



### 1. Akanksha Foundation



#### *Organization Profile*

The Akanksha Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide children from low income communities with high quality education, enabling them to maximize their potential and transform their lives. With focus on education; Akanksha is initiating school reform through The School Project, and is providing supplemental education through the Akanksha Centers. Currently, Akanksha reaches out to over 4600 children through these two models and runs 15 centers and 15 schools in Mumbai and Pune.

#### *Participant Profile*

##### **Chitra Pandit** (Senior Director, Development & Communications)

Chitra completed her MBA from Welingkar College and followed it with over 15 years of experience in the field of marketing. She then moved to the Social Sector, hoping to add value with the experience gained from the corporate. At Akanksha, Chitra oversees Development & Communication - which includes donor communication, fundraising, donor management and branding related activities. In the last 5 years, Chitra has been at the forefront of major projects at Akanksha. She has been involved in revamping the Akanksha website, has managed 3 large marketing campaigns targeted at attracting educators for their schools, and has also conceptualized and presented the Akanksha Annual day in both Mumbai and Pune. Since 2014, she has been overseeing fundraising activities and is working closely with the Akanksha Board to meet the funding needs.

##### **Sivakami Kotla** (Chief Financial Officer)

As a young graduate in 1993, Sivakami started her career in the Financial Sector with the ambition to become the top most "Financial Analyst". By 1999, her mission changed and she moved to the development sector. Sivakami comes to Akanksha with a rich experience of 11 years in the manufacturing and development sectors. She has also worked with large international non-profit organisations like Hope Worldwide and Handicap International. For the past 6 years, her focus at Akanksha has been on capacity development, setting up of operations, people management, training, human resource management and financial management. Her current challenge is to support Akanksha in strengthening its evidence based advocacy efforts to bring about the systemic reforms in the education sector.



## 2. Armman



### *Organization Profile*

ARMMAN is a nonprofit organization committed to improving the wellbeing of pregnant mothers, newborn infants and children in the first five years of their life. The vision of Armman is to design and implement sustainable interventions to reduce maternal, neonatal and child mortality and morbidity in underprivileged urban and rural communities in India. Armman focuses on identifying and addressing systemic gaps in both - health services delivery and community health care seeking practices - by adopting multi sectorial evidence based 'community needs assessment' approach.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Geetanjali Jha Chakraborty** (Executive Director)

Geetanjali holds a Masters in Social work from Delhi University and an LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Law from Mumbai University. While working at The National Thermal Power Corporation, Geetanjali dealt extensively with the Labour Unions and Employee Benefit Administration and found it to be the most exciting part of her career. Ultimately, she followed her calling for the Social Sector, joined Concern India Foundation as Manager Projects, and then moved to CHILDLINE India Foundation as Head of Western Zone. At Armman, Geetanjali looks after new partnerships, long term strategy and sustainability for the organisation. She hopes her learning across various business sectors is going to stand her in good stead in leading Armman to its next growth phase.

## 3. Breakthrough



### *Organization Profile*

Working in India and the United States, Breakthrough addresses critical global issues including violence against women, sexuality and HIV/AIDS, immigrant rights and racial justice. The organization uses five key strategies to transform hearts and minds and inspire people to act for change. These include using media, arts and technology, training new generations of leaders, developing strategic partnerships, cultivating grassroots community engagement and sharing best practices and lessons. Breakthrough is the organization behind the successful 'Bell Bajao' campaign that was launched in 2008 with the aim of ending domestic violence.



### *Participant Profile*

#### **Sunita Menon** (Director Training and Leadership Development)

Sunita Menon heads the Training and Leadership Development Department within Breakthrough. She has designed and scaled the leadership program on violence against women; where she developed and implemented projects at national and international level on Early Marriage, Gender Biased Sex Selection, Domestic Violence and HIV/ AIDS. She is an alumna of International Volunteer Leadership Program run by the US State Department and a Gender Expert for Lal Bahadur Shastri National Administrative Academy and UNICEF. She has authored A Peer Educators Guide to HIV/AIDS Awareness; Life in the Edge - No Country for young girls (on sex selection) and coauthored Rights and Desire, Facilitators Manual on Healthy Sexuality, Bell Bajao Advocacy kit against domestic violence. She has scripted and hosted education programs for Gyan Darshan a national television channel. She is a board member in Pravah - a leading youth development organization and founder member of Sangawari a socio cultural group.

