



JNANA PRABODHINI FOUNDATION



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ABOUT JPF



About the Jnana Prabodhini Foundation

In late 2018, Jnana Prabodhini members living in the United States began informally meeting and discussing India and the contemporary nationwide challenges it faced. Aiming to mobilize finances and our diverse expertise, the Jnana Prabodhini Foundation (JPF) was established on Aug 9th, 2019. Similar to Jnana Prabodhini, JPF is a non-political and non-profit organization committed to building bridges across diverse communities around the globe, through education, rural development, and women leadership.

Mission

Jnana Prabodhini Foundation has identified rural development, education, and women leadership as the areas with the greatest challenges. JPF promotes activities for drought relief, energy sufficiency, healthcare, and women empowerment to fulfill basic needs in rural India. JPF also addresses the need for talent development, skill development, and teacher training programs to enhance the quality of education in India.

The JPF Logo

The logo, with the letters J, P, and F, depicts JPF's community-orientated approach. The three circles indicate people, and again illustrate the community-orientedness of our work. Lastly, the symmetry within J and P letters weave together and symbolize the ties we have with our motherland.

About Jnana Prabodhini

Jnana Prabodhini, JPF's parent organization is a non-profit headquartered in Pune, India. Founded in 1962 as an educational and research institution, Jnana Prabodhini's work has now expanded to rural development, women empowerment, healthcare, and national integration. Jnana Prabodhini directly reaches over 100,000 people through its 5 main centers (Pune, Nigdi, Solapur, Harali, and Salumbre) and several other concerted programs spread across Maharashtra, Goa, Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, and the North-East. Today it continues to grow as a dedicated, multi-faceted, non-partisan, and spiritually-guided organization.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear JPF Family,

It is my pleasure to present the 2022 annual report of the Jnana Prabodhini Foundation. Looking back on the past year, we can see it has been a time of exploring new opportunities and achieving big milestones. We are proud to say that our team of volunteers and affiliates has made significant progress toward achieving our mission in the areas of education, women leadership, and rural development. As per JPF's motto of Bridging Communities for a Sustainable Future, there were 86 community events in the past year. The tour of the east coast by JPF Networking Head, Aakash Chowkase, and Treasurer, Vidya Hardikar Sapre, to organize several networking events was really the highlight of the year.

JPF continues to expand active participation and value addition in education through its various programs. The Perna Setu program with two schools is a recent example where experts from all over the globe introduce students to different career opportunities and specialized fields. Five similar programs are being conducted by over a hundred JPF volunteers. In addition, JPF is supporting 17 programs in India with \$186K it raised from generous donors. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors for their unconditional support to create a strong foundation for JPF.

I would also like to take this opportunity to state three core values I think JPF should focus on while progressing forward--compassion, balance, and togetherness for the greater good. I will expand on these values in upcoming newsletters. Thanks again for your contribution to and trust in us.

Thanks,
Pranav Kulkarni, President
Jnana Prabodhini Foundation

JPF CAMPAIGNS

CAMPAIGN MUKTI

To conduct employment, entrepreneurship, and health improvement initiatives for women in the cigarette-rolling industry in Solapur

JPF started Mukti Campaign in Apr 2021 for cigarette (Bidi) rolling workers from Solapur. This industry employs over 50K women workers for a meager \$2 daily wage, that too in a very hazardous working conditions. Though the work started with providing alternate employment through paper and cloth bag making, JPF broadened the scope to entrepreneurship development and health improvement programs. JPF is progressing toward delivering a holistic solution to the problem.

As a small step toward the solution, JPF has decided to provide alternate employment to 8 additional women, support 8 women entrepreneurs, and double the number of existing coherent breathing groups to 30. To support this cause, JPF has partnered with the **India Development and Relief Fund (IDRF)**. Both organizations are supporting this initiative with a **grant of \$10,000 each for the year 2023. JPF thanks IDRF and Dr. Vinod Prakash** for their generous support.

As a part of this program, Jnana Prabodhini Solapur is conducting awareness programs, de-addiction drives, skill development training, and self-help groups for financial inclusion and entrepreneurship development of women in the toxic cigarette-rolling industry. JPF will continue its strong support for this cause through the Mukti Campaign.



Bag-making training sessions conducted for cigarette-rolling workers



14 Group Coordinators got certified in Pranayama and they are conducting a daily sessions in their regions



Cloth bag production at Solapur



Daily Pranayama Session

**JPF
PROJECTS
EDUCATION**

SPONSOR A CHILD

Supporting students from financially weaker backgrounds to continue their education

Sponsor a Child started in 2020 when JPF realized that the impact of COVID-19 was not just limited to the industry and employment, but it could permanently leave many students without education. Access to education is one of the only ways to help those students and their families to space the vicious circles of poverty. Jnana Prabodhini ensures none of its students drops out because of a poor financial background.

JPF works with all five schools of Jnana Prabodhini, two vocational training centers, a girl's hostel in Velhe, and the Urban Slum Development Center focused on girl child education in various slums of Pune. Because of its vast scope, we will release a separate report for our Sponsor A Child initiative; however, see the summary below.



Air Conditioner repair practical at Vocational Training Center, Salumbre



Girls getting scholarships at Urban Slum Development Center



JPF supported the education of 890 students between 2020 and 2022 who may have otherwise dropped out of school.

Site	Category	Project Head	Amount(\$)	Students Sponsored
Nagri Vasti Gat	Low-income Neighborhood Development	Harsha Kirve	5,000	15
JP, Harali	Primary & Secondary School	Abhijit Kapre	20,000	80
JP Navanagar Vidyalay, Nigdi	Primary & Secondary School	Aditya Shinde	From	49
Gram Prabodhini, Salumbre	Secondary School & Vocational Training	Mitesh Achwal	Previous	33
Sponsor a Child, Shivapur	Vocational Training Center	Mitesh Achwal	Year's	19
Velhe Center	Girl's Hostel	Suvarna Gokhle	Balance	2
		Total	25,000	177

How can you help?

Change the life of one student with an average sponsorship of \$350 per year.

