



UDAAN SECOND CHANCES: Reaching 3 Million Out-of-School Girls



WHAT: Scaling a proven program to seven new countries, reaching 3 million more girls

WHERE: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Malawi, Mali, Nepal, Pakistan and Somalia

WHY: Health improves, earning power increases and poverty declines

WHEN: 2017 – 2022

HOW: Seeking \$15 million investment to expand CARE's "Udaan Second Chances" program



When girls are educated, all of society benefits. Girls who attend school tend to delay marriage and pregnancy, are less vulnerable to disease, and are more likely to increase their own earning power for life.

Just ONE YEAR of secondary education correlates to a 15 to 25 percent INCREASE in future wages.



However, **an estimated 32 million adolescent girls are not in school right now.** They require a tailored, proven program that helps them catch up with peers, builds their confidence and equips them with the skills they need to be successful. CARE stands ready to bring such a program to countries where the need is greatest. We are partnering with first lady Michelle Obama and the *Let Girls Learn* initiative to ensure adolescent girls get the education they deserve.

As a *Let Girls Learn* partner, CARE is committing to reach 3 million adolescent girls in seven countries through our successful “Udaan Second Chances” academic program. The program provides an intensive, high-quality nine-month curriculum for girls who were unable to either start or finish primary school. Moreover, it builds confidence and teaches skills the girls need to overcome the social and economic factors that keep them from school, prepares parents to embrace educational opportunities for their daughters, and engages men and boys to be part of the support system. Through CARE’s Udaan Second Chances, some of the most marginalized girls in rural India already have gone from being utterly left out of formal education to completing secondary school and even college. With this new commitment, **Udaan Second Chances will be replicated in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Malawi, Mali, Nepal, Pakistan and Somalia** (based on initial recommendations).

With a 95 percent success rate of girls graduating the program to move on to secondary school, CARE looks forward to broadening this program in those seven countries with the support of the U.S. government, Ministries of Education, corporations, foundations and local partner organizations. **We seek a five-year investment totaling \$15 million to support this life-changing work that fuels development and influences future generations.**



A brighter future for marginalized girls

Girls like 12-year-old Laxmi Pal in rural India grow up believing that they don’t belong in school. Often seen as outsiders, they do housework and look after their younger siblings until they marry and move out at about age 14. Being the oldest of five kids, Laxmi assumed the burden in her family. She would spend her days at home with her brothers and sisters, feeling trapped, while her mother was away cleaning houses and her father struggled to find seasonal work on farms. Laxmi broke that tradition when she set foot in a classroom for the first time, becoming the only member in her immediate family to go to school.

At CARE’s Udaan school, adolescent girls like Laxmi, who had either never enrolled or were forced to drop out, are given a second chance to learn through a fast-track course. After just nine months, Laxmi graduated from the fifth grade and was enrolled in a government secondary school to continue her education. “If I didn’t go to Udaan, I would have been cleaning houses with my mom and soon married off,” Laxmi says. “Being at Udaan allowed me to dream about my future for the first time.” Laxmi’s dream is to become a teacher. Thanks to CARE and our donors, Laxmi and her classmates are now on their way to becoming well-educated women. **With your help, CARE and our partners can reach 3 million more girls like Laxmi by replicating this proven education model in other countries.**