

What is AID?

Association for India's Development (AID) is a non-profit organization that supports a wide variety of social development projects and campaigns that empower the lives of the poor and the underprivileged in India. Ever since its humble beginnings in 1991, AID has grown into an international organization with chapters in the US, India, the UK, Germany and Australia.

Our Mission

*Compassion wherever there is suffering,
Conviction that the compassion is strong
enough to eliminate suffering,
Courage to make this conviction a reality.
This is AID.*

Our Approach

Problems of poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, social inequality, corruption are inter-related, as are the solutions to these problems. To overcome these challenges we take a holistic approach by

- Conducting several short-term projects geographically distributed throughout India.
- Sustaining a deeper long-term involvement in our projects and campaigns to bring about meaningful social change.
- Measuring and evaluating our progress continuously.

AID at a Glance:

❖ Founded in:	1991
❖ Chapters:	52
❖ Active Volunteers in the US:	500
❖ Number of Paid Employees:	none
❖ Projects Supported:	365
❖ Indian States Represented:	20

Awards and Recognitions

- Highest Four star rating by charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities, 2004.
- The 1997 Humanitarian Leadership award at the **International History Week** held in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Coverage in leading newspapers and magazines such as The Hindu, Times of India and Rediff.com.

Sample AID Projects

- *TNSF, Tamilnadu* – Support for a model school for children in Vellore.
- *Sewa, Gujarat* – Marketing and distribution for female artisans to improve income levels.
- *Pedal Power Generator, Domkhedi, Maharashtra* – Experimental alternative power generation project in the dam-affected regions.
- *Vanavasi Ashram, Kerala* – Improvement of the curriculum of two public schools serving tribal students.
- *Ruchika, Orissa* – Platform schools for child laborers working in Bhubaneshwar's railway stations.
- *Lodhar, Uttar Pradesh* – Tutoring the children of migrant workers.
- *Nagpur, Maharashtra* – Rehabilitation of Bargi dam oustees.
- *VGKK, Karnataka* – Literacy and vocational training program for children.
- *Adhikar, Orissa* – Empowering women through micro credit schemes.



To find out more about AID visit:

<http://www.aidindia.org>

AID publishes a monthly newsletter that outlines various projects underway in India. Sign up for our mailing list by contacting us at info@aidaustin.org

AID-Austin

About AID-Austin

❖ Started in:	1997
❖ Active volunteers:	30
❖ Projects Funded:	18
❖ Funds raised in 2004:	\$20,000

Recent Projects by AID Austin

- *Alternate Energy Project* – Promotion of parabolic Solar Cookers in Rural Areas in Maharashtra.
- *Village Libraries* – Cost effective libraries in 2000 villages in Tamil Nadu.
- *Gana Chetna* – Income generation and awareness building using sustainable organic farming, forest protection within tribal community in Orissa.
- *Utthan* – Water Resources Management and Women's Empowerment in Gujarat.
- *Narmada Janasahyog* – Food Relief for displaced communities due to Sardar Sarovar Dam in Manibelli of Maharashtra.
- *Hundred Block Plan (HBP)*: An AID-wide initiative to provide integrated rural development including health, education, low cost technologies and women empowerment in over 1,000 villages in the states of Bihar and Tamil Nadu.

Campaigns by AID Austin

Sardar Sarovar Dam Displacement – For rehabilitation of the 45000 families who have been displaced by the Sardar Sarovar Dam.

Bhopal Gas Tragedy Victims Compensation – Adequate compensation for the survivors of the Bhopal gas tragedy and the victims who are still exposed to the contamination in the region.

Activities

- Organize various fund-raising events like concerts (Aavartan, Be the Change), One for India campaign, HEB gift card programs.
- Organize drives to collect used computers, books, and documentaries for educational projects in India.
- Invite distinguished guests from US and from India for talks on various social topics.
- Screening video for field visits, organize group discussions and seminars on various social issues; participate in local community awareness events.

How can you help?

Monetary

- You can make monetary contributions on a periodic or one-time basis. All donations to AID are tax-exempt. Our federal tax id is 04-3652609.
- Buying AID merchandise like T-shirts, calendars, kurtas, etc.
- Donating used books, computers, and educational material.
- Participating in our Penny drive, HEB gift card program.

Non-Monetary

- Join our crusade by becoming an AID volunteer.
- Visit AID sponsored projects in India near your hometown.
- Attend or participate in our awareness events, group discussions, seminars.
- Participate in various AID forums that voice their opinions against unjust social practices.

Association for India's Development Inc (AID Inc) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Our federal tax-ID is 04-3652609. All donations to AID Inc are tax deductible.

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**Providing Inter connected solutions
for Inter connected problems**

AID Austin volunteers meet every **Saturday at 5 pm on UT campus** (ENS 115). Come, be a part of our team!