ANAND SHALA

Anand Shala means School of Joy. It is an educational program for 1st to 8th-grade kids of nomadic tribes

Anand Shala was started by Jnana Prabodhini, Harali (JPH) for students from nomadic tribes residing in over 35 villages around Harali. Their education had come to a complete halt due to COVID-19 lockdowns, resulting in a severe loss of learning. Responding to the alarming situation, JPH decided to bring make-shift schools to remote tribal hamlets.



Teachers visit students' homes and parents' workplaces to bring the best out of students



A grant of \$10K from JPF helped 550 students to get quality education at Anand Shala for a duration of 6 months.

Within a year, JPH expanded this program from 9 to **15 nomadic settlements**. Resultantly, the number of students has increased from 425 to 600. Most notably, all the students enrolled in Anand Shala are first-generation students.

Thirty dedicated local teachers are conducting the program for two age groups. In the younger group (1st to 4th grades), teachers focus on foundational literacy and numeracy. The older classes (5th to 8th grades) focus on English, science, reading and writing skills, and project-based learning skills.

Anand Shala emphasizes parent and community involvement to provide a supportive environment for students. Weekly teacher training sessions are serving as a backbone for this project's success.



Drawing competition for students on the occasion of the Independence day



Day 1 of Anand Shala's new academic year in June 2022

How can you help?

Your support of \$2,000 can provide education to 600 students for a month.

MONTHLY MAGAZINE PUBLICATION

The magazine by Chaatra Prabodhan for the education and all-round personality development of students

Chhatra Prabodhan, a 30-year-old award-winning publication at Jnana Prabodhini, is dedicated to making holistic education accessible to all. Among other initiatives, it publishes a monthly magazine for adolescents that reaches over 1,200 families. The Diwali issue reaches over 30K families.

With JPF's support of \$6,500 in 2021, Chhatra Prabodhan published monthly magazines from January to March 2022 and organized a recitation competition for 200 students. In addition, Chhatra Prabodhan conducted a novel AiPaWaK program from April to July 2022. AiPaWaK stands for Aika (Listen), Paha (Watch), Wacha (Read), and Kara (Do). Students received the program with interest.



With \$4,00 in 2022 and \$600 in Jan 2023, Chhatra Prabodhan published monthly magazines from January to March 2023

JPF also supported Chhatra Prabodhan with another grant of \$4,600 in 2022 and early 2023. It helped the publication house to publish its monthly editions between January and March 2023. Chhatra Prabodhan brings joyful learning to adolescents, making it one of the only Marathi publications for that age group.



January, February, and March 2022 Editions



Students from the recitation competition accepting the prize from Mahendra Sethiya, the head of Chhatra Prabodhan



January, February, and March 2023 Editions

How can you help?

Sponsor a monthly issue of Chhatra Prabodhan with \$1,500 and reach 1,200+ families.

FESTIVAL OF READING

This is a journey from reading to all-round development supported by initiatives such as content creation and teacher trainings

The Festival of Reading is another excellent initiative of *Chhatra Prabodhan*. It includes three major components--content creation and distribution, activities for teachers, and activities for students vital for holistic personality development. Initiated in November 2022, the project is expected to continue till December 2023, impacting over 10,000 students. Reading and thinking skills form the foundation of many advanced skills. Therefore, this project emphasizes designing reading-based fun activities and providing enriching content for all-round personality development.



Thanks to India Roots, USA for a huge support of \$25,000 for the Festival of Reading designed to help over 10,000 students

Content Creation and Distribution

1. **Diwali Issue** - The special issue of *Chhatra Prabodhan* magazine will reach 10,000 students at a subsidized rate, of which 3,000 copies were distributed in 2022.
2. **Activity Calendar** - An attractive calendar comprising fun activities and personality development games will reach 10,000 students at a subsidized rate, of which 3,000 copies were distributed in 2022.
3. **One-Page Story Booklets** - To address the short attention span of students, *Chhatra Prabodhan* has prepared two sets of 20 one-page stories printed on a laminated sheet on both sides. The first set consists of 40 motivational biographies, and the second set showcases interesting one-page novels. These booklets will reach 500 schools, of which 100 schools have already received their copies in 2022.
4. **Four-Page Story Booklets** - As the next step of reading one-page booklets, 2 sets of 20 books each will reach 500 schools. The material is currently under printing and will be distributed to schools in the year 2023.

Activities for Teachers

1. **Reading Encouragement Project** - As a part of this reading encouragement project, Chhatra Prabodhan will not only gift books worth \$25 (INR 2,000) to 100 teachers but will also offer monthly guidance on conducting reading activities for 6th to 9th-grade students from respective schools. Over 300 teachers applied to participate in the project, 106 of whom were selected. The first training session took place in December 2022. The project will reach 7,000 students.
2. **Camp For Teachers** - Chhatra Prabodhan will also organize a 2-day camp for 100 teachers that will include various interactive sessions to enhance the teaching quality. The camp will also serve as a good platform for teachers to share their classroom experiences.



Activities for Students

1. **Competitions** - Chhatra Prabodhan will conduct several literary competitions throughout the year. Over 1000 students from all over Maharashtra will participate.
2. **Literary Meets** - 2,000 additional students will participate in 40 three-hour meets dedicated to reading, discussing, and writing.
3. **Literary Conferences** - Chhatra Prabodhan will also organize two literary conferences in 2023 for 400 students from different schools in Maharashtra. Students will hone their writing skills, meet with renowned writers, and participate in 20 different literary competitions.
4. **Listen-Watch-Read-Do** (AiPaWaK or Aika-Paha-Wacha-Kara) - Under this initiative, about 1,000 students will participate in weekly activities related to listening, writing, reading, and doing fun activities. Chhatra Prabodhan started this initiative during the COVID-19 lockdowns. The initiative has gained tremendous popularity since then.

