

2019 Micro-Enterprise Grant Program Report

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Evolution of the Program

Save One Life created the Micro-Enterprise Grant (MEG) Program in 2014 to help people with bleeding disorders or the parents of children with bleeding disorders create small businesses. People affected by bleeding disorders in developing countries are often disabled due to lack of access to care. These disabilities can prevent them from attending school or from gaining employment in traditional manual labor jobs. MEG's allow these individuals to create small businesses that provide: an opportunity to feel fulfilled; a way to work with their capabilities; and a consistent source of income.

Parenting a child with a bleeding disorder creates many challenges including taking days off to travel to hospitals. By establishing their own businesses, these parents can have the flexibility to care for their children and a source of income to help pay for their care.

Since 2014, we have provided 112 grants in 13 different countries. Funding for the program has historically been provided through general fundraisers but in 2019 Save One Life partnered with Roche/Genentech to expand the reach of the program through consistent funding.



Total Amount of Awards



2019 Summary

In 2019, Save One Life awarded 33 micro-enterprise grants to recipients in 11 of our program partner organizations. The average grant was \$775 and ranged from helping an individual purchase a cow to buying inventory for a bookstore. All MEG applications were reviewed by a committee of volunteers before they were awarded.

Read about some of our MEG recipients on the following pages.



Micro-enterprise Grants Awarded 2019

Women's Initiative

Kunnamkulam, India





Hemophilia Society Kunnamkulam Chapter conducted a training program from October 4-6 to help women from families impacted by hemophilia learn to generate income. Twenty-two participants from Kannur, Kozhikode, Angamally, Kunnamkulam and Pondicherry participated. Women learned to create snacks, soaps and other goods they can sell in local markets.

Chinna

Madurai, India



Mr. Chinna has hemophilia and has struggled to find a consistent form of income due to his bleeding disorder. He applied for a grant to purchase a cow so he could sell milk. With the help of his local program partner he created a simple business plan and was awarded a grant.

Mr. Chinna comes from a family of farmers and is looking forward to using that experience to start this successful business.

Success Stories

Micro-enterprise grants have been awarded since 2014 and many recipients have been extremely successful with their businesses. Our program partners evaluate these recipients periodically to see how the businesses are progressing. The perseverance of these individuals and their families is inspiring!



Stanley, Kenya

Stanley, who has severe hemophilia A, was one of the first microenterprise grant recipients of Save One Life. When Laurie Kelley visited, his cow pens weren't constructed properly, and his cows were getting ill. To improve milk production and keeps his cows healthy, Save One Life was able to fund a proper pen and now his cows are doing great! Stanley now has two cows and has purchased goats and chickens.

More Success Stories



Jothinathan, Coimbatore, India

Jothinathan has severe hemophilia A. Educated only through 5th grade, he has been running a power loom in a shed near his home for the past few years. He was earning just over \$60 a month and wanted to get married and support his wife-to-be and his parents. Looking for a way to improve his income led him to apply for, and receive, one of our micro-enterprise grants.

With the grant, Jothinathan has been able to purchase a second machine and has doubled his income! He can now support his entire family, including his new wife, who helps with the business, and his parents. He said, "I thank the entire Save One Life team for encouraging me to enhance the loom work."

Venilla, Coimbatore, India

Venilla purchased a sewing machine with her microenterprise grant. She is now sewing dresses for customers.

During a recent visit with Usha, our India program coordinator, Venilla said she feels much better about herself. She is now able to meet her needs and the needs of her children without depending on others. She is very grateful for the grant.



Our Grantees

Kala	Chennai, India	Dairy Cow
Mohana	Chennai, India	Grocery Store
Natraj	Chennai, India	Electronics Shop
Salini	Chennai, India	Sewing Shop
Sangeetha	Chennai, India	Embroidery Machine
Sujatha	Chennai, India	Garment Resale Shop
Veeralakshmi	Chennai, India	Expand Flower Shop
Misael and Jairo	Dominican Republic	Grocery Store
Srikanth	Hyderabad, India	Internet Cafe
Arunkumar	Kanyakumari, India	Rewinding Machines
Shanmughamoorthy	Kanyakumari, India	Welding Shop
Vijaya	Kanyakumari, India	Sweets Business
Greesh	Kanyakumari, India	Expand Knife Shop
Raj	Kanyakumari, India	Car for Rent
Women's Initative	Kunnamkulam, India	Soaps and Snack Businesses
Bagh	Lahore, Pakistan	Lamination Business
Kallimuthu	Madurai, India	Goats

Our Grantees (continued)

Madurai, India Kumaran Murugan Madurai, Inida Madurai, India Papathi Madurai, India Rabika Sarojini Madurai, India Anjalai Pondicherry, India Tamizharasi Pondicherry, India Vaithiyanathan Pondicherry, India Nusrat Rawalpindi, Pakistan Rabia Rawalpindi, Pakistan Saeeda Rawalpindi, Pakistan Salma Rawalpindi, Pakistan Sameena Rawalpindi, Pakistan Thane, India Santosh Trichy, India Arumugam Matayo Uganda

Sewing Machine Dairy Cow Sewing Machine **Grocery Store Computer Design Replacing Dairy Cow** Dairy Cow Book Store Inventory Goats **Beauty Salon Clothing Sales Clothing Sales Grocery Store** Rickshaw Mobile Phone Shop **Barber Shop**



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