

# Mid-year Impact Report 2019

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IMPACT AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

# Introduction

Unitus Ventures is the leading venture fund in India that supports early-stage tech startups with India scale and global emerging market potential. We demonstrate that a business which integrates impact into its operations will both enhance the well-being of its customers and deliver at scale with sustained financial growth and profits.

We believe the most positive sustainable impact is the value created for the low-middle income population at different points along the supply chain, including customers and suppliers. A strong impact strategy warrants that the company creates affordable products and services and understands its customers' core needs to deliver sustained results over time. We are proud to share that as of June 2019, Unitus Funds I and II portfolio companies have **cumulatively impacted over 6.4 million lives**.

Here are some milestones that our portfolio companies have achieved recently –



**1Mn rides**  
completed by drivers  
through DRIVEU



**300k people**  
earning as gig workers  
through AWIGN



**10Mn profiles**  
of blue-collar workers  
created on BETTERPLACE



**1 scan/min**  
read by radiologists  
on 5C NETWORK



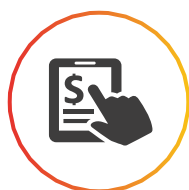
**380k health checks**  
completed for kids  
by ADDRESSHEALTH



**\$55/min**  
raised via crowdfunding  
on MILAAP

# At a glance

Our investments lie at the intersection of the world's greatest needs and opportunities – in terms of both capital and innovation. We are actively seeking and investing in businesses in the following sectors:



**FINTECH**



**HEALTHCARE**



**JOBTECH**



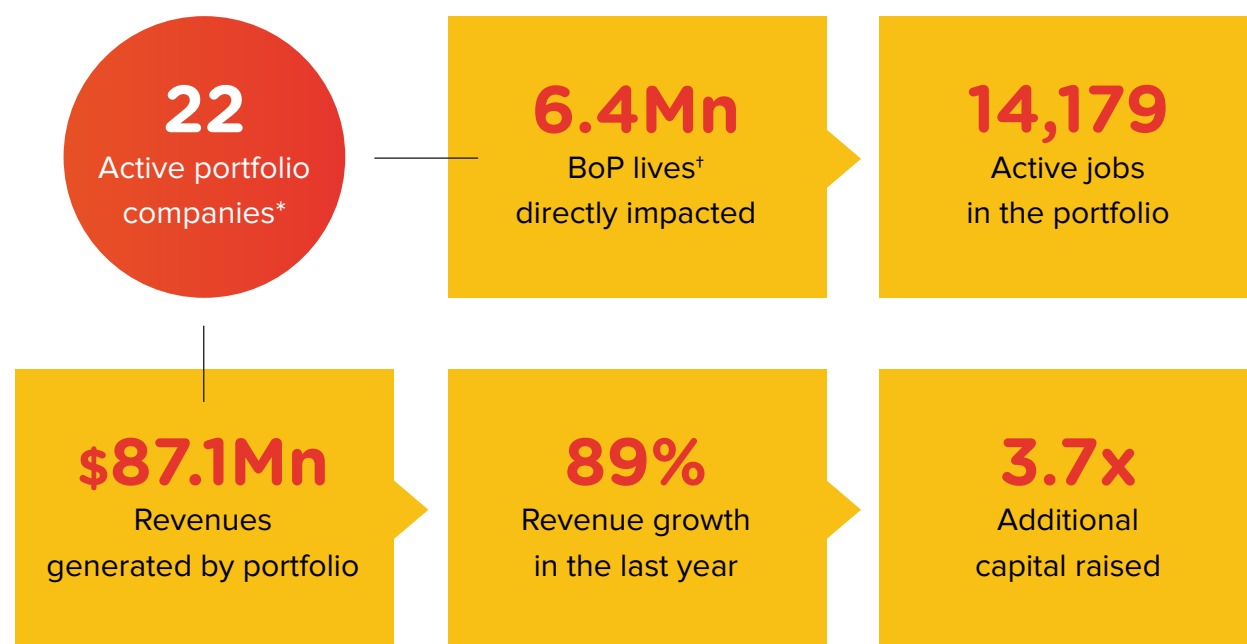
**EDUCATION**



**BUSINESS SERVICES**

In order to ensure sustainable impact, we track progress using industry standard IRIS metrics, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
















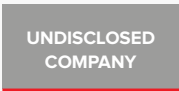
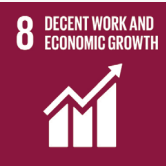
- **Social Impact** – Number of lives impacted by our portfolio companies' products and services and number of formal jobs created for BoP individuals.
- **Financial Impact** – Overall revenue generated by our portfolio companies and additional capital raised.
- **Ecosystem Impact** – Geographic reach, number of associations with local and global advisors, service providers and strategic partners.



