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A close-up photograph of a young girl with her hand covering her eyes. She is smiling and wearing a dark blue top with white lace trim. Her hair is styled in pigtails with red hair ties. She is wearing several bangles on her right wrist. The background is slightly blurred, showing a yellow patterned fabric and a blue fabric.

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.

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

MISSION

WHO WE ARE

iPartner India works on building safe spaces for marginalized children and young adults. We focus on preventing commercial sexual exploitation of children, facilitating quality education for them, skill building, building their leadership through sports, and strengthening their agency to choose a path of their choice. We work with the entire ecosystem where the children and young adults are at the centre, to enable a systemic change that is sustainable and long-lasting. To strengthen the ecosystem, we work on strengthening local governments, providing livelihood opportunities to women, making communities resilient and adaptive to Climate Change, and taking all measures toward creating a Gender Just Society. Our implementation strategies are bespoke ensuring that the project's benefit reaches the most marginalized section of society without any discrimination or bias.

We come with 13 years of experience and expertise in working closely on the ground directly and in partnership with local NGOs that are transforming the lives of the underprivileged by helping them on their journey from being marginalized to becoming part of the mainstream.

The key to our success has been the rigorous process we have in place to identify, monitor and evaluate our programs and adapt them as per the ground realities.



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF FUNCTIONARY



This moment in time has proven that when we come together, we are able to make a difference. I am inspired by our donors, partner organisations and team members who have risen to the unprecedented challenges of this past year. They have each demonstrated resilience and dedication to the communities we serve.

Despite all the challenges due to the global pandemic, we stood with an unwavering commitment to our work to lead positive systemic change that strengthens those communities that we have pledged to support.

Many vulnerable communities faced hardships post-pandemic. There has been a huge crisis in India, especially for the people working in the informal sector. With high unemployment and inflation with prices of fuel and essential commodities rising continuously, resource-poor families especially the daily wage workers are being impacted deeply. Many children, especially girls are at risk of dropping out of school due to poverty.

We are grateful for all the support we have received. We look forward to the year ahead and we will continue to work through every challenge that comes our way. We may have a long road to recovery ahead of us, but we will get there.

Thank you for your dedicated partnership in our commitment to making a lasting difference in the communities we work. Together, we will emerge stronger through collective compassion and the belief that, together, we can overcome any challenge.

I, on behalf of my Board and my team members wish you a pleasant reading and thank you once again for the amazing partnership we have shared in 2021-22.

With best wishes,
Eshant Kumar Rajput

OUR WORK

ANTI-CHILD TRAFFICKING

iPartner India along with our philanthropy partners, support a project in Rajasthan to ensure that children are not trafficked and the survivors are given a chance in life to create sustainable livelihoods not just for themselves but also for their families.

EDUCATION

iPartner India has a strong network of social change organizations that run education projects and programs, many of which are a part of strategic interventions involving the rehabilitation and reintegration into society of survivors of neglect, abandonment, violence and abuse.

CLIMATE CHANGE

iPartner India has been working on climate change issues since its inception. In all of our projects, we aim to protect the environment by encouraging our partners on the ground to adopt environmental friendly measures in their offices and project sites through recycling, waste management, and saving energy and water.

VULNERABLE CHILDREN

iPartner India works to ensure that children in India grow up in a safe and caring environment, are able to understand and exercise their basic rights – and have these rights protected.

WOMEN & LIVELIHOOD

iPartner India works to empower women's right to livelihoods, supporting projects in India that advocate stronger campaigns forcing the government to support women to ensure their right to food, water, equal access to health care systems and income security.

YOUTH & SPORTS

iPartner India is empowering vulnerable girls by training adolescent girls to play football. Oftentimes, community and institutional resources are either limited or are not accessible for girls. Sports give them access to public spaces, especially in societies where mobility is restricted.



RAKSHAN

CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR CHILDREN

Rakshan, conceptualised and developed by iPartner India, is a five-year programme to provide safe spaces for children in Rajasthan.

Rakshan is designed to create nodal points of collaboration, action and engagement between families, communities, and the legal, administrative, economic and socio-cultural environment.

While the primary focus of Rakshan is to create a safe environment for children, it also engages with the entire community to enable that change.

