions through highly skilled healthcare professionals, well trained staff and advanced technology.

Recognised as one of India's top healthcare facilities, the Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre Hospital continued to see a rise in

the number of admissions, OPD consultations and surgeries during FY 2022-23. Despite an increase in the number of high-end surgeries, the Hospital is committed to ensuring recovery in minimal time; 1,974 short-stay surgeries (less than 24 hours stay) were performed in FY22-23. The Hospital also completed six organ transplants in 24 hours setting a new benchmark for transplant procedures.

The Hospital also delivers primary care in many communities of Mumbai through its Health Outreach programme. The screening, treatment and awareness-raising programmes of Mobile Medical Units, Static Medical Units and Community Health Centres are helping improve health outcomes in underserved communities. This year, Reliance Foundation's Health Outreach Programme marks a decade of serving the community. Through this time more than 10,30,000 consultations were provided to over 2,60,000 families. In FY 2022-23, the Health Outreach programme touched important milestones.

- 35,000+ Cancer Risk Assessments through the cancer prevention, screening and management programme.
- 62,000+ individuals were screened for various disease burdens and those found to be high-risk linked to the programme for care of NCDs (Diabetes and Hypertension)
- Of the 27,000 women screened for anaemia, 10,000+ patients found to be anaemic were provided consultation, counselling and treatment.
- Around 400 malnourished children are currently being managed within this programme

Launched on International Women's Day, March 8, 2023, the Well Women Centre is dedicated to holistic treatment of women's health. This Centre uses technologies like AI, state-of-the art infrastructure, and a staff of highly qualified experts to treat a wide range of illnesses and conditions, including endometriosis, cancer, ovarian cortex, infertility, skin, and obesity, with the goal of improving the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of women across all age groups.

Stories of hope

India's youngest patient to undergo a bypass surgery

A 9-year-old girl from Solapur suffered a heart attack, this rare incidence shocked the doctors. Tests showed that the little girl's blood had excessive bad cholesterol, something found in people aged around 65 years. The child was operated upon at a Mumbai hospital in April, she underwent a paediatric coronary bypass surgery at RFH and is believed to be one of the youngest persons in the country to have undergone a bypass surgery. Doctors are now waiting for the complete recovery of this young girl.

19-year-old undergoes a Gastric Bypass Surgery for the first time in Western India

A 19-year-old patient, weighing 152kg with a BMI of 72.3 underwent a Gastric Bypass Surgery – a type of Bariatric or weight loss surgery for the first time in Western India. Due to the excessive weight, the patient suffered from sleep apnoea, hypertension and has a pre-diabetic condition. After the surgery at Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital, the patient has now resumed normal routine functions and is on his way to lead a healthier life.



Sports Science and Medicine

The Centre for Sports Medicine housed in Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre is dedicated to help every athlete, professional or recreational, to achieve their fullest potential and remain injury-free, through the use of sports medicine and exercise science.

The sportspersons supported by the initiative have gone on to bring laurels for India. In FY 2022-23, Reliance Sports Science supported Birmingham Commonwealth medal winners including weightlifters Mirabai Chanu, Jeremy Lalrinnunga and Achinta Sheuli, jumper Eidhose Paul and seven other athletes. Athletes Jyothi Yarraj and Amlan Borgohain, and boxer Lovlina Borgohain are among the other high-performing sportspersons supported by Reliance Foundation Sports Medicine who recorded stellar performances during the year.

This year, Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital has encouraged and trained patients to participate in the Tata Mumbai Marathon 2023. This marathon began 20 years ago and attracted 55,000 runners in this year's edition on January 15th, 2023. Beating all odds, under the guidance of doctors at Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital patients participated in the marathon this year.

Many others, who had undergone heart transplants and had recovered from critical illnesses, trained with the Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation centre and participated in the marathon.

National TB Elimination Programme in Ahmedabad

As part of National TB elimination programme, Reliance Foundation is providing one-year nutrition kits to 5,000 individuals in Ahmedabad. Each nutrition kit includes - 3 kgs wheat flour, 1.5 kgs Pulses and 250 grams of edible oil. This project has received recognition from the Governor of Gujarat.

Reliance Foundation Drishti

A holistic community level vision care programme, Reliance Foundation Drishti encompasses initiatives including eye screening, correcting refractive errors through free distribution of spectacles and facilitating corneal graft and cataract removal procedures. Through 2022-23, over 11,000 consultations were provided, and facilitated 545 cataract removal and 767 corneal transplant procedures.

The Marathi edition of the Reliance Foundation Drishti Braille fortnightly newspaper was launched in March 2023. The launch marked the completion of 20 years of the vision care programme.

Produced in collaboration with the National Association for the Blind, with Shri Swagat Thorat, noted editor and writer as the paper's Chief Editor, the Drishti Braille newspaper was first launched in Hindi in 2013. It covers news and updates from the world of sports, business, education, current affairs and entertainment. The newspaper also features recipes and reader contributions like poems and articles. At the start of every year, a Braille table calendar is also distributed to readers, across 16 countries including India.



Facilitating quality healthcare for the most at need



Addressing community help across locations

- (i) The health outreach initiatives in Jamnagar during FY 2022-23 reached 1,78,000+ people through mobile medical units, community medical centre, specialised eye care services and through 50 health camps that were conducted. Over 18,500 patients were screened for non-communicable diseases through 'Laboratories on Bikes'. In addition to this, more than 500 cataract surgeries were supported under Project Drishti, and 340 nutrition kits were distributed to children affected with HIV.

These camps were conducted on important health days with an aim to detect health conditions and impart awareness to prevent these conditions. On World No-Tobacco Day, oral cancer screening was conducted, and on World Heart Day, a heart health camp and diabetes screening camp for the elderly was also organised. The programme also contributed to promoting awareness about menstrual hygiene on World Menstrual Hygiene Day.

Some of the other noteworthy initiatives include Antenatal clinic, Anaemia control programme, Vector borne diseases control programme, School health check-up programme, awareness session on World Menstrual Hygiene Day.

- (ii) During FY 2022-23, Reliance Foundation undertook several activities to strengthen healthcare capacity in Jhajjar. A key focus was providing access to healthcare for underprivileged individuals in the region. Through Reliance Foundation Mobile Medical Units and Health camps, over 32,000 individuals from 18 villages in Jhajjar district received much-needed health consultations.

Additionally, 764 spectacles/eyeglasses were distributed to individuals, enhancing their vision and quality of life. Furthermore, the Foundation facilitated cataract surgeries for ten patients at the District Hospital, ensuring improved eye health and visual outcomes for those in need. These initiatives demonstrate Reliance Foundation's commitment to building healthcare capacity and positively impacting the well-being of the community in Jhajjar.



(iii) Helping upgrade the healthcare facilities at New Civil Hospital and SMIMER at Hazira Reliance Foundation, along with the Surat District Administration, worked in two areas of health infrastructure:

- 1) Existing neo-natal beds were not sufficient for the treatment of new born children in both these hospitals – Reliance Foundation provided 28 NICU beds to the Paediatric ward of both hospitals
- 2) An ultrasound machine for women's health was needed in the Radiology Department – One machine has been provided to the New Civil Hospital

(iv) Over 1,00,000+ consultations for primary and preventative healthcare were provided in around 150 villages of Shahdol district in Madhya Pradesh. Under the Malnutrition Control Programme, more than 9,100 women and children were screened for anaemia and malnutrition.

More than 500 adolescent girl students studying in residential schools have undergone regular health check-ups. These girls have also been educated on the need for nutrition and hygiene. Girls identified as anaemic condition have been provided with the required health supplements. Over 2,500 people from 150 villages benefitted from the health check-up camps held for Eye Care, Orthopaedics, Gastrointestinal issues, Dental issues etc. Reliance Foundation partnered with the District Health Department for conduct these multi-speciality health camps.

(v) In order to enhance healthcare capacity, the following health initiatives were rolled out in the past year in Nagothane by Reliance Foundation:

- **Mobile Medical Van** service was fully operational in ten villages in Nagothane and more than 4,500 (5,000) individuals were screened in FY 2022-23. The objective of this initiative is to improve the health of the community by giving them access to primary health care in their own village.

- National Deworming Day activity was conducted at Reliance Foundation schools on April 25, 2022 and 26th September 2022, with the assistance of the government programme. More than 1,500 boys and girls in the age group of 1 to 19 years were administered deworming. .
- Reliance Foundation in partnership with the Integrated Child Development Scheme department organized the Zero Mission programme at the Primary Health Centre, Nagothane, to eradicate malnutrition and provide a healthy life to malnourished children. The scheme has enrolled 125 children in the area; health supplements to boost immunity are given to these children.
- Menstrual Hygiene Day 2022 was observed in around 22 villages. This year Matka (mud pot) incinerator, a unique, hygienic and cost-effective pad disposing method was introduced to women in around 16 villages. Close to 300 women from these villages participated in the demonstration of their respective village.
- Chlorovet distribution: More than 2,400 Chlorovet disinfectant bottles were provided to over 1,200 households across eight Grampanchayats in the Nagothane region in the beginning of the monsoon season. The water disinfectant was also provided to 18 primary schools and two secondary schools. The aim of this initiative is to provide clean drinking water to the tribal communities in the Nagothane region.
- On the occasion of 90th birth anniversary of Shri. Dhirubhai Ambani, an eye screening camp and free cataract surgeries for the Kuhire and Varvathane villagers, a total of 118 villagers benefitted from the eye screening camp 41 detected Cataract and out of those 41 patients 30 undergone successful cataract surgeries. Free cataract surgeries were performed by a team of experienced ophthalmologists, using state-of-the-art equipment and techniques.

Apart from this, Reliance Foundation supported Akshaya Chaitanya to provide 25.56 Lakh meals as part of the Swasthya Aahara and Bal Shikshak Ahara programme with an aim to fight hunger for the vulnerable in Mumbai for relatives of patients in Mumbai government hospitals as well as for school-going children.

Apart from this, Nutritious meals were provided to underprivileged under project Anant Arham Aahar. As an extension, Arham Yuva Sewa Group conducted meal programmes in hospitals and schools this year. Beneficiaries include slum kids, street side beggars, homeless workers, construction workers, specially-able senior citizens and others in need.

Reliance Foundation provided ambulance support to Mizoram Football Association and enabled the players and staff to maintain proper health and safety protocols. This has helped the association to work for the development of football in the state without worrying to pay for the ambulance charges.



Catalysing change, together



Collaborations on Health Projects

Reliance Foundation collaborates with a number of partner organisations to provide a range of health care services, both at primary and tertiary level besides contributing to strengthening of existing health infrastructure. The services offered include preventive care, maternal and child health, palliative care and other specialised health care services.

(i) Kasturba Hospital, Valsad

Reliance Foundation supported Kasturba Hospital to provide state of the art, affordable and comprehensive cardiac care to patients that are in dire need of the services. This initiative has reduced the cardio vascular disease mortality rate by 5-10% in the area and improved the quality of life in the community. More than 1.5 Lakh lives are positively impacted every year through this initiative.

(ii) National Cancer Institute - Dr Abaji Thatte Sewa Aur Anusandhan Sanstha

Recognising the emergence of cancer as a major health hazard in the country, Dr. Abaji Thatte Sewa Aur Anusandhan Sanstha collaborated with Reliance Foundation to establish modern facilities at the National Cancer Institute, Nagpur, for diagnosis, prevention and treatment of various types of cancers at economical rates, which can help the most vulnerable sections of the society.

