

NSDL's CSR PROJECTS FOR FY 2023-24

Overview

In our relentless pursuit to drive transformative change in the deserving less privileged and marginalized communities, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) has been carrying on various socio-economic developmental projects/programs that have meaningful yet sustainable impact on the deserving lives. The Company undertakes need based and impact driven CSR projects/programs in line with its CSR policy and thematic areas.

The CSR Action Plan consisting need based projects are recommended and approved by the CSR Committee and the Board of NSDL. NSDL strives to be one of the most active organization in terms of social contribution in the depository segment in India hence, the CSR is one of the key avenues to remain connected to the community and be a responsible business by aligning our growth with the development of the society at large. At NSDL, we believe in constant engagement with the communities to understand the need and accordingly designing and delivering the project. We adopt a participatory multi-stakeholder approach that involves extensive engagement with all key stakeholders.

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

Project Yogdaan (Healthcare 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 on critical organs which may cause damage to

body parts like the heart, liver, pituitary and pancreas during blood transfusions. The Company to benefit around 323 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), Mumbai.

Chalo School Chale (school kit distribution drive)

Project Details-

Under this project, NSDL provides a complete school kit including stationery items to the underprivileged students from the targeted government recognized schools. NSDL has developed a comprehensive school kit consisting of all essential school stationery items including bag to fulfil the annual school stationery requirement of the students. Moreover, the school kits are customized as per the STD/Grades of the students wherein the contents are modified to suit each and every student. NSDL reaches out to the most needy students from govt aided/govt recognized schools especially, from rural or tribal belts of India. During FY 2023-24, NSDL to distribute 5000+ school kits to the underprivileged students across various locations such as Mumbai, Palghar, Sindhudurg, Shahapur, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Sant Kabir Nagar (UP), Morigaon and Baksa (Assam), etc.

Project Objective-

To promote education amongst students from poor socio-economic background and thereby school enrolment and classroom attendance. Alternatively, to reduce the financial burden of the parents in procuring school stationery items.

Project Beneficiaries-

The students from poor financial background who are attending the govt recognized/govt aided schools or schools run by trusts/community organizations are covered in this drive. Around 5000+ students studying between 1st STD – 10th STD to be benefitted.

Comprehensive Eye Care Project for Unorganized Occupations/Sectors

Project Details-

NSDL conducts free comprehensive eye care camps for underprivileged people who are engaged in unorganized occupations/sectors including agriculture. In last two years, NSDL has conducted eye care programs for 1000+ beneficiaries who belong to poor socio-economic background and engaged in unorganized sectors/occupations. Post eye screening, the beneficiaries are provided with spectacles for daily occupational activities based on their need and diagnosis.

In FY 2023-24, NSDL shall execute the comprehensive eye care project in the identified districts of Tamil Nadu namely, Chennai, Changanpattu, Kanchipuram, Vilupuram, Nagapattinam, Karur, Dharmapuri, Sriviliputhur, Thoothukudi, etc. The community camps shall be organized in the villages/towns/areas within in and around these locations. The project includes thorough visual task analysis of the beneficiaries followed by comprehensive eye examination and spectacle distribution. NSDL to execute the project in association with Medical Research Foundation (MRF). Further, MRF shall implement the project through its clinical unit named as 'Sankara Nethralaya' which is based out of Chennai.

Project Objective-

The objective is to conduct comprehensive eye check-up for underprivileged community people and thereby making quality eye care services accessible and available for all.

Project Beneficiaries-

Under this project, NSDL shall serve the less-privileged community people engaged in unorganized occupation/sector such as hair dressers, auto drivers, cab drivers, welders, fishermen, weavers, tailors, jewellery makers, salt-pan workers, farmers and people engaged in allied agricultural sectors, etc. Around 700+ beneficiaries to be impacted in current FY.

Mid-Day-Meal Project for School Students

Project Details-

There is a need to bridge the gap in nutritional component, enrolment and attendance leading to better learning and growth of the students. India has large number of students still out of school and one of the world's highest demographics of children suffering from malnutrition. Since 2021, NSDL in association with Akshaya Patra Foundation has been providing nutritious mid-day-meals to the students in government schools. Mid-day-meals have played a pivotal role in curbing the drop-out ratio and enhancing classroom attendance in the schools as these meals are the only nutritious food that students get in a day.

In current FY, NSDL in association with Akshaya Patra Foundation, shall be serving around 1,52,460 mid-day-meals to around 770 students in the identified government schools in Thane and Ahmedabad. With this initiative, we strive to promote education as well as ensure nutrition for the school students.

Project Objective-

The major objectives of mid-day meal scheme are to make nutritious food to 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.

Project Beneficiaries-

The school going students from government schools to be covered under this project. The concentration is majorly from lower socio-economic background, underprivileged and disadvantaged students from marginalized section of the society where mid-day-meal are their only source of meal in a day which supports them with required nutrients for healthy growth. NSDL shall be catering to approx. 10-15 schools in Thane & Ahmedabad thereby covering 770 students.

Support for Geriatric and Palliative Care Centre in association with Sneha Sandhya Age Care Foundation

Project Details-

NSDL has associated with Sneha Sandhya Age Care Foundation in its mission to provide geriatric and palliative care to the underprivileged community people in Visakhapatnam and adjoining districts/areas. The objective is to offer specialized health care services especially, palliative care and geriatric care to underprivileged community people

throughout the year. NSDL to support the foundation by providing essential medical equipment and machinery in its upcoming integrated Palliative and Geriatric Care centre in Gambheeram village in Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) wherein NSDL to set-up X-Ray, Ultra sound and ECG unit. The unit shall provide free of cost screening of the out-patients and in-patients for better diagnosis and treatment.

