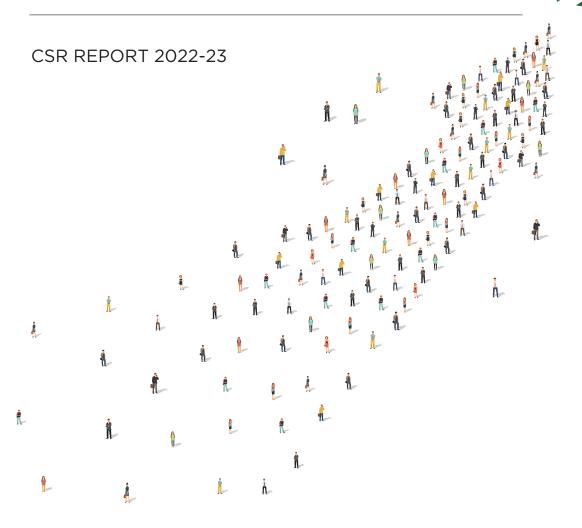


# **Leading Together**

Advancing partnerships for a Sustainable Future





Lake Chhodiya, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan





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Upper Primary School, Mahabubnagar, Telangana

# Message from Chairman and CEO

# **Sumant Sinha**

The past year marked a significant step towards ReNew's mission of becoming a global energy leader. In our pursuit of creating a carbon-free world by accelerating the clean energy transition, we embody the core values of pioneership, excellence, responsible behavior, and forging meaningful partnerships. These core values are reflected in our engagement with local communities.

At the heart of our culture lies social responsibility. We are committed to empowering our local communities through every aspect of our operations. The value of partnerships cannot be overstated, given their potential to scale sustainable impact. Aligned with our mission, we have forged strategic partnerships with corporations, international organizations, and civil societies to leverage synergies and build climate-resilient communities in a sustainable manner.

Through these alliances, we continue to implement long-term, sustainable initiatives in the areas of energy access, youth climate education, women's entrepreneurship



and skilling, and water conservation. Our landmark investment partnership with HSBC and the strengthening of existing partner relationships have allowed us to scale up our programs and reach more people than ever before. In FY 23 alone, we have impacted more than 420,000 lives in over 500 villages across 114 sites. Our ESG interventions have earned us recognition as a leading global company by both Refinitiv and Sustainalytics, a proud moment for every ReNewer.

In the face of the climate emergency, I am confident that ReNew will spearhead an equitable and just energy transition. As we scale our operations globally, our commitment to social responsibility will deepen and expand. The role of our partners will become even more crucial in creating an inclusive and sustainable future.



Foreword Chairperson, Sustainability

# Vaishali Nigam Sinha

With immense pleasure, I present to you the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of ReNew's Annual CSR Report. Looking back at our humble beginnings in 2011, I feel inspired by how far we have come. As the journey continues, we have meaningfully expanded our footprint across 500+ villages at 114 sites, touching the lives of more than 1 million people.

As humankind stands at a crucial crossroad, we need to embrace social responsibility as a core business value rather than a peripheral function. Only by being conscious of this responsibility can we advance and create a meaningful, sustained impact in our communities. Given the diverse, dynamic, and complex socio-economic challenges we face today, ReNew has zeroed in on the issues that have the most impact on our communities. These include energy access, women's livelihoods, water conservation, and holistic community development.

This year's report is inspired by the potential of partnerships. With our partners, we have launched, sustained, and scaled initiatives to uplift marginalized communities, especially the most vulnerable groups such as women and children. Reflecting on our shared passion for holistic community development, we have partnered with HSBC for our flagship program "Lighting Lives," which aims to electrify and digitize 75

schools across 3 states in rural India. Additionally, we have established further partnerships with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), to launch 'Project Surya,' which trains women salt pan workers as renewable energy technicians in the Rann of Kutch region of Gujarat. In partnership with UNDP and IIT Delhi, ReNew has developed a business impact accelerator program for women climate entrepreneurs. Additionally, we have partnered with Barefoot College International to develop the ReNew Young Climate Leadership Curriculum. This curriculum is designed for middle school students, aiming to sensitize them to the concepts of sustainable development, climate change, and renewable energy, all while promoting sustainable individual behaviors.

Looking forward, as our business footprint grows and expands, our goal is for ReNew to become synonymous with social empowerment. ReNew continues to be an empowering force, creating sustainable, long-term impact across a diverse spectrum of communities.

