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“Together for a better tomorrow”

“The past year has been one of hope, of empowering communities, of standing with our people, and of coming together to rebuild a stronger, more resilient nation. And in this journey of resilience, we are fortunate to have had many moments of positivity, of inspiration, and of tremendous transformation.

As our athletes shone on the international stage, as women emerged on new pathways of inclusive growth, and as our youngsters resumed an exciting journey of learning, this has truly been a year of growth and rejuvenation. At Reliance Foundation, we have strengthened our commitment to a progressive, inclusive, and digitally enabled India. It is heartening that through the activities and initiatives of our Foundation, we have now touched the lives of over 5.75 crore Indians in more than 50,600 villages and urban centres of India.

Education remains central to our vision of a new India. This year, we welcomed the first cohort of students at the Jio Institute for post-graduate courses in Digital Media & Marketing Communications and Artificial Intelligence & Data Sciences. Jio Institute was born out of a dream to redefine higher education in India. Our vision for Jio Institute is to create a world-class centre for multi-disciplinary higher education, with a strong focus on research, innovation, and lifelong learning. An institution that will prepare and empower the next generation of global leaders, who will significantly contribute to the advancement of their country and the world.

During the pandemic, our Reliance Foundations schools were quick to transition to digital and innovative ways of uninterrupted learning. We are pleased to share that in 2022, our 14 schools have physically reopened to enable us to continue providing holistic all-around learning to over 15,000 students.

For the first time, Reliance Foundation Scholarships were awarded to 76 bright young students pursuing graduate and postgraduate studies in computer sciences and related fields. A pioneering initiative, these scholarships aim to provide opportunities to students, enabling them to play their part in shaping the future.

Women have always been at the heart of all that we do at Reliance Foundation. And this past year, Reliance Foundation continued to empower women through dedicated nationwide initiatives and global partnerships. USAID and Reliance Foundation created the WomenConnect Challenge India in 2020 to help identify innovative solutions to bridge the gender digital divide across India. This year, we announced the first cohort of 10 grantee organisations, that are innovating solutions and empowering 300,000 Indian women through technology in 17 states. We also supported the skilling of more than 22,000 members of women's self-help groups (SHGs) and SHG Federations.

As we reflect on the incredible contributions that women across different backgrounds made during the pandemic, we are delighted to have published 'The First Responders: Women Who Led India through The Pandemic', a compilation that celebrates their grit, determination, and impact.

Our Rural Transformation teams have helped more than 18 lakh farmers, fisherfolk and livestock owners strengthen their livelihoods. Working with the communities, we increased water harvesting capacity in the remotest corners. Better access to water and a significant rise in incomes has improved the quality of life, especially for women, in thousands of villages across the country.

Through our Disaster Management Programme, Reliance Foundation helped more than 1.7 lakh people affected by eight disasters in different parts of India. Protecting communities and building resilience, we have so far trained over 400 youth volunteers in vulnerable communities to prepare for effective disaster management.

We continue to provide quality healthcare through our mobile and static medical units and Community Health Centres in different parts of the country. Our Reliance Foundation medical staff provided over 3.5 lakh consultations during the past year. Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital supported Reliance Foundation's community health outreach in Mumbai and provided advanced and affordable medical care. This year, we also crossed a milestone of 20,000 corneal transplants over 10 years with our Reliance Foundation Drishti programme.

It has been a year of glory for Indian sports and we are humbled to have supported our athletes in this pursuit. Reliance Foundation athletes made the country proud with 28 medals in national and international events across archery, weightlifting and athletics through the past year. Indian athletes registered the country's best-ever performance at the Tokyo Olympics. In a significant step forward for our country's Olympic aspirations, it was an honour to lead India's successful bid to host the IOC session 2023. With this historic session, the Olympic Movement will be back in India after 40 years, heralding a new era for Indian sport. These important milestones cemented India's place as the world's most exciting sporting destination.

As India celebrates 75 years of Independence, and in this Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal, we are committed to doing all that we can to bring to life the shared dreams for our people and our country. On this fulfilling journey, our hearts are filled with gratitude to our committed family on ground, delivering uninterrupted services to communities. Our teachers, coaches, athletes, doctors, nurses, and staff are truly the catalysts of positive change. Together, we will build a happier, healthier, and better tomorrow for all. ”

Nita M. Ambani

Mrs Nita M Ambani
Founder and Chairperson
Reliance Foundation



About Us



Reliance Foundation envisions an inclusive and equitable society where everyone has equal opportunity to realise their full potential. The spirit of 'We Care' drives us to work towards this vision, hand in hand with the government, civil society organisations and communities.

We work to address development challenges in five key areas: Education, Healthcare, Rural Transformation, Disaster Management and Sports for Development.

Reliance Foundation's approach is holistic and integrated, and we aim to create world-class institutions through each of our Programmes and synergies between our various Programmes to maximise their effectiveness.

At **Reliance Foundation**, we are committed to creating a better future for all Indians. We believe that by working together, we can make a real difference in the lives of people across the country.

COVID-19 Relief

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to loom over India in FY21-22, with new variants driving new waves of infection. The most serious of these was the second wave, which caused an unprecedented spike in hospitalisations and deaths. Supplies of medical oxygen ran dangerously low, pushing up PPE and emergency food requirements. The public health messaging also had to evolve to persuade people of the merits of vaccination, as an ambitious new programme was rolled out across the country. The pandemic continued to affect health and livelihoods and demanded a comprehensive response on both fronts.



Reliance Foundation's approach to COVID-19 Interventions

Reliance Foundation leveraged Reliance Industries' nationwide network and capabilities in mounting a response to support India during the pandemic. Following the motto of We Care, Reliance Foundation engaged in three key areas of intervention:

Enabling life-saving healthcare services

Reliance Foundation continued to operate testing facilities, PPE manufacturing and COVID-19 special wards for quarantine and treatment. It also produced and delivered medical oxygen and supported vaccination campaigns.

Providing essential services to vulnerable people

Mission Anna Seva continued to provide meals to meet the nutritional requirements of frontline workers and vulnerable people across India.

Rebuilding lives and livelihoods

Reliance Foundation's on-ground teams helped rural communities access knowledge, expertise, equipment and opportunities, as well as linkages to government schemes, enabling farmers, fisherfolk, livestock-owners and migrant labourers to rebuild their livelihoods.

COVID-19 Relief Missions



Mission Oxygen

1,000+MT of medical oxygen provided every day, helping over 1 lakh patients



Mission Anna Seva

Providing free meals for frontline workers and the vulnerable



Mission COVID Infra

Expanding hospital and healthcare facilities for COVID-19 treatment, along with mask distribution and free fuel provision



Mission Vaccine Suraksha

Bringing free vaccines to the most vulnerable communities



Mission Employee Care

Supporting employees and their families across the Reliance ecosystem

COVID-19 Relief Highlights

1 crore

frontline workers

and underprivileged people provided reusable masks across 26 states and Union Territories

8.5 crore

meals distributed

to 43 lakh+ beneficiaries

1,000 MT

oxygen provided every day,
to over 1 lakh patients

44+ lakh

people reached

through advisories on COVID-19 appropriate behaviours, livelihoods and social benefits

15,000+

daily testing capacity

enabled by developing our confirmatory tests, boosting India's COVID-19 testing capabilities daily

27 lakh

litres of free fuel

dispensed to 70,000+ government-notified COVID-19 emergency response vehicles

2,000+

beds for COVID-19 care

set up and supported across various locations

Enabling life-saving healthcare services

Mission COVID Infra

Reliance Foundation scaled up its interventions to support COVID-19 treatment infrastructure, providing more than 2,000 COVID-19 hospital beds in facilities across India. This included a dedicated COVID-19 care facility at the National Sports Club of India, Worli, Mumbai, managed by the Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital, and Gujarat's first paediatric COVID-19 hospital at Jamnagar.

Through RIL, Reliance Foundation also provided free fuel to government-notified vehicles and ambulances to expedite emergency services. It provided over 27.79 lakh litres of free fuel, supporting 70,909 ambulances across 332 districts in 21 states and 3 Union Territories.

Reliance Foundation also distributed over 1.4 crore masks to frontline workers, police, municipal staff and vulnerable communities (along with awareness programmes on safety measures) in 26 states and Union Territories, again with support from RIL. It has continued to spread awareness on COVID-19

safety measures around Reliance plant locations as well as provide high-quality masks and PPE kits to frontline workers and others at risk. Under Mission COVID Suraksha, over 50,000 masks and 5,000 hand sanitisers were distributed to the frontline workers, community, and police officials in Shahdol and Kakinada. In Jamnagar alone, it distributed 50,000 PPE kits, N95 masks, triple layer masks and rubber gloves to the Guru Gobind Singh Hospital.

Reliance Foundation also launched a free COVID-19 consultation helpline through Jio HealthHub, to give people access to medical advice from the safety of their own homes.

Mission Employee Care

Through Mission Employee Care, it has provided support to Reliance employees and their family members for testing, treatment and continued care, as well as offering 24 lakh free vaccinations for employees and families, and counselling for those who lost loved ones to the pandemic.





Gujarat's first paediatric COVID-19 hospital

In a first for Gujarat, a fully equipped 230-bed paediatric COVID-19 care hospital was inaugurated by Sh. Bhupendrabhai Patel, Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat. The hospital is equipped with a 24x7 oxygen supply, 30 PICUs (Paediatric), 22 MICUs (Medical) and 10 NICUs (Neonatal). During the unprecedented second wave, the paediatric hospital augmented COVID-19 care facilities in the region, including a 400-bed hospital set up in less than a week. In Shahdol, Reliance also supported the establishment and operation of two COVID-19 care centres in the district.

Mission Oxygen

To help the nation cope with a sudden medical oxygen shortage for COVID-19 patients, especially during the second wave, Reliance repurposed its factory in Jamnagar in record time to produce liquid medical oxygen. This was ramped up to 1,000 MT, to meet the life-saving needs of 100,000 patients on a daily basis, delivered free of cost to states. This factory alone amounted to 11% of India's total production of medical grade liquid oxygen at the time. Remarkably, Reliance wasn't even a manufacturer of liquid medical oxygen before the pandemic, and yet it soon became India's largest producer of this precious life-saving resource. The company also moved to boost transportation capacity, helping provide safe and swift supply to states and Union Territories across India.

Reliance airlifted 24 ISO containers, creating an additional 500 MT of transportation capacity in

partnership with the Indian Air Force, Aramco and BP. This helped ensure availability of liquid medical oxygen for severely ill patients and saved countless lives. It was an immense industrial and logistical exercise successfully implemented in the public interest.

Other Reliance plant locations also provided swift support to meet local needs. The Vadodara Manufacturing Division provided 18.3 MT of medical oxygen to the surrounding region. Reliance plants in Gadimoga, Andhra Pradesh, established an oxygen plant at the Government General Hospital, Kakinada within 10 days in May 2021. The hospital treated more than 1,700 patients at the peak of the second wave. In Jhajar and Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh, local plants provided 38 oxygen concentrators to social service organisations and the district administration to aid patient recovery.



