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1. Introduction

PRAY - Project Relief & Aid by Youth is a dutch charity organization set up a group of young professionals. Its mission is to establish and implement projects with the aim to support and work towards a lasting improvement in quality of life of the disadvantaged groups, especially in India. PRAY Foundation focuses on the areas of Education, Health, Environment and Sustainable independence.

The chairman and founder of the foundation is Pranav Bhagirath. An Indian by origin, he graduated in mid-2008 as a doctor and is currently pursuing his internships. Through his strong ties with both India and the Netherlands, he wants to pursue an exchange of knowledge, ability and resources to improve the present circumstances for less privileged children/youth in India.

PRAY Foundation has a sister organization in India called PRAY Trust. Both are established under the legal standards for aid agencies in their respective countries. This way, PRAY Trust also has statutes and a certificate of registration and the finances audited by an auditor. PRAY Trust is officially registered with the Office of the Registrar, Government of Delhi.

PRAY has a large support base in the region of Bulandshar, State of Uttar Pradesh (UP). The local population is familiar with the PRAY team and enjoys working alongside on the projects.

PRAY Foundation has conducted a number of projects in the past years to assist disadvantaged groups in India. Examples of this would be computer education to underprivileged children, food aid after an earthquake in 2005, medical camps and soup kitchens.



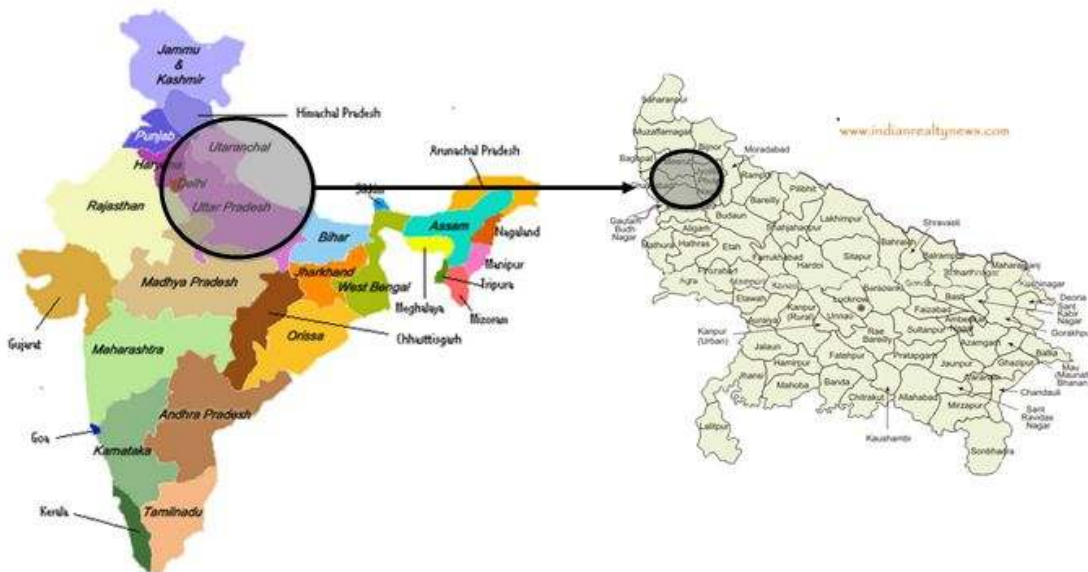
2. Project summary

Since January 2009, the PRAY Foundation has been working to raise funds for its first major project, namely the construction of a girls school in Dibai, India.

Projectgebied: het district Bulandshahr in provincie Uttar Pradesh, India

India, provincie Uttar Pradesh

Provincie Uttar Pradesh, district Bulandshahr



The targets of this project are girls aged 5-16 years from poor families. A kindergarten area will also be arranged for, so that employment opportunities for the parents increase.

The objectives of this project are:

- building a school
- designing educational programs
- providing door-to-door counseling to poor families regarding the value of education
- providing education to girls from underprivileged families
- providing a daily meal and regular medical examinations to students
- ensuring the self-sufficiency of the school so that education can continue to run without donations

3. Progress of the implementation

Thanks to the sponsors and contributions from various organizations and individuals the fundraising was successful and the construction could begin.

The following organizations have contributed to our project:

- Stichting Winters van de Speulhof
- Sylvia Wilhelmina Stichting
- Sandia Stichting
- VZW De Johanna Bode
- NCDO
- Seva Network
- Atos Origin

As of February 2010 the construction was started. Since the start the construction has progressed well.

The land is leveled. The foundation has been laid. The frames of the pillars have been placed. We have begun to fill the walls between the pillars. The masonry of the inner and outer walls has begun and is progressing well. We expect that the brickwork for the ground floor will be ready in August 2010, before the rainy season begins. In addition to the hired laborers we are grateful to the lots of help from the villagers nearby.

We give much guidance in the villages about what we are doing and what the proposed outcome is. There is a very positive response and support for a primary school, especially for girls. We are getting the same support from the local politicians.

Besides construction, the finances surrounding the project are also running on schedule. Payments will be issued in stages according to the original budget.

There is a daily check on the progress of construction by one of the board members of PRAY Trust India and they ensure that both the technical and financial side of this project goes according to plan.

Construction is expected to be completed at the end of 2010. In the coming half year we will be developing the curricula and further strengthen the support for this project among the families whose daughters now hardly go to school.

As of mid 2011 we hope to start with education.

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