



India 2022 Annual Report

terre des hommes

stops child exploitation



WHO WE ARE

We are an international child protection organisation working in 16 countries across Asia, East Africa, Europe and the Middle East. We help take children out of exploitative situations and provide them with a conducive environment to develop.

Terre des Hommes
Earth of Mankind



THEORY OF CHANGE



National Level

Duty bearers actively create spaces where children can be heard and contribute to coordinated action that prevents and responds to exploitation of children.

International Level

Professional bodies, intergovernmental organisations and human rights accountability mechanisms ensure that duty bearers effectively fulfil their commitments and obligations to protect children from exploitation and take their voices into account in all matters affecting them.



Children can flourish in world free of all forms of exploitation

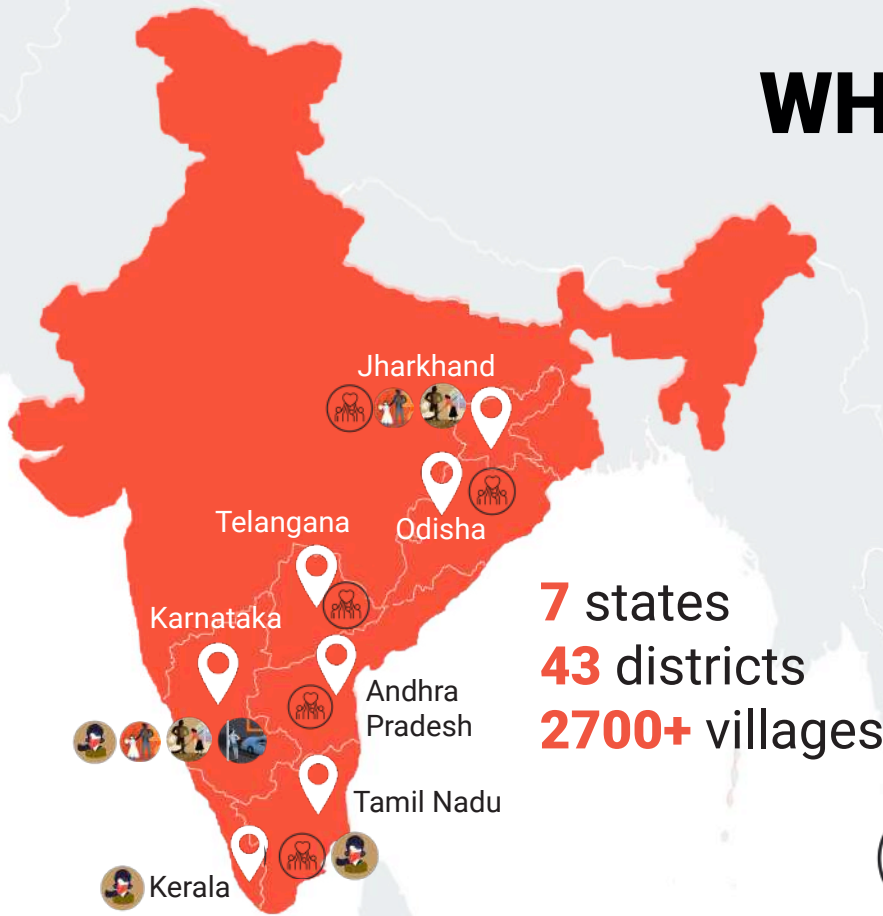


To protect children by preventing and stopping child exploitation. And by empowering children to make their voices count.

Local Level

Children are empowered, have access to and utilise spaces where they feel safe and where their voices are heard. Communities address sociocultural norms and other factors leading to child exploitation, and put in place structures that support children to be heard and protected from exploitation.

WHERE WE WORK



Child Labour



Child Marriage



Child Sexual
Exploitation



**ENSURING
HUMANITARIAN
ACTION**



Child Abuse

CROSS CUTTING THEMES



**CHILD
PARTICIPATION**



**INCLUSION
OF CHILDREN
WITH DISABILITIES**



**GENDER
MAINSTREAMING**

A portrait of Mr. Thangaperumal Ponpandi, a man with a mustache, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored patterned shirt. He is smiling and standing outdoors with greenery and mountains in the background. A small name tag is visible on his left lapel.

NOTE FROM **OUR COUNTRY MANAGER**

In 2022, with support from our partners and stakeholders, we worked to create an enabling environment for child protection. We are grateful for our successful efforts in empowering children as agents of change and are proud to see our children take a lead in community empowerment. The past year we also worked with existing systems and mechanisms to help address exploitation through policy changes and stricter implementation of laws. It's with joy that I present to you our Annual Report for 2022. This document essays our journey through the year along with some stories from the field. We hope you have an insightful read.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Ponpandi'.

Mr. Thangaperumal Ponpandi
Country Manager, India



STAKEHOLDER **REACH**



79,619
Children



69,996
Family and
Community
Members



426
Law Enforcement
Officials



836
Government
officials



176
CSOs

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Rekha (15) was out-of-school and engaged in child labour in a mica processing factory. Her brother's education was given priority and her family believed that girls didn't need to study.

Through art and life skills training, Rekha convinced her parents of her right to education. Her father re-enrolled her in school and took her out of work. He even bought her a bicycle! Now she's all set to realise her dream of working for the armed forces.

MY Dream



KEY FIGURES



11,533
children access
education



5,492
children access
health care



1,859
children rescued
from harmful
exploitation





36,928

children receive
awareness



3,056

families increase
their income



3,609

families linked
to social security
schemes



9,179

children trained
as change
agents





STORY HIGHLIGHT

17-year-old Amrita belongs to a socio-economically disadvantaged Devadasi community where girls are forced into sex work. When her mother was infected with HIV, Amrita had to drop out of school to pitch in for the family's livelihood as a coolie worker. She was also very vulnerable to being dedicated as a sex worker.

We re-enrolled her in school and supported to continue her education. She has also started her vocational skills training in computer operations. Efforts are being made to provide Amrita's mother with additional livelihood opportunities.



THE MICA PROJECT

Addressing Worst Forms of
Child Labour in Mica Mines



IMAGE

Initiatives for Married Adolescent
Girls' Empowerment



CHILDREN GOOD

Addressing exploitation in the
Devadasi System



INVEST TO SUSTAIN

Revolving a fund among women
in poverty



CCCEP

Comprehensive Community Led Child
Empowerment Project



ACTION RESEARCH ON COVID-19 IN INDIA

Supporting children who lost one or both
parents to COVID-19

OUR PROGRAMMES

The Mica Project

Addressing Worst Forms of
Child Labour in Mica Mines

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Jharkhand in India accounts for nearly 25% of the world's mica supply. Families in the mica belt depend solely on the mineral for their livelihood. Lack of an organised supply chain has led to labour exploitation and families get bare minimum wages. As a result, children are forced to work, and are out of school. Lack of additional livelihood opportunities makes the families remain poor and vulnerable.



OUR ACTION

Children (both vulnerable to and victims of child labour, girls and boys) access quality education. They learn their rights and methods to advocate for change. Families access additional livelihood opportunities and social security. Child Protection institutions and mechanisms are strengthened.

OUR REACH



4,878
children

2,526 girls 2,352 boys



57
villages

2

districts



11,702
family and
community
members

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. Children as Change Agents

Identifying and organising children in clubs with the objective of empowering them to bring about change.

Particulars	Coverage
Children's Clubs	25
Children taught child rights and child protection issues	3340
Children taught life skills	436
Children taught journalism for advocacy	30

Taking inspiration from their training sessions, children scripted and staged a play in their village, spreading awareness against child labour and child marriage.

1 child marriage was stopped after this exercise.



