

**The Follow Your Dream Foundation  
Australia (TFYDFA)**

**VILLAGE ADOPTION - SMART VILLAGE**



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## The Follow Your Dream Foundation, Australia (TFYDFA)

The Follow your Dream Foundation, Australia was set up in 2013-14 with an aim to help disadvantaged Women and Children.

The first assistance can take many forms like health, education and income. The Foundation received \$100000 from Lions Clubs International Multiple District 201, Australia through the chairman Barry Palmer.

Several other fund raising nights were organized by the Sydney Inner West Lions club to help establish the foundation financially.

The Foundation is sponsoring children to a school camp in South Australia and is also supporting children feeding programs in India.

The Foundation has a Board of Trustees that oversee the running of the Foundation.

We have committed to a village in India to become a smart village by funding Safe Drinking water and Sanitation needs to start with.

A recognition program has now been developed to encourage individuals, groups of people, Lions Clubs, NGOs etc. to support the program financially. In the future we will be looking at Donors visiting the projects with us to assist with the work in the village.

## Smart Village Towards Smart Andhra Pradesh



Smart Village towards Smart Andhra Pradesh initiative focuses on improved resource-use efficiency, empowered local self-governance, access to assured basic amenities and responsible individual and community behaviour to build a vibrant and safe society.

Building on the existing Missions, Campaigns, Grids, Programmes and Schemes of the State and Central Government, the Smart Village programme intends to achieve SMART infrastructure, SMART service delivery, SMART technology and innovation, SMART institutions along with optimal mobilisation and utilisation of available resources, leading to faster and more inclusive growth.

### Expected outcomes of programme

- a. Villages (Gram Panchayats)/Wards take collective responsibility to realise their shared vision of development
- b. Partnerships to guide and demonstrate innovations, latest affordable technologies, and resources to facilitate and accelerate participatory, inclusive and sustainable development within Gram Panchayats/Wards
- c. Trigger processes to strengthen on-going services and schemes for effectiveness and efficiency in equitable access and utilisation of entitlements
- d. Significant improvement in the identified development commitments

## Requirements of a smart village

A 'Smart Village/Ward' encompasses sustainable and inclusive development of all sections of its community, so they enjoy a high standard of living. The 100 per cent achievement of the following basic amenities, outcomes and services in a definite time frame, is a non-negotiable condition for moving towards Smart Village-Smart Ward:

1. Homes for all – with access to toilet, safe-drinking water, and regular power
2. Every household has diversified livelihood opportunities and/or micro-enterprise
3. SHGs and youths have access to skills development and Village Enterprise Development with bank and market linkages
4. End open defecation
5. Have functional solid/liquid waste management system
6. End all preventable maternal deaths and infant deaths
7. 100 per cent institutional deliveries
8. Zero school drop outs of boys and girls up to 12th class
9. Functional toilet, potable water, electricity available in Anganwadi Centres, schools, health centres, GP/Ward buildings
10. Malnutrition free (children below 9 years of age)
11. No girl-child marriages (girls below 18 years of age)
12. Every farm has soil health card, enriched essential micro-nutrients and diversification with livestock and trees
13. Every village household has a functional bank account/PM Jan Dhan Bank Account
14. Every GP/Ward has its own dynamic development plan prepared by community participation
15. Every GP/Ward has green trees all over its geographic boundaries
16. Every GP/Ward has functional water conservation and harvesting structures
17. Every GP/Ward has functional Information Centre, Computer Lab, and Mee-Seva Centre
18. Every GP/Ward has telecom/internet connectivity
19. Gram Sabha/Ward Sabha are held four times a year with minimum two-thirds attendance
20. Every GP/Ward has a functional grievance redressal system

## Role of the partner(s) in smart village-smart ward programme

The Partner(s) will provide leadership and arrange for enhancing capacities, development, self-management skills, entrepreneurial activities, etc.

