



TOWARDS A BETTER SOCIETY

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VISION

"To be a model social organisation that enables and facilitates the underprivileged sections of the society to access quality education and healthcare"

MISSION

- To work towards fulfilling the education and healthcare needs of the backward sections of the society
- To provide financial and technical support to institutions for improving the quality of education and healthcare
- To design and implement programs aimed at quality improvements in education and access to healthcare
- To partner with NGOs, Educational and Healthcare institutions, Government and other Corporates for achieving the vision



MESSAGES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The most gratifying work of our Foundation this year is the expansion of its scholarship program. This program, which serves as a model program has many innovative aspects that encourages scholastic accomplishments combined with a value-based holistic development of engineers in different parts of the country. It will be our endeavor to mentor these scholars into high performance individuals who will make a significant impact on society and in turn contribute to inclusive growth.

We sharpened our focus during 2012-13 in specific areas of education and healthcare to create maximum impact. The work we did with the visually challenged has brought under spotlight the need for dignified living and has in turn brought other NGOs to work on this cause.

Our foundation has also been, for the first time, able to leverage the Outreach program of Cognizant and effectively direct the voluntary contribution of tens of thousands of Cognizant employees into meaningful difference among children in corporation and government schools. So much so that we have built the collaborative capability and capacity in Cognizant Foundation to target specific areas of impact in education and healthcare to meet the demands of a larger corpus of funds from Cognizant.

N. Lakshmi Narayanan,
Director, Cognizant Foundation &
Vice-Chairman, Cognizant



Giving back is a many splendoured thing. That's what we in the Foundation have discovered over the years while assisting NGOs and others in their social mission. To us it gives a sense of deep satisfaction, to them a fillip in their pursuits and to the beneficiaries beyond a feeling of relief, comfort and thankfulness. And none of these would have become possible without the support of Cognizant and its motivated band of Associates.

As we grow, we are also becoming aware of the need for an in-depth review of our strategy and activities. For one thing, we are hopeful of continued substantial financial allocations from Cognizant and hence becoming capable of supporting projects larger than those undertaken hitherto. This means a gradual shift of emphasis away from supporting isolated projects, valuable though they are, to a programme mode of assistance. This calls for identification of a clutch of socio economically relevant areas of intervention, formulate programmes of a manageable size, identify executing agencies and extend committed support to programme implementation over a reasonable number of years. Thus, we would be having in our portfolio a mix of activities, both of the single agency executed one-off support type and theme based multiagency executed programmes spread over a period. Quality upgradation in the field of education, skill development and livelihood oriented training may be cited as examples of themes underlying the programme-based approach.

Given the need of the hour to work in a partnership mode, we are also exploring how we can establish synergy with other likeminded organizations as ours. A leading consultancy firm is currently engaged in a comprehensive exercise addressing all the areas of our concern. The year ahead could well mark a perceptible course change. Let's look forward to an expanded, action filled future.

N. R. Krishnan, I.A.S. (Retd.)
Director, Cognizant Foundation



India's population will exceed China's, by present forecasts, in the next few years with the peaking of young population below 30 years. How we will use the rising youth population will decide the country's capacity to maintain growth trajectory, which in turn depends on investment in education and healthcare, not only in terms of achieving quantity but also quality.

The central government and several state governments have education and health as priorities and several flagship projects have been announced to coordinate their activities to ensure equitable access to quality services in these sectors. However our experience in the last few years of dealing with various institutions has shown that the actual funds committed by them to improve these sectors are far less than the required level of at least 6% of GDP (without discounting for performance deficit) and lower than in many emerging economies.

There are several areas that need attention in education: syllabus revision, teacher training, improved text books, infrastructure like IT equipment, libraries, laboratories and modern teaching tools like IT software. In health, many hospitals lack modern equipment to diagnose diseases or treat them and if available the costs are beyond the reach of many primarily due to the high capital cost of their acquisition.

By addressing the above areas through careful assessment of needs and timely financial help the Foundation has been endeavouring to fill the gap and make quality education and healthcare affordable to the underprivileged sections. We are also continually reviewing our business model to see how better we can serve the community consistent with optimal use of our resources.

We are grateful to Cognizant and its senior executives for their continued, unflagging support to our activities and to its Associates for volunteering their time in community cause.

Dr. S. Ramamurthy,
Director, Cognizant Foundation

LETTER FROM CEO

It is my pleasure and privilege to place before you the Cognizant Foundation '2012-13: At a glance' report which succinctly captures the activities of the Foundation in 2012-13. Yet another eventful year has passed, bringing with it fresh opportunities for us to reach out to less privileged members of our society.

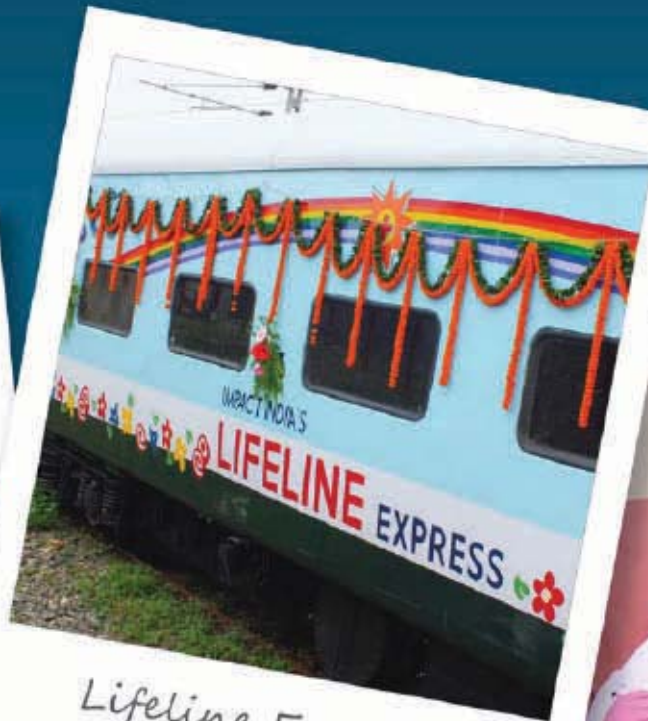
From its humble beginning in 2005, Cognizant Foundation has come a long way in meeting its vision of enabling the underprivileged sections of the society to access quality education and healthcare. This has been made possible through the successful partnerships we have been able to forge with credible NGOs and Institutions across the country rendering yeoman service to the downtrodden of the society. The following pages journal the various NGO partnerships and their projects supported by the Foundation in the year 2012-13. The diversity, geographical spread and far reaching impact that these projects have been able to make is heartening to see and motivate us to outdo ourselves in the coming years.

