“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

Mohandas K Gandhi
"Life's most urgent question is: what are you doing for others?"

Martin Luther King Jr.

"Through our Digital Equalizer program we are leveraging the Internet to create a level playing field for educating the masses."

Vinod Dham, Co-Founder, New Path Ventures, Silicon Valley

"India has given me so much this past year, and my hope now is that I find a way to give back to this country for years to come."

Jessica Mayberry, AIF Service Corps Fellow

"Women are indeed great... Everywhere in the country, we found that women were the most committed proponents of our future."

Ela Bhatt, Founder, SEWA

"If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children."

Mohandas K Gandhi
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Philanthropy is a very big word, and I don’t consider myself a philanthropist. I consider myself someone who would like to get involved in a small way, repaying what I’ve benefited from.”

~ Victor Menezes, Co-Chair, AIF and Senior Vice Chairman, Citigroup
MISSION

Our Mission

The American India Foundation is dedicated to accelerating social and economic change in India.

Our Vision

- To be a premier institution focused on delivering primary education for children, economic and social empowerment to women and healthcare to the underprivileged, thereby enabling every Indian to reach their full potential.

- To build a trusted bridge between the dreams and aspirations of individuals around the world who care about India and their realization.

- To invest in best-of-breed NGOs that have innovative and scalable projects and have the capability to leverage resources.

- To build a professional organization that is secular, transparent, credible and accountable for all of its activities.
March 28, 2003

Dear Friends,

It has been over two years since we started the American India Foundation, and I continue to be proud of the great work that AIF has been doing in India and of how our organization continues to grow.

Through the dedication of our trustees, staff, volunteers, and other supporters, we have managed to make significant progress in both reaching out to individuals and organizations in the United States in support of our work as well as in continuing to expand our grant-making activities and programs in India. And yet there is much still to be done.

In this age of global interdependence, India’s success and the success of its democracy takes on increasing importance. The nation is a critical battleground for every important type of conflict the world has to win if we are to enjoy a 21st century of peace, prosperity and progress. From religious strife, to the countervailing forces of economic progress and developmental stagnation, to the dire threat of global health epidemics like HIV/AIDS, India encapsulates humanity’s key challenges. However, within a democratic system that supports human rights, India can also demonstrate our ability to triumph over the most difficult of odds.

Together, we can help empower the people of India to overcome these challenges and move toward a better future. If you have already made a commitment to the AIF, we thank you for your support and hope you continue to work with us. If you are learning about us for the first time, we hope you will give serious consideration to making a commitment to helping our organization succeed.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton
Executive Summary

Introduction

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the American India Foundation’s 2002 Annual Report!

The American India Foundation (AIF) is devoted to accelerating social and economic change in India by connecting communities and resources across the United States and India.

AIF meets its objectives in India through its grant-making activities and its programs. AIF’s grant-making activities are focused on education and livelihood projects with a particular emphasis on primary education and women’s empowerment. AIF also operates two programs; the Service Corps, which places skilled Americans with NGOs in India for nine months of development work; and the Digital Equalizer which provides computers, software, Internet access and training to children and teachers in underprivileged schools in India. AIF has offices in New York, New York, Milpitas, California and New Delhi, India.

If you are new to AIF we hope that the following pages will give you an introduction to our organization and our work over the past year and interest you in getting involved and supporting our cause.

If you are currently a friend or supporter of our work we invite you to review our activities during the past year and to learn more about what we have been able to accomplish through the enthusiasm and support we have received from individuals like yourself.

We hope that through the following pages we can demonstrate both what we have achieved and the importance of continuing our work. We also invite you to share with us any observations or suggestions that you might have.

Our dream is to accelerate social and economic change in India. Let’s dream this dream together!

Lata Krishnan
President

Pradeep Kashyap
Executive Director
“Asha and I find AIF a compelling proposition for development in India because of the quality, credibility and demonstrated execution capability of the team involved.”
~ Raj Rajaratnam, Managing General Partner, The Galleon Group

“"If you’re totally illiterate and living on one dollar a day, the benefits of globalization never come to you.”

Jimmy Carter, Former US President
Our Impact

In 2002, we celebrated our second year as a professional institution committed and equipped to impact social and economic development in India. Undeterred by a difficult economic environment and reduced assets available from philanthropic institutions, AIF successfully raised nearly $5 million dollars for our grantmaking and programmatic work in India.

While AIF continues to furnish grants for Gujarat rehabilitation, we have also embraced other opportunities to implement social change in India. Last year, we defined two main avenues to direct our resources—Education and Livelihood—and made new grants to partner organizations working in these areas. On the programmatic front, our Digital Equalizer program has made further progress in bridging the continuing digital divide in India by bringing computer technology to underprivileged schools throughout India. Moreover, Digital Equalizer merged with Schools Online in India to form a consolidated effort to advance computer education for India’s youth. The Service Corps Fellowship, AIF’s other program, which was born in May 2001 as a three-month pilot program in Gujarat, has now blossomed into a comprehensive nine-month fellowship that places volunteers with NGOs throughout India.

Our Programs

In 2002, the Service Corps Fellowship (AIF SC) and Digital Equalizer (DE) developed and expanded into successful programs that further our mission to advance socio-economic development in India.

The Service Corps fellowship has evolved into a select and challenging nine-month program that serves as an exchange of technical skills, intellectual resources, as well as culture between the United States and India. In 2002, AIF sponsored 31 fellows who went to India, bringing the total number of fellows sponsored by the program, since its inception in the summer of 2002, to 52.

