

years since the MACRO study, the impact has multiplied: over 5,000 more *dais* have been trained and 1,470 more ANMs have become trainers and/or supervisors in the program.

During a break in the Varanasi training session, participants entertained each other with songs and stories. Bina sang one of her own compositions, a poignant demonstration of her understanding of the complex cultural factors that often face families. She held the whole room entranced as she described the burdens of dowry, a mother's aspirations for her daughter, and a father's worry as he tries to collect everything that's needed to give her bliss, so that she can become "a queen in her own palace." As she sang, the trainers and ANMs gathered in the room understood that their work helps to empower every woman.

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