It aims to use a holistic approach to increase educational levels and improve the health conditions of girls and boys while also providing rural women and men with alternative livelihood opportunities. The objective of Rakshan is to ensure that no child must ever go missing in the selected villages.

Rakshan is currently being implemented in 28 villages of Tonk District, Rajasthan.



RAKSHAN HIGHLIGHTS

1

Out of a total of 28 functional Self Help Groups (SHGs), 17 SHGs have been connected with Rajeevika during the year. 3 SHGs have taken a loan of more than INR 1,00,000 from banks for carrying out livelihood activities.

2

122 children through open schooling and 105 scholars of regular school have been supported through the project for their educational expenses. No dropouts were reported amongst scholars in the last two years.

3

One spice unit has been inaugurated in the Hathgi village by the women of the SHGs group. The women will be leading the production and marketing of the unit.

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22 families have increased their incomes through goatry and poultry units. The nutritional outcome has also improved amongst these families.

5

7 safe play spaces have been developed during the year which is likely to result in increased enrolment in schools.

6

24 women are involved in the marketing of sanitary napkins, who earn an income between INR 2,500 and INR 4,000 per month.

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Members of Bal Panchayats and Youth Groups have been selected to play state-level Judo/ Wrestling and district level hockey respectively.

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369 youth have registered for the Rajasthan State Certified Course in Information Technology (RS-CIT) during the year.

9

More than 1,000 families have been supported for the setting up of horticulture units, vegetable demonstration units and kitchen gardens, which has resulted in increased monthly savings and improved gross nutrition among family members, especially women and children. Paani Devi, one of the beneficiaries who has a vegetable demonstration unit earned a profit of INR 1,00,000 through tomato cultivation.

"After working in Rakshan as a mobilizer, I became aware about my own rights, the rights for children, women and adolescents girls. It has helped me immensely as it has increased my confidence and brought a shift in the mindset of people in my village."

- Saroj Kanwar (Village Chawandiya's mobilizer)



ONE TEAM ONE DREAM



YOUNG GIRLS' FIGHT FOR EQUALITY THROUGH SPORTS

One Team One Dream is one of iPartner India's programmes, where we aim to empower girls living in the slums of Rajabazar through the medium of sport.

The slums of Rajabazar in Kolkata comprise largely of the muslim community. Most of the girls and women residing in Rajabazar are victims of gender discrimination and violence. Their rights to survival, protection, development and participation are violated on a daily basis. Poverty also adds to their existing crisis, which gives them no opportunity for self-development and esteem. Girls are married off at an early age and are burdened with household chores, early pregnancy and child rearing responsibilities.

iPartner India has developed a well-designed programme that ensures a positive change in the lives of young girls. The project aims at breaking gender stereotypes and improving the leadership skills of young girls through football.

ONE TEAM ONE DREAM HIGHLIGHTS

1

Skill training: Women and girls have undertaken skill training on various skills such as yoga, art therapy, nutrition and disaster management. The training will enable the girls to make a career choice from the training they have received through the project.

2

Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (ARSHR): In the past year, the girls have completed the ARSHR training. The training has several sessions, which talk about sexual identity and sexual violence.

3

Gender training: Several training programmes on gender have been conducted. For the first time boys participated in the gender training sessions. Post training, their understanding of gender issues has improved. An assessment was conducted through baseline and endline surveys.

4

Legal assistance: Women and girls who have been experiencing gender-based violence in the community were provided with legal assistance.

5

Counselling: Regular counselling and support sessions were held with the girls who were facing domestic abuse and their mothers who were facing domestic abuse. A special workshop on 'Suicide Prevention' on Suicide Prevention Day was conducted by the counsellor.

6

Football: A 10 days residential football training was held for the girls in an academy to dedicate more time to practice and build team spirit. The football camp helped the coaches to understand the girls and the challenges they face in the community to continue their sport.

"I always thought violence is only faced by the mothers at home. But I realized that girls also face sexual abuse and violence even at work and in school. They face it everywhere. I also got to know through the training that more than boys and girls, transgenders face greater challenges and abuse." - Akshara



THE VIDYALAYA

A young girl in a school uniform with flowers in her braids looking down. The background shows other children in a school setting.

