



ANNUAL REPORT 19

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DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of the entire team at the Desai Foundation and the Desai Foundation Trust, we thank you for your support, your voice and contributions that have made 2019 one of our biggest years ever!

Our journey over the past six years as a public foundation has been thrilling. We are so grateful to our team, partners, collaborators, donors and the institutional funders that have made our work possible, stronger, and more impactful than ever before.

Our approach and mission is multifaceted. We understand that community development cannot be achieved by only focusing on one area of growth for a community. That is why we are so committed to elevating the standards and access to health, hygiene, livelihood and education in the hundreds of villages we serve. And though we collect and report many quantitative metrics of our impact, our growth and our work, we want to remind you that at the Desai Foundation our main focus is to cultivate dignity for everyone we serve so they can dream beyond their circumstances.

The work is, after all, about the people we serve – not just about the numbers. Our model allows us to incubate ideas (many of which come straight from the people we serve in the field), pilot those ideas by iterating to ensure their impact and efficiency, and then scale some of those ideas to bring great programming to as many people as possible.

We have expanded to 568 villages and have scaled our programs to the Nanded District, Maharashtra, and Tonk District, Rajasthan. In 2019, we have established two more Asani production units in Maharashtra and Gujarat. Our events continue to be the hottest tickets in town for unique and spirited occasions where 100% of the proceeds go directly to the work on the ground. We have continued to break ground with innovative partners – both on the ground and in our marketing.

Thank you for helping us reach over 682,000 people in the US and India to #DreamBeyond their circumstances!

Yours,



Megha Desai, President

Please note that all information in this report is based on calendar year 2019, aside from the Financials on page 28.





OUR MISSION

WE EMPOWER **WOMEN** AND
CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY
PROGRAMS TO ELEVATE **HEALTH** AND
LIVELIHOOD IN **INDIA** AND THE **U.S.**

OUR STORY

The Desai Foundation's primary goal is to elevate the health and livelihood of the greater community, targeting women and children in particular to ensure sustainable growth. Over the last 22 years, we have significantly improved access to health services, education, and vocational opportunities. Our methods are born from the spirit of innovation, and they allow us to incubate and iterate, pilot and evaluate and then scale programs across our regions for the most effective and powerful impact. We hope to continue and grow our work, share our model, and impact the lives of more women and children.

NOT JUST A FAMILY AFFAIR

Though the Desai Foundation was founded as a small private family foundation, our methodology has allowed us to grow and expand our work dramatically. This led to our conversion from a family foundation to a public 501c3 organization in 2014. Since we are no longer privately funded, we rely on donations and grants to support and fund our work. The founding family still matches all individual donations, showing their deep commitment to the work and the process. We've also established our NGO status in India, under the Desai Foundation Trust. Our transition to a public organization was made with one goal in mind: the ability to help more people and uplift more communities. This transition has not been easy, but your support and faith is why it works. We are committed to keeping our finances transparent, spending money efficiently, and heightening our impact.

OUR METHOD

We believe innovation is at the root of all progress. It's with this idea in mind that the Desai Foundation cultivates its programming much like a technology start-up approaches its innovation. When we flesh out a program concept, we test it as a pilot in the real world. Then, after creating structure, evaluation, and a clear process around each program, we begin to scale. Currently we have four programs that are scaling across western India. Because of the rigor with which we develop these models they can scale quickly. Our method also relies heavily on the fine balance we strike between programmatic funding and supporting organizations. Finding the right partners on the ground ensures that our programs are welcome by the community and are sustainable after we are gone. For us, scale isn't always about the sheer number of people we serve. Scale is about our efficiency, depth of impact, sustainability of our programming, and then, the number of people we serve.



OUR FUTURE

The future of the Desai Foundation depends on you. We are committed to continue carefully vetting partners and fostering our deep connections with the communities we serve. Our focus will always remain in health & livelihood for women & children. However, we are always looking to grow geographically! Our modular programs allow us to expand with one program or many. We are committed to creating strong partnerships both in the U.S. and India.

Objectives

We are driven to promote health and livelihood, particularly for those who are both traditionally underserved and powerful agents of social change: women and children. Working with the existing strengths of a community, we focus on providing a healthy life, the dignity of a job, and the fulfillment of an education.



HEALTH

Good health and well-being are the most fundamental human rights and basic necessities of social progress. In partnership with other nonprofits as well as local universities, hospitals, and community centers, we offer health camps that provide free screening and education to those who otherwise would not have access to the care they need.



LIVELIHOOD

We partner with organizations to provide youth mentorship, workshops, and vocational training. These programs provide an opportunity not only to develop a skill set, but a sense of dignity. We recognize livelihood not only as the capacity to pursue educational and vocational opportunity, but to live a fulfilling, purposeful life on one's own terms.



WOMEN

Women are the backbone of any community, and the discrimination that they face limits social progress as a whole. By targeting their needs, we address the well-being of the greater community. Supporting women is essential to overall growth, as 90% of what women earn is invested back into their community. **



CHILDREN

Children too have the potential to advance their communities. The Desai Foundation provides quality education and enrichment programs to equip children with the knowledge to meet the many challenges shaping our world today.

Fundamentals

Our work in both India and the U.S. stresses inclusivity, sustainability, and accountability. We work under a community-based approach to ensure a strong and positive impact.

STRONG FUNDAMENTALS

We work in communities we know well — therefore we know we are tackling real issues that they face — not simply creating band-aids to fix problems.

ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

We identify the right local leaders to spearhead each project. This ensures community buy-in and a deep understanding of issues. It also promotes self-sustaining empowerment among the whole community.

TRUSTED & QUALIFIED NONPROFIT PARTNERS

These organizations help push our work and dollars so that credit for the work is spread out — which in turn builds morale in the community.

PROVEN PROGRAMS & MODELS

For every major initiative, a test program is set up to ensure its effectiveness and to understand its impact. We make adjustments to these programs when necessary so we can be confident in expanding them.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We are looking to solve long-term problems, not simply create short-term solutions. Our goal is to truly inspire those we serve to dream bigger and lead healthier and more economically stable lives. We are in it for the long run.



PROGRAMMING

SINCE GOING PUBLIC IN 2014...

568

COMMUNITIES
REACHED

3,500+

PEOPLE HAVE
ATTENDED OUR
FUNDRAISERS

3,030 INDIVIDUALS

119 CORPORATIONS & 49 NGO's

HAVE GIVEN US
CONTRIBUTIONS



Jagrutiben, a 33-year-old woman living in Dharshana, Gujarat, is currently working as a distribution specialist in the Asani Sanitary Napkin program. Before joining, she had no choice but to be a housewife because of a lack of transportation to get to a city to work and due to familial responsibilities — taking care of her husband, in-laws and two children.

Asani gave her a platform to learn new skills, grow professionally and become an earning member of her family. Today, Jagruti is an independent and confident woman who is performing two roles: financially supporting her family and helping women and girls learn about the importance of menstrual hygiene and management. As a mother, she ensures that her daughters are aware of what a period is and have access to safe sanitary napkins, unlike she did at their age.

Health Awareness & Services

BAL HEALTH MELA

Bal health Mela is a fun-filled health fair for children. Our objective of these health camps is to provide easy access to high-quality health care services to children and their families residing in rural India.

VISION CAMP

We conduct vision camps for every community member and provide high quality vision services such as cataract surgeries, eye glasses, eye drops and more.

ASANI SANITARY NAPKINS

The Asani Sanitary Napkin Program trains women in rural India to manufacture and distribute low cost, high quality sanitary napkins and educate communities on menstrual hygiene and management.

HEALTH SEMINARS

In Massachusetts, we offer focused health seminars designed to address the needs of local South Asians. Topics have included diabetes, heart disease, early detection and prevention of women's cancer, doctor-patient relationships, nutrition and healthy living. Special panelists and keynote speakers are well known experts in their industries such as doctors and other various health professionals.

HYGIENE CLASSES

We conduct health and hygiene sessions in our centers, schools, and communities on topics ranging from menstrual hygiene, maternal health, nutrition, the importance of WASH.

GYNEC CAMP

We conduct gynecology camps for women to provide them with high quality menstrual health services that includes pap smear tests, prenatal and post-natal check-ups. We also educate the community on breast cancer awareness.



Education & Outreach

SHANTABEN VIDHYABHAVAN

In the village of Untdi in Gujarat, India, Shantaben Vidhyabhavan is a vital community center, providing quality education, vocational opportunities, and health and developmental services. Since its reconstruction, the school, "Lok Vidyalaya" has tripled in size and we have added four more classrooms to meet rising demand. We now provide quality education to over 987 students from 15 surrounding villages and have doubled our teaching capacity to children from kindergarten to 12th standard.

Unlike many schools in rural India, our curriculum covers all major subjects: language, math, the arts, history, and science through the use of our state of the art science labs. Our science school is the only one of its kind in the region, offering a rich curriculum to students hungry for a level of academic rigor and exploration that they would not otherwise have access to. The school has a waiting list to meet the demand.

Creative Learning Spaces

The creative learning spaces were established in our schools to promote learning in the field of science and technology for children, especially girls in the age group of 11-16 years. The program offers rich curriculum comprising of theoretical and practical classes. It provides a platform to the rural children with an easy access to the technological world. We have observed a rise in establishment of science and math labs in the private and government schools surrounding ours. They have adapted our programming in their respective schools that have opened channels to the technological world for many children in rural Gujarat.