## 4. CARE India Solutions For Sustainable Development

### *Organization Profile*



CARE is a major international humanitarian agency delivering emergency relief and long-term international development projects. Founded in 1945, CARE is nonsectarian, impartial, and nongovernmental. It is one of the largest and oldest humanitarian aid organizations focused on fighting global poverty. CARE's programmes in the developing world address a broad range of topics including emergency response, food security, water and sanitation, economic development, climate change, agriculture, education, and health.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Dr. Narottam Pradhan** (Deputy Director, Outreach Systems Strengthening, Bihar Technical Support Program)

Dr. Narottam Pradhan is a Public Health professional with an MD in Community Medicine from the University of Delhi. He is currently working in CARE's Bihar Technical Support Program (funded by BMGF) as Deputy Director, Outreach Systems Strengthening. With over 15 years of experience in Medicine and Public Health, he has focused his career on supporting state and national governments in Public health programs related to Maternal, Newborn and Child health. He brings a rich know-how in the implementation, monitoring (overseeing) and development of new strategies. Dr. Pradhan has previously worked with WHO, UNICEF, UNOPS and UNDP in multiple roles and capacities.



### *Participant Profile*

#### **Ratna Mathur** (Deputy Program Director)

Ratna Mathur is a development sector professional working with CARE India as Deputy Program Director. Her work at CARE India on program quality and learning spans the four sectors targeted by the organization: Health, Education, Livelihoods and Disaster response. Ratna's work also includes developing cross-sectorial new initiatives for scaling program learnings from CARE India's work. She develops programs and implementation guidelines and orients the teams about project standards and quality requirements with an emphasis on effective strategies on gender and CARE India's impact populations, namely Dalits and Tribals. Ratna Mathur's previous assignments have been with Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, where she worked as Senior Program Officer.

## 5. Child In Need Institute



### *Organization Profile*

CINI works in the areas of nutrition, health, education and protection, for children, adolescents and women in need in India. It reaches over 5 million vulnerable people through its work at the community level as a facilitator. Over the last 4 decades, CINI has worked with the central and state governments and partner organizations, serving as training and resource organization and impacting state and national policy as member of different committees, networks and alliances. CINI received twice the Award from President of India for its contribution in Child Welfare and is accredited by the Credibility Alliance for Good Governance.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Dr. Indrani Bhattacharyya** (Assistant Director [Adolescent Resource Centre])

Dr. Indrani Bhattacharyya is a social scientist working in the development sector for last 15 years. She has done her PhD in social anthropology and has led many programs on child, adolescent and maternal health and nutrition through participatory governance and community partnership. She currently leads programs as Assistant Director on adolescent and youth rights and entitlements with focus on sexual reproductive health issues. She led many research and intervention programs in CINI, funded by both Government, National and International funding agencies. She is also engaged in policy advocacy and represented CINI in National, Regional and Global conferences.



## 6. Children's Lovecastles Trust



CLT India

### *Organization Profile*

Children's Lovecastles Trust (CLT) India is a nonprofit, nongovernment organization that has worked since 1997 to support and strengthen government schools in rural India. CLT's mission is to use technology to create, enhance and monitor the delivery of education in an affordable, scalable and modular manner. CLT addresses the challenge of shortage of teachers with subject expertise, student disengagement, lack of quality learning resources and missed opportunities in rural schools. CLT focuses on developing innovation solutions which give access to quality learning resources, developed by Master Teachers, for every child anywhere with appropriate technology with relevant localized content leading to equal learning opportunities for girls and boys.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Bhagya Rarngachar** (Founder and CEO)

For the last 17 years, Bhagya has been totally consumed in pursuing her passion for setting up a nonprofit foundation to give access to quality education for children in underserved communities in India. Before CLT, Bhagya was engaged in software development and worked as a Senior Programmer Analyst for various IT companies in U.S. like Hydronautics, Singer, Computer Usage, NASA and several startups. However, in parallel, she was also gaining experience of working in nonprofit sectors. She volunteered for an Adult Literacy program in U.S. where she worked with immigrants that didn't have the opportunity to go to schools. She also served as an Executive Director at Volunteers for Visually Handicapped for 2 years.

## 7. Consortium For DEWATS™ Dissemination (CDD) Society



### *Organization Profile*

The Consortium for DEWATSTM Dissemination (CDD) was formed with an agenda to find solutions to the existing sanitation challenges in India. This fulfils the goal of reducing the environmental burden of pollution caused by poor sanitation. Decentralization and community participation are key approaches for CDD Society and its network's work. It provides a lasting solution to diverse problems related to wastewater treatment, sanitation and solid waste management in urban and peri-urban locations.



## *Participant Profile*

### **Stanzin Tsephel** (Honorary Advisor)

In 2008 Stanzin joined CDD where he is responsible for implementation and administration of CDD Society's operation. His 13 years portfolio in the environment sector includes organizations such as Stockholm Environment Institute, International Water Management Institute, BORDA, Ladakh Ecological Development Group (LEDeG), and Government of Uttaranchal, India. He studied B.Com (Hon) from Delhi University. He has completed M.B.A from Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA), 2002. He then went on to secure a Master degree in Environment Change and Management from University of Oxford, England.