(iii) The Society for the Eradication of Leprosy

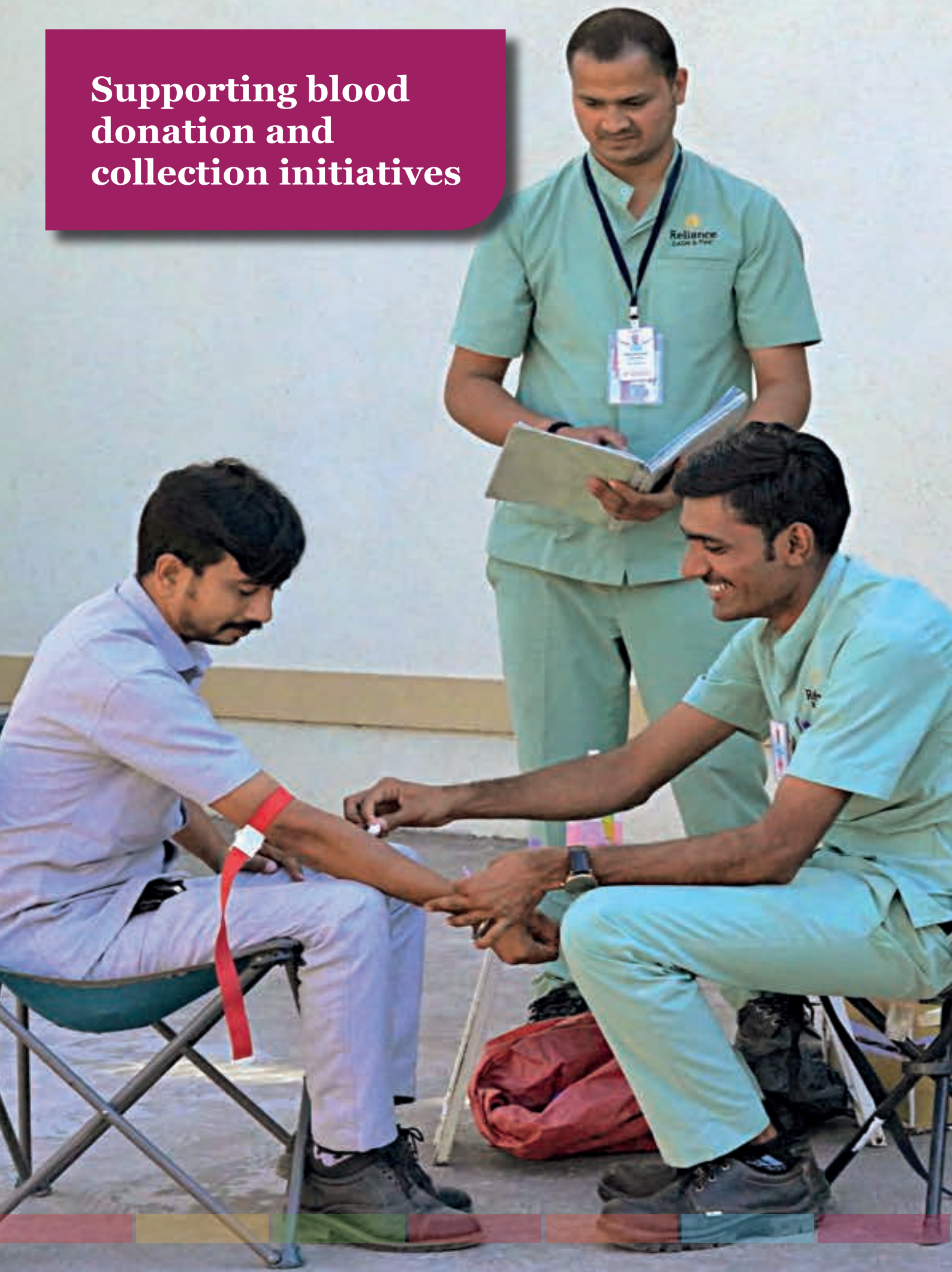
Reliance Foundation extended support to the society in early detection of leprosy & timely treatment and prevention of deformity, prevention of debilitation and aim for social assimilation of leprosy affected persons.

(iv) The Jimmy S Bilimoria Foundation

Reliance Foundation extended support to The Jimmy S Bilimoria Foundation to deliver home-based palliative care to those suffering from life-limiting and debilitating conditions and cancer patients, in six geographical zones of Greater Mumbai and its neighbouring areas. This year more than 800 patients have been supported through this initiative.



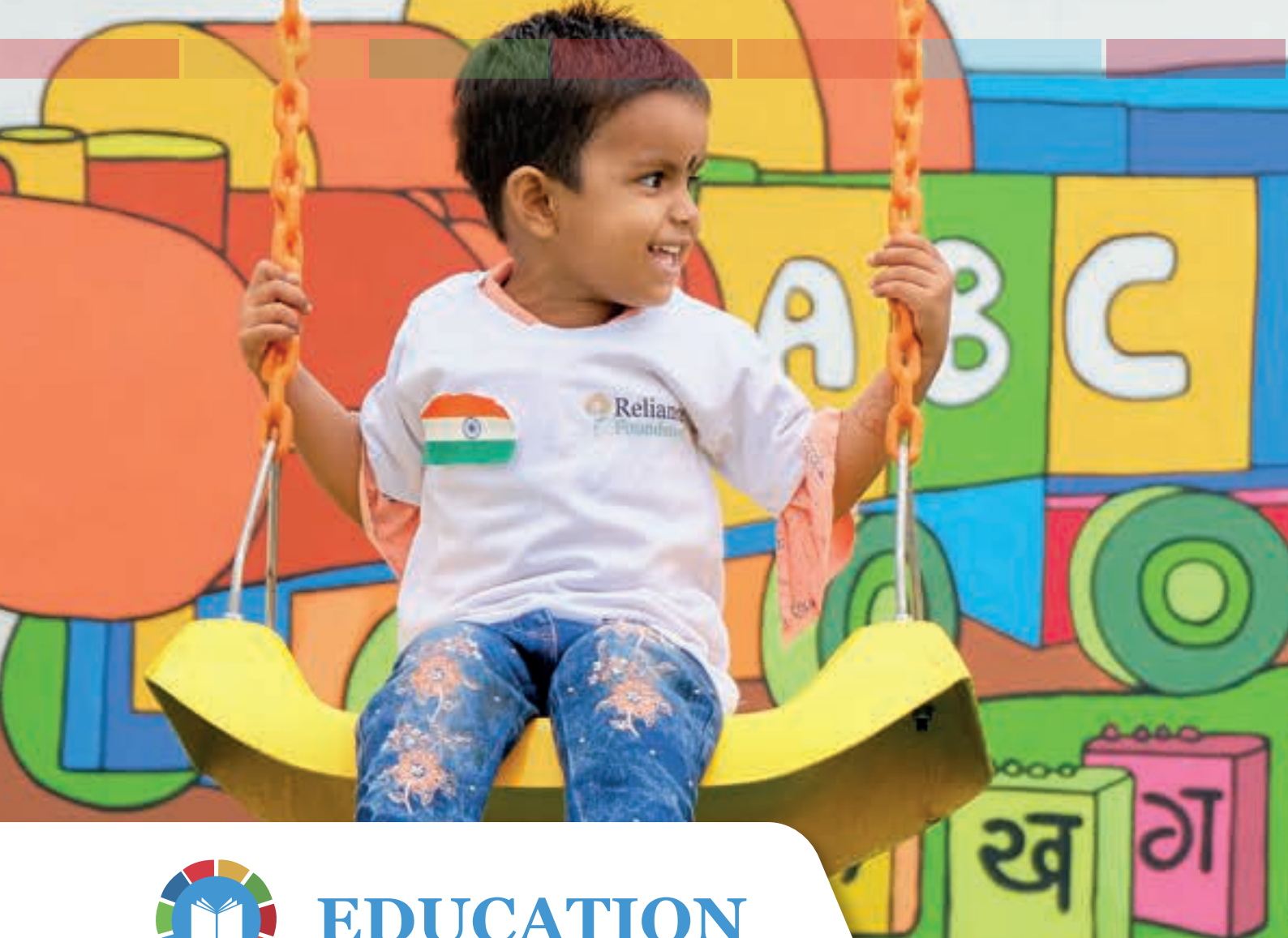
Supporting blood donation and collection initiatives



Reliance Foundation has extended support to various initiatives to support the safe collection, storage and availability of blood.

- These include Nandkishore Education Society Owners Association managing a charitable blood centre in Nashik, Maharashtra with latest blood safety equipment and a model blood bank, ELISA testing for safely acquiring blood. Their annual collection is approximately 22,000 units and they are catering to the needs of the leading hospitals in Nashik and nearby regions.
- The Red Cross Blood Bank, Panipat for various blood services at Panipat.
- The Rotary Noida Research and Social Welfare Trust for organizing and collecting blood through various blood donation camps.
- The Voluntary Health Services, Chennai - Supported blood bank for blood donation.
- Support was provided to Lucknow Nursing Home Owners Association to manage a charitable blood bank in Lucknow catering to the region of Lucknow and nearby cities with latest blood safety equipment in their model blood bank.
- In Ganganagar district Gujarat, the Purohit Charitable Laboratory Sansthan, Rajasthan – was supported for a model blood bank with newest blood safety equipment.
- Lions Clubs International District 321 - Reliance Foundation supported Lions Clubs International District 321 in running three blood banks in Delhi and Haryana and one dialysis centre in Delhi. Their annual collection is over 25,000 units, and they are catering to all the leading hospitals in North Delhi, East Delhi and NCR.





EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

Access to quality education is the foundation of sustainable development and at the heart of Reliance Foundation's vision of an inclusive India. Reliance Foundation's educational institutions and initiatives recognize the need to realise the immense potential of the country's young demography today, to create a better India, tomorrow. Contributing towards the UN Social Development Goals 4 (quality education), Goal 8 (decent work and economic growth) and Goal 10 (reduced inequalities), Reliance Foundation's educational initiatives strive to enhance quality access to education for all, with a strong focus on the needs of disadvantaged and marginalised populations.

To accelerate India's educational quotient, Reliance Foundation's initiatives in primary, secondary and tertiary education, use a two-pronged approach:

- Developing world-class institutions that serve as models to transform and strengthen the country's education system
- Nurturing India's youth and future global leaders to develop solutions to the country's problems and in parallel, ensure equitable access to education for all



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Highlights 2022-2023

15,000+

*students provided with quality
education*

65,000+

*students and children from
CSR sites supported to continue
education and boost learning
outcomes*

119

*students enrolled in two
Postgraduate Programmes
at Jio Institute*

30,000+

*children reached through
Education and Sports for
All (ESA) initiatives.*

50,000

scholarships announced

Securing children's care and wellbeing



Strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) in India

In 2022, Reliance Foundation took its first steps towards establishing a new programme on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).

Through multiple discussions with experts and stakeholders, Reliance Foundation developed a long-term strategy for its ECCE programme.

The vision is to establish a model for transforming the ECCE landscape in India to ensure that all three to six-year-old children achieve age appropriate child development outcomes, enabling them to achieve their full potential, taking advantage of education and other opportunities in the future.

In Varanasi district, Uttar Pradesh, 25 Anganwadi centres were developed as model spaces, to serve 750 children. The centres incorporate local culture in their design, with walls painted beautifully in the 'Sanjhi' art form. All centres have high quality and child-friendly

furniture, play equipment, learning materials (books, toys, art and craft materials etc.), smart TV, and a Reliance Nutrition Garden. Emphasising the need to have a clean and safe environment, several features have been installed. Some of these include child-friendly restrooms, RO water filters for clean drinking water, renovated kitchens with exhaust fans, large windows for improved light and ventilation, and ramps with railings to make centres accessible.

The first centre constructed at Gopalpur Karauta was handed over to the community and children on the 15th August 2022, to coincide with Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

In Hazira, Reliance Foundation has initiated the project of converting Anganwadis to digitally 'Smart' Anganwadis. Under this project, Reliance Foundation has supported 22 Anganwadis from seven adjoining villages with smart TVs, pen drives, and digital material to help support learning of 650 children while 2,333 ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers have been recognised for their contribution towards child care and early childhood education.



Bridging the learning gap through Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN)

The 'EdTech Accelerator' was launched as a multi-partner initiative that aims to strengthen Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) skills of children at-home, aiming to bridge the learning gap caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reliance Foundation was a founding partner of The EdTech Accelerator which was developed by a consortium of leading non-profit and philanthropic organisations, including the British Asian Trust as fund manager, Central Square Foundation as design and implementation partner, UBS Optimus Foundation as founding partner, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) providing technical assistance to support the fund design and management.

The EdTech Accelerator will fund eight high-quality EdTech solutions that aim to build, pilot, measure, and test innovative ideas that seek to provide access to affordable and quality learning solutions for low-income populations. Impact-focused grant funding and dedicated mentoring support will be available in

year one, and grants to further scale up this work will be available in year two, aiming to reach up to 2.5 million children by 2025.

The Accelerator forms an integral part of 'Back-to-School Outcomes Fund', which is a first-of-its-kind collaborative initiative alongside the Government of India's NIPUN Bharat Mission to achieve FLN goals for all children in India.



Promoting excellence in primary and secondary education



Dhirubhai Ambani International School

Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS) provides world-class education to about 1090 children through 185 teachers experienced in national and international curricula. DAIS prepares students for the ICSE, IGCSE, and IB Diploma examinations, and has achieved excellent results in Board examinations and outstanding university placements over the years.

From the 2022-23 academic year, DAIS transitioned to new curriculum pathways, and is now a candidate School for the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) and the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), which have already begun being taught to students.

Key Achievements:

- In the 2022 IGCSE Class X board examinations, 87.4% of grades achieved were A*'s and A's
- In the 2022 ICSE Class X board examinations, the average score was 97.5%
- In the 2022 IB Diploma examinations, 14 students earned a perfect score of 45 and the School's average score was 40.1
- The IB Diploma graduates of 2022 received 134 admission offers from 23 of the top 30 universities worldwide

DAIS has been recognised as a Microsoft Showcase School for the second consecutive year (2021-22 and 2022-23) reflecting the school's ongoing focus on technology integration and teacher professional development. Currently, all the teachers are Microsoft Educators (ME), out of which 20% are Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts (MIEE); and 40% are Microsoft Certified Educators (MCE) - the highest level of Microsoft certification for educators.

The construction of our new campus is progressing very well; it is coming up as a truly world-class, future-ready school, with multiple opportunities for students to collaborate and learn in groups as well as to learn independently as per their needs. It is expansive and multipurpose with stimulating learning spaces, mobile furniture and world-class equipment. It also has experiential learning spaces, integrated digital

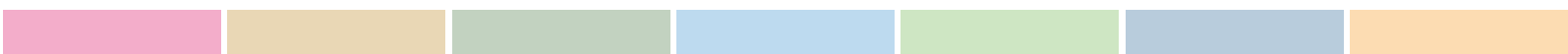


technologies for teaching and learning, state-of-the-art facilities for sports and co-curricular activities, and various safety and security features.

DAIS School Awards in FY22-23

DAIS Ranking:

- Among the Top 20 IB Schools globally, by Education Advisers Ltd. UK, for the 4th consecutive year (2019 to 2022)
- The No. 1 IB School in India and South Asia, by Education Advisers Ltd. UK, for the 4th consecutive year (2019 to 2022)
- The No. 1 International School in India, by EducationWorld, for the 10th consecutive year (2013 to 2022)
- The No. 1 'National + International Curriculum' School in Mumbai, by Times of India, for the 8th consecutive year (2015 to 2022)



Reliance Foundation Schools

The 13 Reliance Foundation Schools located in Jamnagar, Surat, Vadodara, Dahej, Koparkhairane, Lodhivali, Nagothane, and Mouda, impart quality education to over 14,000 children annually.

