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India



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1. Company information

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Mary's Meals International Organisation is the central organisation that co-ordinates, supports and leads the global Mary's Meals movement, under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer and through the work of our global directorates.

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Board for Research Education and Development (BREAD) is the organisation that implements the Mary's Meals school feeding program in India.

2. Introduction

To: Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors

Date: 22 April 2024

Project: The charitable and educational purpose of this project is to provide one daily meal in a place of education for children in India.

Overview: Mary's Meals Canada and Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI) entered into a contract on 12 February 2024 under which MMI is to support Mary's Meals Canada's school feeding program in India. The number of children to be fed is based on the funds received which will be recorded as restricted funds for the work of Mary's Meals Canada in India. The grant recipient will be Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI), who will deliver the project on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada directly through Board for Research Education and Development (BREAD).

Total grant: The total value of the grant proposal is CAD 343,004.32 and will be applied as follows.

Breakdown of restricted funds			
	Cost Per Child	Number of children*	Restricted Funds
School feeding program India	CAD 31.70	10,820*	CAD 343,004.32
		TOTAL	CAD 343,004.32

**Please note number of children is based on global cost per child and is indicative only.*

3. Quarterly Update

This is the first quarterly report to the Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors for April 2023 as required under the Project Designation dated 12 February 2024, under which Mary's Meals Canada instructed Mary's Meals International to provide one meal on each school day in informal education centers in India.

MMI gratefully acknowledges receipt of the first quarter instalments of the grant payments by April 2024 to the value of 22,036.01 CAD. In the period since the project began, we have utilized the grant instalments, successfully providing the services detailed in the Project Designation and providing school meals to children on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada in Jharkhand state, India.

[An update on your project in India](#)

Under the continued direction of Mary's Meals Canada, BREAD has continued to provide thousands of children with a daily meal in their place of education over the first quarter of the year. As domestic food price inflation remains high in India, Mary's Meals Canada's program in India is needed now more than ever.¹ Despite steady economic growth in recent years, India, as the second most populous country in the world, still faces high levels of poverty, food insecurity, and malnutrition as a result of inequality in the distribution of wealth and limitations to the equal accessibility of resources throughout the country.² Social inequalities thrive under the country's social caste system and gender inequality has created a significant gender gap in education. In addition, approximately **25%** of the world's population facing malnutrition live in India, making hunger a key issue that needs tackling. India ranking 107 out of 121

¹ World Bank, 2024. *Food Security Update (February 15, 2024)*. ([Food Security Update \(February 15, 2024\) - World | ReliefWeb](#))

² World Food Programme, 2024. *India*. ([India | World Food Programme \(wfp.org\)](#))

countries on the most recent Global Hunger Index highlights just how vital Mary's Meals Canada's program is in India.³



Radha proudly holding her school meal.

One of the children you are empowering into education through the promise of a daily school meal is Radha, a pupil in Jharkhand, pictured to the left. Radha has faced significant hunger throughout her young life and explained to us just how important the meal she receives at school is to her ability to continue her education: **"Mary's Meals has had a significant influence on my education and let me overcome hunger during the day."** Radha continued to tell us how much she enjoys her daily meal: **"The food I have is very healthy and tasty. The thought that I'm able to eat a full meal every school day is my favorite part."** Your direction to our school feeding program in India is fundamental to Mary's Meals' efforts in ensuring all children have access to education and can attend class without the fear of hunger. By working with BREAD, under the instruction of Mary's Meals Canada, this program is continuing to empower children like Radha to reach their full potential

through continued education. The meals you are providing enable Radha to concentrate in class and complete each school day without having to leave early due to hunger: **"I have more energy and I can study and focus in class."**

Similarly to Radha, children like Mantasha, aged 11, are encouraged to attend school through the enticement of a daily meal. Mantasha, pictured to the right, faces the challenges of living in extreme poverty but thanks to your work in India, Mantasha is encouraged by her family to attend school. Daily meals promote the importance of education, and for children like Mantasha, this provides the opportunity to build herself a brighter future.



Mantasha is pictured smiling, holding her schoolbook on top of the roof of her school.

Thank you

As a result of your school feeding program, children in India are receiving nutritious meals in school. This has had a significant impact on the lives of these children who are experiencing poverty, helping them during a particularly challenging time through the promise of a daily meal. On behalf of the children supported in your program in India, thank you.



³ World Food Programme, 2024. *India*. ([India | World Food Programme \(wfp.org\)](https://www.wfp.org/publications/india))