



Hand in Hand India's Village Uplift Program works across five areas to attack poverty holistically: job creation, child labor elimination, access to healthcare and e-literacy training, and a clean environment.

For a donation of US\$44,000, you can help a village move from subsistence to success. The program aims to make villagers self-sufficient within two years. We invite you to visit the village to see its progress for yourself and naturally you will also receive regular reports. For each village we plan to achieve:

100 small enterprises

Your commitment will empower some of India's poorest and most marginalized women to run businesses as diverse as tailoring and bicycle repair, village shops, farming or beekeeping. The women always decide for themselves what kind of business they want to run, as we believe individual motivation is our strongest ally in fighting poverty. Our business support includes training in basic bookkeeping and marketing skills, internal group lending, as well as a microloan if needed.



One medium-sized enterprise started

We support women with particularly promising business ideas to develop larger enterprises. This might include a brick-making unit, a bakery, a plant nursery, an animal husbandry or a farm.



One citizen center established

The center is a mini-social enterprise which combines a small business - typically offering services such as internet access - with civic training, e-governance and e-learning. It also hosts information sessions on essential civic rights, such as the right to free schooling.



All children in schools, no child labor

We visit every family in the village to identify potential child workers, and spare no effort in getting them back into school.



Local schools upgraded

One reason why children drop out of local schools is because of limited resources. We provide extra teachers if needed, or additional evening tuition for children who have difficulty learning.



Essential healthcare

The most vulnerable villagers are offered a free medical examination by professional doctors and nurses at health camps. We identify and support malnourished children, and promote better sanitation and hygiene practices within the community.



A green village

We help improve the local environment by raising awareness of harmful habits, running veterinary camps and training courses in organic farming. Villagers are encouraged to build toilets, for which we provide microloans. We also kickstart waste collection services and plant trees to prevent soil erosion.



Targeted support

Every village we support undergoes rigorous study to make sure it fits our program. If conditions on the ground don't match our criteria, we look elsewhere – ensuring your commitment is as effective as possible. A social audit is carried out at the conclusion of the program.



Village-wide participation

Development programs are destined to fail when local stakeholders are ignored. That's why we engage community members for feedback and to spread awareness. And we don't stop there. To ensure steady participation, our field officers help establish Village Development Committees of 15-20 local volunteers involved in implementing projects over the duration of the program.



Donor involvement

You are invited to the community you support to see for yourself how your grant is transforming people's lives. You will also have the chance to connect with our team in India, both in-office and in the field. As the project unfolds, you will receive regular reports tracking the training and progress of the villagers you support. You can also expect plenty of photographs.



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