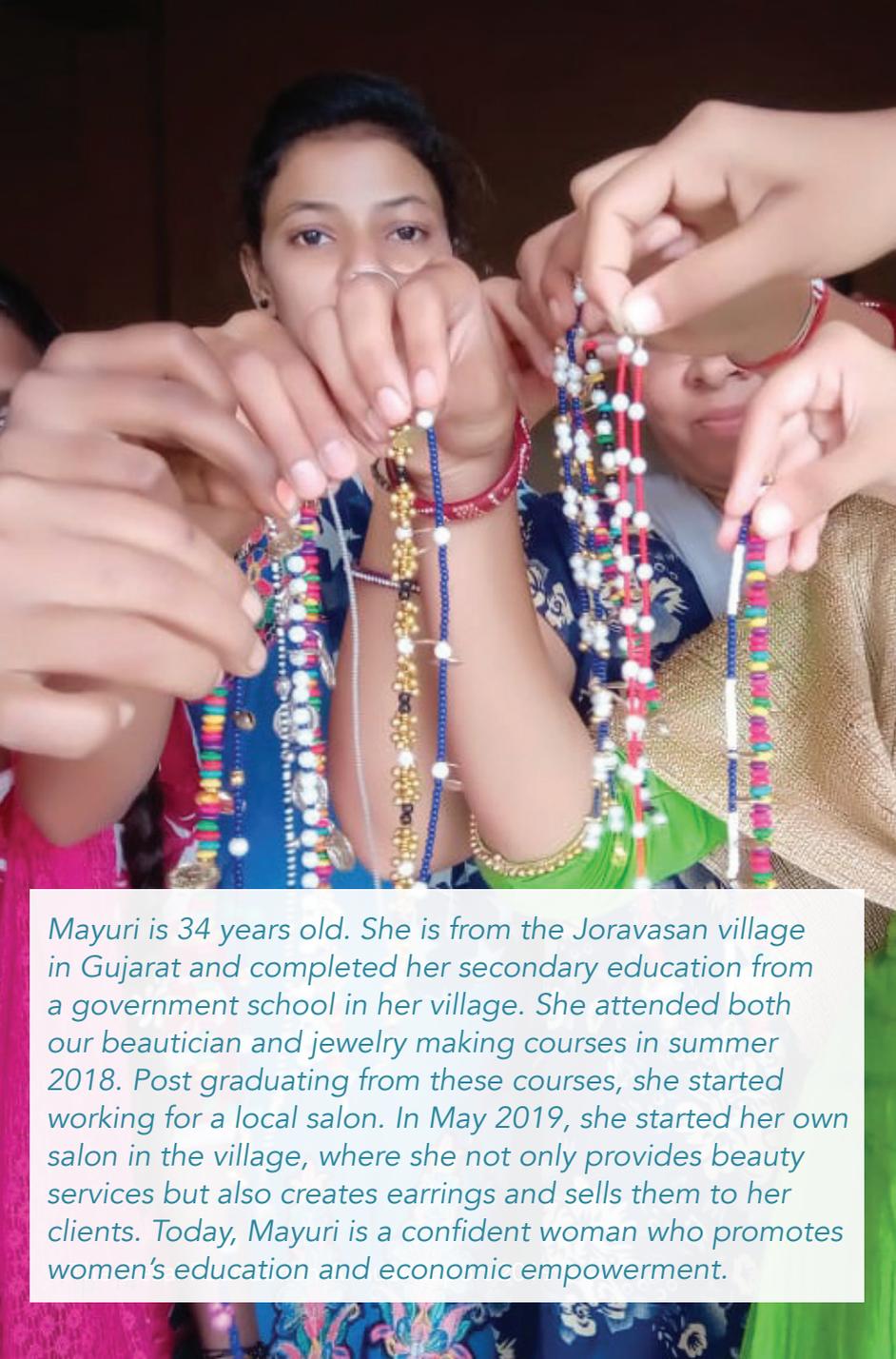
IIT GANDHINAGAR

We are proud to have partnered with IIT Gandhinagar's NYASA and NEEV programs to help transform the rural communities near the school. These programs, like the program at Columbia University, use the resources present at the institute to help uplift the surrounding areas. Each year, 25-30 students from NYASA organize the Sanjeevani health camp here for children and women living in neighboring villages. Activities include screening children for health-related issues, required vaccinations for children, and hygiene training. These programs are designed to build global citizen leaders who take on the social responsibility of changing conventional norms and practices that limit the development of many.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Community Impact (CI), a student-run organization at Columbia University, serves underprivileged communities in the Morningside Heights, Harlem, and Washington Heights neighborhoods of New York City.

CI's programs empower both youth and adults to pursue educational and vocational opportunities, promote health and wellness, and foster a spirit of community service. Community Impact (CI) is making great strides in continuing their work of engaging students at Columbia University to serve local, disadvantaged youth and address the needs of the overall community.



Mayuri is 34 years old. She is from the Joravasan village in Gujarat and completed her secondary education from a government school in her village. She attended both our beautician and jewelry making courses in summer 2018. Post graduating from these courses, she started working for a local salon. In May 2019, she started her own salon in the village, where she not only provides beauty services but also creates earrings and sells them to her clients. Today, Mayuri is a confident woman who promotes women's education and economic empowerment.

Vocational Programming

BEAUTY PARLOR SKILLS

Our Beauty Parlor vocational program prepares women for a relatively high-paying job in an environment where they feel safe. Our course teaches hair, makeup, and wedding & special occasion services.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Asani sanitary napkin program

- Jewelry making
- Personal finance
- English language classes
- Library + research services
- Entrepreneurship programs
- Electrician training
- Plumbing training
- Welding training

SEWING CLASSES

We host a variety of vocational sewing programs across many of the regions we serve. We intentionally grow these courses slowly. We've learned that vocational training is partially about economic empowerment and partly about cultivating dignity.

COMPUTER CLASSES

We teach basic introduction to computer hardware and its usage, Microsoft office and internet in our computer classes to children and women in rural communities. This provides them with an opportunity to explore their interest areas and learn new things. We encourage rural communities to stay connected with the global world and learn more about the fast-growing Indian technological world.

