

# Rejuvenating life of a woman entrepreneur

## Case study of Santhi

**Name:** Santhi

**Location:** Aayalpatti village, MN Nallur block

I am V. Santhi w/o Mr. Veluchami of Aayalpatti village in Melaneelithanallur block of Tirunelveli district. We have a son and a daughter. My husband is a drunkard and the family expenses are being managed through meagre income from a petty shop and tea shop I run in the village. My daughter was married and they live separately. The son got a job outside just a month ago and he is yet to send any earning to us.



Around 2 years ago, I met with an accident while working in the kitchen and had to undergo operation and treatment for about 6 months. I needed more than Rs.1,00,000 (One lakh rupees) for the treatment, for I took a loan from a local money lender. As a result, the shop could not be looked after properly and I did not have adequate money left to continue the petty business. Now, my health condition has improved.

SIVA Trust functioning from Vanniconendal village motivated the women of our village to start SIVA Sevvanthi Women Self Help Group in our village in 2016. I also became a member of the SHG and have been saving Rs.100 per month. So far, I have saved Rs.3,000.

I approached SIVA Trust through our SHG leader for income generation loan to improve my existing small business for my family's sustenance. They gave me a loan of Rs.30,000 with which I managed to run the shops.

After my prompt repayment of my earlier loans, I got a fresh loan of Rs.50,000 from the Revolving Fund of SIVA Trust recently. That helped in repaying the remaining amount in the treatment loan I had borrowed from outside and also to further improve my business, from which I am presently earning Rs.200 per day, which is adequate to run my family. The help I got from the Revolving Fund managed by SIVA Trust was timely and I thank all concerned for the same.