

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.



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NEPAL.



SAPANA (MIDDLE RIGHT) WITH HER FRIENDS IN TAILORING CLASS.



SAPANA DISPLAYING HER HANDMADE HEADBANDS IN THE FAMILY SHOP.

MEET SAPANA.

Sapana faced discrimination and poverty daily, but with your support she has gone from “untouchable” to unstoppable, and is building a brighter future.

Sapana Ghantani is a Dalit woman – an “untouchable” member of the lowest caste in Nepal’s traditional social order.

The 2000-year-old caste system violates human rights by international standards, meaning Sapana faces discrimination daily.

A LIFE BOUND BY HOPELESSNESS.

Sapana grew up in a very poor family from Saptari district in Eastern Nepal. As a member of the “untouchable” caste, Sapana was subjected to many social restrictions. She was forbidden to enter temples and most schools. She was also unable to collect water from wells used by higher castes.

When Sapana married Kumar, a man of a higher caste, the couple was shunned by their family and community. They were forced to leave their village and flee to Kathmandu.

Despite working as a mason, Kumar did not earn enough for the couple to live on. They rented a room in a shared

house and struggled to afford food and basic healthcare.

WITH EDUCATION COMES OPPORTUNITY.

In Kathmandu, Sapana connected with The Salvation Army Nepal Community Development Centre.

The centre offers skills training in tailoring and craft for indigenous women. It also offers after-school care and educational support to local children.

For Sapana, the decision to join the centre was life-changing.

“Sapana felt very unfortunate before she joined the centre,” said the local project officer at the Community Development Centre. “There was no joy in her life, and she expressed that she felt hopeless and broken.”

With support from centre staff, Sapana undertook a six-month training program in tailoring. She began to feel more confident in her abilities and soon made friends with other women in her group who shared a similar background.

“Now Sapana has found purpose,” said the program officer. “The education and friendship has made her stronger, and through the training she can now make many things like headbands and kurta salwar [traditional dresses].” Sapana sells these items to support her family.

A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

Soon after completing her training, Sapana was offered a job at The Salvation Army Nepal family shop, an outlet for items made at the training centre.

Here she sells her items and takes orders from the community to repair or sew clothing.

Sapana now also shares her tailoring skills with other women, giving them hope and confidence to lift themselves out of poverty.

“Sapana is grateful to have received training and happy to be able to share her skills with other women,” said the project officer. “She now has hope for her future.”



LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS ARE EMPOWERING SCHOOLS ACROSS AFRICA TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT.

NAMBALAYI PRIMARY SCHOOL.

A Salvation Army donor-funded livestock program in Nambalayi Primary School is bringing a community together, and setting the standard for other income-generation programs in schools.

HOW A COW CHANGED A COMMUNITY.

Nambalayi Primary School is located in a densely populated and poverty-stricken area of Kakamega County, Western Kenya.

The school services a large area and has 350 students (aged 3-15). With little funding or community support, the school was unable to offer students a quality education. Classes were held in mud rooms that fell apart during the rainy season. The floors were dirty, there was no clean water, and no flushing toilets.

All this changed when the school received a cow from The Salvation Army Kenya West.

THE IMPACT OF LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS.

While there are many obvious benefits to owning a cow, including fresh milk and calves to sell, Nambalayi Primary School could not have imagined the greater impact on their community.

“It is such a blessing,” says Akeyo, a teacher at the school. “We cannot believe the changes to our community since we received the cow.”

With support from The Salvation Army, staff and students at the school learned how to care for the cow.

“The children are happy because they are learning another skill that will help them in the future,” says Akeyo. “We worked together to build a shed and see a local vet for help when we need it.”

“As teachers, we are also able to have fresh milk with our lunch. It makes us feel appreciated.”

People in the community now come to the school to buy their milk. “Parents can see the benefit of supporting us because the money goes back into the school,”

Akeyo continues. “We save the money we make from the sale of the milk and use it to renovate our classrooms.”

The success of the program has attracted attention from local government officials who regularly visit the school. They participate in training and have set up livestock projects in the wider community with similar results.

CONTINUED SUCCESS.

The livestock program at Nambalayi Primary School continues to prosper. The school has developed a Parent and Teacher Association to involve the community in decisions about how to spend funds raised.

School facilities continue to improve. Solar panels have been installed and toilets now have doors and hand-washing facilities.

“We are so thankful for the chance to improve our community,” says Akeyo. “We have ownership of our futures now.”



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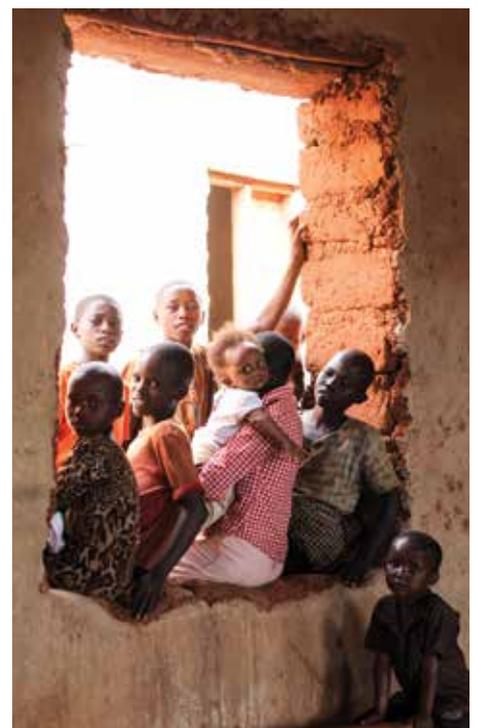
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INDIA.

