

# EMPOWERING BILLIONS – Update Dec. 2, 2015

## International ‘We Serve’ Foundation, Inc.

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**Update – Dec. 2, 2015:** This summarizes the active Missions and Projects, benefiting over 450,000+ economically disadvantaged.

**The Foundation:** International ‘We Serve’ Foundation (IWSF), is a Public Charity approved under the US-IRC 501 (C) 3. The Founding Sponsors underwrite the administrative, marketing, fund raising and operational expenses and donate funds and in-kind for the IWSF Missions and Projects. IWSF is (i) fully volunteer driven (ii) has no salaried employees as of now (iii) does not use any donated funds for its expenses and (iv) donations are used only for charitable causes as intended.

**Tribute to His Excellency Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam:** In collaboration with several organizations in Central KY area, IWSF sponsored an audio-visual Tribute to His Excellency Dr. Abdul Kalam and celebrate his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday at the BTCC Majmundar Auditorium on Oct, 24, 2015. 10 flowering trees were planted on that occasion to honor H. E. and promote green earth.

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Table 1: Missions

**[1] ‘Igniting Minds’ Mission:** IWSF, in collaboration with thousands, is keen on reaching out and empower 3+ billion poor in this world.

**a) E-Learning Smart Classrooms (ESC):**

**VSC:** Started in Apr. 2013, now 28 ESC benefit 35,000+ poor students via multi-media, high-definition course contents in many subjects, based on the syllabus (KG-12). The teachers and the students report (i) improved student-attendance, (ii) more attentive in class and (iii) improving grades. Aiming for 50,000 ESC providing interactive learning for 50 million poor students and youth.

**1T:1S ESC:** Interactive, Tablet-based Smart Classrooms effectively (i) address acute Teacher Shortage (ii) bridge the urban-rural educational quality divide (iii) bring world-class contents using modern technology and (iv) customize teaching and learning for the economically disadvantaged students, youth and adults in India and Africa.

**b) 120,000 Free Public Libraries (FPL):** IWSF, in collaboration with the **International Book Project**, has dispatched from USA to India (Oct. 2013 to Dec. 2015), 188,000+ quality donated used-books (Pre-KG to Post-Doctoral; non-fiction & fiction). The transportation cost (USA to India) is less than \$ 0.30 / book. 350+ FPL are in place in partnership with 500+ Rotary Clubs and Lions Clubs in USA and India. Currently 380,000+ poor students in public schools and colleges in India have access to these Free Libraries installed in their school / college.

**Freight & related costs:** Need \$ 6,500+ / 40’ Container to cover the freight and related costs.

**c) ‘1-D: 1-Y’ (One Donor: One Youth):** English has become the language of global communication for international trade & commerce. Talented youth (especially from rural areas & non-English

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medium schools) not able to converse in English, perform poorly in interviews. Online language courses will allow deserving youth to acquire the necessary language skills.

**d) Visiting Professor Lectures (VPL):** 14 VPL so far have been conducted benefiting 2,800+ students in India. Active and retired educators, faculty, professors, teachers, executives, industry leaders, etc. in the USA volunteer to provide free guest lectures and interactive sessions in public schools and colleges when visiting India. These are highly popular and well received. To volunteer: [www.weservefoundation.org/participate/volunteering](http://www.weservefoundation.org/participate/volunteering)

**e) Rural Skills Development Centers (RSDC):** One pilot center in Thonugal village (Meenakshi Mission PURA, 40 km south of Madurai, TN), is training rural youth and women from the surrounding 17 villages. UMA (Uttarakhand Mandal of America) San Jose, CA has donated \$ 30,000 grant to set up two Women Rural Empowerment centers in Uttarakhand.

**f) ‘AK - Edu-Sat’ Network:** IWSF has an ambitious plan to set up CubeSat network to provide broadband connectivity even in remote areas (i.e. rugged mountains, dense forests, remote islands, tribal communities, etc.). IWSF seeks grants and sponsorships to make this a reality.

**[2] ‘Empower Africa’ Mission:** Started in July 2013, four rural schools in Kenya are being renovated. Five boxes of Basic school supplies have been sent to donate to the poor children. A lot more needs to be done, to advance rural education in many countries in Africa. Local non-profits collaborate with IWSF. Funds are welcome to renovate more rural schools.

**[3] ‘Solar Rameswaram’ Mission:** Rotary Clubs (USA and India), for-profit entities and many volunteers are participating. Need \$ 35,000 during 2015 to complete Phase 2 Solar Power Supply project for the 22 public schools in Rameswaram teaching 14,120+ poor students.

Project	Completed	Goal	Benefitting
Solar HB 22W LED Light	200	2,000	Small Fishing Boats
Solar Portable Lamps	1,200	3,000	Poor Students
Solar Power for homes	150	3,000	Poor Families
Solar Water Heaters	2 x 100 liter	2	2 Public Hospitals
Solar Power Supply (66 KVA Off-Grid)	0	22	22 Public Schools 14,120 poor students

**Table 2:** Solar Rameswaram Mission - Projects and Progress

**[4] Disaster Relief’ Mission:** On July 5, 2015 a major fire completely destroyed 101 huts in Nagaram, Guntur Dist., AP, forcing 350 + victims (including 130 + children), to live on the street with no means, not even a decent meal a day. Our local affiliate, ‘A P Neil Armstrong Rural Multi-Scheme Team Organisation Society’, Cherukupalli, AP, a non-profit, is coordinating efforts to help the disaster victims. IWSF appeals to all generous individuals and organizations to help the affected 101 families get back on their feet soon.

**Heavy floods and devastation – East coast of South India – Nov-Dec. 2015:** IWSF is in touch with and is collaborating with many organizations in India and USA to coordinate some of the relief efforts and activities to enhance the short term (food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, etc.) and long term (restoration, rehabilitation, etc.) and other related efforts for the thousands of affected.