The Digital Equalizer (DE) program has expanded its collaboration with vendors to bring technology to underprivileged children and narrow the "Digital Divide" in India. In almost 10 DE schools the management committee and parents committees have assumed responsibility for the on-going costs of the computer centers. DE has not only given these children access to digital technology but has opened up doors for more comprehensive learning in subjects like history, geography, music and poetry.
"You always keep postponing these things and say 'when I have the time and when I have the means, I will do so.' I don’t think that’s the right way to think about it. I think the right way to think about it is to do whatever is possible today, within the constraints of your time and your resources."

Rajat Gupta
Co-Chair, ALF
Managing Director, McKinsey & Co.

Durga And Tushar Find A Home

It is easy to see that they are siblings. Durga and Tushar have an identical diminutive build, button noses, shy smiles and eloquent eyes. Durga is in Class II while her brother Tushar is in Class III. Tragedy befell them even before the earthquake. Their father died, following which their mother committed suicide. Two elder sisters also passed away, a fact not known to the two children. They were living with their uncle when the earthquake dislocated their lives even further.

They were spotted during a reconnaissance mission to find such children and bring them to a temporary school run by Veerayatan, in Bhuj. American India Foundation bore the costs of running Veerayatan Vidyapeeth at Bhuj in the crucial year of 2001-2002. It is a mammoth relief and rehabilitation exercise covering about 1,500 individuals, including students up to Class VII, street and working children, those requiring tuition for senior classes, and young and adult vocational trainees.

At Veerayatan, the children have blossomed into warm individuals who have the capacity to love as much as they are loved. Clearly, the values of sharing and caring have made their homes in the hearts of the little ones.
Executive Summary

Our Grants

In the past year, AIF has made great strides in advancing Gujarat’s recovery from the earthquake of 2001 and in its work throughout India in accelerating social and economic development through education and livelihood grants. In 2002, grants in Gujarat continued to support communities in housing, livelihood, health, and education. AIF grants are constructing over 1,500 homes and worksheds in collaborative initiatives between NGOs and affected communities. Grants in livelihood support are reaching 2,200 women in the form of raw materials for artisans to rebuild their traditional livelihoods and loans to women for income generating activities as well as 8,000 other people in the form of entrepreneurship training. In the sphere of health, AIF, in partnership with the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAP), is building three hospitals that serve 175,000 people in three districts of Gujarat. In education, over 6,000 children received schooling immediately after the earthquake, approximately 2,500 children have or will receive access to education through the construction of four new permanent schools, and an additional 10,000 children in Gujarat are being supported through other educational initiatives.

AIF also expanded its impact beyond Gujarat in 2002 in the areas of education and livelihood. AIF funds are helping NGOs mainstream about 30,000 out-of-school and marginalized children back into the education system through balwadis, balsakhis and bridge courses in four states of India. In Karnataka, 3,841 families are participating in an AIF-funded integrated community development project to manage natural resources and enhance women’s livelihoods. In 17 tribal villages of Madhya Pradesh, a watershed development program is improving agricultural productivity for over 6,000 people with a focus on women’s empowerment.

Get involved Now!

Your support makes it happen! AIF fulfills its mission of accelerating social and economic change in India primarily through the support of concerned and enthusiastic individuals. Your commitment will make a difference. You can support AIF’s work through monetary donations, gifts-in-kind and by volunteering with AIF chapters located in Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Washington DC. We hope our cause inspires you to take action!
"The only way you can leave the world feeling that you've made a difference is by making a difference to other people."

Lata Krishnan
President, AIIF
AIF Programs

Introduction

AIF operates two key programs in India. Its programs were established to address particular areas of need in India that advance AIF's mission and leverage AIF's unique ability to be a bridge between communities and resources in the United States and India.

AIF's Service Corps fellowship was the first program launched by the foundation. The Service Corps Fellowship sends qualified and skilled individuals to India for 9 months of volunteer development work. It was established to help fill the void left in the absence of a volunteer program for Americans interested in doing volunteer work in India. The program aims to provide individuals with life changing development experiences, offers our NGOs in India much needed human resources and attempts to improve understanding between cultures and communities.

Digital Equalizer is a joint program between AIF and Schools Online, an international non-profit organization with classroom connectivity programs in 36 countries. This program seeks to bridge the digital and educational divide in India by providing computers, software, Internet access and training to children and teachers in underprivileged schools in India.

“I am excited to be involved with AIF because it has great institutional capability to leverage both monies and programs effectively in India. Through our Digital Equalizer program we are leveraging the Internet to create a level playing field for educating the masses.”

~ Vin Dham, Co-Founder, New Path Ventures, Silicon Valley

"Supporting AIF represents an excellent way for donors committed to supporting worthy causes in India to more effectively identify leading NGOs as well as measure the 'return' on their non-profit investments."

~ Ravi Reddy, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, New Jersey
"Connecting and coalescing like-minded individuals in the US and India around a common goal is at the heart of the AIF Service Corps program. Not only does it foster a greater understanding of the issues relevant to India's social development, it also enriches the lives of the individuals involved and their communities in both countries."

- Sridar Iyengar, President, TIE Silicon Valley and Co-Chair, Service Corps Advisory Council

The AIF Service Corps

The American India Foundation Service Corps Fellowship (AIFSC) was established in the summer of 2001 to sponsor qualified Americans for work on sustainable development projects in India. AIFSC fellows spend nine months working in India with a local NGO.