EMPOWERING TRIBAL CHILDREN THROUGH EDUCATION

The Vidyalaya works to educate the poorest tribal children. The Vidyalaya is a free school in Madanpalle, Andhra Pradesh, for the children of the Lambadia tribal community. It is a high quality school with qualified teachers that follows the State Board curriculum.

The Lambadias traditionally have a reputation for dacoity and crime, but that has changed in the area. Educating the children is also bringing about change in their mothers and families. And some of those children are going in for higher education and careers. The school also has children from other low-income families, including Christian, Muslim, and Hindu communities.

In addition, the school children are provided with two nutritious meals a day, cooked fresh on the premises by hired cooks. This is invaluable in a community which had earlier been reduced to eating grass and leaves in times of hardship. The school was started in 1999 in a thatched hut with two teachers and a handful of students. It was a struggle to convince the tribals about the value of education before they would let their children attend. Now, they can dare to dream about their future.



COVID-19 CAMPAIGN



COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF CAMPAIGN

As the second wave of Covid-19 swept through India, iPartner India initiated the COVID Emergency Relief Campaign to raise funds to support resource-poor families and vulnerable communities who needed urgent medical assistance, food and medical supplies.

Racing against time, we were able to reach out to our partners on the ground who critically needed our support to provide ration, medical assistance, oxygen concentrators and essentials to help vulnerable communities survive the second wave.

Every day, our team would receive frantic calls for urgent medical supplies and leads for vacant hospital beds. This time around, many NGO frontline workers also reached out to us for medical assistance as they and their families got affected.

Through this campaign, dry ration, hygiene kits, meals and medical supplies were distributed. 97 NGO frontline workers were also supported. 13 NGOs received support for relief work. In addition, 10 Oxygen Concentrators were distributed. In total 17 states were covered through the Emergency campaign.

A photograph of a group of young girls in a classroom. In the foreground, a girl's face is shown in profile, looking towards the left. She has dark hair and is wearing a white shirt. Behind her, several other girls are visible, some wearing colorful clothing like pink and purple. The background is slightly blurred, showing a classroom setting with a yellow wall and some lights.

OUR IMPACT



RAKSHAN

64,074

People from 28 villages have been reached through various project initiatives. Men, women, youth, vulnerable women and girls have directly benefitted through Rakshan's scholarships and skill training, smart farming and alternate livelihood options.



ONE TEAM ONE DREAM

409

Vulnerable women and girls from conservative slum communities have been empowered through sports, counselling and various skill training. Girls in these communities are now confident to pursue their dreams and aspiration.



THE VIDYALAYA

133

Poor tribal children received quality education and nutrition. The children also learned about developing self-respect, dignity and aspirations in life.



COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF CAMPAIGN

30,969

Individuals received dry ration, hygiene kits, cooked meals and medical supplies during the second wave of COVID-19.

OUR BOARD



DR. SANJAY PATRA
CHAIRPERSON

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 have contributed in strengthening financial governance in organisations in India, South Asia and beyond.



SHOBA MATHAI
TRUSTEE

Ms Shoba Mathai is the Director of SoftCAST Technologies Pvt. Ltd. She has more than 35 years of experience in the IT field. She serves on the board of other Non-Governmental Organisations and advises on IT and Communications.



SHANKAR VENKATESWARAN
TRUSTEE

Mr 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.



RASHMI CHANDRA
TRUSTEE

Ms Rashmi Chandra comes with 30 years of experience advising CEOs and management teams on issues related to setting up and implementing corporate strategies, performance optimization, channel management, and sales-force effectiveness. She has been a catalyst in shaping and running large scale transformations and designing route to market models. She is deeply motivated towards social impact initiatives and people capability development.