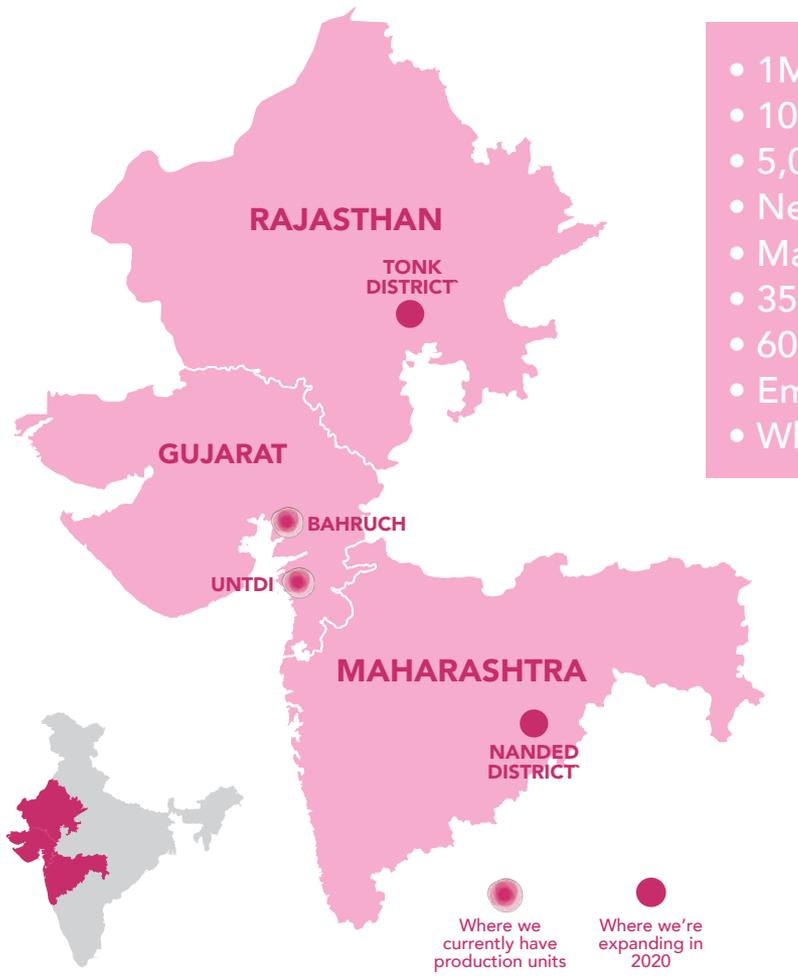
Sanitary Napkin Program

- 1M+ napkins produced
- 10,000+ women reached
- 5,000+ pads produced per day per Saral Swacch Machine
- New machine installed in the Bharuch district in August
- Machines in the Nanded & Tonk districts begin next year
- 350+ women working
- 60+ local schools with regular MHM programming
- Emergency relief initiative for Maharashtra flood 2019
- Wholesale program launching next year

The Asani Sanitary Napkin program trains women to manufacture and distribute high quality, low cost sanitary napkins through their communities. This empowers girls and women to take control over their health and livelihood, and enables girls to pursue higher education beyond the onset of puberty.

The vocational training provided through the Asani Sanitary Napkin program has a profound personal and public impact. The program also has the added effect of combatting stigma and giving women and girls a fundamental sense of dignity that will empower them to pursue long term opportunities.

Our pads are nearly **90% biodegradable**, and we take the disposal of pads seriously to ensure an environmentally sound solution for the health of women. As one of our most all-encompassing programs, we are thrilled to announce that the program was awarded grants by both the Pad Project and the Jochnick Foundation this year!



Rajasthan Spotlight

In 2019, the Desai Foundation partnered with **Banasthali Vidyapith University** in the Tonk district, Rajasthan with an objective to expand its health and livelihood programs to empower women and children living in the rural areas of Rajasthan. Banasthali Vidyapith is a residential women's higher education institute that offers an integrated system extending from the primary to the Ph.D. level.

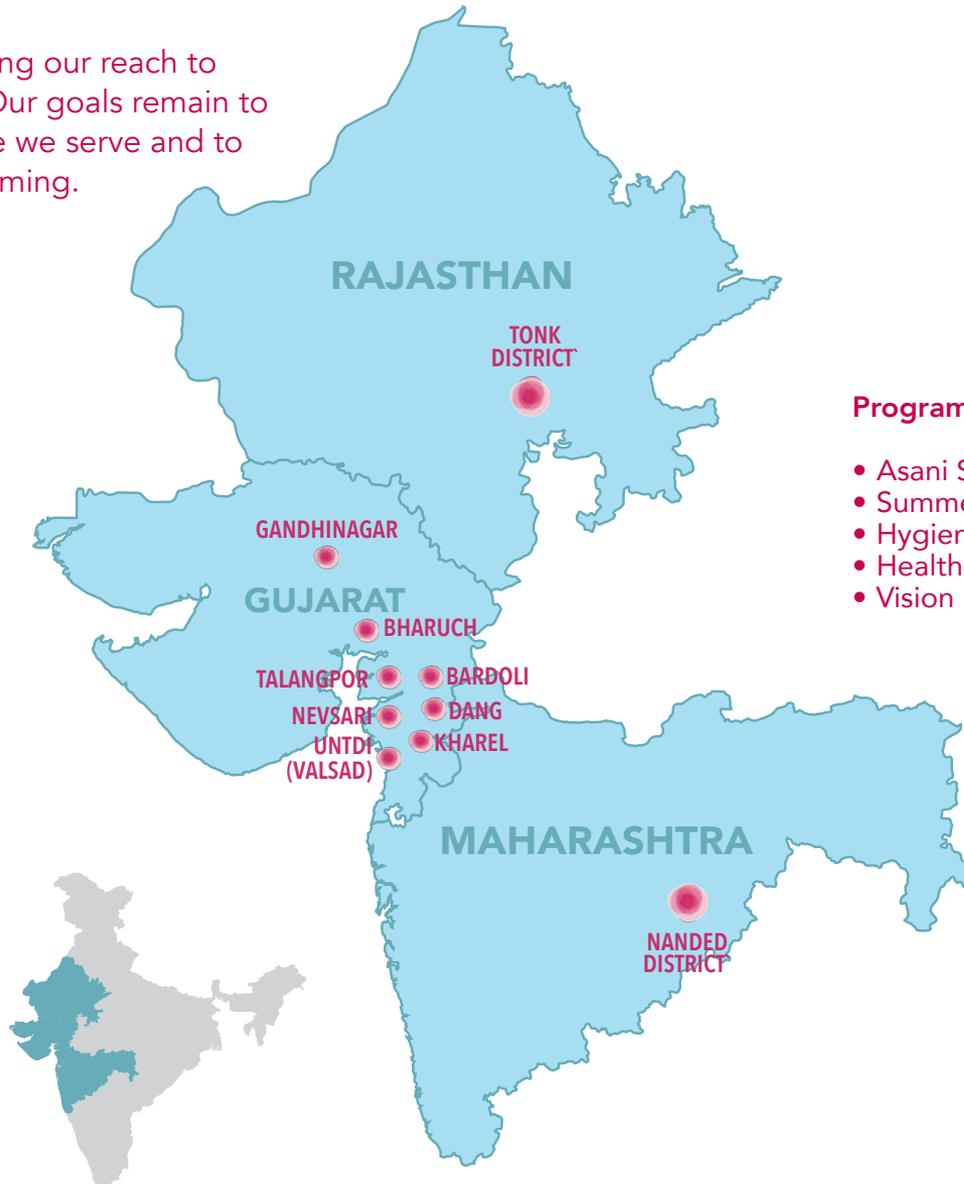
We have already launched our livelihood and health programs in the Tonk District. So far, in total 80 women attended and benefited from our jewellery and candle-making workshops. We have also organised a Bal Health Mela that was attended by 700 children living in nearby rural communities.

