



Skill Training for at-risk Girls

Budget: \$21,000, fully funded.

The Project:

Our partners run employable skill training programs in rural and urban areas for young girls and women whose lives are at risk. They live in the Shamirpet area of Hyderabad, where many oppressed, Dalit community members reside. The training program includes computer classes, tailoring, and spoken English courses. The girls master a skill which empowers them and helps them to become self-reliant and independent.

Outcomes and Impact:

- During this second year, training was delivered to 80 computer students, 83 tailoring students and 39 spoken English students, and around 100 people have become self-employed through the program.
- Over 450 people have indirectly benefitted from the training and new livelihoods established.
- In response to increasing demand, plans are underway to introduce beauty therapy training as well.
- A new branch of the training institute has recently been set up in a village 4km from the existing centre. This will help create more training and job opportunities for disadvantaged village women.
- To overcome reluctance of parents to let girls and young women travel to class by public transport, our partners arranged for a local vehicle to provide a safer form of travel.



S.Jyothi (above, right) comes from a difficult family background, and had to leave school after 9th grade due to her family's poverty. She now has three children, but her husband's meagre salary is not enough to support the family. The idea of becoming self-reliant was just a dream for her, until she heard about our partner's tailoring institute. She was overwhelmed with joy when she joined the tailoring course and, having completed the training, is confident of earning enough to help take care of her family.



After completing 10th grade, G.Poonam worked for two years as time keeper at a spinning mill, but her salary was barely enough to get by on. She enrolled in our partner's basic computer training course in order to upgrade her skills and was successful in applying for a better job in a different company.

M. Vinodha (left) is 26 and mother of a 3-year-old boy. Her brother-in-law has been supporting them with his small income after her husband's life tragically ended last year. Living in a remote village, there are few options for personal development, but she heard about our partner's training institute in a nearby village and took the opportunity to learn spoken English. She is very happy about this and feels confident and filled with hope about embarking on a new employment path.

Thank you for helping these women gain new skills and confidence to be meaningfully employed and generate income for their families.