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KHAMAGHANI,

Looking back over the last year I am so happy with the achievements we have made in becoming a more sustainable organisation and in the continuously improving quality of work we provide. The last year has been essentially concerned with consolidating the work we have done so far. Thanks to the help of our teachers, volunteers, and donors we have continued our work and are now able to plan for the future!

Throughout this year many exciting events occurred in the world of the Sambhali Trust. The Sambhali Boutique opened with great success thanks to the unwavering dedication of our manager, Corinne Rose. It has become a great outlet for us to offer employment to our participants. The revenue that it provides creates a regular income for the Sambhali girls and enables both us as an organisation and the girls themselves to become more independent. Similarly our two micro-financing ventures, Sheerni and Priyadarshini Adarsh SHG, have experienced great success in empowering women to become financially independent and business-minded. We have also worked hard in the last year to increase our profile and our impact within the community. Through our participation in government rallies and medical camps we have raised awareness about women's empowerment issues along with informing the community of the services we offer. Many more women now know that when it feels as if all other doors are closed to them they can safely turn to us and trust us. Not only will they have the support of the Sambhali Trust but also the support of a wide network of women who have dealt with similar financial, legal, and vocational issues. We have been able to travel to Europe twice in the past, to present Sambhali and will be travelling again in the near future. These trips have helped to create lasting relationships and spread the mission of Sambhali all over the world.

First and foremost, I must thank the girls of Sambhali. If our first group of girls had not trusted us and put their faith in Sambhali we would not have been able to show this example to the world. By partnering with international NGOs we are able to receive invaluable feedback and creative ideas which help us shape the direction we would like to move in the future. That being said, we would not be able to even think about the future if it were not for our friends and supporters who have believed in us all along the way and who continue to believe in all we do. For that reason I would like to especially thank Ernestine Badegruber, Dr. Gerhard Bacovsky, Ilse Derflinger, Eduard Waidhofer, Otti Birner, Mengia Nigama Riedi, Rahel Kauer, Natalie Aebischer, Ralph Lewin, Max Lehmann, Margrit Nobs, Jacqueline de Chollet, Anne Vincent, Dr. Yves Burrus, Sigrid Rule, Sonja Muller Lang, Cornelia Uebscher, Daniela Bartosch, Klaus Simon, Rosemary Prinz, Anna Demant, and Ramona Sabu. Without their assistance and continuous contributions we would not have been able to ensure that the work we do was not in vain. We are now able to plan a year in advance as opposed to struggling to make ends meet! Thanks must also be given to the Board of Trustees for their unwavering support these past few years. The media in Rajasthan has been very supportive of Sambhali by raising awareness of our mission and has helped spread the word about the importance of women's empowerment. I would also like to thank my family and friends for all the support they have given me, and for believing in our mission of social empowerment.

As we move toward our five year anniversary I would love as always to see the Trust expand further into the community and reach out to more girls who are in need of our help. Strengthening our work, increasing our stability in the community, and becoming more sustainable is always the goal and one way we hope to do that is by purchasing a van to transport the girls to and from the Centre. Exciting things are happening here at Sambhali and with this report we are able to show you what we have been doing. I hope you enjoy reading the stories and seeing the many ways in which we have grown in 2010/2011. Looking back on the past 4 years I realize now that this is no longer my passion, it is my dedication.

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*At Sambhali Trust we believe that women hold the key to their own future. On the road to empowerment a woman must learn how to become **INDEPENDENT**, how to gain **SELF-ESTEEM**, and how to create **UNITY**. As a grassroots organisation we strive to provide the necessary tools for each woman's journey to begin.*



JODHPUR EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

JODHPUR, Created January 2007, 20 participants
The centre provides a two-year training programme requiring participants to attend classes in English, Hindi, Maths, Arts and Crafts, as well as a variety of workshops.



PAYAL EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

JODHPUR, Created December 2009, 39 participants. The centre is also located in Jodhpur and provides an equivalent two-year programme, servicing the needs of the women and girls in this community.



PRIYADARSHINI ADARSH SHG PROJECT

JODHPUR, Created March 2010, 104 participants
This microfinance programme is conducted in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development of the Government of Rajasthan. At Sambhali Trust we monitor self-help groups which consist of 10 women each, from the community of Jodhpur.



GRADUATES' SEWING CENTRE

JODHPUR, Created August 2009, 11 participants
The centre employs qualified women and girls who have graduated from the two-year training programme from one of our two empowerment centres in Jodhpur. They make the majority of products sold at the Sambhali Boutique.