In 2020, we also plan to launch our Asani production and distribution unit to support women and girls living in the surrounding villages.



We're Expanding!

We are thrilled to be expanding our reach to Rajasthan and Maharashtra. Our goals remain to bring quality services to those we serve and to expand our scalable programming.



Programs We Are Expanding

- Asani Sanitary Napkin Program
- Summer Camps
- Hygiene Training Program
- Health Camps
- Vision + Gynecology



Meera is a 32-year-old woman living in Khaparua, Gujarat who attended our Gynec camp in 2018. During her diagnosis, the doctor saw various lumps on her left breast. She was referred to a local hospital for a mammography and was treated by a specialist. Because of our camp, she became aware of her health issue and is now leading a healthy and happy life.



2019 IMPACT

1.2K

CHILDREN ATTENDED
OUR SUMMER CAMPS

MORE THAN

1M

SANITARY NAPKINS
PRODUCED

19K

WOMEN RECEIVED
VOCATIONAL TRAINING

967

STUDENTS HAVE
BEEN TAUGHT
COMPUTER SKILLS

9K

PEOPLE IMPACTED BY
THE CI PROGRAMS AT
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
A N N U A L L Y

3.7K

CHILDREN ATTENDED
KIDS HEALTH CAMPS
(BAL HEALTH MELA)

US Impact

55,000+
VOLUNTEER HOURS
DONATED

1,450
RECEIVED TEST &
JOB TRAINING

1,550
LOCAL YOUTH
EDUCATED

CAFE PREP

Community Impact, in partnership with Hostos Community College, began Café Prep. Café Prep is for students who have expressed an interest in the culinary arts. The program prepares its participants for employment in food service and hospitality through cooking, as well as lessons on digital and financial literacy and occupational training and credentials.



HEALTH EDUCATION & AWARENESS LEAGUE

Volunteers create a curriculum promoting health awareness among middle-school children in Harlem. Through HEAL's dynamic and interactive presentations, children are given information on preventative health, nutrition, drugs, careers in health professions and other relevant topics.



JOB ROAD

Volunteers help TASC & ESL students develop career goals in prep for transition into the workforce through job readiness workshops, counseling activities, and resume assistance.

India Impact

In 2019, we served a population of over **982,000** in India, both directly by providing services in health, vocational training, and schooling, and indirectly through our outreach. Our outreach through universities and community centers promotes awareness for health and other vital resources and creates spaces to support both individual and communal advancement. We are working to expand our reach, ensuring that our services are accessible to thousands of others in neighboring regions.

Location	Villages	Reach
BANSTHALI UNIVERSITY	50	100k
DIWALIBEN TRUST	123	222k
GRAM SEVA TRUST	40	100k
GRAM VIKAS TRUST	200	300k
HANSA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	6	10k
IIT GANDIHNGAR	7	10k
SHANTABEN VIDHYABHAVAN	20	40k
SHUBHAMKAROTI FOUNDATION	70	100k
UKA UNIVERSITY	50	100k

= **982K**
TOTAL REACH

Health

1,108

WOMEN ATTENDED
GYNEC CAMPS

3.7K

CHILDREN ATTENDED
KIDS HEALTH CAMPS
(BAL HEALTH MELA)

40,000

VILLAGERS WERE
REACHED



Livelihood

967

STUDENTS TAUGHT
TO USE A COMPUTER



1,000

K-12 STUDENTS
ENROLLED FULL-TIME



19K

WOMEN RECEIVED
VOCATIONAL TRAINING

VALUE

After many years, the Desai Foundation has understood that not every program will yield the same results. Not every vocational program leads to job placement. Not every girl that enters a classroom goes to college. Not every child going through hygiene education lives a disease-free life. And this is okay. The motivation behind all of our work is to help everyone we serve dream beyond their circumstances and live a healthy life — whatever that means for them!