OUR TEAM



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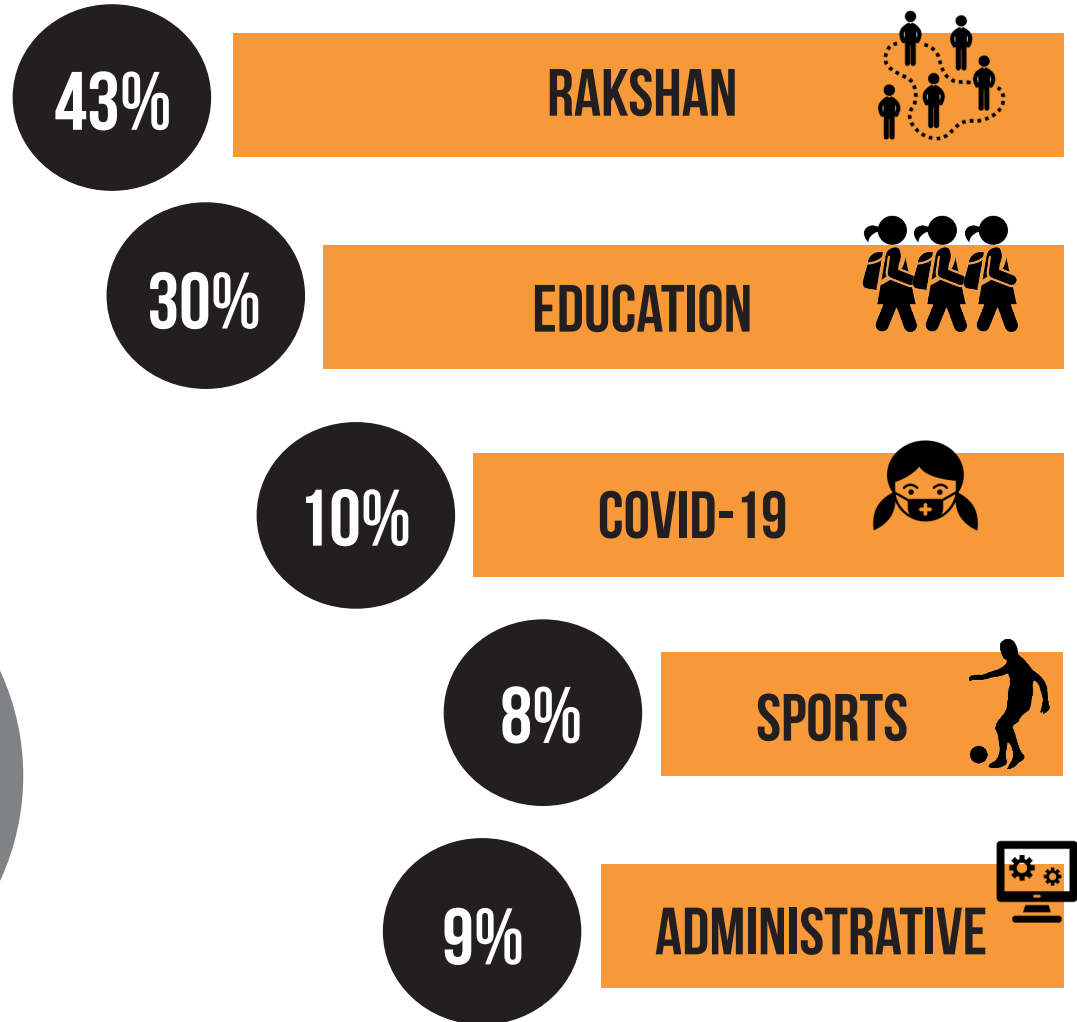


SANDEEP JANNAWAT
LIVELIHOOD EXPERT

FINANCIALS 2021-2022

**TOTAL
INCOME**
₹ 19,923,441

**TOTAL
EXPENDITURE**
₹ 18,405,037



WAY FORWARD

Our vision for 2023 is to provide free scholarships to 500 vulnerable girls, who otherwise would drop out of school, forced into sex work or be married off. The scholarship programme will enable girls to pursue higher education.

Through our sports initiative, we will train 500 girls from resource-poor communities to play football. This initiative aims to empower girls to represent their communities, break gender barriers and claim their rights to take informed life decisions.

We imagine communities where children have safe places to play and study, villages where women are empowered and economically self-sustained. We imagine communities that thrive by supporting and uplifting everyone.

Thank you for your support and for believing in our work. We are excited to continue moving forward to empower youth and vulnerable women and girls to recognize their true potential and realize their dreams.



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