The AIFSC program continues to expand and develop. In 2002, the foundation sent a total of 31 fellows to India as part of two groups; the first in January of 2002 and the second in September of 2002; bringing the total number of fellows sponsored since the program’s inception in 2001 to 52. It has drawn widespread interest and since the summer of 2001 over 400 individuals have applied for the fellowship program. In addition, the program has received acclaim from both the United States Government and the Government of India as a catalyst for global understanding and cross-cultural exchange and learning.

Siddarth Tickoo
Fellow Placement: Goa Sudharop, Panjim Goa
Educational Background/Major: Boston University/Computer Engineering
Hometown: Chelmsford, MA

I think the Service Corps experience is an ongoing one and that even after my fellowship is over; the lifestyle, the work, the food, the people and friends, are so deeply embedded in me that I will take them with me wherever I go. It is an unparalleled opportunity to do something unique and fulfilling while experiencing tremendous personal growth.

Jessica Mayberry
Fellow Placement: SEWA, Ahmedabad
Gujarat
Educational Background/Major: Oxford University/History and French Literature
Hometown: New York

The AIF Staff put a lot of energy into helping me find the perfect NGO for my skills. After working in television in NY for three years, I went to make documentaries for SEWA in Gujarat. It was a great professional experience. India has given me so much this past year, and my hope now is that I find a way to give back to this country for years to come.

The Fellowship evolved into a nine-month program in 2002 and expanded its presence to a total of 12 different states including: Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, New Delhi, and Rajasthan.
Subhalakshmi Ganguly
Fellow Placement: Tata Steel Foundation, Jamshedpur Jharkhand
Educational Background/Major: SUNY Binghamton/Biological Anthropology
Hometown: Coram, NY

As a Service Corps Fellow - every day I meet all types of amazing people who leave a lasting impression on me, from hardworking farmers to smiling children in our village schools. I am always moved by how appreciative each and every person I meet in the villages is of the NGO’s services and contributions. I have learned a great deal about NGOs and the nonprofit sector and I feel strongly that this is an area with great potential for contributing to growth in countries like India.

The AIFSC is a challenging AIF fellowship program. The foundation awards roughly twenty, nine-month fellowships beginning in September of each year. Acceptance into the program is highly competitive and the program selects only the most committed and promising individuals for fellowship awards.

Fellowships are awarded to highly qualified individuals who demonstrate a deep interest and commitment toward economic development work in India. AIFSC Fellowships are designed to be extremely challenging personal and professional development opportunities.

AIF Service Corps Advisory Council Members

Richard Celeste* is currently the President of Colorado College, served as Governor of Ohio for two terms from 1982-1990, served as the US Ambassador in New Delhi from 1997 through 2001 and served as Director of the US Peace Corps Program from 1979 to 1981.

Sridar Iyengar* is the President of TIE (The Indus Entrepreneurs) Silicon Valley and was part of the founding team of KPMG India and served as Chairman and CEO of KPMG India between 1997 and 2000.

Anita DoshiNaik is a Neonatologist at Lutheran General Children’s Hospital (LCH) in Chicago and serves on the Board of Directors of India Development Services USA.

Mavis Biramath is currently a social worker in New York and for nearly 20 years served as Chief Executive Project Coordinator for India Development Service International based in Karnataka where she managed and supervised rural development projects in over a hundred villages.

Isba Ray is an Assistant Professor at the University of California at Berkeley in the Energy and Resources Group and is an active leader with Indians for Collective Action (ICA), a San Francisco Bay Area group devoted to India’s development.

Kathy Sreethar is Director of the Unitarian Universalist Reliened India Program and for over forty years has worked in both the U.S. and India for grass roots, donor and government organizations including the US Peace Corps and serves on the Boards of several foundations and International Fellowship programs.

Ray Unashankar is the Assistant Dean for Industrial Relations at the College of Engineering and Mines, University of Arizona in Tucson and is also the Director of the Virtual Development Center that is devoted to the idea of "Technology in the Service of Society."

*Co-chairs of Advisory Council

AIF Service Corps Advisory Council

In addition to a dedicated staff in the United States and India, the Service Corps program is overseen by an experienced Advisory Council comprised of outstanding leaders who combine years of relevant experience in India in the areas of economic development and fellowship/volunteer programs.
Through the Digital Equalizer (DE) program, local urban communities throughout India are beginning to participate in school programs and some even support the on-going costs for internet connectivity in schools. In fact, in almost 10 schools the management committees and parents committees assumed responsibility for the on-going costs in centers. The teachers and students use technology as a "tool" as opposed to an end in itself. Instead of merely learning computer languages like Basic, FORTRAN or C++, they are demonstrating a well-rounded education by creating content in history, geography, music, poetry, etc.

By encouraging subject teachers, administrative staff and management to use technology in their daily tasks, we have enabled the teachers and students to overcome their fear of technology and to use computers more readily.

With the use of curriculum content, students with learning disabilities have seen considerable improvement in their academic performance. Using this medium has also enabled students to improve their English greatly. Students from India and other countries, including Iran, Australia and Poland have also collaborated on various online projects. This interaction has encouraged cultural understanding and educa-
AIF Programs: Digital Equalizer

"The vision of the Digital Equalizer program is to bridge the gap that exists between rural and urban India. The best way of doing that is through education."

~ Kumar Malavalli, Co-Founder, Brocade Communications Systems

hosted their own websites. Teachers received multimedia training to help them improve their presentations and enhance websites. They also participated in workshops focused on their particular subject areas to help them create lesson plans and presentations more effectively.