\* 22 companies are active of 33 invested in from Fund I & II. 11 companies have been exited or written off.

<sup>†</sup> The population at the Base of the economic Pyramid (BoP) comprises the 1+ billion people or two thirds of the Indian population that lives on an annual household income of less than ~USD 3,000 (INR 200,000). In urban India, where the cost of living is higher, we consider BoP to have a monthly household income of less than ~USD \$375 (INR 25,000). In rural India, the figure stands at ~USD \$195 (INR 13,000).

# Portfolio Overview

SECTOR	UN'S PRIMARY SDG	OUR PORTFOLIO COMPANIES
FINTECH	 <p><b>End Poverty</b> Access to basic goods and services, financial inclusion</p>	  
HEALTHCARE	 <p><b>Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being</b> Universal access to healthcare</p>	     
JOBTECH	 <p><b>Ensure quality education for all</b> Universal access to education</p>	   
	 <p><b>Promote decent work for all &amp; sustainable economic growth</b> Developing world employment, fair trade and ethical supply chain</p>	

## EDUCATION



### Ensure quality education for all

Universal access to education



## BUSINESS SERVICES



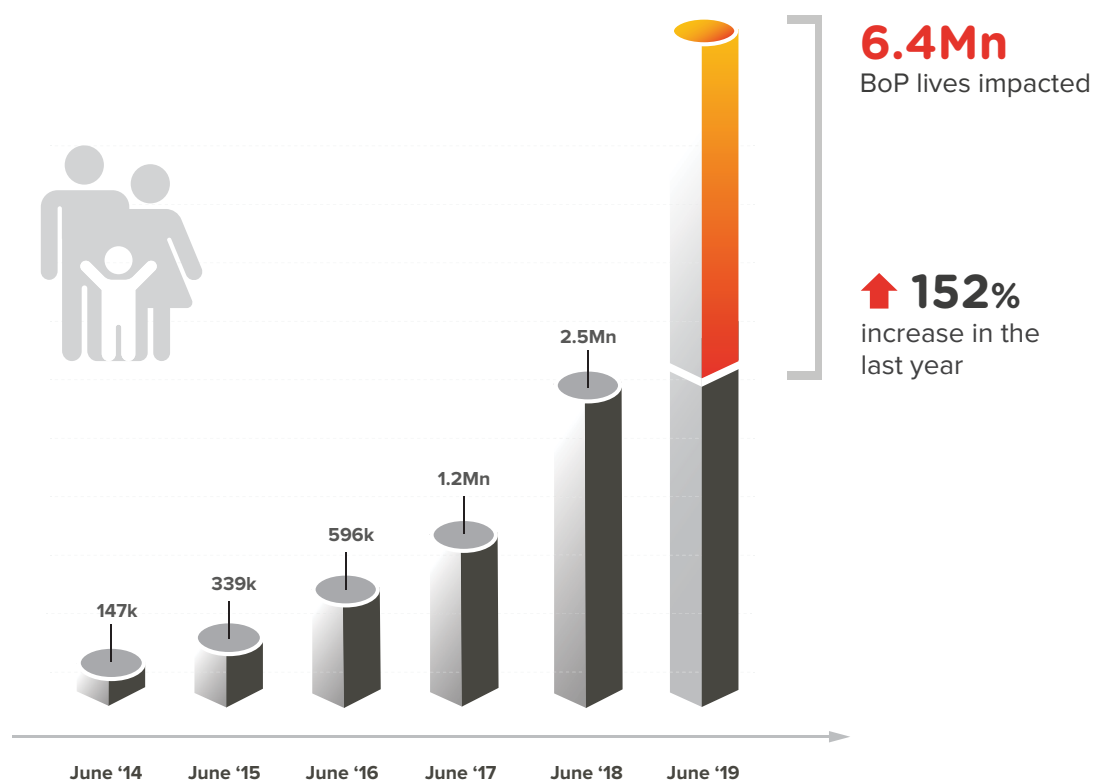
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Developing world employment, fair trade and ethical supply chain