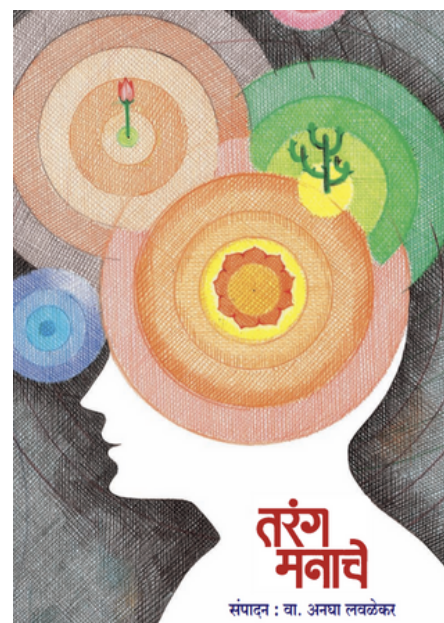
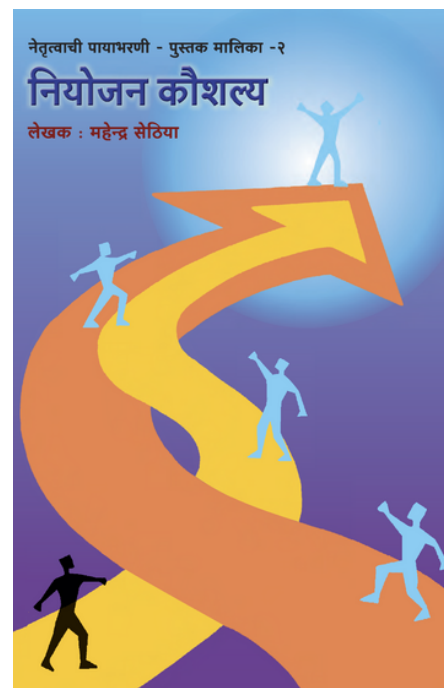
TRANSLATION PROJECT

Widening the reach of Prabodhini's rich literature in English and other Indian languages

in 2022, the team translated a Project Based Learning (PBL) activity book in tandem with its Marathi version being authored by the Educational Activity Research Centre in JP Pune. The book is complementary to another book called 'Chala Prakalp Karuya' that the JPF volunteers translated in 2020 (Learning by Doing ... Project by Project).

The team also completed the translation and review of three more books: 'Niyojan Kaushalya,' 'Tarang Manache,' and 'Abhyasatil Swavalamban.' These books, aimed at promoting self-reflection in students' minds, dive into various aspects of time management, psychological development, and independence in learning, respectively. Another book, 'HaTTi Vha HaTTi,' is also currently being translated by the team. This book guides readers on elevating their strengths and inspires them to be more determined in achieving their goals. JPF is also supporting the publication of one book with a grant of \$1,000 and is raising more funds for publishing the rest of the books being translated.

JPF plans to conduct publication events for these books in the upcoming year, ensuring educators across the globe benefit from this rich literature.



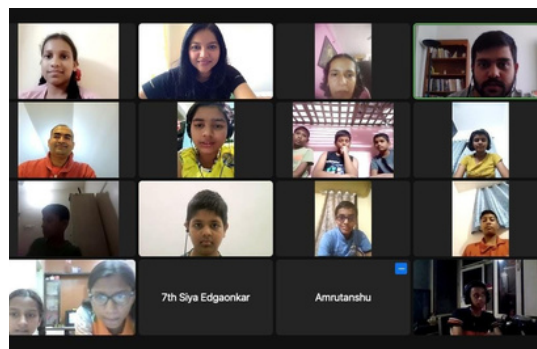
How can you help?

Reach out to edu@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org if you would enjoy developing educational resources for children.

BEYOND LANGUAGE BARRIERS

English communication improvement for middle-school students via virtual classrooms run by volunteers all over the world

A team of over 30 JPF volunteers consisting of several motivated high school students and professionals met with students from JP Nigdi online every Saturday to help them improve their English communication skills. This year, in addition to working with 7th-graders, the team also conducted sessions for 8th-grade classes, expanding the impact of their volunteering work to 70 students!

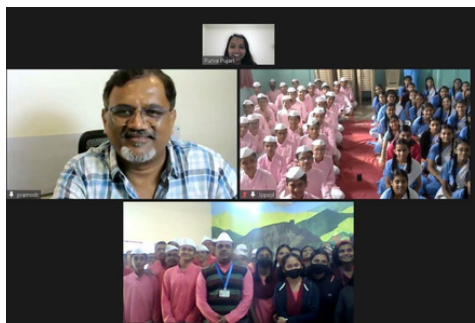


It is easy to join!! Volunteer for just an hour a week to chat with students in English.

PRERANA SETU

Creating bridges of motivation with interactive learning sessions to expose high-school students to diverse career opportunities

Prerana Setu, JPF's program that connects subject matter experts to young, talented minds seeking to explore career options, launched a new initiative for 9th-grade students from JP Nigdi and JP Solapur. This new initiative will run in conjunction with the Prerana Setu program for schools from all over India. Over 200 students from both schools attended seven sessions on the Engineering theme. The topics ranged from sound engineering to aerospace, optics, and data science.

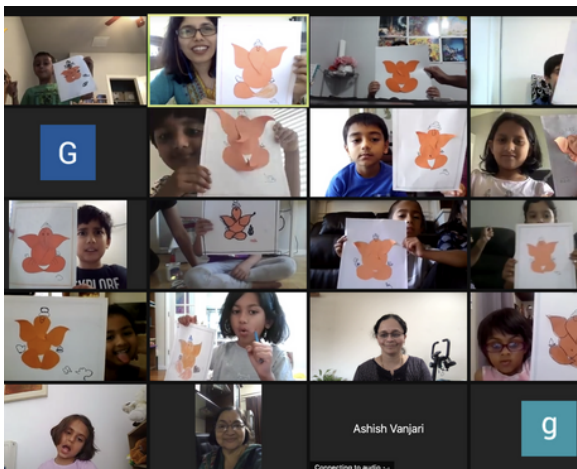


The Prerana Setu program for schools outside of Maharashtra also held four sessions on the theme of governance. 51 students from eight schools attended these impactful discussions. New themes for Prerana Setu in the upcoming year will focus on entrepreneurship, corporate services, and arts. Stay tuned!

BAAL PRABODHINI

A platform to introduce Indian heritage to young Marathi children growing up in the USA, Canada, Europe, the UK, and Ireland

Baal Prabodhini conducted bi-weekly sessions with two age groups: Baal Gat (ages 5-7 years) and Kishor Gat (age group 8-11 years) with the goal of broadening their understanding of Indian culture, heritage, and history. Through these sessions, the kids listen to inspirational stories, learn poems, engage in meaningful conversations in Marathi, get to interact with influential personalities, and make friends with children with the same cultural background. The funds raised during this program also support students in India from weaker financial backgrounds.