1. Participate in collective visioning exercises of Village and Gram Panchayat.
2. Engage with all sections of the community and institutions in the village
3. Mobilise additional funds, which might be required; arrange appropriate technical support and promote innovation and good practices for holistic development of Gram Panchayat/Ward(s)/cluster of Wards/thematic sectors, as applicable.
4. Facilitate implementation of approved development plans and adherence to timelines with focus on sustained development.

5. Contribute to achieve inclusive growth and expedite achievement of key result areas.
6. Bring in new ideas/innovations/technologies, and set up technical teams of experts/facilitators for expediting community mobilisation and process of holistic development in the Gram Panchayat / Wards / thematic sectors.
7. Harness the strengths of local committees, village resource persons, village-level organisations, volunteers and institutions for synergy and convergence to reach all the sections of deprived communities.
8. Facilitate learning reflection meetings, undertake evaluations.
9. Provide market linkages to local products through standardisation, quality assurance, etc.
10. Celebrate achievements of non-negotiable development commitments with community.

### **Do's for Partner(s)**

- Explain clearly who you are and what you are for
- Exploratory walk through the area – to know rural ecological conditions
- Know the past and present conditions of village/ward
- Listen more to community members; observe more the local processes
- Treat all people with dignity and respect; show respect and sensitivity towards gender, cultural and religious practices
- Respect local talent and knowledge available to facilitate doing things differently
- Maintain high ethical standards; immediately address untrustworthy or dishonest behaviour
- Adopt participatory, convergent, empowering, ecologically sound, socially acceptable, self-reliant and self-sustainable processes and interventions
- Set high standards for quality of work; monitor and maintain quality of work; ensure works are in a systematic, methodical and orderly way; consistently achieve set outcomes
- Tackle demanding goals with enthusiasm; develop and follow accountability framework
- Sit on equal platform; respect other people's opinions;

### **Don'ts for Partner(s)**

- Do not disregard local people's working knowledge, skills and abilities
- Don't be a stereotype, don't stereotype
- Don't rush the process
- Do not criticise or ridicule their ideas, practices, local beliefs
- Avoid ordering anyone
- Do not exhibit power or authority
- Don't threaten
- Don't dominate the proceedings
- Don't accept any gratuity

**OUR PRIORITIES**  
The primary aim is to help Women and Children

**To provide Safe Drinking water**



Unsafe underground drinking water in unhygienic conditions



Untreated drinking water being supplied from unknown sources through tankers

**Build Toilets with water supply to end open defecation.**



A thatched bath room barely protecting



Half-done toilets with drainage exposed spreading diseases.



Toilets without water supply, proper drainage & Doors making them unusable.

## Diversified Livelihood opportunities & Micro Enterprise



Black smith making and sharpening tools and aids used for agriculture & other trades.



Ground Nuts grown in the area being segregated and processed



Dairy is a decent source of Income for a Family.



Ladies making brooms used for cleaning from sticks picked from local areas.



A provisions shop- another micro enterprise



Rearing Goats for meat- micro Enterprise

## Children's Education and Mal Nutrition Free Diet.



A girl child studying outside the hut in an hygienic atmosphere



Children playing amongst harmful things without going to school.



Education materials in Government Primary education centre



The only teacher available in the primary education centre



The insufficient food being supplied through the primary centre to children. | The eggs are given once in a while. Even pregnant mothers are supposed to be eating the same.

## Road Side Drainage with Solid & Liquid waste disposal with emphasis on rain water harvesting.



Waste disposed everywhere in the village making the surroundings unhealthy



Drainage system half done and blocked.



Lack of drainage system creating water puddles there by attracting mosquitoes and flies.



Lack of hygiene because of improper liquid waste disposal system & rain water harvesting mechanisms.

### Awareness Programmes

We can take up awareness programmes at the village level addressing issues like

- ♦ Propagating 100 per cent institutional deliveries
- ♦ Ensuring Zero school drop outs of boys and girls up to 12th class
- ♦ Making villagers say no to girl-child marriages (girls below 18 years of age)