



Celebrating Past Gala Honorees and Our Growing Projects

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Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to invite you to celebrate **25 years of transformative impact** with us - made possible by your support, at our 25th Anniversary Gala! Before announcing this year's Gala Honorees, we want to salute our past honorees who continue to inspire us; stay tuned for our next newsletter to discover who this year's honorees are. The 8th UN Secretary General H.E. Ban Ki-moon will once again join us to confer the Ban Ki-moon Awards. For more information and to buy tickets, please click [here](#).

25 years
asia initiatives
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With Our Honored Guest



8th Secretary General of the United Nations
H.E. Ban Ki-moon

Reserve Your Tickets:

25
Sept 2024

Gotham Hall
1356 Broadway
New York, NY



PAST RECIPIENTS OF BAN KI-MOON AWARD



Dr. Mitzi Perdue
(2023)



Dr. Kiran
Mazumdar-Shaw
(2023)



Pat Mitchell
(2022)



Zuriel Oduwole
(2022)



Ricky Kej
(2022)



Dr. Paul Polman
(2021)



Lee Bae-yong
(2021)



Dr. Jane Goodall
(2020)



Cecile Richards
(2019)



Kathy Matsui
(2019)



Dr. Madhura Swaminathan
(2019)



Prof. Chelsea Clinton
(2018)



Dr. Susan Blaustein
(2018)



Dr. Eva Haller
(2017)



Yue Sai Kan
(2017)



Gloria Steinem
(2017)

Gala Co-Chairs

Kratma Saini Sood and Shivani Dugar

Host Committee (in formation)

Linda Filardi, Susan Gutfreund, Eva Haller, Poonam Jain, Yue Sai Kan, Ilana Kats, Alicia Kershaw, Rama Krishna, Sarang Mani, Preeti Mattoo, Arjun & Anisha Mehta, Nicolette Bird Mehta, Janet Montag, Mitzi Perdue, Lisa Robins, Kylie Schuyler, Yoshiko Sheard, Shining Sung, and Helen Yang

Buy Your Gala Tickets Now

SES- Skills Development Program



In collaboration with our long-time local partner SES India, Asia Initiatives is running a **Job Skills Program** in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, for students who have earned SoCCs through mentoring younger children in our **Cascade of Learning** program. This initiative prepares young people by equipping them with job skills and facilitating their placement in the workforce. 20 students have already secured employment this year in the formal sector with benefits such as health insurance and retirement plans, which are unavailable in the unorganized sector. As many of these students are the sole earners in their family, they are also lifting their families out of poverty.

Scaling Our Educational Transformation Program to 214 Schools in Bihar



Building on the success of last year's **Cascades of Learning** program, which saw a 20% improvement in reading outcomes for students, Asia Initiatives, in collaboration with Karunodaya, is scaling this transformative initiative to 214 government elementary and middle schools in Gaya, Bihar. This ambitious program, now in partnership with the Educational District Authority, is set to benefit **over 20,000 students**. The initiative will incentivize older students to mentor younger peers in our Cascade of Learning program, earning SoCCs which are redeemable for books for their school libraries. Teachers will act as SoCCs Managers, ensuring the program aligns with India's National Educational Mission.

Support These Programs at our 25th Anniversary Gala

More about our mission and work is at our [website](#) and on our [Youtube](#) channel. Please do also reach out if you have thoughts and ideas about our work that you'd like to share with us. Thank you so much for being an important part of our community!

Geeta and the Asia Initiatives Team