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Dear Donor

“A developed India by 2020 or even earlier, is not a dream. It need not be a mere vision in the minds of many Indians. It is a mission we can all take up - and succeed”

- A P J Abdul Kalam, President of India

The President's words infuse one with positive energy and hope. Every Indian would like to see this vision translated into a successful mission but to do that we need a concerted effort at all levels of society. The challenge we face is one of uplifting 260 million people who are below the poverty line. Best estimates suggest that India has more than one third of the world's chronically poor people and most of them live in 'persistently poor states'. The repercussions of this situation extend beyond hunger, deprivation and disease.

The need of the hour is not to let these oppressive statistics weigh us down but to address this with optimism, hope and collective action. Collective action is, after all, a commitment of individuals. It is our individual actions that shape society and pave the way for social change.

SVARAJ/Oxfam India is seeking that social change by engaging every individual in its fight against poverty, injustice and oppression. We are working with communities in many areas to combat this critical situation. Any support you extend will help us take the cause further and reach out to many more people.

Your donation can help us address some of the basic needs of people:

- **Access to Water:**
The increasing and competing demand for water is leaving many of the poor without water for their basic domestic and livelihood needs. Our programme '**Strengthening Food Security through Integrated Water Management by Communities**' aims at ensuring people's right to water and its equitable distribution. It is being implemented in the southern states.
- **Rehabilitation of Tsunami affected Communities:**
We are working with the affected families on alternate livelihoods, helping women and children rebuild their lives.
- **Rehabilitation of Paraplegics following Gujarat Earthquake:**
A rehabilitation centre – Nav Jeevan Kendra has been established to provide support - medical, occupational, social, and psychological to the paraplegics so that they can rebuild their lives and live with independence and dignity
- **Child Nutrition in remote Tribal communities:**
Deprived of their only means of sustenance – the forest produce and ill equipped to adopt other means of livelihood, the children of these communities are worst affected with hunger and diseases.

- **Construction of Water Structures in Kotra block of Udaipur:**
To help the tribals of this inaccessible area, secure their livelihood and ensure food security.
- **Swatcha Ganga Abhiyaan (Clean Ganga Campaign):**
The holiest city in India – Varanasi – is also where the river Ganga is dangerously contaminated with sewage. The project raises public awareness and promotes collective civic action by a daily cleaning exercise and seeks an effective sewage system to prevent raw sewage from seeping into the Ganga.

It is your regular support that has made much of our work a reality. Many worthy individuals / organisations who do exemplary work ask for our support. Any contribution from you would help us strengthen their efforts.

As a committed donor of SVARAJ (formerly known as Oxfam India), we request you to kindly help us sustain our on-going programmes. Even a small contribution goes a long way when added to the pool. You can send us a cheque, payable to Oxfam India (till the legalities are completed for SVARAJ)

Please do send us your email id so that we can send you our newsletters and magazines electronically.

We look forward to your continued support.

Warm regards,

For Svaraj/Oxfam India

Bharti Patel
Director

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