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S3IDF to help SAPF develop Smart Villages and Smart Wards in Andhra Pradesh

12 Feb 2018, Bengaluru – On 9th Feb 2018, the Small Scale Sustainable Infrastructure Development Fund (S3IDF) [www.s3idf.org] signed a memorandum of understanding with the Smart Andhra Pradesh Foundation (SAPF) at Vijayawada towards inclusive and sustainable growth in Andhra Pradesh through the Smart Village Smart Ward program.

S3IDF strives towards bringing systems level change in the small farm livelihoods, clean energy and informal waste livelihoods sectors by facilitating access to finance, access to technology and business incubation to grassroots entrepreneurs and enterprises.

Together, the SAPF and S3IDF will assess the requirements of basic infrastructure needs of the disadvantaged communities in select rural and urban areas of Andhra Pradesh by identifying and strengthening entrepreneurs at the grassroots level who can cater to the needs of their communities as well as contribute to solutions of civic challenges.

Dr.B.Gangaiah, CEO, SAPF, said “Smart Andhra Pradesh Foundation, Government of Andhra Pradesh and S3IDF have signed an MOU on 9th Feb 2018 for collaboration in developing Smart Villages and Towns in Andhra Pradesh. This agreement seeks to promote mutual co-operation in transferring knowledge, technology and best practices in smart development for implementation in AP and other states. More specifically S3IDF will help SAPF in implementing best practices in solid waste management and agricultural development. This cooperation may extend to other areas in future.”

Samit Aich, CEO, S3IDF said, “We are extremely honoured to be working closely with SAPF and the Andhra Pradesh Government to develop a successful working model for the Smart Village Smart Ward initiative, particularly in the sectors of waste management and agricultural livelihoods. This is an opportunity to work with a dynamic state government to demonstrate how development, philanthropic and commercial capital can work in synergy to develop

replicable models and also further the states' own and also the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals."

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