

# Doing Aid Differently

Partners Asia works in three spheres of action:

As Builders, we invest in community-led projects and solutions.

As Weavers, we create coalitions of like-minded local leaders.

As Wave-Makers, we shift the paradigm away from the traditional methods of philanthropy.



We get determined people together to form alliances to make change. We make mentoring of emerging leaders happen. We talk honestly.

### BUILDERS

We support local leaders within marginalized or "invisible" communities. We fortify their connections, their skills, their strengths. We follow our partners' lead.

#### WAVE-MAKERS

We pave the way for a different way of thinking. Real relationships are smarter and longer-lasting than benevolence and charity. 20 years proves it.



### The Data

Our grants range from \$1,000 to \$40,000

Each year, we disburse approximately 85 grants

The majority are under \$20,000

Our grants also come with skill-building, mentorship, () - 이는 이는 이는 이는 이를 and connections with other bold drivers of change

We've been doing aid differently for over 20 years



## Local = Smart

We focus on the people in the trenches.

The people doing the work at the local level.

The leaders who have the trust and respect of their communities.

From building new rice markets using a simple cell phone, to meeting with government officials to change how they think about migrant education...the things our partners do are amazing.

If you want results, there's no substitute for the wisdom of people on the ground.

## Flipping the Power

Our partners are *not* being asked to implement programs developed thousands of miles away by "experts" they've never met.

Instead, they are working on projects that come from what they see their communities need.

Our partners are experts; they have deep knowledge of working through complicated local systems to get things done.

Our work is not about benevolence and charity, but about developing equitable partnerships.



# Metta in Action

We focus on leaders who serve the needs of the poorest of poor: migrant workers, people in rural areas, ethnic minorities, people displaced by war, women and children.

These are people with the most ingenuity... and the least resources.

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