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CLEAN WATER PROGRAMME



Over 40 years, Barefoot College has been providing sustainable community-based water solutions through participation of communities. While setting up solutions, it has directly changed the way societies interact with other, alleviating poverty and racism. With a huge team of Barefoot well diggers and architects, the clean water programme has presence in 156 villages across the nation.

**28,07,658 BENEFICIARIES
UNDER THE WATER TANK
PROJECT**

**1081 WATER QUALITY TESTS
ACROSS 156 VILLAGES
IN RAJASTHAN**

**32,430 HOUSEHOLDS
BENEFITTED UNDER THE
WATER TESTING PROJECT**

**363 VILLAGES BENEFITTED
UNDER THE WATER TANK
PROJECT**

EDUCATION INITIATIVES



Shiksha Niketan School, Tilonia

Shiksha Niketan is widely recognised for the high quality of education it provides for rural children as well as its students' high academic and extra-curricular performance. Barefoot College distinguishes between 'literacy' and 'education', and endeavours to provide an alternate form of holistic education for children. This includes embedding and strengthening a value system to enable children to think and analyse for themselves, as well as enhancing traditional and practical skills that would help to sustain and develop rural India.



Residential Bridge School, Rajasthan

The Residential Bridge School offers a 10 month residential programme which is run under Barefoot College in Singla. The Residential Bridge School is run for those children whose parents leave their native place for livelihood or whose parents are financially weak. The Residential Bridge School aims at providing education to the children aged between 9 to 14 years. The programme is running to ensure that children, who are deprived of education either due to poor education facilities or due to family related difficulties, become proficient in languages (English and Hindi) along with exploring concepts of science, mathematics and computers via a specially designed curriculum that involves hands on approach, thus are able to join main stream of education.



Barefoot Solar Night Schools, India

The Barefoot Solar Night School project started with just three schools in 1975. This grew to nine in 1980 and twenty-nine in 1981. Today the Barefoot College runs around 72 schools in remote and far-flung villages of India. Building on the back of our 35-year-old model of highly successful Non-formal education across 4 States in India which today are reaching 1800 children yearly, we began piloting our Digital upgraded version in 2015. These solar powered and Wi-Fi enabled learning hubs also have the added impact of offering gateways for adult learning, information dissemination and information access for entire communities. They are bringing communities together behind children's education and creating empowered communities, not only for children. The informal environment utilises innovative learning tools to teach literacy, democratic values, environmental sustainability, analytical skills, programming, creativity and mathematic and scientific skills.



Barefoot Crèches, Rajasthan

In 1973, SWRC Tilonia started 3 crèches for women and child development. The aim was to reduce the mortality rate of children of age 0 to 6 years, maintain good health, reduce malnutrition, and to provide pre-school education for children. Gradually as the information of this program spread among the rural areas, various villages expressed their need for this program. This program is being run by SWRC with the help of the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi in different extension centre at the village level. The program is implemented in the villages by a committee set up along with the Creche.

1 REGULAR DAY SCHOOL
2 RESIDENTIAL BRIDGE SCHOOL
83 SOLAR BRIDGE SCHOOLS
48 CRECHES

1 VOCATIONAL TRAINING
INSTITUTE TO CREATE
FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

178 VILLAGES BENEFITTED

5,147 YOUNG
BENEFICIARIES

EDUCATING 10 GIRLS FOR
EVERY 8 BOYS

5,314 VACCINATIONS
PROVIDED

HEALTH INITIATIVE



Since 1973, the Barefoot College health care programme has provided basic health services to people from weaker economic sections in 150 villages in five blocks of Rajasthan, through a team of Barefoot doctors, health workers, midwives, pathologists and dentists with little or no formal educational backgrounds. The College has demystified medical technologies and equipped rural communities with basic health facilities. Through a network of grassroots leaders in the Barefoot health team, the Barefoot College has fostered health awareness among rural men, women and children on issues such as hygiene, food and nutrition, mother and child care,

immunisation, oral health, family planning and midwifery. Over 200 Barefoot health workers have been trained to treat patients from the rural communities with common diseases and administer allopathic, acupuncture and homeopathic remedies. They also deliver quarterly check ups to all our students without having any formal qualification beside the one of devotion and practice. This strategy has concurred not only to the decreased dependency of rural communities on urban areas, but has succeeded in reducing outmigration by generating long term employment and strengthening the community's self sustainability.

Amritchuran is a indigenously developed nutrition supplement that is provided to children to alleviate infant mortality.