Thinking out of the box to deliver liquid oxygen

Reliance had to overcome immense challenges to produce and distribute liquid oxygen of the desired quality. The biggest challenge was the exacting specifications – liquid medical oxygen has to be produced at -183°C with almost 99.5% purity. Reliance engineers worked tirelessly to maximise production in a short span of time through process optimisation and modification of Cryogenic Air Separation Units. They had to improvise means of efficient transportation too, since liquid oxygen pumps cannot be installed at short notice. Ingeniously, they made logistical modifications to rail and road transport, such as laying parallel lines, using hoses and loading liquid tankers through pressure differentials. Their quick thinking and creativity helped solve several intractable engineering challenges and paved the way for Reliance's successful delivery of oxygen for the nation.

Mission Vaccine Suraksha

The development of safe and effective vaccines was a game-changer in the fight against the pandemic. To support public health efforts, Reliance Foundation launched Mission Vaccine Suraksha in April 2021 to bring vaccines to every Indian. The programme covered vulnerable communities, Reliance employees and their families across India, and even included outreach efforts in remote locations. The aim was to reach every last-mile resident, including the elderly, the homeless, people with disabilities and those living in remote areas. This ensured complete coverage of the vaccination programme, which was crucial as any gaps in coverage would have compromised public health efforts.

Reliance thus provided over 40 lakh vaccinations free of cost to support the national vaccination mission. It collaborated with local authorities and governments in this mission under the We Care umbrella. This included free vaccination doses to the governments of Kerala, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, as well as to other regional and national organisations. This turbocharged the nation's vaccine rollout at a critical point and helped make it one of the most successful national vaccine programmes anywhere in the world.



Delivering vaccines to the most vulnerable

Reliance Foundation has conducted vaccination drives for vulnerable communities across India, including in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Kerala. Among the delighted beneficiaries are Paban Ghosh (90) and Maya Rani Ghosh (74) of Badkulla, Nadia, in West Bengal. They had no mobile phones and were unable to visit any vaccination centre due to their advanced age. When Reliance Foundation visited their village, its officials registered them on the CoWin app, which enabled them to get safely vaccinated. Another relieved recipient is Swami Naidu, a fisherman from Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. He did have a mobile phone, but he was unable to get any vaccination slots on the CoWin app as they always seemed fully booked. This compounded his growing anxiety as cases continued to rise. Finally, the local Reliance Foundation team helped Naidu secure a slot and he got himself vaccinated at a nearby hospital, allaying his fears.

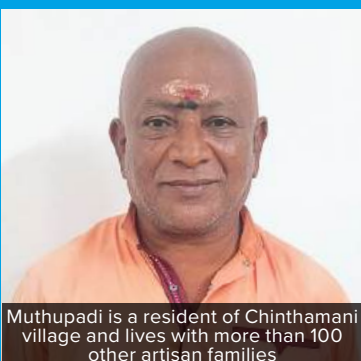
Providing essential services for vulnerable communities

Mission Anna Seva

The pandemic was not just a health crisis but also an economic crisis, with major implications for vulnerable communities across India. Recognising the danger, Reliance Foundation launched its flagship Mission Anna Seva initiative, to provide meals to struggling Indians. It has turned into the largest meal distribution programme by a corporate foundation anywhere in the world, supporting vulnerable communities with cooked meals, ready-to-eat food packets, food coupons and dry ration kits in 19 states and 4 Union Territories.

This was made possible by the support of Reliance Retail teams across India, as well as volunteers who packed, prepared and supplied provisions. Over 200 distribution partners then helped supply relief kits and bulk rations to 200+ partner NGOs engaged in hunger alleviation programmes and community kitchens for those in need. Mission Anna Seva was also a lifeline for migrants making the long trek home after work dried up in the cities. These efforts were supported by volunteers from across Reliance work sites in Mumbai, Silvassa, Vadodara, Patalganga, Hazira, Jhajjar, Shahdol, Jamnagar, Dahej, Barabanki, Nagothane, Gadimoga and Hoshiarpur, who distributed meals in their respective locations.

The programme had a wide range of beneficiaries – frontline workers, daily-wage workers, migrant labourers, slum-dwellers, factory workers and residents of old-age homes and orphanages. Over 8.5 crore meals were delivered to these vulnerable people. It also served truck-drivers transporting essential goods during lockdowns, who would otherwise have struggled to find food as most roadside eateries were closed. Reliance petrol pumps in West Bengal, Kerala and Odisha made special arrangements to feed these truck drivers.



Muthupadi is a resident of Chinthamani village and lives with more than 100 other artisan families

Reviving the livelihood of artist Chinthamani

The village of Chinthamani in Madurai district is home to a large number of artisans, particularly musicians who play instruments at weddings, temple ceremonies and karagattam (dance performances). The cancellation of public events during the lockdown left these artisans to fend for themselves, with no source of income. They were struggling to make ends meet. In this dire scenario, Reliance Foundation supported the families with essentials like food, groceries and masks & sanitisers. It also arranged for members of the community to be taken for vaccination centres, so that they would be protected and ready to resume work as soon as the restrictions eased.

Rebuilding rural lives and livelihoods



Reliance Foundation, through its Information Services, provided a lifeline for rural communities during the pandemic. In fact, most programme implementation and monitoring was conducted virtually, including coordinating with NGOs supporting its missions.

Reliance Foundation teams were able to connect rural communities with government officials and experts on issues such as enrolling for government schemes, inputs on agriculture and allied services, and access to temporary procurement centres and markets, as well as subsidised farm machinery and employment drives. Residents also received information on COVID-19 safety measures and assistance with medicines and support systems such as oxygen plants. There was an increased focus on protective and preventive methods like vaccination and adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols.

Among other initiatives, Reliance Foundation used audio-visual conferences to provide specialist help and advice to Gram Panchayat leaders and rural community groups on public schemes for financial support and livelihood options for farmers, fisher folk, livestock owners and migrant labourers. These services reached over four million rural Indians, providing invaluable livelihood support.

Meanwhile, Reliance Foundation's Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) in rural communities continued to raise awareness about precautionary measures alongside their usual medical services. As part of Reliance Foundation's wider awareness initiatives, around 25 lakh people were informed about precautionary measures, including social distancing, mask-wearing, hand-washing, avoiding crowded places and adopting a healthy diet. In 20 states, Reliance Foundation also provided information on COVID-19 vaccination centres and symptoms to watch out for.

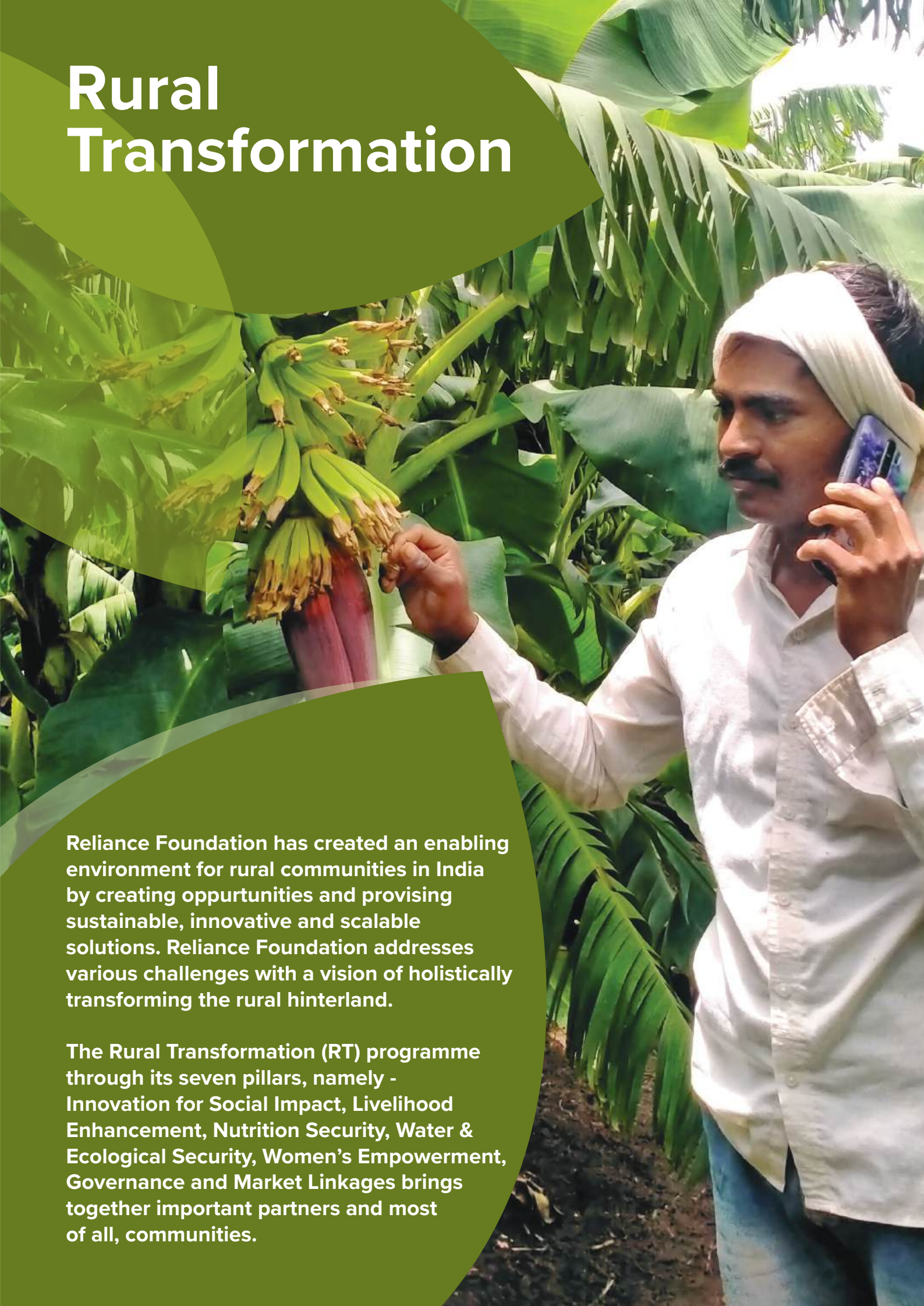
Working with the community to fight COVID-19



The villages of Patan district in Gujarat were severely hit by the second wave of COVID-19. Village leaders, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres came together to manage the sudden spike in cases. The District Administration worked with Reliance Foundation to conduct a multi-location audio-conference drawing together 398 Sarpanches on April 26, 2021. The Patan District Collector then briefed the Sarpanches on safety guidelines and measures to define village-level containment zones and implement local lockdowns. The Sarpanches were also urged to expedite local vaccination drives.

Within a week of the meeting, the local Health Centre received 20 oxygen bottles, six additional beds and a grant to install an oxygen plant. The district administration reached more than 1,890 people in 17 villages support from Reliance Foundation in mobilising volunteers and mounting vaccination drives. These efforts were begun at short notice and then sustained through the year, making Patan a model of participatory governance in the fight against COVID-19, setting an example for communities across the country.

Rural Transformation

A man with a mustache, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a white headscarf, is standing in a banana plantation. He is holding a mobile phone to his ear with his left hand and touching a bunch of green bananas with his right hand. The background is filled with large green banana leaves and bunches of bananas. The image has a green circular overlay on the left side containing the title and text.

Reliance Foundation has created an enabling environment for rural communities in India by creating opportunities and providing sustainable, innovative and scalable solutions. Reliance Foundation addresses various challenges with a vision of holistically transforming the rural hinterland.

