

Social Sustainable Futures Program

Progress Report

2025- 2026



Seed Funding Support	Vocational Trainees	Earning Income	Govt. Partnerships
5 Families (BEF 1 & 2)	4 Certified Graduates	5 Beneficiaries	2 Rural Municipalities

1. Introduction

The **Social Sustainable Futures Program** was launched in 2025 to help Educare families move from receiving support to building their own financial independence. The goal is straightforward: 'Equip every family member with practical skills and a pathway to steady income', so they can build a stable and self-reliant life.

To operationalise this mission, BEF appointed a **Sustainable Futures Coordinator (SFC)** responsible for skills training, employment support, financial literacy, small business development, personal mentorship, and partnerships with local government and community organisations.

This report summarises our achievements and learnings in the 2025–2026 period.

2. SFC Activities

2.1 Skills Development & Job Training

The SFC met individually and in groups with each beneficiary before recommending any training, ensuring the pathway chosen reflected her interests and circumstances. Three training pathways were supported this year:

- **Vocational Training: Pokhara Technical School (CTEVT):** Four daughters completed a 65-day certified programme in Bakery, Housekeeping, and Waiter/Waitress services. Qualifications from this school are nationally recognised and valued by employers across Nepal.

S.N.	Name	Address	Subject	Duration
1	Anisha Pariyar	Pokhara	Housekeeping	26 Nov 2025 – 9 Feb 2026
2	Binita B.K.	Pokhara	Waiter/Waitress	26 Nov 2025 – 29 Jan 2026
3	Bhim Maya Sunar	Pokhara	Bakery	1 Dec 2025 – 10 Feb 2026
4	Chet Maya Pariyar	Tanahun	Housekeeping	10 Dec 2025 – 9 Feb 2026

Advanced Tailoring: Opportunity Village, Hemja: Sunmaya Sunar (an Educare mother) and Rachana B.K. (a daughter from an Educare family) were enrolled in an Advanced Tailoring course through our network partner. Depending on their results, seed funding may be made available to help them open a small tailoring business.

Hotel Employment Programme: Through a referral from Machhapuchhre Rural Municipality, Prajol Pariyar is enrolled in a two-year programme (six months of classroom study followed by 18 months of practical training).



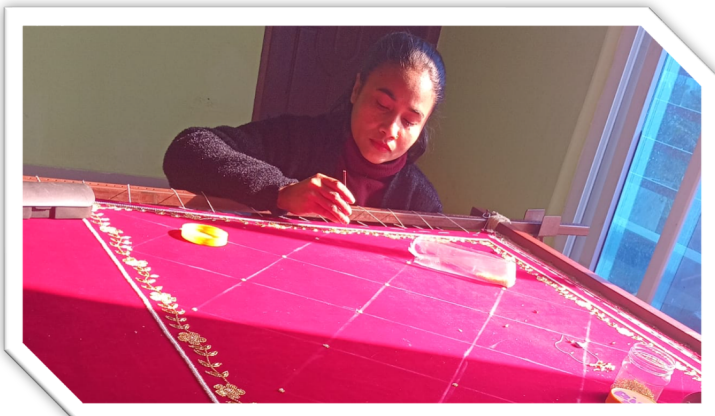
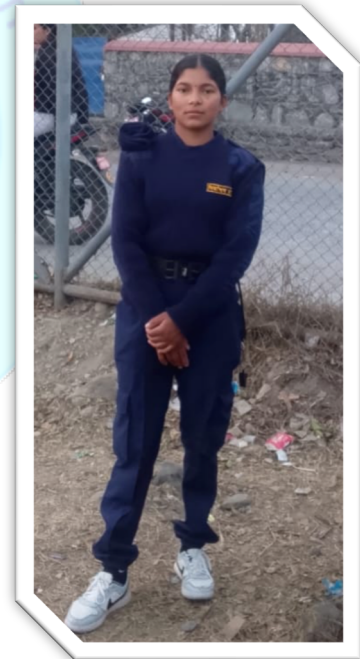
2.2 Financial Literacy & Employment Support

Three financial literacy sessions were held for Educare mothers across BEF 1 and BEF 2, facilitated by finance professionals and BEF board members. Every mother now has a personal bank account for savings and daily transactions.