SETRAWA EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

SETRAWA, Created October 2007, 51 participants
Situating in a village 110 kilometres west of Jodhpur, it offers basic education for Dalit girls who are unable to afford traditional schooling. The Centre also provides free after-school tutoring for girls in the community between the ages of 6-17.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

JODHPUR AND SETRAWA, Created January 2007, 35 participants
This programme offers girls from underprivileged communities in both Jodhpur and Setrawa the opportunity to attend private schools.

SHEERNI MICROFINANCE PROGRAMME

SETRAWA, Created October 2009, 75 participants
This programme extends small loans to women in Setrawa who traditionally lack access to credit. Within the programme are six self-help groups between 11-14 women who are given advice on better business practices, while holding each other accountable for repaying loans.

SAMBHALI BOUTIQUE

JODHPUR, Created July 2010
Situating in the city centre of Jodhpur, the Boutique provides an outlet for the participants and graduates of Sambhali Trust to sell clothes and handicrafts. The boutique also helps to find new markets, locally and internationally, where the women and girls may sell their wares.

In•de•pen•dence

 the state or quality of being independent

Being a woman, in an untouchable caste and disabled, her chances in life to become independent were slim. Four years later, she is one of Sambhali's most inspiring success stories. Anita came to Sambhali shy and self-conscious. She excelled in her lessons and can now read and write Hindi, as well as speak Basic English. However, it was in Arts and Crafts that she truly excelled. She is incredibly artistic, and her confidence and self-esteem grew with her talent.

Recently the 20-year old woman has grown in self-confidence and independence so much so that she approached Sambhali and asked if it was possible to get a scooter, so that she did not have to rely on rickshaws to get around. With a generous donation from a kind donor, we have been researching possible ideas for scooters for Anita, and hope she will have one by the end of the month. It is also with great pride that we have asked Anita to continue with Sambhali next year not as a student, but as the new Crafts teacher. She is incredibly talented and an absolute role model for future Sambhali girls. It is incredible to think that the shy paraplegic girl from 4 years ago will have her own income and way of getting around by next year. More notable, however, is the change in Anita herself. She is confident and comfortable with herself, she fits in with all the other girls and holds her own in conversations and lessons. She is confident and proud, a true representation of independence.



Self-Es•teem

 belief and confidence in your own ability and value

Building a girl's self-esteem is often as easy as finding out what they are good at or enjoy, or even just getting them to notice their own good qualities. Constant workshops and tests in lessons let the girls see their improvement, and also help them realize their creative talents. It is so important for the woman to realize themselves how special they are, and that they have the right to be treated equally to men. Building self-esteem goes hand-in-hand with building one's self-confidence. It is a key quality to an empowered woman.



Usha Sharma was one of the original students when the Empowerment Centre opened in Setrawa 4 years ago. She excelled in English and her studies, and then was hired by Sambhali as the assistant English teacher when she completed school. She is now the Centre Administrator, as well as one of the English teachers, and her house is used to host volunteers as further income.

Although unable to be independent of her family, she is a role-model for self-esteem to the girls and women around her. A confident dancer, teacher and friend, she also runs a small beauty parlour from her house, where she does threading for other ladies.

She is confident and respected by her community.

'At school, studies were not serious. I loved Sambhali because I learnt faster and was educated. I am now an English teacher, and have honest work. When people see me, they think I am intelligent, and want to teach like me. I say to the girls that when I get married, one of them will teach, and they all say yes!'

'When Anita first came here, she was so oppressed and shy; she wouldn't even look up when she was talking to you. Now, she is confident and loud, you soon forget that she is disabled when you talk to her. Her change has been astounding; I am so pleased for her.' Govind Singh Rathore

Unity a. The combination or arrangement of parts into a whole; unification. b. A combination or union thus formed.

The Sambhali Boutique truly epitomizes the idea of unity. In its first year the girls have worked hard to complete orders while maintaining stock levels in the store. In March the first major order was received, mid-tourist season. The graduates were asked to complete 25 silk elephants and 25 silk camels as soon as possible for Mumbai. When the shop's stock was quickly depleting the women got together to work out a plan. They didn't have a time limit on the order, but 1 elephant will take a graduate 1 day to complete. Averaging 6 graduates working per day, they estimated it would take 2 weeks. The team agreed on this self-set deadline and encouraged each other to complete it. During the completion of the order, a tourist came into town for a few days and wanted to see a few samples of the girls products for a potential order. Saraswati and Komal worked overtime for a couple of nights, completing these samples on top of the order. The Centre is not just a workplace, it's a place to socialize. You work with graduates who have studied at Sambhali for years. You work with your closest friends; your family outside of your family. The graduate centre is a small family inside the Sambhali family.



