



Completion Report

IND-TFC-NSN-P01, Hyderabad, India
Reporting Period: August 2017 to July 2018

Night School for the Neglected

Budget: \$12,000 fully funded.

Update: Gadwai District is situated in Southern India. The rural villages where our partners work are extremely remote with poor infrastructure, sanitation and economic status. This project provided education for neglected children, laborers and 'dropouts' in 5 villages surrounding the Gadwai District. The local people work or beg during the day for survival. This project enabled access to schooling in the evenings to improve education, literacy and social standing in the community.



In the past year our partners have been able to educate approximately 500 children and adults (100 per village). The 'night schools' are empowering them through education to learn to read and write and is restoring their dignity and standing in the community.

In our partners' words *"it has been a great experience and encouraging to see the progress in this one year in the lives of the children and adults who attend the night schools. Some are able to recognise the alphabet in Telugu language, some are able to pay attention and listen well to the lessons and some are able to write the alphabet. It takes time but we have very committed teachers who are willing to help them learn. It has been encouraging to see the support of the elders and other village people, the way they receive us and understand the good cause we are working for."*

Saroja (pictured above, right) is one of the dedicated teachers. She has been married for 5 years but has not produced children. Sadly, this brings shame and disgrace within her society and it has been a very difficult time for her. Her decision to become a teacher in her village has changed her situation dramatically and has given her a new standing in society. It has brought about transformation in her own life and to the children and adults she is teaching. She is now a different person, full of courage and joy.

Thank you for your support. Children (and adults like Saroja) who live in remote, impoverished villages have a brighter future through education.

