December 2018 Featured Grantee
GRAVIS

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

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<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>Human Resources</td>
<td>Project manager, two project supervisors</td>
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<td>Training Village Health Workers</td>
<td>Cost of trainer and transportation; accommodations, transportation, and meals of trainees; training materials</td>
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<td>Adolescent Health Trainings</td>
<td>Technology (tablets and other learning aids); 50 trainings including transportation and meals, recurring training materials, etc.</td>
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<td>Mobile pharmacies</td>
<td>Motorbike and pharmacy kit; salary of pharmacist, fuel, medicines</td>
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<td>Household Horticultural Units</td>
<td>Land work and digging, fencing materials, plants, watering, manure</td>
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<td>Project document and Administration</td>
<td>Data collection, report writing, publication, communication, travel in project area, office expenses</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES</strong></td>
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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?