



iPARTNER INDIA

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“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”

- Nelson Mandela

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 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 various issues including Sexual Harassment at Workplace.

We come with more than 10 years of experience and expertise of working closely on the ground with local 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.

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.



FROM THE CHIEF FUNCTIONARY

2019-2020 has been another successful year for iPartner India as I celebrated my fourth year with a vibrant team. We started the year with great enthusiasm and energy until the COVID-19 pandemic took the world by storm. This was something none of us had anticipated during the early stages of the outbreak and now as I look back I could not be more proud of what we have achieved despite so many challenges that were thrown at us due to the pandemic.

We managed to closely monitor all our projects through the partnerships we have with our partner organisations and ensured that our work continued. We also made sure that the most marginalised and vulnerable sections of the society were not left behind due to the pandemic. We are thankful to all our supporters and friends who reached out to us during our Emergency Food Fund campaign and helped thousands of families to receive ration, non-essential items, Personal Protection Equipments (PPE) and hygiene kits.

The world as we know will never be the same with so many changes to adapt to in the coming year. But nevertheless, I am hopeful that we will all emerge stronger and united in our resilience to continue with our work to make India a more equal and inclusive society.

I am proud to share this report which highlights the success of our work in the past year, which would not have been possible without the support and guidance of our Board Members, the amazing team and, well-wishers of iPartner India and our fantastic partnership with partner organisations. I personally thank each one of you for the commitment, dedication and for the support over the past year. The journey has been wonderful and I am so proud to be part of it.

I wish you a pleasant reading of our Annual Report 2019-2020.

THANK YOU!

With deep gratitude,
Sumedha Sharma



OUR AREA OF WORK

ANTI-CHILD TRAFFICKING
EDUCATION

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH

WOMEN & LIVELIHOOD

VULNERABLE CHILDREN

YOUTH & SPORTS



CREATING SAFE SPACE FOR CHILDREN

PROJECT RAKSHAN

Conceptualised and developed by iPartner India, Project Rakshan is a five-year programme to provide safe spaces 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 environment for children, it also engages with the entire community to enable that change. 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.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

20 Bal Panchayats have been formed in 20 villages with 420 members. Bal Panchayat provides a platform for children aged between 6-14 years to identify and find solutions to issues concerning them.

Through this platform, members of Bal Panchayat raise their voice and avail their rights. An exposure visit to Mumbai was organised for Bal Panchayat members in collaboration with Prerana, Mumbai based NGO, where children got an opportunity to meet other children's collective members.

22 youth groups have been formed in 20 villages with 150 boys and 184 girls. Youth group is an informal association for youth between 18–25 years. The group provides a platform for the youth to enhance leadership skills, learn new skills for job readiness, and address issues concerning them and to help them to raise their voice to demand their rights.

21 Self Help Groups (SHG) with 242 women have been formed. Monthly meetings were organised regularly. Members from the SHG have set up kitchen gardens with fruits and vegetables.

The community seed bank was set up to provide low cost seeds to small farmers by promoting indigenous seeds. Most of the farmers are into small scale agriculture with no space for storage which leads them to purchase seeds at a higher rate from the market. The community seed bank provides indigenous low-cost seeds on time with minimum transportation expenses. 42 farmers have benefited through the community seed bank.

10 community health camps were organised in this past year with a total number of 1,048 patients who have been screened, tested and treated. Regular follow up is done to monitor those who have been treated at the health camp. Women and girls are now more aware of sexual and reproductive health after attending specialist camps by a gynaecologist. Referrals have been made for those patients who require further treatment.

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.

Livelihood centres are running at two villages and efforts are being made to mobilise more women to come to the centres regularly. 64 women have been trained at the centres.

10 families from 10 villages were identified to set up vegetable demonstration sites. Testing of soil and water was conducted and each participant has been provided with technical information about vegetable cultivation and access to local markets. Two horticulture demonstration units have been set up as well.

BAL PANCHAYATS

YOUTH GROUPS

SELF HELP GROUPS

SEED BANK

HEALTH CAMPS

KITCHEN GARDENS & HORTICULTURE

WOMEN'S LIVELIHOOD CENTRE

VEGETABLE DEMONSTRATION





ANTI-CHILD TRAFFICKING

iPartner India partners with organisations to combat **child trafficking** in India by protecting vulnerable children from exploitation and abuse. We ensure that our work with children will lead to finding a sustainable solution to ending this modern-day shame.

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

In India, seventy thousand children are trafficked each year but with many cases unreported the number is estimated to be much higher. Many of these children are trafficked from poor, remote parts of the country and taken to cities, where they are trapped in forced labour, sexual exploitation, and domestic slavery.