We are focused on two main areas to measure success:

1. Are we providing access & awareness for something they need?
2. Does this program cultivate dignity for the woman or child we are serving?

Sometimes the rupees in a woman's pocket are less important than the self-worth she feels after learning a skill. Our growth is intentionally slow, as we care more about the people we serve, rather than the numbers we report.

Our first responsibility is to the people we serve.





Local Action, Global Connection

Our efforts tap resources in the communities we serve, not only ensuring long-term progress but promoting a spirit of local engagement. Inspiring those inside the community to know that they have the power to shift their own circumstance is an important part of successful community development.

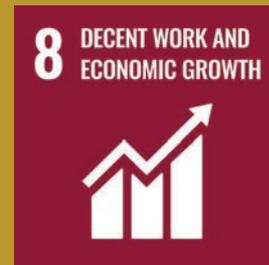
Our work also acknowledges the broader spectrum: how community development in turn translates to global advancement. By operating under the mission of forming more inclusive societies, our goals not only support participatory action on the local level, but also intersect with the goals established by major national and international bodies for a prosperous future.

Our mission runs parallel with both that of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Indian government's social initiatives. We share the goals of **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao**; **Swachh Bharat**; and **Digital India** to educate and empower girls, improve hygiene and sanitation, and promote digital literacy.

By elevating health and livelihood, all of our projects collectively address several of the UN Sustainable Development Goals: Good Health and Well-Being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, and Decent Work and Economic Growth. As our projects continue to thrive, we are working toward one day impacting 1 million lives, a goal that while ambitious, aligns with vital objectives like the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Our work was validated in the concluding outcome from the 62nd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women: *"rural women and girls are essential to sustainable development, and their rights and empowerment needs to be prioritized."*

We are thrilled to continue moving forward alongside the objectives of global and national powers for a healthier, more equal world. Together, we can empower those with the greatest need and potential, helping strengthen communities.