To recognize the contribution of DE program schools, teachers and facilitators participated in a “DE Liberation” event that was organized at the end of the year. Schools were recognized for their efforts to integrate technology into education and the most improved schools were awarded Intel Microscopes for use in their laboratories. In addition to AIF’s “DE Liberation” event, other educational technology contests encouraged teachers and students to conduct research on the Internet while using various office tools to present the information. One of our teachers, Usha Rao from Sri Raja Rajeshwari Vidyashala in Bangalore, was sponsored by iEARN to travel to New York to participate in the World-Links Teachers Training Program at Columbia University.

Digital Equalizer is a joint program of AIF and Schools Online (SOL). SOL is a US based international non-profit organization with connectivity, e-learning and civic empowerment programs in over 40 countries.

Our Accomplishments in 2002

- Established 55 DE centers across India
- Trained 25,000 students
- Trained 1,000 teachers in a joint program with Intel
- Over 100 multimedia projects created by students
- Plan to establish 50 more centers in 2003
- Strategic partners include Educomp, Edurite, HCL, Intel, Nortel Networks, Wipro

"In the Digital Equalizer program you have a high-class infrastructure, you have very good content, which is upgraded periodically, and you have a management system that looks after the assets, making sure that they are being properly maintained ... and there is regular communication between each center, the AIF folks, and the donors."

~ Kailash Joshi, Past President, TIE, Silicon Valley

Mrs. K Savitri, Teacher, Railway Girls High School, North Lallaguda, Secunderabad was recognized as the Regional Winner from the South and received the Intel Award for “Best Integration of Technology in Education for 2002” under the "Secondary School" category. She won a Citation and a Technology Grant of Rs. 10,000.
At Home In School

Shambhu was only 10 years old when the earthquake struck on January 26, 2001. He was at school for the Republic Day celebrations. But the function was cut short by the massive tremors that rocked Kutch. The young boy recalls that military personnel came and took him back home to his mother, but she had died. His maternal uncle took him to his village. Some time later, Veerayatan’s well-known ‘Sukhdev Sir’ chanced upon him during his frequent visits to the villages and persuaded him to come to the Veerayatan Vidyapeeth at Bhuj.

Now Shambhu is so well ensconced in the nurturing atmosphere of the residential school that he has no thoughts of returning to his village. The love that he can read in the eyes of Vidyapeeth head Sadhvi Shilpiji has assuaged the child’s craving for motherly love. Impressed by his teachers, he, too, has decided to take up the same profession when he grows up.

American India Foundation bore the costs of running Veerayatan Vidyapeeth at Bhuj in the crucial year of 2001-2002. It is a mammoth relief and rehabilitation exercise covering about 1,500 individuals (including students upto Class VII, street and working children, those requiring tuition for senior classes, and young and adult vocational trainees.)
AIF Grants*

AIF Education Grants
Total Education Grants: $379,502

Ruchika Social Service Organization;
Bhubaneswar, Orissa
$4,502
Ruchika Social Service Organization
responds to the growing challenges faced
by the children of the slums of
Bhubaneswar by creating platform schools
that currently serve over 4000 underprivi-
leged children. The AIF grant supports an
innovative education program for 400
child laborers in eight schools in
Bhubaneswar and neighboring villages.

"It is a great achievement that an organization as
young as AIF has successfully implemented excep-
tional and unique programs like the Digital
Equalizer and the Service Corps Fellowship. I am
also personally drawn to AIF's commitment to chil-
dren's education and to bridging the digital divide in
India. AIF is doing great work in these areas and I
am particularly proud of the types of projects AIF
supports like AIF's work with Home of Hope which
combines helping orphans and bridging the digital
education gap - two causes that are particularly close
to my own heart."
– Sam Mathan, Former President & CEO, Amber Networks,
   Silicon Valley

Pratham; Anjar, Bhachau, Bhuj, Delhi,
Lucknow, Gandhidham, Jaipur, Patna,
Rajkot and Rapar
$300,000
Pratham collaborates with local govern-
ments and the private sector to increase
access to schools and improve the quality
of education, thereby ensuring that "every
child is in school." The AIF grant facilita-
tes Pratham to run balwadis or pre-
school centers, create bridge courses for
out-of-school children, and strengthen the
support structure in government schools.
This grant will go toward centers in UP,
Delhi, Bihar, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.

CultureQuest; New Delhi
$25,000
The CultureQuest project is a partnership
between AIF, SCERT, Directorate of
Education, and the City College of New
York. CultureQuest uses information tech-
nology, the Internet, innovative learning
methodologies, and collaboration between
teachers and students in schools in New
Delhi and New York to improve learning and
cultural understanding. The primary goal is
the examination and appreciation of diverse
cultures, including the student's own. A
secondary goal of CultureQuest is to provide
students with the technological skills they
will need for the 21st century.

Karuna Trust; Yelandur, Karnataka
$50,000
Karuna Trust empowers the rural poor to
become self-reliant and progressive commu-
nities through integrated health, education,
socio-economic development programs and
vocational training. AIF, in partnership with
the International Literacy Project is support-
ing an integrated education cum literacy
program that coordinates efforts that use

"Working with enthusiastic, sincere and
focused people, such as those leading AIF, is
not only easy, it is a rewarding experience. It,
gets even better when we share a common
goal and vision."
– Madhav Chavan, Pratham
Pratham is a Mumbai based NGO that specialises in educating
pre-school children and child-laborers in northern India

*Updated to April 2003
existing infrastructure and volunteers in Yelandur, Karnataka to address children’s education and literacy as well as to reach out to “non-literate” in the productive (15–35 years) age-group. AIF is going this grant in partnership with ILP.

