

CSR PROJECTS OF NSDL FOR THE FY 2022-23

Overview

Under the aegis of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) has been carrying on various social welfare programs that have meaningful yet sustainable impact on the communities. The Company undertakes need based CSR projects/programs in line with its CSR policy and thematic areas.

As recommended and approved by the CSR Committee and the Board of NSDL & NSDL Database Management Limited (NDML), the CSR projects/programs of both the Companies shall be implemented by as a joint initiative of the organizations. The expenditures shall be incurred out of respective CSR budget of NSDL and NDML. CSR budget separately hence, the CSR reporting shall be done separately for both entities.

The below mentioned CSR projects are recommended and approved by the Governing Board of NSDL and NDML. It is also recommended that in case of any unspent funds out of proposed programs/projects, the CSR Committee shall recommend the alternate programs/projects/activities in pursuance to CSR policy to be undertaken to utilize the unspent funds. The Board may consider and approve such alternative programs/projects/initiatives, if the same are complying with the CSR policy and rules.

Project ARTHA SAMARTH (a skill development initiative by NSDL)

Project Details-

- The program covers training on various BFSI sector specific job roles such as Mutual Fund Distributors, Business Correspondent- Business Facilitator, Insurance Agents or any other BFSI sector specific job roles. The Company also imparts the training pertaining to other sectors such as Health, Hospitality, Retail, Travel or any other sector which require skilled workforce.
- The comprehensive training modules to be used for sector specific training.
- Mutual Fund Distributors training program is based on NISM's Series V-A module while BC-BF Operations training program is developed on the basis of IIBF's curriculum.
- The program gives the opportunity to the candidates to earn additional income along with their current work / activity.

- In case of BC-BF Operations training, the program is named as “NSDL Certificate Course in BC-BF Operations (Artha SAMARTH)”.
- In case of Mutual Fund Distributors training, the program is named as “NSDL Certificate Course in Mutual Fund Distributors (Artha SAMARTH)”.
- The Company facilitates the livelihood linkages through employment or self-employment for the beneficiaries post training.

Project Objective-

To impart employable and livelihood linked skills to the deserving underprivileged youth and thereby create a skilled workforce in relevant sector.

Project Beneficiaries-

The beneficiaries are identified and enrolled depending upon the sector and industry demands. The unemployed graduates or post graduates, college drop-outs, graduates/post graduates with prior work experience, youth engaged in informal/unorganized sector, etc. are enrolled in the sector specific training programs.

For BFSI sector specific skills training, NSDL reaches out to graduates/post graduates, self-employed youth in BFSI sector, housewives, self-help groups, unemployed youth, emerging or aspiring entrepreneurs, post office agents, etc. Apart from this, NSDL also reaches out to the different categories of candidates such as low income earning entrepreneurs, IFAs, BCs or CSPs, etc. for imparting BFSI sector specific skills training.

Project Locations-

Training programs to be conducted at the strategic locations especially, within the vicinity of NSDL’s regional office/branches namely, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kochi. The Company also reaches out to the other locations, rural areas and Tier I & II cities for conducting the training sessions depending upon the need. The web based/online training programs are conducted PAN India.

Project YOGDAAN (Support to Thalassemia Patients)**Project Details-**

NSDL provides free bed-side Leukocyte Filters and yearly DXA Scan and Cardiac & Liver T2* MRI investigations to underprivileged Thalassemia patients. The use of bed-side Leukocyte Filters helps in reducing Febrile Reaction and thereby decreases allergic reactions during blood transfusions. Moreover, NSDL has been supporting DXA Scan and Cardiac & Liver T2* MRI tests for underprivileged Thalassemia patients to diagnose

life threatening risks of iron overload which may cause damage to body parts like the heart, liver, pituitary and pancreas during blood transfusions. The Company to benefit around 310 Thalassemia patients who belong to poor socio-economic background in the current FY.

Project Objective-

To support underprivileged Thalassemia patients through preventive and curative measures by providing the essential medical devices and diagnostic services.

Project Beneficiaries-

Underprivileged Thalassemia Patients from MCGM's LTMGH (Sion Hospital) and CTC, PHO and BMT Centre, Borivali.