'The graduates are all friends; it's different to another job they could get. They work on their own time, not day-to-day, but they choose to work hard because they enjoy it. They're all in it together, and support each other. I love working with them.' Corinne, volunteer



JODHPUR EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

The Jodhpur Empowerment Centre, running since 2007, forms the base of Sambhali Trust and the oldest of the total three centres. The Centre employs at the moment three teachers: Tamanna Bhati, Administrator and Arts and Crafts teacher, Ms. Simmi Singh, English teacher and Ms. Renu Bhati, Hindi teacher. 24 women and girls, mostly from the Dalit community, attend the training programme conceived to provide them with a two-year basic education in Hindi, Maths, English, and Arts and Crafts in order to enable them to develop independence and self-esteem. Most of the woman and girls had no previous access to education before visiting the Jodhpur Empowerment Centre. The situation is therefore a great challenge for the teachers. A few of the participants had literally never held a pencil in their hands before starting the programme. It is a great achievement that after this year all of them are able to read and write in basic English and Hindi. During the last year several volunteers, from diverse professional backgrounds, held Arts and Crafts and personality development workshops for our women and girls, inspiring self-confidence and empowerment. Ms. Tammana Bhati, who has been employed at the Sambhali Trust for the last four years, is very proud that the Centre started working with a fixed timetable and a professional syllabus for each taught subject. Additionally regular tests have been introduced recently, in order to determine the education level of the women and girls and assist in monitoring their progress. The set-up of a more rigid structure has had a direct effect on the reduction of drop-outs from the programme, which was four in total last year. The women and girls seem to be bound closer to the organisation and less willing to give in to pressure from their family members.



'I shall always give my full support to the women and girls so that they can get empowered and stand on their own feet and become independent' Ms. Tammana Bhati.



'Their family members are very happy and feel proud when they see their daughters read and write in English'
Ms. Simmi Singh.

PAYAL EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

Fifteen months after the inauguration of the Payal Empowerment Centre in December 2009 the employed administrator, Ms. Payal Kanwar, and the teachers, Ms. Sonu Purohit and Ms. Simmi Singh, are very satisfied with the achievements of the team and of the participating women and girls. Twenty-seven women and girls regularly attend the training classes at the centre. The programme is conceived to provide them with a two-year basic education in Hindi, Maths, English, and Arts and Crafts in order to enable the participants to develop independence and self-esteem. Since the opening of the centre we have worked towards achieving visible progress in all elements of the participants' education. A considerable number of the women and girls never benefited from a proper education before getting involved with Sambhali Trust. The illiterate participants were taught to read and write and to make simple calculations, while the advanced group significantly improved their English and Hindi conversational skills. This new command of language along with simple subtraction and addition skills gives the women and girls a new and precious independence in daily life situations. In the Arts and Crafts classes Ms. Sonu Purohit taught the women and girls different sewing techniques such as embroidery and stitching. Those who have already acquired the necessary skills have started to produce items like salwaars, cloth bags and embroidered elephants and birds for the Sambhali Boutique. Two students of the Payal Empowerment Centre, Pushpa and Neeru, have already successfully accomplished their training and recently started to work at the Graduates' Sewing Centre where they earn a fair salary and have thus become financially independent. Despite the mediation efforts of the Payal team a few participants have dropped out of the training programme before graduation. Most drop-outs are due to their family and to changes in the personal life of the women and girls, for example they might get married or they have to start looking after their siblings and the family household. In these cases the administrator and the teachers visit the families personally in order to explain the importance and the benefits of women's education. There remains a lot to be changed and improved in those women's lives and the team is therefore very happy about the achievements of the past year and is looking forward to continue their work and to welcome new women and girls in their centre.

