



IND-YMI-EFO-P01, Indore, India
Reporting Period: July - December 2018

Education for Outcasts

Budget: \$14,000 for Year 1 – fully funded.

Update:

This long-term project to establish a government-accredited primary school in a snake charmers' community has now entered a new 3-year phase. Our partner continues to work with the whole community including livelihood skills training for the women and medical camps which provide free per-natal check-ups and educate the community about illness and its correlation to hygiene and cleanliness.

There are now 165 students attending school compared to 90 regular students 3 years ago. The children are provided with uniforms, shoes, stationery, toys and games (photo, right). The students continue to enthusiastically participate in all the school activities like Sports Day, Child Parliament, Cleanliness and Talent/performance programs. The most significant change in the area of education is that more and more parents are taking responsibility for organising and participating in the different programs. They are understanding the benefits this is having on their own welfare and they want to be part of it.



Twice a year, our partners organise a pre-natal education program to help equip pregnant mothers for a healthy delivery. They provide free medical check-ups and distribute medicine and nutritional packages for the mothers-to-be. They have also organised a comprehensive vaccination program to run alongside a government eradication program for measles in the new year. This Government Eradication Program is a significant step forward in and of itself. The people who live in the snake charmer's community do not possess any legal documentation and in the past have been completely forgotten by the government. Our partner has been advocating on their behalf with the government resulting in programs like this and hopefully some government assistance towards education in the near future.

Thank you for your part in helping to transform a whole community through education, livelihood skills training and health and hygiene programs.

