

A close-up photograph of several children's hands stacked together in a circle, symbolizing unity and support. The children are wearing various colored clothing, including a blue striped shirt and a red shirt. Some are wearing bracelets, including a pink one and a yellow and red one. The background is slightly blurred, showing a yellow wall and a pink object with some text.

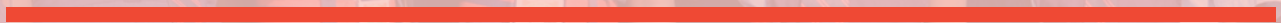
**CHILDREN OF  
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ANNUAL REPORT**

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**2022-23**



**EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN AS**



***Change Agents***



# ABOUT US

Founded in 2002 in the state of Tamil Nadu, we reach out to children and families living in vulnerable socio-economic conditions.

We believe in a world where children are empowered to develop to the best of their capabilities.

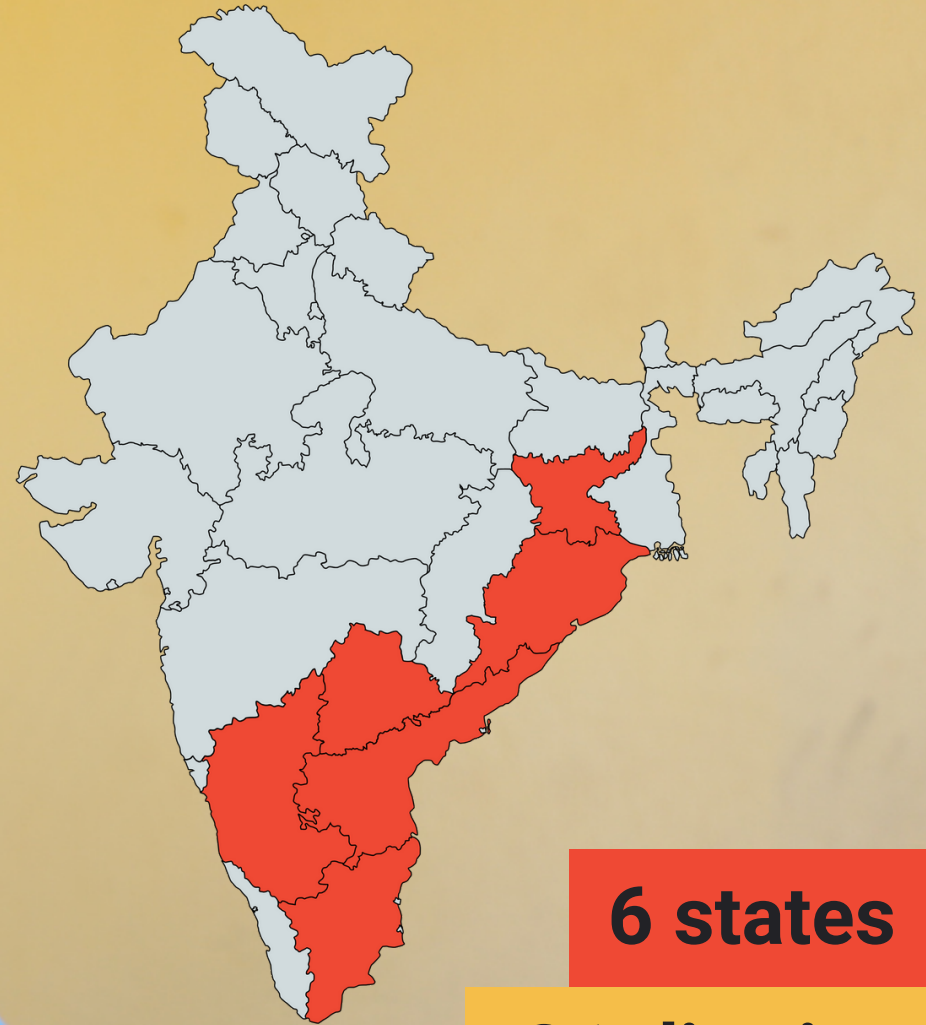


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# WHERE WE WORK



**6 states**

**31 districts**

**1000+ villages**

# THEMES OF WORK



HEALTH



EDUCATION



LIVELIHOOD



CHILD PROTECTION

# OUR REACH



**38528**  
children



**31004**  
families &  
communities



**188**  
law enforcement  
officials



**417**  
government  
officials



**154**  
civil society  
organisations





# NOTE FROM OUR TRUSTEES

Dear Reader,

The past year has been a testament to our collective resilience as we navigated through the challenges posed by the global pandemic. It's heartening to share that we have successfully transitioned from our intensive COVID-19 response efforts and are now focusing on driving impactful developmental projects for the betterment of our communities.

Our commitment to combat child exploitation remains unwavering, and we have expanded our initiatives to include innovative and sustainable interventions aimed at fostering long-term solutions.

