
Keep your face always towards the sunshine ☀️.

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Dear Friends,

The optimism and resilience of the people in our projects reminds us of Walt Whitman's quote "Keep your face always towards the sunshine, and the shadows will fall behind you".

Some examples that inspire us are below.

Story of Change, and a Young Changemaker



"I realized the power of education through the Sparsh Project of Asia Initiatives and the local team of **Mera Gaon Meri Duniya**. Now I will make sure that every child in my village gets an education," said **Manisha**, our 22 year old change-

maker. Born and raised in a farm family in a village of less than 1000 people in Madhya Pradesh, she has developed diverse teaching techniques, effective classroom management, and fun lesson plans for her pupils. A majority of the students at her school are now able to read Hindi stories, up from 8% when she started teaching. Her leadership has also increased parental participation in children's education from 3% to 75%. More about this project is [HERE](#).

2nd year syllabus with KidsWhoKode launched



This new year saw the start of **the next level of coding** for students in our programs in 3 cities. Children earn **SoCCs** by mentoring younger children to stay and succeed in school, and spend their SoCCs to learn 21st-century digital skills and prepare for career opportunities. Along with learning to write code, children are developing their creativity, problem solving skills, as well as life skills such as communication and collaboration. Above all, they are **learning to learn**. More about this project is [HERE](#).

On its 3rd Birthday, this Tribal Coop is self-sufficient!



Asia Initiatives is proud to have helped our local partner **Shramjivi Janata Sahayak Mandal** launch **Savitri Micro-credit Cooperative**, the first ever tribal lead cooperative in Mahad District in India. 50% of the members are women. Impressed with the audited reports presented at their 3rd Annual meeting, the district governor provided the group information about various government schemes they can now access, including for housing, distribution of subsidized grains, and voter registration etc. Health authorities conducted check ups in camps organised at the event. This project has helped the tribal community assimilate with the villagers as equals, and with dignity. More about this project is [HERE](#).

Join us to visit our project in India

Geeta Mehta and Anup Dhaye, our project manager in India, will be visiting our partner Vidhyalay Udhyam and our Maker Labs and Skills on Wheels projects during March 9~18, 2023. We will also meet with other partners. If your plans can bring you to India at that time, we welcome you to join us.

More about our work can be seen at our [Website](#) and our [YouTube Channel](#).

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