



Aarushi Gupta

Host organization: LGT Venture Philanthropy

Fellow position: Associate

Fellowship duration: August 2024- August 2025

Degree: Bachelors in Architecture

Professional experience: 3 years



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Summary

Through my Fellowship, I worked closely with regional and global teams to shape LGT VP's new Early Childhood Development (ECD) strategy and portfolio in India. Additionally, I also led potential new investments aligned with LGT VP's investment thesis and thematic focus on ECD.

The problem LGT Venture Philanthropy aims to tackle

- LGT VP strives to improve the quality of life of people facing disadvantages, promote healthy ecosystems and build resilient, inclusive, and prosperous communities.

The solution LGT Venture Philanthropy provides...

- LGT Venture Philanthropy deploys philanthropic growth capital to organizations and companies with effective, innovative and scalable solutions to social and environmental challenges.

... contributing to the SDGs:



Opportunity for a Fellow

- LGT VP is taking a deeper focus on ECD (Early Childhood Development) in India and is in the process of launching a new collective that brings together funders, implementors and other key stakeholders to drive systems-impact for ECD.
- As part of this new focus, my fellowship included identifying the market gaps in ECD, creating a strategy aligned with the opportunities, and bringing together relevant partners to catalyse the ecosystem.

"My experience as a Fellow..."

... has been incredibly high-ownership — I had the chance to work directly with leadership, lead sector-shaping conversations, and see how funders think about systems change. There's real room to build, influence, and create momentum behind something that could shift how ECD is funded and delivered in India."

- Aarushi Gupta



Aarushi's achievements...

- Supported the strategy development of SIRA, LGT VP's ECD collective. Engaged end-to-end on strategy including market landscaping, identification of gaps, ToC design, short- and long-term value add, and unlocking new partnerships
- Supported/led 2 new deals in LGT VP's ECD portfolio in India, including due diligence, investment analysis, and presentation to investment committee for approval
- Drove visibility and credibility with written OpEds, thought pieces, representation at key ECD events like ARNEC and AVPN

... contributing to LGT Venture Philanthropy

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Led/worked on 2 new deals in LGT VP India's ECD portfolio

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Spoke at/participated in 5 events and panels related to LGT VP's work in ECD

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Helped engage and onboard 4 partners out of 50+ conversations

Aarushi's next challenge

Continuing to build on our work at LGT VP and converting the strategy into action.