

## Is microcredit changing India? (audio)

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### Part 1

REPORTER : Women like these, that microcredit was designed to help to give them some income and control over their lives, but now the average debt for a Dalit woman in this village is a thousand pounds.

(to Viraja, a Dalit woman): Tell me, how many loans do you have this year?

VIRAJA : All together I have seven loans. They're worth 100,000 rupees, around 1,400 pounds. I have a thousand pounds left to pay off but I earn two pounds a day.

### Part 2

(to Susila, another Dalit woman): And Susila, how many loans do you have?

SUSILA : I took 1,400 pounds in loans too, seven loans in total: I took one for my daughter's wedding, and another when my husband had a heart attack. I still owe a thousand pounds but the small amount I earn, I spend on my husband's medicines.

REPORTER : Despite already having so many loans they can't repay, the women tell me in fact, they want more. Sometimes they put them into businesses but often they simply help to get from day to day, harvest to harvest, from meal to meal.

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