JHARKHAND



Giridih



Koderma

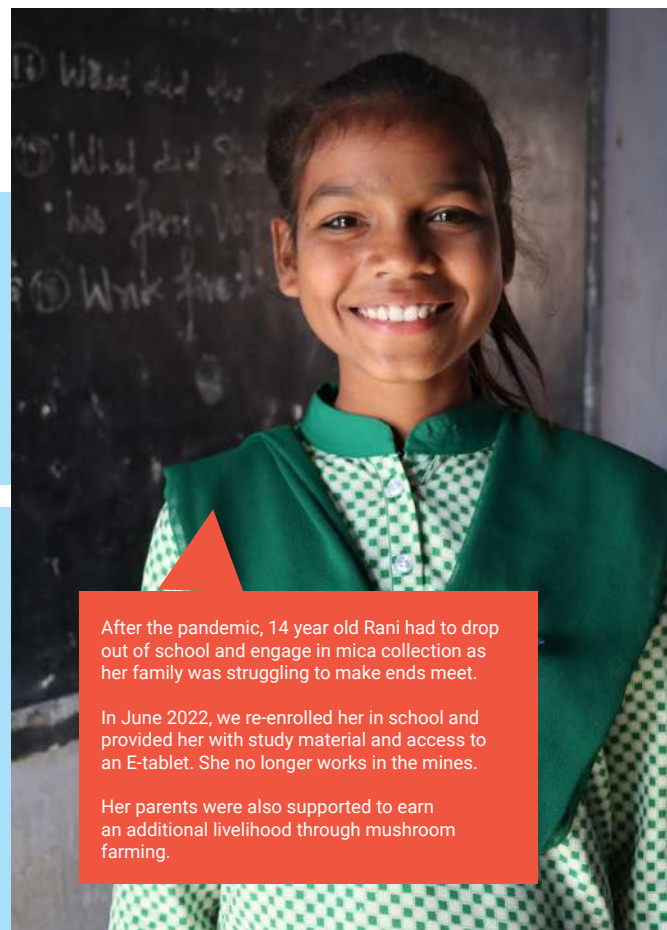


2. Education

Ensuring children access pre-school learning and mainstream formal education along with creating a conducive learning environment in educational institutions.

Particulars	Coverage
Anganwadi centres equipped with TLM ¹	16
Anganwadi institutional service providers trained	57
Parents trained on home-based early childhood learning	465
Children (3-6) access pre-school learning	786

Particulars	Coverage
Schools equipped with TLM	25
Children newly enrolled in schools	185
Drop out children re-admitted	882
Children supported with study materials	2,217
Children given bicycles	190
Children access digital learning facilities	1,130
Children access mobile libraries	1,620
Children enrolled in open schooling	52
Children access skill-based training	81



After the pandemic, 14 year old Rani had to drop out of school and engage in mica collection as her family was struggling to make ends meet.

In June 2022, we re-enrolled her in school and provided her with study material and access to an E-tablet. She no longer works in the mines.

Her parents were also supported to earn an additional livelihood through mushroom farming.

¹Training and Learning Materials

3. Livelihood Support

Equipping parents to increase their income through investment support for additional livelihood activities, skill building in these activities and provision of occupational hazard free mica kits. This is a community led socio-economic empowerment mechanism as families repay the loan at a minimum service charge.



Particulars	Coverage
Families who increased their income through additional livelihood	1,380
Families newly supported with additional livelihood in 2022	395
Families access livelihood skill building	781
Families supported with OSH kits ²	541
Families supported with nutrition gardening	863



Fulwa Devi is a single mother who could not afford to send her daughter Anku to school. As a result, Anku would accompany her mother to the mines.

In July 2022, the children's club identified Anku and re-enrolled her in school. In August, Fulwa Devi was given INR 7500 which she invested in goat rearing. She also underwent training.

Four months later, Fulwa profitted by INR 2500 and is able to ensure her child is out of work and in school.

² Occupational Safety Hazard Kits - These are kits which consist of hand gloves, masks and tools to ensure that adults working in mica activities don't injure or hurt themselves.

4. Access to Social Security

Linking families with social welfare and social protection schemes such as those of housing, ration, pensions, civic identities among others.

Particulars	Coverage
Families access social welfare schemes	1,365
Families access social protection schemes	1,675
Adolescent girls availed of government scholarships³	465

5. Strengthening Child Protection Institutions

Working with, training and providing support to existing government and legal institutions for child protection to create systemic change.

Particulars	Coverage
School Management Committees supported	24
Village Level Child Protection Committees supported	25
Consultation with Block Level Officers	4
Consultations with District Level Officers	4
Law enforcement officials sensitised	12
Government officials sensitised	128



³ Savitribai Phule Kanya Samridhi yojana - A state government scholarship for girls above 14 (from socio-economically weaker sections) to avail of free education

14-year-old Chinu and his sister used to work in family based mica processing activities as a result of poverty.

Through our efforts, Chinu was re-enrolled in school in June 2022. The family was also given access to ration cards, the Ayushman card (health card) under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (Central Government Health Protection Scheme). These improved their socio-economic conditions.

MAJOR RESULTS



1

Successful continuation of education among high school students.

96% children continue their education in class 9 and 10



2

Children taken out of exploitation through efforts of children's clubs

59 child marriages prevented
38 children taken out of child labour



3

Families increase their income and can take better care of their children

72% of the families supported report an increase in average monthly income by 30-40%.



4

Bicycles help girls continue their schooling

87% of girls who got bicycles continue their formal schooling.



5

Towards formalising mica scrap collection

The Chief Minister announces the rolling out of a new policy to formalise mica mining and establish cooperatives for mica miners.



6

Government action on children's issues

Successful advocacy efforts by Children's Clubs has led to authorities placing children's issues on high priority.



STORY HIGHLIGHT



Anita Devi's family depends on mica mining for their survival. As the profession is hazardous, she fell ill from the dust and the cuts. Her children were forced to leave school and step in to work.

In 2022, we trained Anita Devi to learn 'low cost and easy to adopt' Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) practices to safeguard her from health hazards and minor injuries in delayering of Mica scraps. We also gave her a kit (gloves, mask, safe tools) to adopt OSH practices. This also helped her to increase the productivity as well as save time. As a result, she earns more and her children do not have work. Both the children are continuing school.

TESTIMONIALS

FROM STAKEHOLDERS



Janaki
Student

"My school was 6 kms away from my house and it was too far to go. I had to drop out and my parents sent me to work. After getting a bicycle, I can go to school easily. I don't work now"



Mr. Ramdhan Yadav
President, Zilla Parishad, Koderma

"I was overwhelmed by the collective efforts of the children from the Balmanch to address issues in the villages. I give my assurance to put their concerns on a priority basis"



Mr. Abhishek Prasad
Secretary, District Legal Services Authority

"We have been able to coordinate very well with the project to ensure that vulnerable children access their rightful entitlements. The organisation is very committed"



Mr. Chandan Kumar
Head Teacher, Government School

"The training and learning materials given to our school has helped create a joyful and effective learning environment. After the project, I have also seen more girls coming to school regularly"

Children GOOD

Children Empowerment
for Getting Out of the Devadasi
System and Prevention of
Further Dedications

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The Devadasi System is a traditional practice where postpubertal girls from socio-economically deprived dalit families are dedicated to Goddesses, post which they are forced to choose sex work as their livelihood. The children and young girls from the community are isolated, face stigma due to their status, and drop out from school. Due to lack of vocational skills, education, and alternate livelihood opportunities, they are highly vulnerable to sexual and gender-based violence. These factors also result in them being socio-economically downtrodden.



OUR ACTION

Children of Devadasis are equipped and taught to advocate for their rights and entitlements. They access quality education and vocational skill training as a means to get out of the system. Communities are also sensitised and lobby is done with government and law enforcement authorities for implementation of laws and including the issues of Devadasis in their priority agenda.