Segment	Sessions	Students	Donations Received
Spring	14	20	\$1,811
Fall	14	26	\$2,576
Winter	14	18	\$2,026
Total	42		\$6,452

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Baal Prabodhini conducted 42 sessions over three segments in 2022, with two Prajna Aavishkaar events where children showcased their learning from the program.

Baal Prabodhini plans to launch a 'Kumar Prabodhini' segment in the summer of 2023 for teenage children. This program will focus on personality development through project-based learning!

How to enroll your child or volunteer as a teacher?

Reach out to baalprabodhini@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org if you wish to enroll your child or volunteer to teach in this program.

JPF Analytics celebrated its first anniversary in October 2022! The team has come a long way since the first COVID-19 survey was sent out in early 2021. This year the team signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC) to further deep-dive into the impact of COVID-19 across Pune. The team collaborated with the PKC to estimate the number of excess COVID-19-associated deaths in Pune City over the first and second waves of the pandemic. Data were combined from statistical modeling, public surveying, and media sources to compute excess mortality estimates.

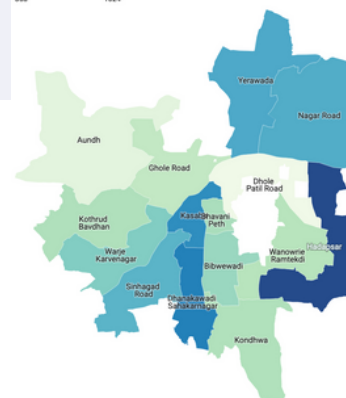
Padma Vibhushan, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, one of India's most influential thought leaders and renowned scientists, was the chief guest of JPF Analytics' first-anniversary webinar hosted in October. Dr. Priya Nagaraj, the COO of Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC) also attended the event as a guest and shared her perspective with the audience.

Deviations from expected mortality in Pune Municipal Corporation

COVID-19 pandemic

% increase from expected death rate

Jan 2014 Jan 2016 Jan 2018 Jan 2020 Jan 2022



JPF iBRETA

A biosciences platform aimed at improving research, education, training, and awareness in biomedical sciences.

In the year 2021, with the precedence of the COVID-19 pandemic, JPF identified the importance of community awareness and preparedness against public health issues, the need for curiosity-driven biological education, and interdisciplinary research in biosciences in India. With this vision, JPF launched its **initiative for biosciences research, education, training, and awareness (JPF iBRETA)** in the year 2022. JPF iBRETA covers four primary areas of biological sciences- Research, Education, Training, and Awareness. We have a team of 14 actively working passionate, enthusiastic, and multitalented members who make it all possible. To know more about our work, contact us at biomed@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org.

JPF iBRETA has threefold aims



To create a platform to encourage communication & collaboration based research for complex questions.



To create community awareness about different aspects of health and disease.



To develop a scientific mindset among young students.

JPF HEALTHCARE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

ACT NOW FOR A HEALTHY TOMORROW: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COVID19 PANDEMIC AND LIFESTYLE DISEASES

Speaker: Dr. Milind Watve
Prof. of Biology, IISER, Pune
Behavioral Intervention for Lifestyle Disorders (BILD) clinic at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune
Independent researcher and mentor

LET'S HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH AN EXPERT ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH POST COVID-19 LIFESTYLE...

Event details:
Date: Saturday, 9th April, 2022
Time: 7:00-8:30pm (IST)/ 9:30-11am (EDT)/ 2:30-4pm (GMT)
Registration: <https://forms.gle/tt24L67qPniAJ3k9>
To know more about us: <https://www.jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org/healthcareandbiomedicine>

Healthy Ageing with Healthy Lifestyle

"Ageing is just another word for living." - Cindy Joseph

Dr. Prayag Sethiya
Ayurvedic practitioner and public speaker

Dr. Vanita Patwardhan
Honorary professor at Jnan Prabodhini Institute of Psychology (JPIPI)

8 August 2022
Saturday 7:30 PM IST
10:00 AM EST, 2:30 PM GMT

Contact us at biomed@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org
Visit us at www.jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org

Scan code to register

We successfully conducted two public sessions in 2022 reaching a global audience of 225.

We focus on four major areas



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

JPF donated musical instruments in Solapur and Velhe as a part of an initiative to support educational infrastructure

Jnana prabodhini's schools and educational centers focus on holistic personality development. Along with formal education, sports, arts, project-based learning, and experiential learning are considered important at JP. All JP schools try to build the infrastructure and atmosphere necessary for students to explore, experiment, and learn.



JPF's \$840 helped Jnana Prabodhini Solapur to get 4 new harmoniums and Velhe hostel to get 5 new synthesizers.

Jnana Prabodhini, Solapur has primary and secondary schools where JPF was able to support 4 harmoniums which is a valuable addition to the many other instruments the school has in the music room. It is always open to students and they are encouraged to use these instruments. The donation at Solapur was made in memory of the late Shobhatai Shivaji Shinde by her son Mr. Swapnil Shinde.

Jnana Prabodhini runs a girls' hostel in Velhe that helps them to continue their education. Girls in this hostel come from the remotest areas near Velhe and are first-generation students. JPF provided 5 synthesizers that are regularly being used by girls staying in the hostel. The instruments have encouraged these girls to learn music and explore their hobbies.



First-generation student girls are taking music classes at the Velhe Hostel



Students from Manipur studying at Solapur are learning new music instruments



How can you help?

You can give musical instruments you are not using anymore or provide new ones.

JPF PROJECTS

WOMEN LEADERSHIP

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Developing women entrepreneurs by providing financial support and zero-interest loans through revolving capital

While working in the villages, Jnana Prabodhini realized there is very low financial literacy among rural women. As a result, they tend to borrow money from local landlords at an interest rate as high as 10% per month. This small and short-term borrowing becomes a debt trap impossible to get out of. For the last 28 years, Jnana Prabodhini is working with women from 80+ villages through microfinancing groups. This has helped more than 1,000 women to start their new businesses. Many times, these groups have limited capacity to lend loans. To resolve this issue, JPF has set up a rotating fund to extend zero-interest loans to women to stay out of the debt trap and help them flourish in their businesses. Microfinancing groups with rotating funds have shown astonishing results in the last three years. They have supported 91 women.

