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REPORT ON

CDTP- SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



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Introduction:

Women have always been marginalized and relegated to the status of subjugated class in the Indian society. Especially in rural areas, women have not actively participated in their emancipation due to their lack of economic independence and illiteracy. Women should be organized and strengthened at the grass root level to end their subordination. R.K.Trust is making an attempt in that direction to make rural women self sufficient through sewing training centers run by Govt. Polytechnic College, Ooty under its community development through Polytechnics (CDTP)

Skill training:

Skill training is one of the most important sectors for economic development in many developing countries. Skill training provides opportunities for employment and income generation, which is particularly important for marginalized and vulnerable people of a country and enables them to increase income, employment and food security as well as improving nutrition and health.

In order to empower vulnerable and marginalized adolescent girls CDTP programme provides them with vocational and livelihood training in different skills and trades including tailoring, typewriting, Computer skill, Beautician, Doll making etc. In addition to this, R.K.Trust also provides life skill training with particular focus on health issues, reproductive health, nutrition, child rearing, counseling, drug and alcohol abuse, small savings, First Aid. Essentially, therefore the CDTP is an integrated vocational/livelihood and life skills training programme which primarily endeavors to empower socio economically marginalized and vulnerable women and girls.

The main aim of this program is to enhance the quality of life of women through increased knowledge and skills. The women need vocational training or skills also to uplift their status. They should be able to stand on their feet and be an earning member of the family.

GPT conduct regular visits to the centre in order to assess the training progress of learner and evaluation of learning/training outcomes. And to identify behavior changes in the trainees and to provide them with ongoing psychosocial counseling support and guidance.

Success stories:

A majority of women/ girls who completed training in the above trades now gainfully employed and self-employed. This has not only enabled them to self- reliant but also improved their quality of life.

Case studies: Where there is a will there is a way

Kaliammal is a beneficiary of this programme. She is from Mysore and married to a person at Gudalur. She didn't even know Tamil to read and write. She used to write in Kannada and learnt tailoring perfectly and quickly. After the completion of her 6 months tailoring course in October 2015 the very next month she started to earn and she earned Rs.5000/- in November since it was a festival month (Deepavali). She attended 3 days advanced course in tailoring organised by R.K.Trust with the support of Usha International Company and promoted her own tailoring centre in her village with 3 machines. Presently 5 women are undergoing training and she is collecting monthly Rs.200/- from them. Totally she is earning Rs.3000/- per month from home. Now she is so happy because she is self- supporting and useful to her family members. Furthermore, the integration of practical skill training with health education, psychological counselling and guidance has improved her self- esteem and confidence.

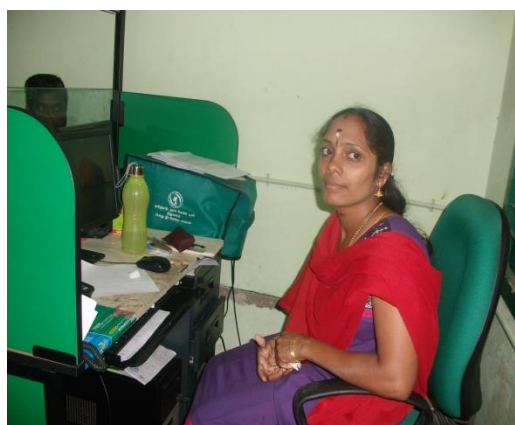


Ms. Kaliammal, the proud owner of her own institution in her village



Ambika from Theppakkadu spent whole day in learning tailoring, typewriting and computer course. She has completed all the three courses successfully. Moreover R.K.Trust trainer motivated her to complete her XII std. Simultaneously, she completed her XII standard. After the completion of the courses she got employment in e service centre at Revenue Divisional Office, Gudalur and getting a salary of Rs. 5000/- per month.

Shodhammal at E-service centre



Shodhammal underwent typewriting course and completed successfully. Now she is working as a clerk at Thasildhar office, Gudalur and earning Rs.5000/- per month. She opined that she is so happy because she is self supporting and useful to her family. Furthermore, the integration of practical skill training with life skills education has improved her self esteem and confidence.

Punitha Daisy Rani is a mother of two children who left her husband and living with her children in Mel Gudalur. She started this school and 5 women are undergoing training. Apart from tailoring she is very good in woollen knitting and other handworks. In her silai schools she kept her handworks and other materials related to sewing and hand work for sale. Since her school is located in the main bus stop the general people also visiting her school and placing orders for woollen knitting garments. She is quite satisfied with her earnings and living happily with her children.

12 women are running their own silai schools at their own village.

Recognition from District Administration

R.K.Trust is providing various skill and self-employment trainings to women and young girls on soft toy making, knitting, home decorative items, Jewellery making and Aari embroidery and exhibited their products in the stall during summer festival eve. District Collector and various department officials, crime branch officials, other organization officials visited our stall and appreciated the work done by the women.



A View on Stall



Forest department officials visited the stall



Additional Collector, Calicut at our stall



Memento

R.K. Trust was awarded with memento by the district collector for the stall on handicrafts which were made by rural women under the training and guidance of R.K. Trust along with the awareness materials on legal issues displayed at summer festival at Gudalur.



CDTP –R.K.Trust Extension centre, Gudalur Trainer Ms. VijayaKumari Receiving the Memento

Impact:

This programme made a significant impact on marginalized women vocational skill competencies, livelihoods and psychosocial behavior as well as on their communities' development and general living standards. The programme has thus become one of the major instruments of fostering individual and collective empowerment. A majority of the girls who completed training in various trades now gainfully employed and self employed. This has not only enabled them to self reliant but also improved their quality of life.