At Cognizant Foundation, we recall the satisfaction of serving thousands of underprivileged individuals in rural and urban India. That we have come so far is a tribute to the support and involvement of our stakeholders – our parent company Cognizant, individual donors and passionate Cognizant Associates across the country. We place on record our heartfelt gratitude to all of them, for enabling us to reach out to the unreached and look forward to their continued support in our journey towards making a better future.

S. Madhavan
Chief Executive Officer



Vocational Training



Lifeline Express



Science Laboratory



Eye Surgery
(Hospital on Train)



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

As in the previous years, Cognizant Foundation's thrust areas continue to be Education and Healthcare. The Foundation endeavors to contribute to inclusive development by identifying and supporting credible NGOs and Institutions working towards fulfilling the education and healthcare needs of underserved sections of the society.

In contrast to the previous year, the Foundation's expenditure for the year reflects a greater thrust on Healthcare projects. Some of the innovative initiatives in the Healthcare sector were the 'Lifeline Express – Hospital on a Train' project of Impact India Foundation, Mumbai and the 'Video Conferencing facility for training in organ donation' project of Mohan Foundation, Chennai. The Foundation also expanded the Cognizant Foundation Scholarship Scheme for Engineering undergraduate students from 16 Institutions to 22 Institutions across the country.

While the Foundation continues to follow a four pronged implementation strategy, involving Cognizant Offices/Associates, NGOs, Beneficiary Institutions and the Government, the involvement of Government has been minimal. As always, the Foundation has been favored with significant support and contribution from Cognizant Associates across the country serving as our extended arms enabling us to reach out to disadvantaged communities in six different states.

During the year under review, the Foundation was able to successfully forge new relationships with credible NGOs and assist them in implementing new projects and in strengthening and extending some of their existing projects. These relationships have helped us address critical issues in the areas of education and healthcare through quality intervention.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights for the year 2012-13 are as follows

INCOME	(In ₹ Lakhs)
Contributions received	511.4
Interest income	15.7
Total income during the year	527.1
Surplus income, carried forward from previous year	154.0
Total funds available	681.1
EXPENDITURE	
Project related	341.6
Administrative and other expenses	35.8
Total expenditure during the year	377.4
NET SURPLUS AS AT END OF THE YEAR	303.7

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

A The project expenditure, by sector, was as follows

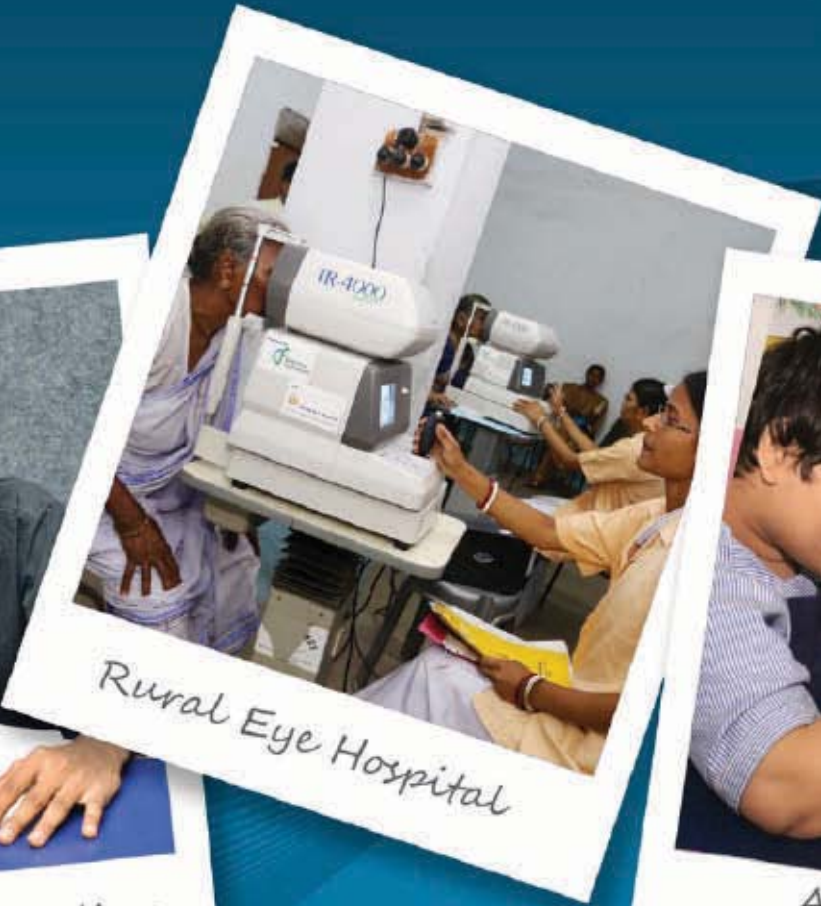
SECTOR	(In ₹ Lakhs)
Education	114.0
Healthcare	225.6
Others	2.0
TOTAL	341.6

B In the area of Education, we supported projects in the following categories

- Digital Library for the visually challenged
- Mobile Science Laboratory
- Scholarship programme for economically disadvantaged
- Training of teachers in ICT education tools
- Learning Resource Centers
- Computer and Science laboratories
- Digital Equalizer programme in rural schools
- Vocational Training
- Educational Infrastructure support

C In the area of Healthcare, we supported projects in the following categories

- Medical equipment for Lifeline Express – hospital on a train
- Video conferencing facility for organ donation training
- Medical equipment for hospital catering to underprivileged
- Mobile Medical Unit
- High-end equipment for ophthalmic research



THE KEY TO

EDUCATION

DEVELOPMENT



Education is not only a powerful tool for empowering an individual, a family, a community in their quest for a better future but also the key for inclusive development.

It is in this context that Cognizant Foundation has been supporting projects aimed at making available quality education inputs to students, teachers and the differently abled alike, with projects ranging from provision of educational infrastructure to scholarships.