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JPF has contributed \$4,000 in 2022 and \$14,000 in the last two years. This has helped 91 women entrepreneurs and will help many more soon.

The support in 2022 has helped 6 women to start their own businesses or support their families. JPF continues to have a record of 100% loan repayment due to various support systems that are closely working with women and guiding them in different areas. JPF received 40-50 requirements for the last two years, but the requirement has temporarily declined due to government subsidies and loans. In 2023, we expect the requirement to go to previous levels, and we are committed to growing this fund and supporting more rural women entrepreneurs.



How can you help?

\$150 can support 1 rural woman entrepreneur to start her own business.

NAV DISHA

Nurturing leadership among rural women through a rigorous training program to encourage them to become social change-makers

The Nav Disha initiative aims to develop leadership in women from rural areas. The training program empowers and encourages them to tackle social and economic issues in their villages. The initiative started in 2020 with 50 villages. For 2021, Jnana Prabodhini focused on the 25 most remote villages in the Velhe block. The women leaders from this group received monthly training in health awareness, public speaking, planning, financial inclusion, budgeting, microfinance, and many areas of leadership and personality development. Based on this training, these women also conducted activities in their villages. Formal and informal training built their confidence, and they could bring a positive change in their villages.



JPF's support of \$5,500 since 2020 has provided support for training, commuting for, and conducting different activities in 25 villages and over 650 beneficiaries.

As a result of this exposure and training, Nav Disha leaders conducted various health check-up camps, helped villagers to open bank accounts, supported villagers to get the benefits of government programs, started or encouraged businesses,



planned a trip for the first time, stepped out of their district first time, became a part of and conducted camps, and did many more things first time in their life. All these exposures and training made them capable to take a stand on social issues. They became stakeholders in the local educational system, took a strong stand for not marrying a daughter below legal age, and fought for their position and reservation available to women. JPF is proud of supporting social change makers to write a story for their own villages.

How can you help?

With \$4,000 you can fund the 2023 program for 25 villages.

Are you ready to help these villages change their fortune?

A A R O G Y A S A K H I

This women-led initiative attends to the healthcare needs in 60 villages through health checkups and primary treatment

Aarogya is Health, and Sakhi is a friend. She is a friend who ensures the wellness of children and pregnant women in her village. 12 Aarogya Sakhis travel through 60 villages to create awareness, identify patients, conduct village-level camps, and plan the preliminary treatment for respective patients. A team of selfless doctors visits the villages conducts health camps, and provides free treatments.



These doctors also provide home visits to some of the remotest villages near Velhe. They share their expertise voluntarily to serve the community and make this project successful. The visits by gynecologists and pediatricians are conducted every Wednesday; however, Aarogya Sakhis work with the villagers around the clock.

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JPF's support of \$2,500 helps 12 Arogya Sakhis in their commute, health camps, and training. In 2022, this program benefitted more than 125 women and 300 children from 60 villages.

Awareness, early detection, and monitoring are the root causes of various health issues in underdeveloped areas. Rural India has a severe shortage of doctors. Aarogya Sakhi bridges this gap by visiting door to door and village to village. More than 40 pregnant women visit the camps every month.



More than 125 women have benefited from the program in 2022. 301 children from these villages were tested for diseases. Many of them were identified with malnutrition, ENT, dental issues, and heart diseases. Specialist doctors also visited the camps to conduct checkups and provided primary treatment. With additional funding, JPF plans to add support for senior citizens for the year 2023.

How can you help?

\$2,000 can support 50 awareness sessions for 500 women from rural India.

INITIATIVE FOR SEPARATED, WIDOWED, AND DIVORCED WOMEN

This initiative creates awareness against domestic violence and helps women complete documentation for government benefits

Jnana Prabodhini is working with separated and divorced rural women and taking up their issues. These women face many difficulties due to a lack of support, social pressures, and financial dependence. Many divorces in rural India start with domestic violence cases. If prompt action is taken



against such instances, it can keep a lot of families together and teach them to respect women. In many such cases, rural women are afraid to report the instances. This initiative helps to create legal awareness amongst women through training sessions and panel discussions with local police authorities.



JPF's support of \$500 helped 6 women to complete their documentation to receive the financial support of \$13.75 (INR 1,100) a month

The government runs a program to protect separated, divorced, and widowed women and provides them with financial support. Many times, rural women are not aware of this program and find it very difficult to complete the paperwork. Jnana Prabodhini helped 26 women last year, of which 6 were



assisted through JPF. These women were able to complete the required documentation and received their monthly stipend. Looking at the dire need to work in this area, JPF plans to expand the scope and funding for this project in year 2023.

How can you help?

\$100 helps one woman to complete the documentation and bring them to mainstream

ALTERNATE EMPLOYMENT

Providing a safe working environment to cigarette-rolling workers by providing employment in the paper and cloth bags industry

In 2020, Jnana Prabodhini's Solapur Center launched the initiative to provide a sustainable and safe alternative to women working in the bidi-rolling industry. The program offers training and jobs in bag making. It has employed 30 women so far, bringing them permanently out of the hazardous cigarette-rolling industry.



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8 additional women will leave the toxic cigarette industry in 2023 with JPF's support of \$10,000. They will now make paper and cloth bags.

About 50,000 women in Solapur roll cigarettes in their houses. The constant tobacco exposure not only harms them but also their families. These women roll 1,500 cigarettes every day, resulting in swollen finger joints. Moreover, many women are at risk of losing their jobs to machines with rising automation.



On this background, Jnana Prabodhini's efforts are bringing a ray of hope for Bidi-rolling workers. With an investment of \$1,250, one woman can sustainably switch to the non-hazardous bag-making industry, which not only assures an annual income of \$675 but also reduces medical expenses.



How can you help?

A contribution of \$1,250 can help one woman pursue alternate employment, helping to create a sustainable income source and improve her and her family's quality of life

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Providing skill development training to promote women's entrepreneurship and employment

A. Ram Seeta Puranik Tantra Niketan is a skill development and training center run by Jnana Prabodhini for women in the Shivapur, Nasrapur, and Bhor areas of the Pune district. The center that started by providing tailoring workshops now also provides training in quilling, beadwork, chocolate or candy-making, threading, and other skills.