The Rural Transformation (RT) programme through its seven pillars, namely - Innovation for Social Impact, Livelihood Enhancement, Nutrition Security, Water & Ecological Security, Women's Empowerment, Governance and Market Linkages brings together important partners and most of all, communities.

Rural Transformation programmes – Bharat India Jodo and RFIS

645

farmers of 54
Farmer Producer Groups
supported in selling 5,600
quintals of perishable
produce worth Rs.1.46 crore

50

**Farmer Producer
Organisations (FPOs)**
in 12 states supported

50,600+

villages empowered

2 lakh+

livestock animals
treated and supported

121 lakh

cubic metres of water
harvesting capacity created

11,000

elected representatives
and village leaders received leadership training

22,000+

women members
of SHGs and SHG federations socially and
economically empowered by developing their
leadership skills

55,700+

farmers benefited
from better market access, transacting
Rs. 114+ crore of business

18 lakh+

farmers, fisherfolk
and livestock owners benefited from
enhanced livelihoods

2300+

grassroots institutions strengthened
including Community-based Organisations (CBOs), Gram
Panchayats, Self-Help Groups and FPOs

Promoting sustainable livelihoods

Reliance Foundation promotes sustainable and innovative agricultural practices to enhance productivity for higher returns, and enable diversification into agri-allied activities. These initiatives are helping rural citizens find new avenues of income avoiding over-reliance on any one source of income.



Expanding and strengthening rural livelihoods



Reliance Foundation has established a number of strategic linkages to promote rural income enhancement. These interventions are implemented in collaboration with agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry departments, agriculture universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, District Industry Centres and other organisations, thereby creating an ecosystem of convergence. In FY21-22, Reliance Foundation helped 42,000+ people enhance their livelihoods through a range of agricultural, agri-allied and non-farm based initiatives. It has also worked to empower youth through skilling and entrepreneurship programmes and job fairs, as part of its effort to help India harness its demographic dividend for nation building.

In Reliance's key CSR locations, Reliance Foundation has provided guidance and technical support to farmers to reduce cost of cultivation helping set up bio-compost units, accelerated diversification by promoting fisheries poultry established Reliance Nutrition Gardens through seed support and technical guidance to ensure livelihood and nutritional security.

Reliance Foundation also helped set up a soil-testing laboratory in Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh to assist local farmers with better crop planning basis soil conditions improving farm productivity. Reliance Foundation also supports rural livelihoods through partnerships with non-governmental and community-based organisations.

Livestock support services

Reliance Foundation's 24x7 veterinary hospital in Padana, Jamnagar, has provided tele-medicine support during the pandemic. In FY21-22, the hospital provided animal healthcare support to over 12,000 cases from 50 local villages.



Nurturing and strengthening FPOs

Reliance Foundation is engaged with over 100 Farmer-Producer Organisations (FPOs) to help farmers lower their costs and get a better return on their produce. 25 of which were established by farmers from Reliance Foundation's programme locations, with direct guidance. They have had a ripple effect on the local ecosystem, providing capacity-building, marketing and operational support to 30 other FPOs in the region. Over 50 FPOs are currently being supported with advisories on market prices, central and state government schemes, compliance reminders, contacts of market players and agronomical aspects.

FPOs with capacity building support from Reliance Foundation are helping farmers aggregate their agri-input purchases to save on input costs, as well as aggregate their produce to secure better market prices. Many of these FPOs have begun to use precision technologies for early pest detection, and smart water pumps for better water efficiency.

In FY21-22, Reliance Foundation-backed FPOs transacted with over 55,700 farmers, to the tune of Rs. 114 crore.



Fighting information asymmetry



Banas Farmer Producer Company (FPC) – a cumin revolution

Radhanpur in Gujarat's Patan District is renowned for its high-quality cumin, reputed to be among the best in India. The district is also home to Unjha, Asia's largest spice market. However, the local farmers who grow the cumin rarely benefited from this status, even though they lived barely 100 km away from the market. Their challenge was that they were smallholders with an average production of 500-600 kg per farmer, whereas the minimum transport volume needed for a truck was 1,000 kg.

The farmers turned to the Banas Farmer Producer Company for support. The cooperative brings together over 4,000 farmers, helping them aggregate their produce and sell bulk volumes to national markets and major corporate houses for a higher price. The FPC began a new initiative to train the farmers of Banas to grow cumin with low pesticide residue, which would be more lucrative. It tied up with key market players to train farmers in Integrated Pest Management for this new form of cumin, which earned 15-20% higher prices over the normal variety. It then aggregated the produce to boost the farmers' revenue. In FY20-21, the FPC also shared dividends of Rs. 3 lakh among its members, setting an inspiring example for other smallholder farmers across the country.



Reliance Foundation's advisories reach communities through mobile services, social media platforms, audio/video conferences, television, radio and toll-free helplines. Reliance Foundation works with over 1,000 partners to source accurate and relevant information and disseminate it across the country. This information is disseminated in 10 Indian languages and reaches 11.4 million individuals in over 45,400 villages across 19 states and two Union Territories.

In FY21-22, Reliance Foundation addressed nearly 2.8 lakh queries on weather forecasts, government schemes and crop and livestock management, and conducted offline livestock camps to diagnose and treat over 2 lakh animals providing essential veterinary services besides giving farmers free medicines and counselling for improved livestock health.



A safer voyage

Sivasankaran of Samanthanpettai village in Nagapattinam district, Tamil Nadu, is the breadwinner of his household. When he first started fishing, there was no ocean state forecasting and often suffered losses, returning home empty-handed. He was struggling to make ends meet for several years, when he came across Reliance Foundation in 2012.

He has since regularly been receiving advisories on wind direction, wind speed, wave height, rough seas and cyclones, as well as potential fishing zone information, helping him remain profitable and safe.

In November 2021, when a storm approached the Tamil Nadu coast, RFIS advisories helped him navigate a safe path to calmer waters. Without it, he says, he would have lost his trawler boat worth Rs. 80 lakh and his fibre boat worth Rs. 2 lakh. He says, “armed with support from Reliance Foundation, I feel so much more confident” and that confidence has empowered him to expand his business further.



Digital solutions for fisherfolk

In FY21-22, Reliance Foundation continued to strive to make fishing safer, sustainable and more profitable through knowledge solutions, leveraging technology. It has worked with the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) to source vital information and updates for fisherfolks.

The **Machli app** provides real-time updates on weather and oceanographic parameters for all major Indian landing centres, in nine languages. In FY21-22, the app won acclaim at the World Summit Awards, a global platform that recognises digital content that contributes towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It was recognised as one of the Top 40 Innovations of the Year from across the world, and one of only two from India.

Promoting women's entrepreneurship and leadership

In FY21-22, Reliance Foundation worked with 1,315 W-SHG and 973 SHGs received support and accessed finance to the tune of Rs. 19 crore. These efforts have helped women come together and establish individual and group microenterprises in fields as diverse as poultry, dairy, goat-rearing, bangle-making, vermicomposting, vegetable and fruit nurseries, floriculture, detergent manufacturing, tailoring, food processing, confectionary and petty shops.

Providing mentorship, training and linkages

In FY21-22, over 11,000 women received information and capacity-building inputs on leadership, livelihood options, microenterprises and government schemes.

Reliance Foundation also facilitated livelihood & mentorship trainings (in collaboration with external agencies) to 5,882 SHG members to bolster economic empowerment of women. Women entrepreneurs leveraged WhatsApp to get timely solutions on agricultural and livestock practices. These interventions delivered vital information on areas like backyard poultry, organic farm practices and nutrition garden development.

Supporting women's enterprises



Under the Swashray project, Reliance Foundation helped women groups in Jamnagar prepare healthy and savoury food for sale at Reliance Greens stores, local markets and vending machines. The groups have built up a regular clientele through high-quality, seasonally changing food, earning Rs. 22 lakh in FY21-22.

In Karodiya and Undera villages around Vadodara, Reliance Foundation supported women's groups who were involved in making handmade products, imitation jewellery and sewing by supporting them with a sale in the city. A 20-member SHG group in Vadodara managed sales of Rs. 38 lakh during the pandemic, due to these micro-enterprises. Reliance Foundation is now helping these women leverage digital platforms to accelerate their entrepreneurship journey. Women's groups in Jamnagar and Vadodara have made 70,000 cloth masks in FY21-22.

Enabling nutrition security for rural communities

Reliance Nutrition Gardens (RNGs), address are cost-effective backyard kitchen gardens where fruits and vegetables are grown using multi-tier cropping system. In FY21-22, Reliance Foundation facilitated the establishment of 10,896 RNGs across 11 states.

In addition to facilitating RNGs, Reliance Foundation also joined the nationwide Rashtriya Poshan Maah initiative, reaching over 30,900 individuals. It helped organise mass campaigns connecting rural citizens with Anganwadis and frontline workers of ICDS –DWCD department, Gram Panchayats and Krishi Vigyan Kendras amongst other stakeholders.



Strengthening rural self-governance

Reliance Foundation helps rural institutions build capacity and develop linkages to government bodies. Reliance Foundation is working with 965 Gram Panchayats (GPs) across 11 states for institutional strengthening, in cooperation with Block and District Panchayats. It supports inclusive participatory development planning of Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs), ensuring ownership and effective implementation of plans made by Gram Sabha members.

This year, Reliance Foundation-mentored Gram Sabhas and GPs, through collective action, undertook a range of initiatives to create public amenities, conserve water, enhance livelihoods and empower women. Reliance Foundation was able to further these goals by harnessing provisions under the 15th Finance Commission and schemes like MGNREGA. It was ultimately able to leverage Rs. 76+ crore through convergence with government departments and development agencies.

Reliance Foundation capacity-building initiatives have helped train 5,810 elected representatives and 5,394 village volunteers. This has helped strengthen

local governance, improve convergence and mobilise resources to drive economic development and social justice.

Connecting people to essential benefits

Through rural institutions, Reliance Foundation has helped people gain access to social security schemes, including Widow Pension, Old-age Pension, Job Cards, Soil Health Cards and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima (e-Shram). It has helped GPs align their efforts with state-specific initiatives such as Seva Setu Abhiyan in Gujarat, Aapke Adhikar Aapki Sarkar Aapke Dwar Abhiyan in Jharkhand and Prashashan Gaon Ke Sang Abhiyan in Rajasthan. This has helped it widen access to benefits while ensuring effective implementation of schemes on the ground.



Improving the quality of rural life

Collaborating for sustainable water solutions

Reliance Foundation adopts a collaborative approach to deliver impact at scale. It provides support in planning and designing water interventions and localised low-cost solutions for effectiveness and sustainability. In FY21-22, it supported water harvesting solutions across 11 states, ranging from farm ponds and check dams to traditional structures like *bori bandhans*.

Each intervention is calibrated to the needs of the local community, local topography, soil quality and material availability with focus on building community participation, skills and ownership.

Capacity-building for conservation

In FY 2021-22, 508 villages were supported in water budgeting for effective water planning and management, construction and repair to create 121+ lakh cubic metres of water harvesting capacity, bringing 5,600 hectares under assured irrigation. The provision of improved drinking water access in 364 villages also ensured that women do not have to walk long distances to fetch water, improving their quality of life.