# Social impact - Lives impacted

## Cumulative number of BoP lives impacted<sup>1</sup>



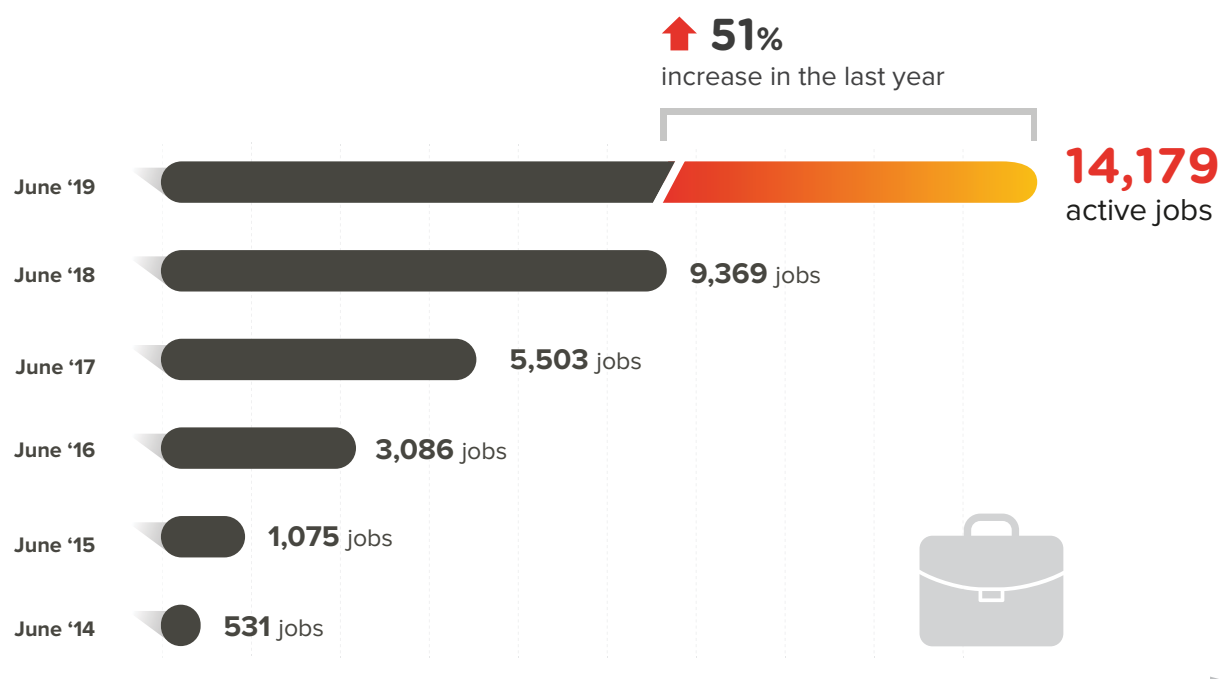
## Sector wise breakup

	Cumulative lives as of June '19	Growth in the last year	% increase in the last year
 Fintech	728k	+119k	↑ 20%
 Healthcare	941k	+560k	↑ 147%
 Jobtech	1.6Mn	NA	NA
 Education	99k	+8k	↑ 8%
 Business Services	3.1Mn	+1.6Mn	↑ 110%






1. BoP lives directly impacted include general BoP consumers like students, patients, artisans, borrowers and gig workers.

