Report on Corporate Social Responsibility

RIL understands the changing business paradigm and the need to collaborate with its stakeholders to ensure long-term sustainable growth. The Company has identified issues material to the business, prioritised through effective stakeholder engagement and have taken effective steps to address it.

Health, Safety and Environment (HSE)

Health

Driven by the philosophy of ‘One Reliance. Healthy Reliance!’ RIL strives to achieve excellence in improving its employees’ occupational and personal health. The aim is to ensure a healthy and productive work environment by minimising health hazards and providing model facilities. To further the cause, RIL has set up world-class occupational and family welfare centres and follows international HSE best practices at all manufacturing, E&P locations and major office complexes.

In addition to emergency medical services, the Occupational Health Centres (OHC) offer preventive, promotive and curative health services to employees. All centres are equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic equipment. These are managed by qualified occupational health specialists. Additionally, training sessions are regularly held for medical staff to enhance their skill and knowledge.

The Company’s medical and occupational health department focuses extensively on the prevention and management of lifestyle diseases, such as hypertension and diabetes, communicable diseases like tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS. Structured monthly health awareness sessions, daily health tips programme and personal counselling are conducted across locations. These activities are also extended to employee’s family members staying at Company townships.

‘Health Awards’ were introduced as a new initiative on the wellness front across all locations this year. This initiative will have a long-term benefit in creating a culture of healthy living among employees and their family members.

To overcome emerging mental health issues, RIL undertook an ambitious Project ‘WISH’ (Work life Improvement for Safety and Health) to focus on emotional health as a part of Resilience Management. A group of employees who have been trained by the Company act as missionaries to enhance awareness regarding emotional health and psychological well-being.

RIL employees undergo periodic medical examinations (PME). The medical check-up facility is also extended to contract employees at manufacturing sites. The results are maintained online and analysed to provide targeted interventions at individual and group levels. Employees are subjected to health risk assessments and appropriate measures are taken to prevent any medical complications.

Under RIL’s Health Management System (HMS), PME reports are generated and documented. Based on an individual’s fitness levels and susceptibility to diseases, employees are mapped into Red, Yellow and Green categories.

Key quality indicators are developed for evaluation of individual’s health status and its effectiveness of application strategies.

RIL started the ‘Change Agents for Safety Health and Environment’ (CASHe) programme a decade ago. Over the years, the CASHe programme has evolved into a movement encompassing the entire enterprise with thousands of improvement projects. The programme has been instrumental in creating a culture of implementing health, safety and environment projects on a priority basis. This programme has helped to improve the Company’s performance on the occupational health and safety front. It has been recognised in various international forums like the International Occupational Health Congresses held in Italy, South Africa and Mexico.

During the year, RIL has also implemented a unique programme called ‘Task Based Health Risk Assessment’ (TBHRA).
A very unique and significant initiative, ‘REFERENCES’ (Reliance Employee & Family Emergency Response Services) offers 24x7 assistance in case of any medical, accident, fire and security exigencies.

RIL’s Community Medical Centres established near most of its manufacturing divisions, provide comprehensive healthcare services to local villagers.

A joint initiative of RIL and National Association of Blind, Project Drishti, has undertaken over 12,800 free corneal graft surgeries till date across the country.

RIL’s initiative to combat TB and HIV/AIDS is a unique public-private partnership programme between the Government, NGOs and the Company. It creates awareness and provides care, support and treatment (including free-of-cost treatment) to the poor.

The Hazira Manufacturing Division’s HIV/AIDS Centre is one of the largest Anti-Retroviral Treatment Centre (ART Centre) in India. It is a fully functional 32-bed hospital for HIV/AIDS patients. ART Centre facilities are replicated as per the successful Hazira model in Jamnagar, Patalganga and Lodhivali.

