**Global Giving Accelerator Project**

**SUPPORT** children of prisoners and ensure them a healthy life.

Have you wondered what life does a child of prisoner lead?

The latest data of **2014** shows that more than **1800** children are behind bars in India due to conviction of their mothers or ones who are facing trials inside. Children below 6yrs of age according to the Supreme Court ruling are allowed to stay with their mothers inside prisons. Surprisingly, children who are left outside the prison when their parents are imprisoned have no record. Children who are left at home are usually subject to abuse, neglect, exploitation and trauma therefore they come away from a quality childhood and are at a risk to get influenced and drawn towards bad company. This further leads them into indulgence in nefarious activities. We have observed over a period of time that for many incarcerated families there is hardly any support from relatives – kith or kin due to the stigma and financial constraints to look after these children during their conviction/under trail period. As a result the children become the direct victim of their parental incarceration. India Vision Foundation (IVF) takes these children (over 6 years) under its wings. We help them to complete their primary and basic education. This paves a way for their education and vocational training through its Residential, Community & Home Support programs. The aim of India Vision Foundation is to help these children to be self-reliant and well integrated members of society who will ultimately contribute to the welfare of the community/society. Children of Vulnerable Families (CVF) project was started by India Vision Foundation in 1994. The primary aim and mission of this project was to mainstream & educate the innocent children of incarcerated families. These children usually end up being liabilities to their extended families and even close relatives due to many reasons. In order to save these children from a life of stigma the project is trying to do its best for filling the role of parents with an aim of holistic development of the children where children get the essentials to grow and build their personality.

**The project observes a high degree circumstantial impact of parental incarceration on children. Some of them are -**

1. Deprivation of normal family environment.

2. Emotional, personality, behavioral disorders.

3. Negligence on personal health and hygiene.

4. Social stigma.

5. Lack of acceptance in society

6. Loss of interest in studies.

Therefore, in order to prevent them from any health issues we aim to provide them with medical insurance. As we all know that a healthy body makes a healthy mind. The struggle of the parents for the livelihood prevents children to share their health issues with them.

**We at IVF strive to achieve the following -**

- Better health with Quality Life.

- Increased access to appropriate health care services.

- Doing better in school.

- Offer a best possible preventive step to assure the quality health care practices.

- Great relief to parents in the middle of their struggles.

- Healthy children become contributing citizens of the country.

**Who will be benefitted from your support?**

**200** Children of Vulnerable Families Project children have been studying at formal schools.

**Expected Outcome of the Project –**

This is an attempt of making health available to all those project children who need it the most. With the help of this initiative, we believe that the students will have a better health and safe future.

While you and I live a content life not deprived of anything that we wish for, there are many children out there who do not understand what a quality life stands for, what it is to have a healthy life, to fulfill what they only see in dreams and for those whom their harsh realities are what they live with. Come forward, spare a moment and think about those who need your support. We at India Vision Foundation, present to you an opportunity to help the under privileged students and realize their dreams so, they can stand on their feet, feed their families and can at least to walk ahead and build a world of their own.