

What is Hindu Aid?

Hindu Aid is a British charity that was formed to coordinate and facilitate the aid and development work of Hindu organisations in the United Kingdom. It is the premiere Hindu organisation that provides Development Education training aimed at British Hindus

What is Hindu Aid's Mission?

Hindu Aid's mission is *Seva, Dana, Daya*: service, charity and compassion. Hindu Aid draws upon the values of compassionate benevolence and service to those who are suffering. These values are enshrined in the universal teachings of the ancient Hindu traditions.

What are the objectives of Hindu Aid?

Hindu Aid aims to increase the effect of aid and relief reaching the people who use it the most by coordinating the efforts of Hindu organisations engaged in development work. Some of the projects of particular interest to Hindu aid include: -

- Poverty alleviation
- Medical care to those who need it the most
- Primary education (with special emphasis on the girl child)
- Potable drinking water for everyone
- Orphanage and child care
- Relief for natural disasters

What does Hindu Aid do?

Hindu Aid has projects that contribute to its aims.

1. DANA Project

Hindu Aid's Development Awareness Networking Agenda (DANA) promotes awareness and education of international development issues in the Hindu community on a national level.

The project, funded by the Department for International Development (DfID), will run a series of seminars and formal courses on development education in partnership with the development education association. The seminar and course aim to spread a high level of awareness of development issues to enable British Hindus to participate actively in development projects around the world

2. Assisting In Development (AID)

The AID Project aims to bring together the different aid organisations of the Hindu community to facilitate:

- Communication and knowledge sharing
- Sharing of good practices
- Reduction of duplication and waste

By bringing together organisations that seldom talk to one another, project AID will ensure that maximum amount of AID reaches those who need it at the most appropriate time.

3. Disaster Task Force (DTF)

Hindu Aid has setup an ad-hoc disaster task force that will assemble on demand after natural disasters like earthquakes, Tsunamis, cyclones the DTF is made up of 50 organisations that provide disaster relief and aid. After the Tsunami disaster in December 2004 the DTF set up a national helpline publicised in the national media and coordinated the activities of different organisation

International Development

The goal of international development is to alleviate poverty among citizens of developing countries. International development can impact poverty reduction, governance, healthcare, education, crisis prevention and recovery, and economic restructuring.

Development Education (DE)

"Globalisation creates huge opportunities and challenges. For some it means being able to live well travel and learn from other countries and cultures. However, deep and increasing poverty still leaves these benefits well beyond the reach of most of the world population".

Development education is an approach to learning that leads to greater understanding of these inequalities, of why they exist and what can be done about them. It encourages learners of all ages to explore how global issues such as poverty link with their everyday lives. By challenging stereotypes and encouraging independent thinking, development education aims to help people develop the practical skills and confidence to positive changes locally and globally.



Enrol for free Development Education Course

Hindu Aid offers various levels of Development Education (DE) courses delivered by professional trainers from the Development Education Association (DEA) the DEA is an organisation dedicated to promoting change through education.

Hindu Aid offers the following courses in DE: -

- 1. Level 1: Introduction to DE**
Free One day taster course – giving a brief introduction to DE
- 2. Level 2: DE for British Hindus**
Free two day weekend course providing a more structured understanding of DE in the context of Hindus living in Britain
- 3. Level3: PG Diploma**
Fee paying applying course conducted by the DEA and university of London - more details available on request

Course schedule for 2006

Hindu Aid run regular courses in London, Leicester and Birmingham for more information please contact Hindu Aid on 020 8963 1018 or office@hinduaid.org



Development Awareness Networking Agenda

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