

Name of the Group: Bethany Weaves, Bethany Leprosy Colony

Location: Bapatla, Andhra Pradesh, S. India

Type of Group: Leprosy Colony Rehab Unit.

Skill: Weaving and sewing and adding leather straps, highlights etc.

Name of some of the products: Shopping bags; handbags; tote bags; purses; passport bags; Canvas and tape bags.

Total Number of Women: 20

Total Number of Men: 0

Number of people directly leprosy affected: 0

Number of people family members of person affected by leprosy: 20

Number of people with disabilities: 0

Fair Trade Affiliation: Part of MESH Internal Monitoring System

Sales to MESH last year 2021/22: Rs. 5,22,498.00

Total sales last year 2021/22: Rs 6, 02,310/-

Details of any special trainings organised by the organisation in 2021/22.

1. A two day seminar on SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) assisted by

funding and one of the artisans trained by FTF I in December 2021.

2. Initiating and Implementing some aspects of Participatory Management with aim to moving from loss making to profit making unit

Details of any trainings attended by members and organised by others in 2021/22.

Details of any special achievements during 2021/22.

1. Improvement in the quality of sewing thick canvas bags by the tailors assisted by MESH

2. Participatory management with a team formed in the Admin office working with lone staff member in the Unit for ordering raw materials, negotiating with the leather supplier in Chennai, Yarn supplier in Epuripalem and Dyeing unit in Jandrapeta to avoid wrong estimations

3. Meeting delivery schedule with MESH as much as possible.
4. With increased purchase orders received from MESH, debts incurred in 2020-21 were cleared; in 2021-22 and profit was made