OUR REACH



5,869
children

5,356 girls 513 boys



163
villages

5
districts

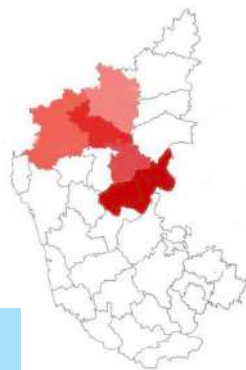


17,253
family and
community
members

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. Children as Change Agents

Identifying and organising children (12-18) in clubs with the objective of empowering them to bring about change.



KARNATAKA

Belagavi

Vijayapura

Bagalkote

Koppal

Bellary

Particulars	Coverage
Children's Clubs for girls	90
Children's Clubs for boys	33
Girl children taught life skills	3105
Girl children taught child-led research	330
Girls participate in district level activities	480

After lessons in life skills, advocacy and child led research, girls from Halagenshwar Kishori Group raised their concerns with civic authorities on the lack of a clean school ground. After their representation, the authorities took their issue seriously and the ground was clean in early 2022.



2. Education

Ensuring children of Devadasis continue their schooling and out-of-school children are re-enrolled in school.

Particulars	Coverage
Girls supported through school fees, books and uniform	250
Girls re-enrolled in school ¹	23
Girls access digital learning	224
E-tabs distributed	194
Girls supported to write SSLC exams	266
Girls access mobile libraries	2674

3. Vocational Training

Ensuring vulnerable adolescent girls from the community access alternate means of livelihood, so that they are not forced to get into sex work. Additionally, supporting Devadasi women for additional sources of income.

Particulars	Coverage
Girls received vocational training	115
Devadasi women supported	79



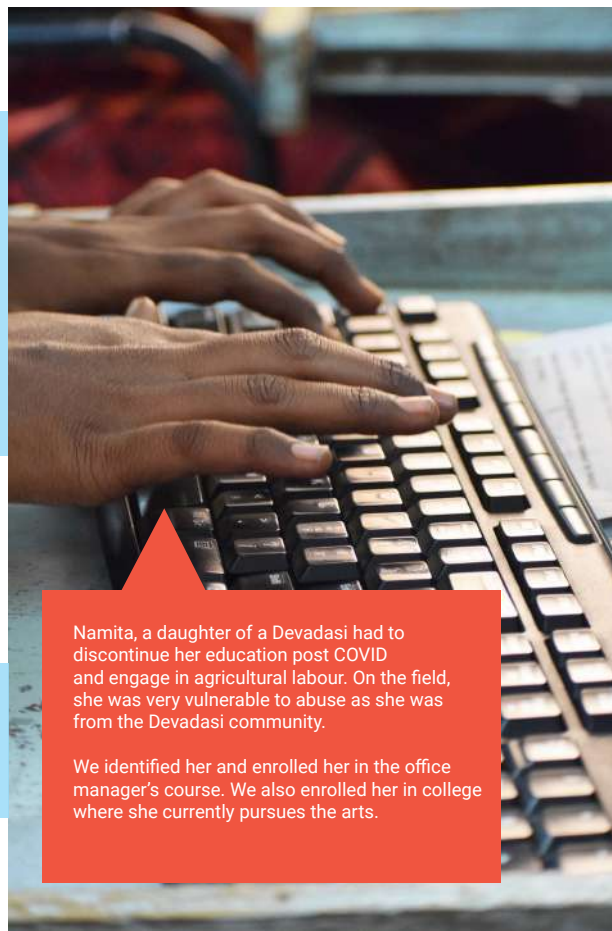
Office Manager's
Course

50 adolescent
girls



Fashion
Designing

65 adolescent
girls



Namita, a daughter of a Devadasi had to discontinue her education post COVID and engage in agricultural labour. On the field, she was very vulnerable to abuse as she was from the Devadasi community.

We identified her and enrolled her in the office manager's course. We also enrolled her in college where she currently pursues the arts.



4. Community Sensitisation

Sensitising community members on the ill-effects of the Devadasi system as well as on the need to create a more inclusive society.

Particulars	Coverage
Temple Priests sensitised	176
Media personnel sensitised	60
Para-legal volunteers oriented	242
General public sensitised	2461



4. Lobby and Advocacy


Sensitising and advocating with law enforcement agencies for policy level changes, implementation of laws and raising issues of the community for further action.

Particulars	Coverage
Lobby and advocacy meetings held with the government	20
Government officials engaged with	142
Law enforcement officials engaged with	150

5. Strengthening Child Protection Insitutions

Formation of committees to protect the Devadasi community and its children and ensuring its effective running.

Particulars	Coverage
Women and Child Protection Committees formed (WCPC)	3
WCPC members trained	135



In 2022, we formed 3 Women and Child Protection Committees where we gave children the platform to speak up on their issues to the committee.

The committee will be a forum to address the issues of women and children, specifically from the Devadasi community.

MAJOR RESULTS

1

Children lead development

Children solve village problems, advocate for change and empower other children to be change makers.



2

Children taken out of exploitation

17 child marriages prevented
2 dedications as Devadasis stopped



3

Working with boys helps address gender-based discrimination

Grouping boys in children's clubs has made the project more gender-sensitive.



4

Families increase their income

The Devadasi women who were supported report an increase in average income and 93 girls trained got jobs.



5

Awareness leads to access of entitlements

Through community sensitisation sessions, 237 families successfully apply for civic entitlements.



6

Policy level changes initiated

Government to make provisions for making father's name optional in forms, special scholarships, re-survey of Devadasi women, raising monthly pension and housing facilities for women.



STORY HIGHLIGHT



17-year-old Bhargavi had to drop out of school when she was in class 10 as the family faced economic hardship. Raised by a Devadasi woman, her mother also arranged for her early marriage as she could not afford to take care of her anymore.

Bhargavi's fiancé forced Bhargavi to have a sexual relationship with him prior to her marriage on the pretext of her being a Devadasi's daughter. This made her extremely uncomfortable.

Bhargavi reported this issue to her children's club group. In August 2022, on the day of Bhargavi's wedding, girls from the club along with the Child Development Officer and other block-level officers, went and stopped the marriage taking a written consent from her mother that she will get Bhargavi married only after 21. A case was filed against the fiancé for sexual misconduct.

Bhargavi was enrolled in counselling sessions to overcome her trauma. Additionally, she also joined the project's vocational training tailoring programme.

TESTIMONIALS

FROM STAKEHOLDERS



Ms. Sannamma
Community Member

"After the GOOD project, there has been no dedications in our village. We see that all the girls are happy in school and want to stand on their own feet."



Ms. Siyali Kudisi
Lead Anganwadi Supervisor

"I have seen that after the community awareness sessions, people are more aware of the issues Devadasis face. It is good to see people from this community are developing"



Mr. Samprada
Children's Club member

"Earlier I was very ashamed of being a child of a Devadasi and would not mingle with anyone. Now, I have got so much exposure and I have travelled to many cities to speak about my rights."



Pundalik Baraki
Panchayat Development Officer

"It is great to see how the girls have blossomed into such confident individuals advocating with us to solve village problem. Proud to see how far they have come."

IMAGE

Initiatives for Married Adolescent Girls' Empowerment

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

At 230 million, India accounts for the world's highest number of child brides. Married in their early teens, these girls lack education, access to health care, are financially trapped and vulnerable to domestic abuse.



OUR ACTION

Early married girls access education, health care (specifically sexual and reproductive health and rights) and are protected from gender-based violence. Families and community members are also sensitised on the ill effects of child marriage.

OUR REACH



1,106
children



127
villages

2
districts



1,920
family and
community
members

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

The first phase of the project was from 2018-2020, reaching out to 3077 early married girls. The second phase began in 2021.