Digital Library

for the Visually Challenged



DIGITAL LIBRARY FOR THE VISUALLY CHALLENGED

L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) is a comprehensive eye health facility with its main campus located in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. A WHO Collaborating Centre for prevention of blindness, LVPEI offers comprehensive patient care, sight enhancement, rehabilitation services and high impact rural eye health programs.

In the course of its work, LVPEI has observed that one of the major challenges faced by the visually challenged student community is the non-availability of accessible learning material. While Braille is the most common mode employed for the education of the visually challenged it has certain limitations such as lack of ready to use material, lack of individual student copies of text books and bulkiness of the books, especially for students in the higher grades. Therefore there was a serious need to find an alternate and supportive mode for Braille users. The widespread availability and falling costs of digital audio recording and storage technology made it a viable alternate to Braille. A Compact Disc or Memory stick can carry pages of audio information that in Braille print may weigh kilos.

Cognizant Foundation has joined hands with LVPEI to address the lacunae by helping the rehabilitation unit of LVPEI set up a digital studio that produces digital books in English and Telugu catering to the needs of visually challenged students of Higher Secondary schools and Colleges. The studio is used to record and produce academic textbooks from high school to post graduation level; in addition law books, Competitive exam books, banking books and general knowledge books are also recorded. Visually challenged students can use facilities available at the LVPEI center to listen to these books. Alternately the digital books are shared in CD and MP3 format to the students, free of charge. The digital library will produce over 14,000 digital books every year catering to approximately 3600 visually challenged students.

Over 14,000 Digital Books Provided to Approximately 3,600 Visually Challenged Students, Every Year

“ About 30% of the disabled population in India is children below 16 years of age, of which only 4% are enrolled in schools against the national gross enrollment. Among the reasons for poor school enrollment, non-availability of accessible learning materials is the most common barrier identified. We are confident that this collaborative initiative of LVPEI and Cognizant Foundation will enable more children into literacy. ”

Ms. Beula Christy | Head & Consultant,
Vision Rehabilitation Centre, LVPEI

“ My parents are illiterate and there is no one from my family to support my education. Many times I thought of discontinuing studies as there was no proper support. It is such a relief that this center is giving audio books to students like me. I am encouraged to continue my education. ”

Mr. Asif | Beneficiary, X Standard Student

Mobile Science Lab

for Rural Students



MOBILE SCIENCE LABORATORY

Vidnyanvahini, Pune is a non-profit organization working on an innovative effort to reduce inequity in science education countenanced by students in remote villages of rural Maharashtra. The main arm of Vidnyanvahini is its Mobile Science Laboratory program. The Mobile Science Laboratory propagates hands-on learning among underprivileged rural children and teachers. This program brings the world of exploratory science through the Mobile Science laboratory to children in schools in rural areas of Maharashtra. This program offers disadvantaged children with facilities to perform science experiments.

Cognizant Foundation has supported Vidnyanvahini for the setting up of the Mobile Science Laboratory. The Mobile Science laboratory is an imaginatively modified vehicle to accommodate lab apparatus, teaching aids, audio-visual equipment, an inverter powered by engine battery, a generator, portable lab tables and an overhead water tank. The Mobile Science Laboratory visits various rural schools in Maharashtra throughout the academic year to provide disadvantaged children with facilities to perform science experiments. The backbone of Vidnyanvahini is its team of volunteers consisting of retired scientists, engineers and teachers, collectively called the Dialogue and Action Group (DAG).

A common bond between these professionals is a keen desire to help disadvantaged rural children understand science and inculcate scientific temperament in them. The Mobile Science Laboratory carries a team of five to six members of the DAG to a selected high school on a given day. During a tightly organized full day session, students perform science experiments themselves and observe demonstration of others. The hands-on sessions are supplemented by audio-visual material, exposure to sessions on computer literacy, the environment, hygiene and guidance on issues of adolescence. Priority is given to schools which are small, lack science laboratory, do not enjoy state grants and located in remote rural areas. In addition to school visits, workshops for school teachers are held 4 to 5 times a year to enhance their science teaching skills. The Mobile Science Laboratory reaches out to over 25000 rural students every year.

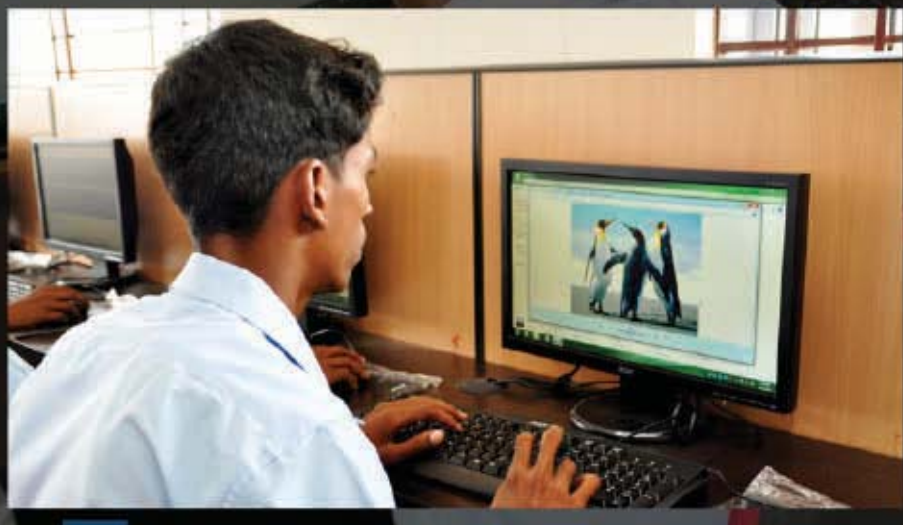
Hands-on Science Learning Provided to Over 25,000 Rural Students Every Year

“ *The Mobile Science Laboratory acquired through sponsorship of Cognizant Foundation has seen enthusiastic and positive response from students and teachers alike. It is a ‘Science Day’ for the school on the day of the Mobile Science Laboratory’s visit. Since its inauguration in August 2012, the Mobile Science Laboratory has so far travelled around 14,000 kilometers, visiting many rural schools benefitting thousands of students and a few hundred teachers as well.* ”

Mr. Sharad Godse | Secretary, Vidnyanvahini

Vocational Training

for Disadvantaged Rural Youth



VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR DISADVANTAGED RURAL YOUTH

Sadguru Sri Gnanananda Seva Trust is a non-profit, voluntary public charitable trust set up to empower economically disadvantaged and underprivileged youth and equip them with skills not merely to make a livelihood but to make a life rich in values. In view of this vision, the Trust established the Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College (SVRCC) located in Keezhputhupattu village, on the border of Puducherry and Tamil Nadu. SVRCC is engaged in the work of community education providing quality vocational training education to youth from backward villages and slums in Villupuram and other surrounding districts of Tamil Nadu, on the coastal belt near Pondicherry city.