Rejuvenating rural communities through water interventions

Water has important economic and social effects. Reliance Foundation works with rural communities to strengthen water resources for domestic, irrigation and livestock needs by enabling community members to have access to water-harvesting technology and is equipped to manage water resources efficiently.



Convening ecological restoration initiatives

In FY21-22, Reliance Foundation undertook crop surveys and planning for 93 crops across 600 villages. Conducted major plantation drive on Independence Day, along with shramdaan from villagers planting 2,50,000 saplings on the banks of water bodies.

Reliance Foundation helped create four Miyawaki forests in the villages of Jaipur, Pimpri and Warud to accelerate ecological restoration through native plant species. A further 150,000 bamboo saplings and 1,00,000 other saplings were planted across 39 talukas. With Reliance Foundation's support, over 60 villages have built nurseries and a further 614 villages created protected grasslands.

Raising ecological awareness



On World Environment Day 2021, Reliance Foundation provided awareness for 13.8 lakh people from 19 states, on climate change adaptation. Two lakh saplings were planted. In FY21-22, digital programme sessions were conducted for 2,000 students, educating them on the threat of climate change using interactive modules. Towards the Nationwide Clean India Drive, over 20,100 people from 544 villages were reached with initiatives around cleanliness, WASH and plastic waste management. These enabled increased community support for ecological conservation.

Collaborating with partners on ecological initiatives

As part of its effort to build water-resilient rural communities, Reliance Foundation has worked with the Paani Foundation since 2016 in Western Maharashtra, Vidarbha and Marathwada.

In FY21-22, these initiatives included an on-ground, day-long water and ecological security forum involving 6,024 people from 778 villages across 39 taluks staged for the first time since the pandemic and involved trainings as well as discussions. Subsequently, people from across Maharashtra came together for one of India's largest decentralised well census and well water measurement initiatives. The initiative, led by residents from 734 villages recorded a total of 36,237 wells and 24,395 borewells, involving 18,649 measurements across 7,359 unique wells.

Meanwhile, under the **Paani Eco** programme, farmers (particularly women) have been trained in value addition and sustainable livelihoods.

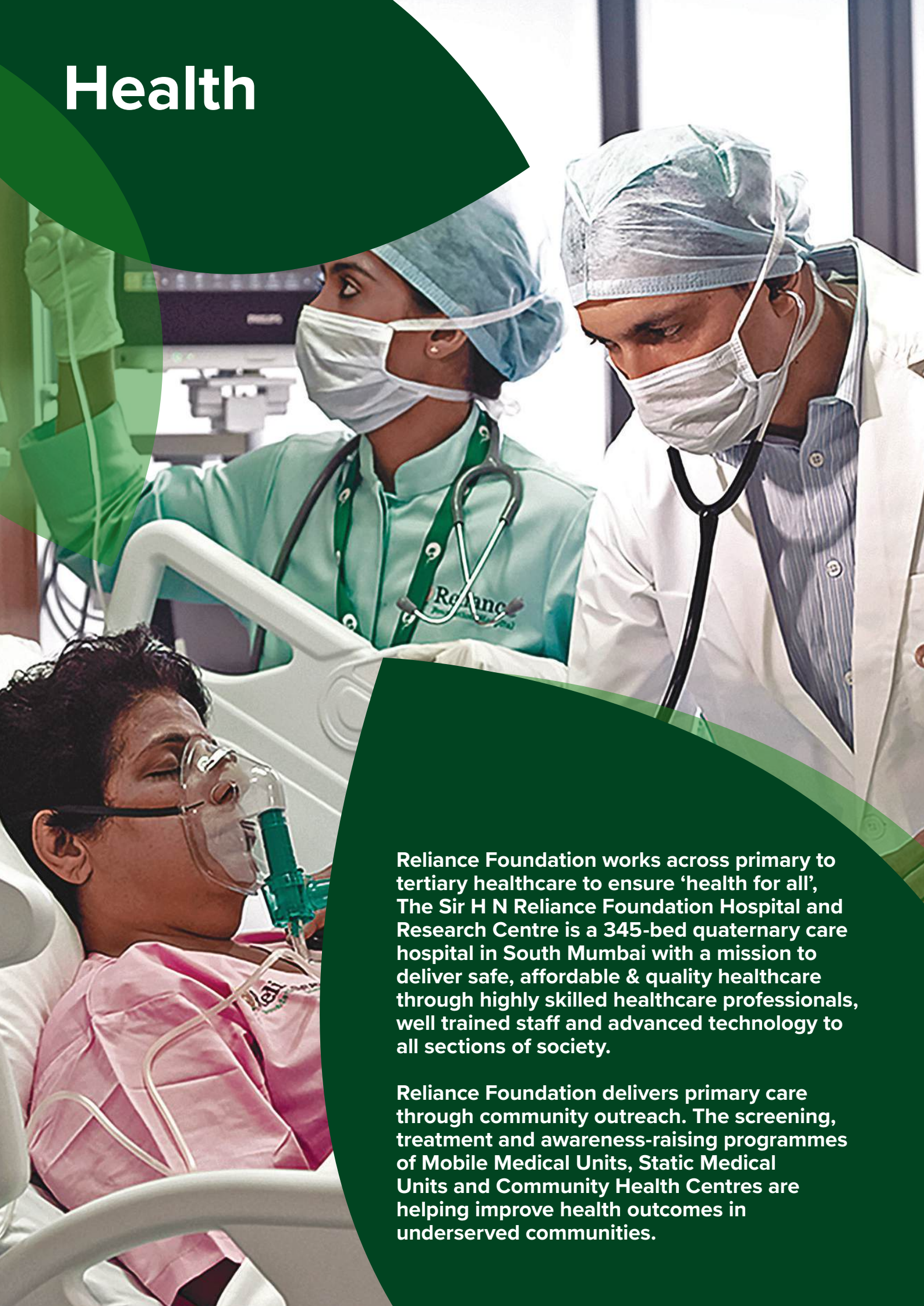


A citizen-led water initiative in Kharwan, Uttarakhand

The Kharwan Gram Panchayat in Uttarkashi is home to 110 families, who depend largely on hill farming and animal husbandry for their livelihood. The village was suffering from an acute water crisis, aggravated by damage to two key irrigation canals during construction.

Reliance Foundation worked with the Gram Panchayat to mobilise the community for a major initiative to bring water back to Kharwan. 30 women and youth volunteers from the village worked relentlessly for 28 days to reconstruct the 1.5 km long irrigation canal in the sweltering months of May-June 2021. Their inspiring effort helped restore irrigation to the village, benefiting 85 local households. This is an inspirational example for villages everywhere and shows the power of citizen-led initiatives, where residents take ownership of water interventions.

Health



Reliance Foundation works across primary to tertiary healthcare to ensure 'health for all'. The Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre is a 345-bed quaternary care hospital in South Mumbai with a mission to deliver safe, affordable & quality healthcare through highly skilled healthcare professionals, well trained staff and advanced technology to all sections of society.

Reliance Foundation delivers primary care through community outreach. 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.

Reliance Foundation's Health initiatives at a glance – FY21-22

3.5 lakh

health consultations provided through Mobile Medical Units, Static Medical Units and Community Health Centres

77,500+

units of blood donated to **2+ lakh beneficiaries**

857

free corneal transplants under Drishti programme

24,000+

women screened for anaemia, and **9,900+ children** screened for malnutrition (**12,800 women and 538 children** diagnosed and given treatment)

Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital **ranked first in the India's western region** and **second at the national level** in The Times of India Multi-Specialty Hospital Ranking Survey

Building a world-class healthcare institution



The Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre saw a year-on-year rise in admissions, OPD consultations and surgeries, cementing its position as one of the top advanced care and multi-specialty facilities in the country. It also continued to expand into holistic care and conducting mental health programmes.

RFH performed India's first robot-assisted bariatric surgery. It was also the first institution in Asia to deploy a specialised MRI scanner. It pursued Deep Brain Stimulation as a potential new treatment for Parkinson's disease and epilepsy. RFH has conducted studies on applications of 5G in tele-critical care, tele-ER and smart ultrasonography.

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Bringing the MitraClip procedure to western India

Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital performed the first MitraClip procedures in Western India to fix the mitral valves of two patients. The patients were able to get discharged within 48 hours. The procedure was performed by cardiologists Dr Maulik Parekh, Dr Nihar Mehta, Dr AB Mehta and Dr R Handa, and anaesthesiologists Dr Harvesp Panthak and Dr Kritika Sharma.

MitraClip is a minimally-invasive procedure to clip the valve's two leaflets at the site of a leak. Leakages are caused by heart blockages, dilatation of heart chambers or valve leaflet prolapse. The procedure improves the quality of life by reducing valve regurgitation, breathlessness and avoiding open-heart surgery.

Dr Tarang Gianchandani, CEO, RFH, said, "We are always at the forefront of providing patients access to world-class services, infrastructure and clinical outcomes, and the pioneering MitraClip procedure was a prime example of our commitment to our patients."



Deepak Lather

Sports Science and Medicine – powering India's athletes

Since 2014, the 20-member Sports Science and Medicine (SSM) team at RFH, in association with Reliance Foundation Youth Sports (RFYS), has helped over 130 athletes realise their full potential.

Amoj Jacob ran a blistering anchor leg in the 4x400m men's relay at the Tokyo Olympics. The Indian quartet clocked 3:00:25 to set a new Asian record, failing to make the final just by a whisker. Jacob says, "Reliance Foundation has been incredibly helpful, especially with rehab. There is a huge difference compared to when I started. They work on every weakness to help you get better".

Commonwealth Games bronze medallist weightlifter Deepak Lather attests to the value of counselling. He says, "When I was in rehab in 2019, I was in touch with Maithili ma'am (Maithili Bhuptani, Lead Sport and Exercise Psychologist at RFH). She told me what's gone is done, you can do nothing about it, but you can have a say in what's going to come". He adds that "initially, I did not grasp the importance of mental health and did not think too much about it, but gradually I realised how important it is."

Taking healthcare to the people

With a focus on preventive healthcare, Reliance Foundation's primary care programmes provide quality services through Mobile and Static Medical Units (SMU & MMU), community camps, door-to-door screening, health awareness and referral services in many parts of India.

in Mumbai, MMUs and SMUs cover 74 urban slum pockets in 11 wards. In 2021-22, over 60,000 consultations were provided and 9,650 new families were enrolled to access healthcare through remote clinics. In Shahdol, the MMU continued health check-ups and delivered supplements to children and antenatal/ postnatal women. The MMU in Nagothane continued to conduct COVID-19 screenings for local communities around that plant.



Better health through early detection

Reliance Foundation's initiatives have significantly impacted the early detection and prevention of disease. Of the nearly 10,000 newly enrolled adults screened for preventable diseases, about 1,000 were identified being at risk for diabetes and 2,300 people were found to have high blood pressure. Around 4,100 screenings were conducted for oral, cervical and breast cancer of which 87 suspected cases were referred for further care. All people identified as high risk for preventable diseases were referred for treatment.

Over 8,500 individuals were diagnosed, and 800 were treated for anaemia. As part of Reliance Foundation's malnutrition prevention initiative, treatment was provided to 211 malnourished children.

Cancer screening, preventive care and treatment

Reliance Foundation established in Nagpur a state-of-the-art facility for cancer treatment in partnership with Dr. Abaji Thatte Sewa Aur Anusandhan Sanstha. This project offers low-cost medical services and 20% of the beds are reserved for economically disadvantaged patients, who are treated free of cost.

