CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF TRANSFORMING LIVES
ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019
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 iPARTNER INDIA

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 and capacity building support and by demonstrating to our donors and partners the importance and effectiveness of transparency and accountability in the work we do.

We enable expert partnerships across a range 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 various issues including Sexual Harassment at Workplace.

We come with 10 years of experience and expertise of working closely on the ground with local Indian NGOs that are transforming the lives of marginalised communities to the mainstream.

The key to our success has been the rigorous process we have in place to identify, monitor and evaluate our programmes. 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.
OUR AREA OF WORK

ANTI-CHILD TRAFFICKING
EDUCATION
ENVIRONMENT
HEALTH
WOMEN & LIVELIHOODS
VULNERABLE CHILDREN
YOUTH & SPORTS
Adapting - innovating - renewing and transforming. This is how iPartner India has been sustainable and delivered for over a decade since its inception. We will continue building on what works to create a more inclusive society for the lives we are changing in order to build a better future for their families.

iPartner India has witnessed what happens when committed individuals and donors come together with a collective vision, strategy, energy and performance - people and communities are transformed beyond expectations.

We are investing strategically in causes that need urgent action so that we are able to directly reach out to those communities that are most marginalised and often neglected. At the same time, we’re changing how we work – redefining our roles, introducing new training and support systems – to ensure our team is empowered to create maximum positive impact while delivering on our vision: to give voice to the disadvantaged and creating a more just and equitable India.

For the coming year we are developing big ‘ideas.’ Ideas that will bring transformative changes to India’s poorest communities. We are working towards creating safe spaces for children to live their lives free from fear and oppression. We are confident for the future and we will strive towards achieving our goals and aspirations. With this clear plan that is aligned with our vision and anchored in our strategic priorities, we are excited to move forward to achieve more sustainable results on ground.

It has been a challenging yet a fulfilling year for us at iPartner India. I couldn’t be more pleased with what we have achieved given that we have a very small but deeply committed team. I thank our Board of Trustees for their support and guidance, my team for their hard work and our wonderful partner organisations for continuing to inspire us with their phenomenal work on ground.

I wish you a pleasant reading through the report and look forward to your continued support and collaboration for years to come.

THANK YOU!

With deep gratitude,

Sumedha Sharma
CREATING SAFE SPACE FOR CHILDREN

Conceptualised and developed by iPartner India, Project Rakshan is a 3-year programme to provide safe spaces of mobility for children in Rajasthan.

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.

While the primary focus of the project is to create a safe space for children, it also engages with the entire community. It aims to use a holistic approach to increase the educational levels and improve health conditions of girls and boys while also providing rural women and men with alternative livelihood opportunities. The objective of this project is that no child must ever go missing from the selected villages.

The project is currently being implemented in 20 villages of Malpura Block, Rajasthan.
1. **BAL PANCHAYATS**

20 Bal Panchayats have been formed in 20 villages with 334 members. Through the Bal Panchayat, children get an opportunity to raise and take action on issues such as lack of toilet facilities in school, unsafe playgrounds, unlit streets and open wells.

2. **YOUTH GROUPS**

22 youth groups have been formed in 20 villages with 334 members. The group provides a platform for the youth for skill development, career guidance and development of leadership skills. The youth have taken the responsibility to enroll school dropouts through the State Open Education Board exams.

3. **SELF HELP GROUPS (SHGs)**

21 SHGs have been formed in 20 villages with 242 members. Members also attend skill development programmes and regularly engage with the local authorities by submitting petitions for garbage management and other hygiene related matters.

4. **SEED BANK**

A seed bank is being promoted to provide quality indigenous seeds to the farmers at a competitive rate to replace the use of high cost hybrid seeds. Through the community seed bank, indigenous low cost seeds are made available to local farmers with minimum transportation costs.
Health camps were held to provide free medical services in partnership with the Health Department of Government of Rajasthan. Specialist camps were held for women and girls. In addition, regular health check-ups for the local community were also organised. In the past year, 594 people have received free healthcare services.

Two Apno Rakshan Kendras (livelihood centers) have been set up in two villages. 61 women have been registered who come to the centers regularly to make cloth bags. Women have started earning their first income and are proud to contribute to their family's income.

500 families have started kitchen gardens in their homes. Families utilising vegetables grown from their own gardens have seen an improvement in their nutritional levels. 100 families from 10 villages have benefited from horticulture. Fruit saplings and use of organic manure is encouraged and propagated.