# Social impact - Active jobs

## Number of active jobs across portfolio<sup>2</sup>



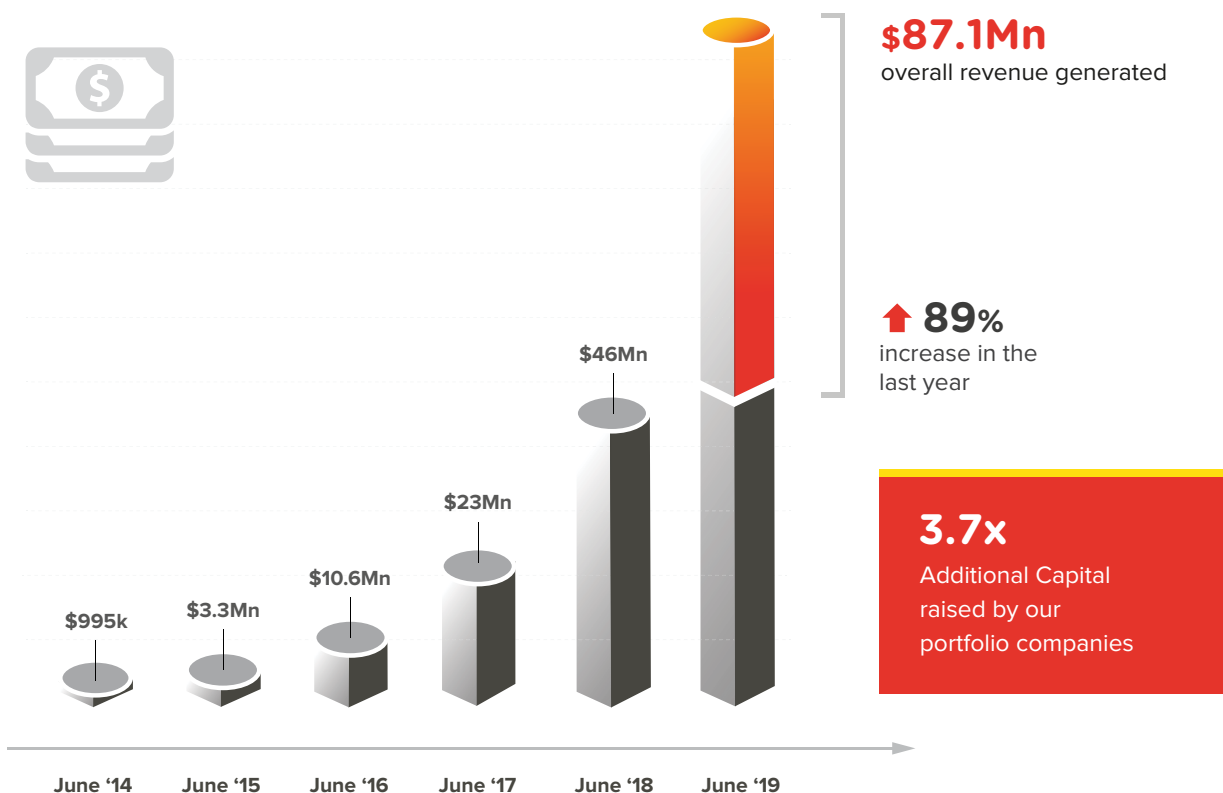
## Sector wise breakup

	Active jobs as of June '19	Growth in the last year	% increase in the last year
 Fintech	130	+77	↑ 145%
 Healthcare	283	+73	↑ 35%
 Jobtech	219	NA	NA
 Education	5,472	+2,060	↑ 60%
 Business Services	8,075	+2,381	↑ 42%