## **8. Ekjut**



Together, building healthier communities

## *Organization Profile*

Ekjut is a voluntary organization supported by a group of like minded professionals from diverse background, such as, social work, industry and health - who have come together with a common goal of promoting change towards a development that is environmentally sustainable and socially equitable. Ekjut aims to work in the districts of India for the improvement of maternal, newborn, child health and nutrition of partnering underserved, marginalised communities, through their empowerment, community based interventions and influence good governance for improving access and quality of services. Ekjut has established field presence in West Singhbhum, Saraikela Kharswan districts of Jharkhand and Keonjhar district of Orissa.

## *Participant Profile*

### **Raj Kumar Gope** (Policy Advocacy Manager)

Raj Kumar Gope is a Policy Advocacy Manager and a Senior Team Member of Ekjut. He has a post graduate degree in Rural Development, with 14 years of work experience in different capacities in Ekjut and other civil society organizations. He is also trained in Appreciative Inquiry and has additionally done a short course on nutritional epidemiology. He was one of the key members in The Ekjut trial in Jharkhand and Odisha and had developed a process led work with Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition committees in both intervention and control villages. Raj Kumar has also been a member of State Resource Group, Jharkhand for Community Based Monitoring of Health Services under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). His future work is focused on Malnutrition. He has also coauthored several papers linked to Ekjut's work in reputed international journals.



## 9. Foundation For Ecological Security



FOUNDATION FOR ECOLOGICAL SECURITY

### *Organization Profile*

Spread across diverse ecological and social geographies, Foundation for Ecological Securities works towards conservation of nature and natural resources through collective action of local communities. The crux of FES' efforts lie in locating forests and other natural resources within the prevailing economic, social and ecological dynamics in rural landscapes. Globally, FES hopes to see an increasing influence on two fundamental issues in governing shared natural resources – a 'socio-ecological systems' approach and a 'Common Paradigm', which together could have far-reaching impact on world views on 'development'.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Jagdeesh Rao** (Executive Director)

Jagdeesh Rao has been the Executive Director of Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) since its inception in 2001. His core areas of interest include conservation of forests, water and land use planning. Jagdeesh is also interested in alternative narratives on issues pertaining to rain fed agriculture in arid, semiarid, dryland ecosystems as well as on decentralized governance of natural resources. Along with the above, Jagdeesh advocates for rights of the rural poor and feels that a 'commons' paradigm in the governance of natural resources could enable local communities become active determinants of local land use and development.

## 10. Foundation For Mother And Child Health



### *Organization Profile*

Foundation for Mother and Child Health is an organization dedicated to eradication of malnutrition among vulnerable communities in Mumbai, Maharashtra. FMCH operates out of three community setups in the city where various services are offered to the communities. This includes accurate and trusted information on preventive health and balanced nutrition, specifically during the first 1000 days of a child's life, as well as support services to monitor a child's growth and development (nutritionally). The FMCH team is a mix of young multidisciplinary individuals including doctors, nurses, nutritionists, social workers and women from the communities we serve in.



## *Participant Profile*

### **Piyasree Mukherjee** (Chief Operations Officer)

Piya has a background in Social Work, and has been engaged in the development sector for over 13 years, working across India. She joined FMCH India in 2011 as the Site Director. In 2014 she became the COO of the organization. Piya is the spearhead for FMCH India, responsible for successful implementation of the organization's strategic plan. She ensures that the all FMCH programs are achieving expected outcomes. She is also responsible for building long-term partnerships with other nonprofits, as well as agencies such as hospitals, to increase FMCH's reach.

## **11. Humana People To People India**



### *Organization Profile*

Humana People to People India is a nonpolitical nonreligious development organization fighting with the poor for overall empowerment through better knowledge and skills to come out of dehumanized conditions and to achieve improved living conditions for themselves, their families and the community. To fight against the big issues of the present time, HPPI has woven its projects around the five major lines of interventions, which consist of Education, Environment, Health including HIV/AIDS, Community Development and Livelihood, and Microfinance.

### *Participant Profile*

### **Snorre Westgaard** (Executive Director)

Snorre Westgaard comes with over 30 years of experience with the International development cooperation and was also the Project Leader for school construction in rural Guinea Bissau for five years. He then started working with Humana People to People in Angola, handling managerial responsibilities as the Country Director for Development Aid from People to People in Zambia for nine years; followed by Regional Director for the Total Control of the Epidemic (HIV/AIDS) Programme in Southern Africa for five. Snorre has been Chief Executive of Humana People to People India for the last eleven years. While being responsible for the overall leadership of the organization, Snorre has also focused on the introduction and implementation of an innovative teacher training concept in the government operated District Institutes of Education and Training. "The Necessary Teacher Training Programme – NeTT" is today operating in 30 institutions in cooperation with three State Governments.



