

Women's Tailoring Schools India

In India there is a major problem impacting women and children.

There are villages where most ladies have no work at all. They look after their cattle and children while men work, hopefully. In some Hindu castes and in tribal areas the ladies ladies are forbidden from working.

The women also suffer because many of their husbands don't work. Many men are addicted to drugs or alcohol and most of their money is spent supporting their habit, not their family. Their wives and children often have insufficient food because of this.

Here is a solution. With empowerment and training these women can establish their own work and income so children are are better cared for and fed. One way to do this is by training them in tailoring so the women learn how to stitch and sew clothing which can then be sold in the local stores or markets. They can also repair clothing for other families in their villages.

Tailoring schools will run for 6 months and be taught by a full time qualified teacher; teaching up to 20 women per school attending 5 days per week (3 to 4 hours per day). Subjects will include:

- Design
- Drafting
- Cutting
- Sewing
- Pressing
- Machine Repairs

When each lady successfully completes her course we hope to provide them with a tailoring machine with which they can start working from their homes. Each lady will also be invited to join our community meetings for ongoing mentoring, followup and relationship.



The solution to the problem is available.

To teach 20 ladies through this 6 month school is an investment of \$8,260

This includes all the physical requirements for the school and a sewing machine which the ladies can take away with them at their successful completion of the school.

Training 20 ladies per year means an investment in each lady and her children of only \$413. This will change their future in very positive ways.

The result will be women who are able to care for their children and themselves. Whose money for food, clothing and other necessary items wont be spent supporting addictive habits.

Would you consider sponsoring or investing in the futures of these women and children? Email contactus@heartforkids.org or phone 02 9533 4096



Graduation!

20 women have successfully completed the first tailoring school in North India.

Most of them are from extremely poor backgrounds and some of them are widows. They find it very difficult to live without any regular income.

It is our vision to empower them through these schools.

Sarojini's Story...

I studied only up to 4th grade as our village school. There was no school above 4th grade. Then I did not know what to do in my life. I worked in the cultivation fields, in a brick factory and even as a house maid. It was painful work.

I am the only person who works in my family and I was very worried. Now I learned tailoring and got this machine. Now I can work from my home. I have some plans to make children's clothes and sell them to the nearby shops.



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