Reliance Foundation has also supported the Rajasthan Medicare Relief Society with a preventive oncology van for early cancer detection. This van is expected to address up to 50% of the female cancer burden and about 25% of the male cancer burden in the region.

Reliance Foundation is providing vital support to Jamnagar's public health institutions in reducing emergency response time. It provided two ambulances equipped with life support facilities to municipalities in Dwarka and Khambhaliya. Another ambulance with advance support facilities was provided to the Suvali Primary Care Centre (PHC) in Hazira. A similar initiative was taken up for the District Police in Shahdol.





Raising awareness on key concerns

Reliance Foundation educated young women and girls in Nagothane and Jamnagar about menstrual hygiene on 28 May, World Menstrual Hygiene Day. It also conducted menstrual hygiene sessions for more than 350 girls studying in schools in Kashmir and Viratnagar, Rajasthan. In collaboration with Sewa International, toilets, water connections and overhead tanks were installed in two schools in Kangpokpi and Imphal in Manipur.

On 14 November, World Diabetes Day, it held a screening camp in Jamnagar. It also conducted awareness events about the importance of CPR while observing World Heart Day on 29 September in Nagothane.

Reliance Foundation continued advocating for nutrition in underprivileged communities. In Shahdol, as part of POSHAN Maah, it organised three awareness-cum-health check-up camps for adolescent girls. Those found to be anaemic were provided supplements. In Jamnagar and Dwarka districts, HIV/AIDS-affected children were given nutritional kits.

Promoting blood donation drives

Reliance Foundation continued to work with blood banks and collected 77,500+ units of blood. This has helped 2+ lakh people including thalassemia patients, army personnel, jail inmates and BPL card holders. It also conducted free health check-up camps for thalassemia patients and awareness camps to encourage voluntary donation.



Focused healthcare programmes

Reliance Foundation Drishti – providing the gift of vision

Corneal transplants and vision care

Drishti seeks to restore vision of members of India's most underprivileged communities in partnership with the National Association for the Blind (NAB), Aravind Eye Care and Sankara Eye Foundation. In 2021-22, Drishti reached the 20,000 corneal transplant milestone. Also during this year, more than 2,500 vision related consultations were conducted in screening camps. In all, 1,67,237 vision screening consultations have been conducted since the inception of the programme and over 15,865 people have been provided spectacles free of cost.



Raising awareness about eye donation

Reliance Foundation has been conducting the Drishti Art Competition since 2004 and the Drishti Essay Competition since 2008 for the children and grandchildren of Reliance employees to raise awareness about eye donation.

Bringing news and knowledge to individuals with visual impairment

In association with NAB, Reliance Foundation publishes India's only fortnightly international Braille newspaper in Hindi. Drishti newspaper completed a decade of publication this year, covering news and updates from the world of sports, business, education, current affairs and entertainment.

Before COVID-19, the paper had around 24,000 individuals with visual impairment readers across India and 15 other countries. After briefly halting due to the pandemic, the printing resumed and circulation as well as readership crossed pre-pandemic levels by March 2022.

On World Braille Day (January 4), Reliance Foundation published and distributed a Braille table calendar to the readers. Drishti annual essay competition for individuals with visual impairment readers was also held.

Education



Widening access to quality education is the key to harnessing India's demographic dividend for economic and social development. Government efforts have improved access to primary education in recent years, but wider inequalities remain in secondary and tertiary enrolment, exacerbated by the pandemic. A comprehensive education strategy calls for enhancements to primary and secondary education as well as the creation of tertiary institutions to promote high-quality research and innovation.

Reliance Foundation Education initiatives at a glance – FY21-22

World Class Higher Education

at the Jio Institute in Navi Mumbai, which
commenced academic sessions in 2021

15,000⁺

children received
quality education
through **13 Reliance
Foundation Schools**

22,000⁺

online courses and
webinars attended
by teachers and
staff of **Reliance
Foundation Schools**

38,000

teachers supported
through CANTA
Teaching Professionals'
Olympiad over
four editions

12,776

students have been
supported thus far
through the Dhirubhai
Ambani and Reliance
Foundation Scholarships.

Reliance Foundation's approach to Education interventions

Reliance Foundation pursues a range of primary, secondary, and tertiary Education initiatives. Its primary Education initiatives strive to develop teacher skills and infrastructure to expand access and improve the quality of learning. It is establishing a network of high-quality secondary schools with new programmes to enable virtual learning and remedial education. It is also building world-class tertiary education institutions and giving scholarships to worthy students to help unearth talent and develop future leaders.

Building world-class tertiary education institutions

Jio Institute – embarking on a journey of excellence

Jio Institute is a nonprofit, interdisciplinary higher education institution designed to foster innovation and nurture talent for India and the world. The Institute's focus on programme design, research, innovation, and entrepreneurship is driven by its high-powered academic leadership, comprised of eminent figures from academia, industry, policy think-tanks, and the social sector. Its 52 acres campus at Ulwe, Navi Mumbai is a digitally-enabled green space designed for collaboration.



New courses

Jio Institute has commenced two new one-year Postgraduate (PG) Programmes in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI & DS) and Digital Media and Marketing Communications (DM & MC) in 2022. Jio Institute also plans to develop postgraduate courses in Journalism, Public Health and Sports Management in the near future.

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Executive Education

This year, Jio Institute conducted three Executive Education Programmes (EEP) in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, as well as Digital Marketing and Media Consulting. Thirty high-level corporate executives participated in each EEP under the tutelage of renowned experts in their fields.

Digital Library

Jio Institute has set up a state-of-the-art library that fuses digital technology and augmented physical spaces to meet the knowledge needs of students, faculty and researchers.

Outreach events

This year, Jio Institute hosted a series of masterclasses, webinars, and fireside chats on important contemporary issues to drive debate and dialogue. The speakers included globally renowned experts from academia, research and business, and nearly 1,500 professionals from across the world attended.



Pandit Deendayal Energy University – promoting cutting-edge energy research

Reliance Foundation has contributed to the Endowment Fund of the Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU) in Gandhinagar to help it enhance its educational offerings to beat international benchmarks.

The University has developed a new facility for its Postgraduate and PhD students, named the Translational Research Centre (TREC), which is equipped with the latest digital and academic infrastructure. It seeks to address challenges in energy, health, water and climate change, working as a hub to translate research and new ideas into sustainable solutions.

Bridging the financial gap to unlock the potential of youth

Dhirubhai Ambani Scholarships

The Dhirubhai Ambani Scholarships (DAS) were established in 1996, inspired by Reliance Founder-Chairman Shri Dhirubhai Ambani's belief that the best way to ensure the nation's progress was to invest in its youth. The DAS programme has supported 12,776 students across India since its inception. Of these, 50% are female scholars, and 20% are students with disabilities. 663 Dhirubhai Ambani Scholars are currently being supported until the end of their degree programmes in a range of subjects.

Reliance Foundation Scholarships

The Reliance Foundation Scholarships were established in FY20-21 to empower India's brightest young minds, who are uniquely positioned to drive technological progress and growth. In August 2021, Reliance Foundation welcomed its inaugural cohort of 76 scholars, studying Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science at the undergraduate and graduate level in top institutes across India. These scholars were chosen through a rigorous selection process, which included interviews with renowned Indian and international experts in the field.

For the FY21-22 cycle, 100 of India's brightest undergraduate and postgraduate technology students received the Scholarship (Rs. 4 lakh for undergraduate and Rs. 6 lakh for postgraduate students), which now covers a wider range of subjects including Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Mathematics & Computing and Electrical and Electronics Engineering. Reliance Foundation will nurture scholars with a comprehensive development programme that aims to build a cohort of outstanding individuals innovating for social good, every year.



Helping Sumitra rise to the top

Reliance Foundation Scholar 2020-2021
IIT Hyderabad, M. Tech Computer Science and Engineering.

Sumitra Malagi grew up in a modest background and knew early on that education was the only means of achieving success. After working as an Associate Network Infrastructure Engineer she decided to pursue a Master's at IIT-Hyderabad, where she came to know about the Reliance Foundation Scholarships.

Sumitra recalls "I was thrilled when I looked up my interviewer and realised that I was interviewed by one of India's most eminent data scientists of India, Dr Shailesh Kumar!". Much to Sumitra's delight, she was selected and received a scholarship. She is full of praise for the Scholarships' development sessions, observing "there are specially curated masterclasses and fireside chats throughout your scholarship tenure. The sessions are a mixture of inspiration, guidance and education."

Promoting excellence in primary and secondary education



Dhirubhai Ambani International School

The Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS) in Mumbai is one of India's top schools, with 1,080 pupils guided by 170 instructors following the ICSE, IGCSE and IB curricula.

In 2021, DAIS students achieved an average score of 96.52% in ICSE Board examinations and 41.1 points in the IB Diploma, while 92.6% of all grades achieved in IGCSE were A*s and As. DAIS graduates have been accepted to 22 of the world's top 30 institutions.

This year, a student robotics group called Team Elev8 that has trained over 500 students from 25 teams in India and internationally earned the regional Imagery Award for Visual Aesthetic Integration. They have also been invited to conduct a CAD course by the Atal Innovation Mission, a NITI Aayog skill-building initiative.

After predominantly operating as a virtual school throughout the academic years 2020-21 and 2021-22, DAIS resumed in-person instruction as the campus reopened this year.

DAIS School Awards in FY21-22

- Ranked No. 1 International School in India for the seventh consecutive year by EducationWorld
- Ranked No. 1 National + International Curriculum School in Mumbai for the seventh consecutive year by the Times of India
- Ranked No. 1 International School in India by Education Today
- Won the Schools of Eminence Award with the highest rating of A++ from EducationWorld
- Named a Microsoft Showcase School, joining a select league of schools renowned for their vision and innovation in teaching and learning

Reliance Foundation Schools

The 13 Reliance Foundation Schools teach over 14,000 children in Jamnagar, Surat, Vadodara, Dahej, Koparkhairane, Lodhivali, Nagothane and Mouda. The schools are affiliated with the CBSE and the Gujarat and Maharashtra State Boards, and provide K-12 education.

Delivering exceptional results

In 2021, 44% of students from these schools received 90% or higher in the CBSE Class 10 Board exams, and 41% received 90% or higher in the CBSE Class 12 Board exams. 746 teachers and 124 administrative workers completed 20,500 online courses and attended 28,717 webinars in academics and administration to enhance their skills.

From online instruction to hybrid

As the schools have gradually reopened for physical instruction in recent months after the pandemic, they are now working on a model of hybrid education that prioritises the safety of students and staff, while providing more opportunities for children to play and improve their physical and mental wellness.

Winning new accolades

Reliance Foundation Schools have brought home 7 international awards, 27 national awards and 125 awards at the zonal, state and district level this year. Some notable young achievers include five-year-old Evelyn Iris, who set a new national record by identifying 26 pictures of inventors, and Lavanya Maske, who won Gold at the national-level Thai Boxing Competition.

The schools themselves have also won awards. Reliance Foundation School Koparkhairane was named top ten schools by volume of entries in the All India School Contest run by the Indian Centre for Plastics in the Environment. Dr Kishor Nikhare of Reliance Foundation School Mouda won the National Best Teacher Award at the 15th National Mathematics Convention held by the All India Ramanujan Maths Club (AIRMC) VIPNET, an autonomous organisation of the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India.



