Resources

In order to reach 125 youth in one year, the project will require an investment of 43,984.63 USD* (2,941,250 INR), which allows a cost/hour vocational training expense of 0.45 USD/29.83 INR per beneficiary.

*Please note that a detailed budget is available upon request and expenses may vary slightly depending on the selected project location.

From the Field

Rahul from Madhya Pradesh (India), on receiving training in masonry by ChildFund –

"I want to become a contractor and start my own construction business. I have already started taking small construction assignments. My parents are daily wage labourers and they wanted me to learn some skill which will support me in earning some money for the family. With the help of this skill I’m able to earn extra income for the family, out of which we are able to save too. After I have saved enough money I plan to construct a house for my family."

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The Problem

A productive youth workforce is a powerful channel for upward socioeconomic mobility. Consequently, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals has undertaken the ambitious goal to substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills for employment, decent jobs, and entrepreneurship by 2030¹.

India has a long way to go to meet these targets, as many youth lack the necessary skills to secure employment. Approximately one out of every ten Indian youth is unemployed, with many more underemployed². Underemployment (particularly in the informal sector) is typically unsustainable and often leaves young women highly vulnerable to exploitation.

¹ UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300
² International Labour Organization, 2014 estimates: Unemployment, youth Total (% of total labor force ages 15-24)