

Micro-Enterprise Grant Program Report 2021

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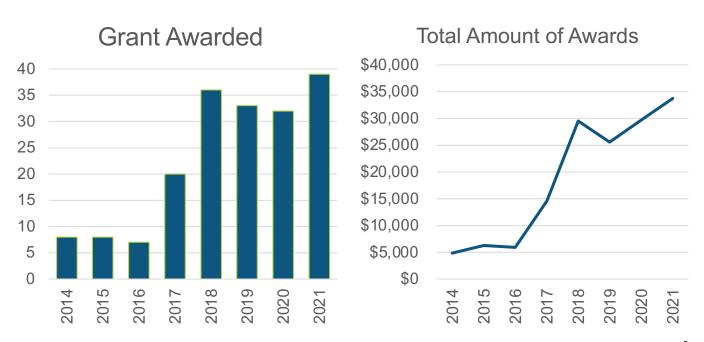


Our Biggest Year Yet!

Save One Life created the Micro-Enterprise Grant (MEG) Program in 2014 to help patients and families with bleeding disorders in developing countries create small businesses. People affected by bleeding disorders in developing countries are often disabled due to a lack of access to treatment. These disabilities can prevent them from attending school or from gaining employment in traditional manual-labor jobs. MEGs allow these patients and families to have a consistent source of income within their capabilities.

Parents often must take off days from work to travel to the hospital or care for their child when they bleed. By establishing their own businesses, parents can have the flexibility to care for their children and create income to help pay for their treatment.

Since 2014, Save One Life has provided 183 grants in 13 countries. Funding for the program has historically come from general fundraisers. In 2019, Save One Life partnered with Roche/Genentech to expand the program reach through consistent funding.

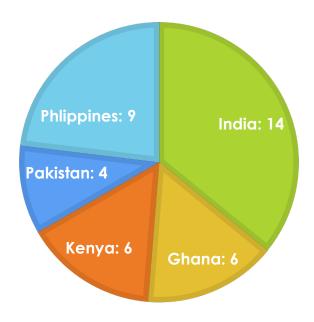


2021 Summary

In 2021, Save One Life awarded 39 MEGs to recipients in nine of our program partner organizations, the most awarded in one year. As restrictions from the pandemic began to lift, applications began flowing in. Restarting a business or creating a new one will allow many families to get back on their feet.

The average grant was \$865 and ranged from helping a young man open a fruit and vegetable shop, to creating a cybercafe with a gaming zone. All MEG applications were reviewed by a committee of volunteers. Read about some MEG recipients on the following pages.

GRANTS AWARDED 2021



2021 Grant Recipient Highlights

Shiva and Srinivas

Bangalore, India



Shiva and his daughter with their new cow

To improve their situations to support four and five dependents respectively, Shiva and Srinivas each received grants to purchase cows. Selling cows' milk will help provide stable income to their families.

Shiva (48) and Srinivas (38) have severe hemophilia. In Asian countries like India, male children are expected to take care of the entire family when they are older. These men are hoping to fulfill those expectations despite the challenges they face with their bleeding disorder.



Srinivas and his mother with their cow

John Mark Quezon City, Philippines





The pandemic, in addition to some bleeds, has made it difficult for John Mark to find a job. He did not want these reasons to stop him from being productive, so he thought of ways to generate income. He borrowed money from his sister to start a small meat shop. He promoted the products online and put up a sign in front of their house, so his neighbors were aware that he was selling meat products and organic eggs. In time, he built a regular customer base and provides weekly deliveries. He applied for a MEG in order to add more meat products and rent a space to have a physical store.



Retail and Wholesale





Success Stories

After micro-enterprise grants are awarded, our program partners visit recipients periodically to provide coaching and help. The following stories highlight some of the many successes we have seen over the past year.





Chetan, Mumbai, India

Chetan describes his MEG as life changing. To earn income as a video editor he needed a computer with the ability to complete professional looking projects at home. With his MEG, Chetan was able to purchase an iMac computer and has consistently been completing projects. He even edited a hit music video that has received over a million views!

More Success Stories

Charity, Kenya

In Kenya, motorcycles are a major means of transport, a cheaper and faster option for short distances and delivery services. Farm workers use the service to get foodstuffs to and from the market and school children use the "boda bodas" to travel to and from school. Charity's son Peter uses the boda boda to travel to school so that he doesn't develop bleeds from the long walk.

Charity was awarded a MEG to purchase a motorcycle. With her daughter's husband as the driver, she has been able to earn enough income to take care of all the medical expenses for her son with hemophilia.







Our Grantees

David D.	Ghana	Small Restaurant
Eunice	Ghana	Mini-mart Shop
Josephine	Ghana	Small Food Shop
Margaret	Ghana	Second-Hand Clothes Shop
Nancy	Ghana	Sewing Shop Expansion
Samuel	Ghana	Electrical Gadget and Appliances Shop
Bageesh	India	Textile Business
Chandan	India	Pickle Business Expansion
Firos	India	Drink Distribution
Kisan	India	Onion Stand Improvements
Manoj	India	Mobile Phone Stand
Nayan	India	Toto Rickshaw Expansion
Sandip	India	Onion Stand Improvements
Sanoj	India	Sewing Machine
Shaiju	India	Sewing Machine
Shiva	India	Dairy Cow
Srinivas	India	Dairy Cow
Steephan	India	Sewing Machine
Stephen	India	Soft Toy Sales Expansion
Vijaya	India	Desktop Computer for Video and Photo Editing

Our Grantees (continued)

Charity	Kenya	Motorcycle for Boda-Boda Business
David K.	Kenya	Honey Business (Hives)
Grace	Kenya	Chicken Feed Shop Expansion
Miriam	Kenya	Plastic Shredder for Recycling
Rama	Kenya	Women's Clothing Shop
Rose	Kenya	Poultry Farm Expansion
Ahmad	Pakistan	Gift Shop
Gulshan	Pakistan	Fashion Design Expansion
Rehman	Pakistan	Paan and Tobacco Shop
Shabana	Pakistan	Dairy Shop
Jesus	Philippines	Convenience Store
John Eliseo	Philippines	Computer Repair Shop Expansion
John Mark	Philippines	Meat and Egg Shop Expansion
Alexander	Philippines	Backyard Piggery
Emerita	Philippines	Retail Business Expansion
Marlon	Philippines	Computer Repair Ship
Mary Jane	Philippines	Convenience Store
Norminda	Philippines	Boat Repair
Reda	Philippines	Mini-store Expansion



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