

Who are they?

Naandi Foundation
(www.naandi.org)

Where are they?

Hyderabad, India

What do they do?

They aim to build sustainable models within the social sector that deliver critical services efficiently and equitably to underserved communities. Founded in 1998 their work focuses on three broad sectors: child rights, safe drinking water, and sustainable livelihoods.

How big are they?

Over 380 employees

What did they receive?

SharePoint Server 2007
Windows Vista Business Upgrade
Office Professional Plus 2007
SharePoint Server Standard Edition
User CAL
Windows Server User CAL
Windows Server 2008
Eagle Conferencing

The outcome?

"This donation helped improve operational efficiency and collaborative efforts to reach our goal of 'changing lives'."

Naandi Foundation faced several hurdles such as the high cost of Microsoft software, complexity and expense in adopting an audio conferencing solution and collaborating with field staff. Project management of multi-site programmes was complex due to non-availability of conferencing facilities. Staff had to resort to redundant point-to-point phone calls for regular updates.

However, Microsoft Software donations via the BigTech Program enabled them to address the above IT challenges by conserving a significant part of their IT budget [about INR 2,000,000].

On BigTech's recommendation of incorporating an audio conferencing tool in operations, the Eagle Conferencing donation increased collaboration and enhanced project management for Naandi's Social Programmes spread across India, from remote villages to the organization's headquarters at Hyderabad.

The process of ordering the software was easy and came with excellent support from BigTech; the few questions were addressed instantly.

The spokesperson from Naandi Foundation states, "A donation of this kind shows Foundations such as NASSCOM see IT philanthropy as 'enablers' in the social sector. We are glad that Nasscom Foundation is facilitating subsidized and essential IT applications for NGOs across India. Thank you for raising the bar and awareness on what 'donation' can mean to NGOs."