6,674 BENEFICIERIES

**175 WOMEN OPTED FOR
PERMANENT BIRTH
CONTROL IN 42 VILLAGES**

**1354 YOUNG
BENEFICIARIES**

**3,411 VACCINATIONS
PROVIDED**

RURAL EMPLOYMENT



barefoot college 

Rural Industries is a network built across villages from Rajasthan to collectively manufacture handicrafts that are internationally marketed. The network employs people from varying expertise such as leather-goods manufacturers, Paper makers, Tailors, Block Printers, Dyers, Carpenters among many.

448 RURAL ARTISANS

**12 WOMEN EMPLOYED FOR
EVERY 1 MAN**

**TOTAL SALE OF
161,000 USD**

**36 TRAINING WORKSHOPS
SPREAD ACROSS THE YEAR**

PLANTATION PROGRAMME



ByLawrenceMigliaro

Since 1973, the Plantation programme has been a prime reason for the wide spread greenery across 100km radius from the headquarters. The Nursery, a place for time saplings to thrive houses about 6000 plants. A conceptual permaculture gardens are being established to channel grey water to grow green manure. With plants being organically grown, the dependancies of farmers on chemical fertilisers is being reduced since 40 years.

60 VILLAGES BENEFITTED

**10,000 TREES
PLANTED UNDER
PERMACULTURE PLAN**

**1,300 SAPLINGS
DISTRIBUTED FOR FREE**

**BUILT A BANK OF
ORGANICALLY GROWN
SEEDS NATIVE TO INDIA**

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



Women's empowerment and rights has been a major and long standing concern of the Barefoot College community outreach. The first Mahila Mela (women's gathering) that took place in 1985 drew 1,000 rural women from 14 different language groups in India. The gathering ended with women taking to the streets in the very first protest against rape and gender-based violence in Rajasthan. The Women's Mela on the 8th of March, has become an important annual event. In 1987, women broke more barriers by rallying together and joining the women's campaign in Rajasthan against the revival of traditional feudal practices, particularly Sati (bride immolation). They were also an integral part of the campaign against the

gang rape of Bhanwri Devi, a historic case against violence on women, in India. Since then women have always been considered the central pillar of many of the programs designed at the Barefoot College, spanning from reproductive health, to advocacy and education to vocational training. Recognising the fundamental role of women as educators, caring members of the communities, and repositories of traditional and environmental knowledge, the College has equipped them with different sets of very technical skills, providing them with employment opportunities and with knowledge and skills that they can pass on to the next generations.

**5,784 WOMEN
BENEFICIARIES**

**68 TARGET VILLAGES IN
RAJASTHAN**

**418 WOMEN GROUP
MEETINGS**

**7 WORKSHOPS ON WOMEN
RIGHTS**

COMMUNICATION MEDIA



The Barefoot Communication section started in 1981 with a team of traditional musicians, puppeteers and story tellers. Using familiar means of communication the team performed in villages and started raising discussions on important socio economic issues like caste, gender, labor, women and children rights, and addressing community issues like water, sanitation, waste and environmental sustainability. Armed with *Zochim Chacha*, A familiar Barefoot puppet in the villages, they now change communities.