Accreditation
- National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) certification at Jamnagar township hospital
- National Accreditation Board for Laboratories (NABL) certified laboratories at all manufacturing sites

Safety
RIL is unwavering in its goal of zero injuries and incidents. It continues the pursuit in this direction, building a safety culture involving all stakeholders. RIL has devoted its efforts in providing a safer work environment for employees and contractors while protecting and adding value to its operating communities.

RIL is in the process of making further inroads in embedding safety for upcoming projects. The focus is on establishing world-class standards in project’s addressing process and construction safety. It has partnered with a world-renowned external agency for assistance in enhancing a safety culture and best-in-class practices.

While establishing safety standards in steady state operations, the Company continues its efforts to augment the safety culture within the organisation. To take the organisation to a higher level, RIL has been focusing on FELT leadership programmes. This helps to empower individuals to contribute and intervene where it makes a difference. HSE assurance systems and processes are continually assessed to ensure their robustness as aligned to designed intent.

RIL emphasises on integrating emerging businesses such as Coal Bed Methane and Reliance Jio to build a ‘One Reliance’ HSE Management System across the organisation. The Company is working towards leveraging a standardised policy, practices and processes to manage risks commensurate to each area/business. It also provides an assurance framework through a multi-layered auditing process.

RIL firmly believes in a culture of continual learning and development of its people. To achieve this, HSE Learning & Development (L&D) Academy has standardised, developed and imparted, structured learning programmes to a cross-section of employees. RIL considers that personnel competency is a key area to ensure safe and efficient operations. Therefore, the HSE L&D Academy has been focusing on implementing a robust Competency Management System.

Safety Initiatives for Community
RIL Hoshiarpur ensured the participation of its employees and local public in a workshop for traffic awareness conducted by the district administration. In the city, some specific areas are coping with heavy vehicular traffic resulting into chaos, accidents and traffic bottlenecks. Hence, proper infrastructure was built and safety gadgets were installed.

Truck/tanker drivers are trained for ‘Defensive Driving Techniques’ at DSTC (Drivers Safety Training Centre), Hazira. As part of its safety initiative, RIL established a Truckers’ Safety Training Centre at Hazira. This centre is fully equipped with audio-video equipment to impart training to truck drivers on safety rules, efficient driving techniques and emergency responses. More than 243,000 drivers have been trained through this initiative since its inception in 2005. During FY 2013-14, more than 23,000 drivers have been trained.
Environment
RIL, in its journey towards environmental excellence, continues to achieve new milestones. Its efforts are directed to achieve environmental performance beyond compliance through adoption of global best practices.

Major manufacturing sites follow an ‘Integrated Management System’ combining environment, quality, occupational health and safety management system, duly certified by accredited agencies. All manufacturing sites are certified for ISO 14001 Environmental Management System. For reducing the adverse environmental impact of its operations, the Company focuses on some key areas including energy and water conservation, minimising air and GHG emissions including flaring, reducing the generation of waste and protection of biodiversity across the locations.

New projects are carefully scrutinised at the drawing-board level to incorporate necessary environmental considerations and standards. The Company conducts an environmental impact assessment study through nationally reputed organisations prior to planning a major project or expanding an existing facility. As part of the study, RIL considers the potential effects on local biodiversity and takes steps to address them. Requisite environmental approvals are ensured from State/Central Government well in advance before proceeding with execution of suggested improvements. Compliance to statutory approvals is ensured by creating necessary facilities, appropriate monitoring and operational control procedures.

During the year under review, several initiatives were taken at manufacturing sites to improve the environmental performance and reduce the environmental footprint. Some of them are:

- Installation of continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations at refinery and petrochemical sites
- At Dahej Manufacturing Division, on-line effluent monitors were installed at discharge point, for vital parameters like pH and TOC
- A pilot scale study is in progress for recycling of treated ACN plant effluent as make-up water for cooling towers at Vadodara Manufacturing Division
- At Nagothane manufacturing division, storm water channels were improved to prevent escape of wastewater from the complex

The Company believes awareness and knowledge is the key to excellence. To spread environmental awareness and initiate focused environmental action plan for improvement, the ‘World Environment Day’, ‘Earth Day’, ‘World Water Day’, ‘International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer’, among others are celebrated.

