

DRY GROUND FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2025–26

A year of staying when the water rose

Letter from the Managing Trustee

This year the water came into lanes that had never flooded, and elders sat on steps waiting for a hand that did not come. Dry Ground stayed. We carried ration through chest-deep water, sat with women who had lost a day's wage and a home in the same morning, and kept children learning when school was the first thing the flood took. These pages account for that work. They are not a performance. They are a promise that your kindness reached someone who was still waiting.

2025–26 at a glance

Measure	Result
Lives directly reached	12,400+
Children supported to stay in learning	2,850
Meals and ration kits served	48,000+
Women supported with livelihood tools or training	620
Active community partners	18
States / regions	Delhi NCR, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana
Funds deployed (management figure)	■64 lakh+

Where the work happened

Flood response. Dry kits, cooked meals and drinking water for families walking out of inundated bastis. Field teams documented each distribution point and followed households for 30 days after the water fell.

Elder care. Home visits, medicines and a companion for older people who cannot stand alone. We do not treat old age as a closed file.

Children and learning. When a school is a shelter or a river, we keep a child seen — books, a dry place, a teacher who still comes.

Women's livelihoods. Tools, stock and training so a woman can earn again after a flood or a lost wage. Dignity is not a slogan. It is a sewing machine that still works.

How every rupee was used (indicative)

Head	Share	What it paid for
Programs & direct relief	82%	Ration, medicine, learning kits, livelihood grants

Monitoring & field operations	10%	Field staff, verification, travel, documentation
Administration & fundraising	8%	Accounts, receipts, compliance, donor care

Governance

Dry Ground Foundation is a public charitable trust registered in New Delhi (412/Book-IV/2021). The Board of Trustees met quarterly. Statutory audit is conducted by Bindra & Co., Chartered Accountants. A grievance officer (Adv. Rahul Sen) receives donor and beneficiary complaints at grievance@dryground.org.in.

How to read this report

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