Alongside financial education, the SFC worked to connect trained graduates with employment. Where a matched placement was not immediately available, temporary bridge roles were arranged to keep graduates earning and professionally active:



- **Soniya Nepali:** Working in a retail clothing store at NRs. 10,000/month, developing customer service and sales skills while a hospitality placement is finalised.
- **Anisha Pariyar:** Completed Housekeeping training. Currently in retail at NRs. 10,000/month while the SFC works to secure a role that matches her qualification.
- **Binita B.K.:** After completing her hospitality training, Binita served as Myadi (Election) Police for two months earning over NRs. 50,000 and gaining experience that also opens a future pathway to the national police force. A long-term hospitality placement is now being pursued.
- **Bhimmaya Sunar:** Secured full-time employment at Hot & Spicy Restaurant at NRs. 10,000/month, a direct result of her Bakery training.
- **Chetmaya Pariyar:** Secured full-time employment at a hotel in Pokhara at NRs. 12,000/month, including food and accommodation, following her housekeeping training.



2.3 Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development

Five families (two from BEF 1 and three from BEF 2) were supported to start small poultry farming businesses. The programme provided training, starter resources, and ongoing mentorship from the outset.

- **Technical Training:** Before receiving any materials, each mother completed hands-on training in coop management, disease prevention, and feeding practices, so they were ready to operate independently from day one.
- **Starter Resources:** Each family received 25 chicks, a coop, starter feed, and essential supplies removing the financial barrier to getting started.
- **Results:** All five families raised their chickens to over 3.5 kg and sold their produce at approximately NRs. 1,600 per bird. Every family reinvested their earnings to purchase 30 new chicks. Each mother also keeps a day-book to record sales, income, and expenditure.
- **Ongoing Monitoring:** The SFC holds regular follow-ups with each family to track progress, address challenges, and offer guidance as needed.

2.4 Strategic Partnerships & Advocacy

Strong partnerships with government bodies and training institutions are what make BEF's work sustainable. Active partnerships this year include:

- **Pokhara Technical School (CTEVT):** Primary partner for certified vocational training.
- **Opportunity Village, Hemja:** Partner for advanced tailoring training and skill progression.
- **Ghiring Rural Municipality (Tanahun):** Co-funded the poultry programme with NRs. 15,000, the first time a local government has directly co-invested in BEF's livelihood work.
- **Machhapuchhre Rural Municipality:** Provided referrals for government-supported training and employment placements.

3. Key Achievements



5 poultry businesses launched: All five families completed a full sales cycle and reinvested their profits for a second round.

4 daughters certified: Nationally recognised qualifications through Pokhara Technical School.

5 beneficiaries earning regular income: Two in full-time hospitality, two in retail, and one in active internship training.

First government co-investment secured: NRs. 15,000 contributed by Ghiring Rural Municipality a milestone for the programme.

Financial literacy delivered: Three sessions held across BEF 1 and BEF 2; all mothers have active bank accounts.

Livelihood tracks active in parallel: Vocational employment & tiny business entrepreneurship are both producing results.



4. Challenges & What We Learned

- **Winter chick mortality (BEF 2):** Cold winter conditions caused some chick losses and reduced early income for affected families. The 2026 distribution schedule will be adjusted to avoid peak winter months.
- **Hospitality placement timelines:** While demand for certified hospitality workers is strong, finding placements that offer the right environment and fair pay takes time. Referring graduates to temporary roles in the interim has kept them financially stable and professionally engaged, a model we will continue.



5. Looking Ahead

1. Expand livelihood support to include tailoring enterprises, small grocery shops, livestock, and vegetable farming.
2. Strengthen the seed-funding mechanism to help more families launch their own businesses.
3. Continue securing hospitality placements for all certified graduates.
4. Finalise the next phase of the Livelihood Support Plan with the BEF Board and Core Team.
5. Continue support across both BEF 1 and BEF 2 districts as the programme grows.



BEF 1 Mothers, post training

6. Conclusion

The first year of the Social Sustainable Futures Program has shown what is possible when families are given the right support at the right time. Women who once depended entirely on BEF are now running small businesses, earning their own income, and making financial decisions with growing confidence.

None of this has happened in isolation. It is the result of genuine collaboration between the BEF team, local governments, training institutions, partner organisations, and the families themselves. Each has played a role, and that shared ownership is what makes the work sustainable.

There is still much to do. But the foundations are solid, and the direction is clear. The “**Social Sustainability Project**” is more than an economic initiative, it is a commitment to dignity, independence, and opportunity for single mothers and their daughters. It is BEF's practical response to poverty and exclusion, and a meaningful step toward the world we are working to build.



BEF 2 Mothers, post training