RIL believes that its environmental performance is the direct result of its team of talented professionals as well as the company’s commitment to continuous improvement.

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Saving of potable water in Petcoke project at Allahabad Manufacturing Division
- For civil construction job, water consumption was pegged at 10 KL per day approximately. Arrangements were made to utilise treated effluent water instead of potable water. A 10 KL tank with transfer pump was installed and connected with a pipeline of treated effluent.
● There is a saving of 10 KL of potable water per day, which amounts to nearly 300 KL per month

Post project completion, this water has been used for floor cleaning purposes in petcoke handling area as a substitute for fresh water.

Environment protection and awareness drives

Green Cover in surrounding villages

As part of the week-long celebrations of the World Environment Day (WED), a massive plantation programme was organised by RIL at Gopalapuram village, Gadimoga Panchayat on 7th June 2013. Around 50 community members participated in the programme. They assured to safeguard the plants. Senior RIL officials participated in the programme and created awareness among the village community on the importance of green-cover and about ‘Think. Eat. Save,’ (World Environment Day) theme for 2013.

Awareness sessions on environment

The HSE Department of RIL conducted an awareness programme on the occasion of World Environment Day for the engineering students at Sri Aditya Engineering College, Kakinada. More than 100 engineering students participated in the program.

Please refer the Management’s Discussion & Analysis section for Awards & Recognition, pertaining to Health, Safety & Environment.

Social Responsibility

Education

RIL has instituted the ‘UAA-ICT Dhirubhai Ambani Lifetime Achievement Award,’ jointly with the UDCT Alumni Association (UAA) and the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai for innovative and outstanding contribution in chemical sciences. It continues to recognise scientists from India and worldwide through this award. The award, fourth in the series, was conferred on Professor George Stephanopoulos (Arthur D. Little Professor of Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA) in recognition of his seminal and innovative contributions in chemical engineering this year. The felicitation ceremony, held on 13th November, 2013 in ICT, was presided over by Shri N. R. Meswani, Executive Director.

Reliance Dhirubhai Ambani Protsaham Scheme

A flagship CSR initiative in its own right, Reliance Dhirubhai Ambani Protsaham Scheme, financially supports poor and meritorious students (Class X pass-outs) from the East Godavari district. Recipient students get admissions in corporate junior (intermediate) colleges of their choice. A total of 178 meritorious students were selected for the academic year 2013-14 and received support of ₹ 1 crore.

With this year’s admissions, the total number of students supported under the scheme reached 1,326. Since 2010-11, RIL has been providing financial aid to the deserving candidates (among Protsaham recipients) for pursuing their higher studies in engineering and medical streams.

Mumbai Indians ‘Education for All’ Initiative

Smt. Nita M. Ambani – an educationist – who pioneered the concept of ‘Education for All’ programme believes in the cause to uplift a child through equal education opportunities.

In the past four years, this programme has been able to impact the lives of over 27,000 underprivileged children. Apart from monetary support, it has built awareness amongst various groups so that the movement can expand and impact more children.

Dhirubhai Ambani International School

Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS), Mumbai, a K-12 school established in 2003, prepares students for the ICSE, the IGCSE and the IB Diploma Examinations. The school is also a member of the Cambridge International Primary Programme.

The school’s mission is to provide a learning environment that encourages children to bring out the best in themselves. It supports their all-round development through discovering the joy of learning, awakening and illuminating their intellect in multi-dimensional ways and instilling values in them.

In a decade, the school has achieved the highest standards of excellence on all performance parameters. It has evolved as one of the most admired schools in India and in the world. In 2013, Education World ranked DAIS as the No. 1 International School in India across all categories. The rank
was given on seven key parameters - Academic Reputation, Individual Attention to Students, Co-curricular Education, Competence of Faculty and Leadership/Management Quality, Parental Involvement, Teacher Welfare and Development. The Hindustan Times – C Fore Top Schools Survey has ranked DAIS the No. 1 School in Mumbai for 2012 and 2013.