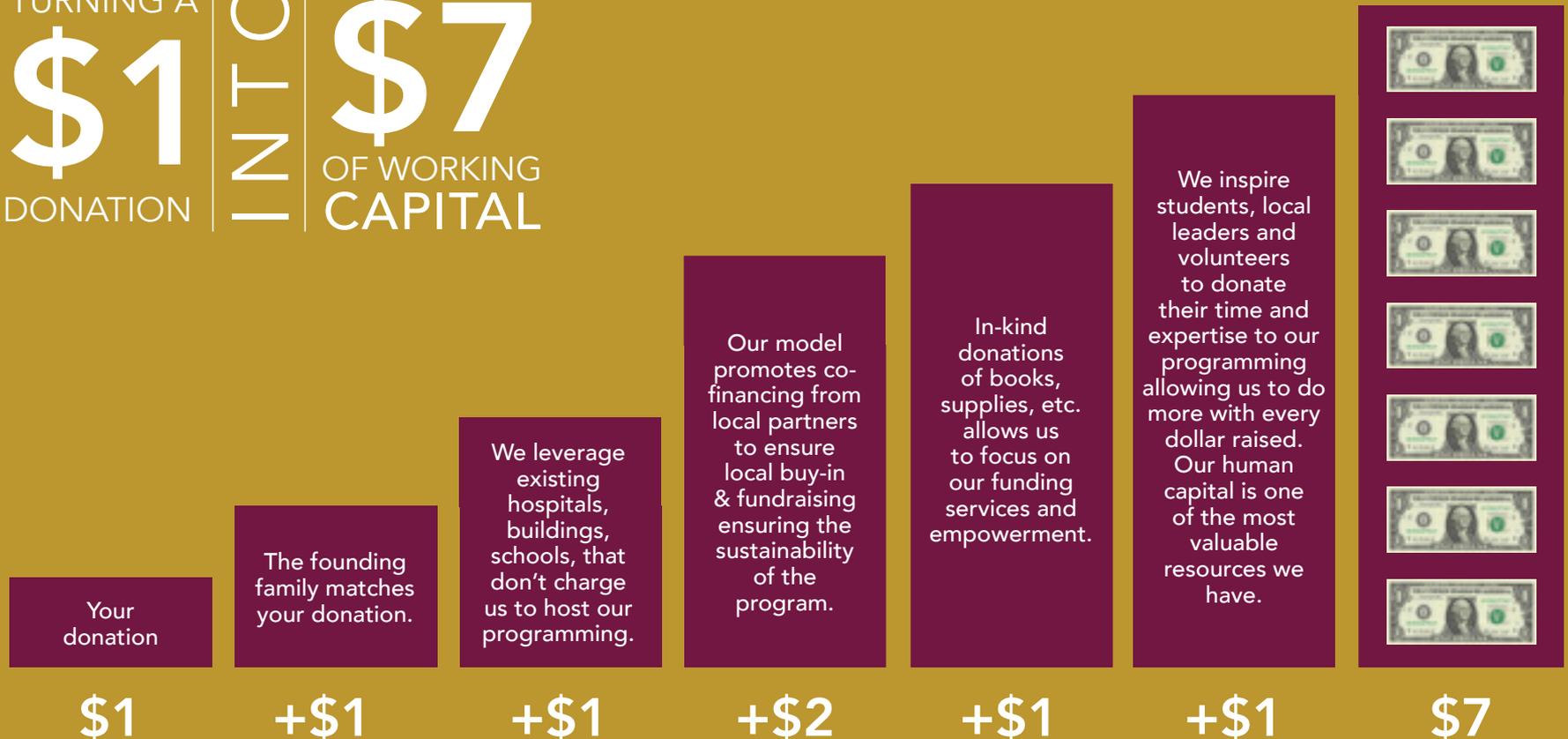
Our Model Amplifies Your Contribution

At the Desai Foundation, we are very proud of having created an infrastructure that allows each dollar donated to not only go directly to the work on the ground, but also to multiply in its impact. Many other organizations have to pay for infrastructure, supplies, and volunteers — we've created local buy-in to reduce those costs so your dollar goes further.

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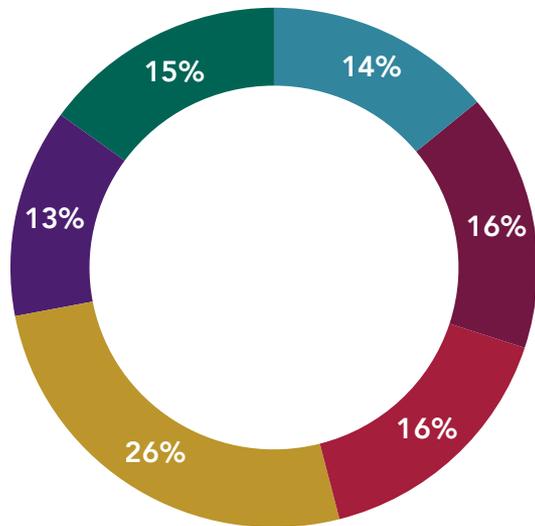
\$7
OF WORKING
CAPITAL



DISCLAIMER: This is an estimate based on a sample of 2017 donations. These amplifications don't apply to every program donation.

Financials (Fiscal Year)

BUDGET ALLOCATION



- Outreach
- Health
- Management/Administration
- Education
- Livelihood
- Fundraising/Marketing

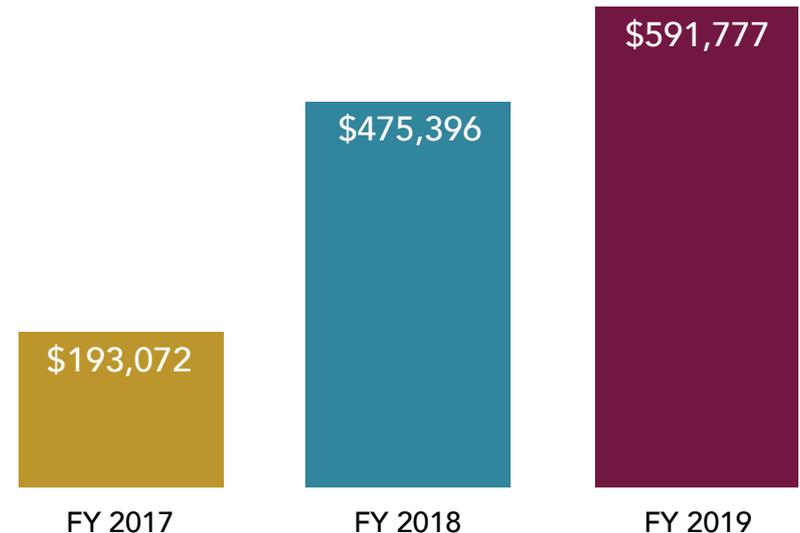
A Full Picture

In accordance with Indian law, the Desai Foundation Trust was established in 2014. All money raised in India is directed to the Desai Foundation Trust. To be as transparent as possible, we will disclose financials of both the Desai Foundation (US 501(c)3) and the Desai Foundation Trust together to present a full picture.

OUR COMMITMENT

EVERY DOLLAR raised for the Desai Foundation from individuals will go directly to the work on the ground. Our overhead is covered by the initial endowment, Board of Directors, and corporate donors. We work hard to ensure maximum value for every dollar you generously trust with us.

Operational Spend



Projected Operational spend for 2020: \$1.1M

2019 Grants

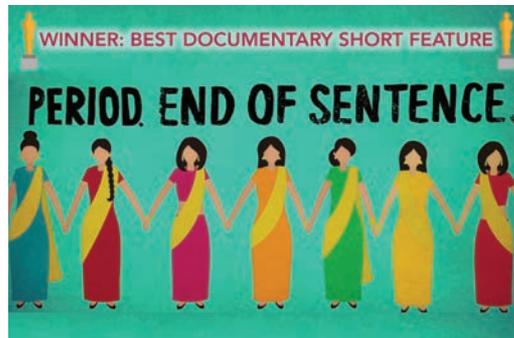
We are proud to announce that we have been awarded three substantial grants this past year:



The **JOCHNICK FOUNDATION** based in Lichtenstein awarded us a grant to help us expand our Asani Sanitary Napkin program to Rajasthan.



SVATANTRA MICRO HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (SMHFC) in India awarded us a grant for our Health Camps in Gujarat (a pilot project).



THE PAD PROJECT is an initiative started by the Oscar-winning documentary "Period. End of Sentence." They awarded us a grant to help us expand Asani to the Nanded District in Maharashtra.

