



PROFILE



**We are in the 4th decade of
serving communities in need in Jammu & Kashmir
and are committed to doing more...**



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Empowering Children & Youth and Protecting Wildlife & Environment

National Development Foundation (NDF) is an Independent Civil Society Organisation and a grass root NGO working for the last more than three decades on issues related to Child Protection, Education, WASH, Youth Empowerment & Skill Development, DRR & Emergency Response and Nature, Wildlife & Climate Change, focusing on Children, Youth and Women. The organisation is familiar with the local situations and has an extensive presence in various districts across Jammu & Kashmir. NDF has brought positive changes in the lives of Children, Youth and Communities it worked for and has done a commendable job during the last three decades, which has been appreciated and recognised by Government, Communities, Stakeholders and Beneficiaries alike and which can be viewed on our website www.ndf.net.in.

NDF J&K was formerly known as Modern Cultural Club (MCC) and was set up on 7th September 1992, in Rajouri, J&K, India and got registered under the Societies Act in 1994. NDF was the brainchild of its founder Mr Rajiv Khajuria who established it with a group of 20 young boys & girls.

This youth group got support from the Government and Communities, which strengthened the organisation and helped it grow into a full-fledged NGO owing to its transparent approach and excellent measurable outcomes of its work.

In May 2011, the management of MCC changed its name to National Development Foundation (NDF) to capture the wide range of work cited above as a development organisation. NDF shifted its headquarters from Rajouri to Jammu in 2010, considering the need to be centrally located since its activities extended across Jammu & Kashmir. NDF is a professional NGO with an independent executive board having no blood relations. We work with the target communities' active participation and close collaboration with the Government and have signed MoUs with the state Govt. / DM of the districts it works to give impetus to the mission. Apart from this, many Govt. circulars are in place to facilitate the programmes and activities of NDF. NDF won the best NGO State award by NYKS Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India in 1996-97. In addition, many state and district level awards and appreciations from Govt. have been received from time to time. NDF began its work by organising youth towards National character building by channelising their limitless energies.

The aim of youth mobilisation, capacity building, leadership training programmes, street plays, sports, youth activities and promoting the rights of children and women was to promote peace in the Pir Panjaal region during peak militancy in the late nineties.

In addition to field interventions in the early twenties, NDF started its systemic work and became the first organisation in the state to facilitate the constitution of the first-ever district-level child protection committee under the ICPS Scheme, ordered and headed by the then Deputy Commissioner Rajouri.

At present, National Development Foundation has become a vibrant civil society organisation which enjoys the trust and support of local communities and the Government in Jammu & Kashmir. NDF has field experience & expertise in Child Protection, Education, WASH, Youth Empowerment & Skill Development, DRR & Emergency Response and Environment Protection.

NDF has registration under Societies Registration Act, Neeti Ayog, CSR-1, 12A, 80G and fulfils all other eligibility criteria to be supported by the Government, corporate and any other donors.



OUR MISSION

To create an environment where every individual exercises their rights with dignity and lives in harmony with nature.



OUR VISION

To contribute towards empowering communities, particularly children and youth, to realise their rights, creating opportunities for their development and conservation of nature and natural resources.

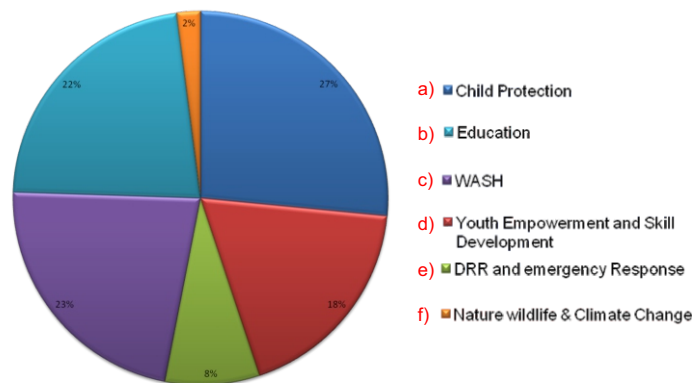
OUR APPROACH

We explore opportunities to create developmental and conservation models through our programmes with the active participation of Govt. and the communities we work for. Such models are then used as demonstrations and examples of what can be achieved, and we advocate for their replication and wider take-up by the Govt. and other service providers. We work to improve systems, supplement existing schemes and link marginalised communities to such projects mainly run by the Government.

