

Legal name: AshaBridge Foundation

Established: 2016

Location: Pune, Maharashtra, India

Mission: Strengthen grassroots non-profits by building technical capacity, funding access, and community-driven programs that improve education, livelihoods, and renewable-energy resilience.

Core programs: rural education & skills training, women's entrepreneurship, small-scale solar projects, NGO capacity building (grant writing & monitoring).

Key stakeholders:

- Board Chair: Dr. Meera Kulkarni (development economist)
- Executive Director: Arjun Patel (15 years NGO management)
- Program Lead — Capacity Building: Neha Rao (training & monitoring)
- Partners: RiversEdge Microfinance, Satya Solar Co-op, Pune District Education Office
- Beneficiaries: 12 partner local NGOs, 5,400 rural households indirectly served

Past achievements (highlights):

- Trained 120 grassroots NGO staff in monitoring & evaluation (M&E) — 2018–2019.
- Piloted 6 community solar-powered learning kiosks serving 2,200 students — 2020–2022.
- Secured follow-on funding of \$45,000 for women-microenterprise seed grants (2021).
- Achieved 85% trainee retention in entrepreneurship cohorts across 3 districts (2022).
- Built a shared grant-proposal toolkit now adopted by 9 partner NGOs (2023).