Educational initiatives at plant locations

Reliance Foundation continues to strive to improve educational opportunities for young people living in communities around RIL plants.

Reliance Foundation has built a new primary school in Lalwadi, under the Jamnagar Municipal Corporation. Reliance Foundation also helped the local Meghpar Government Primary School construct a new building to replace its outdated facilities. In Haryana, it provided a new 10kW solar plant to power the computer lab at the Government School Ismailpur in Jhajjar.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Reliance Foundation worked to mitigate the disruption to the education of children from low-income families. For instance, in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh, children who lacked access to the internet were given remedial classes. In Jamnagar, students who had dropped out of school were successfully guided through the NIOS Senior Secondary Examinations with the help of volunteer tutors who dedicated several hours each day to the cause. Additionally, Reliance also distributed nearly 21,000 education materials to students across plant locations.

Reliance Foundation arranges knowledge sessions with industry experts and coaching for standardised tests. For instance, the Lakshya initiative provides academic mentoring and physical training for young people in Nagothane, Maharashtra, helping them apply to public sector jobs in the military, railways, banking sector and police. In Shahdol, 100 students have recently benefited from in-person and online tutoring.

Reliance Foundation Teacher Awards (RFTA)

The Reliance Foundation Teacher Awards (RFTA) were set up to encourage and reward excellence in teaching. The awards are given to the top 1,000 teachers from the Teaching Professionals Olympiad (TPO), organised by the Centre for Teacher Accreditation (CENTA). Reliance Foundation also provides a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh to the top three national rank holders. Over 5,300 educators participated in TPO 2021, and Reliance Foundation's backing of CENTA TPO over its last four editions has touched the lives of 38,300 teachers.



Securing children's care and wellbeing

Strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) in India

Reliance Foundation is committed to supporting the enhancement of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) in India, recognising the importance of early years in brain development and laying the foundation for a child's lifelong learning. Aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020, which emphasises play-based learning at the Foundational Stage (3-8 years) and working together with communities, educators and experts, Reliance Foundation aims to build evidence-based innovative models for varying contexts across states, thus improving early childhood development outcomes for millions of pre-school children, especially those from marginalised communities.

In 2021-22, 26 Anganwadi centres in Silvassa, Gujarat, have been upgraded through these efforts, and 21 of them have been supported with improved amenities inside and outside along with Reliance Nutrition Gardens, Reliance Foundation is helping promote a replicable, scalable model for early childhood development across India, in support of the government's initiatives in this area.



Child safety initiatives

The wellbeing of children is 'Reliance Foundation's utmost priority, and to this end, it continues to support Arpan, a child safety NGO. Arpan's Personal Safety Education programme has reached more than 1,600 children and adults, training them to be alert to child sexual abuse. 1,950 Zilla Parishad teachers from Classes 1-8 also participated in these training sessions and over 18,000 people have accessed digital child safety education materials from the programme.



SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT



Reliance Foundation envisions India as a global sporting power. By scouting the best of India's talent, Reliance Foundation seeks to strengthen the country's sporting ecosystem, from grassroots to the elite level, across age-groups and from local competitions to the Olympics. Reliance Foundation focuses on holistic wellbeing of athletes and builds character to foster leadership among youth. Its Sports for Development programme has touched the lives of 2.15 crore (21.5 million) young Indians in the past decade. Reliance has established world-class sporting infrastructure and the training programmes it has created aim to unleash the potential of athletes. Its nationwide competition structures route talent to the highest level of competition. This is augmented by dedicated support to elite athletes to put India on the podium.

Pillars of Reliance Foundation's sporting ecosystem

Reliance Foundation's interventions focus on the holistic well-being of athletes, aiming to build youth character and leadership. The Sports for Development programme has touched the lives of 2.15 crore (21.5 million) young Indians over the past decade. To identify tomorrow's sporting stars and hone their talent, Reliance Foundation scouts talents from across the country and has created world-class sporting infrastructure to give these athletes the resources to succeed. The training programmes help maximise their potential while nationwide competition structures provide a route to the highest level of competition. This is bolstered by dedicated initiatives featuring intensive support to elite athletes to put India on the podium.

Reliance Foundation Youth Sports

RFYS creates a sports ecosystem in schools and colleges. It arranges competitions at all levels, provides scholarships to athletes, provides grants for sporting infrastructure, provides equipment and trains coaches.



Reliance Foundation Junior NBA

Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA promotes basketball in schools through training programmes and interactions with NBA, WNBA and NBA G League stars. It develops talent through school coaching programmes and global coaching clinics. It also trains school PE instructors.



Reliance Foundation Young Champs

RFYC is a football academy with a scholarship-based residency programme. It was launched in 2015 and is now recognised by the All India Football Federation as India's Best Residential Football Academy.



Elite athlete programmes

Since 2019, Reliance Foundation has been working to improve India's performance at the Olympics and other global events by collaborating with coaches, government bodies and sports federations. Reliance Foundation also leverages sports science and sports medicine to nurture athletes and improve performance. At the Reliance Foundation-Odisha Athletics High Performance Centre (HPC), elite athletes train with world-class facilities, coaches and support systems.



Reliance Foundation Sports initiatives at a glance – FY21-22

12 international medals

for athletes supported by
Reliance Foundation

16 national medals

for athletes supported by
Reliance Foundation

21

Indian Olympic

athletes supported
by Reliance
Foundation physios

30

virtual sessions

on fitness, nutrition, athlete wellbeing
for **8,500+ attendees** interested in
football and athletics

3.3

million people

digitally reached by
Reliance Foundation
Jr. NBA viewing series,
with **2,700 registrations**

20

digital workshops

in alliance with Association of Indian
Football Coaches, **440+ coaches** trained

50

elite athletes

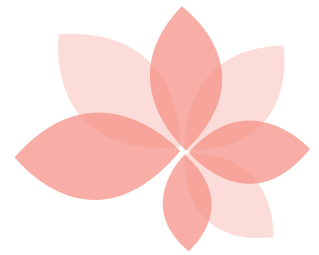
being supported
by RF-HPC

Building a world-class sports ecosystem

Discovering young talent

Through RFYC and RFYS, Reliance Foundation scouts talent with the potential to compete professionally. To ensure holistic development of youth, formal education is provided alongside sports scholarships.

Reliance Foundation has begun using AI-enabled technologies to scout talent and strengthen training at RFYC. This ingenious software gauges a player's attributes through virtual trials and assesses their skills from videos alone. This enabled the scouting programme to reach further into India than before, and to evaluate many more aspirants than with conventional scouting. A nationwide talent hunt was supported by remote scouting through AiSCOUT, an AI system that can gauge abilities and skills through virtual trials. This was supplemented by on-ground scouting. The system helped identify 18 players.



Cultivating the next generation of sports leaders and mentors

Mentors across different sports at every level are trained so that they can guide a new generation of budding athletes. Under the Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA programme, over 13,000 Physical Education instructors were trained as basketball coaches since

2013. Additionally, in collaboration with the Association of Indian Football Coaches (AIFC), 440+ coaches involved in the grassroots efforts of RFYS were trained and certified through 20 digital workshops in multiple languages.



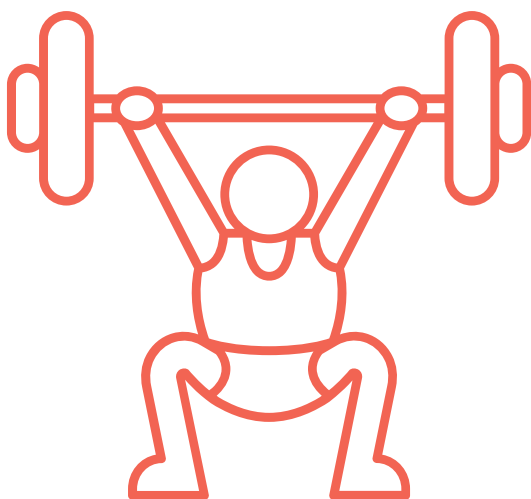


Ensuring high-quality sporting facilities and equipment

Reliance Foundation is working to develop world-class sports infrastructure across India to ensure that young athletes have the right equipment to thrive. Reliance Foundation under RFYS provides equipment and infrastructure grants to develop sports in schools and colleges.

Helping young talent maximise their potential

RFYC resumed full-scale training in a bio-bubble with a cohort of 65 athletes. Exposure visits to leading academies overseas were arranged for top prospects. RFYC alumni Muhammed Nemil of FC Goa, Thoi Singh of Bengaluru FC and Koustav Das of Hyderabad FC scored goals for their clubs at the Durand Cup.



Carrying hope on their shoulders

— Jhilli Dalabehera

Coming from humble origins, Odisha weightlifter Jhilli Dalabehera has had an arduous journey in the sport, especially as she moved up weight categories. Hers is a story of grit, perseverance and determination. Her career received a fillip when she was inducted into the Reliance Foundation Olympics initiative and began to carve a niche for herself. Her hard work paid off when she won two international medals in 2021. She claimed gold in the 45kg category at the Asian Weightlifting Championships, and silver in the 49kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships.

Her fellow weightlifter from the Reliance Foundation Olympics initiative, West Bengal's Achinta Sheuli, also overcame great odds as a teenager to make his mark. Achinta benefited significantly from the initiative's high-performance support and guidance. His transformation reaped dividends when he won silver at the Junior World Championships, and gold in the 73kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships. The latter feat helped him qualify directly for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, where he won gold.

Jhilli and Achinta also competed at the National Championships, building on their good form. They are among the brightest stars of Indian weightlifting, and with continued support from the Reliance Foundation Olympic initiative, they are poised to make India proud.



Pushing the boundaries of sport

High-performance training for elite athletes

This year, Reliance Foundation supported 13 elite athletes. This support included assistance in sports science and medicine to the athletes and to the Athletics National Camps through the Athletics Federation of India. Reliance Foundation-supported athletes bagged 12 international medals and 29 national medals in athletics, archery, badminton and weightlifting.

In partnership with the Athletics Federation of India, six Reliance Foundation physiotherapists were deployed at the Athletics National Camp and two Reliance Foundation physiotherapists accompanied the Indian contingent to Tokyo Olympics. Twenty one Indian Olympic athletes benefited from the support provided.

50 athletes were trained at the Reliance Foundation Odisha Athletics High Performance Centre. Several HPC athletes recorded personal best timings in the Performance Graded Race competitions (sprint and middle distance) that were organised. A three-month high-altitude endurance camp was organised at Coonoor to take training to the next level. The HPC also conducted Elite Series workshops for athletics coaches across India.



Amlan Borgohain – the footballer who became a record-breaking sprinter

Amlan Borgain wanted to become a football forward like his idol, Sunil Chhetri. As a naturally gifted sportsman, he would also participate in athletics tournaments. One such tournament that changed his life.

Amlan's attention-grabbing run at the RFYS Athletics Tournament 2020 led him to the Reliance Foundation Odisha Athletics High Performance Centre. Head Coach James Hillier put him on an intensive training programme to improve his fitness and build speed. Amlan received cutting-edge support in nutrition, psychology, weight training, flexibility, recovery and conditioning. His improving performances would pave the way for record-breaking runs.

