JAINA launches: JAINA Upliftment Program

Bring a Jain family out of poverty

Give Hope,
Give Life to Jain Families
Regions Impacted

JAINA Upliftment Program will initially operate in the following states of India:

Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. More locations may be added as per demand.

Duration of assistance

JAINA sponsors should promise at least one year of support for a family (while the family head is undergoing skill advancement training).

Purpose of assistance

The purpose of assistance is to:
- Provide skill enhancement training to heads of households, leading to higher paying jobs
- Meet immediate needs such as food, clothing, medicine or quality education for their children
- Encourage each family assisted to become self-reliant and productive within the context of their local economy
- Assist families in financing entrepreneurial initiatives such as small retail stores called petty shops, bicycle repair, teashops, appliance repair, TV & cell phone repair, etc.

Uplift a Jain family from poverty

Support Jain families Today!

Project Details >>>

Since its inception, JAINA has supported disaster relief projects around the globe. We now want to extend our services to a sustainable livelihood project. Under the JAINA Upliftment Program, disadvantaged families in India will receive higher or vocational training (for young adults) and skill enhancement vocational training (for heads of households) to increase their earning potential. This will result in sustainable livelihoods to liberate them from poverty.

Donations for the JAINA Upliftment Program will be forwarded through the JAINA India Trust (JIT) office into the bank accounts of Educational Institute or recipient families via partner organization per established procedure.

The family’s designation as needy (Rs. 4000/month or less in rural areas, and Rs.6000/month or less in urban areas) will be verified by JAINA partner organizations using pre-established criteria.

The adequacy and duration of the assistance will be certified and recertified by partner organizations. The fees will be paid directly to the vocational training center. Other incidental expenses related to education will be paid to families on an as-needed basis, as recommended by the partner organization.

Choosing families: A family will be chosen in a participatory manner by the local partner organizations based on priority of need. The details of the chosen families will then be sent to the JIT office for review and finalization. Once families are approved, profiles that explain their needs will be provided. The profiles will be forwarded to the JAINA project coordinator. They are then archived until connected with a North American partner family, individual, group, etc.

Correspondence with families >>>

You can correspond directly with the family in India. The family will write at least one letter every four to six months. The partner organization and JIT office will assist with communication and progress report electronically and provide technical assistance.

Statistics of families needing help

According to statistics, approximately 17% of Jain families are living at or below the poverty level (earning Rs. 5000 per month). As a pilot project we will start with small number of children and families to be supported / given education assistance.