## Single Women's Program Report: 2019-20

The single women program was re-formed this year independent of our nodal agency Sutra. Situated over 270 km away in Solan, which is at least 9 hours by bus, it was proving increasingly difficult to maintain proper communication and to expect our activists and elderly single women to travel so far for meetings. Therefore we made the decision last year to run our chapter of the Single Women's program in Kangra, Nagrota, Dharamsala and Rait independently, while still maintaining contact with the central body.

In addition, Radha, who had been our two principal activists, left us, which resulted in the restructuring of the team. It was an opportunity for the experienced members, Sunita, Pratibha and Shilpa to take lead under the experienced guidance of Kummo Devi who has decided to defer her retirement and help us to get settled. It has also enabled us to take on two new activists, Manju who works part time with Kummo and Ranjana in Rait block and Vandhana who has been with us in the stitching group for some time who since February has been assisting Shipla in Dharamshala and Kangra.

Under Nishtha administration, the team has worked hard to record members and beneficiaries of various government schemes with greater accuracy and detail. We have good record of all the women's contact details and so are better able to keep in touch with them, even during lockdown. Since we re-started the registration the numbers are still quite low with 155 registered members and 102 beneficiaries. 832 single women attended the 77 Heath education camps organised by our activists this year. They were able to benefit from the excellent practical advice and personal attention provided by Dr Kusum and the clinic team.

The very active program of meetings and events for Single Women is recorded in our **monthly narrative** this year which will form the basis of our formal Annual Report.