We are thrilled to announce the addition of several new partners and donors who share our vision of creating a better world for our children. Their support has enabled us to initiate ground breaking programmes that address the root causes of poverty and promote holistic well-being for the communities we serve.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our esteemed partners and donors whose unwavering support and generosity have been instrumental in our journey towards sustainable development. This annual report encapsulates our efforts and the progress we have made over the past year. We are delighted to present it to you, with the hope that our collective strides inspire a brighter future for the generations to come.

Warm Regards,  
Trustees of CIF





**SHAKILA M RAMANATHAN**

TRUSTEE

Ms. Shakila has more than 10 years of experience in the banking sector, specifically focusing on microfinance and financial empowerment of women in poverty.



**SARALA SRIDHAR**

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Ms. Sarala has worked in the development sector 17 years with expertise in counselling and fundraising. She is also the Managing Trustee of Samuthra Trust, a trust which works towards women and child empowerment.



**HEMIMA RAJASINGH**

TRUSTEE

Ms. Hemima has been working for women empowerment and specially abled children for the past 15 years. She is also a project coordinator of an NGO called SIVA Trust in Tamil Nadu.



**THANGAPERUMAL P**

TRUSTEE

Mr. Thangaperumal is a development professional with more than 19 years of experience in leading Child Protection projects across Asia. His core areas of work also include Livelihood, Disaster



**SUBRAMANIA SIVA**

TRUSTEE

Mr. Subramania Siva, is a retired officer from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. As the State Convener of Tamil Nadu People's Forum for Land Rights, he works towards

# OUR BOARD





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FINANCE ASSISTANT

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# OUR PROGRAMMES



INITIATIVES OF MARRIED ADOLESCENT  
GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT  
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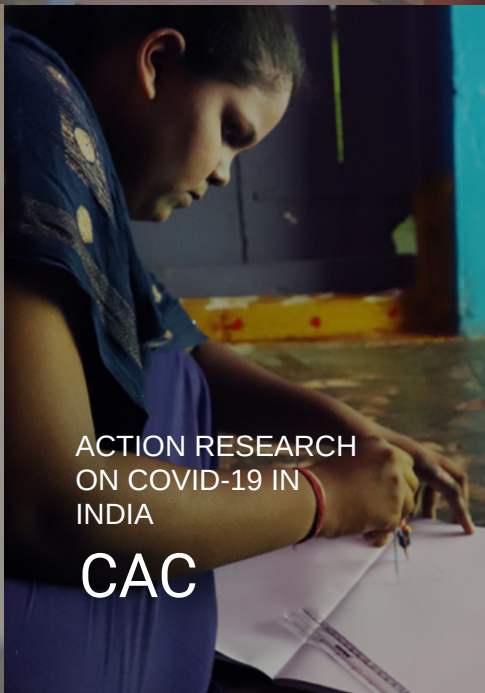
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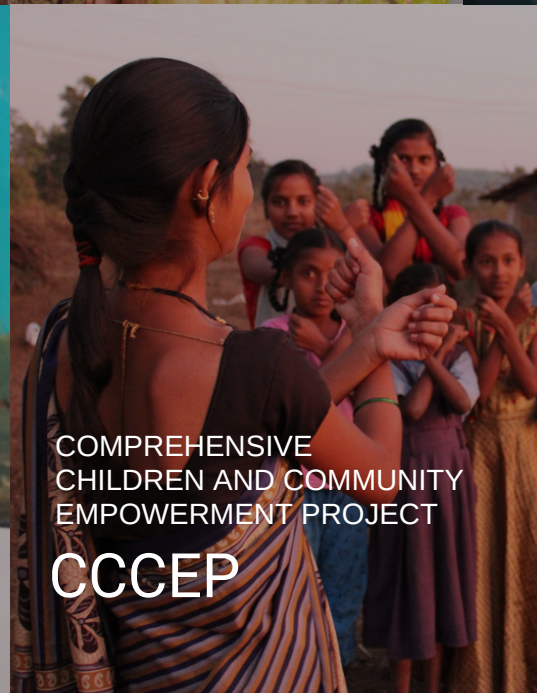
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# INITIATIVES OF MARRIED ADOLESCENT GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT (IMAGE)



