

EMPOWERING BILLIONS – Update Mar. 24, 2016

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Update – Mar. 24, 2016: This summarizes the active Missions and Projects, benefiting over 420,000+ economically disadvantaged, thanks to the incredible generosity of hundreds of volunteers, non-profit organizations, for-profit enterprises, donors as well as sponsors in many countries.

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 of IWSF, donate funds and provide free services (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) 100 % of the donations are used only for charitable causes as intended.

Caring Corporate citizens: IWSF collaborates with many non-profit and for-profit entities who offer their products and services (i) free or (ii) at cost without profit or (iii) at a significantly lower price in empowering the less fortunate. IWSF does not promote any particular product, service or company. But at the same time, IWSF readily appreciates the contributions and participation of the socially conscious corporate citizens in its various missions to empower the poor in several ways.

Active Missions

1. Igniting Minds
2. Solar Rameswaram
3. Disaster Relief
4. Empower Africa

Table 1: Missions

[1] ‘IGNITING MINDS’ Mission: Quality education, adequate knowledge combined with appropriate skills have enabled over 4 billion individuals in many countries overcome centuries of illiteracy, ignorance, ill-health and intolerance while creating happy, prosperous and peaceful societies. IWSF, in collaboration with thousands, is keen on reaching out as designed in Table 2, and empowering the remaining 3+ billion in this world.

a) E-Learning Smart Classrooms (VSC / ESC / TSC): The teachers and students report (i) improved student-attendance, (ii) very attentive in class and (iii) improving academic grades.

[i] VSC: Started in Apr. 2013, now 28 Virtual Smart Classrooms (VSC) [42” Monitor, a powerful local Server, Inverter and storage battery] benefit 35,000+ poor students via multi-media, high-definition contents in many subjects, based on the syllabus (KG-12).

[ii] ESC: E-Learning Smart Classrooms (ESC) [Ceiling Projector, Screen, Amplifier + 2 Speakers, UPS – 1KVA, Laptop - White Board, Internet access – 1 yr., etc.] To seek (i) free V-Sat connectivity to EDU-SAT from ISRO and (ii) to seek free digital course contents from ELCOT.

Phase 1: To set up in 50 to 80 schools (subject to funds availability) severely affected by the floods (Dec. 2015) in TN - in collaboration with Rotary Clubs (50-50 matching funds) and hundreds of Volunteers and the Technology Partner (i-Grandee Software Tech, Madurai, TN, India). This shall be part of the TOTAL LITERACY – TEACH Initiative launched by the RILM, India

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Phase 2: Expand ESC (5,000+) all over India, in collaboration with RILM, local charitable organizations and volunteers – part of the TOTAL LITERACY – TEACH Initiative.

[iii] TSC: Tablet-based Smart Classrooms (TSC) are (i) fully interactive, (ii) effectively address acute Teacher Shortage (iii) bridge the urban-rural educational quality divide (iv) bring world-class course contents via modern mobile learning and (v) facilitate customized teaching and learning.

b) 120,000 Free Public Libraries (FPL): In collaboration with the **International Book Project**, since Oct. 2013 to Mar. 2016, eight 40’ containers with 197,000+ quality donated books (Pre-KG to Post-Doctoral; non-fiction & fiction) have been dispatched from USA to India. The (sea + land) freight is < \$ 0.30 / book, giving the best ROI. 350+ FPL are in place thanks to 450+ Rotary Clubs in USA and India and many local charitable entities. Currently 400,000+ poor students in public schools and colleges in India have access to these Free Libraries installed in their own schools / colleges.

