

## Greetings Donors and Friends of LinkagePADA

Normal monsoons have returned to the joy of our farm laboring stakeholders. The season was preceded by a brutal drought and heat wave that precluded wages. I'm awed by the resilience of our families. During the fallow season six villages offered our sewing program for young mothers and disabled women. Our evening tutoring program for school-aged children resumed in July for their 2024-25 school year. Our Mothers-To-Be prenatal nutrition program is ongoing.

As the point person between donor generosity and the needs of those we serve in India, I'm always nervous regarding our fund raising. We did meet our transfer goal for the first half of the year. However, our transfer for the second half of PADA's operation is due in October. To those who have shared, thanks. I'm hopeful the rest of our donors will also sustain the good we do. m

### The Goodness We Do by the Number:



#### Sewing Program

Graduates this year: **56**

Graduates since inception in 2018: **222**

Subsidized machines  
purchased since inception in 2020: **114**

Villages served by the  
program since inception: **26**



#### Mothers-To-Be

First time pregnant mothers  
currently in the program August 1: **98**

Healthy babies and moms  
since inception in 2018: **740**

Villages currently active: **18**



#### Study Centers *Evening Tutoring*

Students enrolled for the 2024-25  
school year which started in July: **766**

Villages with programs: **22**



### Empowerment

Metric in process. I believe the power to improve the lives and future of our stakeholders rests with the village women. Elected representatives called "Guides" from the villages PADA serves gather for monthly meetings. They are the incubators for community improvement. But how do we measure the success of conversations around the village well or at weddings where the seeds of change are planted.

I marvel at this power-house behind PADA's success. I would welcome ideas from donors on how to measure the contributions of these empowered women. m

### Help Please.....

If you, a friend, family member or grandchild has **website building experience** I could use help. Building the our website has been a creative stretch for me, and now I need help to take the website to the next level. For those website savvy, I use GoDaddy. Contact me directly with any leads. [msmeck@msn.com](mailto:msmeck@msn.com)

**If you haven't visited our website [linkagepada.org](http://linkagepada.org) please do.** Click the top menu bar and discover more about Linkage's Leadership and PADA's History.

**Ask a friend to become a donor.** Yes, there are thousands of needs in this world, starting in our own neighborhoods. But how many provide an opportunity to stretch around the world and deliver 100% to the paucity they address? Everything on the USA Linkage side is donated; PADA is embarrassingly lean and dedicated. You now have our website [linkagepada.org](http://linkagepada.org) to help you tell to our story and the reason for your generosity. Just forward the link with a note that you think it is an organization worth supporting. Send an email right after you read this newsletter and help us find new donors. m

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### We need your continued support.

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