2. Active jobs include employees of companies on payroll as of June 2019.

# Financial impact

## Cumulative revenue generated across portfolio

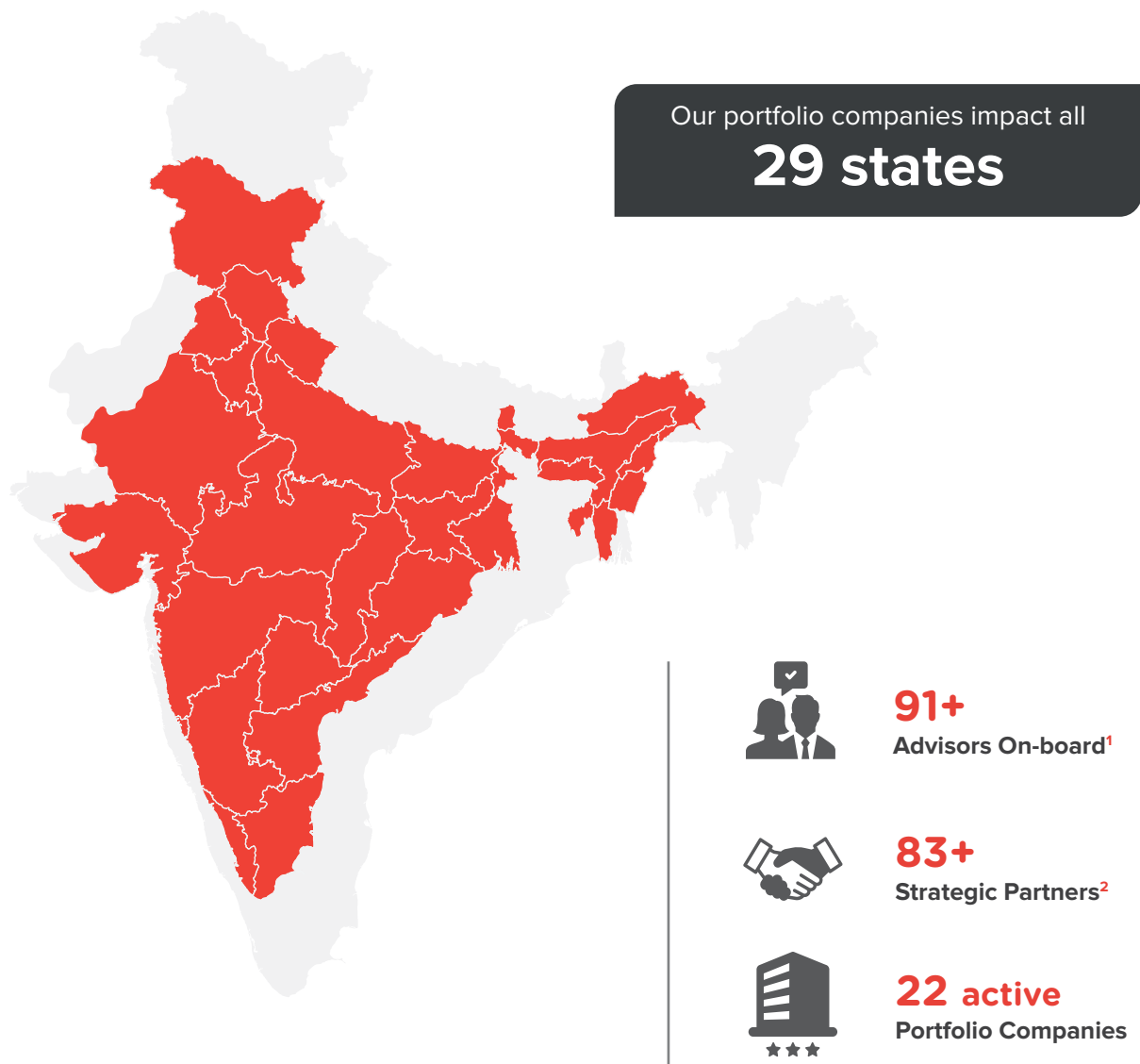


## Sector wise breakup

	Cumulative revenue as of June '19	Growth in the last year	% increase in the last year
 Fintech	\$9.4Mn	+3.9Mn	↑ 71%
 Healthcare	\$8.4Mn	+3.5Mn	↑ 72%
 Jobtech	\$1.2Mn	NA	NA
 Education	\$15.5Mn	+5.6Mn	↑ 56%
 Business Services	\$52.6Mn	+26.3Mn	↑ 104%



# Ecosystem impact



1. Advisors include board members, venture advisors voluntary advisors and mentors.

2. Strategic partners include non-financial relationships that help scale. e.g. trade associations, governmental agencies, etc.

## FOUNDER'S VOICE

# Building a better future for India's 450 million unskilled workforce



*Pravin Agarwala, Co-founder & CEO, BetterPlace shares his journey and what's in store for BetterPlace, India's largest platform for lifecycle management of the blue-collar workforce.*

I used to head SAP's cloud business. In 2015, a few unpleasant societal incidents provoked me to question the environment in terms of trust and to investigate building safety solutions by leveraging people's digital footprint. Over the next eight months, Saurabh Tandon (COO, BetterPlace) and I did further research that indicated a much bigger problem. Every year, 13-16 million people migrate to Indian cities from rural areas in search of better livelihoods, presenting a host of challenges. On the employer side, our research pointed out that hiring and managing **blue-collar workers** was one of the biggest pain points. The reason why these problems on either side existed was the lack of digitization. Since the workforce isn't organized and employers perceive a lack of supply, there was a need to build a trust platform, BetterPlace.

