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SAMPARC – Amber Vocational Training Centre for Girls & Women At Varanasi, UP, India



Il 22 agosto 2015, e' stato inaugurato il "**progetto umanitario Amber**" a Varanasi grazie al supporto organizzativo di SAMPARC e finanziario della Fondazione Belladonna Onlus.

Il progetto prende spunto e nome da Amber , la bimba sordomuta incontrata proprio a Varanasi 7 anni fa. La madre Shabana, ha deciso di aiutare altre donne e bambine e si e' battuta per ottenere i permessi necessari insieme a SAMPARC. **Entrare nella cultura musulmana e lavorare insieme e' stata una grande e speciale avventura.** Le adolescenti lasciano la scuola appena mestruano e diventano mogli bambine di matrimoni combinati. Shabana, insegnante di scuola primaria, ci ha guidate nella scelta di dare **'l'opportunita' alle giovani donne** di frequentare corsi professionali, allo scopo di fornire loro la chance **di trasformare con le proprie mani il loro destino.**

Appena aperte le iscrizioni in poche ore si erano già iscritte 60 donne e in 3 giorni sono diventate 210.

Il Centro è costituito da tre locali molto semplici ancora senza bagno che presto saranno sistemati ma non riesce ad accogliere tutte le aspiranti, pur avendo organizzato 3 turni di frequenza. I corsi scelti saranno di: Inglese parlato, trucco matrimoniale, taglio e cucito per la cui frequenza ogni ragazza pagherà 100 rupie = 1 euro e 50, per tutto il corso.

..... quando Amber ha tagliato il nastro il giorno dell'inaugurazione, lacrime di commozione e gioia erano nel cuore e negli occhi di tutti. **Ognuno di noi puo' partecipare in prima persona, come puo' e con quello che puo'.** La fondazione Belladonna si fa garante di etica e di trasparenza nella gestione di questo progetto.

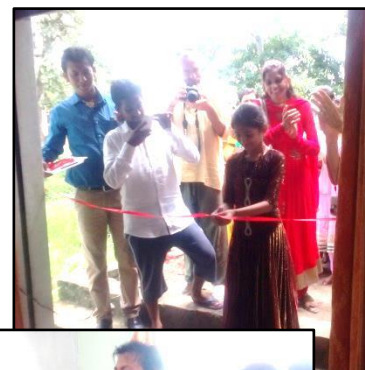
SAMPARC – Amber – Vocational Training Centre has been inaugurated on 24th August, 2015.

It was one of the emotional moments for everyone when a dream comes true in the reality. Shabana became emotional when her daughter Amber cut the ribbon of SAMPARC Amber Vocational Training center.

The Project Area is Khajurol Village of Chunar Block of Mirzapur District (near Varanasi), UP, India and its surrounding villages.

Background of the Project: In those village areas of UP, the girls are supposed to get married in very young age before they complete their formal education. Due to poverty or any other reasons, most of the time they do not get respect at home; become mother in early age and lead a miserable life. If they need to earn for the family, they have to work as unskilled labor on daily wages.

Aim & Objective of the Project: The project has been started with the aim to provide vocational training to the poor rural community women and girls. It



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would enable them to earn livelihood which can be a great support to their family – this way they can obtain respect in the society as earning member of the family and at the same time it would make them confident enough to make proper decision of their lives.

Courses Offered: Presently 3 courses have been started.

1. Beautician course.
2. Basic Fashion Designing.
3. Jury (Indian Traditional Embroidery) work.



Case Study: On the day before inauguration, while preparing for the next day program, we found one old man in the premises. He belongs to the same village. He was interested to know what is happening and why. He was very much delighted to know about the aim & objective of our works.

Then he shared his opinion. He is a poor old man does farming – belongs to BPL (Below Poverty Level) category. He has two granddaughters and he is very much anxious about their future. He expressed that, in present generation, girls must complete at least school education and must have some skill which may help them to earn for their families.

He also told that, as per village tradition, the girls are married in early age. But presently, girls must earn for their family to solve the poverty issue and to avoid problems due to poverty. Thus they can lead happy lives. So, it would be helpful for them to obtain vocational training which will be a great support for them towards a good livelihood. Thus, even women would be able to provide financial support to their family.

With broad view, it can be expected that, the future generation of this area will get proper nutrition, care and education towards a better future.

Enrollment Status: Our publicity work has become fruitful. The girls from the nearby villages are showing their interest to these courses and have enrolled themselves for the same. Till 24th August, 209 girls and women have enrolled for those courses.



About Classes: In every trade, there are three batches every day – each batch consisting of 20 – 35 students, Class duration is 2 hours.

1. Beautician course-Total-76 students
2. Basic Fashion Designing-Total-90 Students
3. Jury (Indian Traditional Embroidery) work-Total-43 students

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Future Plans: The project just has been started and still is under observation. As per the need of the present generation, Basic Computer Education and Spoken English Courses would be introduced to this Vocational Training Centre.

At last, let us look at **Amber** – the inspiration behind this project. Amber is such an active and intelligent girl. She was so happy and excited meeting all the aunties and uncles from Italy but only missing Dr. Pomposelli. She is little naughty but curious - wants to know everything surrounding her. She does not hesitate to express her opinion and desire.

She enjoyed a lot of time with us. In the last evening, she along with her mother Shabana enjoyed the Classical music program & Dinner with us – did photography. It is a real pity that she could not enjoy the music at all due to her hearing weakness. But she tries to speak a little. While enjoying the dinner, after finishing Ice-cream, Luciano uncle (Baloon Kaka) was acting like licking the dish – She denied strongly and shouted 'KUTTA' (Dog). We pray for her and hope that someday she will speak normally and share her feeling without any obstruction...

