MICRO-ENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM REPORT



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HISTORY



Long lines at Mritunjoy Dutta's fast food restaurant during the Durgapuja festival.

PROVIDING ACCESS TO INCOME

Save One Life created the Micro-Enterprise Grant (MEG) Program in 2014 to help patients and families with bleeding disorders in developing countries create small businesses.

People affected by bleeding disorders in developing countries are often disabled due to a lack of access to treatment. These disabilities can prevent them from attending school or from gaining employment in traditional manual-labor jobs. MEGs allow these patients and families to have a consistent source of income within their capabilities.

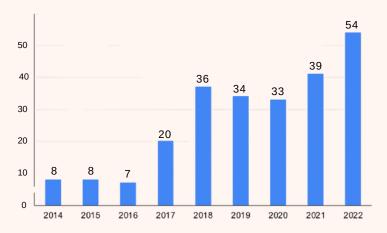
Parents often must take off days from work to travel to the hospital or care for their child when they bleed. By establishing their own businesses, parents can have the flexibility to care for their children and create income to help pay for their treatment.



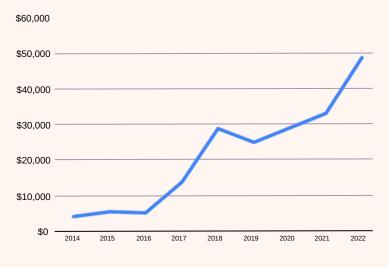
PROGRAM EVOLUTION

Since 2014, Save One Life has provided 239 grants in 13 countries. Funding for the program has historically come from general fundraisers. In 2019, Save One Life partnered with Roche/Genentech to expand the program reach through consistent funding.

Grants Awarded



Total Amount of Awards



ANNUAL OVERVIEW

In 2022, Save One Life awarded 54 MEGs to recipients in twelve of our program partner organizations, the most awarded in one year. Still recovering from the pandemic, we have received more grant applications than ever before. Restarting a business or creating a new one will allow many families to get back on their feet.

OUR BIGGEST YEAR YET!

The average grant was \$913 and ranged from helping a young man open a digital service studio, to the construction of a farming shed. All MEG applications were reviewed by a committee of volunteers.



Charity, from Kenya, purchased a motorcycle for a Boda-Boda service.

Updates from Our Grant Recipients

David from Kenya, the father of two sons with hemophilia A, created a bee farm with the help of a Save One Life Micro-Enterprise Grant. He will collect and sell honey, beeswax and propolis at the local food market.

As small-scale farmers, David and his family welcomed the opportunity to add these beehives to their farm. Harvesting and selling honey will supplement their income and help the family improve their living standards.

With their son Brian now in college studying medicine and their son Allan in high school, the additional income will help cover school expenses.

David will plant sunflowers to attract bees to his hives.



David and his son with their new beehives.

Christian, a young man with hemophilia A from the Democratic Republic of Congo, currently lives in the Nakivale Refugee Camp in Uganda. He started a small studio where he sells movies and music, offers printing services, repairs computers and installs software. With the help of a Save One Life Micro-Enterprise grant, Christian expanded his business to provide additional income for his family, including four of his siblings who also have hemophilia.

Agnes Kisakye, executive secretary of the Haemophilia Foundation of Uganda, tells us that Christian "does not only support his brothers but many other children with hemophilia seeking care at the centre. He is compassionate and sacrifices his comfort to ensure his fellow hemophilia patients are comfortable."

"I appreciate the support and effort made to ensure my well-being in life day to day."



Christian and his family celebrate in his studio.

UPDATES FROM INDIA

NAGARAJ • MANJUNATH • DEEPAK

Nagaraj had sought help to buy a cow. The cow is healthy and without any complications. The milk yield is decent for now and in the upcoming days, it will improve more.





Manjunath received support to run a store to sell tea and snacks. His business is improving slowly. His store is in a good locality and the business growth is going to improve well in upcoming days

Deepak sought help to setup up a ventilation system to reduce the smoke when cooking in his fresh condiment store. The installation of the system has been completed and business has seen a considerable increase in customers.



OUR GRANTEES

Anil India Start an Internet Center shop

Anita India Add restaurant to hotel business

Archana India Expand business of selling Imitation jewelry

Asha India Ready made dress business for men and women

Bharathi India Ready made dress business for men and women

Bharati India Retail and wholesale incense store

Bhuvaneshwari India Buy two cows for production

Bindu India Confectionery store with jewelry

Deepak India Ventilation system for condiments store

Dikshith India Ladies clothing business

Dipankar India Toto vehicle

Dipti India Grocery store

Elumalai India Start a hotel serving breakfast, lunch and dinner

Farzana India Embroidery machine for existing tailoring business

Goutam India Grocery store

Huvappa India Passenger transportation business

Kashif India Re-establish a general store

Keshri India Enhance existing business

Ladli India Wholesale cloth thann to manufacture clothes

Manashi India Jewelry and stationery business

Manik India Grow mother's sari business

Manjunath V. India Open small snack store

Mohammad India Start a grocery shop

Moloy India Toto business

Nagaraj K. India Buy cow for production

Naresh India Expand artwork and craft business

Netravathi India Buy two cows for production

Noorula India Beeda Stall

OUR GRANTEES (CONTINUED)

Pratap India Selling Ghee products

Raja India Start a flower decorating business

Rajani India Start a tiffin center at home

Rajesh India Cart selling gift items

Ramadevi India Expansion of grocery shop

Ramesh G. India At-home saree business

Ramesh R. India Expand snack business

Renuka India Buy two cows for production

Rina India Cosmetics business

Salma India Expansion of tailoring shop

Shanthi India Machine for tailoring business

Shilpa India Buy two cows for production

Shivaji India Rebuild fruit stall

Souvik India Food stall

Subhankar India Start a blood collection laboratory

Sujit India Storage unit for onions

Sukdeb India Add online service to existing business

Surendranath India Construction of farming shed

Swarupa India Expansion of grocery shop

Tuktuki India Sewing machine for home business

Viajyalaxmi India Expansion of stitching boutique

Arif Pakistan Resale shop for computers

Iftikar Pakistan Car service

Mirza U. Pakistan Establish fast food restaurant

Shafiullah Pakistan Re-establish a tailor shop

Agnes Uganda Street Business School

Christian Uganda Open digital service studio



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