



To whomsoever it may concern

This is to acknowledge the contribution of "ARPAN" as partner to Oxfam India for its North India Regional Office. Renu Thakur as head of "ARPAN", has taken the organization to a level where Oxfam takes pride in having ARPAN as partner. During the last more than 5 years of partnership, ARPAN has emerged as a strong and reliable ally in our fight against poverty and inequality. In extremely remote areas of Uttarakhand, if Oxfam could reach to the deprived and victims of gender based violence, it was only because of the strong presence of ARPAN which has great rapport with the community as well as govt. ARPAN being part of several committees formed by State & district administration, has earned its reputation as articulate, committed and effective organization translating people's aspirations into realities. I personally have great regard for Renu Thakur and ARPAN for their dedication to the cause of those deprived of their rights. The financial integrity, operationalization of project interventions as per implementation plan, punctuality in reporting and above all, the rich intellectual contributions with flavor of ground realities, in Oxfam's frequent review & reflection sessions, deserves special mention. Sajha Manch, a state level forum for issues of violence against women, is one of the biggest achievements for which ARPAN deserves large credit.

Summarizing, ARPAN is a growing organization which has impressed us by its effectiveness, reliability and capability to deliver in challenging circumstances.

I wish them lots of luck and success to serve the community in even better way.

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