

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN STRATEGIC COMPLIANCE FOR LEADERSHIP

Cohort 1 Organisation Profiles

Strengthening the Foundation
for Accountable & Resilient
Social Purpose Organisations (SPOs)

Under the Initiative of
Catalysing Good Governance
& Accountability Systems

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Sparking Systemic Change

India's rapidly expanding social sector has witnessed a robust annual growth rate of 13% over the past five years, reaching a valuation of INR 23 lakh crore (8.3% of GDP) in FY2023. As the sector scales its impact, there is a parallel rise in stakeholder expectations around effective governance, regulatory compliance, and transparent reporting.

In response to this growing imperative, ISDM's Catalysing Good Governance & Accountability Systems initiative is an integrated effort to strengthen compliance capabilities, embed good governance practices, and build resilient, accountable SPOs equipped to deliver impact at scale.

Our Objective

Anchored in the context of social sector priorities, challenges, and opportunities, this initiative aims to enable SPOs to integrate robust governance practices for better accountability, equip stakeholders with relevant skills and knowledge through professional certification courses and ongoing education, and champion a cadre of governance professionals dedicated to the social sector

Our Approach

The program leverages interactive, real-world learning methods to engage senior leadership, foster strategic thinking on compliance, and ensure ongoing risk-aware decision-making and monitoring.

COHORT OVERVIEW



Participants



Organisations



Average Age of
the Organisations



States Represented

Thematic Areas



Child Rights & Protection

Environment &
Climate Action



Education & Skilling

Gender Justice & Women
Empowerment



Health & Wellbeing

Governance & Civil Society
Strengthening



Livelihoods & Economic
Empowerment

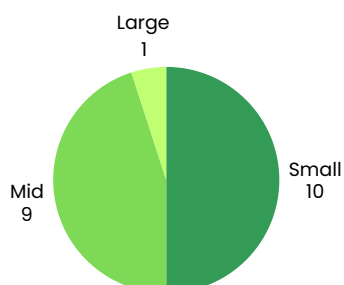
Geographic Reach

7 → Rural areas

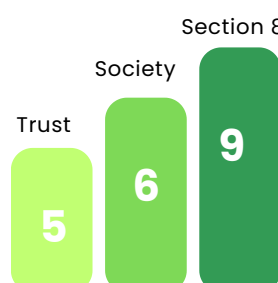
2 → Urban areas

11 → Both

Size of the Organisations



Nature of Organisations



Organisation profiles



ADECOM Network

Gender Justice, Women Empowerment and Rights
Puducherry

ADECOM Network is a women-led organisation combating gender-based violence through legal aid, counseling, livelihood support, and awareness programs. It has reached over 20,000 women and children, supported survivor-led economic initiatives, and built strong partnerships with government and legal systems. It also trains women-led NGOs, hosts gender forums, and has earned regional recognition for its grassroots impact.



Building Dreams Foundation

Education , Empowerment and Environment
Uttarakhand

Building Dreams Foundation (BDF) is a non-profit committed to uplifting disadvantaged children and communities in India. By nurturing creativity and learning, BDF empowers youth to become confident, responsible role models. Its work is rooted in the values of justice, equality, critical thinking, cooperation, and respect.



Counsel to Secure Justice

Justice for Children through legal aid, Mental Health
Support, and Restorative Approaches
Delhi

Counsel to Secure Justice (CSJ) works to ensure access to justice for child survivors of sexual abuse and children in conflict with the law through a restorative, rights-based approach. Active in Delhi, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan, It provides legal and psychosocial support, builds restorative spaces, and trains justice stakeholders. It has supported 750+ survivors, 1,000+ children, and trained over 5,000 officials. It will present its work at the World Congress on Justice for Children in Madrid, June 2025.

Organisation profiles



Darbar Sahitya Sansada

Community Development and Social Justice
Odisha

Darbar Sahitya Sansad (DSS) began as a collective of young literary enthusiasts inspired by community service during two devastating floods. It has empowered over 90,000 households across 8 districts through interventions in women's economic empowerment (via SHGs, cooperatives, and FPOs), disaster management, safe migration, climate action, disability inclusion, and child protection. It has supported over 1,200 SHGs, 10 women-led FPOs, and 5 cooperatives, while also addressing gender-based violence and promoting youth skilling, life skills, and gender equity through partnerships with schools and colleges.



Earth Focus Foundation

Education, Nature based livelihood
Madhya Pradesh

Earth Focus Foundation works to empower tribal communities and restore nature in the buffer zone of Kanha National Park, Madhya Pradesh. Through a community-led approach, they work on two key programmes: nature-based livelihoods and contextual education. The first is an agroecology-based model that enables tribal farmers to restore degraded land, diversify and boost their incomes. The second builds foundational literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking through a biodiversity-based curriculum. By integrating indigenous knowledge with scientific and technical expertise, Earth Focus Foundation works to build ecological and socio-economic resilience among forest dwelling communities.



Earthaat Foundation

Climate Change Awareness and Action
Uttar Pradesh

Apna Bartan Bank, an initiative of Earthaat Foundation, tackles plastic waste by replacing disposables with reusable steel cutlery at public events. With 189+ plastic-free events, it has avoided 2.55 lakh disposables, engaged 18,000+ people, and prevented 4,246 kg of CO₂ emissions—offering a scalable, community-led model for zero-waste living.

Organisation profiles



Envision Institute of Development

Education, Gender, Health, Livelihood, WASH
Delhi

Envisions Institute of Development (EID) is a not-for-profit organisation working with national and international partners to implement impactful development initiatives. Recognised for its commitment and effectiveness, EID has received Letters of Appreciation from the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare and the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.