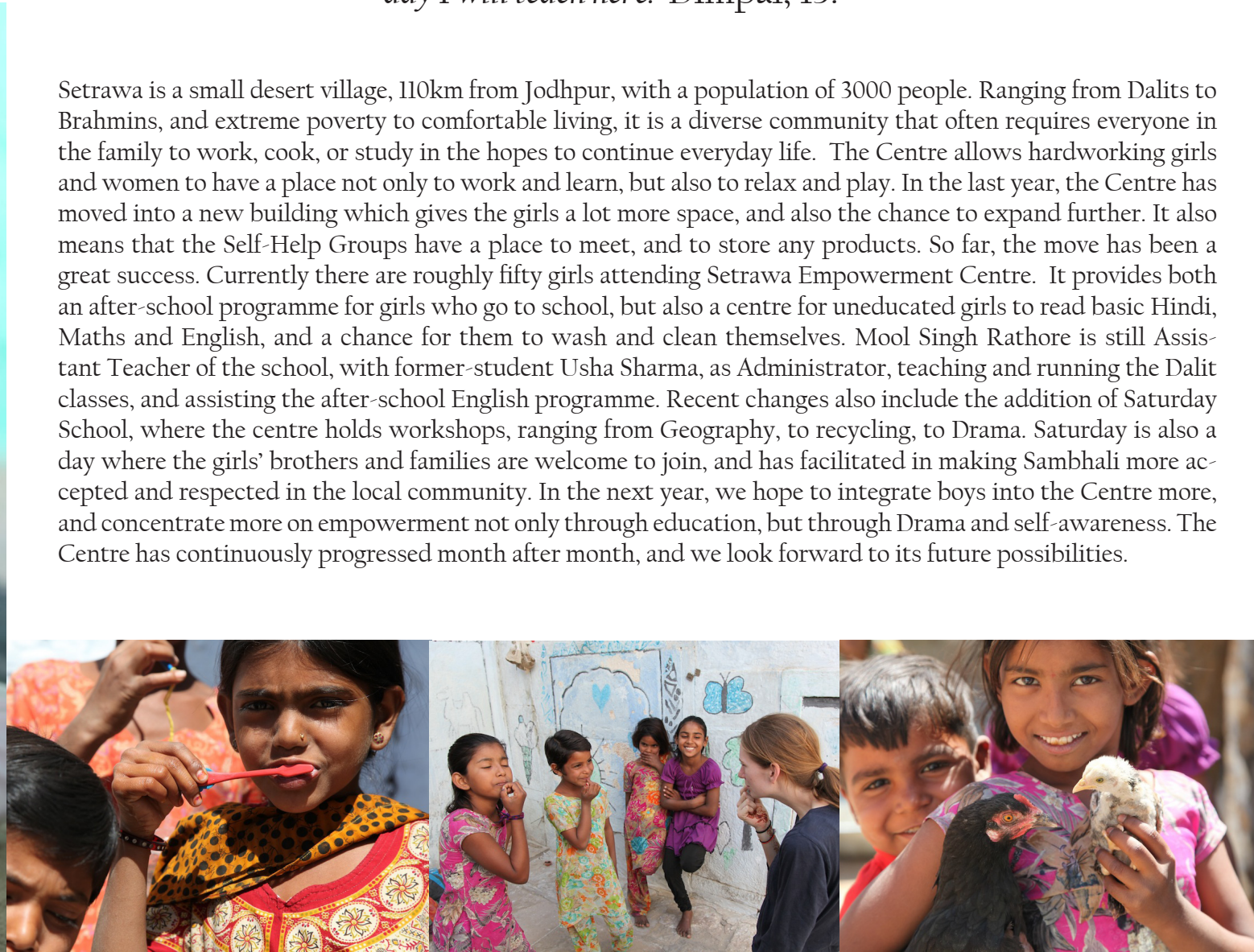
Ms. Payal Kanwar stressed that 'Before the girls hesitated to go to the shops, but now they are all doing shopping by themselves because now they are able to calculate and they gained confidence'.



SETRAWA EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

'Sambhali is like my family. It is the only chance I get to play and enjoy myself. I also learn and become intelligent. I hope one day I will teach here.' Dimpal, 13.

