

Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)

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At the SAYMA gathering in 2019, I spoke to the representative sent from RSWR about frustration with the lack of communication or responses to my communications from RSWR. I asked if there was a yearly meeting for representatives from the various yearly meetings and got a Nay. She advised that RSWR will be emailing representatives the template for an updated display and literature.

In a nutshell, what RSWR does is provide grants primarily for women in third world nations to start and operate businesses that empower their families and communities to sustain themselves.

As the business succeeds the women are able to pay off the grant and the money from that grant is given to other women who use it as start-up for their business.

A project in Chinnamanur, Theni District, Tamil Nadu, India helped 20 Dalit women who are former bonded laborers to start a bricking business. The women in this group all received an initial loan of \$203, which they pooled to buy start-up supplies and lease land for their kiln. All of the women were able to pay back their initial loans on-schedule, enabling 10 new women to join the group and receive a loan. They were able to purchase a second kiln.

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