Project	Completed	Goal	Benefitting
E-Learning Smart Classrooms	28	50,000	50 million students
Free Public Libraries	320	120,000 FPL	120 million
Digital Public Libraries	1	120,000 DPL	120 million
Rural Skills Development Center	1	2,000 RSDC	50 million youth & women
Tele-Tutoring via CubeSat link	0	2,000	10 million students
Visiting Professors	14	10,000	10 million students

Table 2: Igniting Minds Mission - Projects and Progress

c) Skills Development: ‘1-D: 1-Y’ (One Donor: One Youth) Project: By default, English (American / British) has become the language of global trade & commerce. Talented youth (especially from rural areas & non-English medium schools) are unable to communicate in English, and perform poorly in interviews. This directly affecting their chances for higher education, employment / promotion / higher earning, etc. Affordable online language courses (Rs. 3,700 / license) enable talented youth to acquire necessary communication skills to maximize opportunities and brighten their future.

*‘Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration’,
Dept. of Economics, University College of London, UK
Report on English Fluency in India:*

✓ **34 % better hourly earnings with fluency in English language**

✓ **13 % higher hourly earnings with basic English language**

d) Visiting Professor Seminars (VPS): 14 VPS sponsored by IWSF to date have benefitted 4,500+ students in India. Active and retired educators (faculty, professors, teachers, executives, industry leaders, etc. in the USA) provide free guest lectures and interactive sessions in public schools and colleges when visiting India. These are highly popular and well received.

e) Rural Skills Development Centers (RSDC): One pilot center in Thonugal village (Meenakshi Mission PURA, 40 km south of Madurai, TN), trains 12 rural youth (men & women) in ICT services. Based on the core competence, locally available natural resources, each session is designed to provide suitable skill development program tailored to each enrollee. Most are gainfully employed by the time they complete their training. 2,000+ RSDC are planned in India to provide employable skills, encouraging creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship.

In collaboration with UMA (Uttarakhand Mandal of America) San Jose, CA and local charitable entity, efforts are underway to set up two ‘Women Rural Empowerment’ centers in Uttarakhand.

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f) **‘AK-Edu-Sat’:** In collaboration with Space Tech firms in India and US, IWSF is keen on launching CubeSat network linking all VSC, ESC, TSC, DPL, RSDC, Rural Clinics, etc. to facilitate online education, knowledge connectivity, Tele-Tutoring, Tele-Medicine, etc. This is highly cost effective, providing broadband connectivity 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] **‘SOLAR RAMESWARAM’ Mission:** Rotary Clubs (Dist. 6740 - USA and Dist. 3212 - India), for-profit entities and volunteers are collaborating with IWSF. RI has approved a Global Grant (\$ 70,575) for Phase 1 Solar Power Supply for 10 public schools in Rameswaram. Phase 2 for the remaining 12 public schools is to be initiated in 2016. This benefits 14,120+ poor students / year.

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)	Phase 1 for 10 Phase 2 for 12	22	22 Public Schools 14,120 poor students
Solar Lights power	10	Safety	Dr. Kalam Memorial site
Solar Power for 220 posts	0	220	2.4 KM – Pamban Bridge

Table 4: Solar Rameswaram Mission - Projects and Progress

[3] **‘Disaster Relief’ Mission:** On July 5, 2015 a major fire completely destroyed 101 huts in Nagaram, Guntur Dist., AP. 350 + victims (including 130 + children) live on the street with no means for even a decent meal a day. ‘A P Neil Armstrong Rural Multi-Scheme Team’ Cherukupalli, AP, a non-profit, is coordinating efforts to help the disaster victims. IWSF has sent INR 4.5 lakhs to date to educate 130+ children, feed them healthy supper and help the affected families.

IWSF is keen on collaborating with Rotary Clubs in India to establish ESC in 50 – 80 public schools damaged by (Dec., 2015) floods in 4 districts in TN – to benefit over 50,000 affected children.

[4] **‘EMPOWER AFRICA’ Mission:** Started in July 2013, 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.

Project	Active	Goal	Benefitting
Rural Schools Renovation	4	2,000	Rural East Africa
School Supplies Donation	1	1,000	Poor Children in schools

Table 3: Empower Africa Mission - Projects and Progress

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