

Educate and Empower



Indore, India



Education

Year 1 Budget \$22,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

DEC 21

NOV 24

Overview

This three-year project funds an established government-accredited primary school in a snake charmers' community of some 400 families. Before this project started, children in this community did not attend school but rather begged, stole and picked rags with their parents in order to feed themselves. The school has grown to accommodate a large number of students and teachers, initially with the construction of a slab and permanent tent for schooling and vocational training. Women are provided with tailoring skills and self-help group (SHG) membership, while both men and women receive income generation skills training. Medical care and counselling is also available for 250 women and children and 100 men.

Impact for June - November 2022

410



English medium education for 250 children

Enrolments have increased to 410 due to a new building space that opened up capacity for more registrations. As well as regular academic classes, children enjoy games and sports, art and craft, dance, music and participate in community street cleaning!

Vocational training in tailoring for 18

newly enrolled women and 10 continuing participants. Six women have successfully completed their training. The number of women in SHGs is now 25. Regular savings will enable them to start businesses and receive emergency loans.

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Building capacity for youth and men

Men and youth support the program through participating where relevant and assisting with implementing activities and organisation. Other skills training is planned to enable them to start up small-scale businesses for self reliance.

Health clinics, medicines and education

In this period two more medical camps were conducted, including free health check-ups, medicines and hygiene education for the 410 children, 120 women and 70 men. Free health checks and supply of medicines also help to gain community trust and build goodwill for other projects.



- Several project staff (a teacher, cleaner, security guard, some community workers) come from the community itself. This not only increases trust and builds rapport, but provides community members with employment.



Seema Nath's story

Seema Nath is married with three young children. She and her husband worked hard for little money and struggled to save enough for emergency needs. Thanks to the project, all three children now attend the school and Seema Nath has joined the tailoring classes and become a SHG member. Each week, the women put aside savings to be used for emergency situations and to invest in income generation activities. Seema Nath is planning to buy a sewing machine to help her become financially independent. The support her family has received has had such a positive impact.



Thank you for making a difference