**AIF Livelihood Grants**

**Total Livelihood Grants: $581,250**

**SEWA***; Kutch, Gujarat
$200,000
The Self Employed Women’s Association (SEWA) aims to empower women by organizing women workers and providing microcredit activities. This earthquake rehabilitation project provides raw materials and loans for 1700 artisans to return to their traditional livelihoods.

"Working with AIF...has definitely been a positive experience. I feel both AIF and SEWA have been trying to learn more about each other and build a healthier, long-term relationship."

~ Reema Nanawati, SEWA

SEWA is a trade union that improves the livelihood and security of village women and skilled artisans through the direct marketing and sales of their traditional handicrafts, textiles, and embroidery.

**AMBA**:; Rajkot, Gujarat
$31,250
AMBA is a member-based organization focused on empowering rural poor women through microfinance and income generation activities. The grant will allow AMBA to reach out to 500 more women through microfinance and increase the scale and breadth of loans for the women over the next year.

Samaj Parivartana Samudaya (SPS);
Rannebennur, Karnataka
$50,000
SPS works to empower communities in Karnataka to protect the environment and people through sustainable development. AIF’s grant supports building an integrated livelihood program over the next five years, including self-help groups to empower women and village forest committees to facilitate community involvement in environmental and economic issues.

Samaj Pragati Sahayog; Madhya Pradesh
$120,000
Samaj Pragati Sahayog is committed to the empowerment and mobilization of rural communities, particularly women. The AIF grant supports women’s livelihood and watershed development to improve sustainable agriculture in drought-prone tribal pockets of Madhya Pradesh through January 2005.

"Working with the AIF has been good because we work with mutual respect and shared perspectives, in a true spirit of partnership, on some of the most pressing problems of India, in its most needy areas."

~ Mihir Shah, Samaj Pragati Sahayog (SPS)

iCreate**:; Gujarat
$50,000
iCreate partners with NGOs to provide entrepreneurial training, guidance, and mentorship to enable people, particularly women, to lead independent lives and earn income
to sustain their families. The grant will support iCreate’s efforts in Gujarat working with various earthquake and riot-affected communities.

Swayam Krishi Sangam; Andhra Pradesh  
$130,000

S&K is an initiative to empower the poorest of the poor to become self-reliant by providing rural women collateral-free credit at their doorstep. This grant will allow S&K to expand its Grameen banking program in collaboration with local NGOs on credit-plus activities to provide comprehensive income generation opportunities for women.

**Also included in Relief and Rehabilitation section under Gujarat earthquake rehabilitation

Relief & Rehabilitation Grants

Total Committed Gujarat Grants (as of April 2003): $2.65 Million

AIF focused its activities in 2001 on rebuilding and rehabilitating Gujarat. To this end, AIF raised $4.7 million and has supported 20 NGOs working in Gujarat. It has

"The partnership between AIF and Abhiyan, forged over the earthquake rehabilitation efforts of both, has, over the year, evolved to become a relationship where it has been possible to share thoughts, visions and concerns without being dominated by the need "to fund" or "be funded."

- Sushma lyengar, Abhiyan

Abhiyan is a network of grassroots NGOs that support local communities in planning and executing their own development programs in shelter reconstruction, education, and water and drought proofing.

A House for Dhanji

Dhanji Neera proudly points to his little grandson, saying he is the seventh generation in his family to live in Bhojay village in Kutch. This boy is also the first to grow up in a pucca (brick and mortar) earthquake-proof house. For the first time in his life, Dhanji (50) has separate rooms for himself, wife Manbai and his son’s family. There is a separate kitchen, a large courtyard and a special space for even the livestock.

Before the earthquake, Dhanji, a Dalit (a member of the community pegged lowest in the Hindu caste system) lived with his large family in the same compound in a small mud structure. Then came the earthquake that destroyed most of the houses in the village including Dhanji’s. Soon after, Shree Bhojay Sarvodaya Trust (SBST), an NGO with considerable experience in the area, started a relief camp. The NGO offered aid to build permanent, earthquake-resistant houses by providing the initial financial support of Rs 8,000-10,000 ($1US=Rs 47.5) for material such as cement and steel.

The largest number of houses built with the initial aid of American India Foundation (AIF) funds, channelled through SBST, were for Dalits in Bhojay. As instalments of government compensation came in, Dhanji used them to make the rest of the house. His own efforts at rebuilding his house have removed the victim mentality. He is once again in charge of his life.

funded the construction of over 1500 homes, the regeneration of livelihood for 1700 artisans and 500 additional women, the temporary education of 6,000 children after the earthquake, the construction of schools serving over 2,500 children and the construction of three hospitals. With the remaining funds earmarked for Gujarat, AIF will fund long-term village needs in Gujarat through sustainable development programs. Projects under consideration largely fall within AIF’s focus areas of Education and Livelihood.
"I think that AIF is doing fantastic work and my dream is that every Indian in America supports this wonderful organization. The work AIF does of raising funds here and sending them to the very best NGOs and causes in India is a very difficult task for any individual to do efficiently and successfully on their own. Finding credible and reliable NGOs in India on one’s own is challenging but I know I can be comfortable sending my money to India through AIF."

~ Anil Godhwani, Founder India Community Center, Silicon Valley.

