

ROPHE

£4,289

The Rural Organisation for People's Health and Education is a voluntary body working for the upliftment of the poor and oppressed in targeted villages in southern India. Funding is sought to run skills training workshops for economic self-reliance for young women in ten of these villages.

There are 50 young girls from poor rural backgrounds involved in this two year training program. Previously those involved were drop outs and destitutes who would earn 13-26 pence per day as agricultural laborers.

12 of the girls have undertaken computer training for over 6 months and now have reasonable proficiency. After finishing this course these girls should be able to earn 27 pounds per month. 12 girls have undertaken typing training and have sat their first examinations, 30 girls have taken sewing training, and all the girls have taken part in basket making. There were also two training seminars held to remove disillusionment and hopelessness in the girls which all participants felt went well. The project is planning to take on more trainees at the end of this month.