Setrawa is a small desert village, 110km from Jodhpur, with a population of 3000 people. Ranging from Dalits to Brahmins, and extreme poverty to comfortable living, it is a diverse community that often requires everyone in the family to work, cook, or study in the hopes to continue everyday life. The Centre allows hardworking girls and women to have a place not only to work and learn, but also to relax and play. In the last year, the Centre has moved into a new building which gives the girls a lot more space, and also the chance to expand further. It also means that the Self-Help Groups have a place to meet, and to store any products. So far, the move has been a great success. Currently there are roughly fifty girls attending Setrawa Empowerment Centre. It provides both an after-school programme for girls who go to school, but also a centre for uneducated girls to read basic Hindi, Maths and English, and a chance for them to wash and clean themselves. Mool Singh Rathore is still Assistant Teacher of the school, with former-student Usha Sharma, as Administrator, teaching and running the Dalit classes, and assisting the after-school English programme. Recent changes also include the addition of Saturday School, where the centre holds workshops, ranging from Geography, to recycling, to Drama. Saturday is also a day where the girls' brothers and families are welcome to join, and has facilitated in making Sambhali more accepted and respected in the local community. In the next year, we hope to integrate boys into the Centre more, and concentrate more on empowerment not only through education, but through Drama and self-awareness. The Centre has continuously progressed month after month, and we look forward to its future possibilities.



SHEERNI MICRO-FINANCE



Microfinance, the practice of extending small loans to individual borrowers who have traditionally lacked access to credit, has become one of the most popular anti-poverty strategies in the world. The Sheerni Microfinance Project has made progressive steps towards lifting poverty and women's empowerment through loaning, training and education in the village of Setrawa. At nearly 18 months old, The Sheerni Project has progressed successfully. There are currently 75 women in 6 Self-Help Groups in Setrawa, with the last 3 groups being 98% Dalit women. The business successes and timely repayments thus far indicate the future self-sufficiency of the women. This year we established internal loaning, using Sambhali's new revolving fund. With this, women approach Sheerni to

ask for loans, interest-free, to start their own enterprises which they pay back over an agreed period of time. The money is then put back into the fund, ready to loan to the next women. This will help for the sustainability of Sambhali's work with these women. In June, Imrat Kanwar bought a grinding machine for grain, with an internal loan, and realized she couldn't operate it without electricity in her household. Without any assistance from Sambhali, she approached the Sarpanch (the elected village leader) independently, asking for help. Within four days the Sarpanch had electricity poles erected, and organised electricity for her house. Since then, he has given advice on how to apply for below poverty-level cards, ration cards, NAREGA Scheme (employment for villagers by government) cards and how to fight for their rights. 16 other women have now applied for electricity. We are very proud of their independence and confidence- it's something we could only dream of when we started this project. This year, Sambhali gave loans for 8 cows, 10 sewing machines, 4 flour-grinding machines, 4 loans for shops, 6 goats, and 2 loans for financial help. We have also lent out 4 sewing machines for women to make sari bags with. 450kg of material was bought for the women to use for their sari-bag enterprises.

Pooshpa Sharma 'My husband runs a shop in the market. We thought that if we ran a shop from our home simultaneously, we could be more successful. I approached Sambhali for a loan as it was interest-free, and we have 4 children to raise. With their help, I started the new shop, and am now in business with my husband, my children go to the Empowerment Centre for extra English. I am very happy.'

PRIYADARSHINI ADARSH SHG



The Priyadarshini Adarsh SHG Microfinance Programme is based on a government scheme initiated by the Department of Woman and Child Development, Jaipur, Rajasthan. Sam-



bahli Trust has been assigned to train ten women Self-Help Groups, from the Jodhpur district, in 2010/2011 for the second year in sequence. The Priyadarshini Adarsh scheme is operated on the state level under the supervision of the Chief Minister of Rajasthan. The participating women are aged between 30 and 55 years and the majority of them have been involved in the Microfinance Programme for over 10 years. Sambhali Trust organised for 104 women to attend several business sessions in order to improve their professional skills, and to strengthen their independence and creativity. Sessions with professional trainers were held and guest speakers, from different backgrounds, were invited to advise the self-help group women. In May 2010 the women of the Priyadarshini Adarsh SHG Microfinance Programme participated in a 15 day workshop held by external experts and supervised by the staff of the Department of Woman and Child Development. The experts trained the women in tie-dye, stitching, and embroidery techniques. In January 2011 the clothes and items produced by the participants were presented at the annual Jodhpur Handicraft Fair. At the end of the year the groups were connected with the local market. Sambhali Trust chose to connect them to enterprises that operate in fields related to the training the women did in the past year. Six groups were successfully linked with sari bags producers, a growing business since the Government of Rajasthan officially banned plastic bags from shops. Three groups started working and selling tie-dye products.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Sambhali's school scholarship programmes links individual donors with girls and women, creating the opportunity for them to attend a private school in the area. This allows the girls to start in good schools, or occasionally it offers the opportunity for them to go back to school. We have extended this project this year, and now have literacy projects both in Jodhpur and Setrawa. In Jodhpur, there are 24 girls and boys sponsored by foreign donors. The latest reports show improvements in each student, and since we have paid for them to go back to school, the drop out rate is at 0%. The issue of the Dalit children's education has become a new issue that our self-help groups have taken up as a cause. Although we offer free education for a few hours a day at the centre a full-time education would be most beneficial for these girls. Therefore we have found sponsors to cover tuition and school fees for 10 of the poorest girls in Setrawa to attend private school, starting in April 2011. Extra tuition for those behind in their studies will also be provided.



