

RESILIENCE UNVEILED: EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY OF KUMHARIN BAIGA- A PVTG GIRL



BACKGROUND

Kumharin Baiga, a 12-year-old girl belonging to the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), resides in the village of Neveratola in Bodla Block of Kabirdham District. Her parents, Phaganu Ram Baiga and Bisata Baiga, along with two other family members, work as laborers in the village to sustain their livelihood. Faced with the challenge of limited employment opportunities in their village, the family often migrates to neighboring villages in search of work. Despite being in the seventh grade, Kumharin encountered difficulties attending school regularly. The absence of her parents with the family's financial constraints, made it challenging for Kumharin to prioritize her education. The necessity for her parents to work for their livelihood further hindered her consistent attendance at school.



OUR INTERVENTION

Samerth team informed Kumharin and her parents about educational opportunities at the LAMP learning center, which is implemented by Samerth Charitable Trust and supported by American India Foundation. Kumharin started coming to the LRC. At the LRC the engaging pedagogy made learning enjoyable, leading Kumharin to attend school regularly and actively participate in educational activities. Adding further Samerth team conducted regular visits to her house and discussed with her parents to gain insight into the Baiga family's circumstances. They recognized the financial constraints and the need for employment that forced Kumharin's parents to migrate frequently. The team continued to inform Kumharin and her parents about the educational opportunities available at the LAMP learning center and discussed the Right to Education. Realizing the significance of education and the support extended by the LAMP program, Kumharin made a commitment to prioritize her studies.

IMPACT

As a first generation learner Kumharin Baiga's experience demonstrates the transformative impact of targeted interventions in tribal PVTG contexts, facilitated by the collaboration between the Samerth Charitable Trust and American India Foundation through the LAMP program.

