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August 2017 Widows Empowerment project Report

Hi Marisa,

We are extremely delighted to submit you the Work Report and progress of the Widows Empowerment Project for the month of August 2017. Here we are all keeping fine and hope the same with you. Our three functions of Tailoring, Garments Designing, Pappad Making and Candles production are functioning well and shows much progress. During the period we could accomplish lot of works for the function. All the trainees in all the training schemes are enthusiastic studies and learn as far as possible they can so as to acquire knowledge which would lead them for producing income generating for sustainability in the days to come. As we narrate the progress during the month of August 2017 as follows.

(a) Tailoring Garments Designing Unit

The 2 batches of trainees 10 each are regularly undergoing training with the opening prayer. As the 1st batch of training for 10 people be over at 12 pm the 2nd batch will function from 12 pm till 2pm. Both these batches will stay long in other rooms even after their classes to finish their works, practice properly, read news paper, library books and periodicals which are available in the Centre. The trainees are very enthusiastic to attend the training in time after finishing their household works and are eager to acquire proper training. They use to bring their Home works which the Tailoring Trainer Mrs. Yamuna use to give to them and also their personal works for their children relatives etc. They use to learn themselves asking the doubts to the Teachers and also they get the cloths cut by the Teachers for stitching. As we have pointed out earlier above 15 trainees posses second hand old tailoring machines at their houses managed by them with low price through the Teacher. Asst. Teacher Mrs. Nahu is also very efficient to train them working hand in hand. All of them are very happy to learn the course since they have much satisfaction and hope to make income generation for their sustainability in the ensuing years.

During the month apart from practicing works which they learned and in addition Embroidary Hand works, Different Kinds of sleeves Frock, blouse, long blouse, Different types of neck design works had been taught and learned.

They had already picked up saree skirts, uniform skirts works without any doubt and can stitch as their own without assistance and support of the teachers.

(b) Candle Making Unit

Candle making unit is functioning well with 20 widows. As explained earlier the unit functions with 5 widows each with an expert on each day from Monday to Thursday. We have taken the samples made by each group separately packed to Sun Candles, Kuzhithura for their expert opinion. During the time they checked our candles and suggested the defects. Since there was no wax in their centre we couldn’t purchase for further production and follow up. As soon as the wax comes at their centre they will inform us so that we will take the entire candles made so far for sales with them and bring wax from them. Afterwards while we attain full quality level achievement regular 300 kg wax business will be arranged. Now the trainees attained speed so that each batch can finish 5 kg wax for candles production including coloured and designed having different dimensions. Local marketing and sales are also being promoting, a few candles had been sold locally. We have participated for the Kudumbasree Mela held by the Kudumbasree Chairperson at Mylakkara (near Chamavilapuram) Krishy Bhavan and a few products had been sold.

(c) Pappad Making Unit

The Pappad Making Unit is functioning well with 20 widows. All the twenty widows are being trained in the unit in two batches of 10 each on alternate days. From this unit we started marketing Pappadam locally in small quantities. We maintain quality and the products have high demand. We are planning to widen our marketing strategies.

(d) Library

Our library had been widened and all the trainees are making use of the books, periodicals. They use to apply for jobs to their children in various fields. Two Self Help Groups had been formed in tailoring which meet once in a week after the training time and on Saturdays.

(e) House Visiting

House visiting programme is functioning well. Vegetable cultivation at their houses are functioning well.

(f) Birthdays and other celebrations

During the month 2 birth days of two trainees had been celebrated in the Centre issuing toffees and sung the birthday songs.

(g) Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day had been celebrated on 15th August 2017 at our Centre in an elaborate manner. We have hoisted our nation’s National Flag, Pudding and toffees were distributed. Afterwards there was speeches about independence day the importance of the day and also cultural programmes by the Director.

Conclusion

Let me conclude the report at present bidding fervent thanks and gratitude to Marisa and your companions in the team. I specially mention Mr. K. Wilson, Director for his immemmorable guidance and excellent caliber put in for this Widow’s project.

With best regards,

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