Through iPartner India's support, over **8,000 people have been reached including survivors of trafficking, at risk girls and vulnerable communities.**



PROMOTING EDUCATION

iPartner India's work on **education not only** focuses on underprivileged girls to have access to education but it also ensures that girls learn and feel safe while in school.

We support an education programme for girls in rural communities in six states. While ensuring that girls do not drop out of formal education is the core element of our projects, providing extra tuition classes, mentoring, leadership training and career guidance are also given equal importance.

As girls' education is still very low on the list of priorities in India, factors such as poverty and distance from schools limit access to education with gender disparity further alienating girls from completing their education. Among the socially marginalized groups, it is widely reported that many girls do not complete secondary school as compared to boys.

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.

More than **5,000 girls** are now receiving educational support through our projects.



ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

iPartner India in the past partnered with Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation to work in the energy sector to provide strategic inputs for power sector reforms in Uttar Pradesh.

In the past year, iPartner India in partnership with Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation developed a road map to implement a plan for distributing license to roll out Electric Vehicle (EV) charging business in Uttar Pradesh.

Through this project, various stakeholder meetings have taken place and developed a business model through EV charging stations either through self-procurement or through third party. All preparatory work for roll-out plan for deployment and augmentation of charging infrastructure is completed.

Finalisation of procedures for grant of connection to EV charging stations has been developed through preliminary assessment of charging infrastructure deployment map.

The project aims to help in overall Greenhouse Gas Emissions reduction by shifting to EVs from other cars using petrol and diesel.



WOMEN & LIVELIHOOD

iPartner India's work on women's -livelihoods works exclusively with women from extremely resource-poor families. It focuses on building strong institutional platforms such as Self Help Groups and other groups and federations.

Through iPartner India's support, women were trained to stitch eco-friendly cloth bags to replace the use of plastics, laundry bags, table mats, bedroom slippers, etc. In addition, women were also trained to become motorbike mechanics, plumbers and electricians. These skills will enable them to find alternative livelihood opportunities.

By connecting women to Self Help Groups, women are now learning how to save money and basic banking transactions, such as opening of bank accounts and depositing their savings.

Regular 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, over **200 women** have started earning and contributing to their family's income. The uniqueness of our intervention is that apart from providing necessary skills, iPartner India also focuses on creating linkages with the market to ensure sustainability.



VULNERABLE CHILDREN

iPartner India's work on **vulnerable children** is committed to improving the lives and future of children and youth living in and off the streets in the National Capital Region.

In India, estimates of street and working children vary from 10-25 million, with an estimated 100,000 in Delhi alone and are at high risk for facing abuse and exploitation. iPartner India will continue to provide an opportunity to vulnerable children and youth so that they are not left behind.

Through iPartner India's support, **463 children** received education, nutrition and counselling in a safe environment. In addition, regular workshops on art and craft, street theatre, exposure visits and dance and music classes are also part of our intervention. We ensure that each child at the shelter homes we support are provided with an inclusive and nurturing environment where they can learn and grow.



YOUTH & SPORTS

iPartner India's all-girls football team in the Rajabazar slums of Kolkata is empowering girls through sports. We focus on providing training to aspiring girls footballers to achieve their dreams of becoming a professional football player and help them pursue a career in the sport.

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.

221 young girls have been reached through this project and **40 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 is working towards providing opportunities to youth so that they are able to find their passion and pursue their dreams and aspirations.

