



## Project Report

IND-YMI-SBS-P02 Indore, India  
Reporting Period: July -December 2016

### Slum Bridging School – Indore, India

**Budget:** \$9,000 for year 2 – fully funded.

**Update:**

This project funds a government-accredited school now servicing 120 children from a tarpaulin-house slum in Indore, India. The slum community is extremely poor and before we partnered with them the children were not attending school, they were out picking rags. This is our second year of partnering with the school. At the end of year four, the school and community will be close to self-sustaining and no longer require Entrust support. As well as supporting the school, our implementing partner is also carrying out livelihood training with the adults to help them make a better living rather than collecting and sorting garbage



Our partners now have a great relationship with the elders of the community. Not only are they now educating an increasing number of children (120 students up from 100 last year with 10 teachers) there is great synergy with the women in the community. The livelihood training program is bringing new life to the women who are learning new skills and are changing the way they care for their children. This holistic approach to community development is resulting in slow but real transformation in the lives of both the children and their families. The number of children begging in the area has lowered significantly and the men and women are working hard to improve their lives and become more self-dependent.

The slum community is learning the importance of social behaviour, moral values and good hygiene practices. The slum is very congested and sanitation and poor health are core problems. Recently, the entire community participated in a Complete Clean Community Campaign (CCCC). This activity reinforced the importance of a clean living space for good health. One of the areas that needed a major clean-up was around the water tank. Repairs were carried out and maintenance teams have been established to ensure everyone has access clean water.

During this period our partners also:

- distributed sweaters to the children to help them survive the harsh winter.
- held a singing competition for the school children and provided some beautiful lunch boxes as prizes.
- celebrated Christmas with the community. The children sang action songs and danced for their parents. Everyone shared in cake and snacks after the celebration.

Thanks you for your part in transforming this whole community, not just investing in the future of the children.