SVRCC strives to provide cost effective community education to the youth to address the widening gap between demand and supply of quality labour in our industries and at the same time address the issue of disillusioned youngsters in our communities. The target group of SVRCC is youth who have dropped out of formal education and are unemployed or underemployed and face the threat of dire poverty owing to lack of sustainable income. The education methodology adopted by SVRCC is three fold – provision of Technical/trade skill training, life skills and value education.

Currently SVRCC offers vocational diploma education training programme in the following disciplines: Refrigeration and Air-conditioning mechanism, Desktop Publishing, Nursing/Health Assistant, Computerized Accounting and Office Management, Home/Building Electrical Wiring and Servicing, House Keeping, Automobile Mechanism, Computer Hardware Servicing, Garment Design and Making, Cell Phone Servicing, Retail Sales Management and Computer Software.

Cognizant Foundation has supported SVRCC for the setting up of a full-fledged Computer Laboratory for vocational diploma courses in Desktop Publishing, Computer Applications, Financial Accounting, E-Publishing, Web Design, Auto CAD, Computer Software Technology and Web & Multimedia Animation. Every year about 250 rural youth will be provided with vocational diploma education in these courses through the Computer Laboratory donated by Cognizant Foundation.

Every Year About 250 Rural Youth Provided With Vocational Diploma Education in Computer Streams, Making Them Job Ready

“ *The state-of-the-art Computer Lab set up with support from Cognizant Foundation in our Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College is indeed a notable social investment by the company. The lab will help us in imparting quality training with enhanced training content, and help us on the one hand to offer to the IT industry right-skilled and employable youth and on the other to provide disadvantaged rural youth with gainful employment.* ”

Mr. G V Subrahmanian | Director, SVRCC

E-Learning Classrooms for Rural Students



E-LEARNING CLASSROOMS

Rotary Club of Poona North was established with the vision to empower rural youth through education and improve quality of life in the villages. It has been working on numerous community projects since its inception 50 years ago. Basic education and literacy has been one of the thrust areas of Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Distance Education Program (RDEP) is an initiative undertaken by Rotary designed to empower rural youth through quality education thus contributing to the all-round development of weaker sections of the society. RDEP aims to bridge the digital divide between rural and urban schools through the provision of latest technology and educational infrastructure. The goal is to make education available at remote village schools in Pune and Raigad Districts of Maharashtra, through modern technology tools. The desired end result of this initiative is to decrease the rate of dropouts in rural schools and to improve the percentage of children who successfully pass out of these schools.

Cognizant Foundation has supported the Rotary Club of Poona North in the implementation of the RDEP program in 15 schools in remote rural areas of Pune District. These schools lack infrastructure and teachers both in quality and quantity which has resulted in poor quality of education. Under the RDEP program each designated school is provided with RDEP system catering to students pursuing their education in grades 1 to 10. Each RDEP system consists of an audio-visual e-learning classroom set up consisting of a computer preloaded with curriculum based audio-visual e-learning content, LCD projector and power backup along with required infrastructure. The setup is supported by Rotary including software upgrades. Rotary also provides training for the school teachers to operate the software. The e-learning classrooms supported by Cognizant Foundation cater to over 8000 students annually.

E-learning Classrooms Catering to Over 8,000 Rural Students Annually

“ Rotary Club of Poona North expresses its gratitude and sincere thanks for Cognizant Foundation’s contribution towards our Rotary Distance Education Program (RDEP). This support shows the deep concern that Cognizant Foundation has in the field of education. We are glad to note that this sponsorship by Cognizant Foundation has once again proved the concern of the corporate world for the society. The Foundation’s contribution has enabled 8,000 underprivileged children in 15 schools in rural areas to have access to modern methods of learning. ”

Mr. Ravee Dhotre | District Co-Director,
Rotary Distance Education Program

OTHER EDUCATION PROJECTS

Cognizant Foundation has also provided financial support to the following organizations, spread across the country, rendering yeoman service in the cause of Education :-

American India Foundation, Delhi

for the implementation of the Digital Equalizer program, imparting computer and internet education to both teachers and students alike, in 10 government schools in Andhra Pradesh.

Cognizant Foundation Scholarship

scholarships for meritorious students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds pursuing Engineering education in 22 Institutions across the country.

IIMPACT, Delhi

for the running of 5 Learning Centers in West Bengal that cater to illiterate rural girl children and provide them with meaningful and stimulating education.

Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata

for the upgrade of computer infrastructure in the Roshni Centre – a National Resource Center for Augmentative and Alternative Communication that caters to the training of students with complex communication needs.

IT for Change, Bangalore

for the implementation of the Teachers Communities of Learning program in 5 Government Schools to enable professional development of teachers.

Prerana, Bangalore

for the provision of scholarships for 38 meritorious students from economically underprivileged backgrounds for pursuing their undergraduate education in Engineering and Commerce.

Shree Bhaveshwari Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Dindewadi, Maharashtra

for the construction and setting up of Computer and Science Laboratories and for the purchase of books for Library, furniture and audio-visual room equipment.

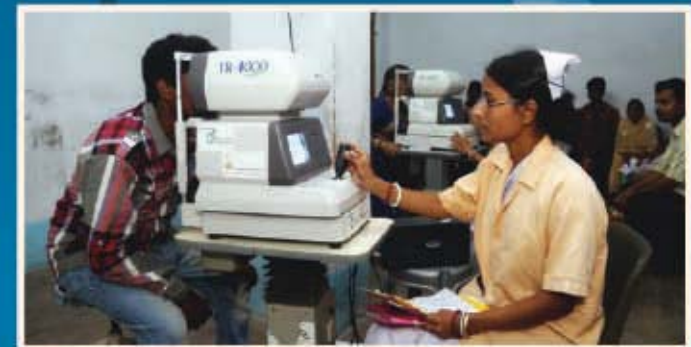
THE CHALLENGE

HEALTHCARE

TO DEVELOPMENT

Accessibility to quality healthcare remains a daunting challenge for the underprivileged rural and urban population of India, posing a major impediment to developmental efforts in our country.