1. Health Care

Ensuring early married girls access health and nutrition services, along with reproductive health care and awareness.



KARNATAKA



Chamarajanagar



Chikballapur

Particulars	Coverage
Girls sensitised on postponment of pregnancies	238
Girls receive health care support such as health check ups, nutritional supplements, pre and post natal care	381

In 2022, 16-year-old Bharati who got married at 14 reported fatigue and was found pale. She was diagnosed with anaemia with a HB count of 8. She was taken for a health check up and provided nutritional supplements and tonics. In 2 months, she was cured of anaemia with a HB count of 10.



2. Education

Ensuring early married girls access education through schools or as private candidates.

Particulars	Coverage
Girls access educational services	220
Girls re-enrolled in formal school	19
Girls registered as private candidates	19

3. Skill Development

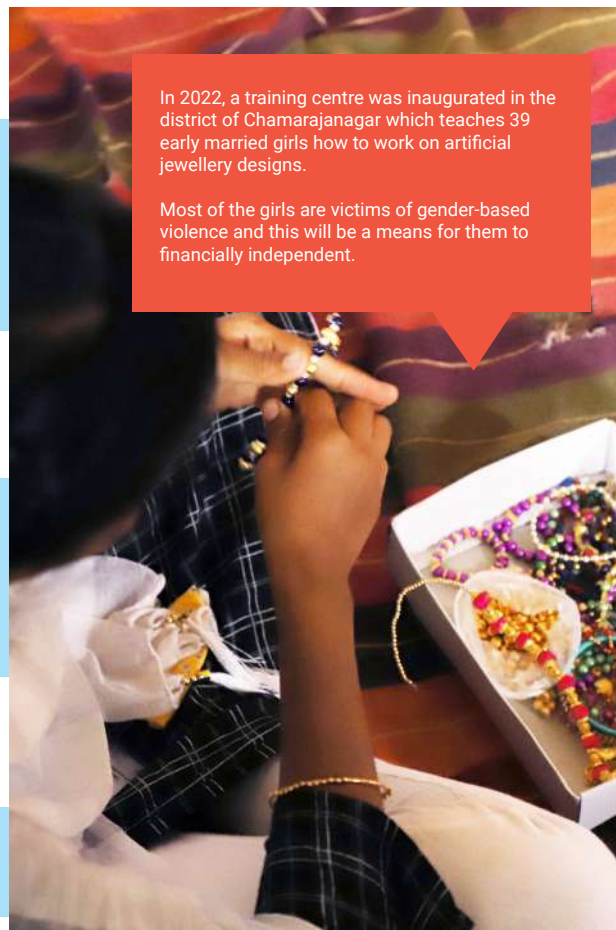
Girls are enrolled in vocational skill training to bring about financial independence and socio-economic empowerment.

Particulars	Coverage
Girls learn Saree designing	112
Girls learn Artificial Jewellery making	39
Girls learn Tailoring	69

4. Lobby and Advocacy

Authorities are advocated with for the promotion of girl child rights.

Particulars	Coverage
CSOs participate in networks to promote child rights	40



In 2022, a training centre was inaugurated in the district of Chamarajanagar which teaches 39 early married girls how to work on artificial jewellery designs.

Most of the girls are victims of gender-based violence and this will be a means for them to financially independent.



5. Awareness Raising

Sensitising community members on the ill-effects of early marriage as a means to prevent early marriages and address issues of child marriage victims.

Particulars	Coverage
School children raise awareness against child marriage	1780
Schools where awareness raising through rallies and wall paintings were done	102
Street theatre sessions for the community for awareness against child marriage	5

6. Child Protection

Working to prevent child marriages and strengthening child protection institutions and mechanisms.

Particulars	Coverage
Girls immediately safeguarded from early marriage and gender-based violence	370
Community members participate in Child Protection Committees	262
Meetings with Child Protection Committees	26

7. Child and Community Participation

Creating clubs for children and community members to sensitise them on issues of child marriage so as to create an enabling environment for early married girls to develop.

Particulars	Coverage
Children Clubs formed	95
Members in Family Clubs	204
Members in Spouse Clubs	100
Members in Early Married Girls clubs	194



MAJOR RESULTS

1

Digital health care successful



381 girls report better health after Nutree app through digital counselling and nutritional guidance

2

Girls postpone their pregnancy



10 early married girls and their spouses decide to postpone their pregnancy

3

Girls resume their education



The girls are more aware of the importance of education and **18** drop outs rejoined school

4

Girls move towards financial independence



202 girls improve their vocational skills and are looking forward to securing jobs and standing on their own feet

5

School children become change agents



20 out of the 95 children's clubs are very active in promoting child rights and spreading awareness against child marriage

6

Child Protection Committees strengthened



The Child Protection Committees were strengthened in their capacity to ensure child protection and monitor harm, violence and exploitation.



18 year old Salma was married at 17 and became pregnant soon after. Her body couldn't handle the early pregnancy and she complained of fatigue and ill health.

The field staff, through a mobile application called Nutree noted down her symptoms and shared with her a customised diet plan as generated by the app. The app also suggested that she take nutritional supplements and calcium tablets which the project provided to her.

She undergoes follow up sessions through the app which monitors her progress and makes further suggestions to improve her health.

She was also given access to a 'mother card' which helps her avail of services from the local anganwadi (health care centre). Her health has improved and she has also got knowledge on pre and post natal care as well as postponing her next pregnancy.

TESTIMONIALS

FROM STAKEHOLDERS



Suyash
Student

"In the awareness sessions by the project I have learnt about child marriages and how to stop them by calling 1098"



Manjunath Reddy
School Headmaster

"I really appreciate how IMAGE is spreading awareness about child marriage and our school will always support the project in its activities."



Sushma K
Anganwadi worker

"After this project, I have received useful training on maternal health care for adolescents and I am able to help many early married girls."



Arya Vinod Reddy
Child Protection Committee President

"With the project's help we have formed a child protection committee and together with the team we have been able to stop child marriages"

IMAGE Next

Nurturing a Movement of Married Adolescent Girls to Ascertain their Rights

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Early Married Girls are excluded from most well being and development initiatives as child marriage is illegal, and there is no clarity on their status. As a result, they are denied their rights.



OUR ACTION

Married adolescent girls from Karnataka state are organised into a movement where they learn life skills, child rights, advocacy and are sensitised on their entitlements and the ill effects of child marriage. The girls are further given access to platforms where they fight for their rights and work towards a child-marriage-free society.

OUR REACH



17,416
children



858
villages

15

districts



6,394
family and
community
members

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. Movement Building

Organising early married girls into a movement and sensitising them on their rights, life skills and child protection mechanisms.



KARNATAKA

Early Married Girls organised in a movement and being sensitised on their rights as well as child protection laws.

Particulars	Coverage
Girls organised in the movement	17416
Girls newly enrolled in the movement in 2022	984
Campaigns conducted as part of the membership drive	104
Consultation with CSOs	14
CSOs mapped for movement strengthening	140
Regional events organised	52



2. Norms and Behaviour Changes

Working with early married girls and community members on positively changing their behaviours and attitudes towards child marriage and its related issues.

Particulars	Coverage
Number of children reached through awareness campaigns	4949
Behaviour change sessions organised for men and boys	57
Events organised on issues pertaining to early married girls	78
Consultation with CSOs	14
Community members trained to spread awareness	400

3. Leadership Development

Identifying and training block and district level leaders among the girls to spearhead movement activities.

Particulars	Coverage
Total number of leaders	478
Movement leaders identified in 2022	275

4. Engagement with the Government

Advocacy with government officials to give a platform to early married girls where they speak up on their demands and entitlements.

Particulars	Coverage
Interfaces facilitated between members of the government	36
Government officials participated in district and state level workshops	664



MAJOR RESULTS

1

Child Marriages Prevented

The movement helped prevent 356 child marriages in 2022



2

Children create leaders

Children who were trained as leaders train other girls to become leaders, creating a strong movement.