The students of the school have consistently achieved outstanding results across all three curricula – the ICSE, the IGCSE and IB Diploma. The ninth batch, the Class of 2013, earned an average of 39.6 points (out of the maximum possible score of 45). Generally an average of 30-32 points is considered to be excellent for any good IB World School. From the Class of 2013, 11 students gained 44 points and 4 students obtained the perfect score of 45 points. This score was achieved by only 108 children worldwide.

The IB Diploma graduates from the class of 2013 have gained admissions to 20 of the world’s top 30 universities. Many universities have offered scholarships to these students. Some of the graduates have also joined India’s leading colleges.

In 2013, 85.3% of IGCSE grades achieved were A* and A grades. Each year, students have topped in the world and India in several subjects. In 2013, of the 16 IGCSE world toppers in India, 6 are from DAIS. In 2013, DAIS’s average ICSE score was 93.82% - 26 out of 28 students have scored more than 90% and the ICSE topper scored 97%.

Students’ accomplishments in co-curricular and extracurricular activities continue to be splendid. They won prizes at state, national and international levels in several sports. Some of them are table tennis, chess, football, squash, athletics, judo, cricket and swimming. They have also won prizes at the Indian Robot Olympiad, IRIS National Science Fair, Commonwealth Essay competition and Education First’s English Proficiency Survey. They also received the prestigious Hindustan Times scholarships. The Annual DAIMUN (Dhirubhai Ambani International School Model United Nations) Conference 2013 deliberated on the topic of ‘Foreign Intervention’. Over the years, DAIS’s student exchange programmes have expanded to more schools worldwide. Currently, DAIS has exchange programmes with schools in seven countries - France, Spain, Germany, Italy, UK, USA and the Czech Republic.

As part of their engagement with many social causes, the children work with several NGOs - Advitya, Muktangan, Pratham and Aseema. They support the educational needs of children from underprivileged sections. Through outreach programmes for remote rural villages - Hassachipatti (a village near Matheran) and Kumbharghar (near Patalganga) - these NGOs help in constructing roads, educating children and creating employment avenues through skill development initiatives. As a Global Member Round Square, this year, the school hosted the Round Square International service project at Kumbhargar. Children from 8 countries participated in building a school and low-cost housing facilities by using green architecture. The students conducted a School Fete and raised substantial funds to support the various service projects undertaken by them.

The Dhirubhai Ambani International School Akanksha Centre supports the education of children from slum areas. The first batch of students from this Centre has passed the Class 10 board examinations in 2013.

The school celebrated its Annual Week on the theme ‘Katha Sagar’. Children enacted a series of plays celebrating India’s rich legacy of art and culture.

**Girls’ Education Initiative**

RIL Jamnagar supported the Government of Gujarat’s drive to promote girls’ education. Approximately 1,600 school kits were distributed in the villages to encourage enrollment of girls in schools. More than 1,500 kits are distributed in 42 villages of Jamnagar and Lalpur talukas every year since 2006. This has resulted in a remarkable rise in enrollment of girls in the first standard.

Construction of girls’ primary school at the Moti Khavdi village in the vicinity of Jamnagar Complex was undertaken during the year at the behest of villagers. A two-story building with the necessary facilities has been constructed. The school building is earthquake resistant, and has the provision for vertical extension.

Furniture and computers were provided to Moti Khavdi Boys’ Primary School. Ten computers were donated to the primary school at Kanalus village.

In Ranchi and other places of Jharkhand, school benches were provided to various schools according to requirements.
Financial assistance to Bhil Community in Tripura and Assam for educational needs of underprivileged children was given.

