



ANNUAL REPORT VFF USA



Vicente Ferrer

Empowering rural India

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VICENTE FERRER

“ My job is to make impossible dreams come true ”

Vicente Ferrer first landed in Mumbai, India, in 1952, and immediately felt connected to the many impoverished rural farmers and their plight. From that moment, he resolved to make it his life's mission to bring rural communities hope, opportunity, and an end to poverty.

In 1969, with the support of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Ferrer returned to India and established the Rural Development Trust (now VFF RDT) in Anantapur. Since its inception, VFF RDT and its partner organizations have embraced a whole-village approach, emphasizing the transformative impact of self-sufficiency. At the heart of the organization's mission is to empower people to build up their own communities; to break down centuries of ingrained discrimination; and to take charge of their own lives. VFF strives to identify and remove the many barriers to progress. We believe the people of India should be the main players in the process of their own improvement — India for India.

HEALTH EQUITY

The health equity program helps students achieve a level of autonomy for important life skills. This year, through the generous contributions of the Carlson Family Foundation and La Caixa Foundation, VFF USA supported the Bathapalli cerebral palsy (CP) center.

54 students were provided access to health care services, rehabilitative support, and educational opportunities, and were able to achieve a level of autonomy for important life skills.

EDUCATION FOR EMPOWERMENT

Transportation access to secondary school is one of the top barriers to education access in rural India. Today, over **100 million school-aged children** simply do not attend school.

The Rotary Club of Dupont Circle in Washington, DC partnered with VFF USA to provide **127 bikes** to rural students around Narpala. Owning a bicycle significantly reduces travel time, increasing the likelihood of a child staying in school, and a real shot at breaking the cycle of poverty.

RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Nearly a **100,000 million people** lack access to safe drinking water in India.

In partnership with the V-Care Charitable Trust, VFF USA built a water purification reverse osmosis plant to provide **6,500 people** with access to clean drinking water. Access to safe water and sanitation can quickly improve health for women, children, and families in rural villages.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

VFF USA supports rural entrepreneurs with disabilities by providing simple modifications and adaptations to help fulfill their dreams of self-sufficiency and launch new businesses.

VFF USA was awarded the WeWork Creator Award for **37 people with disabilities**. The program provided the entrepreneurs with support and basic training agriculture business management.

VFF USA 2017 RESULTS

WHERE?



WHAT?

VFF USA empowers lives by breaking the cycle of extreme poverty and giving the people of rural India hope for the future.

We change lives by addressing the many interconnected issues affecting every impoverished family: housing, healthcare, education, discrimination, and sustainable agriculture.

HOW?

VFF USA believes in change. We do not ask for charity. We seek real solutions and partners that will help us strengthen communities and empower people with resources and skills to ensure a better tomorrow.



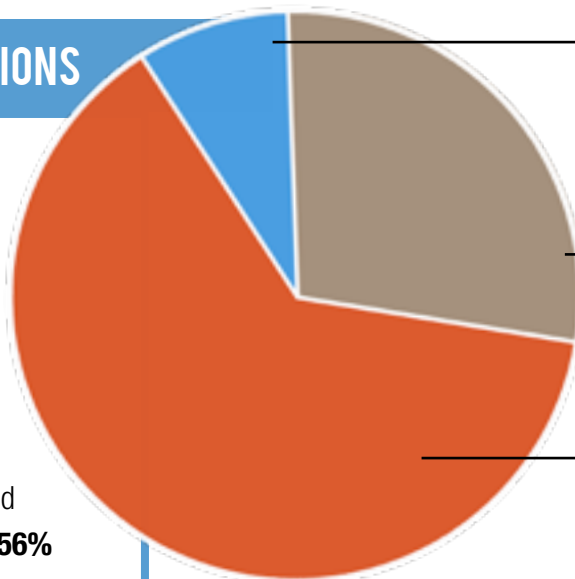
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VFF USA DONATIONS

The Vicente Ferrer Foundation has three partner organizations- Fundación Vicente Ferrer in Spain, Rural Development Trust in India, and Vicente Ferrer Foundation USA. This annual report provides details about VFF USA.

We are glad to report that the combined resources for VFF in 2017 **increased by 12.56% compared to the previous year**. We are strengthening our resource mobilization efforts around the world to create opportunities for marginalized communities in India.



10% Fundraising
(from FVF)

29% Administration
(from FVF)

61% Programs
(from our donors)

100% OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION GOES TOWARDS OUR PROGRAMS

Our overhead is covered thanks to the generosity of Fundación Vicente Ferrer (FVF) in Spain



3,648,591

Partners in VFF programs

2,714

Hospital patients daily

2,460

Associations for people with disabilities

8,138

Women's associations

119,335

Sponsored children

112,367

Women leaders

3,431

Scholarships for university students

3,662

Villages