THE BALWAADI PROJECT

The Balwaadi street children project was developed and executed by two volunteers, Sarah Richert and Leonore Merck, to address the education and health needs of children living in Jodhpur. The volunteers designed a programme that specifically focused on three families in the area. They would deliver food and medicine in the morning and evening, along with teaching the family about different hygiene routines and family planning. The three-month long project focused on providing nutrients to malnourished members of the family, especially infants. These nutrients were provided by a doctor beforehand to ensure that the children would receive the proper amount of vitamins and minerals. Another element of the project was getting children living on the street to attend classes at the Jodhpur Centre. Prior to class the children were able to brush their teeth and take a shower. At the Centre classes focused on learning basic Maths skills along with improving their literacy in Hindi and English. Learning the English alphabet was a big hit and singing different English songs helped them to improve their vocabulary. At the end of the day when the children have returned to their families they would use this time to not only hand out more food and medicine, but also to play games with the children and offer some "free-time." At one point the families found jobs in other areas so they would take their children during the day, but the volunteers would still go in the morning and evening to deliver food and medicine. This is a project we would love to develop long-term in the future when adequate funding becomes available.



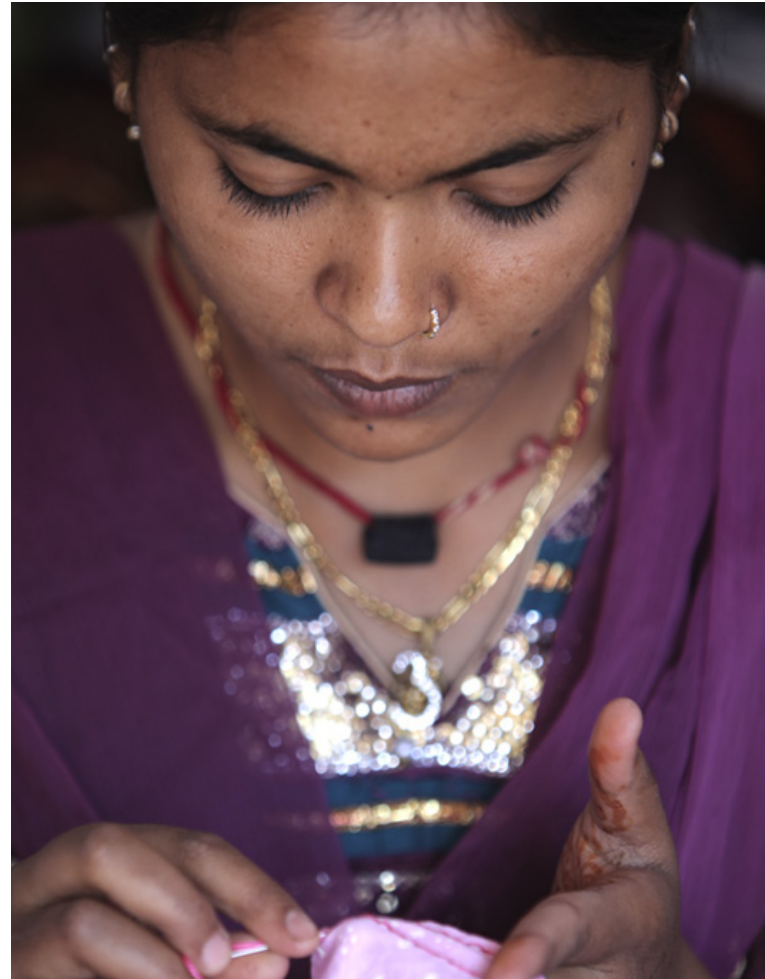
'At times it is very difficult because you see the keenness with which they (the street children) want to learn and all you can offer are some numbers and short sentences.' Sarah Richert, volunteer



