

Celebrating
10
Years



ANNUAL REPORT

2017 - 2018



Vision

iPartner India's **vision** is to create a more just and equitable India – an India where poverty levels have been significantly reduced, where every person has equal opportunities regardless of gender, caste or socio-economic background.

Mission

iPartner India's **mission** is to give voice to grassroots NGOs and inspire individuals and businesses to join efforts in creating a better India.

About Us

iPartner India is a philanthropic and CSR advisor, dedicated to encouraging focused giving towards the most pressing development issues facing modern India.

We support high impact projects through fundraising, capacity building support and by demonstrating to our donors and partners the effectiveness of transparency and accountability in the work we do.

We enable expert partnerships, across a range of issues, to build capacity for under-funded NGOs. We offer a platform for individuals, families and CSR teams to bring about long-term sustainable change. We enable corporate partnerships, improve capacity building skills of philanthropists and provide extended expertise on Sexual Harassment at Workplace.

We come with 9 years of experience and expertise of working closely on the ground with local NGOs transforming the lives of marginalized communities to mainstream.

The key to our success has been the rigorous process we have in place to identify, monitor and evaluate our programs. In addition to helping grassroots organisations scale up, iPartner India also offers mentoring and advisory services to help our partners innovate and become more efficient and impactful.



From the Chief Functionary

Dear Friends of iPartner India,

I am delighted to present iPartner India's annual report. It has indeed been an amazing journey for us, a year where we challenged ourselves to step out of our comfort zone to take up new initiatives. This report highlights our achievements and I am proud to share these with you.

2017-2018 marked an incredible year for iPartner India. We launched Cafe 8 and Project Rakshan. While Cafe 8 engages with the urban population to talk about the grave issues of child trafficking, Project Rakshan, works with the rural communities across India to create a safe space for children. iPartner India also launched a social anthem #DontYouDare, to raise awareness, speak out and take action to end child trafficking in India.

I hope you will gain some insight into our activities as you read through the report. The team of iPartner India will continue to work towards creating better programs and enhancing the capacity of our partners to ensure that we meet with our deliverables whilst reaching out to some of the most vulnerable and marginalised communities.

The accomplishments over the past year and the work ahead depend on the support and contributions of our partners, our Board and the team. I am very grateful to our donors, individuals and partners whose energy and support sustain us. Thank you for believing in our work and choosing to be a part of our journey.

On behalf of the Board and the team of iPartner India, I thank you and look forward to another amazing year at iPartner India.

With deep gratitude,

Sumedha Sharma
Chief Functionary
iPartner India



Our Work

ANTI-CHILD TRAFFICKING

EDUCATION

ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH

WOMEN & LIVELIHOODS

VULNERABLE CHILDREN





Anti-Child Trafficking

iPartner India partners with organisations that work towards ending child trafficking and exploitation in India through prevention, rehabilitation and survivor care.

ACTION RESEARCH - PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES FOR STOPPING CHILD TRAFFICKING IN INDIA

iPartner India has been working on prevention and raising awareness on the issue of child trafficking through its Every8Minutes Campaign. iPartner India has over the past few years conducted extensive research on ways to address the problem of child trafficking in India and has identified prevention as an area that needs immediate attention. So far, collective efforts against trafficking have mainly focused on the aftermath of exploitation such as rehabilitation and repatriation of victims.

Child trafficking is a modern-day slavery and has become a major human rights issue around the world. Exploitation of children for sex and child labour is a growing threat and has become extremely dangerous. Research has indicated that the scale of the problem in India is enormous both in terms of the numbers of those victimized and the geographical extent of the problem within the country.

During the research, interviews were conducted with organisations working on anti-child trafficking and other issues related to vulnerable children. A desk research was also conducted on best practices employed in other countries for protection of children in danger. The research also explored the idea of using a safety device which can be worn by children to trigger an alarm when in danger.

iPartner India strongly advocates for the protection of children and believes that no child should be subjected to abuse in any form. iPartner India also recognizes the need for every child to be given the best opportunity to live and grow in a safe and protected environment.



Education

iPartner India invests in organisations that provides quality education to children, especially girls who are often left out due to gender discrimination.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR RESOURCE-POOR GIRLS

iPartner India with the support from Luminous Power Technologies Pvt. Ltd started the Luminous Advanced Mentoring Programme (LAMP) in Una district with Ankur Welfare Society and the Luminous Udayan Shalini Fellowship Programme (LUSFP) with Udayan Care in Baddi with 50 scholars in Una and 100 in Baddi.

