



Next Generation Foundation

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VISION, MISSION & ETHICS OF NEXT GENERATION FOUNDATION, INC. (NGF)

Imperative

In the 21st century, humanity is facing complex global scale problems: War, environmental devastation, religious intolerance, violence, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, pollution, crime, corruption, child abuse, human rights violation, oppression, inequality, injustice, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), and global terror among others.

Humanity can only overcome these challenges by: promoting sustainable development, achieving global peace, guaranteeing human rights, ensuring human development and social cohesion. The global scale issues are can only be addressed if issues at the individual level are addressed. The following are not just statistics but daily reality for half the world's population:

- Half of the people, nearly 3 billion people live on less than \$2 a day.
- Nearly 1 billion people entered the 21st century illiterate; unable to read a book or sign their names.
- 1.3 billion have no access to clean water.
- 3 billion have no access to sanitation.
- Every 30 seconds; an African child dies of malaria.
- While one billion adults are estimated to be overweight, more than 800 million people go to bed hungry every day and 300 million are children. Over 3 million die each year from under-nutrition.
- Every 3.6 seconds, a person dies of starvation.
- Almost 100,000 people die worldwide every day from preventable diseases and because they lack the most essential needs such as water, food, shelter, sanitation and education.
- Every ecological system on the planet is thought to be in decline.

In India while the list of billionaires has grown (more than any other nation in Asia) and with over 100,000 millionaires, India still has 700 million people living on less than \$2 a day. The gulf between the two India is growing visibly wider with two-thirds of the population being left out of the economic boom.

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Motivation

Develop a community of individuals who possess a capacity to go beyond the confines of what is or what has been, and to creatively dream or imagine what might be. Build a community that not just imagines, but builds a world, rich in diversity and confident in its commitment to equity. We will build it as mentors, experts and advisors as children, parents, friends, and colleagues. We will build it with our hands where and efforts one individual, one family, one community at a time.

As an organization working to empower individuals to become a participant in the global economy by realizing their potential, this has an increasingly important relevance for our work as we find more and more support, participation and action from different segments in the society. We are very hopeful that this will increase substantially as we take forward our work for the deprived and distressed in the society, and build our efforts to meet the emerging needs in future too.

We are motivated to:

- **Build a Community in Diversity**
Diversity is the hallmark of our contemporary experience. We believe a community is strengthened by cultural and ideological diversity just as an ecosystem flourishes under biological diversity.
- **Commitment to Sustainability**
Commitment to the relationship between basic human needs and to the continued viability of the Earth is essential for long-term sustainability of humanity.
- **Strive for Justice**
It is imperative, from both an idealistic and a pragmatic point of view, that the sufferings of a majority of the human community be alleviated from cycle of generational poverty with fairness principle to coexist and share.

Our Vision

“To empower every child across the world to be able to help themselves and be free from the cycle of poverty and be given an equal opportunity for success. Literacy, healthcare and self-sufficiency are key determinants for empowerment. While education creates the knowledge base to engender social change, adequate healthcare and self-supporting resources must be available to ensure positive outcomes.”

Next Generation Foundation’s vision is children centric as it is the present generation’s responsibility to offer a better world to the next generation, a world that is progressive and superior both socially and economically than what it is at present.

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Our vision is based on:

Respect All Faiths

Respecting all faiths is respecting the fundamental right of every Human Being to worship. The fact about almost all human civilizations, its inception, its existence and its rise or decline, rested on the belief in their Gods. This was true in the past, true at present and would always be true in the future. Transcending beyond one's own identity is the essence to achieve peace. Meditation is one of the ways to achieve that transcendence.

Peace Through Mutual Strength

"samasaMdhi samAsAdya anyo'nyagata ojman" in Sanskrit means "Peace (on equal terms) through mutual strength" which is our core philosophy of life. The peace could be only achieved through mutual respect with strength and not through the domination of the weak by the strong. Every individual should strive to achieve both physical and mental strength. Synergy of people's strength in unity would make nations stronger with reason. Mutual strength among peoples and nations would ensure that there is no exploitation of the weak by the strong. Nations and communities could achieve peace only through mutual strength with reason and compassion.

Individual Freedom and Social Equality

The above two fundamental elements would lead us to true personal freedom and social equality among all people of the world concordant with the natural law of all humans being created equal. It is everyone's birthright to be socially equal to one another and to practice one's personal liberty without interfering in other's personal liberty. The above two fundamentals would also ensure peaceful coexistence of nations and would result in a united world.

Mission 2020

Mission Statement: *"The Next Generation Foundation is committed to eradicating poverty and illiteracy among children across India. By providing education, healthcare and economic self-sufficiency to these children and their families, we see to inspire the next generation with a hopeful vision of the future they cannot presently imagine."*

To achieve our goals, Next Generation Foundation would launch programs that are consistent with our vision. While we implement our programs, we shall never falter from our ideal of "compassion with strength" ready to fight wherever it is necessary and wherever there are injustices that would prevent children from having the equal opportunity to succeed in their lives.

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Our Operational Ethics

Next Generation Foundation is a non-profit socio-charitable organization, working purely in the interest of empowerment, advancement, well-being and education of underprivileged children and less fortunate adults. Our completely transparent operations are free from caste, creed, color, gender, religion, race, nationality, region and political affiliations. We promote zero tolerance for corruption, misappropriation within Next Generation Foundation. We are open to all individuals and promote personal freedom and equality. We should develop mutual trust and integrity among Next Generation Foundation members and volunteers. While these are fundamental to the way we operate, we remain open to amending them as we learn and grow:

Integrity: *We are people of integrity who can be trusted.*
Justice: *We have a passion to seek justice for all.*
Compassion: *We are motivated by compassion for those we serve.*

- Delivering results with the resources we have been given is of the utmost importance—and we seek and share information about those results.
- We demand ethical behavior of ourselves.
- We treat each other as valued colleagues.
- Meeting our mission—to increase opportunity and equity for those most in need—requires great stewardship of the resources we have available.

Our long-term goals are guided by our progress until 2020. A retrospective will determine if we have stayed the course with our vision, morality and ethics, and we have sustained diversity. Had we enriched ourselves with much more moral and ethical values than we started? And if all that is true, it would be a phenomenal accomplishment. At this point we should have the moral imperative to undertake social changes in the large context that are inline with our vision to promote the Indian Subcontinent's progress and be a voice for change in the global context. Complete social change could only be accomplished through political change and Next Generation Foundation should consider influencing reforms in the political process of the Indian Subcontinent.

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