The schools are affiliated with CBSE, Gujarat State Board, and Maharashtra State Board and offer education from Kindergarten to class 12. In 2022-23, 99% class 10 students qualified in the CBSE Examination and 83% secured distinction. 100% students passed the class 12 CBSE examination in Commerce and Humanities Stream; and 68% students scored distinction in CBSE class 12 Board exams. 96% students passed the class 12 CBSE examination in Science stream.

In Reliance Foundation Schools affiliated to Maharashtra State Board, 99% students qualified the class 10 Board

examination; 99% students in class 12 Science and 100% students in class 12 Commerce qualified the Board exam; and 37% students of class 10, and 40.6% students in class 12 Commerce stream secured distinctions. In schools affiliated to Gujarat State Board, 90% students qualified the class 10 Board examination; and 90% students in class 12 Commerce qualified the Board exam; and 16% students of class 10, 12% students in class 12 science stream, and 20% students in class 12 commerce stream secured distinctions.

Students excelled in sports and co-curricular activities, winning awards in various competitions. Overall, 11 international awards, 26 national awards, and 177 awards at zonal, state, and district levels were received.

Key Achievements:

- Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Reliance Foundation School, Jamnagar ranked No. 1



Pre-Primary School in India for Campus Design Excellence by the EducationWorld Grand Jury Preschool Rankings 2022-23.

- Reliance Foundation School, Koparkhairane ranked the Second-Best Co-educational School in Navi Mumbai for the 4th year in a row in the EducationWorld India School Rankings Survey 2022-23. The school achieved 7th position in Maharashtra and 28th position at the national level.
- Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Reliance Foundation School, Jamnagar has been ranked the Second-Best Co-educational Day School in Jamnagar in the EducationWorld India School Rankings 2022-23.
- Reliance Foundation School, Surat (English Medium) has been ranked the Second-Best Co-educational Day School in Surat in the EducationWorld India School Rankings 2022-23.
- Eight Reliance Foundation Schools – Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Reliance Foundation School, Jamnagar, Reliance Foundation School, Surat (English Medium), Reliance School Vadodara (English Medium), Reliance Foundation School, Vadodara (English Medium & Gujarati Medium), Reliance Foundation School Koparkhairane, Reliance Foundation School, Lodhivali (English Medium), Reliance Foundation School, Lodhivali (Marathi Medium) and Reliance Foundation School, Nagothane (Marathi Medium) have been recognised as Microsoft Showcase Schools for 2022-23.
- Students of Reliance Foundation Schools won laurels in roller-skating, karate, Thai Boxing, Yogasana Sports, International Storytelling Championship etc.



CSR initiatives in Education space

In addition, across locations, the CSR teams engaged in various educational initiatives for supporting school students.

In Jhajjar, under the education vertical, Reliance Foundation initiated “Mission Navodaya” programme for government primary school children. The objective of the programme is to nurture and facilitate rural talents for the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya entrance exam. The mission is to identify, facilitate and train village graduate youths for teaching primary school students in their village. The programme is implemented with the support of trained youth as well as technical support from Reliance Foundation and a partner NGO, who run capacity building for teachers and organise JNV exposure visits for school students. Both Sarpanches and the District Education Officer of the Jhajjar District (Haryana) greatly appreciated the programme.

There are a total of 80 Navodaya seats available in the district of Jhajjar (60 rural and 20 urban). Out of

the 60 rural seats, the Reliance Foundation initiative bagged 33 seats (58% of the admission quota).

These 33 students are from nine Model Economic Township (MET) villages. Through this initiative, a total of 68 students from poor economic backgrounds have been selected and admitted to the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kaloi, in the district of Jhajjar in Haryana over the last four years. Additionally, 27,000 notebooks were distributed to 5,100+ students from 41 government schools of MET catchment areas.

Reliance Foundation has provided infrastructure facilities and solar power to various Government schools in Jhajjar. Schools now get uninterrupted power supply and are able to run their computer labs, smart boards, fans, and other electronic equipment. Sheds in schools will also be utilized for study purposes, performing cultural events, and other important programmes. This initiative has benefited more than 500 students from primary and secondary schools.

The CSR initiatives at Shahdol, benefiting students include:

- 27,000 notebooks were distributed to over 9,000 students in villages of Shahdol district



- Remedial classes that support academically weaker students, run in smaller groups of 5-7 benefitted over 700 students
- A bus service that transports girl students benefitted over 400 girls from 21 villages in Shahdol
- Around 3,000 students benefitted from 21 Smart classes provided for quality education
- 96 students from villages in Shahdol were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements

In Jamnagar, 14,643 children of 88 government primary schools of Jamnagar & Lalpur Taluka were provided fresh, nutritious food throughout the academic year under the Mid-Day Meal programme in collaboration with The Akshaya Patra Foundation.

To help equip children for school, 1,834 children were provided with school kits to children entering school during Government of Gujarat's Shala Pravesh Utsav (school entrance programme). 11,707 children were also provided with shoes.

Continuing the Open Schooling initiative, a much-needed alternate academic platform to pursue secondary education (10th), 20 rural school dropout girl students from challenging social and financial backgrounds students were supported with regular everyday classes, admission & examination fees, counselling sessions, study material and more this year.

Progressing the ongoing digital literacy initiative for rural youth, 141 students were educated in two-month certificate course on 'Basics of Computer & Microsoft Office'. To make rural youth industry-ready, 37 young men were provided fifteen-day theoretical & practical training in operating forklifts. Through a two-month training programme in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, 68 women were supported in acquiring tailoring skills.

Continuing the efforts to enhance education infrastructure in Jamnagar, the renovated government primary school building was handed over to the community and children of Meghpar village.

Three Early Child Education Centres are functioning with the help of R-volunteers, engaging more than 150 migrant children.



Reliance Foundation Teacher Awards

The Reliance Foundation Teacher Awards were instituted in 2018 to recognise and honour achievements of the top 1,000 teachers who excel in the Teaching Professionals Olympiad (TPO).

The Awards are organised by the Centre for Teacher Accreditation (CENTA) and supported by Reliance Foundation.

In FY 2022-23, 5,300 teachers participated in the TPO, which conducted over two rounds. The top three national winners of TPO were awarded cash prizes worth Rs. 1 lakh each by Reliance Foundation along with awards for the top 1,000 teachers.

Over the last four editions, Reliance Foundation has impacted over 38,000 teachers through its support of the CENTA TPO, and the top teachers have been awarded cash awards worth over Rs. 90 lakhs.

Awardee

Arnab Choudhury, a graduate of the universities of Delhi, Jamia Millia, and Magadh (Bodh Gaya), has almost ten years of experience teaching at Trinity Global School in Patna and St Francis de Sales School in Guwahati. Arnab enjoys interacting with people and learning about new things, and the combination of these two passions drove him to choose this line of work and to pursue it with all of his energy.

For Arnab, this award gives motivation, validation, and a lot of inspiration. His family members now look up to



him not just as a teacher, but also as a person who can inspire others.

His message to students

“Grit, agility, and the desire to keep going are traits that sometimes are more important than your IQ. Make the most of the opportunities you are given, by seizing them. That’s all that matters.”

Reliance Foundation’s initiatives in the sphere of education aim to provide opportunities for India’s youth to become future-ready and positively contribute to the society. The Foundation over the years has entered into partnerships with several organisations to improve enrolment rates, enhance the skill-sets of teachers, encourage youngsters to develop all round life skills and improve the educational infrastructure.



Nurturing and equipping india's youth and future global leaders



Supporting Higher Education Through Scholarships

Reliance has been providing scholarships to meritorious students for over 25 years, inspired by Reliance Founder-Chairman Shri Dhirubhai Ambani's belief that the best way to ensure the nation's progress is to invest in its youth. Over the years, Reliance Foundation scholarship initiatives have impacted the lives of almost 12,700 youth across India.

In June 2022, Reliance Foundation selected 100 scholars from some of India's top educational institutions to join a pioneering programme that aims to nurture leaders of tomorrow in the fields of frontier sciences and engineering that are playing a key role in shaping India's future for social good.

In December 2022, on the 90th birth anniversary of Shri Dhirubhai Ambani, Reliance Foundation once again extended its support to India's youth with a commitment to support an additional 50,000 students with scholarships over the next 10 years.

For the academic year 2022-2023, the Reliance Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships will support up to 5,000 meritorious undergraduate students per year in any stream on a merit-cum-means basis, empowering them to continue their studies without financial burden. The Scholarships aim to enable students to become successful professionals and realize their dreams, unlocking their potential to lift themselves and their communities up, thereby contributing towards India's future socio-economic development.

The Reliance Foundation Postgraduate Scholarships aim to enable and propel up to 100 of India's most talented postgraduate students who can think big, think green, think digital for the benefit of society, creating a cohort of excellence every year. This merit-based scholarship aims to identify and nurture leaders of tomorrow and will be awarded following a rigorous selection process, including interviews with leading experts.

In addition to the scholarships grant, the Reliance Foundation Scholarships will provide scholars an opportunity to be part of a vibrant alumni network and an enabling support system that will create long-term



impact on their lives and career trajectories. Reliance Foundation Scholarships will nurture and support these bright students with a holistic development programme, including expert interactions, industry exposure and volunteering opportunities creating a cohort of excellence, every year.

Scholar Story

Rohit Taparia, one of the Reliance Foundation Scholar is now pursuing third-year, B.Tech (IT) at National Institute of Technology, Karnataka. He says “They want to select future leaders in India’s tech growth. If I am getting the Reliance Foundation Scholarship, I want to justify it”. Rohit shares that when he first got the email of receiving the scholarships, he ran to tell his mother and then to the temple and thanked God! He says, “This Scholarship boosted my confidence”. For students like Rohit, the Reliance Foundation Scholarships have opened up avenues that enable them to explore the field a bit more, “Reliance Foundation Scholarships already covers my fees and expenses and this has relieved a huge financial burden”. He adds, “I have also been attending the

different engagement sessions organised. These sessions have Q&A sessions so it is good to know others’ thoughts too”.



Developing world-class tertiary educational institutions

Jio Institute

Vision

Jio Institute is a multidisciplinary higher education facility founded by the Reliance Foundation Institution of Education and Research (RFIER) in Navi Mumbai, India.

The Institute strives to be an exemplary Indian academic institution of international repute.

Infrastructure

Jio Institute has completed the development of its facilities at the Ulwe Campus, including facilities such as classrooms, offices, hostel, laboratories, a gymnasium, a world-class athletic track, an open-air amphitheatre and multi-use open area. The masterplan for the Jio Institute Dronagiri Campus, designed by Sasaki, a Boston-based globally recognized firm specializing in university campus development, has been finalized.





Academics

The academic goals of Jio Institute are in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of offering accessible and equitable Quality Education (Goal 4).

Jio Institute began its academic operations in July 2022 with two Post Graduate Programmes, PGP in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science and PGP in Digital Media and Marketing Communications. The programmes received applications from 25 Indian states and 14 countries. Selected students came from 18 Indian states and Union Territories and four countries outside India, and represented diverse socio-economic backgrounds. They also came from multiple functional and industry backgrounds, with over four years of experience. More than 25% of the PGP students were women. Scholarships were awarded to 28% of the students, out of which 48% were women.

The Institute takes a holistic approach to education by introducing modules that focus on design and research

thinking, communication skills, new-age pedagogy, research opportunities and industry immersions.

Committed to the pursuit of both scholarly quality and relevance to the industry, the Institute's faculty members come from prestigious Indian and international universities and corporations, including Georgia State University, Northwestern University, University of California, and University of Houston, among others, as well as Google, Tableau, Fractal, and the Allen Institute of AI.

The Institute strives to bring global scholars and thought leaders to India. Lectures are organized with eminent scholars and leaders from institutions such as Caltech, Stanford University, Carnegie Mellon, and University of Melbourne, among others, and with industry leaders from Adobe, Deloitte, Godrej, Google, NASSCOM, Ogilvy India, SBI General, among others.

Jio Institute has begun accepting applications for its PGP Class of '24, for the current programmes as well as a new one, PGP in Sports Management.

Research and Innovation

Jio Institute's research projects and initiatives are strategically aligned with the needs of India. The institute recognizes the importance of conducting research that addresses the specific challenges and requirements of the country.

The "CVMI-Computer Vision in Medical Imaging" project, undertaken by the Jio Institute's Centre of AI for All, intends to help medical practitioners make earlier and more accurate diagnosis of diseases through computer-aided analysis of medical imaging.

A team of students from Jio Institute created a concept for an AI programme that can help clear the backlog of court cases in India, and it reached the final round at the TUP 8.0, or The Ultimate Pitch, a competition where participants from prestigious business schools pitch their innovative ideas.

The Jio Institute Digital Library (JDL), a state-of-the-art learning resource centre, offers numerous e-books, e-journals, working papers, technical reports and of magazines and newspapers as well as course materials.

Jio Institute Digital Library's (JDL) Special Collections is envisioned as an archive of content and exhibits on various themes, including Indian art, architecture, culture and history, built through research and collaboration and made accessible on a technology-led storytelling platform for a diverse group of users around the world.