## 12. Institute Of Health Management, Pachod



### *Organization Profile*

The Institute of Health Management, Pachod (IHMP) was founded in 1978 with a vision of eradicating maternal mortality and morbidity. IHMP strives for the development of communities by conducting (i) grassroots programs for improving public health, (ii) training of NGOs in program delivery and, (iii) policy advocacy & research. The organization has been dedicated to uplifting marginalized groups, with a specific focus on women, adolescent girls and children.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Dr. Ashok Dyalchand** (Founder & Director)

Dr. A. Dyalchand, is the Founder, Director, Institute of Health Management, Pachod, Dist. Aurangabad, Maharashtra. He did his MBBS at CMC Vellore, and MPH at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. He founded the Institute of Health Management Pachod, in 1978 and its urban branch in Pune, in 1996. Under his leadership, Institute of Health Management Pachod has contributed to policy formulation in the country by participating in several forums and committees constituted by the Ministry of Health, Government of India. Dr. Dyalchand served as a member of the task force constituted by the Government of Maharashtra in 2005, for the reduction of neonatal mortality in Maharashtra and served on the committee for developing the RCH II policy for the Government of Maharashtra. Dr. Dyalchand specializes in the management of primary health care, reproductive and child health, adolescent health and HIV AIDS. For over two decades he has been involved in capacity building and training of health workers and officials from the NGO and government sectors in community health and health management.

## 13. Magic Bus



### *Organization Profile*

Magic Bus steers children, adolescent girls and boys towards a better life with better awareness, better life skills, and better opportunities, in the journey from childhood to livelihood. Their Activity Based Curriculum (ABC) is a unique model that uses games to make change. They have 40 sessions per year – each with a lesson; teach children and youth about education, gender, health, and key issues affecting them. The games excel in building physical, social, and personal skills. With a strong youth focused program, Magic Bus also does state level consultation on Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health.



### *Participant Profile*

#### **Kusum Mohapatra** (Head, Youth Programmes)

Kusum Mohapatra comes with 15 years of experience of working in different sectors and issues across the country. She has worked extensively on Women and Child Rights, Tribal Rights, Education, Gender, Governance and Livelihood Issues. She has been instrumental in setting up sustainable models of change through establishing strong processes, Monitoring and Evaluation systems and leveraging partnerships. From leading programmes in the remotest locations in Odisha to scaling up programmes of Magic Bus in multiple states of India, she has led organizations in different capacities. Currently she heads the Youth Development vertical of Magic Bus with a mandate to set up its youth programme which ensures livelihood of 1,00,000 youth in the next 3 years.

## 14. Maitri India



### *Organization Profile*

Maitri India is a New Delhi-based NGO committed to facilitating access to citizenship rights, basic services, identity, respect, and dignity for India's most vulnerable populations. Some of their current initiatives include addressing the issue of violence against women (especially in the uniformed forces) and providing educational and skill-enhancement opportunities for underprivileged children and women respectively. They run an Integrated Counseling and Testing Center (ICTC) for HIV/AIDS and run a Targeted Intervention programme for Migrant groups in Delhi. Maitri's areas of focus also includes caring for abandoned and destitute widows, ending domestic and sexual violence against women and adolescents, improving the living and working conditions of India's migrant workers.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Sonal Singh Wadhwa** (Chief Executive Officer)

As CEO, Sonal Singh Wadhwa oversees the project management of Maitri's various projects that reach out to migrant workers domestic violence victims, abandoned and destitute widows, reducing violence against women and underprivileged children. She is responsible for the Strategic planning and management of Maitri and its resources across the programme, administrative and financial operations. She ensures the organization's productivity and growth while maintaining its commitment to its core values of Identity, Respect and Dignity. Before Maitri, Sonal gained extensive experience in finance and international management. She began her career in the United States, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Utah, and an MBA in International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona.



### 15. Majlis



#### *Organization Profile*

Majlis started in 1991 as a response to a growing need for lawyers with a gender perspective who are dedicated to evolving innovative legal practices to defend women's rights. Headed by Adv. Flavia Agnes, Majlis is an all women team comprising of lawyers and social activists. Agenda of Majlis for social change is – quality legal representation for individual women in court, changing mindsets through advocacy and training and evolving gender just ideology through campaigns and interventions.

#### *Participant Profile*

##### **Audrey D'mello** (Programme Director)

Ms. Audrey D'mello, joined Majlis in 2007 as its programme director. While working in the field of programme implementation, she acquired the two necessary formal qualifications, a degree in law from the Bombay University and a post graduate degree in management (specialisation in Governance and Accountability) from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS). Apart from streamlining the existing programmes around access to justice and evolving internal control systems and monitoring mechanisms, main contribution has been to evolve Majlis' collaborations with the WCD in two important areas MOHIM a Cell DV Act and RAHAT providing support to survivors of sexual violence and bringing in systems for state accountability towards victims. Towards this, she has evolved protocols, guidelines and training modules to various stake holders including the judiciary, the police, etc.