### Building India's first and only tech platform based on trust

Our first service on the platform was background verification. We've continued to layer other services: **SkillConnect** fills the gap between job seekers and employers through upskilling and training in local languages, digital onboarding, assessment and certification.



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**EngageConnect** helps enterprises manage employees through attendance, compliance and exit management, among others. Additionally, our **FinConnect** solutions help workers access loans, insurance and healthcare services. We're able to provide these solutions by building and leveraging workers' digital profiles.

The journey hasn't been easy. On one hand, clients had to be convinced to move from paperwork to a digital platform to monitor their manual labor workforce. On the other, trust had to be built amongst the previously informal blue-collar workforce to adopt a digital platform. Eventually, we managed to convince both sides that we're their partner, not a mere monitoring mechanism. We offered pilots to companies at our cost, which over time, built strong influencers who advocated our services to other companies.

## Leveraging technology to enhance the life of blue-collar workers

We're very serious about helping individuals find the right jobs, increase incomes and access to quality health, financial and other services. For companies we work with, we measure tangible outcomes such as increased revenues generated by the workforce onboarded and managed by our platform. We use cutting-edge technology such as Robotic Process Automation for identity checks, facial recognition and geo-fencing for attendance. We will continue to broaden our range of services with the eventual aim of supporting and enhancing the entire life-cycle of a blue-collar worker.

### BetterPlace in Numbers



1,000+  
enterprises on the platform



11x  
revenue growth in 3 years



10 Million  
workers on the platform



150 Million  
targeted workers by 2021

## FOUNDER'S VOICE

# Awign - Paving the path forward for millions of fresh graduates in India



**The Co-founder and CEO, Annanya Sarthak, shares his startup journey, sheds light on how Awign is solving multiple pain points across industries and what's in store for the 3-year-old venture in the months to come.**

The prevalent notion in India used to be that hard work and a college degree would get you a job. While this might have been true in the past, the economy today has progressed a lot quicker than Indian educational institutions have been able to keep up with, causing rampant unemployment.

Despite graduating from a premier institution myself, I struggled to find a position that suited my interests and aptitude. Once I started working, I realized how under-equipped these college students will be without practical skills to face professional work environments and assimilate into the workforce.

During my stint with consulting, I discovered a major pain point for enterprises - hiring freelancers vs. hiring employees on payroll. This is when it struck me that both these problems could be addressed by leveraging each other - students could gain much-needed work experience by becoming gig workers for enterprises struggling with staffing. In 2016, I quit my job, moved to Bangalore and co-founded Awign along with Gurpreet Singh and Pravin Kumar.



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## India has an experience problem, not a talent problem

Awign supplies workforce solutions to enterprises across sectors. We work with a host of enterprises to understand their staffing needs and break down large projects into micro internships for students. Examples of tasks performed by Awign workers include checking product placement in stores for FMCG companies or verifying addresses while onboarding customers at financial institutions.

In the process, students get exposure to live projects that helps them hone their professional development skills. Since our inception in 2016, we have retained all our customers and the average revenue per customer has grown by ~10x.

Getting here has by no means been easy - the biggest obstacle was educating enterprises about the benefits of hiring gig workers or freelancers. Once we got our foot in the door, we were able to prove that using Awign was not only faster but more cost-effective as they only had to pay for tasks that were successfully completed. By leveraging technology, we were able to break down large projects into smaller tasks and train freelancers in a short period of time. We have been able to bring down the time taken to train these gig workers from one week to four hours.

Awign's high-quality output has led us to recurring gigs. This has also ensured there is enough work for the gig workers. Someone who works 7 hours a day on the Awign platform can comfortably earn INR 30,000 (~ USD 420 per month), which is usually difficult to achieve without a full-time job. This has helped several Awign workers pay for tuition, save for the future, buy phones and laptops, and contribute towards their household expenditures.

## Leveraging technology to connect a distributed workforce with enterprises

The path forward is as exciting as it is challenging. We want to triple our revenues in the coming year and double the tasks completed per worker per month. For our gig workers, we are working towards helping the youth showcase their experience and skills gained through Awign tasks to future employers. We want Awign to be the first stop for any fresh graduate joining the workforce, providing them with a solid footing to begin their careers.

### Awign in Numbers



92%

Revenues from repeat customers



10x

revenue growth in 3 years



300K

gig workers on the platform



2700 tasks

completed per day



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