# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT



Since our founding in 2004, the Nanubhai Education Foundation has gone from strength to strength. Despite the myriad challenges of the past three years, the "NEF family" continues to give deserving young women in rural India access to higher education.

With the support of an incredible group of donors, we had our largest ever cohort in 2021, sending 131 Nanubhai Scholars to college. NEF also leveraged new partnerships to add sites in our home state of Gujarat, a refugee camp in Rajasthan, and a pilot program in Uttar Pradesh. A special thanks goes to our long-term partners at Givology Chicago.

At the same time, our Indian trustees helped us pivot to deliver vital donations of food, raw goods, and PPE to the communities we serve during the peaks of the pandemic.

Looking to the future, NEF envisions continuing to increase the numbers and geographic reach of our scholarships in sustainable, culturally-sensitive ways. We are also focused on building out career networks for our ever-growing pool of Nanubhai Graduates.

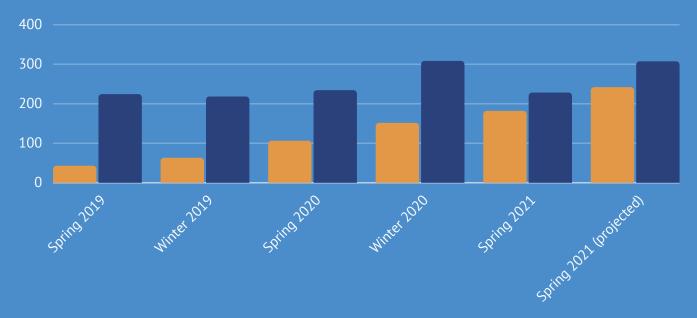
Ultimately, it is the Nanubhai Scholars themselves who are responsible for the success of our programming. We truly believe that these determined young women, most of them the first 8th grade graduates in their families, will change the face of rural India for the better.

**ANITA PATEL** 

Nanubhai Education Foundation, Executive Chair

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Nanubhai Education Foundation sends young women from rural India to college. Since our start in Gujarat in 2004, we have expanded to Rajasthan (2016) and Uttar Pradesh (2019), as well as internal expansion within Gujarat (Narmada, Dabhoi) and Rajasthan (Jodhpur) in 2020. As of early 2022, we have 227 Nanubhai Scholars actively in college, and 181 Nanubhai Graduates.



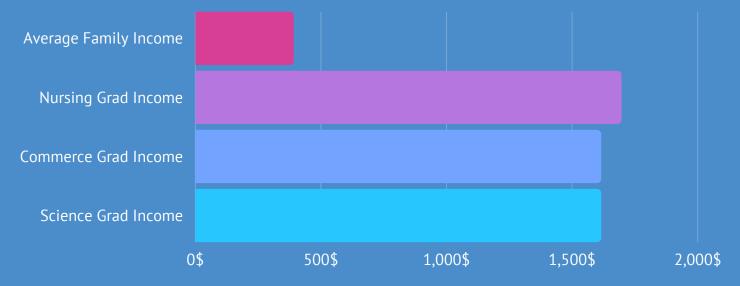
The Nanubhai Scholars are from 10 rural districts in Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, and include a Pakistani Hindu refugee community. They go through an extremely competitive application process; in **2021 we had 740 applications for 131 spots.** The average Nanubhai Scholar is the eldest child in a farming family living on \$390 a year, with most parents achieving a 7th grade education. Twenty-one percent of Scholars' mothers had no access to education.



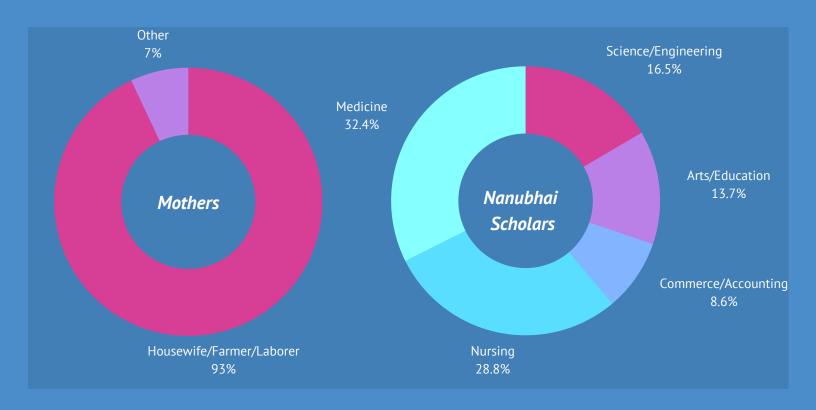
"[I was the] first in family to go to college. If not for NEF, I would probably be married and have two kids today."-Sandipa

## PROGRAM IMPACT

Young women who become Nanubhai Scholars will quadruple their family's average annual income within two years of graduation.

