

## Developing Self-reliant Women



Hyderabad, India



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$34,500

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JUL 2022

JUN 2025

### Overview

Our partners run employable skills training programs in rural and urban areas for young women whose lives are at risk. They live in the Shamirpet area of Hyderabad, where many oppressed Dalit community members reside. The training program includes computer classes, tailoring classes and beautician courses. The girls are trained to master a skill which will empower them and help them to become self-reliant and independent. The project also aims to rebuild the lives of these vulnerable women through counselling, self-awareness and personal development programs that form a healthy sense of trust, confidence and independence and, ultimately, lead to integration into the society at large.

### Impact for June - November 2022

**32**



**women completed the intensive computer**

training course and 13 women attended spoken English classes. These courses help broaden the women's career opportunities. All trainees receive self development training and counselling.

**30 women completed the tailoring program**

and are now able to join a garment factory or start a small business of their own. Many of the women are uneducated and were married off at a young age so a vocational skill helps them support their family in a practical way.

**30**



**300**



**family members indirectly benefitted from**

the program in this first six months. The women are empowered, become self-reliant and confident. They are now able to contribute to the family expenses and children have the opportunity to go to school.

- Transport is a major issue for families. Parents are hesitant to send their girls to classes on buses by themselves as the cost is prohibitive and sometimes the service is not available. Plans are underway to conduct mobile trainings in some pilot villages.
- Some women don't want to forego their current labour work to receive training as it affects their immediate bread earning. More awareness is needed to understand the benefits of being trained in a vocational skill.
- Villages leaders are very supportive and recently distributed the certificates at a graduation ceremony.



### Kavitha's Story

"I am a married, tribal woman with 2 children who was unable to afford my living. Many places I enquired about learning to stitch charged huge amounts so I dropped my plan and dream. My friend informed me about this institute and, with great determination, I learnt to stitch blouses and churidar in the classes. I am now able to stitch all kinds of clothes for others and have become self-reliant and able to contribute to my family's income. My new customers are happy and I am busy with my stitching work. I am earning 500 rupees a day. I am joyful and hopeful of improving my small scale cottage business in my home. Thank you."

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