

THE GROW FUND

Grassroots | Resilience | Ownership | Wellness

About The GROW Fund

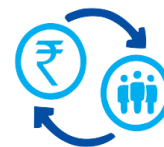
The GROW Fund is an initiative by EdelGive Foundation with the aim to raise USD 13 million **towards building, supporting, and sustaining 100 grassroots organisations across India, over a period of 24 months.** In the context of the challenges posed to these organisations by the existing pandemic, the Fund will be used to create sustainable and resilient organisations by:



Funding
Capacity Building needs



Funding **Core Costs and Important Functions**



Funding
Future Readiness

Why do we need the GROW Fund?

Spread across the vast expanse of India, working with some of the most marginalised communities in the most remote locations, **grassroots organisations have emerged as the centre-stone to the empowerment and development of our society.** Despite their unique characteristics and significant contribution to social change, grassroots organisations face several challenges - both at an operational and structural level that impact their overall growth. This, coupled with the disparity in giving (larger NGOs receiving a much larger percentage of giving), leaves them starved for resources.

At the onset of the global Coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic, our grassroots networks have been the first to the rescue, quickly adapting their programmes to meet the needs of the communities on ground. From awareness building activities, distribution of ration-supplies, cash benefit transfers and running helplines for migrants and women; our grassroots organisations have been innovating through rapid relief initiatives. However, we have seen our grassroots organisations suffer the maximum impact from the on-going pandemic and the subsequent lockdown.

Our Role as Funders

In the wake of the pandemic, as funders we have a large opportunity to steer our organisations towards maximising their impact. We need our organisations to:



Operate
optimally



Be
Sustainable

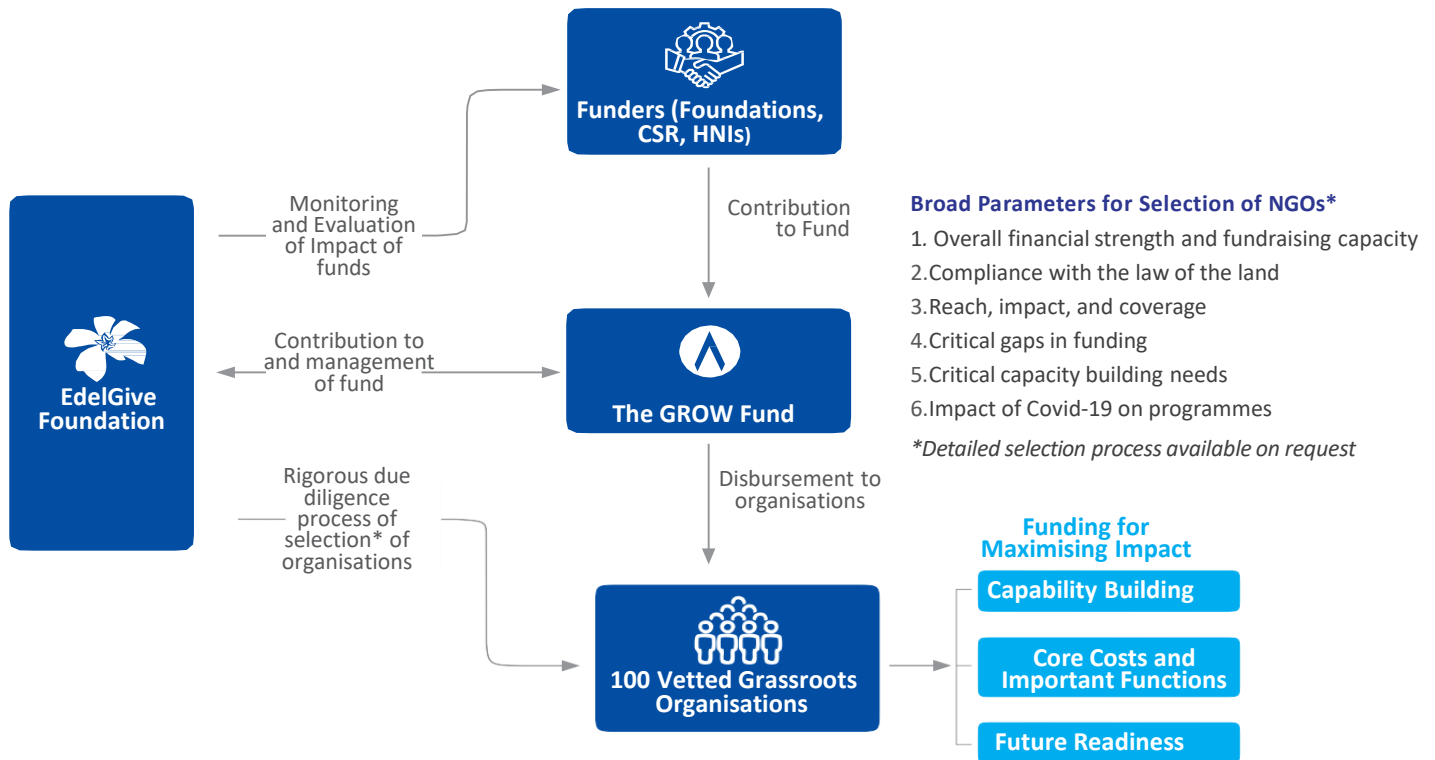


Reach
the last mile



Create
Impact

Operating the Fund



The Larger Picture

Over the last 13 years, we as EdelGive have witnessed first-hand the incremental social change that grassroots organisations are able to generate. Be it seed funding, capacity building or funding for scale, our investments in these organisations have enabled not only them to grow but also their impact and reach to exponentially widen.

Our GROW Grantees

Through an open application process launched in **August 2021**, GROW has selected 100 grassroots organisations working pan-India, across all geographies and across all thematic areas, including but not limited to Conservation, Ecology, LGBTQIA+ Rights, Legal Aid, Women's Rights and Empowerment, Research and Advocacy, Rural Development, Skilling and Entrepreneurship, Policy and Governance, Health, Education, Livelihoods, etc.

25 organisations each from the four zones of the country i.e., North, South, East & North-east and West have been selected.

Our Partners

Core Partners

1. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
2. Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies
3. Manan Trust
4. ATE Chandra Foundation
5. MacArthur Foundation
6. Ashish Kacholia
7. Rainmatter Foundation
8. Indus Foundation of Utah
9. Edelweiss Group
10. A Private Philanthropy Partner
11. Dalyan Foundation

12. Oak Foundation
13. Omidyar Network India
14. FamyCare

Community Partners

1. Sanjay Purohit
2. Bikhchandani and Family
3. Rashesh and Vidya Shah Family Foundation
4. Rati Forbes
5. A Private Philanthropy Partner
6. Helenka and Sunil Anand
7. Onward Foundation
8. Govind Iyer
9. Mekin Maheshwari



Join us in **investing resources towards building sustainable organisations**, who can **maximise their impact on ground** and in turn enable a robust civil society in India.

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