



Activity Report

FY 2023-24

A year of scaling support
across policy, rescue,
education and welfare



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In the second year of inception, India Animal Foundation (IAF) supported projects across different areas of animal welfare, including policy and law, farmed animals, working and community animals, rescue, education, nutrition and research. IAF worked with different organisations to support animals directly and also bring longer-term changes to animal welfare in India.

We supported 15+ projects with 20+ implementation partners this year — roughly double the partner base we started with — moving from getting the ecosystem into a room to slow policy nudges.

Policy, Law & Institutional Change

IAF supported People for Animals - Public Policy Foundation (PFA PPF) in working on animal welfare policies, laws and their implementation. The work focused on improving protection for farmed animals, preventing cruelty and strengthening enforcement. During the year, favourable orders were received on issues such as battery cages for poultry and gestation crates for pigs. IAF also supported PETA India in promoting non-animal methods for testing.



Farmed Animal Welfare

IAF supported projects aimed at improving the welfare of farmed animals and reducing cruelty. The work included promoting cage-free systems, engaging with policymakers, and encouraging better welfare practices for animals used in farming.

Working, Companion & Community Animals

IAF supported frontline organisations such as PFA Uttarakhand and Prayas in protecting working and community animals. PFA Uttarakhand worked to rescue and support donkeys used for carrying people and goods during pilgrimages, where animals are often made to work for long hours in difficult conditions. Across its work, the organisation supported the rescue and welfare of approximately 50,000 overworked animals at tourist and pilgrimage destinations. IAF also supported the rescue of almost 1,000 birds during Sankranti 2024.



Education, Nutrition & Awareness



PAN India's nutrition education and medical outreach



Education and awareness initiatives supported by IAF

IAF supported humane education and initiatives that promote more informed and compassionate food choices. Humane education programmes reached around 14,000 children, helping them develop greater awareness and compassion towards animals.

IAF supported efforts to promote awareness of plant-based food choices and their health benefits. Physicians Association for Nutrition India conducted awareness and training sessions for medical students and doctors, helping them understand plant-based nutrition and share this information through their networks. The programme built a network of around 2,500 medical students and 1,000 practising doctors and conducted Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions for 230+ doctors. A nutrition CME session in Hyderabad received 224 registrations, with around 200 active participants.



Research, Capacity Building & Ecosystem Development

IAF also supported the development of new organisations and stronger networks in the animal-welfare sector. In October 2023, IAF incubated the ALPN Research Foundation to support research and work in animal law and policy. By February 2024, ALPN had consulted 100+ stakeholders, formed an Advisory Board and started building a network of Indian lawyers interested in animal law.

Overall Impact

During FY 2023–24, IAF supported 15+ projects with 20+ NGO partners. The work helped animals through direct rescue and welfare programmes while also supporting policy, education, research and capacity building. Together, these efforts contributed to building a stronger animal-welfare ecosystem in India