Sanskar Shibir
Sanskar shibir is a regular activity of CSR team of Nagothane Manufacturing Division. Sanskar Shibir is a concept of enjoyable learning for school students. It is also a demonstration of interactive teaching method for school teachers. Sanskar, synonymous with excellence in education equips its pupil with all the requisite skills to be tomorrow’s leaders with a critical and global outlook.

Objective of the project is to motivate school children for improved life skills and also encourage the high moral values and cultural values towards the right ways of leading life.

Community Healthcare
Health Care initiatives
To inculcate the awareness of public health and sanitation among villagers, scientific disposal of waste and a total sanitation drive in association with Sulabh International is regularly carried out at Moti Khavdi, Meghpar, Padana and Nani Khavdi villages. A daily door-to-door collection of garbage, sweeping of village roads and disposal of waste collected at designated places outside village continued during the year.

The Community Medical Centre at Moti Khavdi with an average of 400 OPD patients per day caters to the village and floating population mainly consisting of migrant labour staying in nearby villages. The Centre provides free-of-cost, round-the-clock comprehensive health services to about 45 villages/hamlets. The intervention impacts health and hygiene needs of 1.5 million people. It also extends emergency life-saving services to accident victims on the Jamnagar-Dwarka highway. The Centre provides ARV treatment for AIDS patients free-of-cost since October 2007. This is the first centre of its kind by a private sector company in this region.

Doctors and nurses from the Centre visit 6 neighbouring villages twice a week. Free check-up and treatments are done and free medicines are provided to around 150 to 180 patients per trip.
Audio-visual shows, poster exhibition, Sunday clinic for HIV/AIDS awareness, pulse polio vaccination, multi-diagnostic camps and blood donation camps are carried out regularly.

Primary Health Centre Operations
A total of 22,250 patients (male 9,844, female 12,406) from Gadimoga and Bhairavapalem Panchayats were treated during the year at static clinic Gadimoga and satellite clinic Bhairavapalem.

One male doctor, one lady doctor and two pharmacists are available between 9 AM to 5.30 PM on all working days at the Gadimoga Static Clinic. The doctors extend their services to the Bhairavapalem village community twice a week - on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Static Clinic at Gadimoga and the Satellite Clinic at Bhairavapalem are functioning since 2005 and 2006 respectively, to cater the health needs of fishermen community with a budget outlay of about ₹ 0.24 crore annually.

Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital
During the year, the Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital at Lodhivali, Maharashtra engaged significantly to improve the quality of life in surrounding communities. Medical diagnostic camps were arranged in nearby areas for providing medical consultation, diagnosis and medicines to the needy. During FY 2013-14, 13 medical camps were conducted.

In addition, during the year, the following initiatives were taken for providing healthcare facilities to the local communities:
- Medical care was provided to 54 road accident trauma patients free-of-cost or at highly subsidised rates
- Medical care was provided to residents of surrounding villages. 1014 patients were treated during FY 2013-14
- Free or highly subsidised medical care was provided to 76 patients belonging to economically weaker section of the society
An Orthopedic camp for Osteoporosis patients was conducted at Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital at Lodhivali, where 70 persons were attended.

3,552 HIV/AIDS patients were provided free consultation, counselling, investigation and treatment till 31st March 2014 at the ART Clinic of Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital at Lodhivali.

Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre

Reliance Foundation is revamping ‘Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre’ and creating world-class tertiary care hospital. Designed by Perkins and Will, an internationally renowned architectural firm, this 19-storeyed, 800,000 square feet, new hospital has state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities, as well as advanced technologies and information systems, which are benchmarked with the best in the world.

The multi-speciality, tertiary care hospital shall offer the latest of clinical technology across core specialties, as well as imaging and diagnostics. The hospital aims to bring about a paradigm shift in the way health care is delivered in India, in step with the latest global practices, and to emerge as a world class health facility.

Preserving and honouring the heritage of the original hospital has been a key priority for the Reliance Foundation and, the new hospital has been designed and built in harmony with the original architecture which has long been a local landmark.

