

## Skill Training for at-risk Girls

IND-TBI-STG-P03



Hyderabad, India



Economic Empowerment

Total Budget

\$59,300

Project Timeline

JAN 18

DEC 21



### Overview

Our partners ran 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 beautician courses. The girls have been trained to master a skill which will empower them and help them to become self-reliant and independent. The project also aimed to rebuild the lives of these vulnerable women through counselling, self-awareness and personal development programs that form a healthy sense of trust, confidence and independence and, ultimately, lead to integration into the society at large.

### Objectives

### Impact



Computer training course

Over the course of the three years and, despite interruptions from COVID-19 lockdowns, 177 women have completed training in computers. 39 women also attended spoken English classes so as to broaden their opportunities.



Tailoring course

Tailoring training sets up women with a vocational skill to start a business of their own. With many women uneducated and married off young, this helps them support their family in a practical way. 180 women received training in tailoring.



Self-employed women

A total of 282 women have become self-employed through the program. All trainees receive self-development training and counselling, so they can become confident and self-reliant, with hope of a brighter future.



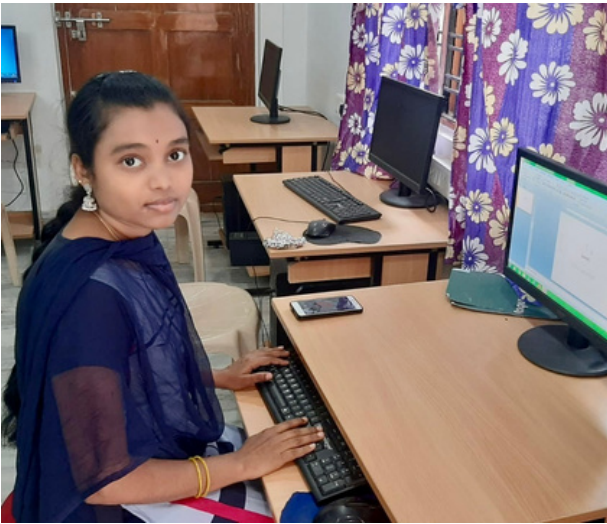
Families benefitting indirectly

When women are supported through these training programs, the whole family benefits, as does the wider community. 1101 people have indirectly benefitted from empowering women and this means more children able to attend school too.



### Life change

- Women and girls with skills to help them make a living become self-sufficient and are able to provide for their family
- Empowerment to face life's challenges and be able to voice their opinions in the family and community
- Increase in dignity and a meaningful purpose in life



## A Young Mother Skills Up

A. Varalakshmi is 25 years old, married and the mother of two young children. They live in a rented house and her husband's low income does not cover all their family's expenses. She only completed school to intermediate level and without adequate computer skills she had great difficulty finding a job to supplement their income. Nor could she afford the tuition fees at a formal institute. She was delighted when she learned about our partner's low-fee training course, which is providing her with the skills she needs to find a job. This will help support her family and enable her children to go to school.



Graduation ceremony: women graduating in computers and tailoring

## Tailoring for a better life

Seventeen year old Shaik Firdos completed school to 10th grade and lives near our partner's training centre with her parents and younger sister. Due to their financial difficulties she had to abandon her studies and look for work. With no qualifications or training, she could only find a very low paying job. Her dream, though, was to learn tailoring and begin a career as a dressmaker. The low-fee course offered by our partner has enabled her to enrol in training and she is now looking forward to the time when she graduates and can earn a better income. Her family is thrilled she has been given this opportunity that will allow her to break free of the poverty cycle and gain a financially independent future.