Photo Credit Priyanka, taken during 'i to eye' photo workshop March 2011

Confidence is the key to success...
I AM A STRONG AND CONFIDENT PERSON.
~ Monica, age 18

PRITHIVIPURA SEWING CENTRE



The Prithivipura sewing centre has been running since August 2009. The women and girls working at the centre have had to develop their skills to adapt to the pace with which the Sambhali Boutique receives orders for the store and from abroad. An order to Germany contained 50 items, a combination of elephants, camels, purses, and table linen. Another order completed for a customer in Mumbai requested customised elephants and camels. In both the US and Ireland there is an interest in the purses and bags produced by the girls. New items are currently being discussed and designed with existing contacts in order to maintain constant work and a regular income for the women and girls. Luckily, through all of this work, the participants have been able to maintain a good balance between work and play while finishing orders in a timely fashion. Saraswati remains in charge of the sewing centre and is able to give ongoing advice and instruction where needed. The core group of women and girls remain, but due to marriage and illness some participants have had to leave the centre. Luckily one girl has received a school sponsor-

ship,

and will be attending school full-time. Two new girls from Sambhali have joined the group, and hopefully there will be more this August following graduation from the two-year programme.



THE SAMBHALI BOUTIQUE

The Sambhali Boutique opened on 27 July 2010. It was inaugurated by Mrs. Ernestine Badegruber, Founder and Director of Sambhali Trust's partner organisation, Soziale Initiative. The boutique was opened as a way to sell the items created in the sewing centres, and by providing an income, is assisting in Sambhali's quest to become sustainable. Situated next to the old Stepwell the boutique is in a prime position to serve tourists who happen to be visiting Jodhpur. A variety of items are sold in the boutique including, salwaars, block-printed curtains and scarves, silk toiletry bags, and cotton decorated elephants. The latest addition of embroidered camels are proving to be very popular, and sell as soon as we get them on the shelves. Around the Christmas holiday embroidered bird and camel tree decorations were made by the participants of the Payal Empowerment Centre. Volunteers to Sambhali Trust have taught the women and girls a variety of skills, including jewellery-making. Now they are producing bracelets and necklaces for the boutique, as well as jewellery cases to hold their wares. These have proven to sell extremely well and there is growing interest in orders for export. The boutique has the added bonus of providing publicity for the Trust and its sewing centres. People from all over the world visit the boutique and not only purchase items, but they spread the word about Sambhali Trust in Jodhpur. It is through these encounters that we have been able to increase our number of orders abroad, as well as develop new ideas for items to sell in the boutique. Many visitors who have shown an interest in Sambhali Trust have also returned to Jodhpur as a volunteer, or have given their support in other ways. Due to the popularity of the boutique we expanded to two rooms in January, and hope to keep expanding in the future.



JEWELLERY WORKSHOP JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2011

The jewellery workshop was devised to provide the women of Sambhali Trust with another revenue-generating avenue for themselves, their families and the Trust. The focus was on the fundamentals of jewellery-making so that the women, over time, could create jewellery, using these basic techniques, which reflect their own unique personalities and styles. A supply chain was established with a reputable bead and jewellery component suppliers in Jaipur, a city known for its beautiful precious and semi-precious stones. The workshop facilitators developed sustainability by identifying those students that excelled both technically and creatively and recommended that these students become the core jewellery-makers.



THEATRE WORKSHOP MARCH-APRIL 2011

The theatre workshop took place at the Payal Empowerment Centre to teach the women and girls improvisational skills. For many participants this was a new form of expression for them, and in the beginning they were a bit shy. The structure of the workshop allowed the women and girls to participate in new forms of expression usually consisting of warm-ups to music, different vocal and emotional exercises, and pantomime. At the end of each day the girls break into small groups and prepare a play based on the script, which is then performed for the rest of the class. The girls also performed in a Sambhali exhibition on March 27th along with the girls from the photography workshop.



Photo Credit Bhavna, taken during 'i to eye' photo workshop March 2011

WORKSHOPS

CHINESE KNOTTING WORKSHOP DECEMBER 2010/ QUILTING WORKSHOP JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2011

Much like the jewellery workshop, this workshop was a great way to teach the girls new skills in the hope that they would be able to use these skills to generate income in the future. The girls' skills progressed swiftly and have resulted in fast-selling jewellery and key-rings in our boutique. Two quilting workshops were held during this time, with each class having around 6-8 participants. The workshop created two items, the first a crazy-quilt pattern embellished with gold and silver trim and secondly stuffed elephants with contrasting fabrics for the sash.



