

## SKILL TRAINING ON TAILORING MADE A FRUITFUL BEGINNING FOR FAMILY

### **Family details:**

My name is Mrs. Thavamani. I reside in Innadu village, my mother's name is Mrs. Vedanayagi, and my husband's name is Mr. Selvam. He passed away within two years of our marriage. I have a daughter, she is studying second standard in a private school. I go to work for a daily wage and send my daughter to school.

### **My entry in Kalanjam:**

I work as a daily wage worker for our family needs and to earn money for my daughter's education. Once, Kalanjam Self Help Groups was formed in my village, but I could not join as my situation was too bad that I was not able to save even a single rupee beyond my family needs and I feared to join in the group. Then, I gathered about the merits of joining the group. I understood that, I can learn tailoring through the group and they even provide a certificate and help in seeking orders. This provoked me to join the group. All the women in my village joined in the group and we named the group as an Andal Kalanjam group. Now, I started learning the importance of savings and even the ways to enhance special savings for my child education.

### **Reasons to join Kalanjam:**

- To learn small business ventures.
- To get loan at small interest rates.
- To start self business through Kalanjam.
- To improve my economic and social status

### **Benefits received from joining in Kalanjam group:**

I am now learning tailoring only through my Kalanjam group. Now, I am learning tailoring at free of cost for 2 to 3 hours daily. They train us through well established and experienced mentors in tailoring business. Generally to learn basic level, such as stitching towel, blouse and other garments around INR 300 has to be paid as monthly fees. Moreover, we have to travel to Karumanthurai to learn sewing training. But because of the tailoring center of Kalanjam, I am able to learn the quality sewing training within three months and free of cost. Our teacher taught us in a friendly mode and encourages us to become a self entrepreneur in future. Now, I have got loan from Kalanjam group and I purchased a tailoring machine for business. I started stitching the clothes for our own Kalanjam members and also for outsiders in



the village. Now, I am not working as a wage worker, I started earning sufficient money from stitching and, I am happy now with my family. My involvement in Kalanjam group has led me towards a viable future for my daughter. Now our SHG federation has taken initiatives to arrange the job work in a nearby district namely Tirupur and Erode. This arrangement helps us to earn the regular income by stitching the garments in piece rate through industrial tie up.

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