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Session with Adolescents of Bedia Community in Guna District of Madhya Pradesh by Child Rights and You, HCL Grant Recipient, 2021, Education Category

HCL Grant Edition VIII

Highlights of the Month

Stage 2 "Abstract Review" of HCL Grant selection process was conducted on 8th, 9th and 10th August 2022 for Health, Environment and Education category respectively in which organization's profile and project abstract of eligible applicants were reviewed by a group of independent domain experts, sector experts from HCL Foundation, and Governance Partner. Basis of the review includes a mix of the objective and subjective parameters such as Governance, Relevance of the Problem and Solution, Potential of Impact and Innovation and others. 175 NGOs were shortlisted for stage 3 detailed proposal round across all 3 categories (51 in Environment, 54 in Health and 70 in Education).

The Application Portal was live from 16th August to 5th September 2022 for NGOs to submit the detailed Proposal Form.



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Stage 3 of "Proposal review" was conducted on 26th, 27th and 28th September for Environment, Health and Education categories respectively in which the organisations selected at stage 2 were requested to submit a detailed organisation profile and proposal. Post submission, the application is reviewed by a group of independent domain experts, sector experts from the HCL Foundation and Governance Partner. Additional review parameters include Capacity to Deliver, Financial Modelling, Sustainability, Use of Inclusive approach, Potential for partnership and scalability, and others.



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Partnerships Bulletin

Highlights of the Month

- HCL Foundation participated in the Nagaland CSR Conclave 2022 – "Naturally Nagaland". Hon'ble Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India – Shri Nirmala Sitaraman Ji, Chief Minister of Nagaland – Shri Nephieu Rio Ji and other dignitaries to pull the CSR investment in the state.

  Foundation presented the importance, effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative model of PPP + C (Public Private Partnership + local community) focused on reduction of Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in three eastern district of Nagaland – Tuensang, Mon and Longleng- through revival of of 13 defunct health centers, creation of Mother's club and cadre strengthening. Relevance of digital platforms and skill development programmes, in linkage of remote geo's to the business centers were also discussed.

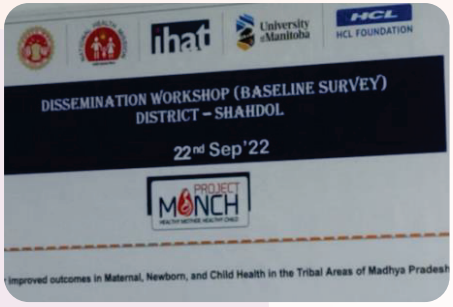




HCL Foundation team visited Shahdol district of Madhya Pradesh for Project MANCH baseline findings dissemination district level workshop and Half yearly review meeting conducted by India Health Action Trust, HCL Grant Recipient, 2020, Health Category and Anand district of Gujarat for discussion on Key Findings & Recommendations with IIFM Bhopal team for an independent evaluation of project iCARE, implemented by Foundation for Ecological Security, HCL Grant Recipient, 2017, Environment category.

