

In 2008, a group of like-minded individuals in Townsville, Queensland, Australia united to create Kusala Projects Inc., a charitable organization dedicated to supporting children from disadvantaged families in Bodhgaya, Bihar, India. Initially, Kusala Projects concentrated on providing student sponsorships and running a sewing school for young women. Since 2011, the organization has primarily focused on funding Elsa Primary School, located in Karmoni, a village near Bodhgaya.

Many villages surrounding Bodhgaya lack a tradition of education, resulting in a predominantly illiterate population. The residents often do not possess land for cultivation and primarily rely on low-paying agricultural labor for their livelihood. These circumstances make it challenging for them to escape the cycle of poverty. Education presents a viable path to improvement, which is why Elsa Primary School was established to address this critical need.

The evolution of Elsa Primary School has unfolded organically over the years. Thanks to the growing support for our institution, we have significantly improved the resources available to our students. What began as classes held in a private home has transformed into a facility featuring four classrooms, an assembly area, a kitchen, an office, and two washrooms. In the early days, students learned while sitting on mats on the floor, but we have since upgraded to comfortable bench seating and desks. While students initially attended school in their everyday clothes, we have now adopted a comprehensive school uniform policy. Although we couldn't provide meals at first, we now ensure that students receive daily nutrition. The school started with just thirty students and one teacher, grew to forty students with two teachers, and recently, in partnership with the Michelle Chiou Foundation of Taiwan, we welcomed an additional twenty students and hired a third teacher.



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