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Project Report

Community Health Program – India

Progress report for 2014/15

Budget: \$20,000 in 2014/15

\$18,000 in 2015/16

Funds Required: \$9,500 for current financial year

Update:

3,400 people directly benefited from health care, education, and training because of the Community Health Program over the course of 2014/15. Indirectly, 20,000 people were impacted as a result of having eight full time staff members and 250 community health volunteers working in approximately 220 villages in the North-east of India.

Seven clinics are run on alternate weeks where ladies receive health education and patients are treated and referred to hospitals. These clinics address more serious medical issues than those which are addressed by the community health volunteers (CHVs). One of the most amazing and exciting statistics occurred because of the training the CHVs receive and which they then implement in their villages: no maternal deaths were reported in the area in the last 12 months! This is an amazing feat in a country which is amongst the ten worst countries for maternal mortality!



Above: CHVs – you are never too old or too young to serve your community

Not only are villages benefiting with improved health, but individual community health volunteers are having their horizons expanded and being empowered to dream of futures which would be out of their reach without this program. One such CHV whose life was transformed is Leela. Before becoming a CHV she was illiterate. She was so keen to become a CHV that she undertook a literacy program. She attended all the medical training sessions and today she is a government health worker. Under normal circumstances these workers need to have passed 12th grade, but because of Leela's knowledge and experience she was still hired. Leela continues to help many people in her village get appropriate care, including a small child with a severe learning difficulty.

On behalf of the 20,000 people across 220 villages whose lives are improved because of the Community Health Program, we want to thank you for making this possible.

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