



IND-YMI-SCS-P03, Indore, India
Reporting Period: July 2017 - June 2018

A future for outcasts

Budget: \$9,000 for Year 3 – fully funded.

Update:

This is a long-term project to establish a government-accredited primary school in a snake charmers' community and pay a decreasing amount of the school's running costs each year until the school becomes self-sufficient. The project is working with the whole community and includes livelihood skills training for the women.

In this third year of the project, there are now over 150 students attending school daily compared to 90 regular students in the first year. The children are provided with uniforms, shoes, stationery, toys and games. The school runs a weekly sports day and recreation activities twice a month. Sports Day and Christmas day celebrations were highlights of the school year.



Education, although the primary focus of the project, continues to impact the entire community. The livelihood training program brings new life to the women as well as providing mothers with the skills they need to care for their children. 2 groups of 35 ladies are being trained in making cosmetics, handicrafts and toiletries (instead of collecting garbage, selling plastic and begging).

There are still no medical or sanitation facilities in the community. Our partners, with the participation of young and old community members, have been running a Hand-Washing Program and a Health and Hygiene Awareness Program once a month. Twice this year they conducted free check-ups (distributing medical and nutrition packs) for prenatal women.

Hygiene is slowly improving and the community is working well together. They have witnessed significant changes in their children's behaviour and learning and transformation within their community.

Thank you for helping to make all of this possible.

