

## Educate and Empower



Indore, India



Education

Year 2 Budget \$22,000

Project Timeline

\$2000 TO GO

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 December 2022 - May 2023

#### 410 English medium education for 250 children



Attendance has remained steady at 410 children. 50 of those 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 5 women have recently completed the course successfully. Tailoring skills will set up these vulnerable women for a sustainable income. Finding a permanent tutor has been challenging because of the remoteness from the city. A new tutor will be hired soon.

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#### Self-help groups for women promote saving



25 women regularly contribute savings to the group. Savings are then pooled and provide emergency loans to members. Two women took out loans of \$18 each, one for personal needs and the other to start a small cosmetics shop.

#### Health clinics, medicines and education

Instead of medical camps, this time awareness seminars run by a specialist community organisation were held, aimed at helping school children take good care of their health. Mental health sessions and counselling for children in need were provided. A youth adventure camp for 25 select children was also held and provided sessions to help youth deal with the many challenges they face.



- 2 medical camps are planned for the next 6-month period and school uniforms/books will be supplied for the start of the new school year.



### Chanchal and Anjali

Chanchal (above) and Anjali are from the Snake Charmers community and attend our partner's school. They were both feeling very anxious about their upcoming 8th grade exams because they were falling behind in their studies and the exam venue was in an unfamiliar place. During the awareness sessions and counselling meetings, they were encouraged and given appropriate guidance to help them regain their confidence. Extra effort was made to prepare them in their weaker subjects and with calmer nerves they passed with good grades (Chanchal 75% and Anjali 64%). Well done girls!



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