

Developing Self-reliant Women



Hyderabad, India



Economic Empowerment

Year 2 Budget \$32,200

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 program includes computer classes, tailoring classes and beautician courses. The girls are trained to master a skill, enabling 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 July 2023 - June 2024

105

vulnerable women and youth trained



in computers and 27 attended training in mobile phone repair. A new mobile computer centre is planned in a nearby village in coming months.

109, mostly Dalit, women received training

in tailoring. Two mobile training units were opened in two villages, attended by 29. A small tailoring business is planned to provide employment opportunities, with profits being invested in the program. Plastic shopping bags have recently been banned and so there is demand for cloth carry bags.

109



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Beauty therapy courses



A new beauty training centre has started in a neighbouring village and a new teacher appointed. As a result of all the courses, women are growing in confidence, self-reliance and livelihood skills.

Family members also benefit from courses

Altogether, 1,176 family members have indirectly benefitted as young women have developed their livelihood skills and are increasingly able to support their families and enrol their children in school.

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- A new free government bus service is available - it is hoped that this will encourage more students to attend training.
- 13 women have attended spoken English classes. An awareness program for women to understand the benefits of vocational training and a personal development course for youth are planned in the next 6 months.



Priya's Story

Priya, 33, could not find a job and so migrated with her husband from a neighbouring district in search of work. She has no children and was feeling lonely and severely depressed at home. A friend told her about the tailoring institute and so she signed up for the course. She also received counselling from staff. Since joining the course, Priya has developed some wonderful friendships and is now feeling joyful and full of hope. She has excelled in sewing and is now confident to start her own tailoring shop. Currently, she is waiting to get a loan from a friend to buy her own sewing machine and start a small business. Life has taken a turn for the better!



Thank you for making a difference