OUR BELIEF

National Development Foundation (NDF) believes sustainable change is impossible without the Civil Society's proactive involvement in the development process, particularly among Children, Youth and Women. National Development Foundation works with them to make them partners in its mission. We believe that community involvement can transform the dynamics of any civil society intervention. The participation of community members ensures that programmes respond directly to their priorities. By empowering community members, we see a range of practical benefits, including increased capacity and skills of local community members, greater beneficiary engagement, increased information sharing, and better programme outcomes for both the organisation and the beneficiaries.

National Development Foundation's work over the last thirty years



OUR VALUES

Credibility

We work efficiently with optimum utilisation of resources and are accountable to communities, partners, and donors. We set the highest standards of personal commitment toward our work.

Proactive

We set high goals, work proactively to achieve them, and are committed to improving our quality of work.

Innovation

We are open to new ideas that can bring sustainable changes in the lives of the communities we work for, particularly Children and Youth. We learn from the past and improve/organise for the future.

What we do:

a. Child Protection

Nation Development Foundation works and collaborates with various Government and non Government stakeholders in creating a protective environment for children free from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation, and neglect; strengthening community-based child protection mechanisms through effective implementation of child protection policies, legislations, services, and schemes; advocating and influencing legal and policy reforms in line with Global Conventions on the Rights of the Child in the state of J&K; and utilising a child rights programming framework keeping in mind the cross-cutting themes of child participation, non-discrimination and best interest of children while working with and for children for the realisation of their Rights.

We are strengthening health systems & nutrition services for all children and women. Effective implementation of health/medical schemes; preventing child marriage & reducing adolescent pregnancies; providing infrastructure and health services to improve the health status of communities.



b. Education

National Development Foundation, NDF collaborate with various Government and non-Governmental stakeholders and works towards ensuring every child, especially the most marginalised those in greater danger of being left behind like girls and children with disabilities, enjoy their right to equitable and quality Education from early learning opportunities to secondary Education so that they reach their full potential; work for effective implementation of education policies, legislations, schemes and services; strengthening policy and legal reforms in line with the right to Education and providing infrastructure to improve education services.



c. Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

National Development Foundation, NDF aims to improve general public health and transform the lives of communities by improving their access to safe Water, sanitation and hygiene; work and build partnerships with Government and non-governmental stakeholders to empower and enable communities to demonstrate sustainable WASH solutions to influence policy; improve access to water supply by leveraging government resources; construct toilets to stop open defecation for universal toilet use at households, school, institutions, and public places; improve hygiene practices by promoting knowledge and motivating change on main hygiene behaviours; strengthening linkages between government WASH facilities/schemes and communities, and promote safe waste management and disposal.



d. Youth Empowerment and Skill Development



National Development Foundation, NDF aims at creating a pool of young and independent people from a section of eligible and underprivileged youth and women through skill upgradation and livelihoods in accordance with market requirements to aid economic growth; skill up-gradation through vocational training of deserving and most marginalised youth and women; Gender equity and women empowerment; development and empowerment of youth and adolescents by utilising their limitless energies and potential through, Camping, Leadership programmes, Sports, cultural, literary and other youth activities which can inculcate among them a sense of patriotism, selfless service, the dignity of labour, fraternity, brotherhood and overall discipline in a broader sense.

e. DRR and Emergency Response

National Development Foundation, NDF aims to build resilience and reduce the vulnerability of communities, especially children, youth, and women, by improving community preparedness for emergencies. In the aftermath of natural disasters; work and collaborate with Government and non-governmental stakeholders to reach out to the most marginalised & needy families affected by natural disasters to respond to their immediate essential needs and long-term rehabilitation; to promote and build leadership among children, youth, and women through community-based approaches enabling them to participate in the decision making process to respond effectively to humanitarian crises; and provide child-friendly spaces to cater to the children's psychological, nutritional, medical and protection needs.



f. Nature, Wildlife and Climate Change



Under this thematic area, our main thrust is on a) Himalayan Wildlife & Environment Protection, b) Climate Mitigation & Adaptation c) Water & Wetlands. National Development Foundation, NDF aims to work with many stakeholders to conserve and protect Himalayan Wildlife and critical ecosystems for continued social, economic and environmental benefits. In addition, we work on various climate mitigation and adaptation strategies to reduce climate change's impacts. NDF also aims to document wetlands and wetland biodiversity of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh through on-the-ground research and citizen science initiatives. To achieve the overall objectives, we aim to work closely with communities, several leading scientists, conservationists, educators & experts from varied professional backgrounds with a passion for the conservation of nature and natural resources.

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