Events and Collaboration

Jio Institute facilitates collaboration and the exchange of ideas across boundaries and industries.

1. The institute held a five-day international workshop on 'Designing Digitally Robust Research Libraries for the 21st Century' in April 2022 in collaboration with AICTE. 5,000+ applications were received, out of which 70 were selected. In addition to this, 12 sessions were conducted by librarians and experts.
2. The Institute held four panel discussions, three masterclasses, a workshop and a webinar on subjects ranging from AI and data science to sports management and marketing. These events received 3,128 cumulative registrations.
3. The Institute held two conferences on 'The Next Decade in AI Business' and 'The Next Decade of Marketing in the Digital Age', which received 1,668 cumulative registrations.
4. More than 40 students from Jio Institute participated in the X-Culture international student collaboration project. The students worked on actual issues faced by businesses. Approximately 6,000 students from 140 universities across 43 countries and 6 continents participated in this.



Pandit Deendayal Energy University

Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU) is on a mission to advance academic and research excellence in the areas of energy, health, water, and climate change. To support this goal, the university has established its Translational Research Centre (TREC), a cutting-edge facility that integrates research and innovative ideas into sustainable solutions using the nine verticals of Industry 4.0.

With the support of the Reliance Foundation's endowment fund, PDEU has been able to continue expanding its research initiatives. The university's scope of new Industry 4.0 verticals at the TREC includes energy storage, advanced materials and manufacturing, Apple Authorized Training Centers for Education, affordable and clean energy, clean water and sanitation, carbon capture, and sustainable production and consumption of energy.

PDEU's research initiatives have already made significant strides. For example, the university has ordered a 100 kWh energy storage platform containing Redox Flow Batteries (RFBs) for future energy storage. PDEU is also one of the first indigenous providers of 3D metal printers in India, which are used for the development of additive manufacturing with indigenous technology at a low cost.

Additionally, the university is establishing a 45 megawatt solar PV panel product line and has set up a Center of Excellence in Water Treatment and Wastewater Management. PDEU is committed to promoting sustainable solutions and is proud to contribute to the advancement of research in these critical areas.



Other Programmes

Supporting sensitisation on disability

Reliance Foundation supported a series of awareness and sensitisation workshops for persons with disabilities under a project titled Antarchakshu - The Eye Within. The programme aimed to provide holistic support services to persons with visual impairment and sensitize the population at large to become open minded and empathetic towards persons with disabilities. The programme targeted a diverse audience ranging from degree level students, to working professionals and corporate employees.

There are tribal students who in spite of having promising academic potential are unable to pursue science-based higher education due to lack of access to educational opportunities or due to being first-generation learners whose education is not supported in their home environments. To address this, Reliance Foundation supported Shrimad Rajchandra Educational Trust with the objective of supporting academically weaker students with remedial education in maths, science and other subjects, and help them

score better in competitive exams. Around 75 tribal students from Dharampur, of the Valsad district of Gujarat and 400 students of Shrimad Rajchandra Gurukul were positively impacted by this project.

Supporting education for the economically disadvantaged

Reliance Foundation supported an initiative of the MK Educational Society to secure children's education irrespective of their financial condition. Over 189 students between the ages of 6 and 16 years from economically disadvantaged backgrounds were supported with access to education. The project also provided notebooks, bags and school uniforms and funded the annual fees of the students.

Reliance Foundation offered support to the Sri Kalyana Venkateshwara Patashala Trust in Thummalagunta, Tirupati district of Andhra Pradesh, to create awareness about Vedas, ethics, morality and the concept of spirituality, free of cost. Post completion of their academics, 133 students were offered to teach Vedas and other programmes on spirituality.

Reliance Foundation contributed to The Sil Merchants Association Charitable Trust that aims to provide





monetary assistance to its members. The initiative supported association members in bearing the education expenditures of their children and the medical emergencies of their families.

Reliance Foundation also extended support to the Grammangal Child Development Education School with the aim of providing nutritious and balanced daily food supplements (mid-day lunch) to 150 students belonging to Katkari and Warli tribes living in the Dahanu taluka of Palghar enrolled in Grammangal School.

Supporting infrastructure development for education

Reliance Foundation extended support to the Anant National University, to build and develop the infrastructure for a 5,000-student facility with a 2.6 million square foot fully residential campus and state-of-the-art academic facilities. The support will help build India's first world-class design university.

To help meritorious tribal students from economically weaker sections of the society, continue their higher studies and prepare for various competitive exams of central and state governments, a residential-cum-coaching institute named the "Adivasi Educational and Cultural Research Institute" (AEACRI) in New Delhi was also constructed. Once fully constructed this building will have residential facilities for 150 students as well as lecture halls, a library, a kitchen, a dining hall and study rooms equipped with modern IT facilities.

Reliance Foundation extended support to Parvati Prema Jagati Saraswati Vihar in the infrastructure development of the proposed Sher Singh Karki School in Pithoragar. Currently, there are 190 students from 20 nearby villages enrolled.



Jan Shiksha Samiti was supported for the construction of a classroom and other related work in Vivekananda Vidya Mandir, Jhupulchaura, Almora, Uttarakhand, with the aim of providing a better infrastructural platform for the students of the area.

Reliance Foundation collaborated with Sanskardham in its endeavour to provide high quality education for learning and character building with an emphasis on Indian culture and traditions. In addition to the schools and a university, it also has a sports academy, a skills development centre, and a drone academy.

Shri Harischandra Mahadev Sansthan was supported to run and monitor the daily activities of Vedpath school with 10 students at Ghodegaon, the Pune district of Maharashtra while Shri Shankar Shikshayatan was supported to bridge the span of time that separates Vedic wisdom and the modern world through research, publications and social media outreach. Besides research on their teachings, the Centre also organises seminars, workshops, and monthly Vedic discussions and classes.

Reliance Foundation supported Marathi Vidnyan Parishad to organise a lecture series on science research as a career, to create awareness about science research among students of classes 9 – 12 across 60 rural and urban locations.

Support has also been extended to various orphanages run by organisations including the Missionaries of the Charity of St. Catherine's Home, The Bombay Vigilance Association Balikasharm, and others to run their respective orphanages by providing food grains, grocery items, clothes, and electronic goods, among other things.







WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

INTRODUCTION

Reliance Foundation's vision is to empower women, towards economic, and social independence, thereby helping them gain agency over their decisions.

In about a decade, India will have the largest number of women than any country in the world.

Ensuring equal access and support to women will not only bridge the current economic, environmental, and social gaps, but also fuel the nation's growth, for a sustainable tomorrow.

In alignment with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, Reliance Foundation strives to support women through various interventions that focus on leadership capacity building, digital literacy, employment and skills development, improving women's health, and enhancing women's opportunities in education, sports, and arts.



Highlights 2022-2023

5,60,000+

rural women impacted

3,50,000+

*women and girls impacted
through WomenConnect
Challenge India*

70,000+

*women and girls supported
with primary and preventive
healthcare services*

34,000+

women screened for anemia

7,000+

*girls provided quality
education through*

14

Reliance Foundation schools

Catalysts for transformation

Reliance Foundation is committed to improving the lives of women and girls through its cross-cutting women empowerment initiatives across programmes including Rural Transformation, Education, Health and Sports for Development.

Through Rural Transformation initiatives on skilling, livelihood and advisories, 5,60,000 women (including farmers, fisherwomen and SHG members) were impacted. In addition, to achieve nutritional security in rural households, Reliance Foundation helped communities set up Reliance Nutrition Gardens (RNGs). Out of the total functionaries who were capacitated to replicate RNGs and diversify food basket among village communities, 84% were women.

- While making healthcare services accessible, primary and preventive healthcare services were provided to 70,000 women and girls and over 34,000 screened for anemia. Furthermore, over 2,10,000 women were provided health consultations through Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital.
- More than 7,000 girls were provided education opportunity via 14 Reliance Foundation schools.

In 2023, Reliance Foundation and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation launched an initiative to empower one million women entrepreneurs in several states in India, by strengthening women collectives, testing and scaling innovations and establishing replicable models of entrepreneurship with women-led enterprises. This initiative has been developed with and will be delivered through partnerships with the State Rural Livelihood Missions, as well as with the support of several implementation partners. Over the next three

years, this initiative will support and engage women in farm and non-farm income generating activities, to help them achieve an annual income of at least Rs. 1 lakh as envisioned by GOI's Ministry of Rural Development.

Reliance Foundation also launched two flagships projects - WomenLead India Fellowship and WomenConnect Challenge India programme.

Women Entrepreneurship: Leading with vision and strength

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Women leading the change





WomenLead India Fellowship

Fostering women's leadership can bring about transformational and sustainable changes in their lives, communities, and organisations. To drive and support women leaders who are addressing urgent economic and social issues, Reliance Foundation and Vital Voices Global Partnership launched the first WomenLead India Fellowship in October 2022.

This 10-month Fellowship aims to nurture 50 energetic, driven, and mission-focused women leaders from the social sector in India, working across areas of rural transformation, education, sports, and arts, culture and heritage. The Fellows are divided into three tracks based on the nature of their experience - Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship (social entrepreneurs, digital enterprises and business owners), Social Sector Leaders (leaders from non-profits and development sector organizations) and Changemakers

(individuals working innovatively through independent initiatives). Through tailored offline and online capacity building, mentorship and in-person events, the Fellowship is designed to build their leadership potential and ultimately increase the success of their ventures.

The WomenLead India Fellows came together for a four-day in-person convening in Mumbai in December 2022 to kick-start the Fellowship. At the convening, this intergenerational cohort from 14 States and four Union Territories engaged in sharing and learning through workshops, panel discussions, group activities, and brainstorming sessions. Through the rest of the Fellowship, the cohort will build on their leadership through sessions on strategic goal settings, team management, financial management, human-centred design, and will work on advancing the SDGs in their respective fields of work. The Fellows also stand to benefit from being a part of the Reliance ecosystem and Vital Voices' global network of women leaders, through the course and completion of this Fellowship.

Connecting women, transforming communities



WomenConnect Challenge India

Reliance Foundation, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), announced the first round of the WomenConnect Challenge India in 2020 to identify, nurture and scale a new set of innovative, scalable, and sustainable digital solutions. The project is designed to enhance women and girl's access to digital technology in India, which can drive positive health, education, and livelihood outcomes. Through implementation during 2022-23, 10 not-for-profit organisations were supported with grants of up to Rs. 1 crore from Reliance Foundation. Some key focus areas of these projects included enhancing digital literacy for low-literacy women through edutainment-based courseware, building entrepreneurship skills and providing mentorship and value-chain linkage support for women dairy farmers, and app-based solutions for livelihood information etc. Working with Self Help Groups (SHGs), tribal communities and young women, the project so far has reached and created sustainable impact in the lives of 3,27,429 women and girls directly and indirectly, spread over 17 states of India. Women

who were trained through these projects have also reported increased awareness of and access to digital tools and services, behavioural changes in community around their use of technology, increased livelihood and entrepreneurial opportunities and awareness of financial products and Government schemes.



To watch the video, please scan

The outcomes from the first round demonstrate the range of Indian organisations who recognise the importance of closing the gender digital divide. Building on the momentum from Round 1, Reliance Foundation and USAID launched Round 2 of the WomenConnect Challenge India in October 2022, to continue the mission of bridging the gender digital divide.

Over the next round of grants, Reliance Foundation will support up to 10 innovative projects that empower women via access to and the use of digital technology to drive positive development and livelihood outcomes for themselves and their families, with grants up to Rs. 1 Crore each. Over 250 organisations submitted proposals from across the length and breadth of the country.



The story of Maruvi Sangkhro from Manipur

Cakes, cupcakes, pastries, cookies, pickles and jams—these are just a handful of items one can buy at Maruvi Sangkhro's grocery store in Harkui Kathe, Ukhrul, Manipur. The story of how the 23-year old started a bakery business could be an inspiration to many, especially existing women entrepreneurs in her community.

Maruvi's journey started in 2021 as a new-age entrepreneur when she ventured into a home-grown business of processed and baked food items. She had a grocery store which was sufficient to earn three square meals a day but not enough to expand her business and afford a better lifestyle. In pursuit of a brighter future, she came across FWWB's (Friends of Women's World Banking) training programme under the WCC India project that imparted training to 3,579 women on digital literacy, financial literacy and skill enhancement in Manipur, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Maruvi participated in a skill enhancement training on baking, and tested the newly learnt recipes within her network. On receiving a positive response, she started a separate counter for bakery items at the grocery store. With the new products in place, the next step was to connect with more customers. The digital literacy training helped her in expanding her customer base and increasing profits. She also used Instagram and WhatsApp to connect to customers who were not only from her own locality but also from other villages and cities across Manipur. She even created a business card online to reach her customers.

For ease and safety, Maruvi now ensures that all payments are made through digital platforms like Google Pay. Through the financial literacy training she learnt how to better manage the inflow and outflow of the business, and with time, she is hopeful to make good use of digital platforms that will make record-keeping easier. Starting her food processing and bakery business with Rs. 650, she was delighted to receive the first order of Rs. 1,200 over WhatsApp.



Her circle

India's fastest-growing digital platform for women, Her Circle has reached over 310 million users in 2022-23. In its second year, the platform has focused on building a network of women to create a space for impactful collaborations and connections. Through several social experiments, expert interactions and powerful stories of women, the platform continues to address the crucial need for women to acquire spaces for dialogue on issues that affect them the most. With an outreach of over 310 million users, and a registration count of over 2,25,000 entrepreneurs, the programme has made a significant impact in the digital landscape.

