Dear Friends,

We are grateful to the Consul General of India in New York, Mr. Randhir Jaiswal, for hosting a reception for Asia Initiatives and our Goodwill Ambassador, Ricky Kej, who just won his second Grammy award last week. Encouraged by the attendees and the lifting of Covid restrictions, we are accelerating our work to empower women and their families in our 23 project sites. In the words of Malala Yousafzai:

"We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back."

We are delighted to share that Asia Initiatives has been selected as a finalist for the Future of Work Award by the Caterpillar Foundation and MIT SOLVE for our Cascade of Upskilling program. In this program, we incentivize people with SoCCs to teach others the skills needed to participate and prosper in the digital economy. You can see
Asia Initiatives change-makers transform education!

We are proud of our community-based mentors who are transforming access to education in rural Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh in India. The community mentors of Vidhyalaya Udhyam have received our Young Grassroots Innovator Fellowship 2022. They lead our Community Maker Labs in tribal villages of Udaipur through a structured curriculum, and navigate youth towards creating innovative products and solutions to local issues. The Youth Leaders of Mera Gaon Meri Duniya also work with the community and parents to strengthen the entire educational eco-system for children.
Financial Literacy & Mobile Banking for Empowerment

The women in the Bolangir District of Odhisha are learning to use mobile banking applications to save and earn Social Capital Credits that they will redeem for livestock. Our partner Network for Youth Development and Healthy Environment - (NYDHEE) are building the capacity of rural community resource persons to empower their community through our integrated and sustainable livelihoods initiative.
Asia Initiatives is honored to be a supporting organization for The Social Impact Investment and Sustainability 2022 Annual Conference that will be held on April 23rd-24th, 2022. It will be streamed online worldwide and be on-site in Hong Kong, with keynote speakers including our mentor and patron Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations. More information is at www.siisc.org.

You can hear Dr. Geeta Mehta and other women leaders who spoke at the 'Together Women Rise... Again' event HERE. Geeta spoke about how women and young girls in our programs are recovering from the setbacks of COVID-19.

Our UnGala in August 2021 with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and other videos are available at YouTube Channel. You can also see more about our mission and work at our Website.

Wishing you a Spring of happiness and peace around the world, Geeta Mehta and the Asia Initiatives Team

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