



## 5.6 Gramya Vikas Nidhi



### Transforming Abilities into Achievements: Skill Development for Special Kids

**Name of the Project:** Skill Development Programme on Umbrella Making, Doormat Making and Handicraft for Special Kids

**Implementing Entity:** Wide Inspiration, Wide Aspiration (WIWA)

**Total Financial Outlay:** ₹0.7 million

**NABARD's Support:** ₹0.56 million

**Year of Sanction:** 2022

**Year of Completion:** 2023

**Location of the Project:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala



- ❖ After completion of the skill training, brand with the name “NABWIBES” was launched for sale of products manufactured through this project and the umbrellas made by Sneha Bhavan Special School children was launched with the name ‘Handy Sky’.

#### Impact

- i. Number of differently abled candidates trained: 30
- ii. They could produce/manufacture things and earn their own income and become financially independent. After the training, the children made 495 umbrellas, 190 shawls, 15 doormats and 790 bamboo crafts as finished products and a sales revenue of ₹0.29 million has been generated as on date.
- iii. On an average, the youths can make 50 mufflers, 100 umbrellas, 100 rice baskets (bamboo product), 10 pair of beaks (handicraft) per month and were able to get average of ₹6,000 per month as income/wage.
- iv. The training was able to touch the psychological, physical, and emotional levels of the children beyond vocational training. Children have been able to develop personality, mature behaviour and grasp things with discipline.
- v. The products prepared by differently abled children are being marketed under the brand names through Kudumbashree mall at Vellarada Junction.
- vi. The agency is now trying to include more special youths in the activities.

#### Challenges Addressed

- ❖ Employment opportunities for the 30 differently abled candidates.
- ❖ Marketing of manufactured items.

#### Strategies

- ❖ The programme was effective in providing skill training in muffler making, bamboo products making and beak making for 30 Differently abled trainees along with skill training in Umbrella & Door mat making, and Handicraft making.