The hospital shall provide free of cost Palliative care for persons suffering from Cancer and Non-Cancer illnesses as well as geriatric care including dementia care, long time care, respite care, residential rehabilitative care, transitional care, etc. for elderly people. The center along with its out-reach services is projected to serve people not only from the city of Visakhapatnam but also from the adjoining districts.

Project Objective-

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-

As a part of geriatric care, NSDL shall be serving the elderly persons particularly from lower socio-economic sections of the society and elderly persons from the old age homes (without family support) and persons with dementia. While for palliative Care, patients with terminal / incurable diseases with expected life span of days to weeks shall be served. Through healthcare centre, it is expected to serve approx. 33000+ inpatients and out-patients in a year.

Infra Support in Andhra Education Society's High School, Wadala

Project Details-

NSDL endeavours to promote education amongst less-privileged students by creating effective learning environment for them. Previously, NSDL has undertaken likewise programs such as setting up libraries, e-learning classrooms, basic infra development, Mini Science Centres, etc. to provide effective learning environment for the students.

This financial year, NSDL shall provide classroom benches in the identified school in Mumbai.

Project Objective-

The objective of the project is to promote quality education for the less-privileged and thereby support the educational eco-system.

Project Beneficiaries-

The classroom benches shall be provided for secondary and higher secondary standards of AES High School, Wadala, Mumbai which is catering to educational needs of the students from poor socio-economic background.

Project Sanjeevani -Mobile Medical Unit (Clinic on Wheel) (Multi-year/On-going Project)

Project Details-

Health care system is one of the basic requirements of every community. Most of the communities 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 rural, tribal and slum areas, particularly for low-income and marginalized populations. MMU has proven to be a successful model for providing primary health care services to the underprivileged communities. It envisages the benefit of the poor communities by providing immediate health check-ups and medical treatment.

NSDL had launched Project Sanjeevani- Mobile Medical Unit (also known as Clinic on Wheels) to provide primary healthcare services including preventive, diagnostic and curative care services in the rural, tribal, semi-urban and urban slum areas/communities in India. Project Sanjeevani is being executed in association with SBI Foundation in Mumbai (Maharashtra), Tamulpur-Baksa (Assam) and Hardoi (Uttar Pradesh). The Mobile Medical Units are equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic facilities such as portable Microscopes, ECG, Gastro fibro scope, autoclaves, stretchers, laboratory facility and other essential diagnostic accessories. Besides this, MMU is accompanied by a team consisting of doctor, lab technician, pharmacist and driver cum health assistant. Through Project Sanjeevani, NSDL provides free of cost primary health care services to the needy people at their doorstep. It is our endeavour to serve the deserving communities/areas in rural, tribal and slums who are deprived of basic healthcare services. The services are delivered as per the community health profiling and need assessment done in the targeted communities. Besides this, NSDL also conducts specialized health camps as per the community needs and facilitates referral services for the patients with critical illness. Various awareness sessions on hygiene & sanitation and waste management are conducted in the communities. Project Sanjeevani is being executed with a well-designed structured approach which encompasses multi-stakeholder liaising who are considered as an integral part of the project.

For FY 2023-24, NSDL shall launch two Sanjeevani units in rural, tribal, slums and semi-urban pockets of India.

Project Objectives-

- To Provide Primary, Preventive, Diagnostic, Curative and Referral Health Services at the door step of the people in the un-served/underserved areas of the country.
- 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 to serve the needy population from urban slums, semi-urban areas, rural & tribal pockets in the identified locations in India. Approx. 20,000 beneficiaries (i.e. 7000-8000 direct beneficiaries and 12000-13000 indirect beneficiaries, being the family members) are expected to be served in each targeted location through each MMU in a year.

Project Sanjeevani Nirantar Seva- Ambulance Service on Roads and Highways dedicated for Road Accident victims (Multi-year/On-going Project).**Project Details-**

Emergency response services on road are one of the the most needed and critical services in India. In order to provide timely health services to the road accident victims, NSDL has initiated Project Sanjeevani Nirantar Seva which is an ambulance specially deployed in the most accident prone zones of major roadways/highways. The unit shall serve the road accident victims by providing emergency healthcare services. As the name suggests, project shall render emergency services on prominent highways for 24x7 through the year. NSDL shall deploy 2 such units of Sanjeevani Nirantar Seva on major highways in Maharashtra. The project shall be executed in association with SBI Foundation.

Project Objective-

To make emergency healthcare services available and accessible for road accident victims and affected commuters during emergency situation on highways.

Project Beneficiaries-

Road accident victims and affected commuters in emergency situation.

NSDL SHIKSHA SAHYOG- an educational scholarship project (Multi year/On-going Project)

Project Details-

This project endeavours to bridge the gap between bright students and the right education by providing financial support in the form of scholarships. Through this project, NSDL intends to provide financial assistance to deserving bright students who lack adequate financial resources to cope up with their academic studies. For project execution, NSDL has associated with credible agencies such as Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) and Vidyasaarathi (Protean e-Governance initiative) and Sri Pratyaksha Charitable Trust (SPCT).

Project Objective-

NSDL SHIKSHA SAHYOG is an educational scholarship project 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 and hence, NSDL provides need based scholarship support on meritorious basis to the deserving bright students in various scholarship categories.

Project 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 courses. The needy students who fall under respective academic categories are awarded with the scholarship provided they fulfil the project eligibility criteria.