LIFELONG GRATITUDE.

Sanu Das was struggling to survive on his own, but with support is now thriving.

NEW BIKE - NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

Sanu Das became an orphan at a young age. With no one to look after him, he boarded a train to Kolkata, West Bengal, India, where he lived along the train lines of Howrah Junction railway station.

To earn money for food, he collected scraps, sold drugs and pickpocketed. He was arrested many times and often beaten by the police.

A SHOW OF FAITH.

When he was invited to join The Salvation Army's donor-supported Veer program, Sanu Das' life changed.

The Veer program cares for homeless and disadvantaged children living along the train lines and in the slums of Kolkata.

Through the Veer program, Sanu Das attended literacy and numeracy classes. He had regular health checks and practised yoga and mindfulness.

With his new skills, Sanu Das secured a job at a tea shop at the railway station. Despite only making around 50 Indian rupees (AU\$1) a day, Sanu Das still saved money for his future.



SANU DAS RIDING HIS CYCLE VAN.

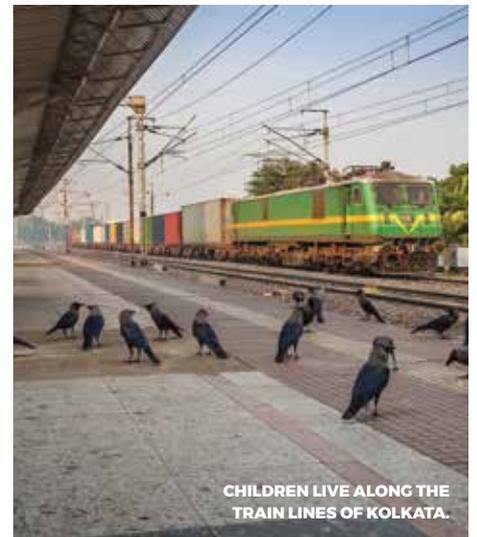
GROWING IN CONFIDENCE.

Witnessing his willingness to improve his life, Project Officer of the Veer program, Major Prakesh, offered Sanu Das a cycle van.

"Sanu is now 18 and is working as a local transporter, taking material from one shop to another and delivering the materials to customers," said Major Prakesh.

"With his cycle van, Sanu Das earns up to 250 rupees (AU\$5) a day. His confidence has improved and he is engaging with other Salvation Army projects."

Sanu Das is very grateful for the help he's received from people in Australia. 🇺🇸



CHILDREN LIVE ALONG THE TRAIN LINES OF KOLKATA.

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MYANMAR.



VILLAGERS COLLECTING CLEAN WATER FROM THEIR NEW WELL.



WOMEN PLAY AN INTEGRAL PART IN SELF-HELP GROUPS ACROSS MYANMAR.



MORE CHILDREN ARE ATTENDING SCHOOL NOW THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER.

COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER.

Donor-funded Self-Help groups of The Salvation Army are empowering communities across Myanmar to manage their own development.

SELF-HELP GROUPS IN ACTION.

Throughout the district of Taungoo, Myanmar, communities are working together to create sustainable change.

U Myint Oo is a Salvation Army Self-Help group leader in Taung Ta village. He and his community first met The Salvation Army in 2012 when there was flooding in their village and The Salvation Army had come to help.

Out of this crisis, The Salvation Army and the local community began discussing other ways they could work together to improve living standards in Taung Ta.

REALISING GOALS.

Salvation Army Self-Help groups are community-led programs that teach life skills and income-generation training.

With support from The Salvation Army, U Myint Oo and others in his community established a Self-Help group. Together,

they started a savings program and invited the local school to participate.

In Taung Ta, the Self-Help group was not only focused on individual training, but also on solving an urgent community issue – access to safe, clean water.

“We need clean water for not only the students, but also for the community,” said a group member.

“We used to get our water from streams, but it is not clean and difficult to collect. So we all worked and gave a small amount of our earnings to the Self-Help group,” he continued. “We soon had enough to construct a tube well in the town centre and another in the school.”

Following the success of the tube wells project, others in the community set up Self-Help groups. Each group focused on a different area of need, including toilets in schools, toilets in private homes, street repairs and school building repairs.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

Despite starting as a grassroots initiative, news of the improvements in the community reached local government. Working in partnership with the community and The Salvation Army, the government supported further improvements to the water supply in the community.

“We are happy to have the support of our government and The Salvation Army,” said another group member. “We can achieve much more like this.”

“If our project is smaller, we can do it within our group. If our need is big, we can connect with government and The Salvation Army,” said another.

“It is very important for us to work together in community development, to unite. It helps us better understand that our success is for the whole community.”