Cognizant Foundation has joined hands with NGOs who have been working towards and making significant strides in addressing this issue, helping them make available quality healthcare services to the rural and urban poor.



Lifeline Express

Hospital on a Train



LIFELINE EXPRESS – HOSPITAL ON A TRAIN

Impact India Foundation (IIF), Mumbai, is an international initiative against avoidable disablement launched by the Government of India in 1983 and established out of a United Nations General Assembly Resolution. It was promoted by the United Nations Development Programme, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children Fund. IIF is the flagship of nineteen Impact Foundations worldwide and acts as a catalyst to bring together the skills and resources of the corporate sector, professionals, NGOs and the community, in partnership with the Government, in mass, sustainable and replicable health projects of national priority, using existing infrastructure and available delivery systems.

One of the projects of the IIF is the Lifeline Express - the world's first hospital on a train – which from 1991 till now has medically served more than 700,000 rural poor, free of cost, through over 136 projects across 95 Districts in 17 States in the country – restoring sight, hearing, movement and correction of clefts, including treatment of epilepsy, neurological and dental problems. The train takes quality health services free of cost to the disabled poor in India. This has been made possible through sponsors and the donated skills of 150,000 surgeons and other medical personnel from India and across the world.

The Lifeline Express reaches those who cannot reach a hospital. The train consists of 5 coaches with 2 Operation Theatres, pre and post-operative wards, laboratory, X-Ray facilities, generators and other ancillary requirements. The main function of the Lifeline Express is to provide medical and surgical treatment to the disabled in rural and tribal areas – the most underprivileged in society. Cognizant Foundation has supported the purchase of critical medical equipment for use in the two Operational Theatres of the Lifeline Express. In a year, the Lifeline Express provides quality medical treatment to over 50,000 patients.

Lifeline Express – The World's First Hospital on a Train – Provides Quality Medical Treatment To Over 50,000 Patients, Every Year

“ Impact India Foundation is grateful to Cognizant Foundation for its support of Impact India's Lifeline Express, the world's first hospital on a Train. The state-of-the-art equipment and accessories financed by Cognizant Foundation has significantly helped the Lifeline Express Hospital Train in sustaining its objective of delivering high class, free of cost, modern medical services to rural communities in remote areas. The Trustees, Management, staff and other stakeholders of Impact India Foundation wish to express their gratitude to Cognizant Foundation for its generous support to Impact India's endeavours to serve the disabled poor in rural India.”

Mrs. Zelma Lazarus | CEO, Impact India Foundation

Capacity Enhancement for Rural Eye Hospital



CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT OF RURAL EYE HOSPITAL

Sri Sri Bijoykrishna Ashram Relief Society, Purulia, West Bengal embarked on its path of service to the poor in the year 1943, the year of the Great Bengal Famine. The organization emphasizes on the mitigation of the sufferings of the poor, the blind and the afflicted rural masses. In 1953, the Society established the Netaji Eye Hospital, as the principal service rendering wing of the Society.

Netaji Eye Hospital is one of the biggest and most modern eye centers in Eastern India. It is a rural and tribal based 250 bedded super specialty Eye Care Hospital serving underprivileged patients from remote rural areas of West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand. Netaji Eye Hospital has been providing modern eye treatment and surgery with state-of-the-art medical equipment under the supervision of competent ophthalmologists, para-medical assistants and other support staff both clinical and non-clinical. Thousands of patients, mostly from below poverty level families, are provided with free treatment facilities and avail quality treatment and surgery through this hospital.

With a view to extending the quality eye care benefits to remote rural areas, the hospital has been organizing outreach eye screening camps throughout the year. An outreach service team from the hospital, with help from local organizers, conducts eye screening camps. Normal cases are treated on the spot and glasses are prescribed if necessary. The patients requiring surgeries are brought to the base hospital by hospital vehicles for treatment. In the last 5 years alone, the hospital has treated over 6 lakh patients. The hospital has been facing constraints in catering to the increase in patient demand due to lack of adequate number of medical equipment. Cognizant Foundation has supported Netaji Eye Hospital for the purchase of medical equipment for capacity enhancement to meet increase in demand and to ensure quality eye treatment. Using the medical equipment donated, Netaji Eye Hospital would be able to serve over 10,000 additional patients every month.

Over 10,000 Patients From Remote Rural Areas Provided With Quality Eye Care Treatment, Every Month

“ The generous support and financial assistance of Cognizant Foundation to Netaji Eye Hospital has enabled us to take care of more patients with proper diagnosis, treatment and surgery in an efficient way, with less waiting time for the patients. This support towards capacity enhancement at our hospital has resulted in quality treatment and better surgical outcome, which has increased external and internal customer satisfaction. ”

Mr. Nanda Dulal Chakraborty | General Secretary,
Netaji Eye Hospital

Medical Equipment for Tribal Hospital



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR TRIBAL HOSPITAL

Tribal Health Initiative (THI) is a registered public charitable trust located in the Sittilingi valley of Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu. The Sittilingi valley is a reserve forested area surrounded by hills and populated by tribal communities. The livelihood of the tribal community is principally from subsistence agriculture, and their access to formal primary healthcare is restricted by the difficult terrain and the remoteness of the valley. THI, located right in the valley, has been catering to the health and welfare of the tribal communities located in the region.

THI offers quality health services to the tribal population through a base hospital and a pro-active outreach program of healthcare, education and awareness creation in the local community. The base hospital is a 24 bedded facility that provides primary and secondary healthcare at subsidized rates. The inpatient and outpatient care facilities available at the base hospital is accessed by at least one lakh people located in the region. The hospital is well equipped with a labour room, neonatal care room, emergency room and an operation theatre.