Finally, I express gratitude to our partners, ReNew's leadership, and every ReNewer for coming together and adding value to this journey. As we move forward, I am excited to inspire, ignite, and progress in the dual fight against climate change and social injustice.

Alone we can do little, together we can do so much

- Helen Keller



# **Our Impact Footprint**

# 2022-23

10 states114 sites500+ villagesOver 1 million people impacted

# 2014-15

1 state, 2 sites, 20 villages 30,000 people impacted

# **Leading Together:**

Advancing Partnerships for a Sustainable Future



As the world grapples with the realities of climate change, there is an urgent need to accelerate collaborative climate action. With climate disasters becoming more frequent and the 1.5 degree celsius threshold imminent, there is ample evidence highlighting the necessity to mobilize, implement, and scale impact on the ground. Rising temperatures are also undoing global economic and social progress. According to the 2023 Sustainable Development Report, progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has remained stagnant for the third year in a row, and the gap between high-income and low-income countries is predicted to be wider in 2030 than it was in 2015.

The SDGs emphasize the interconnectedness of climate and development and the need for collaboration to ensure a just and sustainable future. Despite global initiatives such as the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, there has been limited progress on environmental SDGs. According to the World Bank, climate change could push 68 million to 135 million people into poverty by 2030, undoing decades of development progress. In the last three years alone, 120 million people have been pushed into extreme poverty. Combating the deadly impacts of climate change requires collaboration across all sectors of society.

India's G20 presidency comes at a critical juncture. The theme of the presidency, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, or "One Earth, One Family, One Future," encapsulates the sentiment of inclusive, equitable, and sustainable growth—a key aspect of the fight against climate

change. As the most populous nation with skyrocketing energy needs, India is spearheading sustainable solutions to achieve its 2070 net-zero emissions commitment.

Climate action and development are at the core of ReNew's purpose to create a carbon-free world, and social responsibility is integral to this endeavor. At ReNew, we strive to ensure the collective participation and empowerment of our communities. Our flagship programs promote initiatives such as youth climate education, women entrepreneurship, and water conservation, aligning with ReNew's mission, local needs, and the SDGs. However, we cannot accomplish this alone, and as our programs increase in impact, partnerships become essential for sustainable expansion.

Partnerships allow us to leverage our partners' investments, experience, resources, and networks to expand our reach and scale up our programs to new heights. Alliances with like-minded organizations ensure the longevity and sustainability of our CSR initiatives. Collaboration leverages the unique and complementary experiences of partners to further common goals and create value for both organizations.

This year, we forged a new investment partnership with HSBC India to expand our flagship Lighting Lives program. This partnership enabled us to electrify and digitize 75 schools across three states of India by installing solar off-grids and setting up digital learning centers. ReNew's focus on community development and education intersects with HSBC's priority to build rural

infrastructure and further the clean energy transition.

This commonality of purpose is evident in our other partnerships as well.

By leveraging the educational network of Barefoot College International (BCI), ReNew has developed a youth climate curriculum to educate the next generation of climate leaders on environmental advocacy and sustainable living. BCI's mission to foster sustainable development and education for marginalized communities overlaps with ReNew's commitment to promoting inclusive and sustainable community development.

We have partnered with the United Nations
Environment Program (UNEP) and the Self Employed
Women's Association (SEWA) for Project Surya, which
trains women salt pan workers in Gujarat as solar panel
and solar pump technicians. By mobilizing ReNew's
expertise in the area of renewable energy, along with
SEWA's implementation expertise and UNEP's strategic
capabilities, this alliance furthers the common goal of
women's economic empowerment in the renewables
sector.

Along with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IITD), we have also established a business impact accelerator for women climate entrepreneurs, known as the Women Climate Champions. This initiative provides business advisory and mentorship for women-led climate ventures, advancing women's participation in the energy sector.

The call to action is loud and clear. The transition to clean energy requires transformative and empowering socio-economic change. We must mobilize to foster elevated partnerships with the state, businesses, communities, and nature. As ReNew grows, so must our social impact and community relationships. The path to building resilient communities is through collaboration. Just as we cannot face the climate crisis alone, neither can we construct inclusive, sustainable, climate-forward communities without partnership.

