

## TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

CELEBRATE BY CHANGING
THE LIFE OF A WOMAN IN NEED

Creating opportunities for women and girls in rural India is an essential pillar of Share & Care's mission

# The Anjali Women and Adolescent Empowerment Project

The Anjali Women and Adolescent Empowerment Project, supported by Share & Care, aims to uplift rural women by providing women with skills, leadership training, and physical resources to help them launch their own businesses and become financially independent. Anjali also facilitates financial training and savings groups for women across the Gujarat region, allowing them to contribute their savings collectively and take out loans to secure stable housing, sustainably source their own food, invest in their own businesses, and access lifesaving healthcare.

To create a ripple effect that extends beyond their direct beneficiaries, Anjali also works to spread awareness of health



Anjali beneficiaries were encouraged to participate in last year's International Women's Day rally to raise awareness for women's issues and gender equality in rural India.

SUSTAIN THE ANJALI EMPOWERMENT PROJECT and social issues, educate children about gender equality, and spark widespread change to benefit all women across India.

#### **QUICK FACTS:**



Offers skills training, self-help groups, personal safety education, gender equity workshops, leadership training, health education, and more



Operates in **52 villages** of North Gujarat



Impacts **2,000** women and 900 girls and boys

### Manishaben's Story

Manishaben, a mother of two young children, is a leader of one of Anjali's savings groups for women. After completing a tailoring and sewing course sponsored by Share & Care, she began earning money by sewing clothes and contributing a portion of her savings to the savings group.

Manishaben had always been studious, getting excellent grades during her school years. She dreamed of becoming a nurse, but her financial situation limited her. After learning to sew and establishing a source of income, her dream came to life again.

She discussed her passion for nursing with the Anjali savings group, and all of the group members encouraged her ambition. Through the support of the group and with the money she had saved as a result of the financial education she received, she was able to begin nursing school last year, and she is excelling in her studies.

Support from Anjali and Share & Care transformed Manishaben's life, allowing her to grow in her confidence, become financially stable, and finally pursue her dreams.



A meeting of Manishaben's savings group, where she was encouraged to pursue her dream of attending nursing school.

UPLIFT WOMEN LIKE MANISHABEN



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