The new hospital building is built with fire and earthquake resistant material and design. It has the highest space allocated per bed area, with adequate space for visiting families. With rainwater harvesting, reuse and recycling of water and energy efficiency, this will be the largest green hospital in Mumbai.

In addition to world-class technology and resources, the hospital aspires to redefine the model of patient care. It aims to reset the paradigm of healthcare in India by being a truly "Patient & Family Centric" facility offering consistently safe and high quality care.

The hospital has an excellent team of doctors across all specialties, with experience in leading hospitals not only from all over India but also from across the world. This hospital is built as a unique centre of healing and care in the heart of Mumbai with the vision of providing ‘Affordable International Healthcare for all’. The hospital is at advanced stage of completion and expected to commence operations shortly.

Promoting Sports and Sportsmen

Promoting sports in India, RIL has instituted the ‘IMG Reliance Scholarship for India’ programme. During the year 11 scholarships were awarded to aspiring Indian sportspersons for full-time training and coaching at one of the best sports training facilities in the world – The IMG Academies, Florida. These talented young sportspersons from the fields of tennis, basketball and football, underwent rigorous physical and mental training. They were given best-in-class sport education and exposed to high quality competition. Recipients of these scholarships brought several laurels to the community.

IMG Reliance is in a long-term agreement with the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) to create a new professional basketball league and manage all aspects of the game’s commercial rights in India.

IMG Reliance operates the Aircel Chennai Open, India and South Asia’s only ATP World Tour event. The tournament is one of the world’s longest running ATP 250 events having completed 19 years. Through the Aircel Chennai Open, India’s top tennis talent get the chance to compete with the world’s best players on a world-class platform.

Promoting Indian rural art, IMG Reliance has initiated Indian Textile Day at the Lakme Fashion Week. The aim of the show is to highlight textile traditions and heritage that might be little known and undiscovered. It will help to connect emerging Indian textile designers to the mainstream and modern fashion business, thereby creating a new creative channel for their engagement and growth.
Community Development

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Reliance Rural Development Trust (RRDT)

The RRDT, a unique Corporate NGO, set up in FY 2001-02 for implementing the Gokul Gram Yojana of the Government of Gujarat completed the prestigious assignment successfully. The RRDT also completed construction of 33 anganwadi buildings during the year at a cost of ₹ 0.73 crore. It has been a matter of great honour for RRDT to have been chosen to carry out the government mission to face-lift the rural scene of Gujarat. Cumulatively, from November 2001 till the closure date of Gokul Gram Yojana scheme, i.e. 20th September, 2013, the RRDT created 7,902 village facilities in around 5,894 villages of Gujarat, across 25 districts and 218 talukas. The facilities constructed includes 1,603 cement concrete roads, 3,804 anganwadi buildings, 158 drinking water facilities, 741 panchayat office buildings, 1,507 community halls, 39 check-dams and 50 other facilities of village-needs. The RRDT has been the most gratifying experience in the CSR work of RIL, Jamnagar.

Community Development Initiatives

RIL constructed a comprehensive water supply infrastructure at a cost of ₹ 8 crore and handed over to the Rural Water Supply Department for providing drinking water to nearby villages at Gadimoga. Though the infrastructure has been taken over by the Government, RIL continues to extend technical help in smooth functioning of the facility for urgent purchase of spare parts, rectification of leakages, and so on.

Disaster Response and Relief - Cyclone Lehar Response Operations

RIL KG-D6 actively participated in preparatory help for cyclone Lehar relief operations. All arrangements were made to accommodate the evacuated public from Bhairavapalem and Theerdalamundi villages at Community Hall and PHC facilities at Gadimoga constructed by RIL. RIL made arrangements for availability of DG set for uninterrupted power supply, mobilised water storage facilities, medicines, sanitary requirements, such as buckets, drinking water mugs, water jugs, chairs, tables, and provided other necessary requirements.

