



Press Release
Fourth Meeting of the Board of Trustees
India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians
23 May 2015

The Fourth Meeting of the Board of Trustees of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) was held on May 23, 2015 in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj. IDF-OI is a not-for-profit Trust set-up by MOIA in 2008 to serve as an avenue for overseas Indians to contribute to India's social development efforts.

In its meeting on May 23 the Board reviewed the functioning of IDF and its Action Plan for 2015-16. It decided to enhance engagement with overseas Indians and increase the number and variety of projects. The Board revised the mandate of IDF to seek contributions from overseas Indians for the three flagship programmes of the Government of India – Namami Gange, Swachh Bharat and Swachh Vidyalaya. Previously, IDF focussed mainly on philanthropy by overseas Indians to social and development projects in India which were selected by the donors.

The Board also decided that Indian Diaspora can also contribute through IDF, to projects identified by the State Governments; and projects implemented by NGOs. The participants in the Board meeting included prominent Indians and NRIs Shri Yusuff Ali, Shri Joginder Pal Sanger, Shri Subhash Jindal, Dr. B.K. Agnihotri, Shri Ashok Chowgule, Ms. Ritu Beri and Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak.



India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians

The India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) is a not for profit Trust established to serve as a credible institutional avenue to enable overseas Indians to engage in philanthropy to supplement India's social development efforts. IDF-OI channelises the philanthropic propensities and resources of the overseas Indian community into national development and social projects.

The Trust has a two-tier structure comprising the Board of Trustees and the Executive Directorate. The Foundation is chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs.

The broad objectives of the Trust are:

1. Lead overseas Indian philanthropy into India and facilitate partnerships through single window facilitation and by building philanthropic partnerships.
2. Establish and maintain a 'Social Capital and Philanthropy Network' on India that can provide a list of credible institutions, projects and programmes.
3. Function as a clearing house for all philanthropy related information on India.
4. Partner with and encourage credible philanthropic organisations in the sectors that best match need based philanthropy.
5. Promote accountability and 'good practices' in overseas Indian philanthropy.

IDF-OI is partnering with international, national and state level NGOs as well as State Governments and local self government institutions, for effective implementation. 33 NGOs (Non- Governmental Organizations who are FCRA approved by MHA) from 7 States have officially confirmed their participation to IDF- OI with their projects. These projects cover a wide gamut of activities such as skills development, local self governance, education for children, health initiatives, sustainable agriculture and livelihood creation, vocational training programmes, programmes for visually challenged and differently abled children among others. Besides these, State Govts have also confirmed their participation to IDF-OI. Since 2011, IDF-OI has helped in channelizing contributions from overseas donors towards social development projects in Assam, Rajasthan and Gujarat in the areas of water conservation, rainwater harvesting, educating and mainstreaming differently abled children, women's education and sustainable livelihood.