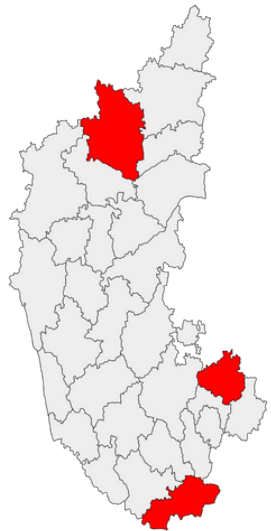
## THE PROBLEM

At 230 million, India accounts for the world's highest number of child brides.<sup>1</sup> Married in their early teens, these girls lack education, access to health care, are financially dependent and vulnerable to domestic abuse.

## OUR ACTION

We support early married girls in education, health care, livelihood, social security and protect them from gender based violence. IMAGE works in the state of Karnataka, which accounts for 23% of India's Child Marriages.<sup>2</sup>

IMAGE began in 2018 and its first phase closed in 2020. IMAGE 2.0 began during September 2021.



**3 Districts**

Vijayapura,  
Chikkaballapur  
Chamarajanagar

**144 Villages**



## OUR REACH



**1,106**  
children



**127** **3**  
villages districts



**1,920**  
family and community  
members

<sup>1</sup> UNICEF Child Marriage Country Profiles Dec 2021

<sup>2</sup> Karnataka State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights Survey 2017

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### 1. Health Care

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

- 238 Girls sensitised on postponement of pregnancies
- 381 Girls receive health check ups & nutritional supplements

### 2. Education

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

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

### 3. Skill Development

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

- 112 Girls learn Saree designing
- 39 Girls learn Artificial Jewellery making
- 69 Girls learn Tailoring

### 4. Lobby and Advocacy

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

- 40 CSOs participate in networks to promote child rights

### 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.

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

### 6. Child Protection

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

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

### 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.

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



Children conduct an awareness rally raising their voice on the prevention of child marriage and the rights of the girl child.



## STORY OF CHANGE



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 has been undergoing 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"

A group of women are shown from the back, raising their fists in a gesture of protest or solidarity. They are wearing traditional Indian jewelry, including bangles and a ring. The background shows a simple building and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**NURTURING A MOVEMENT OF  
MARRIED ADOLESCENT GIRLS  
TO ASCERTAIN THEIR RIGHTS  
(IMAGE NEXT)**

## 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.

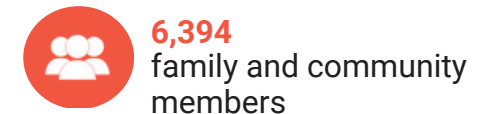
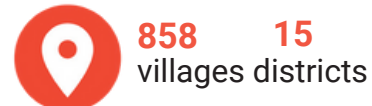
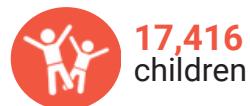
## Our Action

We organise married adolescent girls from Karnataka into a movement where we train them on life skills, child rights, advocacy and sensitise them on their entitlements and the ill effects of child marriage. This exercise helps build a movement of early married girls who are confident, knowledgeable and courageous to advocate for their rights and spread awareness.