OUR IMPACT

IN 2019-2020

47,714
LIVES
REACHED
IN 10 STATES
ACROSS INDIA

₹6,81,69,681
INVESTED
IN 25 PROJECTS



EDUCATION
5,133



VULNERABLE
CHILDREN
463



YOUTH &
SPORTS
221



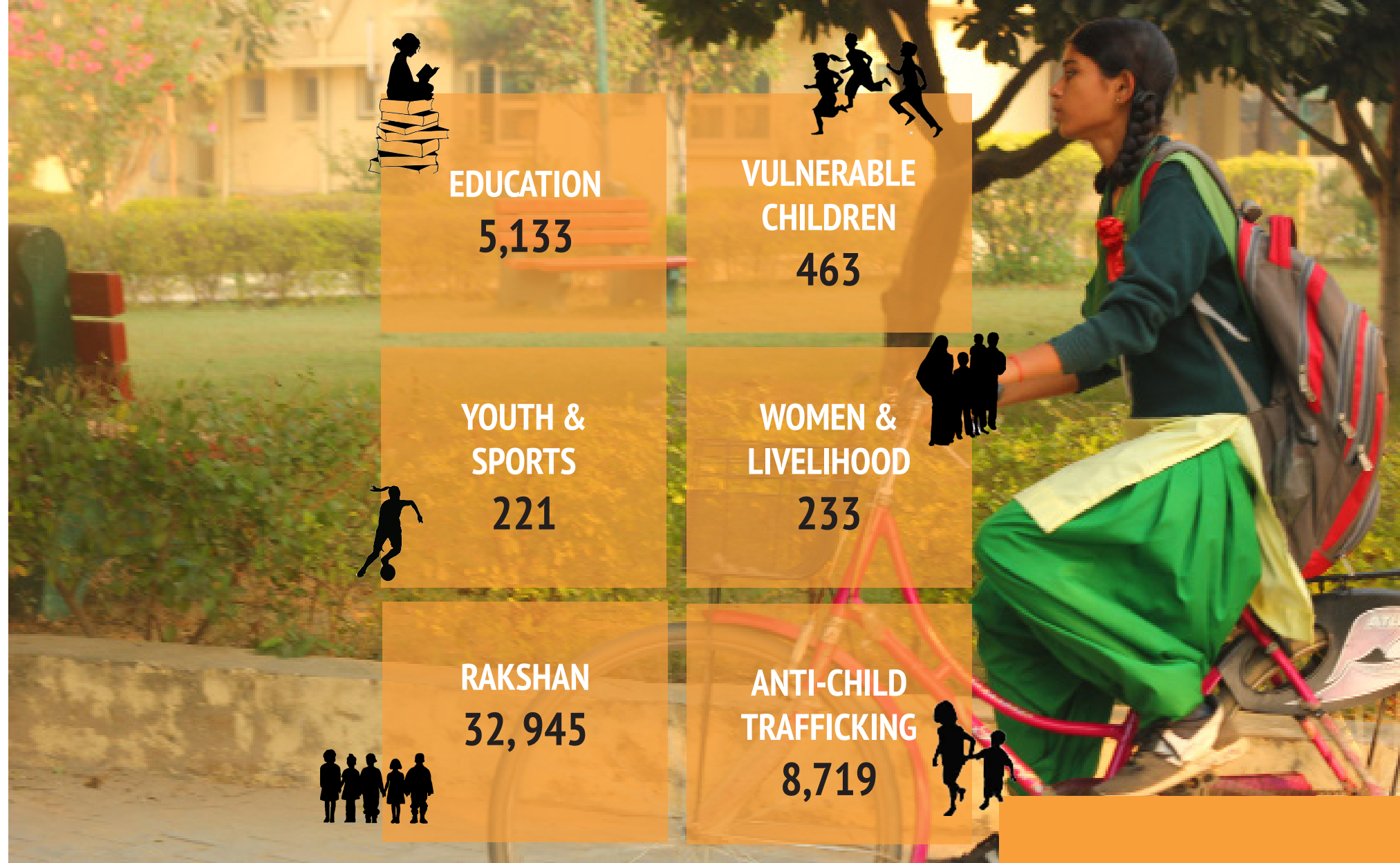
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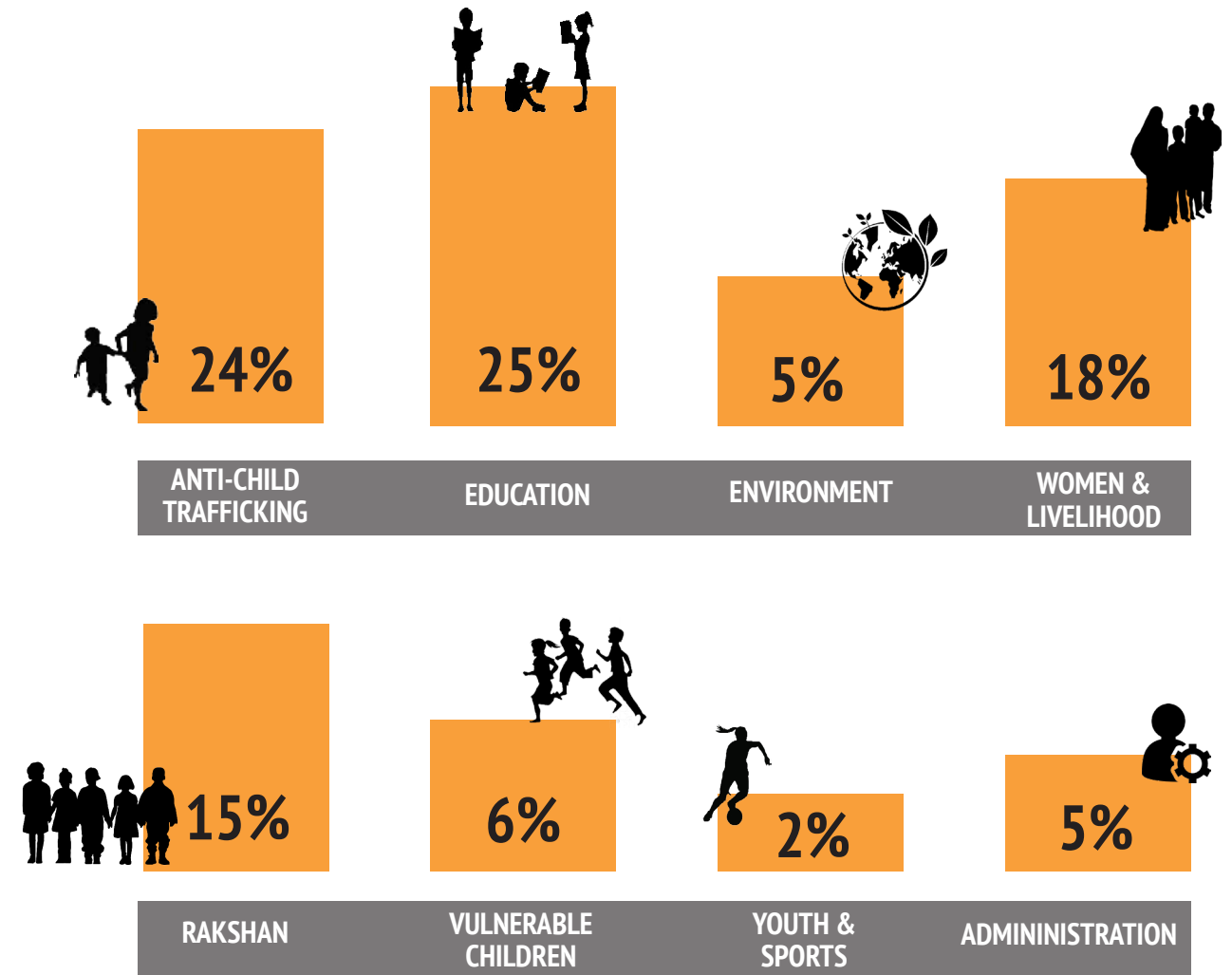
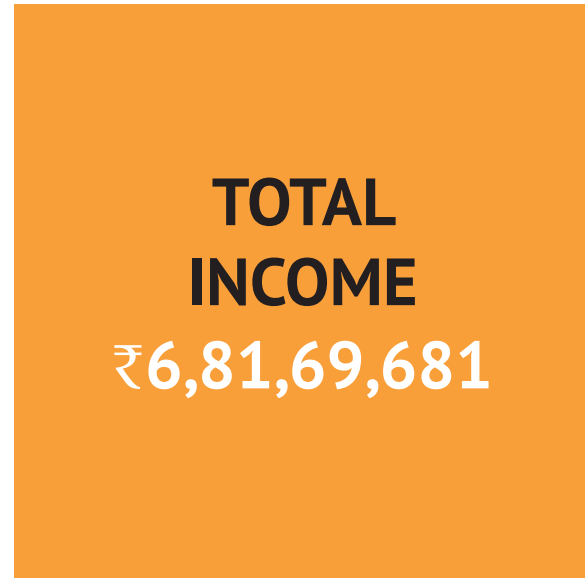
RAKSHAN
32,945



ANTI-CHILD
TRAFFICKING
8,719



FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019-20



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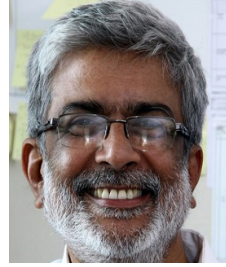
DR. SANJAY PATRA
CHAIRPERSON

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 has 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 sits on the board of other Non-Governmental Organisations and advises on IT and Communications for NGOs.



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

OUR TEAM



SUMEDHA SHARMA
CHIEF FUNCTIONARY



ADITI BAKSHI
PROGRAMME MANAGER



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SENIOR FINANCE MANAGER



RAJIV
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



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SENIOR PROGRAMME MANAGER



MARY KHUVUNG
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER



*“We make a living by
what we get, but we
make a life by what we
give.”*

- Winston Churchill

