

Dear Odia community,

IASF wishes you and your loved ones Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Year. 2022 has been an eventful year for all of us. California hosted the OSA Annual Convention this summer and it was a huge success. Woo hoo!

We wanted to send you an update from IASF activities this year. Below are the projects we have executed this year.

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IASF Sikhya Online (https://iasf.net/iasf-shikhya/) in partnership with Aveti Learning



IASF continues to work with Aveti Learning to enable low-income students to learn various curriculummandated subjects in Odia language through the Aveti

Learning App. IASF has sponsored **200+ students** in 2022.

We have raised around \$5,500 for this initiative since 2020 from donors in the Odia Community and to date we have spent \$7,500 to bring this program to 300+ low-income students.

Scholarship - St. Xavier High School, Keonjhar

Saswat is a very talented and financially poor student pursuing studies at St. Xavier High School, Keonjhar. His single Mother reached out to IASF and requested for help with monthly tuition and annual School Admission Fees.

IASF donated Rs.32,733.00 towards this cause.

Haramani Nabakishore memorial scholarship, Uchabali High School



First batch of 8 talented and meritorious students are recipient of Haramani Nabakishore memorial scholarship. Awarded on June 10, 2022.

Alameda Food Bank volunteering

(https://www.alamedafoodbank.org/)



IASF members volunteered at Alameda Food Bank in Sep 2022. We helped around 500 low-income residents in getting food from the food bank. This included keeping the food bins always filled, helping the beneficiaries follow the

right process, ensuring they were taking the right amount of food (vegetables, protein, etc.), and finally cleaning and sanitizing the containers and the floors.

Averti Smart Class (https://avetilearning.com/smart-class/) Saraswati Sishu Vidyalaya, Baunsgadia



This project involved setting up Averti Smart Classrooms, along with equipment and software licenses, which provides teachers a powerful teaching tool. The beneficiaries are

about 100 students at the school.

IASF donated Rs. 100,000.00 for this project.

Homeless shelter

IASF did this project in conjunction with WRKSPOT Foundation from Southern California. This fund was spent on the daily expenses of homeless shelters in Odisha.

The total amount donated for this project was \$1000.00.

Hackathon contest at OSA Convention 2022

IASF sponsored this contest for High School students, as part of the OSA Convention 2022. The contest was open to students from anywhere in the world. The students were given around 4 months to finish their projects. All project submissions were reviewed, and awards were given at the OSA convention in July 2022. IASF donated \$1000 for this event.

Food Truck Seva project (http://5sikhseva.org)



organization that provides nutritious, vegetarian food to low-income school students and homeless people all over the Bay Area via their Food Truck. IASF teamed up with 5 Sikh Seva to feed 2000 low-income families at an event

organized by the City of Hayward in October 2022.

IASF donated \$1000.00 for this project.

2022 was a busy year for IASF, but we are looking forward to 2023. Here are some new projects in the pipeline that we are working on:

World Family Foundation (https://www.worldfamilyfnd.org)

The World Family Foundation has built **Prashanti International School in Puri, Odisha**. This school has children who come from nearby villages and slums. IASF has worked with the world family foundation in the past and has given them \$1000 to set up a medical clinic in the school campus.

The school is in need of setting up Chemistry and Physics labs. IASF has committed \$7000 towards this project with the help of donors from Odia Community.

SOUP - Society for Urban Poor (https://soup.org.np/)

SOUP creates the conditions for women, men and children of the urban and suburban poor communities to improve their quality of life. This non-profit is based in **Lalitpur, Nepal**. They are dedicated to "provide quality education for children", "Empower women to become an empowered society" and "increase capacity of individuals by providing them with training" etc.

$\textbf{Trilochan Netralaya} \ (\texttt{https://www.facebook.com/TrilochanNetralaya/})$

This hospital is based out of Sambalpur, Odisha. They are providing visually impaired and abandoned girls training to become nurses. All girls are employed by Trilochan Netralaya after finishing their training. IASF is working with the organization to determine how we can best support this mission.

KarmaFlights (https://www.karmaflights.org/)

KarmaFlights is based in **Pokhara, Nepal**. Its mission is to uplift poverty-stricken children with security and education. IASF is committing to help the organization with their winter clothing drive to keep children warm during the winter months.

We thank the community for supporting IASF causes over the years. We will provide more updates on our projects in the coming months. Please attend our upcoming Valentines Fund Raiser event on February 11, 2023. We will send details on this event soon.

Happy Holidays!

Regards, Ashutosh Dash Vice President Indo American Sevaks Foundation