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Sustainable Livelihoods

ACF promotes skill training through its SEDI- Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Institutes. SEDI is established in 16 locations and has reached out to more than 19000 youth till date. SEDIs in many locations encourage girls to be skilled to support themselves and their families. This newsletter brings to you the story of Kanta from Nagaur who is skilled in male dominated course of mobile repair.

Kanta from Inana village, Nagaur, Rajasthan struggled to keep a balance post marriage. She was extremely worried for her siblings (two sisters & one brother) at home.

Her father was the only earning member in the family & it was getting difficult to make ends meet. Post marriage, Kanta wanted to support her family but was not comfortable to ask her husband for help.

She decided to take things in her own hands.

Since she was a school dropout, Kanta knew she will have to upgrade her skills. Kanta approached SEDI to get trained in a relevant course.

The teachers at SEDI suggested her to take the mobile repairing course since it was very much in demand and would fetch her good opportunities as well. Being brought up in a conservative family, taking up a male dominated



Kanta at work





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course was difficult for her to accept. Moreover, no woman from her village had worked and definitely never in such a course.

Kanta was counselled to look beyond & work for her progress as that would also impact her family. Kanta reluctantly joined the course only to support her family financially. Initially she was extremely uncomfortable to be the only girl in her class.

The support from her teachers and her classmates soon put her at ease. She gradually gained confidence and was proud to be the only girl to learn something new. She learnt basic spoken English and computers.

The comprehensive training at SEDI built her confidence & motivated her to give her best in the course. She also got over the notion of girls being unable to succeed in a technical field.

Post training, Kanta was selected as an executive in Samsung service center, Nagaur. Today Kanta supports her family financially and is satisfied with her decision to be skilled. She has become a role model for other girls in her village.