Madhya Pradesh Field Visit Photos







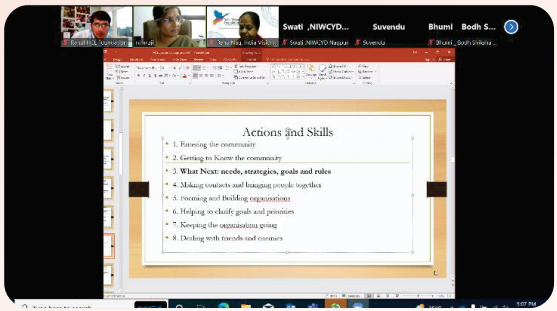


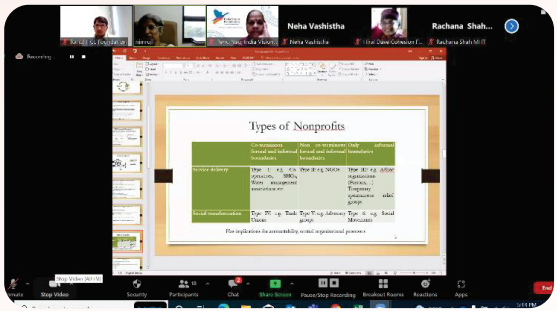
Gujarat Field Visit Photos



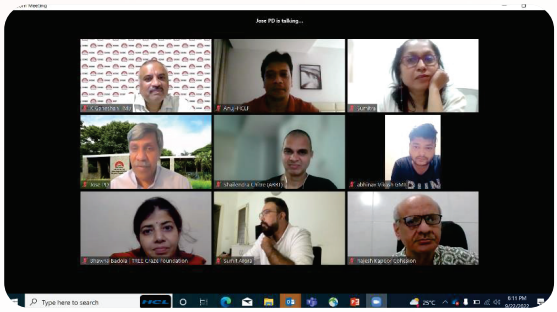


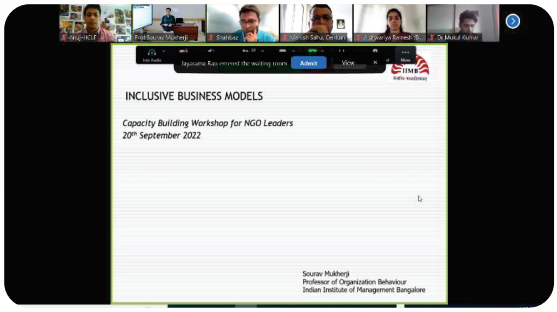
- Second batch of online certification course on "Effective CSR Project Management for higher Social Impact" was conducted on HCL Foundation Academy in collaboration with IIM Calcutta with 22 participants participating, with an objective of enhancing the capacity of HCL Foundation Partner NGOs on Project Cycle Management, organizational governance & financial management, Branding, Communications and marketing for NGOs, proposal writing, documentation practices etc.





- 5th Batch on "Entrepreneurial Leadership & Governance" was conducted through HCL Foundation Academy in partnership with IIM Bengaluru from 19th – 23rd September, 2022 for the Leadership of the organizations HCL Foundation is partnering with. With 34 participants participating, the objective of the course is to make participants understand how Good Governance and Dynamic Leadership can build strong, resilient, compliant, impactful and sustainable organizations that can serve in alignment with their Constitutional mandate





Ensuring Crop Insurance!

HCL Grant is working with Lokmata Rani Rashmoni Mission in South 24 Praganas district of West Bengal to promote climate resilient agriculture and provide alternate livelihood options for climate vulnerable community of selected forest fringe villages of Sundarban. Through this programme the objective is to ensure farmers have the knowledge of Government programmes and schemes available for them. In August, more than 70 farmers were assisted in submitting their Crop Insurance application to the office of Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kultali Block, South 24 Praganas. Under 'Fasal bima' (Agriculture Insurance) Scheme of the Government, they will receive free insurance for the next six months for Paddy. In case of damage, the farmers will get a compensation of Rs.54 - Rs.75 for each Decimal of land.



Stories of Transformation

Wildlife Trust of India,
HCL Grant Recipient, 2019,
Environment Category

Habitat Restoration

Wildlife Trust of India under its HCL Grant project has employed a scientific assessment in the GGS project sites of the habitat restoration activities and evaluated the number of standing trees. A total of 59 tree species under 50 genera and 29 families with a total of 163117 standing trees counted from the restoration sites spread throughout nine villages covering 150 hectares. The average contribution percentage of individual tree species to total tree species was 1.69 percent across all restoration sites (ranges from 20.1% to 0.02%). The highest planted tree species was Aporosa dioica (20.1%) followed by Wrightia arborea (14.5%), and the lowest was Oroxylum indicum (0.02%). Halwa ambeng is considered to be the most saplings planted site per hectare N= 3733, while Nengsra reported the least N=866. Similarly, the average number of standing saplings was 18124 and further ranges from 967 to 41934. Panda-Bolsilgre reported the most saplings (N= 41934), while Dambuk aga reported the minimum (N=967). The number of saplings planted in each village varies according to restoration areas. Additionally, plant count per hectare was calculated in all restoration sites, and an average number of stand saplings count per hectare was calculated N = 2568.48.