Emergency Relief
Red Cross: Relief Project; $20,325. Status: Complete

World Vision: Relief Project; $25,000. Status: Complete

BAPS: Relief and Emergency Shelter; $13,525. Status: Complete

Oxfam: Relief Project; $10,000. Status: Complete

Shelter Reconstruction
Abhiyan: Rebuilding 700 urban and rural homes; $500,000. Status: In Progress

Janvikas/Navsarjan: Rebuilt 180 homes; $60,000. Status: Complete

Kala Raksha: Designed and built 68 home-cum-workshops for artisans in Sumrasar Jatwali village of Kutch; $50,000. Status: Complete

Abhiyan: Rebuilt workshops for 112 artisans; $73,000 (Granted in partnership with the Indo-American Arts Council). Status: Complete

Bhojay Trust: Participatory program to aid villagers in rebuilding 353 homes in Kutch; $73,542. Status: In Progress

YUVA: Rebuilding 120 rural homes; $119,516. Status: In Progress

Livelihood
SEWA: Raw materials and loan for 1,700 artisans to return to traditional livelihood; $200,000. Status: In Progress

AMBA: Providing microfinance opportunities for 500 women in Rajkot; $31,250. Status: In Progress

ICreate: Women’s empowerment through entrepreneurship training for 8,000 people; $50,000. Status: In Progress

Health
Shakti Krupa: Rebuilding 3 Hospitals; $600,000 (Granted in partnership with the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin - AAPI). Status: 1 Complete, 2 In Progress

Wheelchair Foundation: Providing 1,200 wheelchairs to victims; $75,000. Status: Complete

Education
Veerayatan: Temporary school for 6,000 earthquake-affected children; $130,750. Status: Complete

Hope Foundation: Building permanent school for 200 children in Bhuj; $114,050 (Granted in partnership with the Gujarat Samaj of New York). Status: Complete

Save the Children: Constructed eight-room school in Anjar serving 400 children; $37,591 (Granted in partnership with the Indo-American Arts Council). Status: Complete

Rotary: Constructed 48 classrooms in Kutch; $75,000 (Granted in partnership with the Indian Earthquake Relief Organization of Michigan). Status: Complete

Veerayatan: Building permanent school in Jakhana for 1,000 children, including hostels and vocational training; $150,000 (Granted in partnership with the Gujarat Samaj of New York and the Shanti Fund). Status: In Progress

Pratham Gujarat: Supporting balwadis, bridge-courses, and other education programs for 10,000 out-of-school children; $85,000. Status: In Progress

Other
Other Donor-Advised Funds: Funds toward health and education projects in Gujarat; $155,000. Status: Complete

Gujarat Riot Rehabilitation
Saath - $53,785
AIF’s grant, in partnership with EKTA, went to aid with the resettlement of riot-affected families in Gujarat.

September 11th
In response to the tragic events of September 11th, AIF temporarily served as a grant-making vehicle for members of the Indo-American community interested in providing financial assistance to the victims of the attacks. Members of the community channeled over $1,000,000 through AIF to organizations including the Citizen’s Scholarship Fund, the Chicago Remembers Fund and the Twin Towers Fund amongst others.
Indefatigable Matriarchs

Clad in their traditional attire and wearing strikingly beautiful jewellery, Fatimaben, Niyamatben and Paramaben look like invincible matriarchs. Having joined an NGO, Kutch Mahila Vikas Sangathan (KMVS), several years ago, they have mastered the lessons of maximizing earnings through traditional craftsmanship, and improving their quality of lives through saving schemes, health and education initiatives as well as planning for scarce water resources. All lost their homes to the earthquake.

KMVS is part of an NGO network called Kutch Nav Nirman Abhiyan (Abhiyan), which introduced a systematic way of functioning so essential in those chaotic days. The three women took the lead in distributing relief to villages thus far unreached. Post-earthquake housing was an urgent need. "We did not go by the government list which did not include people who lived in mud and grass huts," declares Fatimaben. Also, the needs of widows and elderly people who could not construct houses on their own were kept in mind. With American India Foundation (AIF) funding coming through in September 2001, the project started in right earnest. KMVS offered support of Rs 22,500 (1 US$=Rs 47.5) for each house/unit, but the community itself managed all the construction work. It was this experience of rebuilding their own homes that laid the foundation of their rehabilitation.

In one year, AIF support saw 134 units for 73 families constructed in Hodka village. Over 57 families began a new life in Jamkunariya village with similar support. For the three women, it was the completion of an ambitious dream. Their efforts have steered many lives towards the path of self-reliance and recovery.

"India's needs are great. The desire by American Indians to donate money and time has always been there. Sorting out well-managed charities can be a daunting task. Monitoring them on an ongoing basis could be as difficult. Well intended but diffused efforts through individual contributions directly to charities may not serve the intended objective. Getting mainstream companies and foundations in the USA to make matching contributions may not be as easy. AIF, acting as a central agency, channeling individual contributions to deserving Indian-based charities and NGOs can make all the difference in addressing these and other challenges. That is why I have chosen to make my contributions to my favorite Indian causes through AIF."

- Vijay Goradia, Chairman & CEO Vinmar International.

AIF’s Partnerships

AIF is committed to bringing communities and resources together and leveraging existing initiatives to advance our mission and objectives. One critical way that AIF meets these objectives is by actively seeking out credible and established partners and forging strategic partnerships to help further expand and magnify existing efforts.

In 2002, AIF further developed and forged key relationships with the Association of American Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPGI), Ashoka (Innovators for the Public) and Pratham (A Literacy Movement) to advance these organization's efforts to accelerate economic and social change in India.

Shortly after the Gujarat earthquake, AIF forged a partnership with the leading Indian American Physicians association – AAPGI, to jointly advance and support all of AAPGI's health rehabilitation efforts in Gujarat. In 2002, AIF and AAPGI co-funded and oversaw the reconstruction of three hospitals in Gujarat with a joint commitment and grant of $600,000.