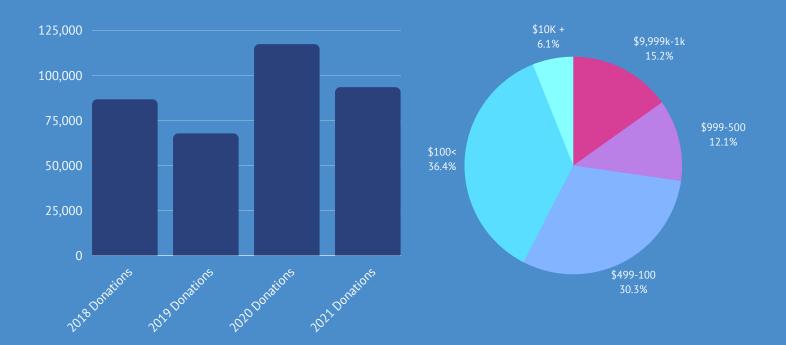


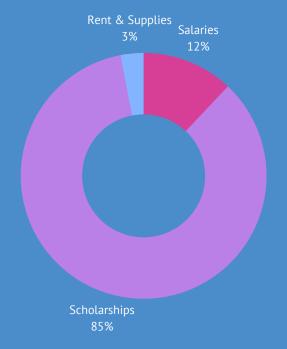
Scholar's mothers overwhelmingly work at home. Scholars choose a wide variety of degrees and career paths, many of them focused on professions that will help others in their communities.



#### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The bulk of our funding continues to come from private donors. In 2020 and 2021 NEF was extremely fortunate in our fundraising efforts, as donors large and small stepped up during the pandemic. Raising funds in the US and using them in India allows donations to have significant impact.



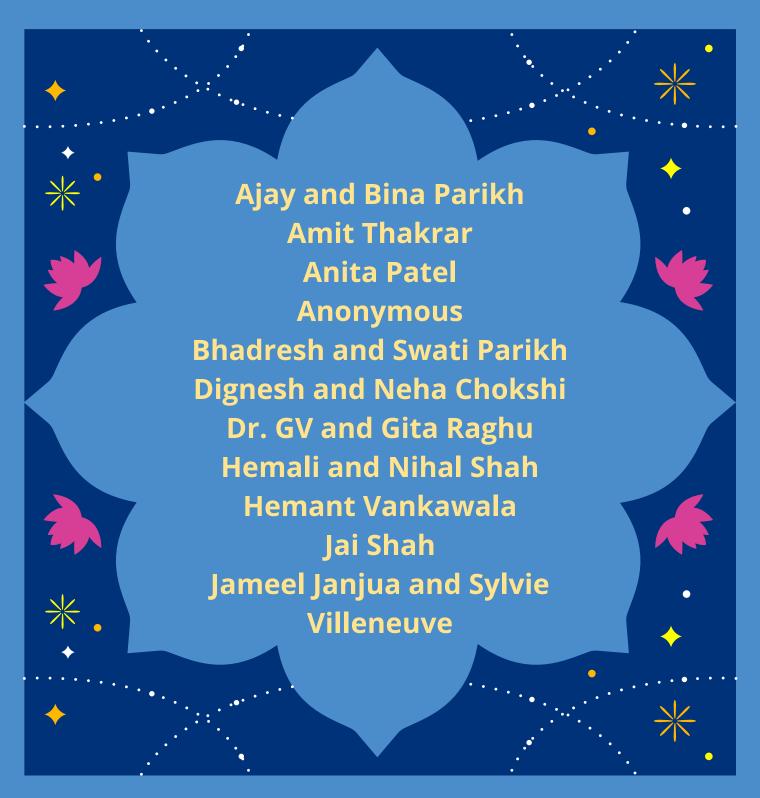


We continue to have low overhead. Our biggest non-Scholar expense is staff salaries, which are very competitive for the area, resulting in excellent staff retention and a strong foundation of community trust.

Economies of scale also mean that the average cost of one scholarship has come down from \$460 per year (prior to 2020) to just \$400 per year.

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### INDIAN TRUSTEES

We are always grateful for our trustees in India, who advocate for the Nanubhai Scholarships and their ability to help clever, financially vulnerable young women.



## INDIAN GROUND TEAM

Our staff bring their expertise and passion to their work. Without their dedication, our program would not function, and we are very grateful to them.



## Jaydeepsinh Vikramsinh Mahida, Gujarat Dr. Vikram Mali, Rajasthan

