

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 Kalanjiam:

I work as a daily wage worker for our family needs and to earn money for my daughter's education. Once, Kalanjiam 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 Kalanjiam group. Now, I started learning the importance of savings and even the ways to enhance special savings for my child education.

Reasons to join Kalanjiam:

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

Benefits received from joining in Kalanjiam group:

I am now learning tailoring only through my Kalanjiam 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 Kalanjiam, 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 Kalanjiam group and I purchased a tailoring machine for business. I started stitching the clothes for our own Kalanjiam 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 Kalanjiam 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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