3

Advocacy skills made effective

Girls develop confidence, strategic thinking and communication skills, which help get their demands noticed.



4

CSO Networks strengthened

Consultation with CSOs helps in creating a strong network which assists in advocacy efforts.



5

Gender sensitisation

Less gender-based discrimination has been observed in families after the project.



6

Movement leaders become research experts

Movement leaders learn how to conduct research and develop skills in participatory research methods, giving them another platform to speak up.





STORY HIGHLIGHT



Padmini, age 20, was married at the age of 14. She became a mother by the age of 16. With her hopes and dreams crushed, she resigned to a life of being confined at home.

IMAGE Next intervened in her life and organised her in the movement. Padmini was quick to pick up advocacy and life skills and she was soon selected to be a movement leader.

Now Padmini leads awareness campaigns against child marriages and spreads awareness in schools. Earlier, she was trained in tailoring skills. Now she herself trains 17 other early married girls on tailoring skills.

Through spouse sensitisation interventions, her husband has also learnt the importance of supporting her.

TESTIMONIALS

FROM STAKEHOLDERS



Mr. Sithappa

Husband, EMG

"I was married when I was a child. After the movement, I have received a lot of awareness about child marriage and I will join my wife in stopping other child marriages."



Ms. Bharti Pujari

Community Member

"I now know a lot about child rights and the laws against child marriage after the awareness sessions from the project. I didn't know this before."



Kiran

Movement Leader

"After the project, I have got the confidence to speak up and stand for my rights. It has been a great learning."



Mr. Patil

Government School Teacher

"I am very happy to see movement leaders spread awareness in the villages, especially through posters."

Action Research on COVID-19 in India

Addressing exploitation faced by
children who lost one or both
parents to COVID-19

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Over 1.47 lakh children in India lost either one or both parents to COVID-19. These children became at risk of survival and safety. They are also vulnerable to various forms of exploitation.



OUR ACTION

Children access education support, dry ration, social security schemes along with counselling support for their mental well being.

OUR REACH



3,967
children
2,058 girls 1,909 boys

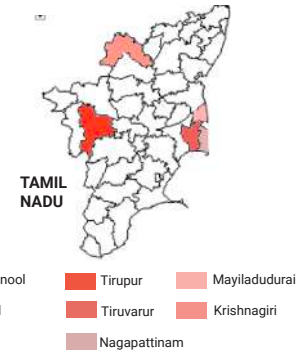
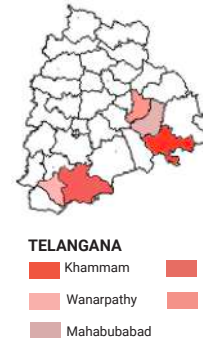
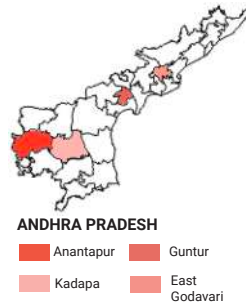


2,822
villages

18
districts



2,230
family and
community
members



MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. Counselling Support

Counselling children to help them cope with the mental trauma as a result of the loss of their parents. Training volunteers on barefoot counselling and referrals to authorised state run counselling centres.

Particulars	Coverage
Children referred for state counselling services	147
Volunteers trained on barefoot counselling and child safeguarding across all states	90

2. Education Support

Re-enrolling drop out children in school and supporting them with study material.

Particulars	TN	OD	JK	TL	AP	Total
Children supported with education material	412	126	127	743	1804	3,212
Drop out children re-enrolled	203	23	122	201	114	663

3. Ration Kit Support

Supporting families with ration kits for a 3 month consumption period consisting of cereal, pulses, oil and vegetables.

Particulars	TN	OD	JK	TL	AP	Total
Children access ration kits	487	74	148	816	1015	2,540

16-year-old Sarita lost her father to COVID-19 and she had to drop out of school.

We re-enrolled her in school and provided her with study material.



4. Hygiene Kit Support

Supporting children with kits consisting of face masks, soaps, sanitisers and gloves to ensure they are protected from COVID-19 and other related infections.

Particulars	TN	OD	JK	TL	AP	Total
Children access hygiene kits	412	126	127	743	1,804	3,212

17 year old Sapna was provided with a hygiene kit which helped her protect herself from COVID-19.

Good health ensured that she was regular to school.



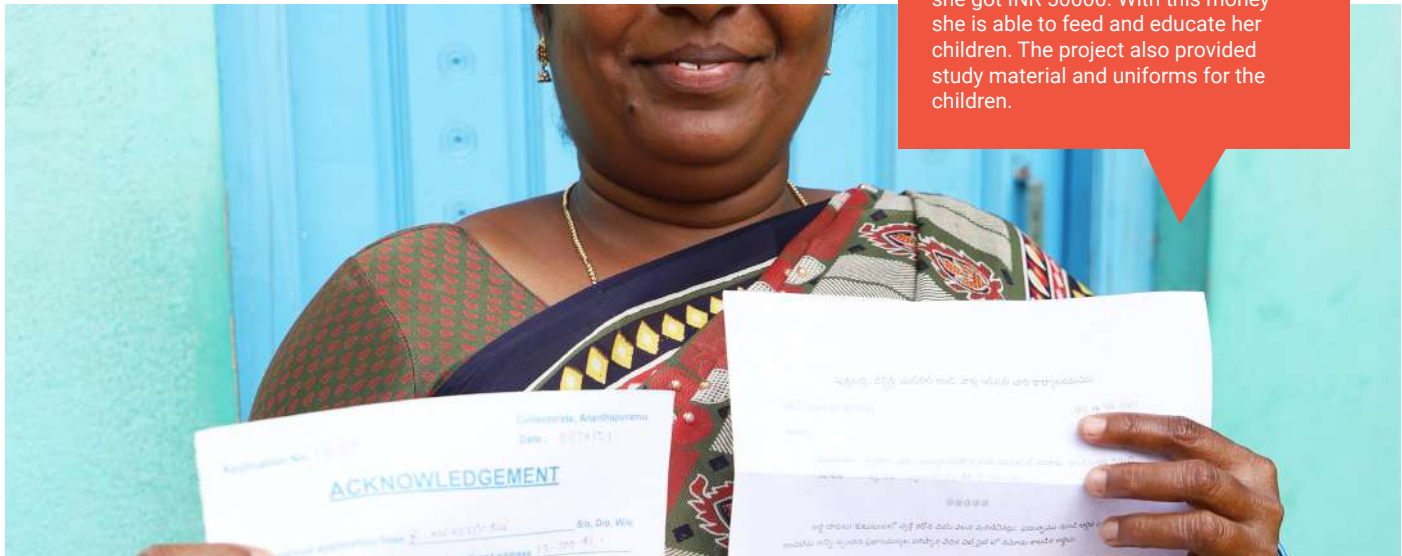
5. Social Security Schemes

Children and families were supported to apply for general and COVID-19 related social security schemes such as educational scholarships, ex-gratia support, ration cards, pensions among others.

Particulars	TN	OD	JK	TL	AP	Total
Families supported to access social security schemes	468	76	81	518	1,075	2,218

Ms. Meenakshi is the mother of 4 children; one boy and three girls. She lost her husband to COVID-19 and the entire responsibility of earning for the family fell on her.

It was a struggle to feed four children and send them to school. While she was on the verge of asking her daughters to drop out, the project identified her and helped her apply for a state government ex-gratia scheme. Her application was successful and she got INR 50000. With this money she is able to feed and educate her children. The project also provided study material and uniforms for the children.