A year later, the transformation was visible at the National Open Athletics Championships 2021 in Warangal. Amlan won the 200m gold with a personal best of 20.75 seconds, breaking a 14-year meet record and was the fifth-fastest time recorded by an Indian. In the same competition, he added to his tally a silver in the 100m, recording a personal best of 10.34 seconds, which he would go on to improve. Having trained at the Odisha HPC, Amlan's career is on the upswing and he has now set his sights on the Asian Games 2023.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

A photograph of a community meeting taking place outdoors. A group of people, including men and women, are sitting on the ground in a circle, listening to a speaker. The speaker is a man wearing a white shirt and a face mask, sitting on a yellow plastic chair. Behind him is a banner for the Reliance Foundation, which also features text in Telugu. Another man, also wearing a face mask, stands to the right, gesturing with his hand. The setting appears to be a rural or semi-rural area with trees and a dirt ground. The image is partially overlaid with a purple graphic element on the left and bottom.

India's unique geography makes it susceptible to a wide array of natural disasters. Nearly 60% of its landmass is vulnerable to earthquakes, while 40 million hectares are prone to flooding and landslides. The Global Climate Risk Index 2020 marks India as the 5th-most vulnerable country to climate change, which is magnifying the impact of natural disasters especially for underprivileged communities already facing socioeconomic problems.

Considering these challenges, disaster management is a major priority for India today. The varying and often rugged terrain makes it difficult to deliver relief to all corners of the country, and this year, COVID-19 restrictions made it even harder. Against these odds, Reliance Foundation has pulled out all stops to help communities prepare for disasters better, and to recover from them faster

Reliance Foundation's approach to Disaster Management

Reliance Foundation has an experienced team of experts and volunteers to respond to disasters anywhere in India. They harness technology to deliver early warning advisories as well as real-time information and knowledge to help communities during and after disasters besides helping communities rebuild lives and livelihoods.

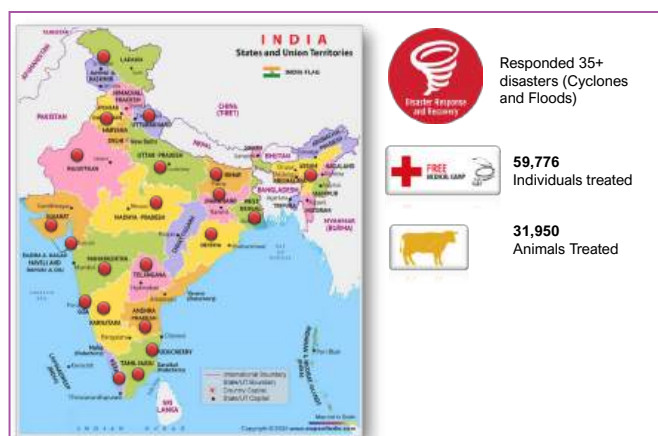
This information outreach and relief work is coordinated with public agencies such as the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and government departments for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries. It also draws on the networks and support of Jio and Reliance Retail to maximise its impact.

Reliance Foundation trains volunteers to assist public authorities in rescue and evacuation efforts. It works with on-ground partners to run public information campaigns on disaster preparedness, rehabilitate communities and deliver relief supplies. It also helps affected people rebuild their livelihoods through post-disaster advisories and camps on crop and livestock management.

The year in responding to disasters

This year, Reliance Foundation responded to eight natural disasters, primarily floods and cyclones. It supported affected communities in 260 districts of 18 states – Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Odisha, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand – and two Union Territories, Puducherry and Diu & Daman.

Most notably, in the aftermath of Cyclone Tauktae in Gujarat and floods in Maharashtra and Kerala, Reliance Foundation supported over 41,500 households with relief materials, including dry rations, clothing, hygiene kits, bedding, ready-to-eat-food, sanitizers, masks and blankets. It organised 22 virtual training sessions on Disaster Risk Reduction, readying 410 youth volunteers from various educational institutions across seven states. In recognition of its sustained excellence, the Disaster Management programme achieved a new milestone this year, receiving the global ISO quality accreditation for its processes from the British Standards Institution (BSI).



Disaster Management initiatives at a glance – FY21-22

1.7 lakh people

served by disaster relief
efforts (**11.4 lakh+** impacted
since inception)

17.5+ lakh people

reached with preventive and
supportive advisories related
to disaster relief during
FY 2021-22

5,000+ animals

treated in **livestock camps**
in **collaboration** with **Animal**
Husbandry Departments

22 virtual training sessions

on Disaster Risk Reduction
for **410 youth volunteers**
across **seven states**

Provided advisories
and relief for communities
affected by **Cyclones**
Jawad, Tauktae, Yaas
and **Gulab**

Cyclone relief efforts

Cyclone Tauktae May 2021

Cyclone Tauktae originated in the Arabian Sea and hit the coastlines of Gujarat, Goa, Maharashtra and Karnataka, as well as the inland states of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, in May 2021. States like Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Uttarakhand also experienced heavy rainfall, with significant damage to property and infrastructure.

Reliance Foundation deployed mobile and audio advisories to update 4.3 lakh people in the affected areas about heavy rainfall, high winds, waves, thunderstorms and lightning during the cyclone. Of these, 2.79 lakh people in seven states (Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan) received pre-cyclone advisories and alerts. This included information on safeguarding field crops, livestock and harvested grain. In the districts of Surendranagar and Patan in Gujarat, the emergency contact information of the District Disaster Management

Authority was communicated to the Sarpanches and residents of 186 villages. Reliance Foundation's own emergency contact numbers were activated to provide information and updates. These initiatives drew on Reliance Foundation's partnerships with Indian Meteorological Department, Agriculture Universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Fisheries Departments, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services and district administrations.

Another 2.38 lakh people across Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand received post-cyclone advisories on disease management for affected crops and soil management, and alerts on further rainfall and thunderstorms. A total of 4,600 dry ration packs were provided to communities in Diu and in Gir, Somnath and Amreli districts by Reliance Foundation's partner NGOs, through local Panchayats.





Fisherman and President of Bhidiya Koli Samaj Boat Association – Vasrambhai Solanki

“ I am a resident of Gir Somnath district, Veraval Taluka, working at the Bhidiya fish landing centre. I have been associated with Reliance Foundation for the past few years. I am also a member of the Veraval fish landing centre WhatsApp group and have participated in various marine fisheries field programs. We received the Cyclone Tauktae forecast through the voice message service and the Reliance Foundation Information Service WhatsApp group. Thanks to the warning, we did not send our boats out to sea and recalled boats already at sea. This action has saved countless lives and livelihoods. We also moved our boats and other equipment to safety, to avoid material damage during the cyclone. Reliance Foundation has been a saviour, and we hope to continue receiving this invaluable support to guard us against threats in the future too. ”

Cyclone relief efforts

Cyclone Yaas May-June 2021

Cyclone Tauktae originated in the Arabian Sea and Cyclone Yaas intensified on India's east coast just as Tauktae peaked on the west coast. As it made landfall, it battered the coastline with gusts and heavy rain, causing significant damage in West Bengal and Odisha. Reliance Foundation advisories helped over 6.9 lakh people in five states protect themselves from the cyclone. More than 5.9 lakh people received pre-cyclone notifications and alerts to secure their property and livestock, while 3.3 lakh people received post-cyclone advisories on crop and fishpond management.

As the cyclone approached, farmers received video advisories with guidance on how to secure their harvested produce, delay intercultural operations and shelter livestock. Reliance Foundation then deployed its trained youth volunteers, who helped district authorities evacuate over 11,800 people from 50 villages to nearby cyclone shelters.

During this period, Reliance Foundation organised as many as 45 multi-location audio conferences in Odisha and West Bengal, through which experts advised people on pre- and post-disaster agriculture management, livestock management and inland fishpond and feed management. With technical support from the Department of Animal Husbandry, these efforts safeguarded over 2,800 livestock animals from diseases, securing 365 livestock farmers from a loss of livelihood. Reliance Foundation also uploaded nine YouTube video modules on preventive measures for farmers, livestock-owners and fisherfolk, even as its toll-free helpline and interactive sessions resolved over 2,300 queries during this distressing time.



Cyclone Jawad May-June 2021

In December 2021, Cyclone Jawad brought torrential rains and strong gusts to Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal, causing further disruption. Reliance Foundation's pre- and post-cyclone advisories reached over 7.8 lakh people in the affected areas. Of these, over 6.6 lakh people received pre-cyclone advisories with information about the cyclone's path, wave heights, safety measures and crop and livestock protection. Subsequently, over 3.86 lakh individuals received post-cyclone advisories with agricultural advice, rainfall warnings, tips for post-harvest management of rain-affected field crops and guidance on the management of fishponds and livestock. Interactive sessions on pre- and post-cyclone protection measures for crops, fishponds and livestock reached another 4600+ people. Reliance Foundation also arranged livestock treatment camps, treating 1,185 animals for post-flood diseases and health ailments.



Flood relief efforts

Maharashtra Floods July 2021

In July 2021, heavy rainfall pounded the western districts of Maharashtra, causing damage to farmland and infrastructure, severing lines of communication and forcing thousands of people to flee their homes. Given the risk of landslides, the entire population of two villages, Ambavali and Kurla in Raigad and Ratnagiri district respectively, had to be evacuated to secure shelters. Every family in these shelters received food packages and kits of essential supplies from Reliance Foundation. Through late July and August, Reliance Foundation's Disaster Management teams brought relief materials to those impacted by the floods in the districts of Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, Raigad and Ratnagiri. Over 35,000 households were thus supported by relief efforts organized in collaboration with Reliance Retail, Jio, partner NGOs and district agencies.



Kerala Floods October 2021

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Reliance Foundation quickly got active in ten districts – Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Kannur, Kasaragod, Kollam, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur and Wayanad. Reliance Foundation teams disseminated weather warnings and health and sanitation advisories to prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases in people and animals. Together with the Kerala State Disaster Management Agency, they organised a rapid response to the flooding situation. Over 1,900 relief packages with clothing, hygiene kits and bedding were distributed to workers from the informal sector in Kottayam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha and Idukki.

Reliance Foundation collaborated on these interventions with several NGOs including the Rajiv Gandhi Samskarika Veda and Charitable Trust, Kottayam Social Service Society and Bodhana. Across four districts, over 72,000 farmers, livestock farmers and fisherfolk received weather-based agro-advisories. To help them rebuild their lives and livelihoods, Reliance Foundation also provided guidance on livestock health and disease management, preventive healthcare and avenues to avail of government compensation.

“ I live in June Pargaon village of Kolhapur. The rising floodwater inundated our village and destroyed my house, leaving us stranded with no food or water. Even our food grains were ruined by the rapidly rising water levels. At a desperate time, Reliance Foundation came to our aid – they distributed food packets and drinking water and helped us tide over the crisis till we were rehabilitated. ”

- **Maruti Kore**
June Pargaon village, Kolhapur district

“ Our rented house was flooded with mud and dirt, and our basic amenities like clothes and utensils were ruined by the floodwater. Our vegetable shop was destroyed too. Reliance Foundation provided us with supplies as well as mops, cleaning materials and fresh clothes, among other essentials. We will never forget this great service. ”

- **Jasmine**
Kootickal village, Kanjirappally Taluk
Kottayam District

Flood relief efforts

Tamil Nadu Floods November 2021

Numerous coastal districts in Tamil Nadu were hit hard by torrential rains in November 2021, leading to widespread flooding across the state. The downpour was caused by a low-pressure system across Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Over 2.4 lakh people benefited from Reliance Foundation's heavy rainfall warnings, agro-advisories and high wave alarms. Reliance Foundation also provided guidance on crop protection measures, government initiatives for crop insurance and livestock care. Reliance Foundation backed livestock camps treated 969 animals suffering from post-flood disease and other afflictions.



Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Floods September 2021

Numerous coastal districts in Tamil Nadu were hit hit Over 3.3 lakh people in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana benefited from timely Reliance Foundation advisories ahead of the floods there. This included heavy rainfall alerts, weather-based agro-advisories, high wave warnings and livestock care and management guidance.

Through the year, Reliance Foundation took every effort to deliver support and stay on post-disaster to enable rebuilding of livelihoods, towards building more resilient communities.



Other Initiatives



Employee Volunteering

At Reliance, volunteering has been one of the main avenues of giving back to the community. It became more significant than ever for us this year as we aimed to cultivate a spirit of resilience during the pandemic.

This year, Reliance Foundation continued with the virtual mode of volunteering and expanded it to newer areas of engagement, in order to address present needs as well as anticipate future challenges. Reliance Foundation has designed these programmes in a way that harnesses the skills of its resources and the wealth of expertise within the organisation. It adopted a particular focus on education, youth-oriented programmes and capacity-building of social organisations. These volunteering initiatives have been developed in alignment with the goals of Reliance and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and have touched the lives of more than 20,000 people as of December 2021.

Empowering women and girls

Towards achieving the UN SDGs, Reliance Foundation has been striving across all its core focus areas to support women across India to achieve their potential and gain agency over decisions that affect their lives. This is being done through various interventions including leadership capacity building, digital literacy, employment and skills development, improving women's health and enhancing women's opportunities in education, sports and arts.

Bridging the gender-digital divide: Reliance Foundation and USAID WomenConnect Challenge India

Reliance Foundation is committed to ensuring that women are actively involved in development gains through digital technology, which is an increasingly important tool for education, financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, civic participation and information. In partnership with USAID, the WomenConnect Challenge India aims to identify and nurture innovative solutions which promote the use of technology among women to deliver positive health, education and livelihood outcomes for themselves and their families. To this end, Reliance Foundation has announced grants (ranging from Rs. 75 lakh to Rs. 1 crore) for 10 not-for-profit organisations over a period of 12-15 months.

The focus is on building entrepreneurship skills, enhancing digital literacy for low-literacy users through edutainment-based courseware and providing mentorship and value-chain linkage support for women in agriculture. Reliance Foundation has specifically focussed on working with Self-Help Groups, tribal communities and young women. Reliance Foundation has already reached over 3 lakh women and girls across 17 states through these initiatives.

Her Circle: a digital platform for women

Her Circle is a digital movement for Indian women that aims to be inclusive, collaborative, diverse, interactive and socially conscious. As a safe space for women's growth, it seeks to bridge the digital gender divide by informing, empowering and engaging women. It was launched in March 2021 and is already recognised as India's fastest-growing digital platform for women. In the second half of FY21-22, it achieved 370 per cent growth in users, with a 345 per cent growth in session numbers. Combined with its social handles, the platform now has a cumulative reach of 50 million.

In celebration of its first anniversary, Reliance Foundation has announced that the app and the platform will now be multilingual, beginning with a Hindi-language launch by Chairperson Smt. Nita Ambani. This new step will help Her Circle extend its reach and support to more women. As a platform that fosters meaningful conversations and strengthens bonds by bringing women of shared interests together, Her Circle has partnered with FICCI and has been empaneled with NITI Aayog and UN Women. Through this digital platform, Reliance Foundation is now striving to build a pan-India network of women who can empower other women and support women-led enterprises.

Promoting engagement

In FY21-22, Her Circle expanded its network of women through high-quality content, including inspirational videos with stories of real women, life-skill enhancement guides and masterclasses conducted by experts. It gave women a platform to narrate and share their stories of strength and empowerment.

In addition to this, the programme sought to empower women through a series of 'How To' videos that guided them through practical life skills such as changing a car tyre and riding a bike. Her Circle also focuses on giving women access to resources to ensure their safety and security. These include multiple toolkits on suicide helplines, bystander response resources, digital economy resources and legal aid hotlines.

Volunteering Highlights FY21-22

Celebrating the Month of Good Deeds for the third consecutive year to encourage the spirit of giving and sharing. Employees and family members from across divisions came forward to express their gratitude by sharing their time and skills. **Over 4,400 children, youth, and staff members** were reached through 22 engaging virtual sessions. NGOs from locations such as Giridh, Koderma, Rourkela, Rajpura, Alibuag and major metro cities participated in these sessions.

Organising the second edition of the Jio Digital Monsoon Camp with employees and their family members, who put on 30 virtual sessions for more than **5,300 children** from NGOs across locations such as Jammu, Srinagar, Latur, Tuticorin and Erode. RF volunteers organised engaging sessions on topics such as Zentangle art, landscape painting, language skills and more.

Conducting trainings for 1,000 NGO staff-members through Learning and Development volunteers, who are professional trainers from RIL's Hydrocarbons and Retail divisions. The sessions covered topics like advanced Excel, report writing and stakeholder management. The staff members hailed from metro cities as well as more remote locations like Nagapattinam, Shillong, Warangal and Begusarai.

Arranging virtual awareness sessions on plastic and waste segregation with expert volunteers. These sessions were aligned with the goals of the RIL Petrochemicals division, in collaboration with the Indian Centre for Plastics in the Environment (ICPE). **Over 3,800 children**, including students from Reliance Foundation schools, attended these sessions.

Delivering supplementary classes and language skills training for over 2,200 children from seven NGOs. These classes were conducted by RF volunteers as part of a spoken English and reading programme.

Observing national and international days of significance, such as International Volunteer Day, Children's Day, World Environment Day and the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

FY21-22 Highlights



Building partnerships

In 2021, Her Circle was the exclusive digital media partner for FICCI FLO's Greater 50 Conclave and Exhibition. In 2022, Reliance Foundation partnered with NITI Aayog for events, webinars and entrepreneurial training programmes for women and will also be collaborating with UN Women on a series of events and campaigns.

Enabling employment

Her Circle has helped us promote jobs across various specialisations and organisations, in order to help users find opportunities suited to their profiles. Over 5,000 women have already applied for various positions through Her Circle.

Delivering masterclasses

Her Circle users have exclusive access to masterclasses across themes as diverse as dog training, food styling, radio jockeying, professional makeup, fitness training and more.

Providing support

Her Circle users also have access to a panel of experts who provide guidance and advice on a host

of topics, such as health and nutrition, counselling, finance, dermatology, neonatology and pediatrics, gynecology, rehabilitation and sports medicine. Thousands of women have reached out and sought help from these experts. In the last six months of the pandemic, the programme witnessed a 50% growth in the number of daily queries, and the platform continues to receive up to 10 new queries every day.

Creating communities

Her Circle has created a whole new ecosystem by bringing women of shared interests together. With more than 30 dynamic communities across different areas, Her Circle members are helping each other navigate through challenges with transformation tools. More than 30,000 users across different communities have participated in these conversations and built their network through the platform.

Tracking goals

Users can track their parameters across a wide range of categories like finance, diet, fitness, periods, fertility and pregnancy. They have already had 23,359 interactions on these subjects over the past year.

Animal Welfare Projects in FY21-22



In addition to its direct interventions and collaborations, Reliance Foundation has also been providing grants since 2012 to support deserving causes across the country. In FY21-22, these grants focused on two key areas – animal welfare and support to artisans.

Tracking man-animal conflict

Reliance Foundation has sponsored a study by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to analyse shared spaces between humans and leopards in two sanctuaries prone to man-animal conflict – Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) and Tungreshwar Wildlife Sanctuary (TWLS). This study was designed to help conservationists understand four crucial areas – the leopards' movements into and out of the parks; their response to humans in terms of space use; human-leopard interactions; and local residents' response to leopards in their area.

To this end, three leopards were radio-collared and studied. The programme also included scientific training for 50+ field staff. A detailed report elaborating leopard home ranges and their interaction with humans was submitted to the Maharashtra Forest Department. These findings have proved to be a valuable case study for other areas where wild animals live in close proximity to high-density human settlements.

Enhancing zoological facilities

Reliance Foundation has also contributed towards animal welfare initiatives at the National Zoological Park, New Delhi, by sponsoring two MUVs (battery carts) and two Isuzu SUVs. These rugged vehicles have proved to be extremely reliable and have seen extensive use in providing veterinary support and distributing rations to the animals. Reliance Foundation has also sponsored a computer, a portable X-ray machine and a digital radiography machine to be used for the benefit of the zoo animals.

Promoting herpetological welfare

Reliance Foundation has funded the Indian Herpetological Society's Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Pune. The Centre supports and cares for animals that are too badly injured to survive in their natural habitats. Reliance Foundation has helped upgrade rescue equipment and enhance techniques to enable the rescue team to better treat and rehabilitate injured wild animals.

Supporting local artisans

Reliance Foundation has a long legacy of promoting Indian art and culture. To this end, Reliance Foundation has consistently backed organisations that support local artisans, to help them make a sustainable living from their work and give their craft a new lease of life. The most prominent of these organisations is **Sewa International**, which is training local women artisans to upscale waste polythene collected from villages into bags. Sewa also trains local women in Kutch to help them become ethnic wear creators and entrepreneurs.



AWARDS



“MACHLI” AI-Based Mobile Application for marine fisherfolk has been conferred mBillionth Award South Asia Award for the year of 2020-21 in the category “AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT” for providing a one-stop solution to all fishing community needs.



Reliance won the SHRM India HR Excellence Awards 2021 for “Excellence in Community Impact,” which acknowledges the enduring impact made in society by addressing some of the key development challenges facing India with innovative and sustainable solutions. The award was announced during the annual SHRM India conference on 2nd December 2021.



Reliance Foundation received the CII DX Award 2021 under the “Innovation in CSR through Digital Transformation” category for improving rural livelihoods.



Reliance Foundation-mentored Bidar Krishika Producer Company Limited, Karnataka awarded Best Performing FPO in South Region in the 2nd Edition of Samunnati & Economic Times Farmer Producer Organisations Award 2021.



Reliance Foundation-mentored Kamareddy Progressive Farmers Producer Company Limited received the “Krishi Alert Award” in the category ‘Innovation in farming & agro products’ for promoting a custom hiring centre for harvesting and demonstrating drone technology for spraying.



Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital’s vaccination programme won the ‘Best Vaccine programme by a private hospital’ from India Today Healthgiri awards.



Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital won the Mid-Day Multispecialty Hospital award for 2021.



Reliance Foundation was conferred with the ‘Sports for Social Change (Chairperson’s choice)’ award instituted by The Hindu media Group for “exceptional commitment to the cause of raising sporting skills” with rare dedication, focus and passion”.



Reliance Foundation received Award for “Corporate Leadership in ESG” from The CSR Journal – Excellence Awards 2021 at Yashwantrao Chavan Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai on 20th March 2022.





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