



Supporting Women at Risk and Survivors of Gender-Based Violence in Bhopal and Indore District of Madhya Pradesh – One Stop Training Cum Rehabilitation Centre

Project Start Date: 01 July 2023

Project End Date: 30 June 2024

Key Achievements at a glance (July 2023 - December 2023)

- Under the project **2 One-Stop Training cum Rehabilitation Centres** have been set up **Bhopal and Indore in collaboration with the Gauravi**, directly **reaching over 800 women** through community meetings and trainings. This has helped us in identifying women who have been affected by violence, abject poverty, and social marginalization and need support to gain access to dignified lives and livelihoods.
- Other **key successes** during the reporting period include:



170

Women engaged in vocational training



80

Women successfully completed vocational training



36

Women provided with job placement



6

Women supported in starting own venture



25

Cases registered at Gauravi

Project Background & Summary

With the generous support received from Mukul Madhav Foundation and Finolex, the Gauravi project scaled in 2023 with an aim to **support women who have been affected by violence, abject poverty, and social marginalization to gain access to dignified lives and livelihoods**. The project builds upon previous learnings, targeting women survivors and those in vulnerable circumstances, providing access to vocational training, rehabilitation, and awareness programs. The support has enabled to scale the project to **break stereotypes and link women with diverse trades** by establishing two Training Cum Rehabilitation Centers in both Bhopal and Indore, offering vocational training in diverse fields, including fashion design, mushroom farming, baking, and computer skills. Additionally, the project has been cultivating business and leadership skills among women and fostering awareness on women's rights within the community.



Progress against objectives

We are pleased to report that the project has had a significant impact and below are some key activities that have been achieved so far:

Objective 1. Enhanced capacities and agency to uphold and advance gender justice and support women, girls and gender minorities

Nirbhaya Chetna Diwas	16 Dec 2023	250 women in Bhopal rallied to show solidarity with women survivors of violence and submitted demands for improved police support for a safer city to ACP (Women Crime). During the rally we engaged with public, by distributing our pamphlets and information regarding our work to approximately 1000 people.
Garba Celebration	20 Oct 2023	75 women trainees participated, symbolizing empowerment and sisterhood
Community Meetings	Throughout period	800 women reached directly via 20 community meetings in Bhopal and 10 in Indore on topics such as GBV, legal instruments like DV act, information about OSC etc. Apart from these about 500 women were engaged in both cities through registration drives, and information regarding MMF supported project - Gauravi.
Legal Aid Program	Throughout period	60 women sensitized on women's rights

Objective 2. One stop Training Cum Rehabilitation Centres

- **Bhopal Center** commenced operations on **September 1, 2023**, while the **Indore Center** was inaugurated on **October 15, 2023**.
- **25 women** have raised their voices and **registered their cases at Gauravi**, and were provided counselling and legal support.
- **21 women** were supported in **securing government ID documents** such as PAN Card, Aadhaar card and school certificates to help them secure jobs and engage in entrepreneurial activities.



Objective 3. Income Generation and Livelihood Activities:

- To facilitate **development of Vocational Skills** amongst women who have been affected by violence, abject poverty, and social marginalization, courses are being offered through the Training Cum Rehabilitation centres in Bhopal and Indore:

City	Participation in vocational training courses				Total
	Computer	Fashion Design	Beauty Salon	Mushroom Farming	
Bhopal	30	30	30*	20	110
Indore	30*	30*	-	-	60
Total	60	60	30	20	170 Women

*** Training is ongoing**

- **80 women** in Bhopal have **successfully completed** the fashion design, computer and mushroom farming courses.
- **36 women** who completed training in computer and fashion design have been **provided placement** in various fields.
- **6 women** have been supported in starting their **own ventures** in fashion design and mushroom farming.

- "Mahilaye Aur Vyavsay" Program (8 Dec 2023): **60 women** participated in the one day program which was organized to connect women with entrepreneurship and gain **insights into successful women entrepreneurs' stories.**
- Personality Development for Girl Survivors at Balika Greh: 25 girls** connected to Gauravi, participated in the week-long personality development session to build a healthy mindset and look for better avenues ones they leave the shelter. A two day dance class was also organized for them.
- Women engaged in selling handmade products and crafts in significant quantities at Jain International Trade Organization (JITO) on 5 Nov 2023.



Picture 1: Skill-based training– Tailoring



Picture 2: Women selling their handmade products at JITO

Objective 4. Celebration of important days

<p>16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign - “Hinsa Ke Khilaf Mahilao Ka Saath”</p>	<p>25 Nov - 10 Dec 2023</p>	<p>About 2100 women engaged through meetings, nukkad natak, community orientation and encouraged to speak out against violence and support women facing violence in Bhopal.</p> <p>Signature Campaigns</p> <p>3 signatures campaign drives were held in Bhopal, Indore and Sanchi during 16 days Activism.</p> <p>Approximately 2570 men and women were reached out through signature campaign. People read and learned about our work and agreed to work for violence against women in their own capacity.</p>
<p>"Meet To Sleep" Event on International Human Rights Day</p>	<p>10 Dec 2023</p>	<p>120 women in Bhopal and 50 in Indore slept in public parks to raise awareness regarding women’s safety in public spaces in the event organized in collaboration with Black Noise</p>



Progress against key indicators

Objective 1 3000 women reached through awareness sessions

Achieved: 2450 women have been reached through awareness programs and sessions.



Objective 2 Establish 2 Training Cum Rehabilitation Centres

Achieved: Both the centres are functional



Objective 3.1 150 women beneficiaries from vulnerable groups trained in vocational skills

Achieved: 80 women trained so far



Objective 3.2 150 Women employed or started their own business

Achieved: 36 women placed and 6 women supported in starting their own venture



Objective 4 6000 women reached during 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence campaign

Achieved: 4670+ women directly reached during the campaign



Challenges

- Counseling women to pursue skill-based livelihood training and venture out of their homes is an ongoing challenge, particularly for those who have experienced trauma. Considerable time is dedicated to motivating and supporting them in embarking on their personal journeys.
- Most women lack work experience, making job placement challenging. Our focus is on identifying organizations open to hiring freshers, which, although time-consuming, is an ongoing effort to ensure successful placement.
- Many women lack essential documents such as school certificates, Aadhar cards, and PAN cards. We assist them in obtaining these documents, a crucial step for employment or entrepreneurial ventures.
- Encouraging women to take up roles traditionally dominated by men, like E-Rickshaw driving and Mushroom cultivation, poses challenges. Identifying and convincing women to pursue these careers requires continuous counseling and supportive measures.



Next Steps

Over the next quarter, we will continue working towards the project objectives, including the following activities:

- Women in training will partake in exposure visits to organizations, factories, and agro-farms, enhancing their work quality and fostering positive work attitudes.
- 10 awareness programs will be conducted in Bhopal and Indore by February 2024, targeting marginalized women to reach at least 1000 individuals across both cities.
- Leadership and personality development trainings are scheduled for March 2024.
- Continued efforts will be made to secure placements for the women who underwent training.
- Implementation of self-defense training for 40 women in both Bhopal and Indore.
- Support for obtaining licenses will be provided, enabling women to acquire their own rickshaws and launch women on the roads with their rickshaws by March 8, 2024, commemorating International Women's Day.

We look forward to updating you on these activities in the next report.

Thank you so much for your generous support to this project. We are very grateful.