Gram Bharti Sarvodaya Ashram

Agriculture, Natural Resource Management, Livelihood
Bihar

Gram Bharti empowers Adivasi communities, landless families, and the rural poor through education, healthcare, livelihoods, and access to justice. Inspired by Gandhian values and the vision of Gram Swaraj, it has impacted over 30,000 families across 750 villages in 12 districts, fostering self-reliant and just rural communities.



International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care

Domestic and Interpersonal Violence
Tamil Nadu

The International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care (PCVC) is a rights-based organisation based in Chennai that supports women affected by domestic and interpersonal violence through a survivor-centric approach. It offers emergency and long-term rehabilitative care, empowering survivors with the help of social workers, psychologists, and welfare officers. PCVC also advocates for broader gender justice and played a key role in supporting Hon'ble Justice N. Anand Venkatesh of the Madras High Court in developing an inclusive understanding of the LGBTQIA+ community.

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Kachi Sadak Foundation

Education and Sustainability
Chandigarh

Kachi Sadak Foundation co-creates community-led solutions in education and sustainability through programs like Paathshala, Kilkaari, Pehle Kadam, and Green Learning. It has impacted 85,000+ children, empowered 2,500+ teachers, and introduced innovations in 112 government schools, promoting inclusive learning and environmental stewardship.



Kishalay Foundation

Early Education
West Bengal

Kishalay Foundation improves early education for rural and underprivileged children through its “Cluster Schools” model, focusing on pedagogy, computer literacy, and sports. It has reached 10,000+ children, partnered with 50+ government-aided schools, and trained 300+ teachers in child-centric, digital methods. Backed by IIM Bangalore alumni and local bodies, it drives affordable, impactful educational change in underserved areas.



Lending Hands Foundation

Youth Empowerment and Waste Management
Delhi

Lending Hands Foundation (LHF) is a non-profit dedicated to driving sustainable growth and well-being through behavioural change and innovation. By promoting zero-waste practices and mobilising thousands of volunteers via a digital platform that tracks impact and provides recognition, LHF fosters scalable, community-driven social transformation.

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LMES Foundation

Education Upliftment and STEM Initiatives
Tamil Nadu

LMES Foundation bridges educational gaps for underprivileged students through equity-driven initiatives. Its Kalvikaram program has offered full scholarships to 160 students, with 27 graduates and 25 placed in top MNCs (highest package: ₹18 LPA). Through the Ariviyal Program, it has brought STEM education to 50,000+ students and set up STEM labs in government schools. Recognised by Google and the Tamil Nadu Government, LMES partners with Agilisium, Ford Pvt Ltd, and ThatsMyChild.



Lokpriya Janhit Sewa Sansthan

Education and Domestic Violence
Uttar Pradesh

Lokpriya Janhit Seva Sansthan empowers rural women through Nari Sanghs, connecting them to rights, entitlements, and government schemes. With initiatives in health, livelihoods, and folk arts, it has reached 5,800+ families and built the Bijli Nari Manch to amplify women's voices at block and district levels for a just, self-reliant society.



Naya Sawera Vikas Kendra

Women Empowerment, Land and Forest Rights, Livelihood
Jharkhand

Naya Sawera Vikas Kendra empowers marginalised communities, especially women, girls, and smallholder farmers, through natural farming, water conservation, and education. It has trained thousands in organic agriculture, introduced solar irrigation, revived traditional water systems, and promoted digital literacy, sports, and kitchen gardens for inclusive, sustainable development.

Organisation profiles



People's Awareness Network Society

Women Empowerment, Livelihood, Child education, Rural Development
Rajasthan

People's Awareness Network Society (PANS) is a Jaipur-based NGO working to uplift marginalized families across Rajasthan through social, economic, and educational initiatives. With a vision that every child, youth, and woman deserves access to quality life and education, this strives to build an enabling ecosystem that empowers communities to thrive.



Reaching Sky Foundation

Youth Civic Engagement, Volunteering, Public Health
Delhi

Reaching Sky Foundation is a social enterprise committed to mobilising citizens for leadership and social impact through volunteerism. By engaging youth locally and globally—both on the ground and virtually—they harness the power of volunteering to drive sustainable change. Their mission is to nurture global citizens dedicated to lifelong learning and leadership. They have mobilised over 10,000 volunteers and built strong partnerships with the UN and government bodies. Founders have been honored with the International Peace Messenger Award and Youth Champion Awards.



Shine India Foundation

Eye, Organ & Skin Donation
Rajasthan

Shine India Foundation has facilitated over 1,400 eye and 40 body donations, inspiring more than 60,000 pledges for eye donation. Its awareness efforts have reached households within a 200 km radius of Kota. Recognized by the British Parliament and featured in the Asia, India, and London Book of Records, the foundation now enables two eye donations daily, positively impacting communities across the region.

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Tinka Samajik Sansthan

Gender Equality, Women Empowerment, Sports for Development, Education, Child Protection
Madhya Pradesh

Tinka Samajik Sanstha, based in Timarni, is a non-profit dedicated to empowering rural adolescent girls and boys through sports, especially Karate. With a vision to promote gender equality and build a safe, inclusive society, Tinka fosters confidence, physical and mental agility, and awareness of women's and child rights—enabling young girls to challenge discrimination and violence.



Tinkerhat Innovation Foundation

Education and Livelihood
Maharashtra

Tinkerhat Innovation Foundation (TIF) is a Section 8 non-profit working to enhance learning in public schools through innovative STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs. Collaborating with CSR partners, NGOs, and government bodies, TIF promotes scientific thinking and hands-on learning to make quality education accessible and equitable.

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