

NEW GEP PROGRAM TO COMBAT HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION, SUPPORT EDUCATION IN INDIA, AS PART OF CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE

- **Leading global provider of procurement and supply chain solutions to provide a million meals to hungry children so they can stay in school, learn and aim to achieve better lives**

Clark, NJ – September 21, 2016 – GEP, a leading provider of procurement and supply chain solutions to Fortune 500 and Global 2000 companies worldwide, announced today its “Million Meals for School Children” initiative, a program to help feed children and support education in desperately impoverished communities.

The program, which will be initially rolled out in India, is part of a commitment to action that GEP has made as a participant in the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI).

Families in very poor communities frequently feel enormous pressure to remove their children from school because those children are needed to find means to help sustain themselves. By providing the children of these families a meal at school without charge, the “Million Meals” program provides both incentive and aid to help keep these kids in school.

GEP’s “Million Meals” program will operate under the auspices of the Indian Government’s Mid-Day Meal (MDM) program. GEP’s “Million Meals” program is just one part of [GEP’s Social Initiatives \(“GEPSI”\)](#) program, an enterprise-wide global undertaking focused on combating hunger and poverty, and supporting childhood education and entrepreneurship for women.

GEP developed the “Million Meals” program as part of its work with the Clinton Global Initiative. At least five thousand children annually are expected to be provided meals during the program’s initial term of three years.

“GEP is a diverse global company, and a caring community, that is very much committed to the places in which we work and live, and to the people we work with,” said Roopa Makhija, president and co-founder of GEP. “Social responsibility and good citizenship is part of the very DNA of GEP. We’re pleased to bring our tradition of GEPSI initiatives to a new level with our partners at CGI.”

According to latest FAO estimates in “The State of Food Insecurity in the World, 2015” report, 194.6 million people are undernourished in India. To improve the nutritional status of children as well as motivate parents in sending their kids to school, the Indian Government initiated the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme in 1995.

About the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI)

Established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, the Clinton Global Initiative — an initiative of the Clinton Foundation — convenes global leaders to create and implement innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. CGI Annual Meetings have brought together more than 180 heads of state, 20 Nobel Prize laureates, and hundreds of leading CEOs, heads of foundations and NGOs, major philanthropists, and members of the media.

To date, members of the CGI community have made over 3,400 commitments, improving the lives of more than 430 million people in over 180 countries. CGI also convenes CGI America, a meeting focused on collaborative solutions to economic recovery in the United States, and CGI University (CGI U), which brings together undergraduate and graduate students to address pressing challenges in their community or around the world. For more information, visit clintonglobalinitiative.org and follow them on Twitter @[ClintonGlobal](https://twitter.com/ClintonGlobal) and on Facebook at facebook.com/clintonglobalinitiative.

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