

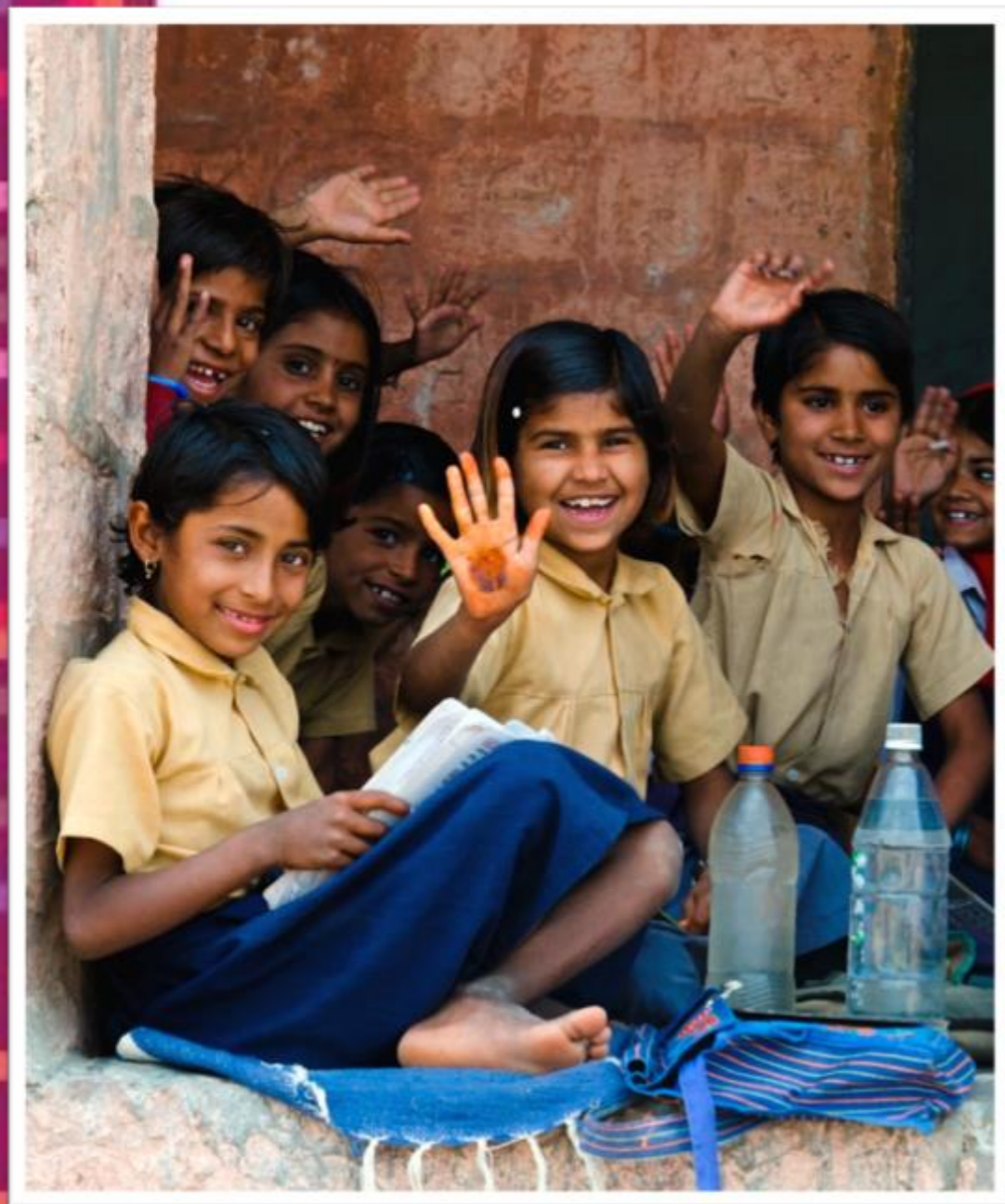
December 2018 Featured Grantee GRAVIS

 Dining
for
Women



India

Introducing Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti (GRAVIS)



- Established in 1983 by Gandhian development activists
- 1.3 million rural, marginalized people served in 1,300 villages
- Promotes education, improves health, water security, agriculture and forestry, human rights
- Blends traditional wisdom with new techniques in problem solving
- Involves local communities, trains and builds capacity, develops community ownership

Where in the world?

Thar Desert, India



- Drought prone region in northwest India – severe scarcity of water – some areas one inch of rain per year
- Most densely populated desert ecosystem on earth
- 24 million people in area the size of Nebraska
- Among the most backward regions
- Primary occupations - agriculture and animal husbandry
- Blazing hot summers, cold winters, dry monsoon seasons, regular dust storms

Life Challenges of the Women Served



- Among the lowest health status in India
- Lack of education and healthcare
- Malnourished children
- Women spend 4 to 6 hours fetching water; in dry season the search continues at night
- Poor quality of groundwater has led to health problems, including kidney stones and joint pain
- Children often forgo school to help search for water

What are we supporting?



Village Health Workers will be recruited and trained to provide education to adolescents using digital technology, with an emphasis on sexual and reproductive health.

Innovative mobile pharmacies will deliver nutritive supplies and medicines via motor bike.

Household Horticultural Units will provide a low cost, drought resistant way for women and girls to grow fruits and vegetables.

Direct impact: 4,000

Indirect impact: 3,500

Budget

How DFW's one-year grant of \$49,000 will be used

Item	Description	Total
Human Resources	Project manager, two project supervisors	\$7,200
Training Village Health Workers	Cost of trainer and transportation; accommodations, transportation, and meals of trainees; training materials	\$3,000
Adolescent Health Trainings	Technology (tablets and other learning aids); 50 trainings including transportation and meals, recurring training materials, etc.	\$10,000
Mobile pharmacies	Motorbike and pharmacy kit; salary of pharmacist, fuel, medicines	\$10,000
Household Horticultural Units	Land work and digging, fencing materials, plants, watering, manure	\$7,500
Project document and Administration	Data collection, report writing, publication, communication, travel in project area, office expenses	\$6,300
Monitoring and evaluation		\$5,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$49,000

About the Featured Grantee

- Adheres to Gandhian philosophy of *Sarvodaya*: all rising, but the last person first
- Has fully equipped 70-bed hospital and over 500 Village Health Workers
- Formed many Community Based Organizations
- Constructed thousands of drinking water tanks
- Enhances food & nutrition security
- Opened 98 schools for needy children



Share Your Thoughts

1. **Why do you think it is important to include adolescent boys?**
2. **Why are mobile pharmacies a better option than traditional pharmacies?**
3. **How does global climate change affect this program?**

 Changing the world one dinner at a time