

## **SRI UPDATE**

**June 26, 2016**

Dear SRI supporters,

I have just returned from Pakistan after spending three months in Swat, and want to give you an update on all the activities we conducted to ensure that your donations are being used efficiently and according to SRI's high ethical standards.

I spent a great deal of time inspecting, improving and auditing all of SRI programs, and was very satisfied with the progress we have made so far. When my husband Arshad, who has 37 years experience in finance with GE, and myself, audited all of SRI's accounts, we were extremely pleased with the efficient and effective utilization of funds.

Our Preventive Health Care program is making a big difference in the lives of women and children, as statistics show that we have brought down the infant mortality rate by 50%, and maternal mortality by 100%. In fact there have been no maternal deaths in our program area for the last two years.

In Education, SRI's campaign to put "**20,000 Children in School by the Year 2020**" is slowly gaining support in many corners of the world. One of our new initiatives for reaching the, 20,000 children in school goal, is building a new elementary school in the village of Gatto Sar, located at an altitude of 7,000 ft. and considered one of the most scenic places in the world (please see, attached, proposed school site and children's pictures). This school will provide education to a underprivileged minority community who have never been educated before. We are also in the process of starting a Middle school program for the village of Akhon Baba.

All those who wish to join us in our "**20,000 Children in School by the Year 2020**" campaign please let me know, so I can send you details on how to help.

Our Vocational Training Centers for women now have expanded programs. We are offering many more trades and admitting 50% more students. More than 400 women per year are now graduating from our Centers with government recognized diplomas and tool kits for women to start their own businesses.

We have also adopted two government schools to improve their capacity and provide quality education to children in our target villages. The following is our progress to date:

Training for 50 teachers

Installed a water pump in 1 school

Installed interactive, technology - based learning programs in three schools

Strengthened and reactivated Parent-Teacher Associations in the schools

We have added a new village, Baligram, to our program area. The people of this area now get the benefits of all of SRI's programs - Community Development, Education,

Preventive Health Care and Clean water.

I want to thank all of our supports for their generosity and trust in SRI to make a difference in the lives of so many people.

Best regards,

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