AIF has also formed a partnership with Ashoka, an organization that advances social entrepreneurship by supporting the work of world-class social entrepreneurs. In 2002, AIF and Ashoka announced a partnership to transform the existing Ashoka fellowship program in India into a joint AIF & Ashoka fellowship program and to double the number of annual fellows selected and supported.

AIF has also identified and forged a key partnership to advance its commitment in the area of primary education and universal literacy. AIF's partnership with Pratham, a national literacy movement with a scale, scope and effectiveness that is unmatched in India, will help the organization advance and expand its literacy projects, moving toward the ultimate goal of achieving universal literacy in India. AIF's partnership with Pratham has both magnified the organization's fundraising in the United States as well as laid the groundwork to help support and expand Pratham's work to provide primary education for out-of-school children in Anjar, Bhachau, Bhuj, Delhi, Lucknow, Gandhidham, Jaipur, Patna, Rajkot and Rapar.

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"I am impressed that AIF has established itself as a credible, premier organization in such a short time and built alliances with credible well managed NGO’s in India. I believe this will make AIF a major force in building the future India."

~ Mukesh Patel, Entrepreneur, Silicon Valley

The American India Foundation

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ending December 31st 2002  (All amounts in US Dollars)

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<tr>
<th>PUBLIC SUPPORT, REVENUES, AND RECLASSIFICATIONS</th>
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<td>1,305,423</td>
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<td>563,961</td>
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<td>Events revenue</td>
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<td><strong>600,000</strong></td>
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<td>(50,260)</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restriction due to satisfaction of purpose restriction</td>
<td>1,300,049</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL PUBLIC , REVENUES, AND RECLASSIFICATIONS</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,180,859</strong></td>
<td><strong>115,232</strong></td>
<td><strong>600,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,896,091</strong></td>
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**EXPENSES:**

| Grant Awarding activities                       | 1,090,537    | -                      | -                      | 1,090,537 |
| Program Services                                | 575,596      | -                      | -                      | 575,596 |
| Fundraising                                     | 539,193      | -                      | -                      | 539,193 |
| Management and General                          | 361,093      | -                      | -                      | 361,093 |
| **Total Expenses**                              | **2,566,419**| **-**                  | **-**                  | **2,566,419** |

**INCREASE IN NET ASSETS**

| 1,814,440                                      | 115,232      | 600,000                | 2,329,672               |

**NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR**

| 191,305                                        | 1,804,166    | -                      | 1,995,471               |

**NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR**

| 1,805,745                                      | 1,919,398    | 600,000                | 4,325,143               |

Donations & Contributed Earnings

- Individual Contributions: 17%
- Corporate Contributions, Donated Services & Facilities: 3%
- Foundation Contributions: 1%
- Event Based Revenues, Net of Direct Benefit to Donors: 66%
- Investment Return: 13%

**Revenues : 2002**

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<th>Donations and Contributed Revenues</th>
<th>Individual Contributions</th>
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<td>3,257,214</td>
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<td>155,300</td>
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The Financial Records of the American India Foundation are audited by the firm of Wilken & Guttenplan, P.C., Certified Public Accountants
Financial Mission
The mission of AIF's financial operation is to provide effective support to AIF to:
• Ensure transparency, credibility, and clear accountability in all its financial activities.
• Assure the efficient execution of projects and programs in India that maximize the impact of donor contribution.

Operations Update
In the second year of operations AIF focused on building a strong professionally managed non-profit operation. We strengthened our financial function by adding an experienced Director of Finance and Operations to oversee areas of finance and accounting to ensure compliance and transparency in all aspects of our financial reporting and record keeping function.

Financial Highlights
The overview of American India Foundation’s financial statements were presented by AIF’s auditors Wilkin and Guttenplan, P.C. at the finance committee meeting on March 24, 2003. This was the second audit completed by the accountants, and the audit opinion was unqualified. The accountants also felt that AIF’s record-keeping and internal controls were adequate in all material respects.

The highlights of the financial year 2002 were as follows:

AIF had raised $4.9 million, and had expended $2.5 million, in 2002, with a net increase in assets of $2.3 million. At year end, AIF had net assets of $4.3 million.

The $4.9 million revenues for the year were composed of $4,137,570 in contributions, $563,961 in donated services and facilities, $205,563 in events revenue and $49,540 in investment income.

The $2.3 million in outflows were composed of $1,917,824 for grants awarded ($704,787 for Education, $1,019,536 for Gujarat, $31,783 for Livelihood, $11,650 in other grants and $150,058 to administer the above grants) $575,596 for program services, $539,193 in fundraising support and $361,083 in management and general expenses.

The assets of $4.3 million were available for use in the following categories, Gujarat Earthquake relief $1,978,085, September 11th Relief $48,425, Digital Equalizer $31,618, Donor Advised Funds $20,000, Unrestricted funds $1,755,485, and Permanently Restricted Assets of $600,000.

The $600,000 of permanently restricted assets were resulting from a new gift to establish AIF’s endowment fund.

The details and completed financial information are a part of the auditor’s report and available upon request from the administrative office.
"The AIF is outstanding for many reasons, including its integrity. Founded by leading entrepreneurs, civic leaders and corporate leaders, the Foundation has, from its first days, been a model of transparency and rigorous governance. The AIF scrupulously manages its funds, wastes nothing and lives up to its word in the use of its resources."