School Kit Distribution Program (Chalo School Chale)

Project Details-

Under this program, NSDL shall provide a complete school kit including stationery items to the underprivileged students from the government schools, government recognized schools, partially aided schools, community schools/centres, schools run by trust/community organizations.

Project Objective-

To promote education amongst students from poor socio-economic background, NSDL has launched a mega school kit distribution drive across various locations in India.

Project Beneficiaries-

The organization intends to reach out to more than 6000 students under this campaign. The students from financial weaker sections of the society shall be targeted.

Eye Check-up Camps and Preventive & Curative Eye Care for Underprivileged Communities

Project Details-

Eye Screening Camps for community people especially, farmers, salt pan workers and people engaged in allied agricultural sector. Post eye screening camps, the spectacles are provided to the beneficiaries based on their need. This project is being executed in association with Medical Research Foundation which has a clinical unit named as 'Sankara Nethralaya' based out of Chennai.

Project Objective-

The objective is to conduct eye check-up camps for the saltpan workers and farmers across the state of Tamil Nadu. Post comprehensive eye examination, the beneficiaries are provided with the spectacles for their activities of Daily Living.

Project Beneficiaries-

Under this initiative, NSDL shall be serving less-privileged community people such as farmers, salt pan workers and people engaged in agricultural allied services. Post camps, the spectacles shall be provided to the beneficiaries based on their need.

Nutrition Program for School Students**Program Details-**

NSDL and its subsidiaries shall be sponsoring Mid-Day-Meal for the students in government schools in association with Akshaya Patra Foundation. The schools shall be identified in association with the Akshaya Patra Foundation in and around the vicinity of NSDL's regional office locations.

Program Objective-

The major objective of program is to make nutritious food for children leading to better health status. To develop grasping prowess of children by improving the nutrition level, to enhance the enrolment of children in schools and encouraging needy children, belonging to disadvantaged sections, to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities.

Program Beneficiaries-

The organization caters to the students from government schools. Around 2000 students shall be provided with mid-day-meals in identified schools of Thane and Bengaluru.

NSDL SHIKSHA SAHYOG (an educational scholarship program)**Program Details-**

This program endeavours to bridge the gap between bright students and the right education by providing financial support in the form of scholarships. Through this program, NSDL intends to provide financial assistance to deserving bright students who lack adequate financial resources to cope up with their academic studies.

Program Objective-

NSDL SHIKSHA SAHYOG is an educational scholarship program initiated with the aim to support underprivileged bright students who lack adequate financial resources to cope up with their academic studies. A lot of capable students often fail to fulfil their dreams for studies due to poor financial conditions. The need for scholarships is compelling and critical for our students more than ever before.

Program Beneficiaries-

The deserving students are identified and shortlisted as per scholarship categories based on eligibility criteria. The scholarships are awarded to deserving students in different categories such as 8th to 12th STD, Undergraduate, Post Graduate students who are shortlisted as per the eligibility criteria. Apart from this, NSDL provides scholarship to the students pursuing degree & PG degree courses in engineering, medical, IT, management, vocational courses and professional course. The needy students who fall under respective academic categories are awarded with the scholarship provided they fulfil the program eligibility criteria.

Project Sanjeevani (Mobile Medical Unit)**Project Details-**

- 'Health' being one of the core CSR areas, NSDL has initiated Project Sanjeevani-Mobile Medical Unit which is a clinic on wheels serving the most vulnerable communities by providing preventive, curative and diagnostic healthcare services. The project shall be implemented in the urban as well as rural areas based on community need and health profiling.
- Health care system is one of the basic requirements of every community. Most of the slum areas in our country, till date, are with poor health infrastructure. The Mobile medical unit is gradually proving to be instrumental in addressing the needs of slum areas, particularly for low-income and marginalized populations. By running mobile health units, NSDL strives to ensure better access and timely help to the needy at their doorstep.
- Through mobile medical unit, NSDL shall provide need based primary healthcare services in the underprivileged communities by adopting the approach of multi-stakeholders engagement.
- The Mobile Medical Unit is equipped with the state-of-the-art diagnostic and curative facilities with team of doctors, lab technician and pharmacists.

- NSDL believes that Project Sanjeevani shall be a successful model for providing primary health care services within the deserving communities. Project Sanjeevani shall be executed in association with SBI Foundation.

