



Empowering the Marginalized for Over Four Decades



**Empowering Women, Transforming Communities:
Celebrating Eradication of Poverty Month**



Poverty. Over the years, IDS has supported many projects to uplift the marginalized people from poverty. One such recent project that we want to highlight is heart warming story of empowerment and resilience from [Jan Swasthya Sahyog \(JSS\)](#), a nonprofit organization transforming lives in the rural areas of Bilaspur and Mungeli districts in Chhattisgarh.

Empowering Through Skills:

For the past 16 years, [JSS](#) has been dedicated to creating meaningful change. In 2015, they initiated a vocational training program for young women, teaching them the art of sewing. Thanks to the support from IDS, the project was expanded for the training of adolescent girls in five different locations. These young participants didn't just learn a skill; they gained economic independence, confidence, and a sense of accomplishment enabling them to get out of the poverty cycle

What started as basic training in sewing machines has blossomed into a thriving venture. The girls, equipped with new skills, started crafting small bags. The success of these handmade products was evident when they were showcased at a local conference, receiving a warm reception from buyers. This positive response allowed the project to reinvest revenue back into training, creating a sustainable cycle of empowerment.

While the journey hasn't been without challenges, such as limited access to sewing machines and the need for more dedicated staff, JSS remains undeterred. The organization aims to connect these talented young artisans to broader markets, enhancing their reach and impact. To achieve this goal, they are actively seeking support to hire a dedicated marketing professional and additional trainers. These steps are crucial in ensuring the long-term sustainability of this life-transforming initiative.

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the gaps, providing more sewing machines, hiring skilled trainers, and establishing a robust marketing network. Together, we can empower these young women, breaking the cycle of poverty and creating a brighter, self-sufficient future for their communities.

On this International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, let's stand together in solidarity, making a real difference in the lives of those who need it the most.

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