### 16. Mamta



#### *Organization Profile*

MAMTA, a movement initiated by a renowned pediatrician, Dr Sunil Mehra, began by designing interventions for the underprivileged communities in Tigri, an urban slum in New Delhi in the year 1990. MAMTA envisioned itself as a leading national and global organization supporting and advocating for rights of the marginalized communities. Since its inception, MAMTA has embarked on a set of initiatives focusing on building capacities, forging partnerships, creating networks and actions that advance political commitment and investment in health and rights of the marginalized. MAMTA has promoted strategic solutions, policies and programming, research and global learning in the fields of Maternal Newborn Child Health and Nutrition, Young People's Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, HIV, TB and Non Communicable Diseases, with special focus on promoting rights, gender equality and equity creating a line of credit in the minds of people.



### *Participant Profile*

#### **Priyanka Sreenath** (Assistant Director)

Priyanka Sreenath, Assistant Director is one of the core staff of MAMTA. Over the last 8 years, she has worked in various positions and handled different projects for Mamta. Recently the Government of India launched a national program on adolescent called RKSK, Priyanka was one of the key contributor to that effort and conceptualised and wrote its Peer Educator component. She has also contributed to the national strategy paper on child marriage and played a crucial role into its roll out in various states on behalf of MAMTA. Being a strong advocate of adolescent, women and gender issues, she is widely respected in development sector and a well sought speaker on various forums including international.

## 17. Mentor Together



### *Organization Profile*

Mentor Together facilitates empowering one-to-one mentoring relationships for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, to help them achieve their goals and dreams. MT runs two kinds of mentoring programs : community based life skills mentoring for young people in high-school and workplace based work skills mentoring for youth over 18. In addition, a technology platform is used to monitor progress of the relationship. MT will facilitate 1000 matches across 7 cities in 2015.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Arundhuti Gupta** (Chief Executive Officer)

Arundhuti started Mentor Together in November 2009, after returning from the Manchester Business School, UK, where she studied as a Commonwealth Scholar. In 2007, Arundhuti graduated top of the Bangalore University, with a Bachelors degree in Commerce, along with five gold medals. Arundhuti has documented Mentor Together's work as a researcher with the Center for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. As a researcher with the Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Bangalore, she authored a report on user charge financing of public expenditure for the Karnataka Government Expenditure Reforms Commission. Her first job out of college was in Goldman Sachs. Arundhuti is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper 2012, a YouthActionNet Global Fellow 2011-12, a Starting Bloc Fellow, Boston 2010, a Salzburg Trilogue 2009 Future Global Leader, and a Goldman Sachs Global Leader, Class of 2006.



## 18. Operation ASHA



### *Organization Profile*

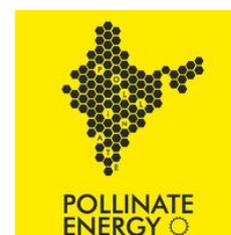
Operation ASHA has developed a new paradigm to control TB by engaging informal private providers for last mile delivery. Started in 2006, it now serves nearly 6 million people in over 3000 slums/villages across 7 states (India) & 2 provinces (Cambodia). OpASHA's model has been replicated in Uganda, Kenya and the Dominican Republic. eCompliance suite is OpASHA's comprehensive technology solution accessed through low cost android handheld devices. It solves 3 critical issues related to timely detection, prompt enrolment, & adherence of patients.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Urvashi Prasad** (Director, External Relations)

Urvashi Prasad is the Director of External Relations at Operation ASHA where she manages relations with government officials and leaders of NGOs and industry partners. Her role includes fundraising, expansion and devising research efforts with the Government's Central TB Division. Before Operation ASHA, she worked 5 years at the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and consulted for the WHO. Urvashi wrote numerous articles on public health, gender and animal welfare in reputed news and academic publications. She has a Bachelor in Genetics from the University of Birmingham, an MPhil in Bioscience Enterprise from the University of Cambridge and an MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

## 19. Pollinate Energy



### *Organization Profile*

Over 65 million people live in Indian urban slums, and this population will triple by 2025. Pollinate Energy is a not-for-profit social business that works to improve the lives of these urban slum dwellers by providing them with access to sustainable, affordable technologies like solar lights. We do this using an on-the-ground salesforce of local entrepreneurs or 'Pollinators'. Our products have wide ranging benefits including saving carbon emissions, improving the health, safety and productivity of our customers, and saving them money.



### *Participant Profile*

#### **Emma Colenbrander** (Cofounder, Chief Sales Officer)

Emma Colenbrander is the cofounder and Chief Sales Officer at Pollinate Energy. Emma's expertise ranges from development innovation, climate finance, results based management to evaluating humanitarian programs in Africa. Prior to that, she spent some time at the law firm Herbert Smith Freehills, worked two years at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade and several years consulting at the non-profit 180 Degrees Consulting, most recently as their International Consulting Director for the Australasia region. Emma graduated with first class honours from Sydney University with a degree in International Relations & Law.