In 2022, Her Circle also expanded into the multilingual space with Her Circle Hindi. On its one-year anniversary, Founder Chairperson, Smt. Nita M. Ambani, launched the platform in Hindi to extend its reach to assist more women.

Breaking barriers, sparking change

Her Circle took a step forward in shattering the gender barriers and stereotypes placed on women by launching a series of innovative and diverse initiatives. These initiatives touched upon a variety of fields such as the environment, health, science, entrepreneurship and much more. Here are some of the initiatives:

1. Challenging long standing societal norms

EveryBODY Project

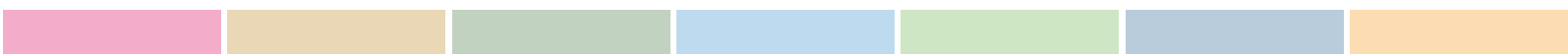
Launched on International Women's Day, the Her Circle EveryBODY Project aims to promote body positivity and diversity through real-life stories and short films of women challenging beauty standards and societal norms. The Founder, Smt. Nita M. Ambani, who launched the initiative envisions encouraging women to prioritise themselves, and build a larger circle of kindness and wellness.



On the occasion of the launch of the Her Circle EveryBODY Project, Smt. Nita M Ambani said,

“Her Circle is about sisterhood, but also about solidarity. A solidarity that is based on equality, inclusion, and respect for all. And that is the core of our new project - the Her Circle Everybody Project. We have all seen the kind of trolling that happens on social media.

They pass opinions without knowing the battles people are fighting. There are medical issues, there are genetic factors people can be going through. And yet they are subjected to trolling and humiliation. It can be so damaging, especially for young minds. I hope our initiative can address this in some way and give people the confidence and freedom to be who they are.”



The #HasMyBack initiative

A social experiment by Her Circle, #HasMyBack shed light on gender conditioning, the perception of gender and stereotypes, followed by an online campaign encouraging women to share their stories of support.

2. Empowering women for a sustainable future

Socio ≠ ≠ Documentary

Her Circle has embarked on a mission to shed light on the water crisis in India and its disproportionate impact on women. Through this first social insights series, the powerful story of the women of a village in Denganmal, Maharashtra, was brought to life by the eloquent narration of veteran theatre and film personality, Sonali Kulkarni.

**Carbon neutral cover shoot**

Her Circle's June 2022 Sustainability Special cover shoot for World Environment Day went minimal for maximum impact, featuring India's first carbon-neutral cover shoot model. To offset the minimal carbon footprint, Her Circle also planted 100 trees.

3. Breaking bias in Science and Health

The STEM initiative

Her Circle celebrates women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), sharing inspiring stories of female innovators on International Day of Women & Girls in Science who are breaking barriers and paving the way for future generations of women in STEM.

Creating #periodallies

Through this initiative, Her Circle also started a conversation around how men perceive menstruation through various content pieces to create #periodallies and break taboos.

Creating space for dialogue through Art & Lifestyle

Her Circle Hive

Her Circle launched Hive, offering women opportunities to learn, interact, and get mentored by experts. Plus, digital and in-person masterclasses on wellness, finance, and more. The masterclasses feature experts in dog training, photography, and more, plus mentors like Vikram Bawa and Deanne Panday. Topics include wellness, finance, and parenting.

Her Circle Masterclasses

Her Circle's masterclasses feature experts in diverse fields, with digital and in-person options for wellness, finance, parenting, and more. Celebrity photographer Vikram Bawa, celebrity



fitness trainer and author, Deanne Panday, dog trainer Mitali Salvi, among other professionals mentored our users.

Supporting women leaders through entrepreneurship

30 Days 30 Entrepreneurs

Her Circle celebrated the financial successes of India's women entrepreneurs in this special series. 30 women entrepreneurs narrated their stories of strength and empowerment across 30 days to inspire and guide upcoming women entrepreneurs.

With 38 dynamic communities across varied interest areas on the platform, Her Circle users have supported each other in navigating several challenges with the right tools of transformation and information.

Help & Support

Her Circle users have access to experts from Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital who provide guidance and advice on a host of topics such as health and nutrition, counselling, finance, dermatology, neonatology and pediatrics, gynaecology, rehabilitation and sports medicine

Job opportunities

Her Circle has job listings across different specialisations in different organisations listed. The objective is to provide users with access to opportunities that suit their profile and requirements. These job listings are promoted on social media for better reach.

Goal Tracking

Her Circle users can keep a track of their personal goals on the platform. Thousands of users are able to track their health and financial goals through these special trackers.

Creating waves of change





Women Empowerment Initiatives at other locations

In Jamnagar, the programme has been supporting Swashray, an initiative to financially empower rural women and enable them to take up livelihood activities. Women are assisted in selling their products at shops, exhibitions, vending machines, and open markets. During the year, women's groups were encouraged to launch various brands. They were supported in starting a live food counter. A new center,

Swashray Tapasthal was launched on the International Women's Day.

In Jhajjar, 180 women have been empowered for a bright future through various skill development programmes undertaken by Reliance Foundation. These programmes include a three-month exclusive training in tailoring and beautician courses.

Reliance Foundation undertook various activities in Nagothane for women including facilitating income generation activity of Self-Help Groups, providing nutrition counselling and child care sessions for 1,779 women from 14 villages participated in the Haldi Kum Kum programmes in their respective villages.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT

INTRODUCTION

Reliance Foundation has consistently supported communities across the country that are impacted by the natural and biological disasters. The Foundation has systematized its work in disaster management to develop a program that is built on the lessons from past experiences and setting up a structure for the future. These experiences supported in long-term planning and setting priorities in the form of holistic interventions to address the multidimensional challenges caused due to the climate change. As a result, the program developed into a well-founded system that started working holistically for risk reduction, response, and community capacity building across multiple region using ICT and GIS technologies. The Disaster Management programme has adopted ISO 9001:2015 standards (Quality Management System) for the entire process of responding to disasters, a unique status in India's CSR for disaster management.



Highlights 2022-2023

8,96,000+

people provided early warning advisories, preparedness, and risk reduction measures

86,000

people provided with direct relief support

1,03,000+

people reached through interactive programmes like livestock camps, health camps and relief material support

28,500+

livestock treated and saved from flood related morbidities and mortality

Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment done for nine Disaster Hotspots across six states

300+

youth community volunteers participated in capacity building training programmes



Creating self-reliant communities

Approach to Disaster Management

Reliance Foundation provides immediate assistance while also focusing on building long term resilience. It works towards identifying and promoting innovative practices in disaster risk reduction, mitigation and response. The disaster response initiatives are structured around three core functions –

- i. Pre-disaster work focusing on lives and livelihoods of the communities, protecting assets, disseminating early warnings, and assisting in community and livestock evacuations.
- ii. During-disaster interventions supporting rescue operations and connecting relief locations.
- iii. Post-disaster support to help bring normalcy to the lives of those affected.

The three-pronged approach adopted by Reliance Foundation to support disaster-affected communities has effectively covered 22 States and 03 Union Territories, across 293 districts.

So far, the Foundation has responded to more than 52 disasters including cyclones and floods.

The programme contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Prime Minister's 10-Point Agenda for Disaster Risk Reduction. In particular, the programme aims to impact on the indicators such as reducing hunger, reducing mortality, improving health and wellbeing, reducing number of affected people, reducing economic impact, reducing damages to critical infrastructure, climate-change adaptation among communities, collaborations and partnerships, capacity building, leveraging technology and contributing to disaster risk reduction strategies and improving access to multi-hazard and early warning disaster risk information.

Sharing knowledge to build a stronger disaster management ecosystem

In an effort to share learnings through the years, Reliance Foundation, in association with the United Nations in India, organised a Roundtable discussion on 'Building Resilient Livelihoods in the face of Changing Climate and Disasters' in Mumbai. The multi-stakeholder event saw participation from various eminent speakers and experts from across the private sector, government



agencies, civil society organisations, academic institutions and international agencies including multilateral organisations. At the event, Reliance Foundation also showcased a publication called “Disaster Management Approaches Towards Resilient Communities: Learnings from Reliance Foundation’s Experiences” to share learnings from its decade-long work and experience in the disaster management space, which includes supporting vulnerable communities through technology and data-driven early warning advisories. The discussion was structured in two parts,

- (i) Understanding livelihood vulnerabilities due to disasters and the impact of climate change.
- (ii) Foster cross learnings and discussions around strategies for building resilient communities and livelihoods.

The roundtable provided cross-learning from organisations working in the Disaster Management space and stressed the need for partnership and collaboration, while also emphasising the breaking-down of silos between functioning of the private sector and public, CSOs and international agencies in the area of building resilience.



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Harnessing technology for enhanced disaster response

In order to effectively address pre-during-post disaster management and response, Reliance Foundation has extensively used ICT platforms, Geographic Information System (GIS) and datafication technologies. Using the GIS platform, disaster hazard map is developed with the help of spatial and non-spatial data integrating the historical disaster events, and prioritized the vulnerable areas that are at extreme risk. Also, information gathered at the village level on the crucial infrastructure that can be made available as safe shelters would help the local administration in preparing for emergency operations. Through this, the local administration is assisted in better planning, including the evaluation of the provision for compensation, by primary data at the household level. The datafication technique helps in bringing together various elements that are essential for comprehensive planning of disaster response and recovery support.

Strengthening response operations

Supporting flood-affected communities

Assam Floods

A state prone to flooding and erosion, Assam has been inundated with flooding and the resulting landslides from the onset of the monsoon in May 2022. Most of the rivers were flowing above the high flood level. With relentless rains in the State, an interim estimate declared that approximately 2.2 million people in 2,542 villages of 28 districts were affected.

Reliance Foundation acted timely to the flood situation by reaching out to several internal and external stakeholders of the affected areas to understand the ground situation and provide need-based support to the affected communities. On May 20, 2022, the Reliance Foundation team engaged in discussions with Business Teams of Reliance Industries, Assam State Disaster Management Authority, Inter Agency Group, and Non-Government Organisations. As an outcome of this, the Foundation prioritized two districts, namely Cachar and Nagaon, which are amongst the five most

highly affected districts that experience flood every year, and were severely affected during the first spell of rainfall in the state. The relief supported was extended to villages bordering the neighboring country. Reliance Foundation was appreciated for being the first organization in Assam to provide treatment to flood affected livestock.

- 15,000+ livestock treated benefitting 2,200+ livestock farmers
- Nearly 2,000 individuals screened & treated
- Relief Kits provided to 7,000 families

Case Study: Rajib Chanda, President of Mahadevpur Gaon Panchyat, Cachar district, Assam



Health Check-up Camp



“Relief work was carried out by Reliance Foundation with compassion and has helped the affected families to get back to normalcy. Throughout the relief support, the beneficiary selection and distribution process has been transparent. Since the villages are bordering with a neighbouring country, the Reliance Foundation team took support of Border Security Force for a peaceful distribution. On the behalf of the community members, I sincerely thank Reliance Foundation and their volunteers for tirelessly working to restore the lives of the people of Mahadevpur Gram Panchayat.”

Case Study: Manar Shylla, Volunteer, Seva Kendra, Cachar district, Assam



“Villages were badly affected due to the excessive rainfall and floods in Assam during May-June 2022. It was humbling for me to work along with Reliance Foundation for the flood affected people in Cachar district. I learned and actively participated in the beneficiary identification process in the affected villages and households and accordingly distributed relief. Along with relief distribution, livestock treatment camp targeted the livestock owners and helped them revive the health of their affected animals. It was an honor for me to be a part of such well-planned response in Assam”

Gujarat Floods

In the year 2022, Gujarat received 51% of its season's rainfall in two weeks. With Navsari and Valsad being the two highly affected districts, Reliance Foundation initiated its response operations to protect the lives and livelihoods of the communities. The districts encountered heavy rainfall of up to 550mm in a single day coupled with drainage blockage due to high tide in estuaries. Reliance Foundation disseminated forewarning on heavy rainfall along with advisories to protect lives and livelihood of up to 82,000 individuals from 13 districts of Gujarat. The relief operation

on field began from July 19, 2022 where the entire initiative of 12 livestock camps, 11 health camps and distribution of 7,500 ration kits was complete in 13 days. The operation was supported by 15 partners including government institutions and grass roots NGOs, and ten team members of Reliance Foundation.

**Case Study: Harshaben, ASHA Facilitator,
Navsari district, Gujarat**



“We have never seen such a havoc situation in our region earlier. It was bad and there was water in every household of the village. The health check-up camp organised by Reliance Foundation was much needed. As soon as I was got to know about the health camp, I informed all the women in the village to get themselves checked and take benefit of the free camp” said Harshaben, while describing the critical flood situation. She supported Reliance Foundation along with the District Health Department in mobilising women in the flood affected villages of Navsari. She coordinated a total of nine villages where most of the villages were highly affected in the critical flood situation in the district.

Andhra Pradesh Floods

The low-lying villages of Konaseema and adjacent districts were in a serious crisis as a result of the two floods that occurred in the Godavari delta region in the month of July within a span of 15 days. That period of flooding was comparable to the Godavari River

floods that had happened in 1986. As per the preliminary estimation, over 1.8 lakh population in more than 500 villages (mostly the island villages) were impacted and close to 6,000 HA (Hectare) of horticultural, and about 3,200 HA of agricultural crops were said to be damaged.

