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To Whomsoever It May Concern

We wish to extend our heartfelt acknowledgment to the "ARPAN" organization for its invaluable partnership with ActionAid Association. Over the past decade, ARPAN has emerged as a steadfast and trusted ally in our shared vision for a world free from poverty, patriarchy, and injustice, where every individual can live a life of dignity.

With ARPAN's support, ActionAid has been able to reach the remotest villages of Pithoragarh district and collaborate closely with the most marginalized communities. Through our collaboration, we have witnessed ARPAN's profound understanding of the issues facing marginalized hill communities, particularly the Dalit and tribal populations. ARPAN's actions towards securing the resource rights of women, especially land rights of single women, Dalits, and tribals, in collaboration with ActionAid, have been commendable. Their collaborative study on single women, conducted in partnership with the State Women's Commission, stands as a testament to their dedication. ARPAN's strong relationships with stakeholders at the village, block, and district levels have significantly bolstered our collective efforts.

I personally hold Ms. Renu Thakur, Secretary of ARPAN, and the entire ARPAN team in high regard for their unwavering dedication and commitment to serving deprived communities. Whether in times of crisis, such as disasters or during the COVID-19 pandemic, ARPAN has consistently stood by the community, providing essential support.

Their impactful work with Dalit women farmers, supported by ActionAid, has brought recognition to women farmers in the region. Moreover, ARPAN's openness to learning and willingness to enhance their programmatic and financial systems further demonstrate their dedication to continuous improvement.

In summary, ARPAN is an organization championing the cause of justice and dignity for the most vulnerable communities, fostering empowerment, and encouraging them to raise their voices against injustice. We extend our best wishes to ARPAN for their future endeavours.

Warm regards,

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