



Scholarship Program Outcomes Evaluation

Project: Trichy, India

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Program Background: The Service Scholarship program in Trichy project in India is a part of Unbound's initiative to support youths who are facing economic challenges in their pursuit of education. However, the program is more than financial support through scholarships provided to qualified youths. A big part of this program is also service of up to 200 hours per year. The focus of this program is on overall development of the youths through community participation and cultivation of essential qualities like leadership and commitment towards service.

Purpose of the Evaluation:

- To understand whether the scholarship program has been supporting the youths in their pursuit of higher education.
- To understand the impact of scholarship program on the development of skills and personality of the youths.

Methods:

- Survey of 30 scholar youths, analyzed through Survey Monkey

Key Findings and Conclusions:

- Most of the youths said the scholarship amount was useful for them for meeting educational expenses and for catering to other family needs
- Scholars expressed being able to concentrate better on studies and not having to work to meet their expenses as the top two ways this program has helped them.
- Scholars listed organizing meetings, leading meetings in communities, communicating with others, writing letters, collecting data, participating in events and teachings as some of the skills they developed through their service
- More than half the scholars expressed that their savings habits have improved and the financial stress they were facing has reduced through this program. Some scholars also expressed being able to support their siblings in their pursuit of education.