THI also partners with Government in various health care initiatives in the area. Impressed with their services, the Government has now stepped in and offered to absorb the treatment costs for the tribal people admitted for inpatient treatment in the hospital. Due to this reason as well as the recruitment of additional medical specialists THI has been facing a considerable increase in patient numbers. Cognizant Foundation has extended financial support to THI for the purchase of medical equipment for capacity enhancement to meet increased demand for its services and to augment quality healthcare treatment to the tribal people. THI, through the medical equipment donated by Cognizant Foundation would be able to extend quality medical services to over 500 tribal patients every month.

Quality Medical Services Provided to Over 500 Tribal Patients, Every Month

“ Tribal people no longer have to travel 100 km away to the nearest big town, Salem, for modern investigations like gastroscopy or advanced lab tests which we are able to provide in our hospital itself, thanks to the help of Cognizant Foundation. And the 14 hour power cuts don't affect us much thanks to the solar power backup provided. Indeed the support by Cognizant Foundation has helped make a quantum leap in healthcare in the Sittilingi area.”

Dr. Regi George | Managing Trustee, Tribal Health Initiative

Diagnostic & Surgical

Equipment for Eye Hospital



DIAGNOSTIC AND SURGICAL EQUIPMENT FOR EYE HOSPITAL

Ottapalam Welfare Trust is a charitable trust based in Ottapalam Municipality, Palakkad District of Kerala working with the mission of providing healthcare and livelihood opportunities to the less privileged sections of the society, especially women, in the Palakkad, Malappuram and Thrissur Districts of Kerala. The main focus area of the trust is the provision of quality healthcare to the disadvantaged. The trust offers its healthcare services through Eye care Hospital, Well Woman Clinic, Diagnostic Centre, Eye camps, Early Cancer Detection camps, Cancer awareness classes and Pain and Palliative care facilities. The Trust also provides livelihood opportunities through wide range of activities including micro-credit to women's groups and computer skills training for women and girls.

As part of its eye care initiatives, the trust had been conducting monthly eye camps in Ottapalam and neighboring areas from 2006 onwards. While the eye camps were highly successful and met a vital need in the region they also brought to light the dire need for specialized eye care services in the region. In order to address this issue, the Ottapalam Welfare Trust set up the Ottapalam Eye Hospital in 2008, a full-fledged specialized eye hospital to provide quality eye care services.

Cognizant Foundation has extended financial assistance to Ottapalam Welfare Trust for the purchase of additional medical equipment required to equip the Operation Theatre and three Out-patient Consulting rooms of the Ottapalam Eye Hospital. This support from Cognizant Foundation will enable Ottapalam Eye Hospital to increase its out-patient consultations from 3,300 every month to 4,500 benefiting the community in a 35 km radius, consisting of about 100 village panchayats. The target beneficiaries are the low income groups and below poverty level families. With the additional equipment donated by Cognizant Foundation the hospital would be able to serve 14,000 additional patients every year.

14,000 Additional Patients Provided With Quality Eye Care Services, Every Year

“ *The high cost of eye care and lack of facilities has led to early loss of livelihood, neglect and blindness in the elderly in interior parts of Kerala. With the timely support of Cognizant Foundation, the Ottapalam Eye hospital was able to replace its old operating microscope and thereby continue to provide free cataract surgeries to the needy. In addition, the Foundation's financial assistance in enhancing the hospital's Out-patient facilities has not only helped the hospital provide services to higher volume of out-patients but also reduced the waiting period.* ”

Mr. M. K. Vijayasankar | Trustee, Ottapalam Eye Hospital

“ *I can now see clearly after the cataract surgery at Ottapalam Eye Hospital, therefore I am no longer a burden to my daughter and her family.* ”

Mrs. Gouri Antharjanam | 85 year-old patient who underwent free cataract surgery

OTHER HEALTHCARE PROJECTS

Cognizant Foundation has also provided financial support to the following organizations, working in the area of healthcare :-

Aishwarya Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

for the purchase of a ultrasound device for the diagnosis of congenital heart defects among new born and also to detect fetal anomalies in pregnant women in the Rajiv Gandhi Government Women and Child Hospital, Puducherry.

Aravind Medical Research Foundation, Madurai, Tamil Nadu

for the purchase of high end medical research equipment for research in the area of Fungal Keratitis, an important cause of monocular blindness in India.

Hope Kolkata Foundation, Kolkata

for the purchase of medical equipment for capacity enhancement to cater to street children and patients from below poverty level sections of the society.

Mohan Foundation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

for the setting up of a Video Conferencing facility in Chennai linking up with offices in Hyderabad, Delhi and Bangalore to offer training to medical personnel in organ donation and transplantation.

Nanritam, Purulia, West Bengal

for the purchase of Phaco Emulsification machine for performing advanced cataract surgery for disadvantaged rural patients.

