

## Developing Self-reliant Women

IND-TBI-DSW-P01



Hyderabad, India



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$34,500

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JUL 2022

JUN 2025

### Overview

Our partners run employable skills training programs in rural and urban areas for young 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 classes and beautician courses. The girls are trained to master a skill which will empower them and help them to become self-reliant and independent. The project also aims 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. Year 2 budget \$32,200.

### Impact for December 2022 - May 2023

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#### women completed the intensive computer

training course and 7 women participated in spoken English classes. A new course in mobile phone repair was offered, with 5 people enrolling. This will meet an unmet need in the community and provide reliable income.

#### 92 women received tailoring training

56 women completed the tailoring course and are set up to join a garment factory or start a small business of their own. A new initiative is taking a mobile tailoring training unit to more inaccessible places: 32 women were trained.

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#### Beauty therapy courses

Five women completed the beauty parlour training which will enable them to start their own businesses and become more self-reliant.

#### 464 family members indirectly benefitted from

the program in this period as women grow in self-reliance, confidence and sustainable livelihoods. They are now able to contribute to the family expenses and children have the opportunity to go to school.

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- All trainees receive self development training and counselling.
- Transport continues to be a major issue for families due to unreliable services, cost and security concerns for young girls.
- Awareness sessions are ongoing to help women understand the long-term benefits of being trained in a vocational skill. Some are reluctant to divert their time away from bread-winning.



### Bathula's Story

Bathula, 22, is a keen student but her family's poverty meant she could not continue her studies. Her father and mother are day-labourers and because of their financial burdens, they could not give Bathula enough care and she became malnourished. Her dream was to earn a living so she could support her family and look after her own needs as well. She heard about the study opportunities at our partner's institute and was determined to do well. She is now sewing all kinds of clothing for others and is so much happier and content. Our partner is planning to employ her in their garment shop once it is up and running.



Thank you for making a difference