

# SWADHAR, PUNE, 2008 - 2011



## OUR WORK

We worked with an NGO called Swadhar to address the needs of children, across age groups, in a locality in Bibewadi, Pune.

## IMPACT

- Reduced the school dropout rate
- Provided vocational training to adolescent girls, in order to help them with their livelihood
- Provided a library for the benefit of the community

## DETAILS

Indradhanu, a Community Centre was set up in association with an NGO called Swadhar which had successfully conducted different programs aimed at different needs of children from marginalized communities.

The timings and the teaching methods used at Indradhanu were innovative and flexible to cater to the needs of children coming from varying backgrounds of poverty and deprivation. The curriculum was based upon the one prescribed by the State Department of Education, but was taught differently, making it more enjoyable and easier to learn and comprehend. At Indradhanu, the children were taught using activity based learning. There were 25 children under this program.

Indradhanu also provided a place for undisturbed and guided study which was used by around 40 children.

The Library Program, which reached out to 600 children, was meant to inculcate the habit of reading among these children, who otherwise had no access to story books.

Phulora was another program aimed at adolescent girls living in situations of deprivation. These girls were often pulled out of schools at an early age and were married young. Under Phulora, the centre ran vocational training and personality development classes for adolescent girls.