192 PUPPET SHOWS

24,730 BENEFICIERIES

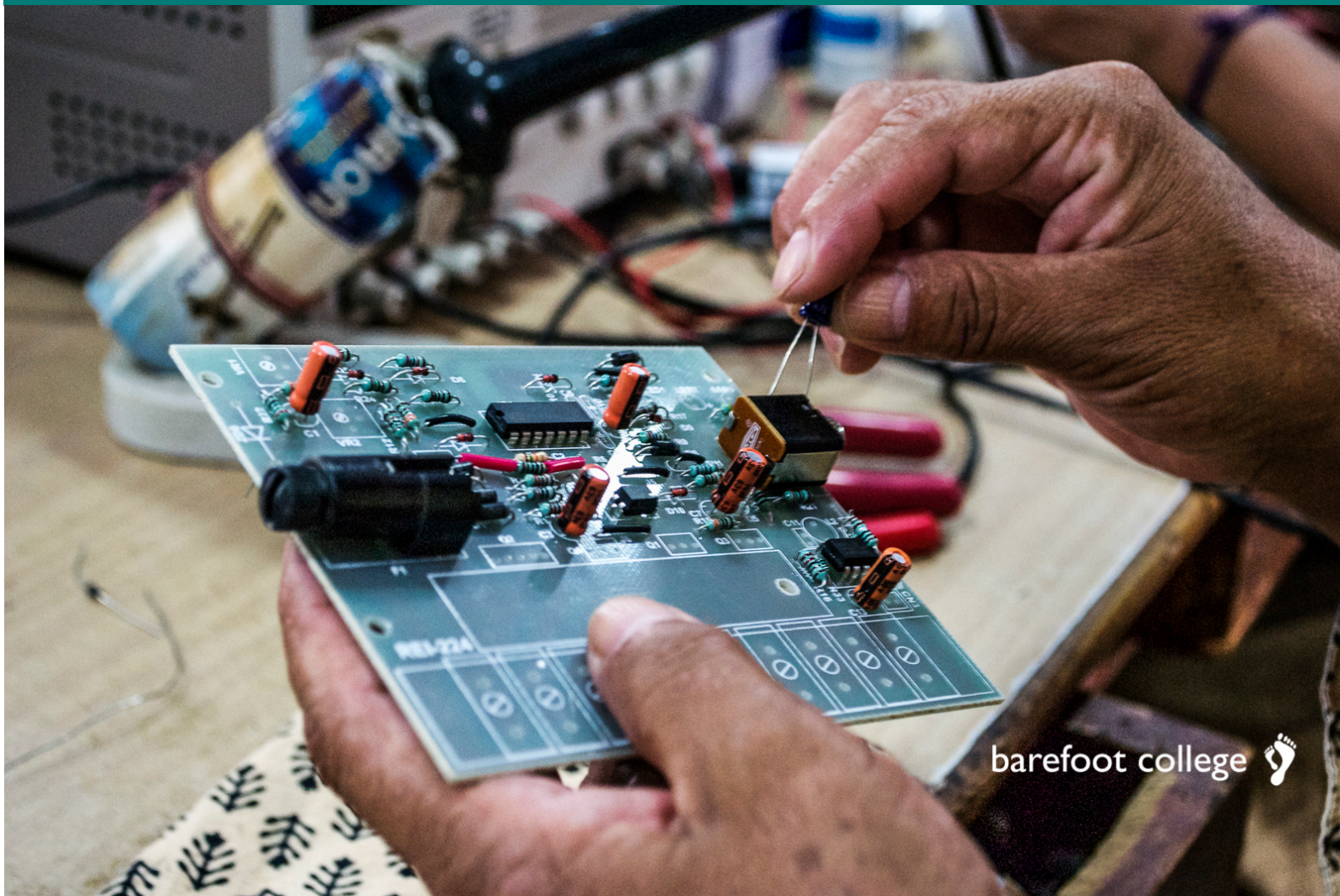
79 FILM SHOWS

194 VILLAGES BENEFITTED

91,540 BENEFICIERIES

**2,555 HOURS OF RADIO
BROADCASTING**

SOLAR INITIATIVE



Barefoot College's solar initiative aim to empower and develop communities by providing clean and reliable energy. Our training centre in the headquarters of Barefoot College host 120 Women from rural remote parts of the world, to train them in assembling, installing and maintaining solar lanterns and Home Lighting Systems in their communities, and becoming, Women Barefoot Solar Engineers (WBSE). With a presence in 84 countries, Barefoot College has been able to empower 1150 villages with a strong team of 1011 WBSE.

