

School on the Mat



Telangana, India



Education



Tax deductible

Total Budget



\$82,200

Project Timeline



3 YEARS



POPULATION

1.38 billion

POVERTY

21.9% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 69.7 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6.5 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Ranking out of 189 nations India 131 (Aust 8)

**2020 Human Development Report*



Overview

This second 3-year project builds on an initial 3-year project of educating neglected children, labourers and 'dropouts' in 10 villages in the Gadwal district. All family members work or beg during the day for survival and are now able to access their schooling from 6-9pm to improve their education, literacy and social standing in the community. The rural villages where our partners work are extremely remote with poor infrastructure, sanitation and economic status. The budget is \$27,400 per year.

Why support this:

Our partners have been working in these villages for 8 years, building trust and relationships with the very poor and neglected families. They work in co-operation with the local leaders and elders and find teaching staff within the communities where possible. Our partners are encouraging the children and adults to become agents of change in their local communities through education. Learning together informally promotes equality and provides the opportunity for both boys and girls to pursue their dreams of higher education and improved social and economic status for their families.

Objectives Include:



Access to education for 200 students



Evening classes for adults



Strengthen community-based leadership



Reduce forced child-marriages for girls

Expected life Change

- Night school brings educational transformation to both children and adults. Learning to read and write empowers individuals and their community.
- Education gives people an opportunity to break out of the poverty trap and secure a job.
- Access to education helps abolish the lower caste system where people have been oppressed for generations.