With JPF's support of \$2,000 in 2022 this center conducted 23 training sessions spanning 10 different skills that benefitted 115 women

Jnana Prabodhini is conducting various skill development programs through Ram Seeta Tantra Niketan for the last 25 years. The center has helped thousands of women in getting quality training and building their successful businesses. Moreover, this skilling effort has made these women financially independent and capable of supporting their families.



Training Area	# of Workshops	# of Beneficiaries
1. Tailoring workshops	7	9
2. Beadwork classes	2	10
3. Diya/Lamp painting	1	10
4. Sling purse workshop	3	11
5. Hand purse workshops	3	11
6. Embroidery workshops	2	29
7. Threading jewelry	2	22
8. Silk threading workshops	1	2
9. Quilling rangoli workshops	1	8
10. Quilling earrings workshops	1	3
Total	23	115



B. Jnana Prabodhini Solapur has also recognized skill training as its focus to help women in the Bidi rolling industry seek alternate employment. Solapur's skill development center will start its first training program in Jan 2023.



With JPF's support of \$2,500, the Solapur center will conduct tailoring training for 8 women as well as donate each of them a sewing machine.

C. The Self Reliance Program in Velhe, near Pune, is a women-focused initiative that provided 30 rural women with 200 hours of rigorous training in 2021. In 2022, the program expanded its reach, supporting over 70 women from eight different villages with a focus on awareness building and skill development. The initiative offered two training programs: parlor skills and tailoring and fashion design, with nine women enrolled in each program. The program's efforts to support women with valuable skills and knowledge have helped to improve the economic prospects of women in the area.

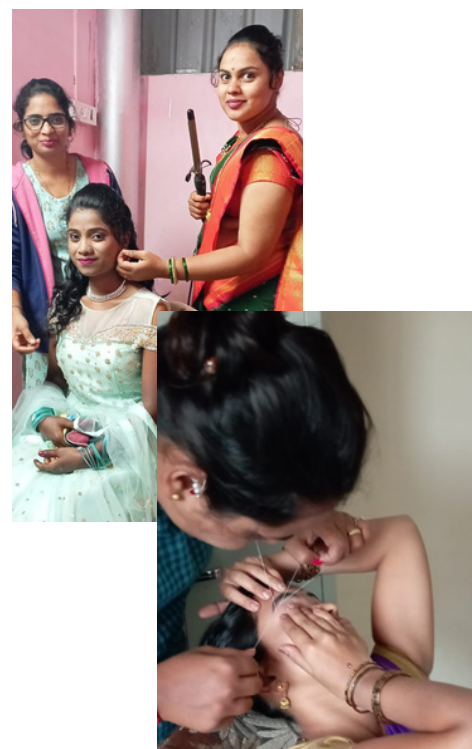
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JPF's support of \$4,000 in 2021 enabled the participation of 18 women from 8 villages in two skill development programs

In addition to providing skill development, the program also featured a range of awareness-building sessions. These sessions helped participants to gain insights into various areas of personal development, financial inclusion, health, and income generation. This broader knowledge base will prove invaluable in enabling participants to become more effective and well-rounded entrepreneurs.

Training and Awareness Areas

- Personality development: Communication, domestic violence, *Panchkosh Vikasan*
- Health: Hygiene, nutrition, gynecological health
- Computer skills: MS Office, mobile operations, introduction to the Internet
- Income-generating skills: Financial literacy and banking, food processing, baking, stitching, basic beautician skills, art and craft



Parlor and fashion designing courses conducted by Jnana Prabodhini Center at Velhe, Maharashtra

How you can help?

A donation of \$4,000 would enable us to conduct awareness sessions in 8-10 villages and hold skill development sessions in 2 centralized locations,

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, SOLAPUR

Health improvement through Pranayama (Coherent breathing) for women working in the handmade Bidi (cigarette) rolling industry

The program aims to improve the health of women working in the Bidi (cigarette) rolling industry. Due to prolonged exposure to tobacco, these women face a high risk of developing respiratory conditions, breathing problems, and even cancer. The program has expanded rapidly, reaching 9 locations and 102 women in 2020, 17 locations and 155 women in 2021, and 25 locations and 225 women in 2022.



Regional Gathering and Pranayama session of Bidi Rolling workers at Solapur

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A contribution of \$7,500 can support the appointment of Pranayama teachers and group coordinators at 30 locations, enabling us to conduct awareness programs and provide valuable training to coordinators.

Recognizing the magnitude of the problem facing women in the bidi-rolling industry, IDRF has partnered with JPF to support the Mukti Campaign in 2023. One key program under this campaign enables women to practice coherent breathing. 225 women gather daily at 25 locations, improving their health and fitness despite the hazardous working environment. In addition to the daily exercise, the group has successfully organized programs on International Yoga Day, Aashadhi Chaturthi, and Kojagiri Pournima, which have galvanized participants and inspired others to strive for social change.



How can you help?

With \$250, you can help expand the program to one new location for 15 women.

SMOKELESS STOVES

The distribution of smokeless cooking stoves provides a safe option to traditional firewood, which can negatively affect the lungs

Rural women often use firewood for cooking due to a lack of clean fuels, but this can lead to respiratory issues as inhaling smoke from burning wood is equivalent to smoking 100 cigarettes a day. Carrying heavy loads can cause back injuries and is a time-consuming and environmentally damaging practice. Providing clean cooking fuels and efficient stoves can help improve health outcomes and reduce environmental damage.



JPF's support of \$700 helped 7 women to get smokeless stoves and cooking fuel or pallets needed for one year

Jnana Prabodhini has found a solution to multiple issues by distributing eco-friendly smokeless stoves. These stoves use carbon-neutral pallets made from crop waste, providing a smokeless and environmentally-friendly alternative to traditional firewood. This shift in habit is significant for rural women, who spend a great deal of time collecting firewood and suffer health issues from smoke inhalation. To ease this transition, JPF provides one year's worth of pallets (660 lbs) for each family that receives a stove. For just \$100 per family, this solution saves families from medical expenses and gives them back valuable time. In Velhe, JPF has distributed 200 stoves and a pallet-making machine, providing employment for two women.