**TRAINED 79 WOMEN
UNDER ITEC PROGRAMME
OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT**

**TRAINED 42 WOMEN UNDER
MNRE PROGRAMME OF
INDIAN GOVERNMENT**

**SET UP 255 RURAL
ELECTRONIC WORKSHOPS
ACROSS THE WORLD**

**DISTRIBUTED 19,839 SOLAR
LANTERNS ACROSS THE
WORLD**

**DISTRIBUTED 21,960 SOLAR
HOME LIGHTING SYSTEMS
ACROSS THE WORLD**

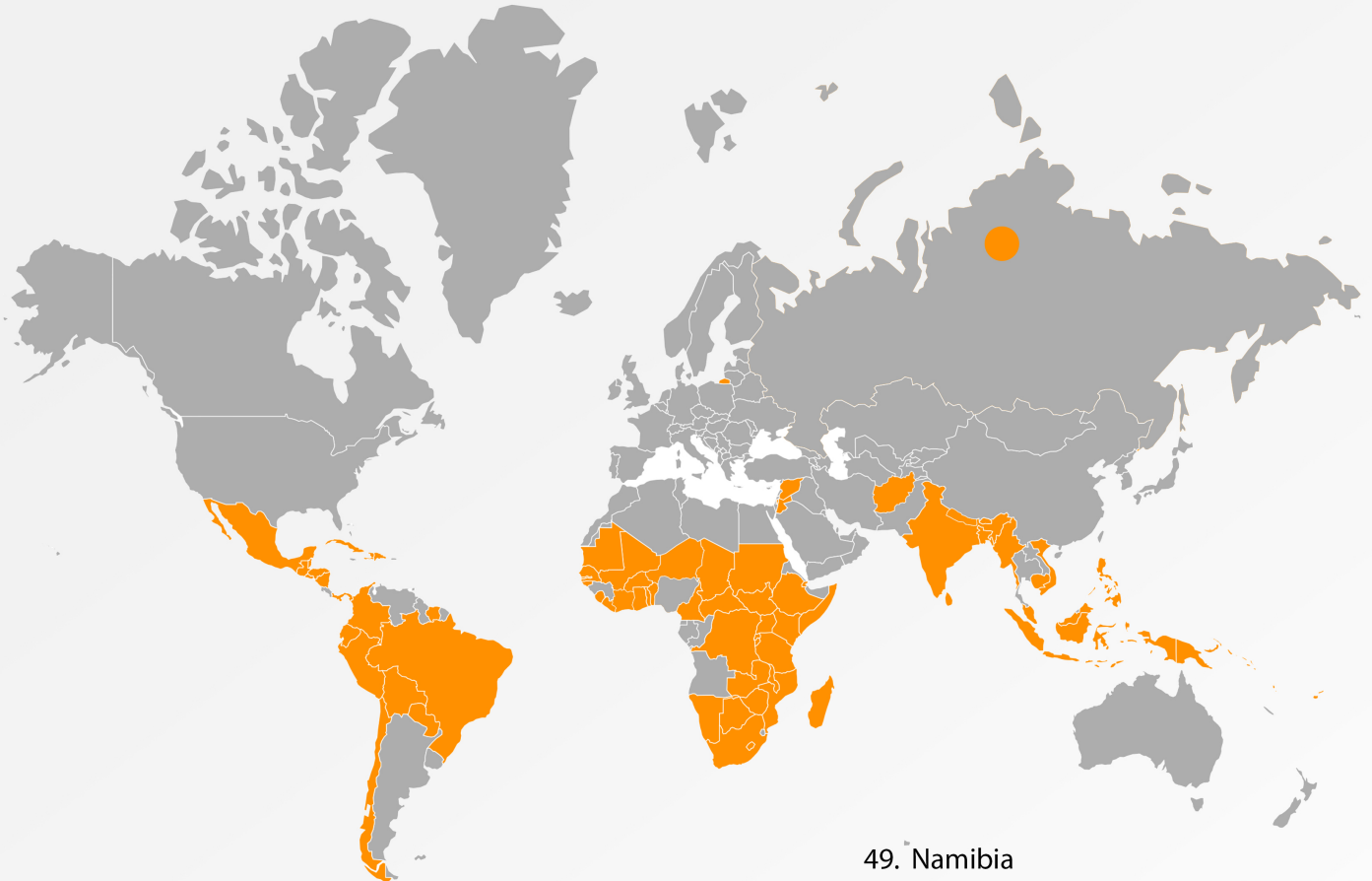
**63 SOLAR COOKERS
BENEFITING 850 VILLAGERS**

**25 SOLAR WATER HEATERS
BENEFITING 800 VILLAGERS**

**DISTRIBUTED 21,960 SOLAR
HOME LIGHTING SYSTEMS
ACROSS THE WORLD**

The Barefoot Reach

1,011 Women Barefoot Solar Engineers from 83 countries electrified and maintaining 50,000 houses in 1,150 villages



1. Afghanistan
2. Bangladesh
3. Belize
4. Benin
5. Bhutan
6. Bolivia
7. Botswana
8. Brazil
9. Burkina Faso
10. Burundi
11. Cambodia
12. Cameroon
13. Cape Verde
14. Central Africa Rep.
15. Chad
16. Chile

17. Colombia
18. Comoros
19. Cuba
20. D.R.Congo
21. Djibouti
22. Dominican Republic
23. Ecuador
24. El Salvador
25. Ethiopia
26. Fiji
27. Ghana
28. Guatemala
29. Guinea Bissau
30. Haiti
31. Honduras
32. India

33. Indonesia
34. Ivory Coast
35. Jordan
36. Kenya
37. Kiribati
38. Lesotho
39. Liberia
40. Madagascar
41. Malawi
42. Malaysia
43. Mali
44. Mauritania
45. Mexico
46. Micronesia
47. Mozambique
48. Myanmar

49. Namibia
50. Nauru
51. Nepal
52. Nicaragua
53. Niger
54. Palestine
55. Panama
56. Papua New Guinea
57. Paraguay
58. Peru
59. Philippines
60. Russia
61. Rwanda
62. South Africa
63. S.Sudan
64. Samoa
65. Senegal
66. Sierra Leone

67. Solomon Islands
68. Somalia
69. Sri Lanka
70. Sudan
71. Suriname
72. Syria
73. Tanzania
74. The Gambia
75. Timor-Leste
76. Togo
77. Tonga
78. Uganda
79. Vanuatu
80. Vietnam
81. Zambia
82. Zanzibar
83. Zimbabwe