10 families from 10 villages were identified to promote vegetable demonstrations to encourage farmers to grow their own vegetables and earn additional income by selling their produce. Each participant was provided with technical information about vegetable cultivation and given access to local markets.
ANTI-CHILD TRAFFICKING
iPartner India’s work on anti-child trafficking is aimed at eliminating child trafficking in India by supporting partner organisations that are doing groundbreaking work in prevention, repatriation and rehabilitation. It seeks to increase levels of awareness among different groups, build the capacity of service providers and develop networks and alliances to effectively combat child trafficking in India.

Last year iPartner India partnered with three organisations to support the education and community-awareness programmes and provide safe shelters, nutrition, access to healthcare facility and alternative livelihood training for survivors of trafficking in three states of India.

Child trafficking deprives young girls and children of their basic rights, including the right to freedom, education and healthcare as well as the right to live a life free of torture, cruelty and inhuman and degrading treatment.

Through iPartner India’s support, close to 200 survivors of trafficking have been rehabilitated and have received skill training to take up professions such as tailoring, jewelry making and baking. At iPartner India, we ensure that each survivor is given an opportunity to either pursue an education or receive skill training.

In the coming year, iPartner India has plans to partner with other organisations that are working in the anti-child trafficking space and develop interventions to prevent children from going missing.

Every day children, especially girls, in India go missing. They are trafficked, sold and are made to face enormous physical and mental abuse.
iPartner India’s work on **education** focuses on underprivileged girls who are vulnerable and often left behind. Through our partnerships with local NGOs, iPartner India is transforming the lives of hundreds of girls who are provided with an education while at the same time changing the attitudes of parents towards their daughters who have been hitherto denied the pursuit of their dreams.

We support an education programme for girls in rural communities by giving them an incentive of Rs 10 for regular attendance. This model encourages girls to complete their education and has resulted in girls pursuing higher education. Another education model we support provides full scholarship, up to graduation, to girls from resource-poor backgrounds. Besides funding the education of girls, extra tuition classes, mentoring, leadership training and career guidance are also part of the education support programme.

iPartner India ensures that regular engagement with the girls is established so that they continue to be motivated to attend school and complete their education.

During the past year, iPartner India has supported three organisations in three states to promote the education of girls. More than 500 girls are now receiving educational support through this intervention.

**MANY GIRLS IN INDIA DROP OUT OF SCHOOLS ONCE THEY HIT PUBERTY. THE LACK OF TOILETS AND THE BURDEN OF HOUSEHOLD CHORES CONTINUE TO PUSH GIRLS OUT OF SCHOOLS.**
ENVIRONMENT
IPARTNER INDIA IS FOCUSING ITS ATTENTION ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN ORDER TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESS MULTIPLE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES.

iPartner India 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 has worked on improving the Demand Response Project Implementation in Uttar Pradesh.

In addition, iPartner India also helped set up solar off grid systems with a total capacity of 15 kilo watts in two villages of Rajasthan to provide uninterrupted electricity supply at a women’s livelihood centers where women are taught how to stitch eco-friendly cloth bags.

iPartner India plans to support organisations that are innovative and are developing sustainable energy models to reduce carbon footprint.
WOMEN & LIVELIHOOD
Women in India still face a range of structural barriers to fully participate in the economy. Gender bias contributes to unequal educational and economic performances.

iPartner India’s work on women’s livelihoods encourages women’s participation in the workforce. When a woman is economically self-reliant, she will contribute to the economy, become more confident and make informed choices.

iPartner India started two livelihood centers in Rajasthan. At the centers, women are trained to stitch various types of items such as eco-friendly cloth bags to replace the use of plastics, laundry bags, table mats, bedroom slippers, etc. These skills will enable them to find alternative livelihood opportunities.

Women are also encouraged to become members of Self Help Groups and avail agricultural seeds and fruit saplings from the Seed Bank to start their own kitchen gardens.

In addition, various workshops and health camps were organised to help the women acquire knowledge, build self-confidence and gain access to medical care and services.

Through the women’s livelihood programme, 110 women have been trained who have started earning and contributing to their family’s income.
VULNERABLE CHILDREN
iPartner India’s work on vulnerable children is aimed at protecting and providing care for the most disadvantaged children who are living on or off the streets in India’s National Capital Region.

With as many as 290 children becoming victims of crime daily (NCRB data), iPartner India is determined to support organisations that work towards providing safe shelter, education, nutrition and vocational training to keep children off the streets.

iPartner India’s intervention goes beyond early childhood care. We have worked hard to find solutions for young adults who have crossed 18 years of age and who can no longer stay at the shelter homes as per the norms laid down by government. These youth are now either pursuing higher education or enrolled in skill development programmes.

