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**Indiaspora Releases 2020: *Indian Diaspora in Action***

**The Indian American diaspora has taken a leadership position in COVID-19 relief efforts in both the U.S. and India**

Washington, DC — July 30, 2020 — [Indiaspora](#), a nonprofit organization of global Indian diaspora leaders from various backgrounds and professions, released today **2020 Indian Diaspora in Action: Tracking the Indian American Response to COVID-19**, a report detailing the philanthropic impact of the diaspora on COVID-19 relief. The tremendous outpouring of support for both the U.S. and India has been witnessed across the board from helping to provide meals to migrant workers in India, personal protective equipment to frontline healthcare workers, education through e-learning and healthcare.

The report details the actions of 58 non-profit organizations re-purposing their efforts in response to the pandemic and illustrates the power of the Indian Diaspora community.

“Never before have we witnessed such a united all-out community relief effort amongst the diaspora. One of the most unique aspects we witnessed was the efforts by the next generation of philanthropists through their incredible volunteer efforts,” said Gabrielle Trippe, Indiaspora Philanthropy Initiatives Manager.

A notable group that has been at the forefront of the response since the onset of the pandemic is the [India Philanthropy Alliance \(IPA\)](#). IPA is a coalition of twelve development and humanitarian organizations working together to mobilize resources and build alliances to benefit India. Charmain of India Philanthropy Alliance Deepak Raj stated, “It is an honor to lead such a remarkable group of organizations coming together in a historic response to support those most in need during these incredibly challenging times.”

The actions taken by the Indian Diaspora show they are committed to providing sustained long-term relief during the pandemic and serve as a model and inspiration for individuals and communities across the globe.

“We feel it is our *dharma*, or duty, to help others during this time,” said Arun Kankani, President at Sewa International, USA, whose nonprofit has been providing on-the-ground relief, and also began a COVID-19 plasma registry to help physicians treat patients with respiratory

failure from COVID-19. “When we saw so many affected, we didn’t feel like we had a choice in the matter.”

Indiaspora is proud to note that several of these organizations were founded by Indiaspora members. These organizations include: 360Plus, Arogya World, Achieving Women Equity Foundation, Freedom Employability Academy, Indian American Council’s Hunger Mitao, and WISH Foundation.

Indiaspora also recently completed a giving campaign to fight hunger, [ChaloGive for COVID-19](#), in response to food insecurity during the pandemic. Spearheaded by its members, the campaign raised more than \$1.18 million and provided more than 8 million meals through partner organizations Feeding America in the U.S. and Goonj in India.

**Indiaspora** ([www.indiaspora.org](http://www.indiaspora.org)) is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization established to transform the success of the Indian diaspora into meaningful impact worldwide. Our members are a powerful network of diaspora leaders from diverse backgrounds and professions who are committed to building stronger communities with a culture of giving and inspiring social change.

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