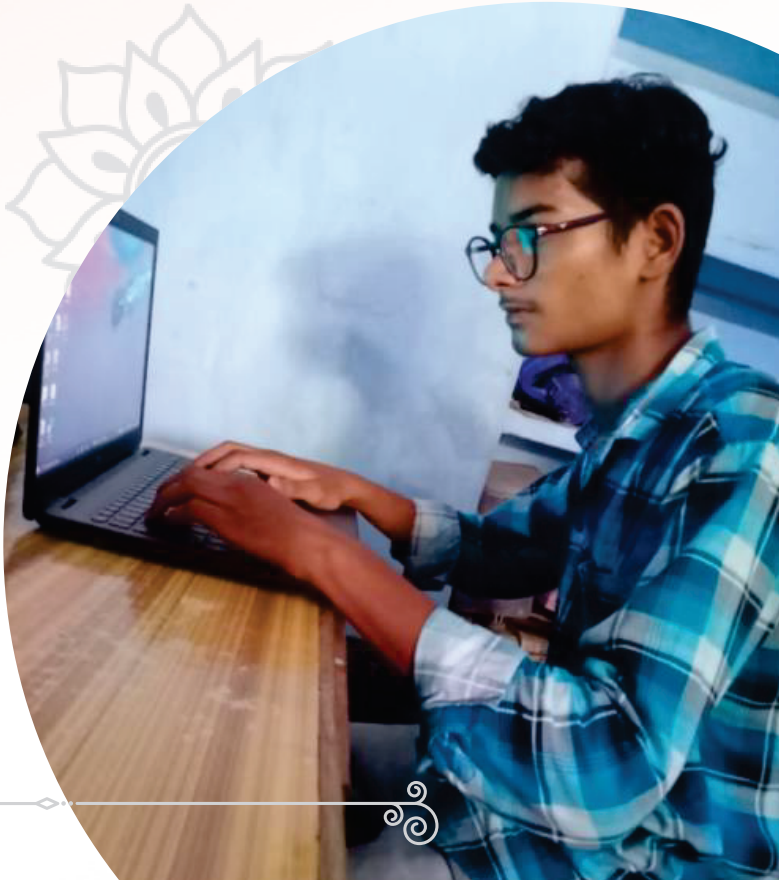


Royal Commonwealth Society for blind Sightsavers India
HCL Grant Recipient, 2018,
Education Category

Ensuring Inclusive Education

Chandu, a resident of Jhalawar district of Rajasthan is a child with visual impairment and belongs to an underprivileged family. He studies in a government senior secondary school. The project team of Sightsavers India met him during an assessment camp at the district hospital in 2019. The team assessed the child as per the project needs and shortlisted him to provide him a laptop through the HCL supported project and was given training on use of laptop for his education. The ICT coordinator regularly provided ICT training sessions one on one to Chandu and remained in touch through phone.

Chandu's performance in academics improved which was evident by his excellent class 10th Board exam result where he passed with first grade. The school teachers and his classmates are very supportive and are always ready to provide help in his studies. Chandu is a happy child and has a positive outlook towards life. He has often shared that he likes to travel and enjoys the game of cricket. He wants to do a business of his own in the area of technology and wants to earn a lot of money so that his parents can live a good life and he has enough money to travel the world.



India Health Action Trust,
HCL Grant recipient 2021,
Health Category

Healthy Child, Happy Mother

Geeta Singh from village Karka of Shahdol district, gave birth to a low weight baby – 1300 g, following which the baby was admitted to Special New Born Care Units (SNCU) for more than a fortnight. The baby's weight increased to 1400 g post which, discharge was done. ASHA Supervisor Mentor (ASM), Sudha Sahu visited Geeta along and counselled her on the significance of exclusive breastfeeding and timely follow-ups at SNCU. The ASM demonstrated Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) to the family members and monitored the baby during Home Based Care of New Born and Young Child (HBNC) visits on a regular basis. The ASHA was asked to keep a close watch over the baby, especially for the danger signs. The ASM as well as the ASHA closely monitored the baby and continued counseling and following up the parents on taking proper care of the baby and reiterated importance of exclusive breastfeeding and KMC. With consistent efforts, the baby's weight increased to 2400 g within two months' period. The mother has started attending Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Day (VHND) for immunization and the baby has shown good improvement and was weighed 5400 g at the end of completing six months. The parents of the baby are happy and thankful to ASHA and ASM for guiding them on taking proper care of their child.







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