- Geoffrey Stewart, Partner Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Washington, DC.
### The American India Foundation

**PROFORMA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

*As of DECEMBER 31, 2002  (All amounts in US Dollars)*

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**Relationship of AIF with UCA**

Prior to the formal inception of The American India Foundation (AIF), AIF's founding trustees had been active and instrumental in fundraising activities for relief efforts related to the Gujarat Earthquake of January 2001. Significant funds were raised prior to AIF's legal inception, and these funds were contributed to the United Community Appeal of India (UCA), a donor advised fund for Gujarat Earthquake Relief efforts. The UCA fund was used as an intermediary legal vehicle to collect and accumulate monies until the AIF was equipped to legally do so. These funds are held by the Community Foundation of Silicon Valley, a 501(c)(3) entity which is unrelated to AIF.

Since the inception of the UCA, AIF's management had identified, qualified and advised the fund as to which non-governmental organization (NGO's) working on the rehabilitation of Gujarat, India the above monies should be disbursed to. The authority to control all decision related to these funds rest with the AIF board and management.

AIF Management is responsible for managing the approval process and determining the appropriate grants to be disbursed.
They teach us Values here

Bhavya Joshi left home very early on January 26, 2001, to reach school for the Republic Day celebrations. His mother waved goodbye. More than two hours later, as the teacher stood up to make an announcement, the earthquake occurred. When he finally managed to reach home, he found his mother, sister, grandmother, granduncle, maternal uncle and his cousins dead in the rubble. His grandfather died soon after. Bhavya was 10 years old.

His father (Bhavya's parents were divorced) took him to Mumbai, but the tall buildings terrified him. A few months later, an uncle told him about a new residential school in Bhuj started by Veerayatan. American India Foundation supported Veerayatan Vidyapeeth at Bhuj in the crucial year of 2001-2002. Providing education free of cost, it boasted of a good curriculum and diligent teachers.

Bhavya has now spent two years at Veerayatan Vidyapeeth and is in Class VII. He likes the school because "here they teach us values". The warmth of each member of the institution, headed by Sadhvi Shilpiji, has transformed him, and memories of the earthquake and his mother have made him resolve to do social work when he grows up. "So that I can help others as I have been helped," he says.
AIF’s People

Introduction

Our people are our strength. They provide the valuable resources we are trying to mobilize and the passion and energy that drives our work.

Our people start with our Trustees, who founded the organization and provide us with critical financial, technical and moral support that has been the base for what we hope is truly a world class organization. They are the pillars of our organization.

Our Professional staff in the United States and India represent a lean and efficient cadre of generalists and specialists who provide the critical day-to-day legwork and oversight needed and help us insure that we are a professional, transparent, efficient and responsive organization. They comprise the machine that drives our work.

Our Volunteers provide the critical manpower and resources that support our work. Their dedication and passion allows us to expand our work across the nation, raise funds and resources in the United States, and help us achieve our objectives in India. Our volunteers include dedicated and committed individuals who join us in our offices and help support our day-to-day management and administrative activities. Other volunteers and participants in our Service Corps fellowship are both our goodwill ambassadors and living examples of how we connect communities and accelerate change. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization.

Our people have carried this organization far but there is more ground to cover. We hope that in these pages we can recognize and appreciate their contribution to the success of our organization. We also hope that their example will motivate others to get involved. The message of AIF and our people is a clear one. If you are dedicated to India and her future, regardless of your age, location, or financial status, you can make a significant contribution.

"AIF offers the best route for those interested in contributing to a sustained effort of development in India in a scaleable, measured and monitored way. AIF provides professional, credible management at one of the lowest costs of delivering these funds effectively."

- Ajay Shah, General Partner, Shah Management LLC, Silicon Valley
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Santosh Ramdev
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Jai Rupani
Rahna Rustagi
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Sagarika Kalapatapu
Sonya Thomas
Shalini Sen
Sunita Sood
Udit Chhibar
Unmesh Jany
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Karn Wasan
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Shakeel Shah
Anup Gurnani
Mimi Shahi
Atul Phull
Sarika Batra
Vivek Shankar
Pooja Vyasavali
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AIF's eight regional chapters were instrumental to its fundraising efforts for 2002 by raising $230,000. AIF hosted awareness-building events varying from book readings and walkathons to movie premieres featuring AIF Trustees Mira Nair and Ismail Merchant. Some chapters organized private dinners and plays with leading Indian social activists such as Waheeda Rehman and Shabana Azmi. AIF's "India on My Mind" series of events were organized on both the east and west coasts and featured speakers such as Shashi Tharoor, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, Shabana Azmi, Tanushree Shankar, Lakshmi Shankar, Waheeda Rehman.

In keeping with AIF's desire to partner with other Indo-centric organizations throughout the United States, several events were hosted in collaboration with various regional organizations such as Prabasi in Silicon Valley as well as Arts India and the Taiwar Gallery in New York. In addition, community organizations such as Naatak and MARS generously earmarked a portion of their proceeds for AIF's activities.

Significant Events held in 2002

Chapter launches in Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington DC

India On My Mind events were held in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, New York and Washington DC with speakers including Shashi Tharoor, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, Shabana Azmi, Tanushree Shankar, Lakshmi Shankar, Waheeda Rehman.

Monsoon Wedding premier in Washington DC followed by a Q&A with director and AIF Trustee Mira Nair

Mystic Masseur premiers in New York and Boston which raised over $250,000 for education and literacy programs in India in April 2002

"Social Entrepreneurship" session at Tiecon in Santa Clara in June 2002

Gandhi Day Walkathons in Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, DC in October 2002

Productions of Tumhari Amrita in Boston, New York and Washington, DC starring Shabana Azmi and Farooque Shaikh in October 2002

Ismail Merchant book signing in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Seattle in December 2002

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