

UDAAN AND PEHCHAAN

PROJECT DESCRIPTION FEBRUARY 2012

Partner:	Sarvodaya Ashram
Location:	Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh, India
Target Group:	Girls aged from 8 to 11 (Udaan) and Girls aged from 12 to 15 (Pehchaan) who have dropped out of school or have never attended school
Number of Beneficiaries:	542 girls and teenagers (388 in Udaan and 154 in Pehchaan)
Grant Period:	1 January 2008 – 30 June 2015
Grant Amount:	£156,935 (7 years, 6 months)



Objective

To educate girls and teenagers from poor and marginalised communities, who have not had the opportunity to attend or stay at school, and re-integrate them into the formal school system.

Description

Udaan (which means “to fly”) and **Pehchaan** (which means “identity”) are residential learning programmes. **Udaan** enables 388 young girls at the primary school level to enrol in middle school. **Pehchaan** enables 154 older girls to complete middle to enrol in secondary school.

Entry into the programmes is based on a needs assessment conducted in six blocks of Hardoi District. The government syllabus is followed and teachers adopt a holistic approach to learning, using physical activity, dance, music, art and crafts to involve the girls in their own learning.

Parents and community members are orientated to the value of the girls’ education and the negative impact of early marriage on their livelihood prospects. Sarvodaya Ashram is strongly networked with local agencies and the model has been recognised by the government, other donors and communities.

Progress and Results

Udaan

91 per cent of the 306 girls who participated in the programme from 2009-2011 have successfully enrolled into government and private schools in Hardoi District. The results for the last three years are shown below:

- In 2009, 85% of the 103 girls enrolled
- In 2010, 91% of the 129 girls enrolled
- In 2011, 97% of the 74 girls enrolled

Pehchaan

All 51 girls studying in Classes 6-8 passed the Class 8 examination and their marks are shown below:

- 5 achieved an A+ grade
- 7 achieved an A grade
- 17 achieved a B grade
- 15 achieved a C grade
- 7 achieved a D grade

Challenges

- Early marriage of mainstreamed girls.
- Education quality in government schools.
- Access to middle and secondary schools.
- Preparing girls for government schools.

New Developments

All 77 Udaan students passed the Class 2 assessment and passed one and two of the Class 3 assessment which took place between October and December 2011.

Below are the combined results from three monthly evaluations from October to December for Pehchaan students:

- Class 6 – 83 per cent of 54 students scored 60 per cent and above
- Class 8 – 76 per cent of 49 students scored 60 per cent and above
- Class 9 – 68 per cent of 40 students scored 60 per cent and above

Additional Funding

The Trust provided an additional grant of £14,807 from January to June 2011 for the renovation of six classrooms, including the creation of a library and science laboratory, and study visits for Udaan and Pehchaan students.



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