Both the programmes provide educational scholarships from High School up to Senior Secondary School to selected students. LAMP and LUSFP are great models that give girls from resource-poor backgrounds an opportunity to complete their education and receive life skills training and mentorship to further their self-esteem and boost their confidence.

As part of the activities, community awareness programmes, school and home visits, mentor-mentee meeting, career counselling and exposure visits were held during the year. The programme focuses on a holistic approach to help the scholars reach their best capabilities.

An important feature of the programme is the personal and group mentorship component, a unique model that enables the scholars to share and bond with their mentors and confide their problems to them. There has been a huge change in the attitude of the girls after they have been inducted in the programme. They are now more confident and are ready to pursue their dreams with clarity and determination. The school principals, teachers and the parents of these girls feel equally proud of their achievements. Free Math, Science and English tuitions are provided to all scholars in Una. Leadership and career guidance workshops are held regularly to motivate the scholars to achieve their goals. We are proud to share that some of the scholars have represented their schools and won prizes for inter-school debates and quiz competitions.

iPartner India also supported an education programme for 138 girls in rural communities in partnership with Pardada Pardadi Educational Society. Every girl gets an incentive of Rs 10 for regular attendance. This model encourages girls to complete their education and has resulted in girls pursuing higher education.

iPartner India strongly believes that education, especially for girls is not only a right of every child but can lead to transforming the entire community.

WORKSHOP
ON
DEMAND RESPONSE PROJECT TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN MVVNL/LESA AREA



LUCKNOW
Date: 30TH AUGUST, 2018



Environment

iPartner India is focusing its attention on various aspects of sustainable energy in order to continue its efforts to discover, support and catalyse local, sustainable and innovative solutions that address multiple environmental challenges.

MAKING ENERGY SUSTAINABLE

iPartner India has partnered with Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation to work in the energy sector.

In partnership with multiple stakeholders and partners including Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, Meghraj Capital Advisers and the UP Power Corporation, iPartner India worked on improving the Demand Response Project Implementation in Uttar Pradesh. The demand for electricity is rapidly increasing. Many states face severe load management challenges. Through this project, a collaborative effort is being made between the consumers and government bodies to work on the implementation of demand side management and energy efficiency in the state.

iPartner India is keen to take up more projects in the coming year by contributing our resources to ensure that sustainable energy and development plans are in place to provide a clean environment as well as clean energy for us and future generations.

Health

iPartner India supports organisations working on health by providing community health care services and promoting health-seeking behaviour to overcome preventable lifestyle diseases.



DELIVERING DOORSTEP HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO RESOURCE-POOR COMMUNITIES

iPartner India with the support from Luminous Power Technologies Pvt Ltd in partnership with Ankur Welfare Society initiated the Luminous Advanced Health Initiative (LAHI) programme in Una district. The health programme has reached out to 125,000 people in 150 villages since 2014. It is now in its 4th year of implementation and the project has been well received. It has earned the trust and respect of local communities who have now become more health conscious.

LAHI has benefitted thousands of local communities in Gagret, Amb and Bangana who now have easy access to affordable healthcare services. Lifestyle diseases such as Diabetes, Arthritis, Hypertension and Reproductive Tract infection have reduced considerably due to regular checkups done at the health camps and clinics. Specialized camps for women have led to increased breast cancer awareness amongst women in the area.

Various activities were conducted during the year to provide direct health services for general health issues. Activities included the running of Mobile Medical Units and conducting regular community/ school based camps and clinics. The project also focused on spreading awareness on health and hygiene through youth-led street plays called “Theatre of the Oppressed”.

To promote health and hygiene, workshops and camps were organised for youth from the age group of 16-28 years. Training on “Theatre of the Oppressed” was held for 60 boys and girls to spread awareness on hygiene and clean environment.

At iPartner India, our vision is to ensure that basic healthcare services are made available to all communities.

PROMOTING ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR RESOURCE-POOR WOMEN

iPartner India with the support from DMI Finance partnered with Azad Foundation to train 60 resource-poor women to take up driving as a profession. Many women continue to lag behind due to societal norms, gender discrimination and a lack of recognition for their role as a contributing member of their family income.

Under this programme, 60 women were trained as professional chauffeurs. Upon completion of the training, all trainees were awarded their Permanent Driving Licence. Some have been employed as private chauffeurs while some others have joined Sakha Cabs, a Taxi Service promoted by Azad Foundation.

Besides learning how to drive, the trainees also receive non-technical training aimed at empowering them to face challenges that lie ahead. The non-technical modules include Sexual and Reproductive Health, Gender, Communications, Work Readiness, Map Reading, First Aid, Self Defence and English.