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

-Henry Ford





Student enjoying computer class at Girls Upper Primary School, Nimba, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

Deenaram Suthar, an educated and vibrant young man from Fatehgarh block in Jaisalmer, was recently appointed as the Principal of Govt. Middle School in the Pabnasar village of Jaisalmer. He was

driven to uplift the community through education but soon realized that the school lacked basic amenities such as electricity, infrastructure, and computers for students. He understood the importance of these facilities to ensure a robust learning environment.

Deenaram shared, "I could convince the villagers to send their children to school regularly and maintain their attendance if the school had basic facilities. I tried reaching out to a few wealthy families in and around our village to lend their support in improving the school's infrastructure. With their support, we got the repair and painting work of the school building done. Someone even donated a smart TV to the school, but the challenge was a lack of electricity. It was then that I approached ReNew through our local leaders."

Deenaram, an ardent believer in the power of partnerships, approached ReNew to provide support for the school. Their requirement for electricity and a digital lab for the school was fulfilled by installing a 7kW off-grid solar rooftop structure and a digital lab with 13 computers, under ReNew's flagship initiative - Lighting Lives. With this, ReNew also introduced the Young Climate Leadership Curriculum to the school to make the students aware of climate change, its causes, and actions to promote a more sustainable lifestyle.

The Lighting Lives initiative began in 2018, with a focus on last-mile electrification of schools through renewable energy solutions.

Digital learning centers and the climate curriculum were subsequently added as community needs expanded.

Under this initiative, ReNew has directly impacted thousands of school students by providing them with a better learning environment through the installation of solar grids to ensure continuous electricity supply. This advancement facilitates better education delivery through ICT and enhances digital knowledge by establishing digital learning centers. Consequently, there has been a significant increase in enrollment and attendance ratios among students.

With partners like HSBC, Barefoot College International, and Habitat for Humanity India, ReNew has, to date, electrified 116 schools, established 54 digital learning centers, and launched the ReNew Young Climate Leadership Curriculum—a unique course driving climate education. In FY23 alone, ReNew has electrified 32 schools using solar grids and established 36 digital labs in these schools.

6 SCHOOLS ELECTRIFIED



**DIGITAL LABS ESTABLISHED** 









# Project Surya

Helping women leapfrog into the clean energy transition

Salt Pan Workers, Rann of Kutch, Gujarat

Kanchan Ben, a resident of Charankha village in the Rann of Kutch, used to be paid for just 15 days of work per month, despite toiling in harsh climatic conditions on the marshy lands of the Little Rann of

Kutch. Due to limited skills and education, she had no other option but to work as a salt farmer to support her family. When ReNew launched Project Surya, a unique energy inclusion initiative in Charankha, Gujarat, Kanchan Ben enrolled herself in the program and began attending a training program on solar installation and maintenance regularly. She is hopeful that with these newly learned skills, she can secure a decent job and will no longer have to work in such harsh conditions.

With the objective to train women salt pan workers as renewable energy technicians in the rural Rann of Kutch region in Gujarat, ReNew launched Project Surya in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in the year 2022. This multipronged program aims to facilitate the training of salt pan workers in solar power technology, helping them transition from

traditional revenue sources to new livelihood opportunities in renewable energy.

Project Surya focuses on providing hands-on classroom and practical training in renewable energy trades. One of the key features of the program is the exposure visit to ReNew's solar farms in the region. Trainees are regularly taken to ReNew's solar plant for hands-on learning experiences. The program helps women like Kanchan Ben by providing skill training to help them secure better jobs, thereby improving their livelihoods.

Programs like these are not only scalable but also demonstrate the potential of building sustainability from the ground up. While there are evident monetary benefits of Project Surya, such as increased monthly earnings, women are empowered through non-monetary benefits, including skill enhancement and an improved quality of life. From working in the harsh conditions of a salt farm to working in modern factories, the effects of this intervention are transformative.

Through this initiative, ReNew aims to impart skill training to around 1000 salt pan workers as solar panel technicians and solar pump technicians in the coming years.











Training of SHG women on carry bag making at Eduhub, Paniyara, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

"Millions of women in our hamlets know what unemployment means. Give them access to economic activities, and they will have access to power and selfconfidence to which they hitherto have

been strangers," said Mahatma Gandhi in Young India (1930).

This sentiment still rings true today. Even though women have the potential to contribute to household finances, they often lack the opportunity to participate in decisions related to income generation and economic activities. In a patriarchal society like India's, even if women want to attain employment, domestic responsibilities coupled with social stigma limit their economic advancement and access to opportunities.