## 20. Quest Alliance



### *Organization Profile*

QUEST Alliance is a not-for-profit trust that focuses on researched innovations in the field of education, employability and entrepreneurship with effective use of ICT tools. It develops learning materials, strategies & systems using self learning interactive content, games & teacher training programs. It engages with educators, civil society, government and corporate organizations to demonstrate and enable scalable and replicable solutions.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Aakash Sethi** (Executive Director)

Aakash Sethi is the Executive Director at Quest Alliance. He got involved when the organization was an USAID project, contributing under the role of India Director of the International Youth Foundation. He then led Quest Alliance's take-over by an Indian trust fund. His prior experience ranges from founding India's first youth-led learning network on CSR to developing digital inclusion programs promoting education quality and youth employment in Microsoft's Istanbul's office. He is a board member of Science meets Dharma, an initiative from the Dalai Lama promoting the science education for Tibetan monks and Dalit Shakti Kendra, a residential vocational training center in Ahmedabad. He is an Asia Society fellow, and an Economics graduate from St. Xaviers College.



### 21. Sahaara Charitable Society



#### *Organization Profile*

In November 1994, a group of concerned citizens gathered together and decided to work among the most disregarded people of Mumbai city where very few people want to go. 'Everyone has a dream very few have the courage to spell it out. At Sahaara Charitable Society, we seek to help people articulate their dreams and then work with them to equip them and move with them to get it fulfilled in their lives!' With the above vision in mind, Sahaara Charitable Society was formed with a vision of "Gifting Dreams".

#### *Participant Profile*

##### **Max Fernand** (Chief Executive Officer)

In July 2012, Max Fernand joined Sahaara and currently he is working as a Chief Executive Officer. He began his career in a NGO dealing with education and with the mentally handicapped before joining as Foreign Exchange Broker. He has worked for 22 years as a Foreign Exchange Broker and rose from a junior trader to head of a trading desk in a broking house which was among the top three in revenues in the country before joining Sahaara. He was also on the board of Sahaara from 2002 to 2011.

### 22. Samagra Waste Management



#### *Organization Profile*

Samagra is a Gates Foundation-supported social enterprise dedicated to solving the hygiene issues facing the 93 million slum dwellers in India who lack access to basic sanitation, resulting in thousands of deaths and lost productivity. Samagra has the mission to "enable the urban poor to lead healthier and dignified lives," by making sanitation accessible, affordable and aspirational for the poor.



### *Participant Profile*

#### **Swapnil Chaturvedi** (CEO & Chief Toilet Cleaner)

Swapnil [BE (Electronics Engineering), MS (Electrical Engineering)] is an Ashoka Fellow, Acumen India Fellow and a divergent thinker with extensive experience in Management, Design and Innovation. Prior to Samagra, Swapnil used to design advanced Telematics & Navigation Systems for next generation vehicles at Continental (USA). In 2011, Swapnil gave up his US Residency and moved back to India to start Samagra's operations. In order to gain firsthand experience, Swapnil has lived in slums of various cities in India. Swapnil believes that answer to wicked problems lies in innovative use of Psychology, Technology and Design.

## 23. Sarathi Development Foundation



### *Organization Profile*

Sarathi implements programs with a strong focus on community participation and leveraging existing government services to ensure sustainable development. With work spread over eight districts of Uttar Pradesh, Sarathi also provides technical & training support to other organizations in the area. Over 18 years, Sarathi has impacted a wide range of beneficiaries which include mothers, children and adolescent girls. Project Saloni, a large-scale program focusing on empowering adolescent girls was started in 2012 and aspires to reach girls across 700 slums of Lucknow.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Akhilesh Kumar Tewari** (Director)

Akhilesh Kumar Tewari is the Director of the Sarathi Development Foundation. He is a trained social scientist with 27 years of experience in grassroots entrepreneurship. Throughout his career, he offered a macro and micro insights on ground realities, strategic planning, institutional development, fundraising, partnership management and networking to a wide range of stakeholders. He consulted for international organizations such as the UNICEF, USAID, ILO as well as corporate businesses, governments and academic institutions. He has master degree in Sociology from the University of Lucknow.



## 24. Slum Soccer

### *Organization Profile*



Slum Soccer is a Pan India, nonprofit organization which works with an objective of reaching out to and developing football in the grassroots. Since 2000, this organization has been using football the beautiful game which is unique yet a perfect vehicle that transcends race, religion, language and gender to bring about a change in the lives of the underprivileged. Their approaches are centered on building self-sufficient communities. The game of Football is the means to that end- connecting individuals, teaching life skills and working towards improving overall quality of life.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Dr. Abhijeet Barse** (Chief Executive Officer)

Dr. Abhijeet Barse is the CEO of Slum Soccer and authority in the design of high quality, cost effective football for development programs. He updated Slum Soccer's curriculum with the addition of participant development pathway in the organization, thus quadrupling the organization's outreach. He plans to leverage his past service as a board member of Street Football World (Strategic Alliance Partner of FIFA) to develop a network of likeminded organizations in India. His achievements include being a TEDx speaker, head of experts' panel at 'Goal 2015', International Ambassador for the National Children's Football Alliance & International Alliance for Youth Sports, a 2014 Acumen Fellow and 2015 winner of the Game Changer Award conferred by the HR Club of Mumbai.