How can you help?

With \$100, you can give one woman a smokeless stove and a year's supply of fuel.

JPF PROJECTS

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

WATER STORAGE DEVELOPMENT

Construction of Ferrocement water tanks in remote villages in Maharashtra

Jnana Prabodhini has been working on water storage development and watershed management for over three decades, constructing over 70 ferrocement tanks and wells. JPF has proudly supported five of these initiatives in the past three years, ensuring that no project stalls due to a lack of financial support.



Water Tank at
Gujegaon
2022



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In 2021, JPF supported the construction of a tank in Venvadi and a well in Mugaon with a total of \$15,000. In 2022, JPF provided \$9,000 to initiate the construction of a tank in Gujegaon.

Venawadi is a ferrocement tank construction project for over 80 people, saving them a mile-long walk to fetch water. The well in Mugaon, Mulshi district, was constructed with 60% JPF's support, benefiting 350 people and 200 cattle in the remote village. Both projects were initiated at the end of 2021 and completed in July 2022. Another initiative is in Gujegaon, Solapur district, helping 100 students and nearby families.



Well construction at
Mugaon
2022

How can you help?

A donation of \$3,000 can help construct 1 ferrocement tank of 6,000-gallon capacity for a village of 200-250 families.

RURAL HOSPITAL AT SHIVAPUR

Proposed hospital in Shivapur to provide affordable and advanced treatment to cater to the needs of 100 nearby villages

Jnana Prabodhini is building a rural hospital at Shivapur to provide affordable healthcare to the local community. Necessary permissions are secured, and fundraising and building planning are underway. This project will bridge the gap between expensive city hospitals and rural hospitals lacking infrastructure, benefiting the region's health and socio-economic development.

The proposed rural hospital at Shivapur will have 100 beds and provide basic medical specialties such as medicine, surgery, orthopedics, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, ENT, and ophthalmology. The hospital will prioritize low-cost and affordable healthcare services to benefit the local rural community. Special emphasis will be given to women's health, antenatal check-ups, neonatal and child care, vaccination, skin diseases, blindness prevention, and general health awareness to promote holistic health in nearby rural areas. The hospital will also offer treatments for chronic diseases using a range of practices, including Ayurveda, homeopathy, and nutrition.



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JPF has contributed \$58,000 toward the proposed hospital in Shivapur. The first phase of the project is estimated to cost \$3.75 million (30 Cr).

The rural hospital will have a bed strength of 60% in general wards, 20% in semi-private, and 20% in private rooms. The hospital will offer fixed low-cost packages for common curable diseases. Jnana Prabodhini will also establish a training center for doctors to address rural health requirements and conduct research on rural needs.

The hospital area will cover 3,000 sq. meters, with an initial cost of approximately Rs. 30 crores for phase 1. Future plans include expanding to a 200-bed hospital in phase 2 and starting a Nursing Training College on the premises.

How can you help?

You can donate to this noble cause through your Minimum Required Distribution.

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JNANA PRABODHINI GLOBAL NETWORK

Building a global Jnana Prabodhini community

JPF aims to create a vibrant and compassionate global community that not only supports its members but also promotes the welfare of the world. Our global networking initiative has seen significant growth this year, with a 28% surge in regional chapter membership. Our 949 members are spread across 12 regions on 4 continents.

Region	Members	Coordinators
United States (7 Chapters)	648	19
Canada	51	2
Europe	115	1
United Kingdom	60	3
Middle East	36	2
Oceania (Australia/NZ)	39	1
Total	949 (840)*	28

*to account for the repeated entries across chapters

Other initiatives (in numbers)

Student Support Group (161), Prabodhini Abroad (165), JP Nigdi Abroad (52), JP Solapur Abroad (11)

Transcending the uncertainties of COVID-19, our community organized **86 events** this year, with 84 of them held in person! These events ranged from informal meets and stayovers to trips, hikes, and cultural gatherings, attracting over 544 members (including repeat participants). Compared to 2021, we saw four times more events and three times more participation. In addition, our volunteers traveled through South California in April, the San Francisco Bay Area in May, the Southern US (Georgia and Florida) in July, and New England (Boston), New Jersey, and Washington DC in August.



In 2022, we also saw a solid growth in our **student support initiatives**. The WhatsApp group now has 161 students and mentors from diverse faculties. The **Career Forum** has recently launched **resume reviews** and **referral search programs** and have directly helped six students so far.

To avail help, contact:
careerforum@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org

Recently, we launched JPF Corporates, a group of community members working in companies such as Microsoft and Google, who are willing to help others with job referrals and mentoring. Given the recent uncertainty in the job market, we aim to expand this initiative in 2023 to provide a safety net for our community in their jobs.



JPF Volunteer Meet in Pune (December'22)

Other continued initiatives include:

- **Regional Groups** - Regional coordinators meet bi-monthly to share regional updates and develop a five-year prospective plan. Priorities include supporting existing members, connecting with new members, and developing cross-region integration.
- **Newsletters and Updates** - Periodic distribution of newsletters and updates to the community describing Jnana Praobodhini and JPF activities.

We ended 2022 by creating a database of the members of the US regional groups. Regional coordinators compiled member information, such as location and company. This database would be instrumental in promoting connections and organizing regional events.



JP South California Diwali Meet (October'22)



San Francisco Bay Area Diwali Meet (October'22)



You can join our network by filling out [this form!](#)

If you have any questions about volunteering opportunities or joining JP Global Network, please call +1(317)560-6098 /
Email: info@jnanaprabodhinifoundation.org

GURUDAKSHINA FUND

Gurudakshina, a token of gratitude toward the organization

Jnana Prabodhini had appealed to all its alumni across the globe to come forward and participate in the Yearly Gurupournima function in July 2022. On the auspicious occasion of Gurupournima, the appeal was made to consistently contribute some funds each year as Gurudakshina. At the Prabodhini Gurupournima program, 120 individuals attended, including alumni from India and the US who made voluntary contributions toward Gurudakshina.

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JPF contributed \$2,611 as Gurudakshina in the year 2022. The funds will be used for growth and expansion, supporting full-time volunteers, and providing financial assistance to students for their education.