To overcome the social stigma around employment and enable women to become financially independent, it is important to build their capacities and foster backward and forward linkages to income generation activities. To this end, nearly 77 lakh Self-Help Groups (SHGs) engaging 8.39 crore women are functioning across India, as per a 2022 government press release.

ReNew, through the ReNew Women in India (ReWIN) initiative, provides capacitybuilding and training support to women in these SHGs across multiple states. Under the ReWIN program, a number of capacitybuilding activities and trade-specific trainings are organized in partnership with the Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (UPSRLM), the Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), and other regional organizations to enhance the capacity of SHG members. As part of the program, women are also provided training on income-generation activities such as mushroom cultivation, Rudraksha garland making, vegetable

farming, and carry bag-making.

Additional sessions include training on financial literacy, bank linkages, enterprise development, and market linkages. These trainings have helped women increase their weekly savings and the overall savings of the group. The money saved is utilized to reinvest in and sustain income-generating activities. such as purchasing raw materials, equipment for production, and so on.

In Paniyara, ReNew has supported 73 women from 6 SHGs. Additionally, women continue to come to the ReWIN center for support year after year. This year, ReNew also started digital literacy classes for women in SHGs in order to promote digital literacy. These sessions enabled women to use smartphones to research information online to help advance their SHGs.

### Key Highlights FY 2022-23:

- 1. Formed 6 new SHGs in Paniyara and Bhawanipur villages.
- 2. Organized 8 SHG capacity-building trainings over the course of the year.
- 3. Trained 5 new SHG members in mushroom cultivation and established a mushroom production unit. As local mushroom producers, these women are able to earn extra income.
- 4. Established a Button Mushroom Production Unit by the members of a selfhelp group in Dhanapur village.
- 5. Trained 30 women in carry bag-making, enabling them to sell carry bags in the
- 6. Engaged 100+ women in various farm and non-farm-based income-generating activities.
- 7. Provided seed capital to enterprising women to expand their businesses in Jath, Sangli district, Maharashtra.







Lala Lake, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

Several parts of India face acute water shortages. A report by NITI Aayog states that 54% of India's groundwater wells are declining, and 40% of India's population won't have access to drinking water by

the year 2030. Adding to this are the burgeoning population, climate change, and massive areas prone to drought.

ReNew initiated its water conservation initiative in Jaisalmer, a region that faces an acute shortage of water. The district is also drought-prone, and its residents face severe challenges regarding access to drinking water, reduced water availability for agriculture, and a shrinking area under cultivation.

Gone are the days when Jeetu Devi, a resident of Meghwalo ki Dhani in Jaisalmer, had to walk miles every day to fetch water for her family. She says, "We are a family of 18 members, and it was very difficult for me to walk for hours to bring water for my family. Many times we used to hire a tanker to get water, and a lot of money was spent on doing that. There was a common Taanka (a traditional water conservation tank) near our house for water conservation, but it was not sufficient to meet the needs of 4-5 families. Even the Naadi (community pond) used to dry up completely by the month of January, leaving us with no option but to travel for hours to fetch water.

After ReNew desilted the local naadi and supported us in constructing a Taanka, we no longer have to walk long distances to fetch water. Now we can spend more time with our kids and help them in their studies. We get water from the Naadi once every three months and store it in the Taanka. ReNew has also provided us with bio-sand filters, which have improved the health of our family members."

Like Jeetu Devi, there are thousands of families in Rajasthan who do not have

access to water even for their everyday needs; they have to go and fetch water from neighboring areas. Due to the lack of resources, these women are compelled to travel long distances to fetch water or else spend their limited savings on water tanker suppliers.

These challenges were identified during the Environmental Impact Assessment conducted when ReNew established its solar park in the region and decided to work towards mitigating these issues. ReNew's efforts around water conservation, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility, focus on reviving and relying on traditional knowledge of local communities.

ReNew has partnered with organizations like Gramin Vikas Vigyan Vikas Samiti (GRAVIS), which brings together scientific solutions and indigenous community knowledge to design interventions that are efficient, effective, and sustainable for implementing such projects. In the past few years, ReNew has desilted 10 lakes in Rajasthan and distributed over 120 Taankas and bio-sand filters, benefiting more than 14,500 villagers. In FY 2022-23, 4 lakes were desilted, and 50 Taankas and bio-sand filters were distributed.