2019 E



LOTUS FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 14 | BOSTON
370 ATTENDEES
GILLETTE STADIUM

DIWALI ON THE HUDSON
OCTOBER 16 | NYC
327 ATTENDEES



Events



CALI-DIWALI
NOVEMBER 14 | SAN FRAN
250 ATTENDEES

COCKTAILS + CHAAT
NYC, LA, SAN FRAN
60 ATTENDEES



Event S



SOUTH
ASIAN
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BEVERLY
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Print Copy & Design

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Tastings!
CATERERS

Tito's Handmade
VODKA

TONAL

2019 Donors

We are grateful to have the support of so many generous donors. In 2019, we received donations from **673 individual donors, 35 corporate partners, and 11 organizations**. We are deeply honored to serve and thank you for your continued support. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank some of our generous and long-standing donors.

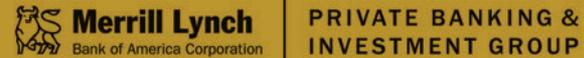
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The Sharma Group at Merrill
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Black Horse Insurance
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Yash & Jigna Shah Family
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Gretchen Covino
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Servjeet Bhachi
Ajit & Vibhu Nagral
Aroon Shah
Dominic Vingiano

Ramji Raghavan
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Kim & Asha Shah
Jack O'Connor
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Vikas Desai
Neesha Daulat
Kunjan Anjaria & Vikram
Mahidhar
Mahidhar Fund
Rinaa Punglia
Chandu & Eshani Shah
Satish Patel
Pallavi Mehta
Dinesh Tanna
Ashok Patel
Praveen Tailam
Apoo Koticha
Dalal Charitable Trust
M & R Consultants Corp
Ramesh Kumar
Suresh Shah
Gregory Wendel
Noubar Pechdimaljian
Beth V Farrell
Manorama Choudhury
Colette Phillips

Mark Chiavelli
Monika Vallabh
Charlotte Douglas
Chiman & Jyotsna Patel
Uresh Patel
Mahendra & Lekha Patel
Shikha Malhotra
Kedar Gupta
Neelam Jayaweera
Mike Steinmetz
Vikram & Lael Shankar
Raina Kumra
Vijay Chattha
Eva Shah
Miraj Patel
Joshua Patel
Ilana Finley
Bishal Mainali
Appranix
Converse
Nishith and Sheetal Acharya
Vikas & Nitigna Desai
Amar & Deepika Sawhney
Leader Bank
Goldberg, Harder, Adelstein &
Co., P.C.
Black Horse Insurance
Zenobia Mochala
Shobha Shastri
Anu Bandopadhyay

Platinum Donors



Morgan Stanley

PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

BROWN 
BROTHERS
HARRIMAN

SAWHNEY FAMILY
FOUNDATION



Partners



Our founding partner, **COLUMBIA COMMUNITY IMPACT** is an umbrella organization that empowers Columbia students to volunteer in their communities and uplift the Morningside Heights and Harlem communities.



GRAM SEVA TRUST has been a long standing partner that has created such trust in its community to deliver healthcare and hospital services to some of the most underserved of communities.



MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE Creating vision and opportunity is what community college is all about, so we work with the college to inject the spirit of creativity and entrepreneurship into their students.



In 2019, we partnered with **BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH** in the Tonk district, Rajasthan with an objective to expand its health and livelihood programs to empower women and children living in the rural areas of Rajasthan.



GRAM VIKAS TRUST is a robust organization that has been a reliable partner and ally in bringing effective programming to the region.



UNTDI VIBHAG KELAVNI MANDAL

UNTDI VIBHAG KELAVNI MANDAL has been our most trusted collaborator and partner. They have allowed us to experiment, develop and incubate our change making programming with the collaboration of not only the staff but the community, as well.



DIWALIBEN TRUST is a new partner that allows us to experiment and collaborate. We rarely meet an organization with such aligned values and impressive execution.



IIT GANDHINAGAR is unique in its commitment to social service. We are proud to partner with programs that engage both students and staff in uplifting the surrounding rural communities.

Parvathasa Yogananda

We have closely partnered with the **YOGANANDA TRUST** to build our first community center and bring our programming to the Untdi district. We worked very closely with the entire leadership and community to ensure a fully sustainable and thriving community center.

Media



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FASHION FOR A CAUSE

HINDUSTAN TIMES, MUMBAI, April 23, 2019 – For the Payal Singhal and Desai Foundation collaboration which is aimed at female empowerment through vocational training, they had singer-actor Monica Dogra come on board as the face of the collaboration

INDIA New England NEWS

DESAI FOUNDATION TO HOST ITS ANNUAL LOTUS FESTIVAL AT GILLETTE STADIUM THIS YEAR

INDIA NEW ENGLAND, BURLINGTON, MA, August 20, 2019 — The Desai Foundation, whose mission is to transform the lives of women and children in rural India, will host its annual signature Lotus Festival at famous Gillette Stadium, home to six-time Superbowl champions the New England Patriots.



THE DESAI FOUNDATION CELEBRATES THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

INDIA NEW ENGLAND, NEW YORK, NY, October 21, 2019 – The Desai Foundation last week hosted its annual Diwali on the Hudson party, a glamorous affair for the Indian diaspora community and beyond. Not even a torrential downpour of rain could stop the spirits of New Yorkers coming out to celebrate Diwali, the South Asian “Festival of Lights,” and over 300 New Yorkers were in attendance.

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