Azad Foundation's monitoring tool, Badlav Ka Safarnama - the journey of change, aims to help the trainees to become confident, plan their career path and share stories of their journey. A total of six trainees have participated in this programme. Their stories are inspiring and underline the importance and impact of being a part of the Women on Wheels programme.

In addition, iPartner India also supported the development of an online training module for women working in the garment industry. This module has helped women understand the theoretical aspect of training through the use of traditional teaching methods.

iPartner India strongly believes that women, especially those who come from resource poor backgrounds, should be encouraged to learn new skills that will help them increase their access to livelihood opportunities.

A woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a teal long-sleeved shirt with a red collar, stands next to a white car. The car has a blue and yellow stripe along the side. The background shows green foliage.

Women & Livelihoods

iPartner India invests in organisations to empower young women and girls to learn new skills to help them secure jobs and gain equal access to resources and opportunities that will contribute to ending gender based economic disparities.



Vulnerable Children

iPartner India partners with organisations working to protect street children who are at high risk of becoming victims of abuse, exploitation, trafficking and drug addiction.

PROVIDING SAFE SHELTER, NUTRITION AND EDUCATION TO CHILDREN FROM THE STREETS

iPartner India partnered with Jamghat to support three of their projects, *Aangan Day Care Centre* for street children, *Aanchal Home* for girls and *Aman Home* for boys. The *Aangan Day Care Centre* provides 2 nutritious meals, non-formal education, recreation and safe shelter for street children. *Aanchal Home* for girls and *Aman Home* for boys are two separate homes for boys and girls below the age of 18. In both the homes, all girls and boys receive full education support, skill training, nutrition, health check-up and recreational activities such as dance and theatre performances, music, sports and regular outstation exposure trips. At all the three centres, focus is emphasized on developing each child to reach their full potential through various therapeutic activities.

Our partnership with Jamghat during the year has directly benefitted 75 children who receive care and protection.

In another project, iPartner India in partnership with Childhood Enhancement through Training and Action (CHETNA) supported a programme to reduce substance abuse in street and working children in and around Delhi and Mathura railway stations. Chetna's team reached out to more than 200 street and working children through both the centres. Children are provided with nutrition, non-formal education and life skills training. In addition, recreational activities, such as dance, painting and games are conducted daily at the centres.

iPartner India has been associated with organisations working with vulnerable children for the past 8 years and continues to endorse the rights of children to be recognized and respected by giving each child the opportunity to live in a protected and safe environment.

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a red and white school uniform, is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. Another person in a similar uniform is partially visible on the right side of the frame.

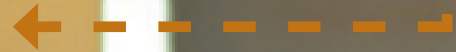
20,631 LIVES
IMPACTED IN 3 STATES

₹209,98,644
INVESTED IN 10 PROJECTS

Our Impact

HEALTH

20,008 people received healthcare services



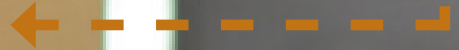
EDUCATION

288 girls received scholarships



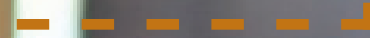
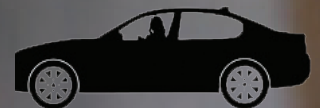
VULNERABLE CHILDREN

275 children received safe shelter, nutrition and education support



WOMEN & LIVELIHOODS

60 women received professional chauffeur training





Rubina

what education means to her



Rubina, 16, is currently studying in 11th grade at a Government Senior Secondary School in Baddi. Her parents migrated to Baddi from Bihar so they could give a better life to their children. Her father owns a welding shop and her mother assists in the shop.

She has an older brother and three younger brothers. They live in a small two-room house and share the kitchen with other family members in the locality. Rubina's mum feels extremely proud that her daughter was selected as a LUSFP scholar and hopes that her daughter will find a good job and live a better life.

"Thank you for this great opportunity. I can't express how happy I am to become a LUSFP scholar. My family has always been supportive and encouraged us to study hard. But now this scholarship will ease their burden of supporting my education. I want to become an engineer and come back and work in a big factory in Baddi."

"I have been coming to the camps since last year when I saw banners about the camp. Even though we have a government dispensary, I prefer coming to LAHI camps since the team is very helpful and we have now formed a deep friendship with the team. Thank you for helping a poor woman like me and many more who are now leading healthier lives from the free treatment and medicines."

Kailash Devi, 65, is a widow. Her husband passed away 20 years ago. She has 7 daughters and a son. She studied up to 8th standard but unfortunately could not send any of her daughters to school. She now lives with her son and daughter-in-law.