In partnership with the Society for Action with Rural Poor (SARP), ReNew has also installed 10 drinking RO water units across the Ananthpur and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh. These RO water units provide clean and safe drinking water to the people of 10 villages, benefiting over 45,000 villagers.

These RO units have been installed at centralized locations to ensure access for the maximum number of people. One of the RO units was installed in Government Hospital, Kalyandurg, and was inaugurated by Smt. Usha Sricharan, Honorable Minister of Women and Child Development.









ReSET candidate during squash training camp, Gurgaon, Haryana

Nandini Kumari, a squash player from Paniyara, Uttar Pradesh, is the daughter of a daily wage laborer. She is the middle of three siblings, with a younger brother and an elder sister. Her father is the only

breadwinner of her family, while her mother is a housewife.

In 2018, ReNew Foundation, the philanthropic arm of ReNew, launched its ReSET program in Paniyara. The initiative aims to identify young and aspiring talent from underprivileged communities to help them nurture and pursue their ambitions across different fields. Nandini's elder sister was among the first batch of candidates selected for the inaugural ReSET training. As Nandini's school was close to the training center, she would accompany her sister on her way to school. Nandini used to watch her sister play after school, and she soon became interested in squash.

In 2019, Nandini enrolled in the ReSET program and began training regularly. Although Nandini's sister discontinued her training after marriage, Nandini persisted with her training. In 2022, she was invited by the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) to participate in the Asian Junior Squash Championship Trials. While she was unable to participate due to health issues, Nandini is hopeful that her dedication to the sport will someday allow her to represent India at an international level.

As a young woman from a rural family, it wasn't easy for Nandini to convince her parents to allow her to pursue a career in sports, especially squash, which is not very popular in India. However, Nandini is determined to build a career in the sport, and after participating in district and statelevel tournaments and winning awards, Nandini's parents are now in her corner.

ReNew's ReSET program provides squash training to more than 40 children like Nandini who hail from rural areas. The ReSET training centers are located in Paniyara (Uttar Pradesh) and Gurugram (Haryana).

In the FY 2022-23, ReSET candidates participated in the following tournaments:

- Gujarat ARA Junior Open, Ahmedabad
- Century Squash Bangalore Open
- UP State Close Squash Championship, Kanpur
- IIT Gandhinagar Squash Open, Gandhinagar
- 2nd Sanjay Gupta Memorial Open, Prayagraj
- Jodhpur Junior Open
- CCI Western India Slam, Mumbai
- DC Central India Open, Indore
- Aurobindo Realty Telangana Open, Hyderabad
- Hamdard Squashters Open, New Delhi
- Northern India Open, New Delhi
- SRFI Junior National, Mumbai



25 Awards



### Star players of ReSET:







Priyanshu Kumar

iu Sunil Kumar



Sumit

Kumar





Abhishek Yadav



Maivish



Kumari



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Anup Kumar





Solar Powered PHC Bhainsada, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

At ReNew, social responsibility encompasses a broad spectrum of infrastructure support, education, healthcare, and electrification.

ReNew provides community-based infrastructure support in and around its project sites to create meaningful connections with the communities they serve. In the FY 2022-23, ReNew, in association with various grassroots organizations, engaged community members in conceptualizing, designing, and implementing infrastructure projects based on local needs. These partnerships with local organizations helped build rapport with community members. In the long term, these relationships foster a sense of ownership and accountability, leading to sustainable outcomes and positive social impact.

To improve access to basic infrastructural amenities in schools, ReNew provided furniture and established computer labs in schools across Bikaner, Jaisalmer,

Pratapgarh, Kutch, Osmanabad, and Uttarakhand. With our support, around 1874 students benefitted from these initiatives.

As a result, there has been a significant increase in school enrollment and attendance among students. Teachers have shared that students now show more interest in learning, as they no longer have to sit in dingy classrooms without fans and lights. They also eagerly await their computer classes.

In Uttarakhand, ReNew constructed a community center, a help booth for commuters, and supplied furniture in public spaces. As part of this infrastructure initiative, ReNew also constructed two drinking water pipelines, securing potable water for 2,940 villagers in Ganganagar and Haat villages in Uttarakhand.

To minimize the environmental impact, ReNew installed 49 solar streetlights: 40 in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, across 14 villages, and 9 in Nuh, covering the 3 villages of Kotla, Untka, and Moradbas.







