

## Empowering Women to Thrive

IND-MUS-EWT-P01



Uttarakhand, Northern India



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget: \$46,200

Project Timeline

Year 1: \$29,000

2 YEARS



### POPULATION

1.38 billion

### POVERTY

21.9% of the population below poverty line

### HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 69.7 years

### EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6.5 years

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Ranking out of 189 nations India 131 (Aust 8)

*\*2020 Human Development Report*



### Overview

This project focusses on three key aspects that contribute to poverty in remote villages in northern India: a lack of access to clean water, a lack of sanitation facilities and food insecurity. Our partners have worked in this area for 20 years. Pilot programs were run to gauge community interest and fine-tune the roll out. Four water systems and four greenhouses will be constructed over the two years in a joint effort with village women. Vegetables grown will improve nutrition (a major issue in this area) and provide cash crops for sale to the nearest big town. A dairy farm will be set up in the second year to demonstrate effective animal husbandry and to provide sustainable employment training.

### Why support this:

We love that this project is targeting the keys to breaking poverty in this area. We also appreciate the wise way each village has been chosen over the years. By choosing villages where success is most guaranteed, our partner is building enthusiasm for other villages to participate. We value the holistic nature of our partner's approach, working on interlinked issues which, when solved together, provide the greatest chance for breaking intergenerational poverty.

### Objectives Include:



Construct water catchment and tanks systems



Establish a Dairy farm



Build green houses in 4 villages



Form Self-help groups for women

### Expected life Change

- Economic stability for widows reduces dependency on other family members and their children can go to school
- Less time spent collecting water increases opportunities to undertake other income generating activities, or even just to draw breath
- Increased water supply improves health through higher yields and quality of agricultural products
- Self-help group members can independently access bank services, loans and improve their social status