RIL also arranged for immediate purchase of four petrol operated saws for local roads and buildings. This was done to help in the speedy removal of fallen trees obstructing traffic.

RIL deployed its chopper on 22nd November, 2013 for making a few sorties near the Kothapalam Lighthouse area and 10 nautical mile radius in an effort to identify and rescue 20 fishermen stranded in three fishing boats.

Livelihood Support

A one-day training programme was organised on 21st May 2013 for local womenfolk on post harvesting and marketing practices of fish products. 39 women from Gadimoga, Laxmipathipuram and Chinavalasala villages were trained
in making fish and prawn pickle. Technical support was provided by the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Visakhapatnam.

**Employment of Local People**

About 250 community members from Gadimoga and Bhairavapalem habitations are being engaged in various maintenance works in the KG-D6 plant. The individuals work in skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled categories.

**Reliance Foundation**

**Comprehensive approach towards development**

Reliance Foundation has a comprehensive approach towards sustainable development with focus on five pillars of Rural Transformation, Education, Health, Urban Renewal and Arts, Culture and Heritage. Through various initiatives under these core areas, RF strives to bring a synergetic approach towards development.

The Foundation’s activities have covered over 5,500 villages and various urban locations across all Indian states and union territories. More than one million lives have been touched by the RF initiatives during this year.

A brief narrative of the different initiatives of the Foundation is given below.

**Reliance Foundation BIJ- Bharat India Jodo**

With the aim of bridging the rural-urban divide, the rural transformation initiative RF BIJ supports marginal farmers by ensuring livelihoods and supporting them in their journey out of poverty. While the programme aims at de-risking farming and making the community self-sufficient, it also aims at contributing towards conservation of nature and promoting sustainable farming practices. Launched in 2010, the RF BIJ programme has come a long way and has its presence in 19 agro ecological zones spread over 11 states in the country.

Working on the three core pillars of direct action, participatory approach and sustainable development, RF BIJ reaches out to the most deserving communities characterised by low rainfall, rainfed agriculture, large tracts of cultivable wastelands and high poverty index. Today more than 460 Village Farmer Associations (VFAs) are being actively involved in the process of bringing about a change in the lives of nearly 40,700 farming households through its initiatives. Close to 15,600 hectares of land have been redeveloped under the Dharti farm initiative this year taking the cumulative land development since inception of the programme to over 31,000 hectares. Another significant intervention under the RF BIJ initiative, Reliance Nutrition Garden has positively influenced the nutritional intake of nearly 12,100 rural households this year (16,292 since inception). Through its institution building processes, RF is trying to ensure empowerment at an individual household as well as community level so as to make the intervention inclusive as well as sustainable.

**Information services**

Information, knowledge sharing and technology have a significant role to play in the development process. RF Information Services (RF IS) addresses this crucial area and brings relevant, timely and accurate information to the end users in rural areas making use of different platforms like mobile phones and television. Through the RF IS initiatives and platforms, benefits of high end technology have been delivered to those who need them the most at the most pertinent time. Revealing the significance of fast, accurate and timely information, RF IS platforms were used by the marine police of Andhra Pradesh in nine coastal districts during Phailin, Helen and Leher cyclones. RF IS has reached out to over 3600 villages in 7 states and one union territory through its multiple mediums during this year (5068 villages since inception of the programme). Close to 11,59,700 successful calls were made to deliver key messages to the beneficiaries this year taking the total tally of successful calls made by the programme since inception to 1.26 million. The programme is a perfect example of how to use information and knowledge to empower the community to maximise their potential.

**Health Programmes**

The ‘Health for all’ initiative focuses on the provision of good quality primary care through its mobile and static medical units and caters to the needs of the lower income group families in the area. It also aims at establishing an effective referral system to streamline the flow of patients to the higher centres of care. More than 350,000 individuals have enrolled for the services and nearly 52,600 patients have benefitted from the services within one and half years of initiating the programme. Similar mobile medical units are operating in Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh. More than 14,300 patients from nearly 150 villages in Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand have benefitted from the services of the mobile medical units in this year.