Blanket distribution at Gujarda High School, Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh

It was a regular day in the office for Poonam, who heads the Karunalaya Foundation, an NGO working for the most marginalized people in and around Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The Foundation partners with various funding

organizations, technical experts, and social institutions to fulfill the basic needs of their target community, which includes the poorest villagers, slum dwellers, and migrant workers. While reading the local newspaper, her eyes were drawn to the news of ReNew's Gift Warmth Campaign, which had been successfully organized in the neighboring districts of Jaisalmer and Bikaner.

According to Poonam, "Winters are harsh in this part of the country, and the people with whom we work are the most susceptible to the cold waves. A large section of our beneficiaries are the elderly and young kids, and in temporary settlements, the winters become very tough. I came to know about ReNew's Gift Warmth campaign and immediately decided to connect with them to take part in the campaign and help our beneficiaries fight winters. We collaborated with ReNew and distributed around 1000 blankets to our beneficiaries."

Sajjan Singh, who manages the administration and security of one of ReNew's sites in Jaisalmer, states, "There are multiple dhaanis (hamlets) near our site which are very marginalized and lack basic facilities. Even before the launch of our annual Gift Warmth Campaign, I had marked a few such hamlets and taken an estimate of needy people by talking to the sarpanch (village head). As soon as the campaign was launched, a few other site employees and I organized multiple blanket distribution campaigns in which the local leaders and government officials also participated. These poor people struggle

hard in harsh winters and I am happy to be able to support them."

The Gift Warmth Campaign was launched in 2015 to support vulnerable and homeless populations in India to fight the harsh winters. ReNewers on sites across India reach out to the most underserved people of their communities to donate blankets.

These volunteering efforts are not limited to just ReNewers; government officials, elected representatives, political leaders, and institutions such as NGOs, hospitals, and schools have joined ReNew in this campaign, making this a far-reaching and successful event each year.

ReNew has distributed more than 6.25 lakh blankets since the program's inception. Of this, 2.65 lakh blankets were distributed in FY 2022-23. More than 500 villages have been reached in 114 sites across India, with over 600 ReNewers recording 3500+ volunteer hours for this campaign.











Employees distributing rice at one of the slums in Gurugram, Haryana

As the manager of administration and security, Mahaveer Singh's job demands a lot of community engagement in the villages near ReNew's business sites in Rajasthan. He states, "In these remote areas

of Rajasthan, we witness the struggle of the poorest of the poor to earn money to feed themselves and their families. We try to support them through various CSR activities or through personal donations. Our Rice Bucket Challenge provides an opportunity to mobilize funds from our employees at the project site and support these poor villagers in getting a few meals. In the year 2022, we organized the Rice Bucket Challenge during the Daan Utsav festival in the month of October. Our employees at the project sites generously came forward and contributed rice for the poor and needy ones.

ReNew's Rice Bucket Challenge is an employee-driven event where ReNewers commit a part of their income to collect and distribute rice to underprivileged communities. The funds raised by

employees' contributions are matched by ReNew, and the rice is then procured and distributed to those in need. ReNewers have the opportunity to participate in the distribution drive as part of our employee volunteering initiatives, which are focused on community service.

In the FY 2022-23, ReNew partnered with the Robin Hood Army to distribute more than 34,000 kg of rice in Gurgaon and surrounding regions. ReNewers at project sites across India collected and distributed more than 6,000 kg of rice, providing more than 3 lakh meals to over 4,000 families.





# **Our Partners**

























### Aloka Majumdar

Managing Director, Global Head of Philanthropy & Head of Sustainability, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited , India

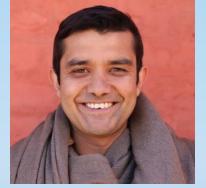
HSBC India's partnership with ReNew aims to provide assured electricity for 75 rural schools across 3 states using solar power. The partnership was launched to commemorate India's 75th year of independence. The initiative will help meet the national goals on rural electrification and renewable energy access. This association builds upon the commitment of HSBC India and ReNew to advance energy transition in rural areas of our country. Access to an assured source of electricity in the schools will provide a comfortable environment for an enhanced learning experience for the students.



