

Access for All



Uttarakhand, Northern India



Economic Empowerment

Total Budget \$25,000

Project Timeline

\$2,900 TO GO

JUN 21

MAY 22

Overview

This project is further developing the 'Disability Inclusive Child Development Program' within our partner's centre, providing economic empowerment opportunities and training for marginalised and vulnerable groups of people in the area. Activities include livelihood skills for widows, tailoring classes, children's gardening, computer classes, health camps and start-up business training for families of PWDs (people with disabilities).

Impact for June - November 2021



Team capacity building and training

Regular training for Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) in disability care, rights and entitlements and also in how to identify those with disabilities.

Detailed disability survey to inform work

9 village surveys were completed with others in progress, reaching 259 families. 11 new persons with disability (PWD), 6 adults 5 children, were identified and their needs assessed.

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Community training and livelihood programs

A tea shop was constructed and will soon be launched to provide employment and training. Two volunteer tailoring trainers have continued tuition from their home villages during lockdowns. Vulnerable groups were trained in fisheries, organic farming, goat and chicken raising.

3-4 annual health camps

Health camps had to be postponed due to lockdowns. However, health awareness and COVID- prevention teaching took place in villages. General medicines were distributed as there are no local pharmacies.

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- An edible garden for children with disabilities has provided valuable outdoor learning and therapy.
- 10 new women enrolled in the widow empowerment groups showing improvements in their social and mental wellbeing.
- After-school activities for 65 children (across 9 villages), 4-5 times per week included academic support, health and hygiene training, with fun games and activities.



Puran Dai's Story

At 35, Puran Dai, has come a long way from her early days of living with multiple disabilities. Years of surgeries and treatment didn't help and she became reclusive and depressed. Her family had lost all hope. Then one of our volunteer special educators moved to her village after getting married and made regular home visits. Slowly but surely she drew Puran out of her shell. She has shown improvements in personal hygiene, basic money concepts and is engaged in numerous activities. Seeing the transformation inspires our partners to continue their patient work with her.



Thank you for making a difference