She survives on an old age pension of Rs 700 per month, which she does not receive regularly. She suffers from multiple ailments, such as Diabetes, BP and Anemia. Her son too does not have a permanent income.

The health camps providing free tests, regular check-ups and medicines have helped her maintain reasonably good health.




Kailash
what health means to her



A close-up, high-angle photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, sitting at a desk and focused on drawing. The boy, on the left, is wearing a white shirt and is using a multi-colored marker. The girl, on the right, has her hair in a thick braid with a yellow hair tie and is wearing a yellow school uniform; she is using a bright green marker. The lighting is warm and soft, highlighting their concentration.

Project Rakshan

Creating safe spaces for vulnerable children in Rajasthan



Initiated and developed by iPartner India, Project Rakshan is a 3-year program to provide safe spaces of mobility to adolescent girls in Rajasthan. It aims to use a holistic model approach to the problem by increasing the educational levels and improving health conditions of both adolescent girls and boys.

The project is designed to create nodal points of collaboration, action and engagement between families, communities, and the legal, administrative, economic and socio-cultural environment. There is a lack of collaboration, action and engagement from governmental agencies such as Childline and Child Welfare Committees. In order to address this problem, the model will use a community-based, comprehensive and networked approach to strengthen child protection systems across multi-dimensional aspects of developments viz., health, education, livelihoods, freedom from violence and exploitation, law enforcement and empowerment of vulnerable communities.

Cafe 8

EVERY8MINUTES

The first campaign of its kind that aims to stop child trafficking



Every8Minutes campaign was launched by iPartner India in November 2014 to stop modern-day slavery. iPartner India has supported NGOs working on the frontline of anti-trafficking efforts in India and helped thousands of child trafficking victims in 11 states across India. iPartner India believes that the fight against child trafficking needs bold initiatives, the participation of local communities and tangible solutions.

The campaign provides a platform to reach out to local communities to spread awareness about child trafficking and the reasons why hundreds of children go missing every day in India.

To continue the momentum for the campaign, iPartner India launched its first Cafe 8 on 24th March 2018 in Gurugram, India. Cafe 8 is a moving cafe to engage people on child trafficking, an issue that needs immediate attention and action. The format is entertaining and engaging, for guests to have fun and subsequently become part of the change. More than 60 friends, family and supporters of iPartner India attended the event. The highlight of the event was the launch of the Every8Minutes anthem song #DontYouDare, a special performance by Jamghat-A Group of Street Children and lots of interactive activities with the audience.

The launch of Cafe 8 was a huge success and iPartner India plans to take it forward to more locations across the country.

The call of the hour is for people like us to bring this issue out into the open, take it to the streets and right into the lives of the common citizens. We need more people to know about it, talk about it, realise how huge and grave the problem really is. Together, as a collective, we can build a force that puts horrendous crimes against children to an end.



LAUNCH OF CAFE 8 - Friends, family and well wishers of iPartner India at the launch of Cafe 8 event

Meet the Team

iPartner India Team - a mixed bag of great minds, fun and energy!



SUMEDHA SHARMA
CHIEF
FUNCTIONARY



ESHANT RAJPUT
SENIOR FINANCE
MANAGER



KULSUM RASHID
SENIOR PROGRAMME
MANAGER



ADITI BAKSHI
PROGRAMME
COORDINATOR



RAJIV
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT



MARY KHUVUNG
COMMUNICATIONS
MANAGER

Our Board

iPartner India Board

Dr. Sanjay Patra is the Executive Director of Financial Management Service Foundation. He has been involved in the development sector for over 25 years and his skill and experience has contributed in strengthening financial governance in organisations in India, South Asia and beyond.



DR SANJAY PATRA,
CHAIRPERSON

Shankar Venkateswaran retired as the chief of Tata Sustainability Group in 2017 after a career of over 35 years in the corporate and development sectors. He now advises companies, NGOs and government on Corporate Sustainability and Social Development matters. He also serves on the board of several NGOs and writes, speaks and teaches on matters relating to business, society and development.