## Harsh Tiwari

Regional Coordinator - Asia Middle East and Special Projects Barefoot College International

I commend ReNew Foundation for their vision and dedication to creating a more sustainable future. Their true commitment to educating youngsters and developing grassroots climate leaders is admirable. I am really appreciative of the great collaboration we have formed with Renew Foundation in delivering the Climate Change curriculum in government schools. Not only has our work raised awareness, but it is also going to inspire young minds to become grassroots climate leaders. We have been able to co-design an interesting and localized curriculum that educates children about the critical environmental concerns we face today.



ReNew Foundation's support for the young climate leadership curriculum has gone well beyond financial commitment. Their team is dedicated to working together to understand the situation, and brainstorm with our staff to develop a program which can have a deeper impact. It has also been incredible to witness the journey of the young climate fellows. These fellows have been able to develop critical thinking skills, comprehend the importance of sustainability, and now will actively contribute towards climate positive actions. The collaboration between BCl and Renew will have a significant influence not just in the schools, but also in the larger community.

Together, we are developing a generation that is aware, responsible, and prepared to face the problems of climate change. I am really thankful for ReNew Foundation's support and partnership, and I look forward to continuing our journey together, creating a sustainable future.



# Voice of Communities





Jaya ReWIN Beneficiary

I am a member of the Ujala SHGc Dhanapur Varanasi, and I am a beneficiary of ReNew's ReWIN program. ReWIN has been an extremely beneficial program for our group. The support and guidance from this program has enabled us to set up our own mushroom production unit. ReWIN provided us with capacity-building training, which has enabled us to effectively run our own business. The training sessions have enabled us to gain the necessary skills to manage our own business and we are now able to generate a steady income. We are grateful to ReNew for their support and look forward to taking advantage of more such services from them in the future.



Mr Vijay Jaiswal

Block Development Officer, Araiiline Block.

Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

I have been a witness to ReNew's Gift Warmth blanket distribution campaign in Varanasi, and it has been a remarkable success. The company has done an outstanding job in providing blankets to the less privileged people in the region, helping them to cope up with the cold winter months. The entire campaign was well-organized and well-executed, involving the local authorities and community members. It was heartening to see the enthusiasm of the people who were a part of this initiative.

The team at ReNew showed great commitment to the cause, and worked tirelessly to ensure that blankets were distributed to the people who needed them the most. The blankets provided warmth and comfort to those who otherwise would have gone without.

I would like to express my appreciation and admiration for the ReNew team and the entire campaign. I am sure that this initiative will have a lasting impact on the lives of people in the region. It is a great example of how corporate social responsibility should be undertaken.





Vikash Jain
Group President, Legal and
Secretarial

I have seen the employees being proactively involved in various CSR drives, and I myself have been a part of Gift Warmth campaign in Gurgaon & Jaisalmer project site. While visiting a School in Jaisalmer, along with ReNew's Board of Directors, I could clearly see the smiling & content faces of the local people. ReNew has installed a solarpowered Digital lab in the school and also supported a few infrastructure developments for the school. Along with it, to make water available to the local community the local village lake was desilted which has increased the water availability in the region. I, along with all other board members enjoyed our time with the people out there and the CSR work was very appreciated.

With the projects aiming to serve the elementary needs of the community & a good team with strong leadership, I feel ReNew is in the right direction as far as CSR is concerned. All the best to the CSR team for your efforts.



Bharat Bahl
Senior Vice President
Solar Ground Mounted - Asset
Management

ReNew's CSR initiatives are some of the most unique, community-centric programs that cater to the basic needs of the people around our site. I have been watching the impact closely on the ground amongst the community, be it the Lighting Lives program for schools, the interventions related to water, or the employee-driven activities like Gift Warmth or the Rice Bucket Challenge. I myself have been a part of various CSR campaigns, and thoroughly appreciate the zeal and motivation of the CSR team in making these campaigns successful.

The social responsibility initiatives are appreciated not just by our function, but also by the company leadership, board members, partners, government, and the community at large. Well done CSR team and keep it up!



Neha Puri Vice President, ERM and Internal Audit

I am very excited to be a part of the company which has a well-rounded CSR program. The initiatives are both participative and bottom up. They not only touch lives across various communities but also are focussed on sustainability as a whole. What resonates with me the most is the "Lighting Lives" program which focusses on electrification of schools with solar energy. This program provides access to education for the rural children while imbibing them with sensitivity towards the environment. Delivery of education through digital lab will make them future ready to deal with evolving technology.

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