Photo Credit Deepika, taken during 'i to eye' photo workshop March 2011



Photo Credit Bhavna, taken during 'i to eye' photo workshop March 2011

I TO EYE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP, MARCH, 2011

Throughout the month of March, 2011, ten of the Sambhali girls, Priyanka Ral, Bhavna, Priya, Aarti, Deepika, Priyanka, Sultana, Radha, Rajni and Sapna took part in an 'i to eye' Photography workshop. The workshop aimed to create a fun and engaging environment in which the participants could learn the basics of photography whilst using the camera as a means of exploring and expressing themselves and their lives. The final exhibition of the girls' work provided the unique opportunity of experiencing an Indian woman's view of her world through the lens of a camera. Before this 'i to eye' workshop many of the girls had never held a camera before let alone been encouraged to explore their own unique vision.

CONFERENCES

27 MAY 2010 MEDICAL WORKSHOP IN SETRAWA

In reaction to the results of the previous held medical camp in Setrawa, the Trust organised a follow-up workshop on the subject of maternal and infant mortality and child marriage. Additionally iron supplements were distributed since a large number of the participating women were found to suffer from anaemia.



17 MAY 2010 MEDICAL CAMP IN SETRAWA

In collaboration with three doctors and several volunteers, Sambhali Trust setup a medical camp exclusively for the women of the Sheerni Microfinance Programme in Setrawa. The main aim was to make the participants more aware of the subject of maternal and infant mortality and child marriage. Therefore the women were asked to fill out a questionnaire related to the subject. Dr. Dheeraj Gehlot gave health advice and distributed Ayurvedic medicine.



30 APRIL 2010 WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

The Sambhali Trust staff and participants of the training programmes attended this conference organized by Ek Duniya, a Canada based non-profit organisation active in Rajasthan, India. The conference, held under the slogan 'Uniting for our Dreams' was conceived to expand the network of women's empowerment organisations in the area. For our women and girls this event represented a great opportunity to share and discuss their visions on subjects like women's health and human rights.



14 APRIL 2010 WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT RALLY

Sambhali Trust organised a rally in the city centre of Jodhpur in order to draw public attention to the issue of women's rights. All women and girls attending Sambhali Trust's programmes in Jodhpur and in Setrawa participated in this event. The Trust was very happy to welcome and host Mr. Naveen Mahajan, District Collector of Jodhpur, and Mr. Shakti Singh Rathore, Deputy Director of the Women and Child Development Department of the Government of Rajasthan, as well as a women's travel group from Switzerland, guided by Ms. Sonja Muller Lang. The highlights of the day were the speeches of our graduates Soniya, Monica and Reshma, sharing their personal empowerment experience.



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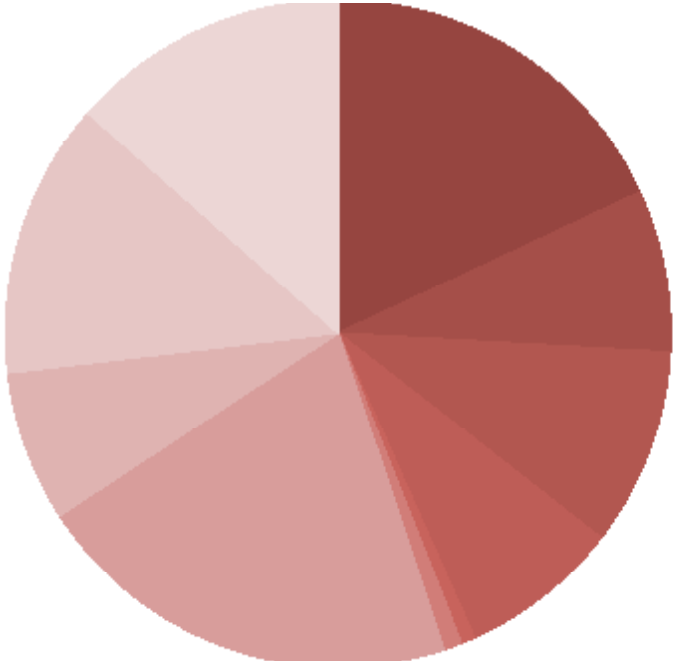
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