

Educate and Empower



Indore, India



Education

Year 2 Budget \$22,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

DEC 21

NOV 24

Overview

This three-year project will fund 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 larger number of students and teachers with the construction of a slab and erection of a permanent tent for schooling and vocational training. Women will be provided with tailoring skills and self-help group membership, while both men and women will receive income generation skills training. Medical care and counselling will also be available for 250 women and children and 100 men.

Impact for June 2023 to November 2023

429

English medium education for 429 children

Attendance has increased to 429 children, up from 410. 52 of these children are not government registered as they lack official documentation. They are enrolled in bridge schooling. Basic stationery and classroom materials have been provided to all children.



Vocational training in tailoring for 23 women

currently enrolled. A further 4 women have recently completed the course successfully. Tailoring skills will set up these vulnerable women for a sustainable income. A new permanent teacher has been hired and trained.

23



50

Self-help groups for women promote saving

Following the success of women regularly contributing savings to a self-help group, a second group has commenced, with a total of 50 women involved. Savings are pooled and provide emergency loans to members. Emergency loans have been used for medical treatment and payment of home loans and other debt.



3 Health clinics, medication education

Two medical camps were conducted, providing care to over 100 women and children. Screening and treatment was given for various health issues including scabies, rashes and severe colds, coughs and flu. Medication, including multivitamins and deworming tablets, was provided. An eye check-up camp assessed and treated the vision of 188 children under 18. Preventative health education sessions were included in each of the health camps.

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Gunja's Story

Gunja, a school sweeper, and her husband Pawan, a school peon, faced financial challenges when Gunja's father fell seriously ill. Unable to afford his treatment, they utilised a Self-Help group loan for assistance. Despite the strain, Gunja completed tailoring classes supported by Entrust. While her original plan was to invest in a sewing machine for self-sustainability, the emergency situation led her to prioritise her father's health. Gunja and Pawan express gratitude to Entrust and their local partner for consistent support, the opportunity to be involved in a self-help group, their children's education, and empowering Gunja with valuable vocational training in tailoring.

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