

In picture: Village Basmina - ERKs distributed among 15 deserving widows from the village.

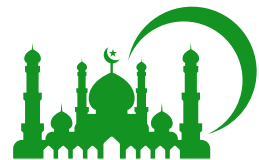


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Community transformation project -An assessment survey

CHINAR International conducted an assessment survey across three villages of Waltengo** belt located in Kulgam district. Over 130 households were surveyed to collect baseline data regarding socio-economic status, educational level and livelihood opportunities of the families. The assessment team interacted with the community members, local teachers, and family heads to identify major challenges faced by the community. Major findings of the survey include low literacy rate, unemployed youth, unhygienic living conditions, and inadequate health care system.



Ramadan Special kits distribution

Amidst COVID challenges, CHINAR International distributed Ramadan special food kits among all the families enrolled in its Child Development program across six districts of J&K – Srinagar, Shopian, Pulwama, Kupwara, Budgam and Doda. In these testing times, CHINAR ensured that the beneficiaries do not face any shortage of supplies ahead of Eid Ul Fitr. All the COVID guidelines were strictly implemented on the ground to ensure the safe delivery of kits.



**In 2005, a snow avalanche swept across the tribal hamlet, Waltengo nar and shrouded 200 houses. The snow entombed nearly 158 residents in their homes and left several others injured.

Small business incubation launched in two districts

Meet our two new incubatees – Barkat Ali and Mohd Shafi. Barkat, a young science graduate from Qumroo village of Budgam district used to run a Village level store on a small scale with one laptop in a rented shop, earning a meager income of 250 rupees a day. With the growing demand for his services, he wanted to expand his online business but could not do the same due to financial challenges. CHINAR International provided him multiple assets including electronic accessories to improve his sales. Similarly, Mohd. Shafi from Bakiaker village of Tehsil Handwara received support in the form of cold storage, fodder for cattle and other supplies. Mohd. Shafi had converted a part of his house into a shop to sell milk to local people and earned a nominal profit of 200 rupees per day. Lack of storage facility badly affected his sales. He is hopeful to earn good profits with these assets. Before kick-starting their business, CHINAR conducted a one-day orientation program for the new incubatees, which focused on the understanding of the business plan, marketing, customer handling and accounting.



Thanks for making a difference

"We are thankful to all our donors, supporters and well-wishers who donated during the blessed month of Ramadan. With your kind donation, we have been able to support hundreds of families, children and youth and will continue to help more. We want to assure you that your money will be used judiciously for the betterment of the most vulnerable children and families. We appreciate our board members in US for running a fantastic Shab –e-Qadr online campaign to raise funds for children in poverty. "

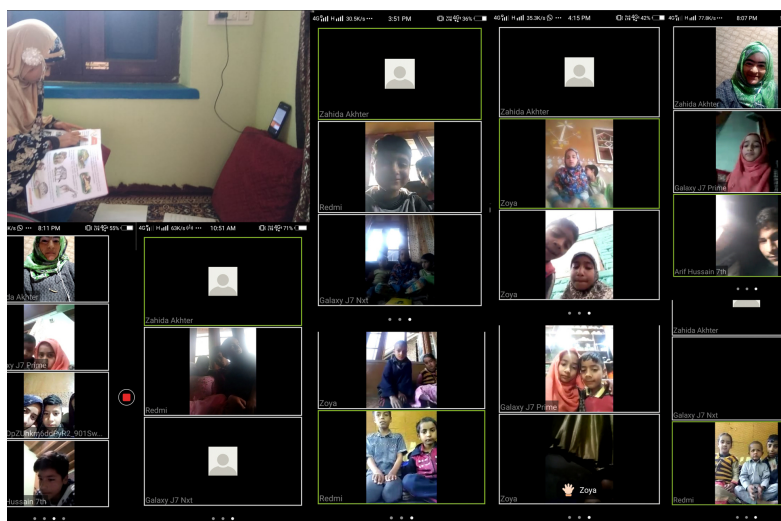
Skill center launched in Srinagar

CHINAR International launched another skill development center in Khushipora (HMT area) located in the outskirts of Srinagar in early April 2021. Twenty-six young women enrolled themselves for the four-month course on crochet and knitting skills at the center. Our groundwork, which includes market analysis, confirmed that this skill has a good market value. These women are very excited to learn the skill and start their own business units. So far, over 500 youth have graduated from our skill centers spread across 8 districts of J&K.




Virtual community learning centers resumed

The continuity of education is CHINAR International's top priority in the midst of this pandemic. In view of a spike in COVID positive cases in Kashmir, CHINAR resumed 10 virtual CLCs across 6 districts of Kashmir. Over 250 students have been enrolled so far. CHINAR's contingency learning framework includes Community learning centers (virtual and in-person) and Teach with CHINAR-x (TWCx). The application process is in progress for phase 2 of TWC – a volunteer teaching program – started in September 2020. The major focus is on academic support, remedial education and socio-emotional learning supplemented with creative worksheets.



Ramadan campaign on social media

We ran a 30-day long Ramadan campaign on all the social media platforms. Through the campaign, CHINAR shared a series of success stories of beneficiaries across child development, livelihood and youth development programs. Each story highlighted the inspiring journey of our beneficiaries including their achievements, challenges and the progress they have made in their lives. The campaign received a huge response from our donors and supporters in Kashmir and abroad.



**THIS RAMADAN JOIN US IN SHARING
#30DAYSOFBLESSINGS**

For the next 30 days, we will share 30 success stories from beneficiaries enrolled in our programs. Follow us on **Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter** to see the difference your support has made in their lives.

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Warwan trip - May 2021

CHINAR made an assessment trip to remote Warwan Valley to check the progress of education and youth programs and also distribute emergency relief kits (ERKs) to needy families. After due diligence and verification, 400 ERKs were distributed to the families spread across 12 villages of Warwan. The team also evaluated three community learning centers (Mingli, Margi and Gumri villages) and a skill development center (SDC) in Mingli village. Currently, 506 children are enrolled in CLCs and 40 women in SDC. Multiple youth interactions were held to brainstorm ideas for small business incubation.



Office location changed

**Kindly note our new office location - a beautiful woodhouse at Baghat, Srinagar.
Woodhouse, Opposite Wazir Khan Masjid, Baghat, Srinagar - 190005**