The team members of Reliance Foundation coordinated with the district administration, and supported the affected villages with livestock treatment, health camps and preventive healthcare, by distributing Ayush medicines. Affected families were provided kitchen utensils with the support of networked NGO. For stress relief from the flood, and to maintain milk production, animals were provided mineral mixtures and calcium solutions. Over 10,700 livestock received treatment through camps set up in vulnerable villages. Furthermore, medicine was distributed to 34,000 people and over 3,000 families received utensil kits.

**Case Study: Dr. Jaipaul Adithela, District Animal
Husbandry Officer**



“During the Godavari flood, it was very tough for the department to support livestock farmers. Animals were battling excess floodwater and stressed out. This adversely affected the milk production making it important for us to provide supplementary feed. Reliance Foundation supported us in providing Total Mixed Ration (TMR) and calcium supplements to livestock farmers, especially to remote island villages.

This timely intervention helped in increase milk production. I appreciate and value the dedication shown by the Reliance Foundation volunteers during this time of distress.”

Maharashtra Floods

Due to incessant rainfall, several states have been going through floods or flood like situation. Maharashtra being no exception also experienced heavy to very heavy downpour on numerous occasions during the monsoon and post-monsoon period in 2022. Since the beginning of July that year, 104 deaths and 68 injuries have been attributed to flooding in the state. The eastern part of Vidarbha has been prone to flooding since a long time. On 19th and 20th July 2022, the area experienced significant rainfall, exceeding the season's normal by more than 600%. Gadchiroli and Yavatmal, the two most hit districts by the heavy flooding, received relief from Reliance Foundation.

In Gadchiroli district, the extreme flooding situation resulted in a Malaria outbreak, with a rapid increase in the Malaria cases. To support the communities which are predominantly tribal, Reliance Foundation disseminated advisories to control the spread of Malaria in the affected villages, and also extended the support by providing shelter kits containing tarpaulin

sheet and mosquito net, to over 500 households. In the villages of Yavatmal district, majority of the households lost their food and stored grains. The families received assistance from the government in the form of temporary housing, and Reliance Foundation provided dry ration and hygiene kits to over 3,500 families.

Case Study: Ms. Diksha Pravin Moon, Sarpanch, Dhanora Village, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra



“After the flood receded, we observed some major health issues in livestock like diarrhoea, mastitis and other skin infections. We are very thankful to Reliance Foundation for their timely support in organising medical camps and free medicines distribution for the livestock.”





Helping communities impacted by cyclones

In May 2022, Cyclone Asani, a strong tropical cyclone of Bay of Bengal created landfall in Andhra Pradesh. It also had an impact on a number of coastal districts in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal. Understanding the need to protect the agricultural livelihood, Reliance Foundation responded by disseminating cyclone preparedness and livelihood restoration. Over 5.6 lakh times advisories were disseminated in the vulnerable villages, across 34 districts. Following the cyclone, the communities received assistance with crop restoration measures to reduce the risk of pest infestation-related losses.

During the entire spell of cyclone, Reliance Foundation extended its toll-free helpline on a war-foot basis, through which more than 900 queries were resolved.

Reliance Foundation also supported communities impacted by Cyclone Mandous and Cyclone Sitrang in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, West Bengal and Assam. Advisories for 4.45 times were disseminated with early warning advisories and helplines.

Case Study: K. Adinarayana, Mulapeta village of Visakhapatnam district, Andhra Pradesh

“I am a regular follower of Reliance Foundation advisories since four years and have also participated in various interactive programmes organised by Reliance Foundation. Its toll-free helpline no. has been very helpful as we receive the required advisories in time. In the Rabi season of 2022, I had cultivated Sesame in 0.3 acre of my farm. In May 2022, we received alerts and precautionary measures from Reliance Foundation and hence harvested the crop and covered the harvested crop with tarpaulin covers and coconut leaves. two days before Asani Cyclone hit our region. Had I not received the cyclone alert in time, I would have lost my crop and my livelihood would have been affected.”



Building first responders in the community

Building community readiness is key to effective disaster management and response. As part of ensuring rapid response, Reliance Foundation has conducted capacity building programmes across community groups and training community partners to help manage disasters effectively. During disasters, the local communities are first to respond to an event before any intervention by specialised teams. Hence, building up capacities of volunteers from vulnerable communities is the most effective form of managing disasters.

Reliance Foundation aims at empowering and educating volunteers to manage risks and challenges. As part of the capacity building, identified community volunteers are also receiving basic disaster management training and mock drills. The volunteer groups comprise of youth from vulnerable areas, members and volunteers of grassroots-level NGOs, and students from colleges who are part of the National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC) and Youth Red Cross groups. 365 youth volunteers were trained in 2022-23. (around 1,900+ youth volunteers have been trained so far).

Through all these various initiatives ranging from building response-ready communities to preventing, supporting during disasters and rebuilding lives, Reliance Foundation has taken every effort in its power to stand by people through the nation's natural disasters.



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SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT



“India is a land of great opportunities and infinite possibilities. We have over 250 million children in our schools, brimming with talent and potential. They are the champions of tomorrow, the future of our nation. Only a small number of children in the world may become Olympians, but every child can be touched by the ideals of Olympism. As we prepare to host the IOC Session 2023 in Mumbai, I look forward to further strengthening the Olympic Movement in our country.”

Nita M. Ambani

IOC Member & Founder-Chairperson
Reliance Foundation



INTRODUCTION

The Sports for Development programme of Reliance Foundation aims to foster holistic development and leadership among India's youth through sport. The goal is to provide opportunities to the next generation in India, and create a healthier and happier society through sports. The programs aim to create opportunities for our youth to experience world-class infrastructure, training and competitions, promoting a sporting culture in India. With increased enthusiasm and conversations around sports in India, Reliance is leading the way in establishing India as a sporting nation.

Highlights 2022-2023

33,000+

Students from

1,702

educational institutes engaged through Reliance Foundation Youth Sports and Jr. NBA

192

Athletes under comprehensive high-performance support (new addition)

7

Youth from RFYC secured professional contracts with professional clubs

139

Medals won at National and International level

Unleashing potential, inspiring change



Key milestones 22-23

- Grassroots endeavour - School/College tournaments: The 2022-2023 year saw the much-awaited return of the RF Youth Sports football tournament, after a two-year-long hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The RF Young Champs initiative resumed the intake of young footballers, alongside launching its first satellite project in the state of Mizoram through the Naupang League. Six graduates were offered professional contracts by the ISL clubs with one graduate signing for an I League Club.
- Making India football ready: Reliance Foundation also kick-started the RF Development League, that aims to give more game time to young emerging talent as a competitive elite youth tournament for professional Indian football clubs.

The Sports for Development programme supports three key areas:

Developing Football

Through the Sports for Development initiative, one of the goals is to develop football while creating a pipeline of talent available to play for the Indian national football team, as well as professional clubs.

Reliance Foundation Youth Sports (RFYS): Football tournaments also saw a much-awaited return, providing a return to high-quality competitions for schools and colleges. While ensuring competitive game time to young talent was the top priority through the Elite leagues, scouting partnerships with ISL / I-League clubs and state associations and coach development were given equal importance to look after the overall growth of players and the ecosystem.

Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC): With a strong focus on training, the Reliance Foundation Young Champs initiative is aimed at providing holistic development of youngsters through education and sports. The scouting operations came back to full scale



with on-ground talent along with AiSCOUT, an AI system, which was useful to gauge the ability and skills of players. To promote football in one of India's cultural hotbeds, Mizoram, the RF Young Champs Naupang League has been launched as part of Reliance's regional interventions. This aims to enable boys and girls between ages 5 and 13 to play competitive football and increase their playing time.

The Reliance Foundation Development League

(RFDL): Reliance Foundation also kick-started the RF Development League. The inaugural competition took place in Goa during April-May, 2022 had 7 ISL teams and an RFYC team, competing, where Bengaluru FC were crowned Champions with Kerala Blasters being the runners-up. Both the teams then travelled to the United Kingdom to feature in the Next Generation Cup taking on reserve teams of Premier League Clubs.

The second edition of the RF Development League that started in February 2023, featured 55+ Clubs across 9 Regions in the country.

Shining the spotlight

Ayush Chhikara

Chhikara initially secured a contract with Mumbai City FC after graduating from the Reliance Foundation Young Champs in 2020. However, the striker faced adversity as he was kept away from football because of COVID-19 and an ACL injury. The 20-year-old bounced back after making a full recovery to sign a lucrative contract extension with the club. Chhikara also made his first team debut in the ISL, in front of RFYC players and coaches who were in the stands sharing the proud moment.

Ngurhlunchhungi

Ngurhlunchhungi is a young girl playing in the U-11 category for Chawmpui Veng. Her father, Lalhrechiana, said "My daughter has been playing since was a little girl, and I am very happy to see her play in the Naupang League. I am very glad that the Reliance Foundation Young Champs Naupang League is happening and for us, who have grown up in a village, opportunities like these help a lot. My daughter wants to play as much as possible, and whether she plays against boys or girls it doesn't matter. As long as she is competing, we are glad".



RFYC Naupang League

Mizoram Football Association and Reliance Foundation kicked off the Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) Naupang League in Mizoram in November 2022. The opening weekends in Aizawl and Champai witnessed over 1300 girls and boys playing enthusiastically and celebrating their love for football. The Naupang League aims to develop local ecosystems and enable aspiring and talented footballers as young as five, both boys and girls to gain competitive and practice exposure. Additionally, allowing more kids to participate and play consistently through the year and build India's grassroots football talent.

The RFYC Naupang League was hosted in four locations in Mizoram with two models of the league structure. The Mizoram Football Association and District Football Associations hosted the leagues in Lunglei and Kolasib, enabled by RFYC, while the leagues in Aizawl and Champhai operated by Reliance Foundation Young Champs. The age categories begin at Under 05 and continue until Under 13 years with multiple game formats. A minimum of 30 games are played by each participant.

The four leagues are set to run parallel until June 2023. The initiative is part of Reliance Foundation's larger initiative to grow football in the region. RF Youth Sports (RFYS), a school and college sports development programme has been running in Mizoram since 2017 and provides a platform for young athletes to build a career in the sport by creating opportunities for players to be scouted by the professional football clubs.

RFYS and Jr. NBA impacting the school and college ecosystem

- The Reliance Foundation Youth Sports (RFYS) focal point is the development of sports in schools and colleges through inter-institutional

competitions, thereby increasing participation and providing platforms for various teams. After a two-season gap, the RFYS football tournament returned with the 2022-23 season with school and college competitions in 20 championship centers with over 2,400+ teams and [25,000+] athletes playing 2210+ Matches

- RF Jr. NBA programme aims to develop and make basketball more accessible, reaching out to children, training coaches, and supporting communities. Skill challenges and tournaments in 11 cities across India saw participation from over 7,200 students from 472 institutes. The National Championships were conducted at the NBA Academy in Delhi along with an Elite Coaching Camp for select boys and girls

Growing the Olympic Movement

Reliance Foundation is committed to the growth of the Olympic Movement in India by providing opportunities and world-class support to athletes from all corners of the country to win a medal for India on the international arena. Reliance also provides scholarships to more than 25 athletes across seven Olympic sports to facilitate their training for major sporting events. During 2022-23, Reliance Foundation-supported athletes bagged several national and international medals across Olympic Sports.

IOC Member Mrs. Nita Ambani, is leading India's vision to expand the Olympic Movement among the millions of Indian youth. As the principal partner of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Reliance Foundation is supporting Team India in a significant way. Mrs. Nita Ambani won the bid for the 141st IOC Session in Mumbai, after a gap of forty years. Reliance Foundation will also help set up the first-ever India



House, an Olympic Hospitality House, starting with the Paris 2024 Olympics. The IOC Session and India House are significant steps towards realizing India's dream of hosting its first ever Olympic Games. Reliance's sports broadcast channel, Sports 18 is the official India broadcast partner for the 2024 Olympic Games.

While leading India's Olympic Movement, Mrs. Nita Ambani has been deeply committed to providing sporting opportunities for the next generation in India. Her role as an IOC member since 2016, has enabled her to bring valuable international exposure to transform sports and engage with the Olympic Movement.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF RELIANCE-SUPPORTED ATHLETES

The 100m sprinter DM Jayaram, who is an athlete at the Odisha Reliance Foundation High Performance Center, shone bright at various competitions over the year.

In the U-18 100m sprint at the National Junior Athletics Championship in November 2022, he consolidated his status as India's number one in the Under-18 100m rankings, as he won a gold and finished in **10.83 seconds**.

At the 5th Khelo India Youth Games in February 2023, he again bagged a gold in the 100m event, clocking **10.53 seconds**.

He surpassed his timing in the heats of 10.79 seconds and secured the top spot.

When 14-year-old Tilottama Sen had a conversation with her father in 2020 about shooting as a sport, her only achievement was that of shooting at a balloon-popping competition. Now, the teenager's most recent achievement is a Bronze medal at the Senior Shooting World Cup 2023 in Cairo.

This **10 m** Air Rifle event also equalled the Junior world record at the 2022 Shooting World Championships.

Another recipient of the scholarship is 15-year-old badminton player Unnati Hooda.

The shuttler rose to fame when she won the women's single event at the Odisha Open in 2022, becoming the youngest Indian to win a **BWF Super 100 Title**. She also made it to the Indian squad for the Senior Women's Team World Championships (The Uber Cup).

