

Benjamine Oberoi is rewarded by the Trophée des Français de l'étranger.

At a ceremony at the Quai d'Orsay on 20th March, Benjamine Oberoi, co-president of Objectif France-Inde (OFI), was honored with one of the Trophées des Français de l'étranger. The award was presented by Malakoff Humanis, and Benjamine received it in the "Social Impact" category.

During her more than 35 years in Bangalore, India, Benjamine has initiated numerous humanitarian projects to assist vulnerable communities. Her efforts have led to the rehabilitation of over 100 water reservoirs, support for 10,000 farmers, empowerment of 170,000 women, planting of 30,000 trees annually, and care for 6,000 extremely vulnerable children.

What is the Trophée des Français de l'Etranger?



Under the patronage of French Minister Franck Riester, it is a prestigious event. The award is organized by the Le Petit Journal group in collaboration with other media organizations such as LFI, Courrier International, France 24, and other public and private players like the Caisse des Français de l'Etranger (CFE). The trophy covers several categories including entrepreneurship, social impact, culture, sport, and community involvement. It aims to highlight the diversity and dynamism of French people living abroad and recognize their contributions around the world.

Rewarding social commitment

Since arriving in India, Benjamine has been involved with Indian NGOs GRAMIUM, SEVAI, and DIN. She has co-constructed numerous projects aimed at improving the living conditions of vulnerable communities. These projects include the renovation of water reservoirs in Tamil Nadu and the establishment of women's empowerment support groups (JLGs and SHGs), all of which have greatly benefited from her commitment.

Watch this [video](#) made by France24's local teams for the Awards. It perfectly sums up how OFI engages with its partners and communities from the perspective of "doing with and not instead of".



This recognition is also yours. Without your support, your collaboration, your valuable advice and your donations, our development projects would not have the same impact. So I'd like to share this trophy with you and say a heartfelt thank you!

The 2023 activity report is online

On the OFI website, you will find the [2023 activity report](#). Projects are continuing in the fields of education, support for women's groups through training and agriculture through the creation of wells and reservoirs. New construction projects for schools and new partners offer great opportunities for local communities.