Public Health Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

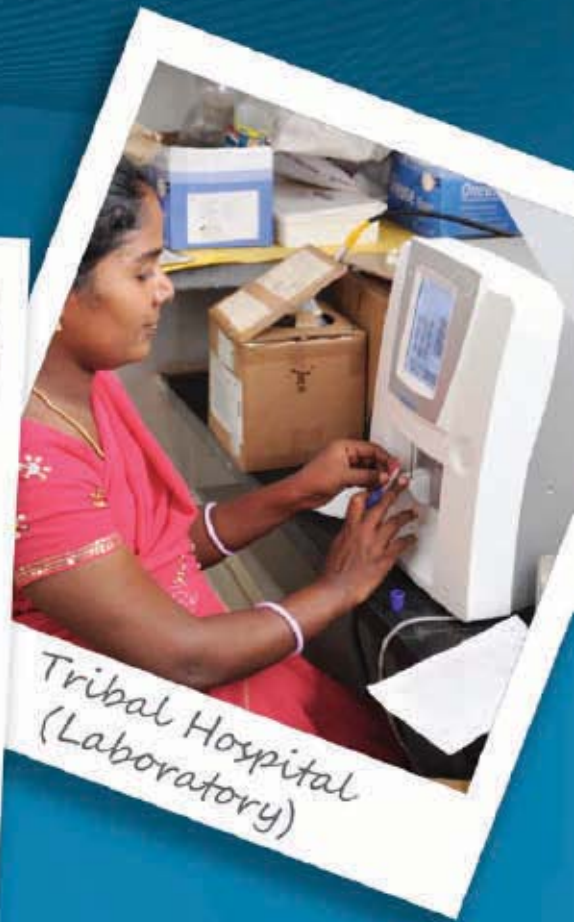
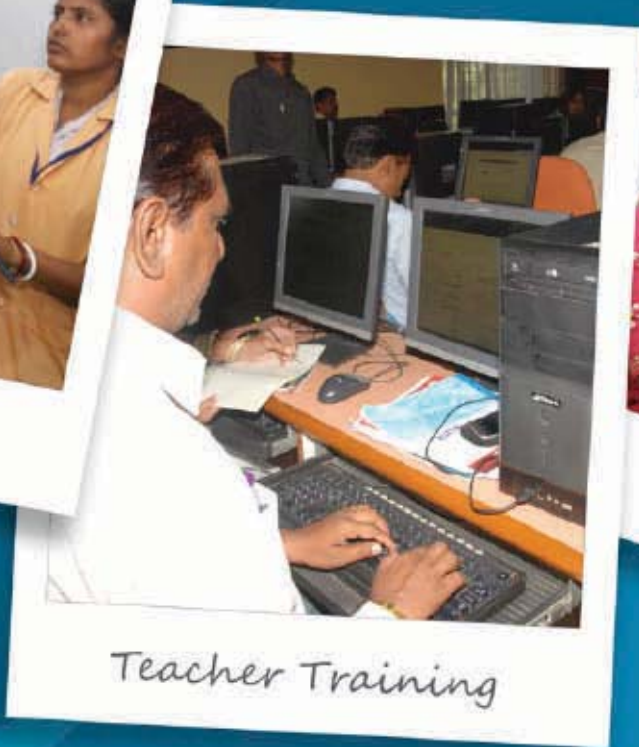
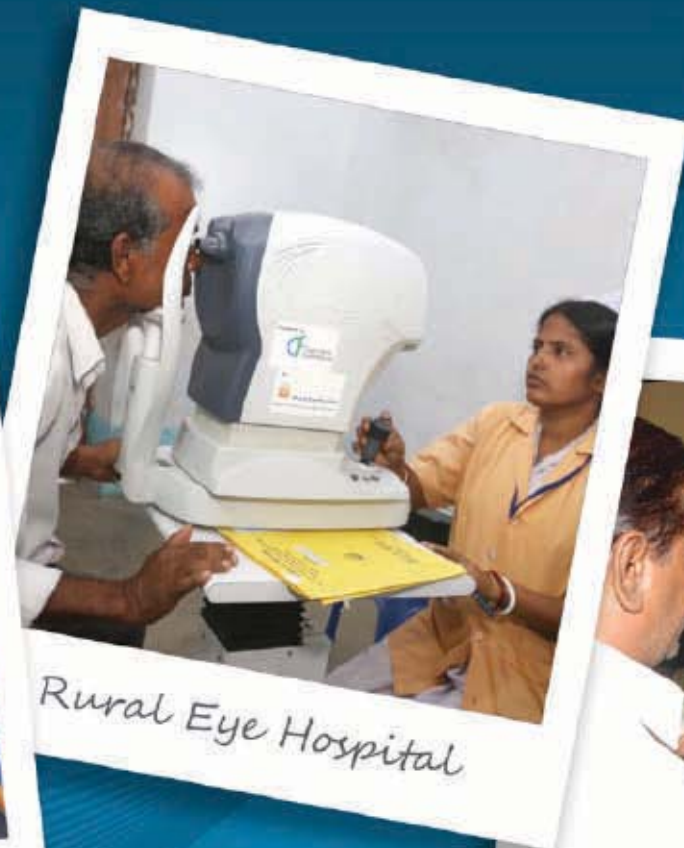
for the purchase of critical medical equipment for equipping the Cardiac Surgery Unit in their hospital that caters to poor and economically weak patients.

Samaritan Help Mission, Kolkata

for the setting up of a Mobile Clinic that offers general healthcare services and Reproductive and Child health services to patients from villages in Howrah District of West Bengal.

Vision Research Foundation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

for the purchase of advanced high end medical research equipment for use in research undertaken in the Department of Nano-Biotechnology.



PROJECT ANALYSIS – FY 2012-13

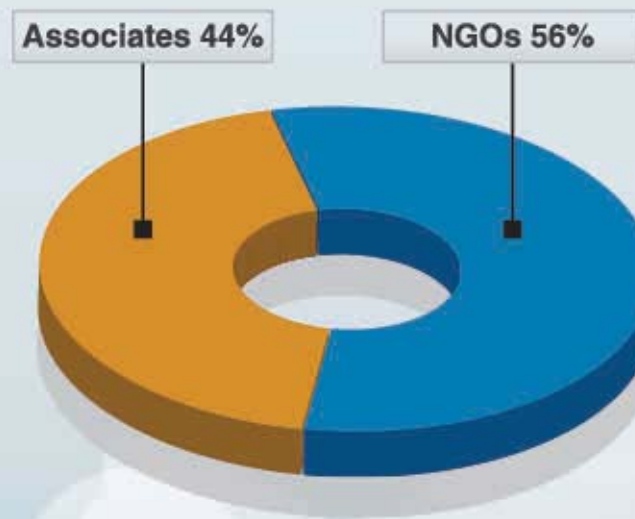
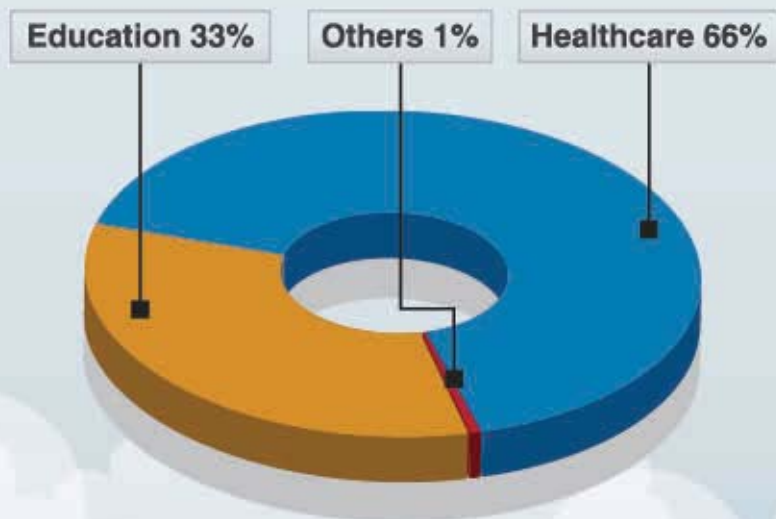
Expenditure by Sector

