



This year, we celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th with the theme #BalanceForBetter. We asked our staff who their SHERO from the community is - and their answers are so inspiring!

Enable



"Suganya was part of our SHG and the jewellery-making course. From day one of the course she was a woman on a mission, learning everything she could. Now she makes a living out of selling jewellery. Suganya is always so self-motivated and a go-getter!"

Prakash
Community Building Organiser
Chennai

Empower

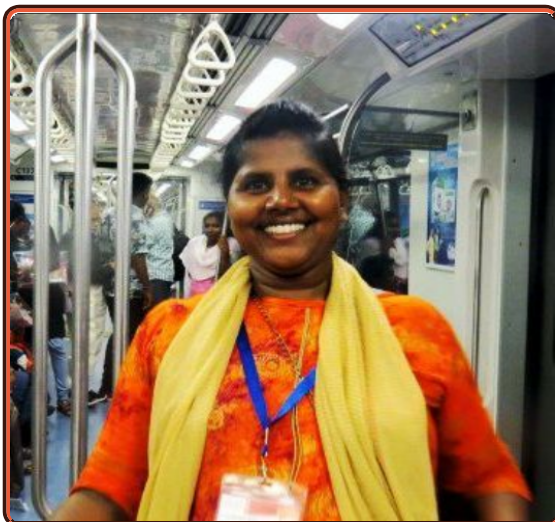


"Soon after graduating from our 6-month employment readiness programme, Shenaz took up a part-time job and now is a full-time Sales Advisor. Further, she plays a key role in the administration of our after-school programme. All this at just 21! Shenaz also invited her colleagues to see the work we do and they have now donated a white board for the class and also volunteered to tutor the children."

Joyce Braganza

English Trainer & Counsellor
Mumbai

Educate



"Despite growing up as an orphan and now married to a man who does not support her in any way, Gunasundari is a strong woman. Her perseverance to achieve something in life and her positivity is quite contagious." Carol Pamela, Blue Edge Co-ordinator Chennai

Ensure



"Farhat is a housekeeping staff in one of our Bangalore hubs. Although she is not educated, she ensured that her daughters and sons attended school. I really admire her as she has taken such good care of her family all by herself after her husband passed away."

Jai Cardijn,
Administrator cum Trainer
Bangalore

End Exploitation



"Pari* comes to our drop-in center everyday to attend tailoring classes. Her interest to learn and try new things inspires me a lot."

Vishwas Udgirkar
Fundraising & Communication
Co-ordinator
Mumbai

*name changed

Encourage



"Fathima is a 37-year-old mother of two young girls who is on a mission to complete her 10th standard and qualify for a good job. She is so inspiring because she dreams of a greater future irrespective of her current circumstance. Fathima wants her daughters to complete their Teacher Education and aspire to create an identity for themselves."

Priti Daniel
Education Co-ordinator
Punganur

Enhance Skills and Livelihood

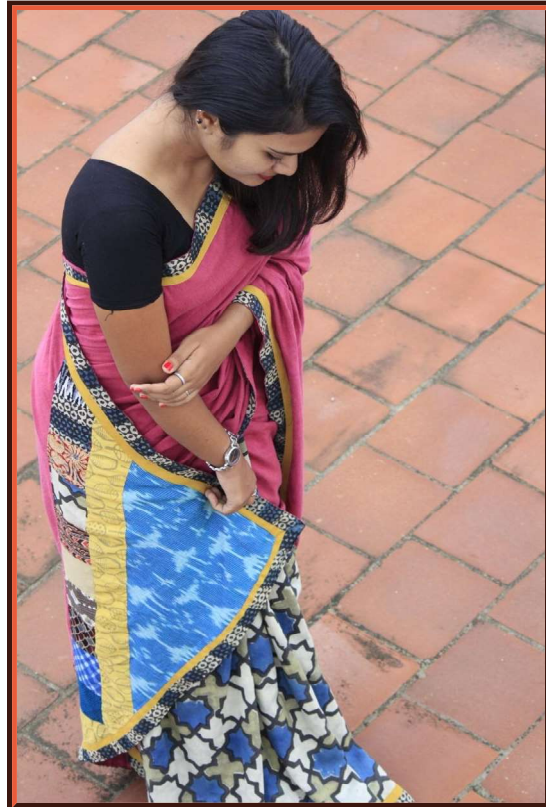


"Pushpanjali is a superwoman! She has 3 children of her own and has adopted a child with an intellectual disability. She attends the tailoring program at our hub, takes care of her mother and her 88-year-old grandmother at home. She often says "As a woman, you should be strong" and encourages other women to be empowered as well."

Sandhya Catherine
Youth Support Officer
cum Life Skills Trainer
Bangalore

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