The project began in 2019 and will close in 2024.



## OUR REACH





## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### 1. Movement Building

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

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

### 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.

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



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



Early married girls raising awareness against child marriages and related issues in government offices.

Awareness against Child Marriage

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## STORY OF CHANGE



Roopa\*, 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. Roopa was quick to pick up advocacy and life skills and she was soon selected to be a movement leader.

Now Roopa 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."



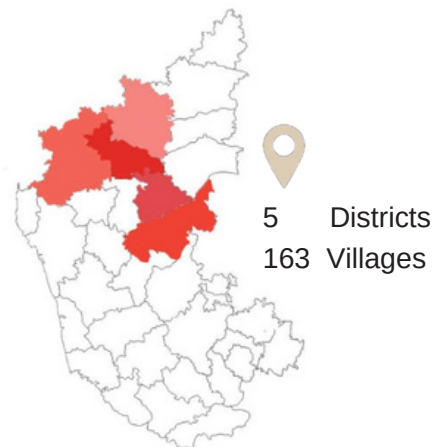
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## The Problem

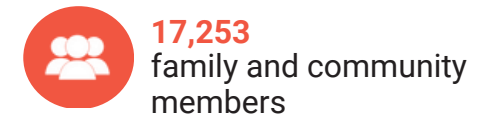
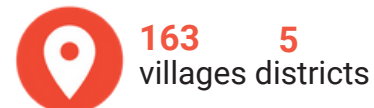
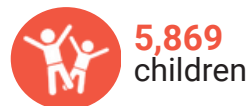
The Devadasi System is a traditional practice where postpubertal girls from socio-economically deprived Dalit families are dedicated to Goddesses, post which they are forced to choose sex work as their livelihood. The children and young girls from the community are isolated, face stigma due to their status, and drop out of school. Due to a 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

We identify children of Devadasis in North Karnataka who are vulnerable to and victims of exploitation and work to empower them. The project follows the Child Participation approach to facilitate empowerment where girls are trained in child rights, advocacy and research to help them voice out their concerns and bring about change. The girls are also provided with access to education and alternate livelihood opportunities. We also sensitise communities and advocate with authorities to include the Devadasis in their agenda. The project began in 2019 and the first phase closed in 2022.



## OUR REACH



# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

## 1. Children as Change Agents

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

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

## 2. Education

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

- 250 Girls supported with school fees, books & uniform
- 23 Girls re-enrolled in school
- 224 Girls access digital learning
- 194 E-tabs distributed
- 266 Girls supported to write SSLC\* exams
- 2674 Girls access mobile libraries

## 3. Vocational Training

Ensuring vulnerable adolescent girls from the community access alternative means of livelihood, so that they are not forced to get into sex work. As a next step, supporting Devadasi women for additional sources of income through tailoring, driving, small business setup, etc.

- 150 Girls received vocational training
- 79 Devadasi women supported

## 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.

- 176 Temple Priests sensitised
- 60 Media personnel sensitised
- 242 Para-legal volunteers oriented
- 2461 Families sensitised