SECTOR	(In ₹ Lakhs)
Education	113.9
Healthcare	225.6
Others	2.0

Expenditure by Source of Projects

SOURCE	(In ₹ Lakhs)
Associates	128.6
NGOs	165.7

* excludes Scholarship program payments of ₹ 47.3 Lakhs



PROJECT ANALYSIS – SINCE INCEPTION

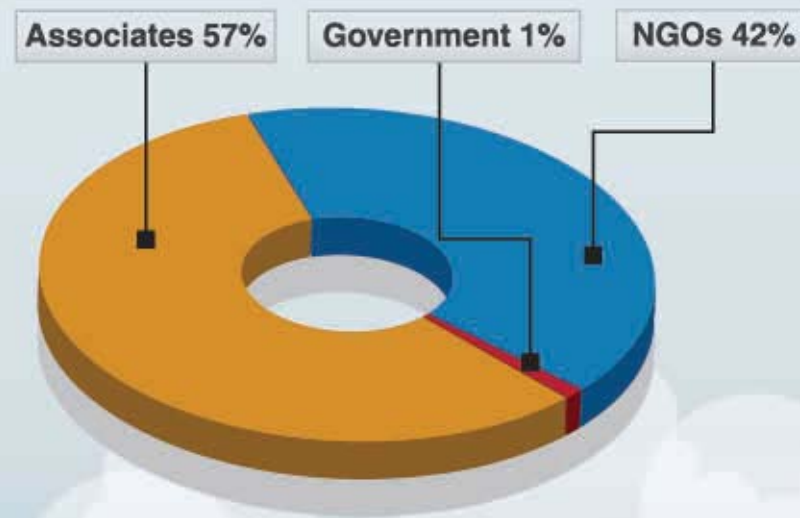
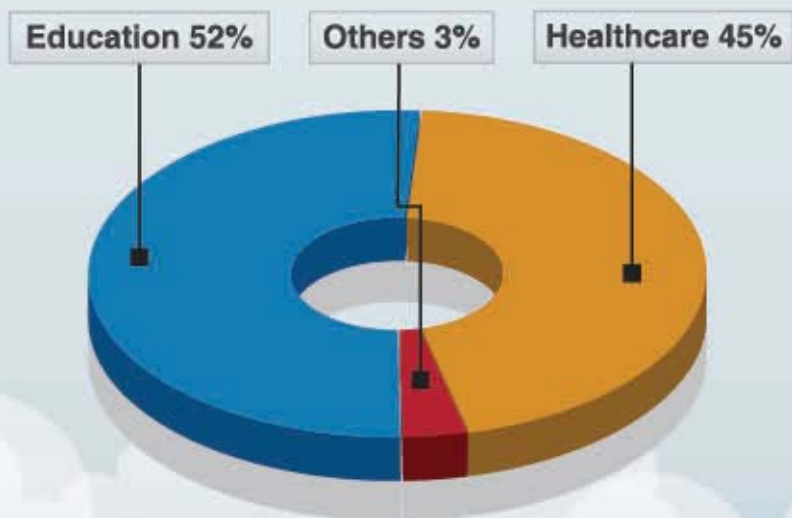
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Others	66.9

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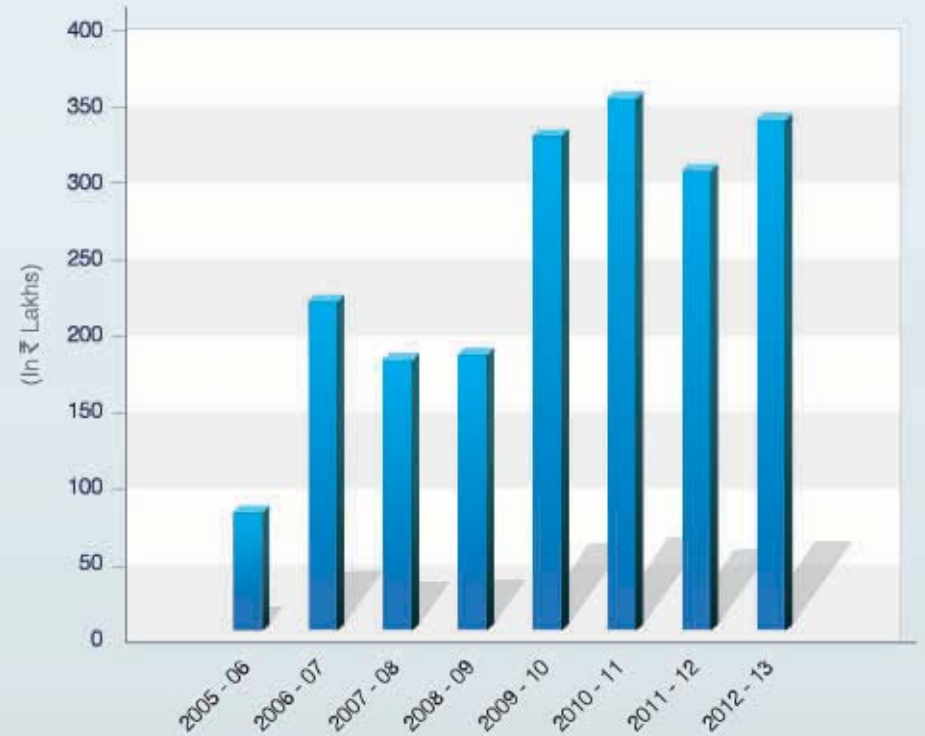
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Associates	1045.5
NGOs	755.9
Government	21.5

* excludes Scholarship program payments of ₹ 118.4 Lakhs



TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE – SINCE INCEPTION

YEAR	(In ₹ Lakhs)
2005 - 06	57.0
2006 - 07	210.4
2007 - 08	166.0
2008 - 09	171.7
2009 - 10	331.1
2010 - 11	358.1
2011 - 12	305.5
2012 - 13	341.5



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