Jyothi Yarraji is India's fastest athlete in hurdles who achieved this feat in the past one year. The 23-year-old has been training under coach James Hillier, the athletics director at Reliance Foundation **High Performance in Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. Jyothi also made her appearance at the Commonwealth Games last year in Birmingham. However, the journey has not been easy for the youngster. From being scared to go over hurdles due to a calf injury she suffered eight months prior to joining the HPC, the youngster has come a long way, all due to her positive mindset and support of coaches, sports medicine, staff and managers.

More than 70 track and field athletes are currently training under the academies in addition to 150+ athletes, who are being supported by the sports medicine team at Athletics national camps across the country.

Reliance Foundation's intervention for development of athletics

Committed towards creating an in-depth impact in athletics with multiple training centres, competitions and collaboration with the national federations, Reliance Foundation established the High-Performance Centre (HPC) in Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with the Odisha Government. The Odisha Reliance Foundation HPC aims to become Asia's most

innovative centre. Reliance Foundation also runs an endurance training camp in Ooty, Tamil Nadu, and is to launch the National Centre for Athletics at Jio Institute in Ulwe, Navi Mumbai.

Reliance Foundation is the Principal Partner of the Athletics Federation of India. As part of the association, Reliance Foundation provides extensive Sports Science and Medicine support the AFI's elite athletes. At the moment, RF has 9 physiotherapists stationed across national camps in 3 locations – Patiala, Trivandrum and Bangalore.





In order to promote rural sports, Reliance is facilitating initiatives across locations.

Shahdol:

- Organisation of five cricket tournaments with participation of over 50 teams from surrounding villages motivating over 300 players on sporting spirit
- Sports kits were provided to 20 youth clubs to enable the youth to play and develop a sense of sportsmanship.
- A new initiative of football development in the area has been taken up with support from RFYS and AIFF which will develop potential players as coaches who will in turn train kids.

Jhajjar:

- On the occasion of the 90th birth anniversary of Late Shri Dhirubhai Ambani, a three-day cricket tournament was organized for the MET catchment area villages. A total of eight teams with more 100 young individuals participated in the entire tournament. Winners of the tournament were felicitated with prize money and cups.
- Two sports persons from Jhajjar district were also supported by the RFYS scholarship programme - Palak Gulia, Shooter and Tannu Gulia, Wrestler

Reliance's various sports initiatives for development aim to grow the Olympic movement in India, strengthen the sports ecosystem in schools and develop high-performing sportspersons on the global arena. Reliance Foundation aims to position sports as one of the key driving forces of development in the country



ART, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

INTRODUCTION

With the objective to preserve India's rich heritage of art and culture as well as enhance avenues for livelihood of traditional artisans and crafts persons, Reliance Foundation is constantly reimagining ways to protect and promote Indian Arts, Culture & Heritage. Reliance Foundation supports efforts to document cultural heritage and preserve it for posterity. Aligned to its objective to protect and promote India's arts, culture and heritage, Reliance Foundation undertakes various promotional and developmental projects and activities.



Highlights 2022-2023

Empowered traditional artisans and providing a global platform through the Swadesh initiative

Supported the Tawang festival in Arunachal Pradesh to enhance tourism

Supported renovation of historical buildings at Harijan Sewak Sangh in New Delhi

Preserving the past, inspiring the future

Reliance Foundation's endeavours in preserving India's art, culture and heritage

Reliance Foundation strives to give Indian artisans infrastructure, platforms, and opportunities to showcase their work. Through a wide array of concerts, festivals and exhibitions, Reliance Foundation attempts to help preserve India's cultural inheritance for the future generations. This is particularly for traditional heritage and endangered art forms, not just for protecting and preserving but also providing livelihood opportunities to traditional artists and crafts persons, to ensure their work continues to be viable. Reliance Foundation also directly engages, commissions and procures directly from the traditional arts communities for affirmative action that secures their sustenance as well.

As part of these initiatives, Reliance Foundation provides a unique global platform to traditional artisans. Post launch of the landmark Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre, as part of the SWADESH

initiative, a range of heritage arts including Pichwai, Banarasi, Pattachitra and Blue Pottery craftspeople were present at an experience zone at the Cultural Centre. This was a continuation of the support for traditional arts and crafts persons to provide a unique opportunity to connect visitors to the art and have a





first-hand preview of the amazing talent of traditional Indian artisans. Reliance Foundation aims to continue to support traditional artisans, strengthen their opportunities and provide a global platform for Indian arts and crafts.

Other Art and Culture initiatives

Continuing the long-standing tradition in Jamnagar, Reliance arranged round-the-clock camp for pilgrims walking to participate in the Fuldol Utsav on the eve of Holi at Dwarka. More than one lakh devotees were provided with the essential facilities like food, water, medicinal support & emergency facilities in addition to a place to rest. This year, to preserve the tradition of Kumarika Poojan during Navratri, gifts (Lahani) were given to around 5,000 rural girls in 32 villages.

As part of the efforts to promote indigenous art, sessions were also held to demonstrate Worli painting art and Madhubani fabric painting art forms for rural women.

Reliance Foundation supported the Department of Tourism, Government of Arunachal Pradesh for hosting one of the oldest and most celebrated cultural

festival of North East India – The Tawang festival with an aim to enhance the tourism credential of the place. The highlight of the festival was mesmerizing carnival parade, ethnic village tour, cultural performance, live concert, ethnic stalls, indigenous and adventurous games & sports.



Reliance Foundation collaborated with Triratna Prerana Mandal to create a support system for holistic development of Grassroots NGOs and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) located in Mumbai. For 2022-24, the aim is to provide handholding and mentoring support to 48 organisations to improve functional efficiency and effectiveness and is expected to increase understanding about roles & responsibilities of CBOs, increase in clarity in thoughts & perspective development and increase awareness about community development programmes.

Reliance Foundation supported Harijan Sewak Sangh to renovate and revive the monumental buildings and edifices in the campus of Harijan Sevak Sangh, Kingsway Camp, New Delhi, founded by Mahatma

Gandhi in 1932. Through this initiative, the historical information and importance of the building was reinforced and visitors and Gandhian enthusiasts were for educational and research purpose. The Sadbhawna park became a means to promote Gandhian ideas of peace and harmony among the people. The hostel renovation provided hostel facilities for girls while the aesthetic value of the school and improved the quality of learning of the children.

Reliance Foundation supported the Inner Voice Foundation for the repair and modernization of 65-year-old Gandhian institution 'Sarva Seva Sangh', that is spread across 14 acres along the Ganga river in Varanasi.







OTHER INITIATIVES

INTRODUCTION

Over the past year, Reliance Foundation has dedicated its efforts to several impactful initiatives in partnerships with a number of technical, non-profit and community organisations. Through collaborations and strategic initiatives, focus on animal welfare, including high-quality care, treatment, and rehabilitation was provided for including for injured wildlife and contributing to the conservation. In keeping with national priorities, various initiatives were taken up including as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. Reliance Foundation actively engaged communities nationwide, fostering a sense of unity and pride. Through thoughtfully designed awareness programmes and community engagements, Reliance Foundation also worked to build participation on sustainable, climate-resilient villages. Employee volunteering initiatives of Reliance Foundation focused on education, community skilling, and promoting healthy living, bringing about positive change in the lives of those in need. By imparting vital soft skills, providing unwavering support to children, and addressing pressing community needs, Reliance Foundation's dedicated volunteers have made a significant impact.

Through focused efforts and a need-based approach, Reliance Foundation has taken efforts to support on India's various development concerns.



Highlights 2022-2023

50,000+

*cattle supported with shelter
and nurturing*

82,000+

people spanning

1,300

*villages participated in the Har
Ghar Tiranga campaign*

13,840+

*people reached through various
volunteering initiatives*



Driving collective impact

Animal welfare & wildlife conservation

The landscape of animal welfare in India has been positively transformed, owing to the impactful initiatives that prioritize the well-being of animals. Efforts to safeguard wildlife and reduce human-animal conflict are ensuring a better future for the country's diverse wildlife.

One notable initiative involved supporting the West Bengal Zoo Authority with customized animal ambulances and a four-story lift for Kolkata, Sundarbans. This support has facilitated faster treatment and transportation of injured wild animals, improving their chances of recovery and return to their natural habitats.

The collaboration with Wildlife SOS to provide care for distressed elephants at the Elephant Conservation & Care Centre and Hospital in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, has been instrumental in rescuing and rehabilitating them. Through these efforts, many

elephants have been given a second chance at life in a safer environment.

Additionally, the sponsorship support for the development of the Pilikula Biological Park in Mangalore has had a positive impact on wildlife conservation. Improved housing facilities for various bird and animal species have not only enhanced conservation efforts but also encouraged greater public engagement and awareness about wildlife protection. More than six lakh people including school children all over the country and abroad visit Pilikula every year.

The provision of vehicles to the Maharashtra & Madhya Pradesh Forest Department to improve rescue operations during human-wildlife conflict situations, were provided. Swift mobilization of rescue teams has resulted in more effective management of such scenarios. The vehicles are optimally used for the monitoring of wildlife and forest protection activities. Reliance Foundation also extended support to Assam Zoo Authority by providing two ISUZU 4X4 prestige vehicle and 8 Golf Cars.



Furthermore, the collaboration with Dhyan Foundation to support cattle shelters in various states has been transformative for rescued cattle. Providing shelter and nurturing for over 50,000 abandoned males, non-milching cows, and calves has ensured their well-being and reduced the burden on communities dealing with stray animals.

These impactful initiatives have brought about tangible improvements in animal care, wildlife protection, and community awareness in India. With concerted efforts and continued support, the country's rich biodiversity and animal life can thrive, ensuring a harmonious coexistence between humans and wildlife.



Unifying the colours of freedom





Celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Spirited celebrations across the nation marked India's 76th Independence Day. Reliance Foundation coordinated several, diverse initiatives at various locations engaging communities around Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and participated in the Har Ghar Tiranga movement.

Rural communities rang in the nation's independence in a colourful and innovative way. Tricolor LED lights lit up 267 Gram Panchayats, community buildings and the homes of farmers and fisher folk across 11 states as they celebrated the momentous event, facilitated by Reliance Foundation. Through a series of activities between August 10-15:

- Over 82,000 people spanning 1,300 villages participated in various awareness programmes and events.
- Over 58,800 youth and children turned artists & participated in various competition

such as drawing, essay writing, slogan writing, and sports organised in various schools, colleges and community halls.

- Advisory campaigns were organized for diverse beneficiaries on varied topics such as crop protection, livestock health management practices, sustainable fishing - reaching 20.65 lakh+ people in 16 states.
- Strengthening and supporting the spirit of independence, local self-governance and collective action towards climate resilient villages for a sustainable future, Reliance Foundation sensitised 31,504 Gram Sabha members across eight states.

Community members shared heartfelt slogans and meaningful messages like "Save water, go green, less warming" for the present and future generations to come. Flags were also distributed to students, households and other community members in the spirit of Azaadi.



Joining hands for a better tomorrow

Volunteering Initiatives

Key highlights

- Reached 13840 people through various initiatives
- 3274 volunteering hours completed
- 67 events held across India

The year 2022-23 saw a heartwarming response from employees towards volunteering initiatives, demonstrating the true spirit of compassion, and engaging across various types of activities. From supporting persons with visual impairment to aiding skilling efforts, employees were moved by the difference they could make in the lives of others and how their actions could bring about positive change.

Thematically, across Reliance, volunteers supported causes under education, community skilling and, healthy living in this year. Under the aegis of Spectrum by the Hydrocarbons business, employees had a chance to teach students soft skills to make them job-ready. Since this initiative was conducted on a virtual platform, students across locations could join.

Keeping in mind their diverse abilities, employee volunteers spoke to students about interpersonal skills, interview skills, job search and part-time work.

One of the flagship volunteering projects 'A December to Remember' was also rolled out and it met with great success, bringing smiles to the faces of 8,159 children, across 12 different locations. Across the country, volunteers enthusiastically came forward to offer their support. In just three days, 565 volunteers came together to package Santa cap, whistles, art kits and stationery kits. These kits were then sent to partner NGOs, where volunteers interacted with the children over crafts, games, and lots of stories. 'A December to Remember' involved over 2935 volunteering hours from 565 volunteers

In February and March 2023, employees were given the opportunity to participate in one-time volunteering initiatives to support various community needs. One of these initiatives is 'Serve a Meal', that helps in providing hot, nutritious, and freshly prepared meals that are served to the relatives of patients in government hospitals across Mumbai. By alleviating the pressure to afford a healthy meal, relatives can



better focus on caring for their loved ones. A total of 58 employees contributed 203 hours to the cause.

Amid the plethora of heart-warming initiatives, creating tactile learning aids for deaf and deafblind students, was particularly cherished. Volunteers came together to create teaching & learning material for teachers that work with students with multiple disabilities. As deaf students are visual learners and deafblind students learn through touch, creating material that is visually

appealing and that can be understood by touch is crucial in the child's learning process. From creating educational games, to designing traffic rules and jewellery, volunteers poured their hearts into the cause. In total, 29 volunteers dedicated 87 hours in ensuring that teachers had the requisite teaching aids to empower the special children.

As part of Education and Arts initiatives, volunteers came together to teach children about empathy, some fun dance moves, doodling and storytelling.



