



IND-YMI-SBS-N01

Reporting Period: July to December 2015

Slum Bridging School - Indore

Budget: \$6,000 for year 1, fully funded
Budget for year 2: \$9,000 - \$5,250 still to raise

Update:

The first year of this project funded the development and running for a year of a small school (currently catering for 100 students in classes from Nursery to Grade Five). This school is based in a slum in indore, and prior to the school, the children would be out picking up garbage or just floating around all day, with no hope and no future. The school offers education in English, hope and a future.



After-school painting fun

As well as providing a school for the children, our partners are working with the entire community. They have provided clean water and are working on skills development with the women. This has gone so well they are planning to start working with the men. They also work with the children outside class time, playing games and offering different activities. The love they have shown this community is amazing and is showing results. Below are two testimonies which illustrate this perfectly.

Balam, one of the fathers, says

"since the children are going to school and the school people are working in our community my children are learning to read and are nice and clean. They are not roaming here and there and having bad fellowship and go and steal and rob. Instead they are cleaner and play good games. Also we have water now and so it is so good for our hygiene. No one before in the government heard our voice but the school people came and they did for us more than we ever thought."



Teacher Parvati

One of the teachers, Parvati reports:

"I am teaching Maths at Living Stone Academy. I feel such a joy working with these poor and needy children. These children had never seen a school or dreamt nor thought about school and studies. They were filthy and dirty. But today their life is so different and there is hope in them. I first was doubtful and it was hard work initially but I see a good future for them now. They were very weak students in the beginning but today they show interest and are giving their best performance. Now there is progress!"

Entrust is funding this school for another three years, at which point it will be self-sufficient. We are excited to partner with this community to make a real difference, not just for the children but for the whole community. Thank you for *your* partnership in this effort.