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Information received from the Government of India
Ministry of Indian Overseas Affairs
about
India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI)

India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians is a not-for-profit trust registered by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India to provide a credible window for Overseas Indian Philanthropy in India's Social development. The objective of the foundation is to facilitate philanthropic activities by Overseas Indians including through innovative projects and instruments such as micro credit for rural entrepreneurs, self help groups for economic empowerment of women, best practice interventions in primary education and technology interventions in rural health care delivery.

The foundation is at 'arms length' from Government and is managed by an eminent Board of Trustees. The mandate of the foundation is to lead Overseas Indians philanthropic capital into India's Social Sector by forging partnerships between donors and credible non-government and non-profit voluntary organisations working in the Social Sector in India.

The broad objectives of the Trust are to:

- (i) Lead overseas Indian philanthropy into India, facilitate partnerships through single window facilitation and by building public private partnerships.
- (ii) Establish and maintain a "Social Capital and Philanthropy Network" in India that can provide a list of credible institutions, projects and programmes.
- (iii) Function as a clearinghouse for all philanthropy related information.
- (iv) Partner with states in India and encourage credible Indian philanthropic organizations to project social development opportunities to overseas Indians in the sectors that best match national priorities including empowerment of rural women.
- (v) Promote accountability and 'good practices' in Diaspora philanthropy.

The Trust has been registered. The Ministry is in the process of registering the India Development foundation as a non- profit organization in different countries including Gulf to qualify for exemption from income taxes. The portal for receiving online donations is also under development. The credible NGOs are being identified for the identification of the projects.

Information about IDF-OI

1. Is IDF already operational?

Yes

2. If so what is the procedure for using its services?

(i) IDF-OI has got a Bank Account in the Syndicate Bank, Akbar Bhawan Branch New Delhi.

(ii) Some credible NGOs are being identified to identify the project in the different parts of the Country.

(iii) Cheques /money can be transferred to the designated account of IDF.

3. Is there a minimum amount?

No . Any amount can be transferred to IDF.

4. The concerned interested PIO wishes to transfer some funds to schools in India. Can such funds be directly transferred to the schools concerned or the funds have to be transferred only to those organisations which are registered/approved by the MOIA?

Funds will have to be transferred to IDF-OI first and then it will be transferred to concerned credible organization/NGOs.

5. One of the Dutch NGOs is willing to help one of the schools in India. Can the Dutch NGO transfer the amount through IDF to the school concerned? It has been indicated that the receiving school in India has however not yet applied for FCRA approval.

They can transfer the amount to School concerned through IDF since IDF is FCRA exempt. But IDF will verify the credibility of the School concerned.

For more information on IDF-OI please check:

<http://moia.gov.in/services.aspx?id1=206&idp=206&mainid=196>