Our support has helped set up a skill development center for youth who are 18 years or above. Once they complete their training, we help them tie up with companies and organisations for employment. Another intervention we support works with youth from shelter homes who are encouraged to work at social enterprises run by organisations.

Through iPartner India’s support, 525 children now live in a safe environment with access to education, nutrition and counselling. We ensure that each child at the shelter homes we support is provided with an inclusive and nurturing environment where they can learn and grow.
GIRL'S PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS IN INDIA STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO DUE TO LACK OF TOURNAMENTS, FUNDING AND EXPOSURE.

iPartner India supported the formation of an all-girls football team in the Rajabazar slums of Kolkata. In this community, girls are restricted from stepping out of their homes, let alone play football, a sport that is seen as male-oriented game.

Through this project, iPartner India aims to create awareness and solutions for young girls and their mothers on issues such as gender-based violence, gender equality and breaking stereotypes through a series of training sessions that also help develop life skills and build leadership qualities.

In the past year, 40 young girls have signed up to be trained under a professional football coach. Every weekend, the girls meet for their training sessions in preparation for the inter-state football tournaments.

iPartner India also supported an annual workshop themed ‘Empowering Young Global Citizens – EYGC, 2018’ for a Hyderabad based organisation. This three-day orientation workshop, designed and run by the participants, was followed up by Social Action Projects. 66 youth participated in the workshop. The series of events culminated by the bringing together of learnings, perspectives and understandings at a final conference titled ‘Navigating through Identities Positively: The Role of Muslim Youth as Global Citizens’.

iPartner India is working towards providing opportunities to youth so that they are able to find their passion and pursue their dreams and aspirations.
#Every8Minutes

No CHILD goes MISSING!

DIAL 1098
EVERY EIGHT MINUTES A CHILD GOES MISSING IN INDIA, OF WHICH 40% CAN NEVER BE TRACED (NCRB DATA). A CHILD IN INDIA CAN BE SOLD AND BOUGHT FOR AS LITTLE AS $24.

150 supporters and children participated in the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon 2018 to show solidarity and support to iPartner India’s Every8Minutes Anti-Child Trafficking campaign. Launched by iPartner India, Every 8 Minutes is the first campaign of its kind that aims to create awareness about child trafficking and bring an end to it.

The marathon themed “Run for a Life” brought together friends, family and well-wishers of iPartner India to create awareness of the fact that one child goes missing every eight minutes in India.

iPartner India will continue to advocate for children’s rights to be protected through its campaign initiatives involving communities across our project areas.
OUR IMPACT IN 2018-2019

3553 LIVES REACHED IN 8 STATES ACROSS INDIA

EDUCATION
513 CHILDREN have received quality education

VULNERABLE CHILDREN
525 CHILDREN received safe shelter, education and nutrition
₹35,393,515 INVESTED IN 11 PROJECTS

YOUTH & SPORTS
538 YOUTH have received skill and sports training

WOMEN & LIVELIHOODS
353 WOMEN are earning an income

ANTI-CHILD TRAFFICKING
197 GIRLS were rehabilitated
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018-2019

TOTAL INCOME
₹35,393,515

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
₹35,102,850

ANTI CHILD TRAFFICKING 31%

EDUCATION 19%

ENVIRONMENT 14%

WOMEN & LIVELIHOODS 7%

RAKSHAN 7%

VULNERABLE CHILDREN 12%

YOUTH & SPORTS 2%

ADMIN 8%

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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**

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.

**Mr Shankar Venkateswaran, Trustee**

Ms 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**

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. Rashmi is deeply motivated towards social impact initiatives and people capability development.

**Ms Rashmi Chandra, Trustee**
MEET OUR TEAM

SUMEDHA SHARMA  
CHIEF FUNCTIONARY

ESHANT RAJPUT  
SENIOR FINANCE MANAGER

NISHA DUBEY  
SENIOR PROGRAMME MANAGER

ADITI BAKSHI  
PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

RAJIV  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

MARY KHUVUNG  
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
DONOR SPEAK

I am delighted with our partnership with iPartner India to implement project Rakshan in Rajasthan. The work in Tonk district is crucial especially because it is working with the entire eco-system to create safe spaces for children.

We hope that in the coming year, we will be able to establish better results by closely engaging with all stakeholders including the Government to ensure that no child is left behind and women and youth are skilled and have employment opportunities.

I wish iPartner India and its entire team all the very best and hope that our close partnership can continue well into the future.

Unnikrishnan TS,
Great Eastern CSR Foundation