

Digital Dialogue 2.0 @ toolbox INDIA Foundation

Technology in the "Post- COVID" world

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Purpose: Revisiting the role of technology across functions in the "Post-COVID" world.

The second session of the Digital Dialogues 2.0 series was chaired by Atul Gandhi, Head of Investment and M&E, EdelGive Foundation, and Prateek Narang, Founder & CEO, ColoredCow, and moderated by Vijaya Balaji, CEO, toolbox INDIA Foundation & Founder, CEO, Social Lens. The session revolved around the role of existing and emerging technologies to improve impact evaluation, internal and external communication, and process in an organisation in a Post COVID world.

Key takeaways for organisations areas of Organisation Development:

1. Evaluating Impact

- CSRs and donor bodies should consider easing the reporting frameworks and evaluation processes so that social impact organisations can concentrate on the needs of the community and address challenges faced by them.
- Organisations should be considerate of ground realities and rationalise the process of impact assessment.

2. Program Delivery & Community Engagement

- Non-profits need to relook and rethink how to deliver programs and engage with communities.
- Emerging Technologies can help to establish a multitude of interaction opportunities with the community.
- Across many geographies where internet connectivity is an issue, non-profits and communities are encouraged to adopt hybrid models of technology.

3. Role of Technology & Communication for the adoption of technology.

- Many organisations face an impetus that pushes them into adopting modern technologies; it is important that such a transformation is in alignment with the goals of the organisation and it addresses its 'needs'.
- For successful transformation to automated means of communication and working, every resource in the organisation should be able to see a definite purpose to the technology and its efficiency in operations.

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