**Reliance Foundation Drishti**

The Drishti programme aims at improving the lives of visually impaired. Implemented in association with the National Association for the Blind, the programme has transformed the lives of 1200 cataract affected individuals through successful corneal transplants this year (12,839 cataract surgeries since inception). Other initiatives like the Braille newspaper and calendar and campaigns to promote eye donation are also integral aspects of the Drishti programme.
The Dhirubhai Ambani Scholarship Scheme

Good education, without doubt, is one of the main cornerstones for building a successful and prosperous society. The merit cum means scholarship by RF ensures that students get an opportunity to follow their dreams without worrying about the financial implications of pursuing higher education. The scholarship programme supports the top scoring Higher Secondary students from financially weak backgrounds and physically challenged students from across all states and union territories of India to pursue education at college level. A total of 393 scholarships have been awarded this year of which nearly 50% were awarded to girls and 111 to students from physically challenged category. The programme has positively influenced the lives of more than 10,000 young scholars and their families so far. RF organised the Dhirubhai Ambani scholarship award ceremony at Mumbai to award the scholarships to selected students in January 2014.

Sports for Development

Recognizing the value of sports towards education, fitness and well being of students, RF launched the Jr. NBA programme in partnership with the National Basketball Association (NBA). A comprehensive, school based youth basketball programme in India, it is working towards promoting health, fitness and an active lifestyle through basketball and teaches the values of the game such as teamwork, sacrifice, discipline, dedication and sportsmanship. Launched in the cities of Mumbai and Kochi, it has already reached 228 schools, 260 coaches and nearly 140,000 students. The programme aims at reaching one million youth in three years. It will also train 2,000 coaches and physical education instructors across India to sustain this effort over a longer period.

RF is also implementing a programme in 30 villages of Agar, Madhya Pradesh with the aim of empowering children and communities through the medium of sports. The programme is working towards creating an enabling environment for improved educational status, gender inclusiveness and improved health outcomes through the active participation of children, parents, larger community and the local governance system.

Arts, Culture & Heritage

Reliance Foundation focuses on preserving the rich heritage, arts and culture of India for its future generations and has made conscious efforts to contribute towards preserving the same. RF continued to support specific programmes to promote Indian art.

Disaster Response

Reliance Foundation has a capacity to respond to disasters in a timely manner and engage directly with the affected communities using its experience of working closely with the communities. When Uttarakhand was affected by massive floods in June 2013, RF was one of the first organisations to lend a supporting hand. RF relief efforts reached the unreached that were cut off post the disaster. RF supported the rescue and relief operations by ensuring supply of relief material and prompt medical support. RF deployed a team of 20 doctors and 50 development professionals to reach out to more than 100 villages in Uttarakhand in the period following the disaster. RF constructed 50 family shelters, distributed more than 5,500 relief kits and conducted medical camps that benefitted more than 8000 patients in the months following the calamity. RF is committed to continue the efforts in Uttarakhand and has deployed two full time teams to streamline its efforts at Rudraprayag and Uttarkashi. RF is also committed to reconstruct some of the affected schools and houses in Uttarakhand.

Environmental Sustainability

RF is working towards environmental sustainability through its various initiatives. The foundation is promoting soil and water conservation measures through its work in the rural transformation space. 24 million cubic meters of water harvesting facility has been created so far and the intervention has helped to conserve 1,19,000 tonnes of soil. More than 11,00,000 saplings have been planted on individual and common lands to promote biodiversity.

Towards tapping natural resources of energy, RF has been promoting the use of biogas plants and solar lamps. Close to 750 biogas plants have been constructed this year. RF distributed 1,500 solar lamps in Uttarakhand and partnered with Shri Hriday Narain Dhawan Charitable Trust for supporting the installation of 6000 solar street lights in the district of Unnnao, Uttar Pradesh.