

KUSUMA UDAYAN SHALINI FELLOWSHIP

PROJECT DESCRIPTION – FEBRUARY 2012

Partner:	Udayan Care
Location:	Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India
Target Group:	Teenage girls and young women aged 16 to 21 years
Number of Beneficiaries:	410 students
Grant Period:	1 April 2008 to 31 March 2012
Grant Amount:	£226,974 (4 years)



Objectives

- To provide assistance to needy but exceptional teenage girls and young women to pursue higher education.
- To widen the Fellowship recipients' world vision and transform them into true Shalinis (Dignified Women) and responsible world citizens.

Description

The Fellowship helps 410 students complete Class 12 and enrol in higher education courses, supporting them through to graduation. To be accepted, applicants must obtain 60 per cent and above in their Class 10 or 12 examinations and all scholarship recipients receive a stipend, as well as mentoring and career guidance.

The students participate in social awareness campaigns at residential camps to enhance their understanding of socio-political issues and to develop a sense of individual and community responsibility. They also take part in workshops focused on self-motivation and communication skills, and study English.

Progress

210 girls were inducted into the first cohort in 2008, 100 into the second cohort in 2009 and 100 into the third cohort in 2010.

Cohort One

210 students are now in the third year of the Fellowship. 75 per cent of the Class 11 and 12 students scored 50 per cent and above in the annual examination; 88 per cent are enrolled in professional and vocational courses; and approximately 8% have graduated.

Cohort Two

100 students have completed their second year of the Fellowship. 50 Class 11 and 12 students scored 60 per cent and above the annual examination.

Cohort Three

100 students have completed the first year of the Fellowship.

Results

- 88 per cent of the 210 Cohort One students enrolled in higher education courses
- 61 per cent of the 100 Cohort Two students scored 60 per cent and above in the Class 12 examination
- 87 per cent of all 410 students have completed Class 12
- 53 per cent of all 410 students have enrolled in engineering, pharmacy, polytechnic and other undergraduate courses
- 37 students have completed degree course in Computer Application, Technology, Office Management and Civil Engineering

Challenges

- Delivering academic support to all students.
- Improving the students' academic performance.
- Orientating students towards suitable courses.

New Developments

Col. J. Sindhwani and Mrs. Monica Sindhwani facilitated a six-day residential camp from 26 December 2011 to 1 January 2012 for 35 students covering topics such as capacity building, personal development and leadership.