## 25. Sol's Arc

### *Organization Profile*



Sol's Arc was founded in the year 2003 and has since then undertaken revolutionary work in the field of special education. Sol's Arc focuses on providing quality educational and therapeutic solutions for children with special needs. Sol's Arc is committed to providing life span services from Early Intervention, Middle school to Vocational and Employment programs catering to the beneficiary's age group from zero to adulthood. The crux of the Sol's Arc model is that it provides appropriate and standardized pedagogy to children with special needs thereby enabling them equal educational opportunities.



## *Participant Profile*

### **Sonali Saini** (Founder Chairperson)

Sonali Saini is the Founder Chairperson of Sol's ARC, an organization doing revolutionary work in the field of special education. She is a qualified Psychotherapist and counsellor and has completed the certificate program from the Indian School of Business (ISB) and GoldmanSachs. Sonali pursued a Masters in Special Education from SNDT University and Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship from Narsee Mohanjee Institute of Management. She is currently enrolled in the Phd program at SNDT University.

## **26. STIR Education**



### *Organization Profile*

Teachers make the biggest difference in determining whether children learn, yet in practice lack the requisite motivation, skills and support structures. STIR takes a fundamentally different approach. Rather than seeing teachers as the problem, it sees them as the solution – and is building a genuinely teacher led movement to improve children’s learning, from within the system itself. STIR also actively supports teachers in its movement to positively influence their peers, and reclaim the moral purpose and noble status of teaching within an education system.

### *Participant Profile*

### **Sandeep Chandra Mishra** (Director India Govt. Partnerships)

Sandeep Chandra Mishra is the Director India Government Partnerships Programme at STIR. He is a development professional and research scholar with over 10 years of experience in Education and Child Protection. Prior to that, Sandeep worked with the Azim Premji Foundation where designed programs in Education Leadership & Management and Philosophy of Education. He previously assisted the USAID in the School Dropout Prevention Pilot Program, Save the Children, and National Coalition for Education and has hands on experience working with children, school staff, government officials and various national and international networks. Sandeep has a M.Phil. in Applied Philosophy from Jawaharlal Nehru University and is currently working on his doctoral thesis.



### *Participant Profile*

#### **Vinod Karate** (Director, India Program Design & Partnerships)

Vinod Karate is Director of India Program Design & Partnerships at STIR. Vinod previously has worked with organizations like ICICI Bank, Lehman Brothers and Nomura. He shaped the India campus program for Lehman brothers and post-acquisition set up of the Nomura Campus Program for all the investment banking divisions. He was part of the core team for ICICI's Industry Academia initiatives and contributed extensively in the institutionalization of IFBI, ICICI Manipal Academy. He launched the Foundation of Banking Program as part of B.Com curriculum in graduate schools across more than six states. Vinod holds honours degree in Physics from Delhi University and a Master's degree from Delhi School of Economics.

## 27. Swasth Foundation



### *Organization Profile*

Swasth is a nonprofit social enterprise that operates a network of self-sustainable primary health centers, conveniently located in the slums of Mumbai. Each center provides comprehensive primary preventive care services (i.e. doctor and dentist consultation, medicines, diagnostics, day care procedures, disease management programs, school health programs) at half the market rates to a catchment of 100,000 lives. Swasth has serviced over 250,000+ customer visits and has reduced out of pocket expenditure on healthcare by over Rs. 43 million.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Sundeep Kapila** (Founder and Chief Executive Officer)

Sundeep is the CEO of Swasth Foundation with a prior training in Computer Science from IIT Bombay. While at IIT, he worked with a campus based startup and subsequently with a Swedish company to develop a technology product which has been spun off as a separate company. In 2001, he joined the India practice of McKinsey & Company and worked with them for 6.5 years, specializing in the Healthcare and Development sectors. Sundeep left McKinsey to pursue his passion in the development sector and subsequently completed 2.5 years of Law Studies from Mumbai University and a Diploma of associateship from the Insurance Institute of India.



## 28. Swasti



### *Organization Profile*

Swasti is a health resource centre established in 2002, registered in 2004, with a focus on achieving public health outcomes for those who are socially excluded and poor. Swasti is a niche service provider in the public health sector, delivering end-to-end solutions as well as short and long term support and facilitation, combining research and practice. Their mission is Empowering people and communities, particularly poor and marginalized, to make the right choices to lead healthy lives; through innovation, knowledge, technical support and policy shaping.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Dr. Angela Chaudhuri (Director)**

Dr. Angela Chaudhuri joined Swasti in 2004 and is now Director responsible for implementing its Partnerships for Results Strategy. She has worked in public health for fifteen years with a focus on HIV, health sector reforms and strengthening, epidemiology and biostatistics. She collaborated with major stakeholders including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, USAID, DFID, Oxfam International and government agencies all over South-Asia. Her strengths lie in strategic information, program design, and writing winning proposals for community groups, civil society, academics and governments in the Asia Pacific region. She is currently pursuing a degree in journalism with London School.

