Dear Members of the SIPA Community,

As you may know, Anita Ashok Datar, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)’03 and Mailman School of Public Health’03 alumna, was the only American killed in the terrorist attack of November 20, 2015 in Bamako, Mali. In Mali, Anita had returned to a part of the world that meant so much to her and she lost her life doing what she loved – helping others while serving as the Senior Director for Field Programs for the Palladium organization on a USAID-funded project focused on improving reproductive health in developing countries. Anita dedicated her life to helping others by strengthening the public health infrastructure intake in the developing world, particularly in the areas of HIV/AIDS and women and children’s health.

Anita enrolled in Columbia to pursue a dual-Masters Degree from SIPA and the Mailman School of Public Health, she had dreams of changing the world and at Columbia she was looking to acquire the skills to turn her dreams into reality.

When Anita died, she was working to make the world a better place. It is in this spirit that Anita’s alma mater, Columbia University has established the Anita Datar Fellowship Fund, which will be used to provide fellowships for students in the School of International and Public Affairs and Mailman School of Public Health dual degree program.

With your help, we can continue the work that Anita loved so dearly and make strides towards improving the lives of others around the world. Please consider making a gift in memory of Anita Datar today. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anita Datar’s Family and Friends