## 4. Lobby and Advocacy

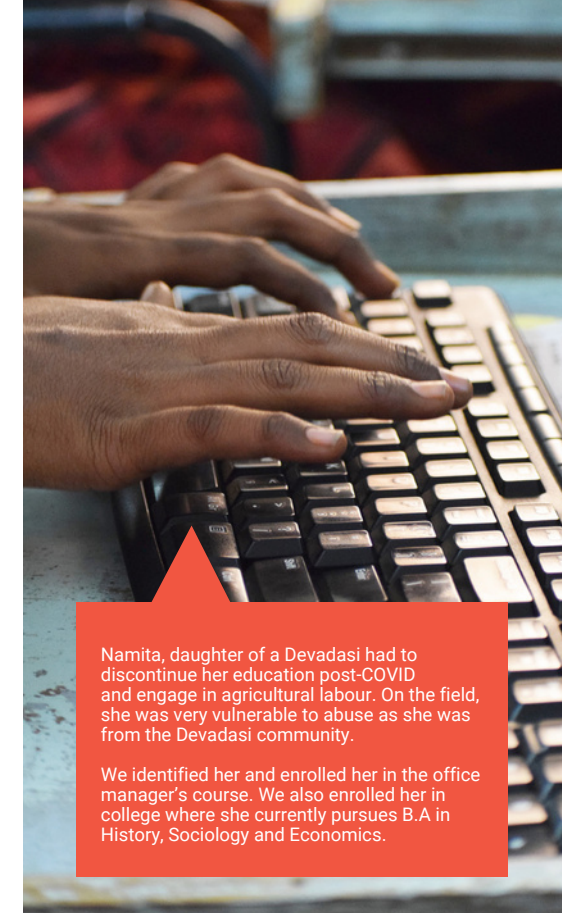
Sensitising and advocating with law enforcement agencies for policy level changes, implementation of laws and raising issues of the community for further action.

- 20 Lobby & advocacy meetings with the government
- 142 Government officials engaged with
- 150 Law enforcement officials engaged with

## 5. Strengthening Child Protection Institutions

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

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



Namita, 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 B.A in History, Sociology and Economics.

Pavitra and her friends are happy to access E-tabs from the project through which they follow their lessons in group-led peer sessions in school.

Through E-learning, the girls are more enthusiastic to come to school and pursue their education. Even mothers are happy to see their children learn online.

This has helped in ensuring a low or no drop out rate among children.



## STORY OF CHANGE



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 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 members. In August 2022, on the day when Bhargavi's wedding had been fixed, 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 she attains 21 years of age. 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."



**Ms. 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 problems. Proud to see how far they have come."

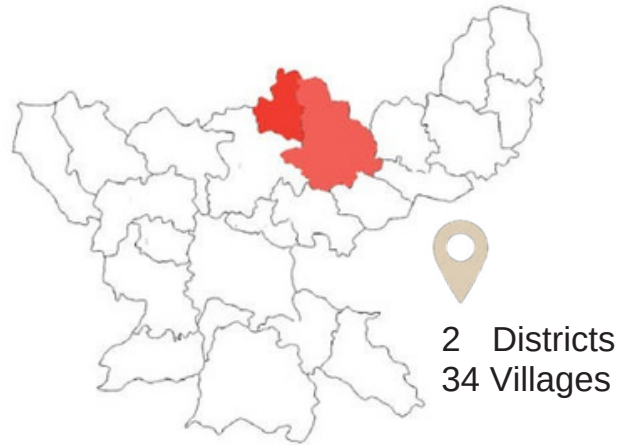


A young girl with dark hair tied back, wearing a green and white checkered shirt and a black backpack, is smiling and looking towards the camera. She is standing in a rural, open field with some trees and a white animal in the background. The sky is clear and blue.

**THE  
MICA  
PROJECT**

## The Problem

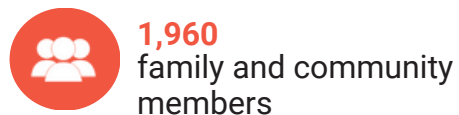
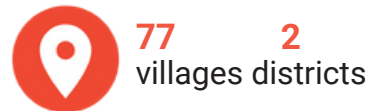
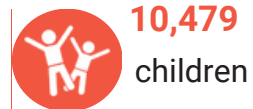
Jharkhand in India accounts for nearly 25% of the world's mica supply. