



Slum Development – Indore, India

Budget: \$20,000, fully funded.

The Project:

This project funds a government-accredited school, a capacity building program for men and maternal health care and clinics for women and children, all in one slum area in Indore, India. The school provides quality affordable education, delivered in English in an accessible location to the slum children who would otherwise not be able to attend school. 60-80 families have been living in this area for about 25 years but still lack basic infrastructure and services. Mobile clinics will provide much needed health and hygiene education and medical care for the community. Finally, our partner is responding to the local families' desires to pull themselves out of poverty through economic empowerment.

Update:

Children are making good progress at the school as they diligently complete their tasks and school projects, despite no electricity in their homes at night to do homework. They also get to participate in culturally enriching events and were very excited to be part of Independence Day celebrations this year. The children were thrilled to receive new uniforms (below) so they can attend school looking well-dressed.

An income generation and empowerment program set up to help heads of families start their own businesses has been a continuing success. Men are provided with a handcart to sell wares and vegetables. Three medical clinics are available for pregnant women, providing them with free check-ups, medicine and nutritious food. These clinics also include vaccinations, a course of vitamin A and deworming for children aged 11 months to 5 years. The programs have greatly improved women's understanding of health and hygiene and they now know how important child vaccinations are in the prevention of diseases.



This slum community has come to realise over the years that all the programs from school education, health awareness services and livelihood skills training are for their benefit and future stability. They have embraced community clean-up days which improve their living conditions and have recently established a small plant nursery. A previously installed water tank is being maintained well and continues to supply clean water for the surrounding neighbourhood. Recently a new bore well was constructed to provide a much-needed additional clean water source.

This slum community is seeing the benefits of these programs in improved lifestyle and healthy habits.

Thank you for helping bring transformation to these people's lives and hope for the future.