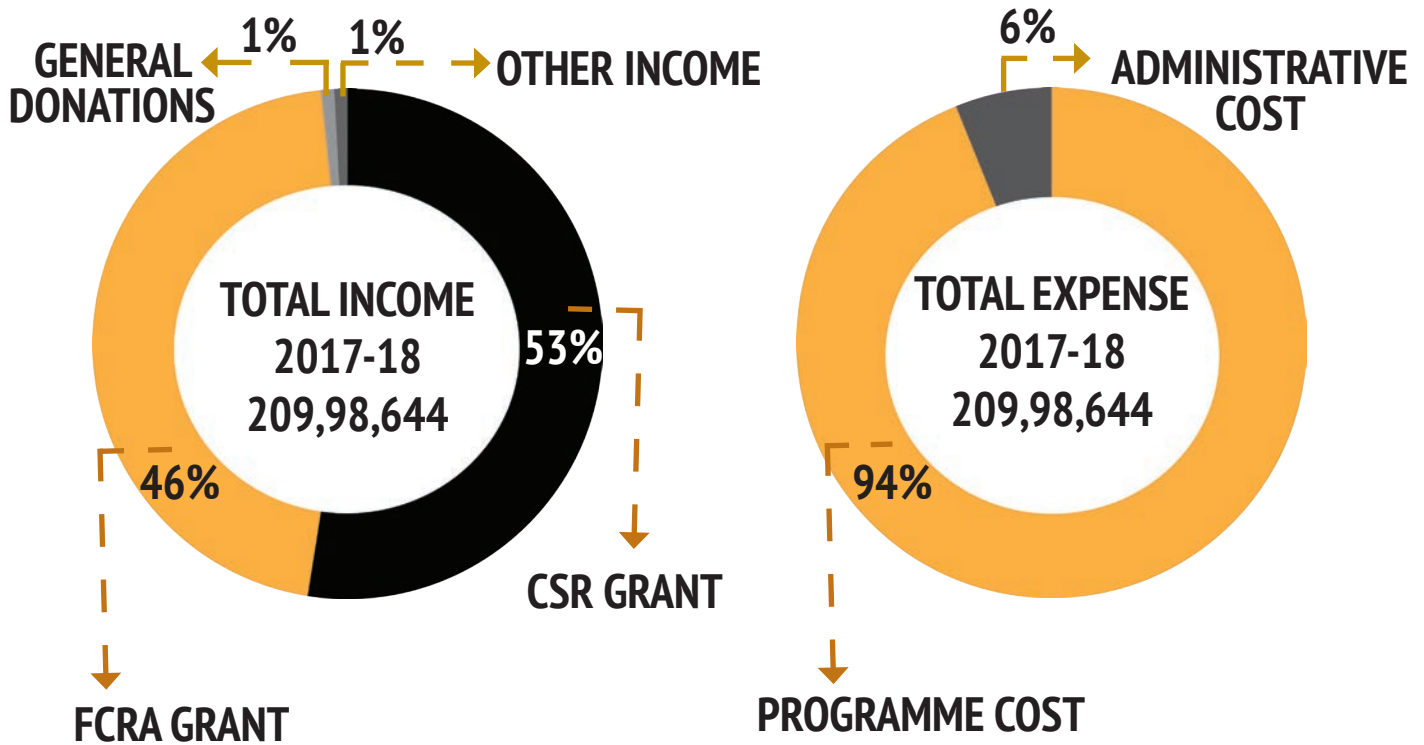
MR SHANKAR VENKATESWARAN,
TRUSTEE

Shoba Mathai is the Director of SoftCAST Technologies Pvt. Ltd. She sits on the board of other Non-Governmental Organisations and advises on IT and Communications for NGOs.



MS SHOBA MATHAI,
TRUSTEE

Financial Statement



**ANTI-CHILD
TRAFFICKING**

5%



EDUCATION

33%



ENVIRONMENT

9%



HEALTH

28%



**WOMEN &
LIVELIHOODS**

10%



**VULNERABLE
CHILDREN**

9%



**ADMIN
COST**

6%

Donor Speak

"It's been great working with iPartner India. They have implemented our CSR projects on Health & Education in Himachal Pradesh very effectively. We share our success in the CSR space with iPartner India & wish them the best as they work tirelessly in bringing social development to the forefront."

Vipul Sabharwal,
Managing Director, Luminous Power Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Partners' Speak

"iPartner India facilitated support from DMI to Azad. Working with iPartner India is so stress free, because its a true partnership. iPartner India team understands how life unfurls on the ground and that makes it so easy to share challenges with them. They have stood by us when the going got tough, and have cheered every single achievement - however big or small."

Meenu Vadera,
Executive Director, Azad Foundation

"iPartner India has been supporting Jamghat for over 10 years now. The partnership with iPartner India has been a tremendous support for Jamghat. We thank iPartner India for helping us strengthen the organisation and for always being there to guide us and build our capacities. For this, Jamghat will always cherish this partnership and look forward to its continued support."

Amit Sinha,
Founder & Director, Jamghat

A group of young women in school uniforms (white shirts and red ties) are looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and what appears to be a school setting.

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