MAJOR RESULTS

1

Children continue their education

3180 children continue their education



2

Families are well nourished

Families of 3519 children (92% of targeted 3825 children) able to consume 3 meals per day



3

Child Marriages prevented

61 child marriages prevented. The children were being forced due to financial difficulties after the loss of their parent(s)



4

Child Labour prevented

33 children prevented from working. The children were being forced due to financial difficulties after the loss of their parent(s)



5

Families access government schemes

89% families supported successfully avail of government schemes





STORY HIGHLIGHT



16-year-old Vicky lost his father to COVID-19. He and his younger brother became vulnerable to various forms of exploitation. They were on the verge of dropping out of school to become child labourers as it was difficult for their mother to provide for the family all of a sudden.

First, the project provided the family with ration kits for a six month period which helped address their hunger. With not having to worry about feeding her children, Vicky's mother was able to find a job. Additionally the family was given hand holding support to access a government ex-gratia of INR 50000 which helped Vicky's mother take care of her children's education.

TESTIMONIALS

FROM STAKEHOLDERS



Manasa
12 year old child

"The food material helped us a lot. Earlier, my mother had to work extra to arrange for food. I had to take care of the house so I didn't have time to play. Now I can."



Ms. Isabelle
Grandmother of a child

"I have lost my son. But I see you as friends of my son who came to support me and my granddaughter with food material, education materials. I am happy."



Sumitra
Volunteer

"My involvement with the project encouraged me to study again. Now I have been admitted to the staff nurse course. Thanks to TdH for changing my life."



Sirisha
Child Beneficiary

"I was sad and did not have any interest in studying. The volunteer sister talked with me everyday and helped me to get out of my depression."

Other COVID-19 Response

Oxygen Concentrators, Front Line Health Worker Kits and Livelihood support



WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

During the second wave of COVID-19, there was tremendous shortage of oxygen cylinders and other health infrastructure which led to a loss of many lives. People affected by COVID-19 were finding it hard to build back. There was an urgent need to support public health infrastructure and help people recover.

PROVISION OF **OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS AND FRONT LINE HEALTH WORKER KITS**

OUR REACH



137
Primary Health
Care Centres



250
Oxygen Cylinders



30 districts
6 states



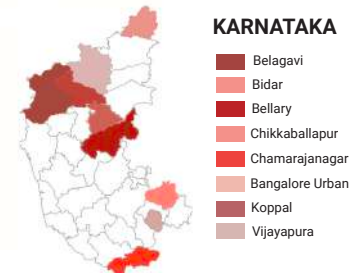
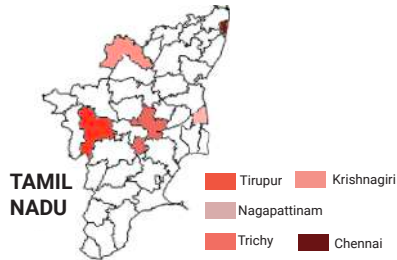
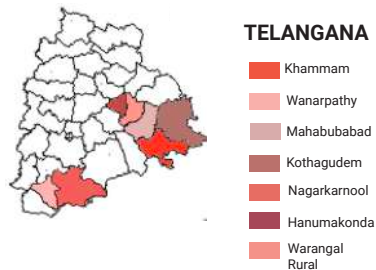
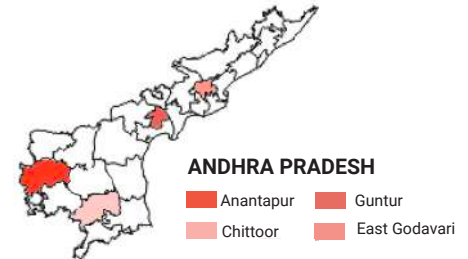
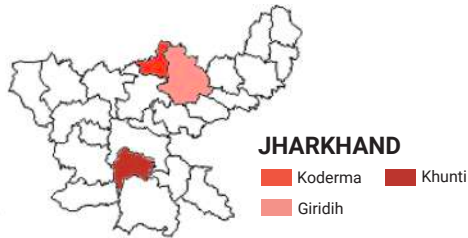
6500
COVID-kits



6500
front line health
workers



GEOGRAPHIC REACH OF OXYGEN CYLINDERS AND FRONT LINE HEALTH WORKER KITS



under resources mobilised in kind
 Oxygen cylinders **INR 6250000**
 Front line health worker kits **INR 8450000**

LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT TO AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS

Vocational Training, Entrepreneurship
Development

OUR REACH



52
young women

15

basic
tailoring

5

advanced
tailoring

3

car
driving

17

supervisory
skill training

8

entrepreneurship
training



4
young men

4

car
driving



1 **1**
district state



**TAMIL
NADU**

 Tirupur



Invest to Sustain

Revolving a fund among women in poverty

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

97.6 million people in India are poor. This poverty is the main reason why children from marginalised families cannot access proper education or health care. Women account for only 20% of the labour force in India, which leaves so much untapped potential for income generation & economic development.



OUR ACTION

Women in poverty are enrolled in Self Help Groups and are loaned a sum to invest in income generation activities with a repayment at a minimum service charge. Women pay back the loan with the interest and the corpus builds, reaching out to more women. A certain sum of the fund is allocated for education and health care support for children.

OUR REACH



10,948

children

direct support interventions*



239

villages

11

districts



29,358

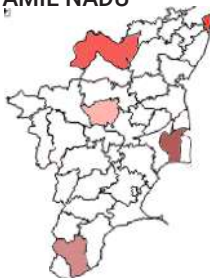
mothers

KARNATAKA



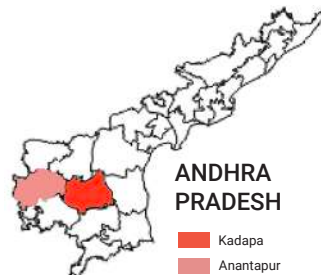
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Krishnagiri
Chennai
Namakkal
Tiruvarur
Tirunelveli

ANDHRA PRADESH



Kadapa
Anantapur

KERALA



Thiruvananthapuram

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. Awareness Raising Sessions

Conducting awareness sessions on health care, education and child protection.

Particulars	Coverage
Community Members attend awareness sessions	13,281
Children attend awareness sessions	10,849

* The number of children here refers to only the children directly reached through project interventions, and not the indirect reach.

2. Education Support

Supporting children's education through study material, fees and other school supplies

Particulars	Coverage
Girls access education support	1500
Boys access education support	1014

3. Income generation activities

Women in poverty access a fund which they invest in income generation activities like petty shops, goat rearing, agriculture, bamboo basket making

Particulars	Coverage
Mothers of children vulnerable to exploitation engaged in income generation activities	20,962
Mothers of children who are victims of exploitation engaged in income generation activities	6,351



MAJOR RESULTS

1

Children continue their education

2,514 children continue their education



2

New families get livelihood support

1,456 get livelihood support for the first time



A mother was able to send her children to school after investing in a small snacks making enterprise.





A resident of Anantapur district, Shaikh Tasleem, is a mother of four daughters. She was finding it difficult to provide for their education with just her husband's income.

She was introduced to the RF project and given a loan. Through this, she invested in a fancy store business selling jewellery, sarees and other fancy items.

Post this business, her income has improved and the store is doing very well. Her four children are now going to school without any problems.

Tasleem plans to further expand her store, increasing her scale of operations.

TESTIMONIALS

FROM STAKEHOLDERS



Dudekulla Mubunni
SHG member

"Previously I was a homemaker, but now I own a bajji shop with an income of 1500 per day. Now I am planning to extend my business."



Suyambu Kani
Partner project coordinator

"Our members are happy since the RF amount is processed within 2 days of submission of applications, while they have to wait for half a month to get their loan processed in Bank"

CCCEP

Comprehensive Children and
Community Empowerment Project

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

16% of Coimbatore city in India is occupied by slums where the living conditions are poor. These areas lack basic amenities, have poor health outcome indicators and children are at risk/victims of child labour, drug abuse, child sexual exploitation, early pregnancy among other forms of exploitation.



