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Dear Friend,

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As we head into this very special time of the year, thank you for making an incredible change in the lives of the marginalized. I hope you will spend few minutes to read this newsletter for the glimpse of all the good work we have been able to do **only because of YOUR support!**

Women’s Self Help Groups and Micro-Credit Program: Haryana

*There is no tool for development more effective
than the empowerment of women".*

-Kofi Annan

*(Seventh Secretary-General of UN
and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate)*

IDRF has supported Arpana Research and Charities Trust since 2000 for various women empowerment projects. In a project collaboration over a two year period from 2015 to 2017, 821 Self Help Groups have been formed with 11,588 rural women members. The purpose of micro-credit program was to bring about an

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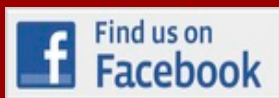
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incredible enhancement of these women's self-esteem, confidence and social recognition in their families and communities. Being a member of these SHGs has helped thousands of women to receive financial training and IDRF supported micro-credits for starting up small business enterprises locally. About 7,234 number of cumulative loans have been taken by the SHG members.

Village level training events are organized regularly to reinforce record keeping, upgrading accounting and banking skills to SHG members. The training, campaigns and events are managed more easily, as coordination is facilitated by the phone messaging facility. Text messages regarding government policies and access to benefits, are also sent as required. [Click to watch a video](#) on how micro-credit is changing lives of these rural women in Haryana.

<http://www.arpanaservices.org/empowerment-of-rural-women>

Promoting Good Governance and Fighting Corruption in Rural Areas: Bihar & Jharkhand

IDRF and Transparency International India's (TII) have been promoting grassroots intervention for improving governance in rural areas since 2009. The recent two-year project (2017– 2019) '*Pahal*' for promoting **Good Governance and Fighting Corruption through Multi-level Intervention** is aimed at raising awareness of the poor, marginalized and illiterate people about their legal rights and entitlements in four districts in each of the states. The project also disseminates knowledge about tools of good governance like Right to Information (RTI), Social Audit, regular Gram Sabhas, Citizen Charter and e-governance, etc. to common people especially focusing on Below Poverty Line families (BPL), tribal women and youth.

Further, this project is also promoting positive interaction, participation and partnership between citizens and government officials to improve service delivery and good governance. The citizens are being provided an effective support system by way of a grievances redressal mechanism for combating corruption in their everyday lives and free legal/administrative advice for reporting mal-governance.

A baseline survey has been conducted as a starting point for monitoring changes in attributes over the duration of the project. Training workshops are being held for youth volunteers to train them about various citizen rights, entitlements, welfare schemes and tools of good governance. The project team and volunteers visit the intervention areas to understand issues emerging at grassroots' level.

Thus this project is serving two-fold purpose of creating awareness about rights and entitlements of rural citizens and also providing support with Helpline in case the rights are infringed. The program has already started benefiting thousands of rural poor who are refusing to pay bribes and ensuring that corrupt government officials are held accountable for their crimes!

<http://www.transparencyindia.org/>



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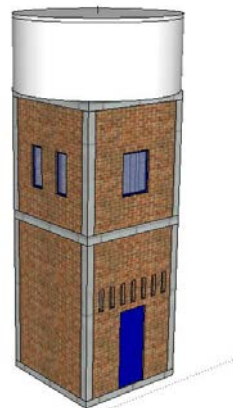
TII Team carrying out surveys and spreading awareness about Helpline

Provision of Water Facility for School in Auroville: Tamil Nadu

IDRF has been supporting Udavi School, Auroville, since 2002. It has about 270 students from 1st to 10th grade and prepares them for matriculation exams. This school aims to give a high quality education to the children from disadvantaged families that come to school from nearby villages. It ensures all round development of personality of the children and infuses them with high ethical values. For about 15 years now, IDRF has helped the school in the construction of compound wall, library building, staff quarters, dorm-room furnishings, and computer and math labs.

The initial floor plan of the school was spread only on one level, but with several extensions and additions over the years, the school has expanded to two stories. There is an urgent need to install a water tank to provide water for the upper story of the school. IDRF is helping the school in the construction and installation of a 20,000 liter water tank that will meet the water needs of the students and staff.

<https://udavi.weebly.com/>



20,000 liters Water Tank under construction at the Udavi School

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Thank YOU very much!

Best

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Udavi School Building

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