Awards and recognition



Reliance Foundation won various recognitions and awards for work through the year:

- Best CSR Initiative Award at the India Digital Enabler Awards
- Reliance Foundation Digital Extension Services for Disaster Management” selected for the CII – DX (Digital Transformation) Award 2022 – under the category of “Innovations in CSR”.
- Reliance Foundation awarded the Golden Peacock award for CSR initiatives across the country
- Reliance Foundation won the Olive Crown Award for its green initiatives in recognition of efforts as Green NGO of the Year (Silver) for its environmental initiatives aimed at conserving natural resources and promoting sustainability across India.
- Hon’ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh & President, IRCS, Andhra Pradesh, State Branch awarded Gold Medal to Reliance Foundation for rendering services during COVID 19 pandemic in partnership with Indian Red Cross Society.
- Reliance Foundation was awarded the Best CSR Film award for Women Transforming Lives with Technology at the Socio-CSR Film Festival and Awards
- **Mid-Day Health & Wellness Icons – International 2022** for Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital as the Best Multispecialty Hospital & Best Hospital by Transplant Medicine
- **ET Best Healthcare Brand Awards 2022** recognized Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital as ET Best Healthcare Brand 2022
- **FE Healthcare Summit & Awards 2022, Delhi 2nd Edition** ranked Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital as the Best Hospital for Heart & Lung Transplant in Mumbai and Western India and as the Best Multi-Specialty Hospital, Best Hospital for Cardiology, for Organ Transplant, for Heart & Lung Transplant at the National level



- **Times of India- Critical Care Ranking Hospital Survey, = Health Lifestyle Survey 2022 and - Multi-Specialty Hospitals Ranking Survey 2023** ranked Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital as the best hospital in Mumbai and Western India and ranked it as the 2nd best in the National level
- **Navbharat Healthcare Awards 2022** recognized Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital as Best Multi-Specialty Hospital in India and Best Hospital for Oncology, Advanced Bariatric & Laparoscopic Surgery, Cardiology, for Patient Care, for Orthopedics, Neurology, Urology and Digital Solutions
- **Mid-Day Health & Wellness Icons 2022** recognized Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital as Best Multi-Specialty Hospital, Best Hospital for Oncology, Best Hospital for Transplant Medicine, Best Hospital for Patient Safety & Satisfaction, Best Hospital for Orthopedics & Joint Replacement
- **Times Health Leaders Awards 2022** recognised Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital as Excellence in Multi-Specialty Hospital, Excellence in Multi Organ Transplant, Excellence in Onco Sciences, Excellence in Patient Safety & Satisfaction, Excellence in Cardiac Sciences, Excellence in Minimally Invasive & Bariatric Surgery
- **Midday Maharashtra Gaurav Awards 2023** recognized Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital as the Best Multi-Specialty Hospital, Best Hospital for Multi-Organ Transplant in India
- **Elets Global Healthcare Summit & Awards 2023, Dubai** recognized Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital as Excellence in Multi-Specialty Hospital in India, Excellence in Quality & Patient Satisfaction, Excellence in Robotic Surgery, Excellence in Multi Organ Transplant

Sharing Expertise, Driving Conversations



Events and Publications

Reliance Foundation's research and thought leadership initiatives aim to share and develop the Foundation's best practices, expertise, and innovations, to drive conversations and pioneer new models that are replicable and scalable to solve key development challenges for India and the world. Through events and publications, Reliance Foundation builds relationships and partnerships with leading academic institutions and development sector organisations to drive research and thought leadership and debate around our core thematic pillars, and simultaneously inform our programme design to achieve bigger impact and scale.

With India assuming the G20 Presidency starting in December 2022, and convening the G20 Leader's Summit for the first time in country in 2023, Reliance Foundation actively contributed to furthering the development dialogue through a series of events, panel discussions, and publications related to RF

pillars, starting with two events during the 77th General Assembly of the United Nations in various theme-specific G20 working group sessions.

Zoo Authority by providing two ISUZU 4X4 prestige vehicle and 8 Golf Cars.

Reliance Foundation hosted the first India Day in New York during the 77th General Assembly of the United Nations

Amidst the signs of recovery and renewed hope after the pandemic, India has been embracing the digital





age, with women leading the surge in the adoption of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). Reliance Foundation is committed to the project of 'digital India' with an aim to make digital technology available to every Indian, especially women from low-income, rural households.

In this context, Reliance Foundation, in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and the United Nations in India hosted an event titled **'Women, Technology, and the SDGs: Reshaping the Pathways to Change'** in the Consulate General of India, New York, to complement the discussions taking place during the 77th General Assembly of the United States (UNGA). The event took place on September 23, 2022, and was attended by over 75 development sector experts, academics, and public sector leaders.



To watch video highlights event, please scan



During the event, a joint publication by Reliance Foundation and ORF, titled, **'Aspirations, Access & Agency: Women Transforming Lives with Technology'** was launched. The publication showcases stories and experiences of women from different parts of India who are using technology to change lives and transform their communities. It tells the stories of women leaders who have emerged as agents of technological change and socioeconomic inclusion while using ICTs to help their communities progress to a better future. Each story narrates a woman's leadership journey and explores how she evolved as a digital enabler.



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The G20 Imperative: Green Growth and Development for All



Sustainable development in India is crucial as it balances economic growth with environmental preservation, addresses social inequalities, and ensures a prosperous future for its diverse population, while safeguarding natural resources for generations to come. Through its work in disaster management, rural transformation, education, and women empowerment, Reliance Foundation has made sustainable development a part of its ethos.

On the evening of September 23, 2022, Reliance Foundation in collaboration with Observer Research Foundation and the United Nations in India hosted a second event during the UNGA week titled, **‘The G20 Imperative: Green Growth and Development for All’** in New York. There were 100 attendees from across the globe, including high-level development sector experts, academics, and public and private sector leaders.

The panel included Shri S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, India; Mr Vicky Ford, Minister of State for Development, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom; and Mr Borge Brende, President of the World Economic Forum.

The panel deliberated on the central role played by sustainable development towards global security and stability, and inclusive growth as imperative for the fight against climate change. Within the context of

India's G20 Presidency, the panel explored whether the G20 can be part of stitching together new partnerships, investing in clean and green initiatives and projects, to ensure that no one is left behind on the path to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.



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Reliance Foundation leaders participated in theme-specific G20 Meetings

During the year, Reliance Foundation leaders took part theme-specific G20 side events, sharing programme-specific replicable learnings from the ground and contributing to the international development agenda. Sh. Jagannatha Kumar, CEO, Reliance Foundation, participated in a G20 side event called “Data for Development: Role of G20 in advancing the 2030 Agenda”, the first meeting of the Development of Working Group under India's G20 Presidency held in Mumbai on 15th December 2022. On the theme of women empowerment, Dr Vanita Sharma, Advisor, Strategic Initiatives, participated in two G20 EMPOWER events: (1) the Inception Meeting in a panel on “Steering Women Leaders at the grassroots for digital inclusion” on the 12th February 2023 in Agra, and (2) the Summit in a session titled “Women-Led Development: Ensuring a sustainable, inclusive, and equitable global economic growth” on the 1st August 2023 in Gandhinagar. Lastly, on the theme of rural livelihoods, Ms Priyanka Singh, Chief, Rural Transformation, participated in a consultative workshop and official G20 event by the National Rural Livelihood Mission of the Government of India, titled “Exploring CSR partnerships for a sustainable future of SHG women,” in March 2023, in Delhi.

The First Responders: Women who led India through COVID-19



Annually, the Raisina Dialogue brings together political, business, media, and civil society leaders in New Delhi for comprehensive discussions about global affairs and collaboration possibilities through diverse, inclusive conversations. During the Raisina Dialogue 2022, inaugurated by Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with Chief Guest, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, Reliance Foundation organised a panel discussion in collaboration with Observer Research Foundation (ORF) titled **‘The First Responder: Women**



Leadership and the SDGs’. The panel took place on April 27th, 2022 and comprised eminent speakers including Smt. Smriti Irani, Minister of Women and Child Development with an audience of international

delegates from 100 countries. The panel deliberated on women’s leadership in the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



To watch video highlights from the event and publication, please scan

During this event, a joint publication by Reliance Foundation and ORF, titled, **‘The First Responders: Women Who Led India Through the Pandemic’** was launched. The publication spotlights the stories of 25 Indian women across governance, education and skilling, health and nutrition, and entrepreneurship and livelihoods. It highlights women’s leadership journey over several years and how they were able to utilise those skills during the pandemic. ‘The First Responders’ also presents their relentless efforts towards ensuring the welfare of their families and communities, while navigating the perils of the pandemic. It also presents key developmental and policy insights derived from the stories with a wide range of applicability.



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Micro Matters: Using Data for Development in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution



Data for development serves as the foundation for evidence-based policies and programmes, enabling informed decision-making, resource allocation, and effective development interventions to address the nation’s diverse challenges and promote inclusive growth. It empowers the government, civil society organisations, and researchers to better understand and target areas of need, ultimately driving progress and improved quality of life for all citizens. Through its work in the fields of disaster management, rural transformation, health, education, and women empowerment, Reliance Foundation strives to advance the use of data to make deep social impact.

Championing the data for development agenda and women empowerment, Reliance Foundation continued its participation in the Raisina Dialogue in 2023. On March 3, 2023, during the second day of the Raisina Dialogue, Reliance Foundation participated in a panel discussion titled, **‘The Startup Planet: Reclaiming Half the Sky’**. The panel included experts on gender, policy, sustainability, social media platforms, and financial inclusion from across the globe and was moderated by Reliance Foundation. The panel deliberated on making the start-up community more diverse and inclusive, focusing on gender-friendly start-up ecosystem, and public-private partnerships.



To watch highlights from the event, please scan

In another panel discussion titled, **‘Bytes**



of Promise: How Can Technology Lift Communities?’, Reliance Foundation, in collaboration with Observer Research Foundation launched the publication, **‘Micro Matters: Using Data for Development in**

the Era of 4th Industrial Revolution’. Aiming to advance the data for development agenda during India’s G20 Presidency, the publication explores eight interventions by organisations in India that are gathering data, processing it to evolve insights, and translating insights into actions, to accelerate social impact. It also identifies key replicable lessons from the design and execution of these initiatives.

The publication has been featured on the [Think20 \(T20\) website](#), the official Engagement Group of the G20 intergovernmental forum.



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How Farmer Producer Organisations can transform Rural Economies



Agriculture is of paramount importance in India, as it not only feeds the nation but also supports millions of livelihoods, contributes significantly to the economy, and plays a crucial role in the country's food security and rural development. Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) provide end-to-end links between farmers and markets, allowing them to improve their productivity through efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable use of resources. FPOs can help farmers enhance their knowledge, access resources, and increase profits by collaborating with government, research agencies, civil society, and the private sector to improve crop management, post-harvest processes, and market access.

Through its work in the area of rural transformation, Reliance Foundation is committed to empowering marginalised communities across rural India through innovative and sustainable solutions. On October 18, 2022, Reliance Foundation in partnership with NAB Foundation hosted a Roundtable Conference, titled **‘Journey of FPOs: Successes, Learnings and Way Forward’** in Mumbai, to deep-dive into the FPO ecosystem, its challenges, and potential. Over 80 delegates attended the event, including representatives from FPOs, academia, private sector, government, and development sector organisations. The event consisted of three sessions where panellists deliberated on several important aspects related to FPOs and future pathways.



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During the Roundtable Conference, Reliance



Foundation launched the publication, **'Farming Prosperity & Optimism: How FPOs can Transform Rural Economies'**. The publication reports on how Farmer Producer Organisations can transform rural economies

while presenting Reliance Foundation's learnings from years of work with small and marginal farmers through collectivisation towards enhanced livelihood security for farmers.



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Disaster Management Approaches Towards Resilient Communities



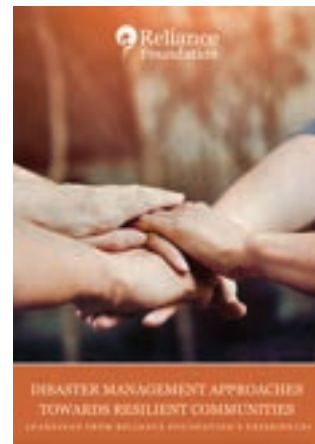
Reliance Foundation's disaster risk reduction and response, aiding communities affected by various disasters across India. In the event of a disaster, Reliance Foundation provides immediate assistance and focuses on long-term recovery, livelihood support, and sustainable development, making it the first ISO 9001:2015 certified Disaster Response Programme by an Indian corporate foundation. The organisation is an important stakeholder in the field of Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), nurturing strong partnerships with government bodies and national and international agencies.

Reliance Foundation, in association with the United Nations in India, organised a Roundtable discussion on **'Building Resilient Livelihoods in the face of Changing Climate and Disasters'** on 14th December, 2022 in Mumbai. The multi-stakeholder event saw participation from eminent speakers and experts from across the private sector, government agencies, civil society, academia, international and multilateral agencies. During the Roundtable, experts discussed how to use technology and data for DRR and how stakeholders can come together to help support rehabilitation. Other key points highlighted during the event included the need to build forward better, create a strong livelihood system, and recognise India's leadership in DRR during the G20 Presidency.



To watch highlights from the event, scan

At the event, Reliance Foundation showcased a



publication, **'Disaster Management Approaches Towards Resilient Communities: Learnings from Reliance Foundation's Experiences'** to share its holistic approach to Disaster Management, including risk mitigation, risk reduction, disaster

response, and rebuilding livelihoods, while simultaneously aligning with the Sendai Framework and the ever-changing external environment. It presents key learnings like the need for collaboration with local governments and grassroots institutions; use of digital solutions in risk communication and outreach for large scale impact; need for an active community volunteer base; and the importance of addressing the livelihood needs of communities.



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