

## Empowering Women In Karnataka Fellowship: Harini Shetty (Mangaluru)

Harini Shetty is a self-driven social activist with focus on women empowerment. As an IFA Fellow, she started working primarily for the upliftment of widows and single destitute women in Mangalore city. The target population now also includes working women from the unorganized sector, sex workers, adolescent girls, children and senior citizens. Her major efforts are directed towards helping them access government aided relief programs such as Widow Pension, Sandhya Suraksha, etc. A very important component of her work is building the capacity of women who get elected as municipal councilors. Such women, though willing and in a position to work for the benefit of women, are often not sufficiently informed or knowledgeable. She also provides moral support and counseling for such women who face many societal pressures and insecurities.

In her work Harini reaches out to volunteers from various walks of life, NGOs and the local government.

### 2022-23 Update

No	Main work	Total No to-date	22-23
1	Pensions sanctioned	61	-
2	Single women study	297	-
3	Cases handled	238+24	50+9 Follow-up
4	Programs (gender related)	-	138 programs
5	People reached through these programs	-	3,618 people
6	People reached through other programs	-	5,000 people approximately



**Training on gender empowerment by Harini at Bandasale**



**Lawyer Deepa explaining the Domestic Violence Act 2005**



**Visiting home for the differently abled and senior citizens**



**Harini doing book release of 'Vesheyara Kathe-vyathe' by B M Rohini. Harini enabled her to contact sex workers in South Kanara district for writing the book.**

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