



Project Report

IND-BCM-QTC-P01 Bangalore, India
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Quarry to Classroom - Bangalore, India

Budget: \$51,156 – fully funded.

Update:

This school is in the outskirts of Bangalore, South India, near quarry villages. The quarries are a harsh environment with inhumane and dangerous living conditions. Most families (like the one pictured right) are bonded to their employers with no hope of paying their debts and breaking the cycle of poverty. They have no access to drinking water, proper roads or sanitation. Healthy food, education and healthcare are luxuries for these people. Our partner school is providing education to hundreds of children in these families. They are first-generation learners who have the chance to gain an education and escape the cycle of poverty and the back-breaking and hazardous work at the local quarry.



Demand for enrolment at this school is so high that many children have been turned away in the past. This project allows a completely new group of primary school students to enroll and study alongside the existing primary school students for their first five years of education – one group in the morning and another group in the afternoon.

This first year of the project has seen 250 new children in grades 1 to 5 admitted to school with uniforms and textbooks. Six new, experienced teachers, a child counselor and a supervisor have been recruited to support the increasing number of students. Attending school has given these children a sense of belonging amongst other kids and they have participated in a range of curricular and co-curricular activities such as the annual sports day, science exhibitions, school elections and performing arts. Girls, sometimes as young as 6-8 years old, are given for marriage in the area. On average, for every year a girl stays in school past fifth grade, her marriage is delayed a year. Educated girls typically marry later when they are better able to bear and care for their children. Additionally, by sending a girl to school, she is far more likely to ensure that her children also receive an education.

Educated students have a chance of escaping poverty, leading healthier, more productive lives. Thank you for your part in transforming this whole community, not just investing in the future of the children