OUR ACTION

Enrolling children in formal and informal education, promoting community health care practices, equipping children as 'agents of change' and linking children and families with child protection mechanisms and available socio-economic entitlements under government schemes.

OUR REACH



414
children



10
slums

1

district



1,139
family and
community
members

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. Awareness Raising

Organising sessions for children and communities on comprehensive community development.

Particulars	Coverage
Children attend one-on-one and group awareness sessions	186
Children attend street play events for awareness	552
Children participate in awareness raising competitions	53
Community members attend sessions on government schemes	1139
Community clubs formed	10

 Coimbatore



Children attend an awareness session on general health and personal hygiene



2. Education support

Supporting children in continuing their school education and creating a conducive environment for quality education

Particulars	Coverage
Teachers trained as change agents to support children on education and child rights	10
Girls attend life skill training and age appropriate health education	209
Boys attend life skill training and age appropriate health education	205
School supported to create child friendly classrooms and joyful learning environment	1

3. Child Protection

Working with child protection committees and other stakeholders to ensure a child safe environment

Particulars	Coverage
Staff trained on child protection	3
School teachers, anganwadi teachers and ASHA workers trained on child protection	76

4. Health care support

Organising general and speciality health camps and screening children for infections.

Particulars	Coverage
Boys screened for fever, aches, blood sugar, malaria through screening camps	142
Girls screened for fever, aches, blood sugar, malaria through screening camps	123

A health camp being conducted in a school.



MAJOR RESULTS

1

Need
assessment
completed

5,178 households
complete their need
assessment



2

Sensitisation
and rapport

Sensitisation and rapport
building completed with all block
and district level stakeholders



3

Civic IDs to
persons with disabilities

15 persons with disabilities
were supported to avail of
civic IDs





STORY HIGHLIGHT

Surya and Karthik live in a slum community in Coimbatore. They both are born with downs syndrome. Their mother left them as she couldn't handle the pain and their father is the sole care taker of them.

Being out-of-school and with difficulty, Surya and Karthik are extremely vulnerable to different forms of child exploitation.

The project identified the family in 2022 and first worked to help them avail of a 'Unique Disability Identification Card'. With this card, they can access all the government schemes for people with disability. These mainly include free health care support.

Their father is happy that the children can avail of these services and is hopeful for their future.

The project plans to link Surya and Karthik to a nearby special school.

TESTIMONIALS

FROM STAKEHOLDERS



Praganthan
Class 10 student

"I dropped out of school because I was not interested. Then a staff counselled me about the importance of education, Now I'm happy to resume my studies"



Mr. Manikandan
Community Member

"I appreciate the project's efforts in spreading awareness about safety and good health practices. I would love to encourage my fellow community members to support this project"



Ms. Bhooma
District Revenue Officer

"I am extremely impressed with the project's efforts. I have recommended district educational authorities to take forward all the CCCEP activities across all government schools in their jurisdiction."

CROSS CUTTING PROJECTS

The following initiatives were implemented across projects :

1.Meri Aawaz

WHAT IS IT?

Meri Aawaz is an initiative which teaches children life skills and gender sensitisation through arts and crafts. These sessions are conducted in groups and media such as audio documentaries, street play, dance and music have been used to teach children.

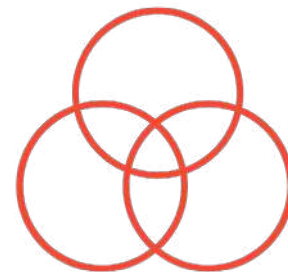
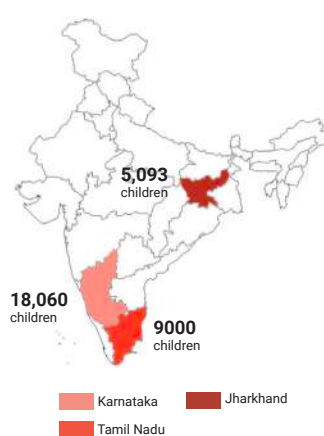


34,733
children



3
states

16
districts



A life skill session on confidence being taught through drama



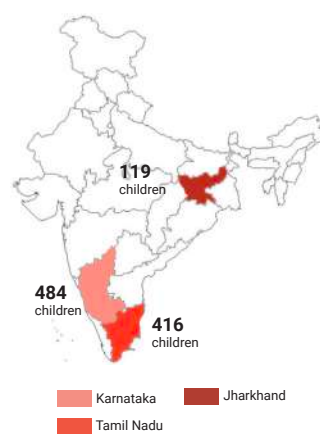
2. Free E-learning licenses

WHAT IS IT?

This is an initiative where children were given access to free e-learning licenses where they could study online through a very interactive app. This app has lessons in audio visuals, quizzes, mock tests as well as games.



These resources were mobilised in kind at a valuation of **INR 3,32,70,000**

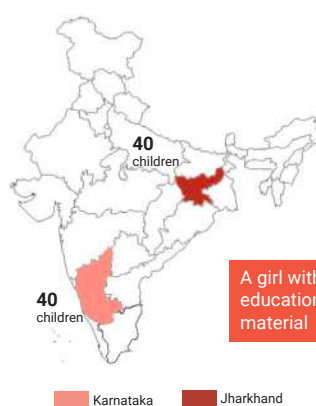


A child using the mobile app to learn.

3. Education Scholarship

WHAT IS IT?

Under this initiative, girl children are given a monthly scholarship support to help retain them in school. Each girl child's needs are identified and kits are customised. Most of the materials include school bags, school text books, stationery, bicycles, exam guides, bus pass among others.



