



## PRATHAM URBAN LEARNING CENTER

### The Challenge

Although school enrollment rates have improved dramatically in India, there are still many children who have not yet been reached, and remain out of school. Further, enrollment in school is only a first step as many children drop out quickly due to lack of any ongoing academic support.

### Our Approach

Within certain urban areas, Pratham identifies out-of-school children and seeks to enroll them in the local municipal school while simultaneously enrolling them in their neighborhood Pratham Urban Learning Center (ULC). This dual enrollment ensures that these out-of-school children receive the additional tutoring needed for them to follow the curriculum of their respective grades. ULCs are also open to children who are already enrolled in school but who are struggling and need extra help with their school curriculum. At the ULCs, teachers review challenging concepts with their students help them complete their homework.

- The ULCs consist of 1-2 light and airy classrooms, a toilet, and a drinking water facility.
- Within each ULC, the teacher to student ratio is 1:25 and the duration of learning time is 4 hours.
- Library services are also made available at the ULC.
- Pratham trains the ULC's teachers for 15 days and provides them with all the necessary teaching and learning materials. Pratham will also periodically evaluate teachers.
- Each child enrolled in a ULC is provided with an ID card, learning materials and stationery at the time of admission.
- Parents receive simple reports on their child's progress as well counseling and support for the next level of education of their child. In addition, parents also receive laminated cards listing their rights and duties as parents in the learning of their children at the ULC.

### Our Impact

Disadvantaged children will be afforded the additional academic support needed for them to thrive within school and school retention rates will increase. Each ULC will reach 120 children and where a partnership with the local government is established, the numbers will be greater.

### Sponsorship

\$5,000\*: Fully supports a Pratham Urban Learning Center. The cost includes rent, a nominal salary for two teachers, teacher training, subsidized tuition for qualifying students and administrative costs.

Donors are encouraged to visit the ULC they support to witness the impact of their donation first-hand. For donors who provide a 3-year commitment, their name will be prominently displayed at the ULC they support.

\* The cost of supporting a ULC in Delhi is higher. Costs for Delhi ULCs average between \$8,000-\$10,000.