

Rotary & Swades Partnership



Rotary and **Swades Foundation** have implemented Integrated Community Development in 14 villages in Raigad District, Maharashtra, India (2008-2014).

Rotary through its charitable **Foundation** transforms the donations it receives into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world by tapping into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact. An important example of Rotary's impact is the Health Hunger and Humanity (3H) projects, which embodies **sustainable** processes that enable a community to continue on the path of development by addressing **a number of interrelated needs**, including **preventive** and **training** elements, and incorporate strong **community involvement**. The goal is to **"Teach people to fish so that they can eat for a lifetime, rather than give them a fish to eat for a day."**

In 2008, the **Rotary Club (RC) of Bombay Metropolitan** and the **West Reading Wyomissing RC** (from Pennsylvania USA) initiated 3H Grant 62115, **Integrated Community Development in Maharashtra, India** in 14 Raigad villages, all of which had been provided year round water supply through rain-water harvesting projects completed in prior years. In cooperation with **Swades Foundation** (starting with its former entity, SHARE), and the active involvement and contribution of many self-help groups, 3H Grant 62115, between 2008 and 2014,

- Constructed 400 sanitary toilets benefiting 2,000 people.
- Installed 25 community solar lights and distributed 125 solar lanterns to rural households benefiting 4,000+ people
- Installed 200 smokeless wood stoves benefiting 1,000 people
- Trained villagers in several new skills and means of earning a livelihood and improving it including new agricultural techniques benefiting 10,000+ people.
- Provided health benefits to 6,000+ men, women and children including anemia treatment, children's nutrition supplements, reproductive tract infection counseling/treatment, osteoporosis screening/counseling/treatment, and primary vision screening of 1,400+ people leading to ophthalmic equipment funding on Swades Foundation's first Mobile Vision Care Van.
- Coverage of first Mobile Vision Care Van in 10 months – 260 camps screening 19,069 villagers of which 7477 treated, 680 referred for advanced treatment, 4931 prescribed and handed over spectacles and 1637 identified and referred for cataract surgery.

Swades Foundation will be replicating many of the 3H project programs as their flagship programs through an extensive and intensive expansion to "better the lives of 1 million people in five years."