While we expect that Gurudakshina is a gesture of gratitude towards the alma mater and should be an unconditional contribution to Prabodhini, we also state that the funds collected from Gurudakshina will primarily be used for the following three activities or purposes:

1. **Expansion Activities** - Jnana Prabodhini has prepared a prospective plan for the next decade, focusing on its expansion outside of Maharashtra. This fund will support volunteer travel, visits, and other expansion activities undertaken to understand the ground reality, connect and network with people, and find opportunities to contribute to key social issues.
2. **For Dedicated Full-time Volunteers** - Jnana Prabodhini's main strength is its full-time volunteers who work day and night for Jnana Prabodhini's mission. We would like to use these funds for the well-being and emergency medical help of these full-time volunteers and their families.
3. **Education of students from financially weak families** - Jnana Prabodhini Prashala admits students based on their potential, and there are always students with financial challenges who require scholarships in paying school fees. We aim to use this fund collected from Gurudakshina to ensure that none of these students has to drop out of their education due to financial constraints.

JPF FINANCIALS

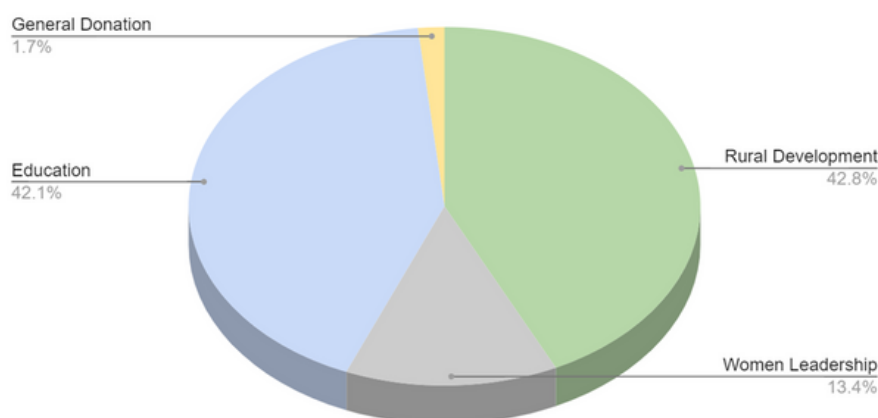
Income Statement

Income - Donations Cash	\$186,821.48
Operational Expenses	\$1,351.31
Program Expenses	\$156,403.00
Expenses Total	\$157,754.31
Income Statement (Surplus/Deficit)	\$29,067.17

Balance Sheet

Opening Balance	\$16,024.31
Income Statement (Surplus/Deficit)	\$29,067.17
Closing Balance	\$45,091.48

Allocation Chart 2022



Program Expenses

Program	Cause	Amount (\$)
Watershed Management	Rural Development	\$ 9,000
Rural Hospital	Rural Development	\$ 58,000
Revolving Capital	Women Leadership	\$ 4,000
Aarogya Sakhi	Women Leadership	\$ 2,500
Nav Disha	Women Leadership	\$ 1,000
Ekal Mahila	Women Leadership	\$ 500
Skill Development - Shivapur	Women Leadership	\$ 2,000
Smokeless Stoves	Women Leadership	\$ 1,000
Mukti - IDRF	Women Leadership	\$ 10,000
Anand Shala	Education	\$ 10,000
Sponsor A Child - Harali	Education	\$ 20,000
Sponsor A Child - Nagari Vasti	Education	\$ 5,000
Chhatra Prabodhan	Education	\$ 29,952
Infra Development Velhe & Solapur	Education	\$ 840
Gurudakshina Fund	General Donation	\$ 2611
Total		\$156,403

DONATION PARTNERS

The following organizations donated money or matched employee donations to JPF:

- Abbott Laboratories - EGC
- Analog devices Foundation
- Apple
- Avago Technologies/Broadcom
- Charles Schwab
- Cisco
- Crowe
- DigitalOcean
- Fidelity Charitable
- Google
- Hewlett Packard Enterprise Foundation
- IBM
- Intel Foundation
- Lam Research
- Lyondell Basel
- Micron Technology
- Microsoft
- Motorola Solutions Foundation
- National Instruments (NI)
- Netflix
- NVIDIA
- Oracle
- QUALCOMM
- SAP
- Splunk
- Spotify
- Thermo Fisher
- VMware Foundation Inc.

You can double the impact of your donations by contributing through the Corporate Matching Program and helping us register with new companies.

FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS

A shoutout to our friends who organized Facebook fundraisers for JPF:

- Aakash Chowkase
- Aditya Kulkarni
- Arya Adake
- Atharva Kousadikar
- Nupoor Basmatkar
- Pranav A Kulkarni
- Pranav D Kulkarni
- Parag Joshi
- Purva Pujari
- Shilpa Vaidya Mehta

Are you interested in supporting JPF and making a difference in the lives of our brethren? Consider becoming a patron this year by pledging a Facebook fundraiser on your special occasion. We appreciate your support!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our success would not have been possible without the support of our dedicated volunteers, passionate task leaders, generous donors, enthusiastic supporters, knowledgeable advisors, and caring well-wishers. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our mission and helped us make a difference in the lives of our community members.

Sincere gratitude to our individual donors, corporate donors, and fundraising superstars.

Shout out to our dedicated team of volunteers and task leaders for their contributions and accomplishments for JPF!

Thanks to our advisors for their guidance, support, and encouragement.

**Thank
you!**

VOLUNTEER WITH JPF

Join our global community of over 950 members and make a positive impact on the world! Together, we can work towards creating a better future for everyone.



Teams:

1. Projects Teams
2. Fundraising Team
3. Website and Social Media Team
4. Global Network Team

Opportunities:

- Lead a project (Education, Women Leadership Development, Rural Development)
- Contribute to a project (translation work, data analytics, career guidance, English teaching)
- Grant writing (corporate grants, educational grants)
- Handle technical aspects (website development and maintenance, eCommerce platform development)
- Design and host fundraising events
- Be a JPF ambassador in your network

Benefits:

- Access to a global community
- Skill development assistance
- Experience letter
- Volunteer hour acknowledgment

Commitment:

Flexible (suggested 1-2 hours/week)



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