## 29. Swayam Shikshan Prayog



### *Organization Profile*

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) was founded in 1989 in Mumbai, India as a development women's organization facilitating self-education activities and networks of women initially in relation to issues of livelihoods, credit, and access to and management of resources in rural Maharashtrian communities. With a long term vision of supporting a movement where women's groups in poor rural areas are able to socially transform their communities, SSP helps women become a critical mass through inter-village and larger federated associations that control information, assets and represent constituencies.



## *Participant Profile*

### **Prema Gopalan** (Executive Director)

Since 1993, Ms. Prema Gopalan is founder and Executive Director of SSP. She helped facilitate entry of organized women's groups into new emerging rural markets by spearheading social business initiatives: examples include rural marketing and distribution network for green products, social microfinance, community-led health services and School of Entrepreneurship. Prema is a steering committee member of GROOTS International and member of the Huairou Commission's Global Program on Women and its Community Resilience Program. She earned an M.Phil in Sociology and Research Methodology and Masters in Social Work. Her accolades include Senior Fellow of Synergos 2014, Ashoka Globalizer Fellow and finalist for Khemka Foundation's 2008 Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

## **30. U-Respect Foundation**



U-RESPECT *Foundation*

### *Organization Profile*

As an organization working to improve quality of life of marginalized communities in both urban and rural India, U-Respect's vision is substantial and substantive contribution towards public betterment by leveraging collaborative public private partnerships and community participation. Enhanced evidence based approach is our aim in program design and advocacy support work in health, education, community development and environment areas. A well trained core team of epidemiologists, public health specialists, environmental experts, education and social work specialists ensure that we make a difference to people in intervention areas.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Dr. Arundhati Char** (President)

Dr. Arundhati Char is the Director of U-Respect Foundation with about 25 years of experience in the development sector. He joined U-Respect in 2001 where he focuses on IEC oriented long-term behavior change in sanitation. He previously occupied leadership positions in health and related areas in major research organizations and was an implementation leader in RH and HIV/AIDS. His research was published on multiple platforms, from books to international peer-reviewed journals. He is a consultant for IPPF South Asian Regional Office where he strategizes programs, develops monitoring and evaluation tools, carries out program evaluation and creates advocacy tools for different audiences. Dr. Char is a social scientist with a Ph.D in epidemiology and public health from Tampere University, Finland.



## 31. Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy



### *Organization Profile*

Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy is an independent and nonpartisan legal policy advisory group set up to assist and advise the Government of India and state governments on law, regulation and policy. Comprising legal academics and practitioners, Vidhi's mission is to achieve good governance in India by impacting legislative and regulatory design. To this end, it offers its advisory expertise to governments, independent regulators and other agencies and instrumentalities of state. Vidhi is thus a completely independent institution acting as a resource for government, translating its policies into accurate, effective and implementable legal enactments.

### *Participant Profile*

#### **Srijoni Sen** (Senior Resident Fellow)

As a Senior Resident Fellow, Srijoni leads the Public Law vertical at Vidhi. As part of the founding team at Vidhi, she directs research and manages government clients, works for the company's outreach and communication activities and helps with the hiring processes and fundraising activities. She passed her B.A. LL.B (Hons.) from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore in 2009, with a broader interest in electoral reforms and social welfare laws. She subsequently worked with McKinsey & Company in Mumbai as a Business Analyst for two years. In 2013 she completed an LL.M from Columbia Law School, focusing on issues of law and development.

## 32. Wello Water India



### *Organization Profile*

Wello is a social venture with an ambitious goal: To deliver clean water to a thirsty world. We design and deliver affordable innovations that save time and increase opportunities for people who lack reliable access to safe water. We design products that people not only need, but want to use. By reframing the water crisis as an opportunity, Wello has reinvented the wheel and developed an innovative business model that empowers individuals to use the WaterWheel as an income-generating tool to lift their families out of poverty.



### *Participant Profile*

#### **Shradha Rao** (Cofounder and Strategist)

Shradha is cofounder and strategist at Wello where she leads India operations, impact and brand awareness. Her diverse professional background spans the fields of finance, advertising, brand management, innovation design and entrepreneurship. Her strong startup-centric work experience and hands-on approach, makes her right for the job. Prior to Wello, Shradha started her career with Ernst&Young and moved onto brand strategy across industries. She has a Masters degree in Strategic Design from Politecnico di Milano, and a Bachelors in Finance and Economics. Shradha loves yoga, a strong morning coffee, and is a major design geek!