Project Objective-

- To Provide Primary, Preventive, Diagnostic, Curative and Referral Health Services at the door step of the people in the un-served/underserved areas of a state.
- To co-ordinate with the District Health Systems to achieve improvements in SDGs like to ensure healthy lives; to reduce inequality; to improve life expectancy, etc.

Project Beneficiaries-

Through Project Sanjeevani, NSDL shall reach out to the urban, semi-urban and rural pockets to serve the local community people especially from lower socio-economic background. The project envisages to serve approx. 20,000 beneficiaries (i.e. direct and indirect) through MMU.

Project Location-

Mobile Medical Units to be deployed in Mumbai and its suburbs & Thane (Maharashtra), Hardoi (Uttar Pradesh) and Baksa (Assam). Hardoi and Baksa are one of the aspirational districts declared by NITI Ayog.

Project SAMEIP- skill development initiative for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) under NSDL's Artha SAMARTH project

Project Details-

- NSDL has been conducting various skill development programs in BFSI sector for the youth who have potentials to serve the sector through employment or self-employment mode. The skill development programs are carried out by NSDL under its flagship project, 'Artha SAMARTH'. Through this project, NSDL imparts BFSI sector skills such as BC-BF, Mutual Fund Distributors, Insurance Agents, Banking Operations, etc. followed by livelihood linkages for the trained candidates.
- Aligning to the existing Artha SAMARTH program, NSDL has initiated a special skill development and employability program for Persons with Disabilities (PwD). Project SAMEIP (i.e. SBI Foundation and Microsoft India Employability

Initiative for Persons with Disabilities) is a collaborative initiative of SBI Foundation and Microsoft India. The project to be executed in association with SBI Foundation (SBIF).

- PwDs shall be trained on BFSI and IT sector specific job roles/skills with the help of specialized trainers and industry experts.
- NSDL to empower PwDs by enabling livelihood through skill development and to promote PwD inclusion amongst employers of India.
- Project SAMEIP is aligned with the below mentioned Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
 - **(SDG) #8** is about decent work and economic growth and aims “to achieve full and productive employment, and decent work, for all women and men by 2030.”
 - **SDG #10** is about reduced inequalities and aims “to empower lower income earners, and promote economic inclusion of all regardless of sex, race or ethnicity.”
 - **SDG #17** is about partnerships for the goals and aims “to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.”

Project Objectives-

- (i) Enabling the BFSI ecosystem in India to become more disability inclusive through collaborative engagement and result-oriented advocacy;
- (ii) Facilitating long-term career development of young persons with disabilities and provide multi-dimensional program support with a holistic approach which includes skilling, upskilling, employment and post placement retention support.
- (iii) Institutionalization of the project through advocacy with government and other philanthropy partners for adoption.

Project Beneficiaries-

The project will create career pathways for 375 youth with disabilities in the BFSI and IT sector across Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. The project will also provide employment linkages as well as post placement retention support post training.

Project Mini Science Centre (MSC) in Schools

Project Details-

Mini Science Centre (MSC) is an educative, innovative and systemic facility designed to revolutionize science & math’s education that makes learning simpler and accessible. It is a catalytic channel that is interactive, engaging & fun way of learning technique aimed to raise awareness, grasp the information & strengthen the aptitude of students.

Moreover, MSC supports the teachers in teaching - with a focus on concepts from science & mathematics.

Education being the core CSR area, NSDL has been implementing various programs/initiatives to strengthen the educational eco- system and strives to provide quality education to all irrespective of the socio-economic status of the students. Mini Science Centre (MSC) is one of such initiatives which supports and encourages the students to develop aptitude & skills. Science activities are done to stimulate curiosity, provide practical opportunities to explore a concept in easy ways and develop appropriate hands-on experience in understanding science and its concepts.

Project Objective-

MSC facilitates the enhancement of aptitude of students by making learning accessible to all. The project objectives are-

- To ignite scientific interest in students.
- Enhancing scientific and mathematic intelligence.
- Learning through discovery & Innovation.
- Connecting scientific practical knowledge to their world.

Project Beneficiaries-

The government recognized schools providing primary and secondary education are tapped for this project. MSC helps to improve teaching methods for students from lesser privileged sections of society. It also enhances a positive attitude, learning capacity and skill sets of students.