

Funded Project

A UNHCR Women Leading for Livelihoods Project

Empowerment via vocational training & income generation

New Delhi, India



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OBJECTIVES

- Empower urban women refugees, especially those living with HIV
- Create opportunities for income generation and self-reliance via vocational training

BUDGET

- US \$132,000

LOCATION

New Delhi, India

DURATION

12 months

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Don Bosco Ashalayam (DBA)

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DONOR

Princess Haya Bint Al-Hussein

BACKGROUND

In India, over 11,000 persons of concern are under UNHCR's direct care, with women and girls comprising more than half of that population. Only Afghan and Myanmar refugees are granted residence permits and are thus able to work in the informal sector. Somalis, Palestinians, Iraqis and Iranians are not allowed to work and struggle to find even the smallest income, regardless of their past work experience, skills or education. Women from all backgrounds have expressed a desperate need for a higher family income, however they struggle to find time to work around household duties and caring for children, the elderly and the ailing. In addition, these women have also voiced concern regarding their personal safety in the streets. Child labor is also becoming apparent especially among adolescent refugees. This WLL project will provide women and girls with valuable skills that will promote their self-reliance whether they repatriate, resettle or continue to live in India.

ACTIVITIES

- Six-month training in basic computer literacy and English to 300 refugees, with a minimum of 60 percent female participants
- Training in knitting, tailoring, and making of paper handcrafts for about 150 refugees
- Life skills education

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- 300 beneficiaries will receive computer and language training
- At least 70 percent of the beneficiaries successfully complete their training.
- 100 beneficiaries (60 percent women/girls) are identified for home/production centre based work
- Training for five different home-based livelihood options are provided at two centers

IMPACTS

The impact of this WLL project will have profound effects on the livelihoods of women and girls in Delhi. Acquiring technical and practical skills will give them the confidence and ability to obtain a job and consequently generate income for their households.

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