A girl with education material

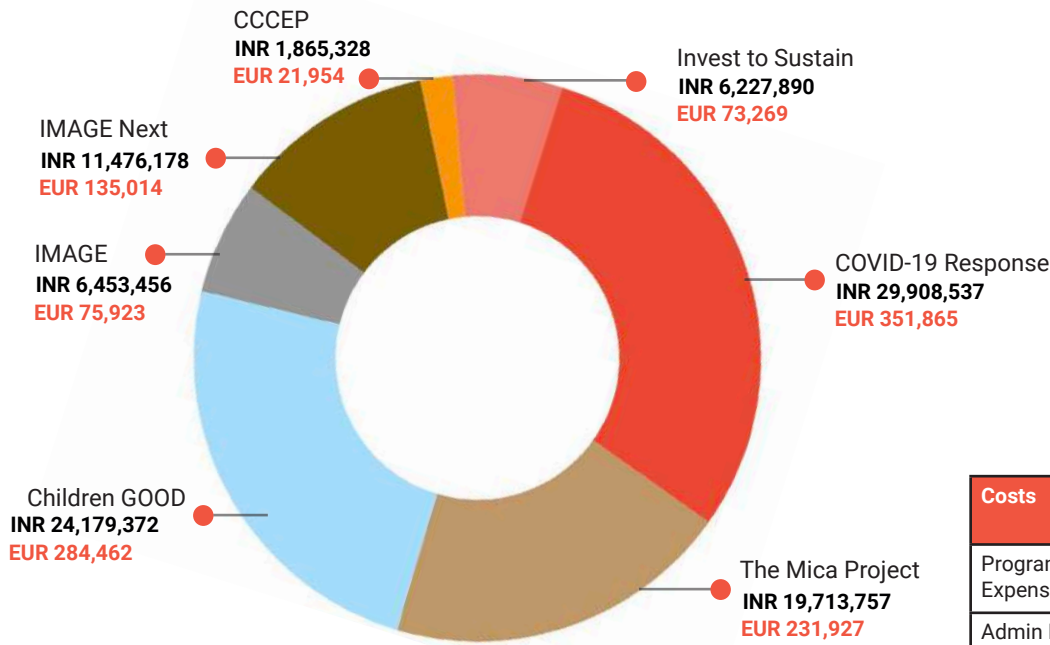


FINANCIALS

Total Portfolio

INR 99,824,438

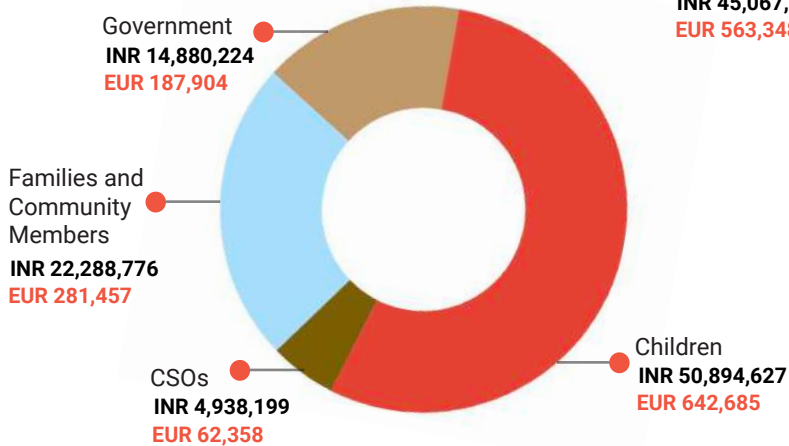
EUR 1,174,405



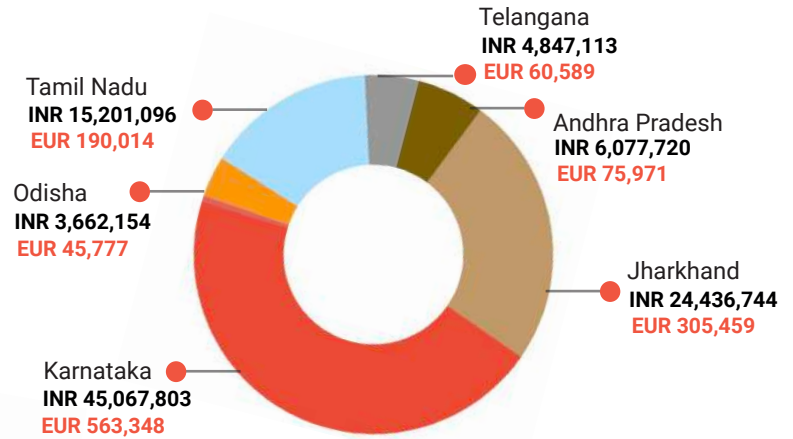
Programme Wise Total Portfolio

Costs	INR	EUR
Programme Expenses	85,789,875	1,009,293
Admin Expenses	6,822,611	80,266
Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation Costs	7,211,951	84,846
Total	99,824,438	1,174,405

FINANCIALS



Actor Wise Total Portfolio



State Wise Total Portfolio

MAJOR DONORS AND SUPPORT NETWORK



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WAY FORWARD

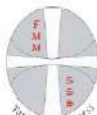
“ The coming year will focus on creating systemic change where we work as catalysts for growth and development. We will ensure safe and empowering systems, accountable duty bearers, knowledge sharing and coordination. We will partner with like-minded entities and co-create solutions for child protection, keeping children at the centre.



IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



HELP works for the rescue and rehabilitation of victims, especially children, who are trafficked for sexual exploitation in Andhra Pradesh.



FMSSS promotes the development of Women, Youth and Children through awareness activities on various socio-economic development interventions.



Muktha Network in Karnataka works towards the empowerment of young girls and women in the Devadasi system through advocacy.



Society for Community Participation and Education in Rural Development (SCOPE-RD) registered in the year of 1992, works towards the welfare of children at risk.



Children of India Foundation (CIF) empowers vulnerable children and families in India. It functions as an affiliate of TdH NL in India.



Amma Foundation in Raibag, Karnataka works towards the empowerment of young women specifically victims of sexual exploitation.



Bal Kalyan Sangh (BKS) works towards creating an environment where women and children participate in their development and enjoy their rights.



Jago Foundation (JF) works towards ensuring that children are free from violence and exploitation in 4 districts of Jharkhand. It uplifts marginalised communities.



NAMCO works to create an enabling environment to protect child rights, ensuring sustainable livelihood, education, health and women empowerment for poor and marginalised communities.



PMSR aims towards bringing transformation in the lives of children living in exploitative and difficult situations by providing them access to education and promoting child rights.



Arpanam Trust works for the empowerment of children in difficult situations in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, focusing on child protection and child rights.



Child Rights Trust (CRT) is a public charitable organisation which works for and with children, without distinction of religion, caste, creed, gender or social status.



BSSSG is a registered Non-Profit Organisation founded in the year 1988 working for the development of communities in and around the slums of Vyasarpadi, Chennai.



HANDS in Anantapur district works towards addressing child trafficking and child marriage in the state of Andhra Pradesh through awareness and advocacy.



Rural Environmental Awareness Community Help (REACH) has been involved in the process of empowering the rural poor since 1992 with a focus on women.



SEVAK works with communities to form and strengthen community based organisations in Karnataka. It promotes livelihood opportunities and works on child rights.



The Cheru Resmi Centre (CRC) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala empowers the fishing community, specifically the women and children.



RAIDS works for the alleviation of child abuse and exploitation in Kadapa district, Andhra Pradesh. It also works to prevent child marriage.



Shramika Vikasa Kendram (SVK) works to eradicate child labour, universalise elementary education and empower women socially.



People's Cultural Centre (PECUC) is an NGO working for promotion and protection of rights of the children in the state of Odisha since 1990.



Rashtriya Jharkhand Seva Sanshan (RJSS) works for poor & marginalised people in 6 districts of Jharkhand. It strives to eradicate poverty and unemployment.



SNEHA in Kudligi, Karnataka, works for child well being, Dalit upliftment, education & vocational training, health & family welfare and poverty alleviation.



Rural Education And Action Development Society (READS) is based in Ballari, Karnataka and works on rural development and education for vulnerable children.



SIVA Trust works towards empowerment and socio-economic development of rural and semi-urban poor families, particularly women and children.



Vidyanikethan improves the lives and livelihoods of individuals and families, especially children and women, from low income groups.



Banwasi Vikas Ashram (BVA) is a grassroots level organisation based in Koderma, Jharkhand working on adolescent girl health, education, microfinance and SHG promotion.



Chaitanya Mahila Sangha is a non-governmental organisation in Bagalkot, Karnataka which works for the empowerment of women and girls, by combating exploitation and abuse.



Savera Foundation is a non profit organisation in Giridih which works towards the upliftment of dalits and tribal groups supporting their health, education & livelihood.



Bharatidasan University is an academic institution in Tiruchirappalli which works towards academic innovation for social change.



New Life Trust is an organisation in Tamil Nadu which works for the upliftment and development of women and children.



Society for Community Health and Improvement (SUCHI) is an NGO in Tamil Nadu that works for health and development of very poor and vulnerable people.



Thozhamai is an NGO based in Chennai which works for the welfare of urban poor & their rights.



Agriculture and Social Development Society (ASDS) works for the development and protection of tribal people in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.



Arpna is an NGO based in Tamil Nadu working for the upliftment of women, farmers and marginalised communities.



Social Awareness and Voluntary Organisation (SAVE) works for the upliftment of socio-economically poor communities in Tirupur, TN.

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Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH NL) is an international child protection organisation working to tackle exploitation of children at the roots. In India, TdH NL works to address child labour, empowers victims of child marriage, addresses exploitation of children in the Devadasi system and advocates against child marriage and child trafficking.