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Resilient Futures India Initiative

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What is the Resilient Futures India Initiative (RFII)?

The Resilient Futures India Initiative (RFII) is an open partnership of UK and Indian institutions, working to identify sustainable solutions to some of society's most complex challenges.

Through dynamic relationships between academic, civil society, policy and industry leaders in India and in the UK, RFII examines how the concept of 'resilience' can help us to understand - and address - real world problems.

RFII is a partnership between Queen Mary University of London, the Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development at Somerville College Oxford, Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai, the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, and O.P. Jindal Global University. The Initiative benefits from the support of the Commonwealth Secretariat and Secretary General.

What does RFII seek to achieve?

Powered by partnership, RFII aims to:

- Understand the key 'resilience' challenges facing contemporary societies
- Co-create programmes of research which respond to the most pressing issues
- Effect positive change on real-world policy and practice, in India and in the UK

What is the RFII currently working on?

1. Tackling domestic violence

Addressing the gap between law and policy and access to support services and justice for domestic violence victims in India, the 'surviving violence' project will inform the development of evidenced-based recommendations for policy reform, improving outcomes for victims of violence.

2. Enhancing mental health and wellbeing in young people

Through an innovative, integrated school and family-based approach, the project aims to develop a 'life skills' education model which positions family resilience as the driver for better mental health in children and adolescents.

3. Building equitable and inclusive health systems for all

Resilient health systems underpinned by an equity and rights-oriented approach are central to the sustainable development agenda. This project will advance evidence on the relationship between health, gender, mobility and migration in order to build more equitable, inclusive and resilient health systems for all.

What about the future?

As the RFII partnership matures, new challenges will join those listed, all under the central RFII theme of 'resilience'.

How can I support the Resilient Futures India Initiative?

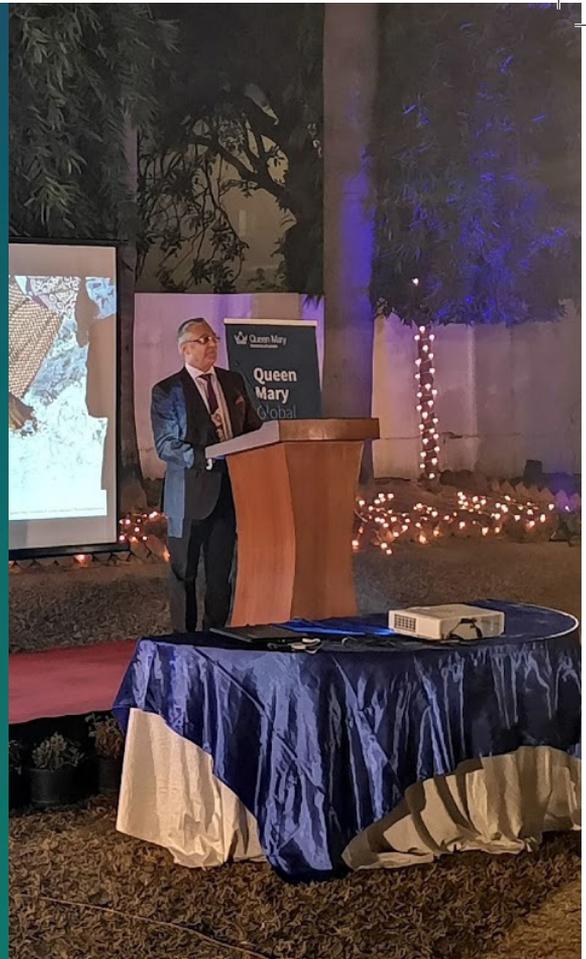
The Resilient Futures India Initiative is an ambitious programme in keeping with the scale of the challenge. It is committed to inspiring positive change through resilience building. We are keen to work with corporate and philanthropic partners who share that commitment, and who would like to work with us to consolidate and expand the existing programmes, develop new work streams, or support efforts to secure positive change in real-world policy and practice. If you are interested in a conversation about how you or your organisation could assist us in our mission, we would be delighted to hear from you. All forms of support will be channelled to projects in India.

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A short history of the Resilient Futures India Initiative

The RFII was launched in New Delhi in February 2019 at an event attended by several high-profile supporters of the Initiative, including Bollywood actress Shabana Azmi, former Chief Justice Dipak Misra, and Priti Srivastava of Reliance Industries.

At the launch workshops (RFII 1), the RFII partners facilitated wide-ranging discussions between Indian and UK academics, NGOs and policy makers, who joined forces to distil a clear-sighted vision for the inaugural RFII projects: tackling domestic violence; enhancing mental health; building inclusive health systems for all.



A second round of workshops (RFII 2) held in Summer 2019 enabled further, rapid progress in clarifying project focus and objectives, and generated a successful application for a British Academy GCRF grant to develop the project on domestic violence.

The third international meeting of the RFII partnership, the December 2019 Mumbai Summit (RFII 3), aims to engage a wider cohort of influential and committed supporters who wish to contribute to the RFII mission: building resilience among individuals, communities and societies, and so improving everyday lives.

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