



IND-SMI-EFO-P01, Indore, India  
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## 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 180 students attending school compared to 90 regular students 3 years ago. The children sat their examinations during this period but it was also a time where many of the children fell sick. The weather got very hot and dusty and there was a general lack of water.

Our partners conducted regular Hand Washing programs (photo below) and Hygiene Awareness programs for the community. They also organised another comprehensive vaccination program inoculating 200 children aged 1-15 years for Measles, Mumps and Rubella. The people who live in the snake charmer's community do not possess any legal documentation. This makes it very challenging to set up a government funded medical facility in the area.

The skills training program has been so successful that there are now 2 groups of 35 women making toiletries, cosmetics and handicrafts. Manisha, the wife of the community leader, also started the 'Grace Stitching and Training Centre' during this period. The aim of this program is to provide school-leaving girls and young women with tailoring skills so that they can earn an income locally and not have to resort to begging.

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

