



## India

### Education for Disadvantaged Children

#### Location

Amristar, India

#### Partner

Church of North India

#### The Situation

The Amritsar area is inhabited by the tribal Dalit people who have long suffered from discrimination and disadvantage. Many are landless and in indentured labour.

As a result of discrimination, literacy in the area is only 40 percent and motivation for any further education is low. Only 38 percent of children in the area attend school and the drop out rate is very high.

Many people in this area are living below the poverty line, which is made worse by unemployment, poor health and lack of education.

#### The Project

The project provides education programs for the 400 children of the village including the provision

of teaching staff, uniforms and study materials. 1200 families are involved in a program to improve literacy in the village.

Health programs such as pre and post natal care and sanitation training and awareness are being implemented in the community.

Additionally 500 children receive supplementary nutrition and regular health checks to improve the overall health status of the community.

#### Achievements

A base line survey of 26 villages was conducted by the Socio-Economic Wing of the Diocese to determine the needs of the different communities.

Children, including drop outs, have been enrolled in local primary schools and in the project's literacy coaching centres, where they receive added educational support.

Villagers have become increasingly aware of their rights and have petitioned the local government on matters of water, land and education.

#### The Future

The project aims to improve the





literacy rates of 400 children from 40% to 80% in three years.

The health programs in the future will benefit 400 to 500 families of the disadvantaged communities.

The project will also raise awareness of the importance of health and education amongst the broader communities.

Added attention will be given to the question of what happens when primary school aged children finish the program and expanding opportunities for high school aged students.



## Get Involved

We invite you to get involved with the project by supporting the work financially, praying for the success of the project and receiving regular updates.

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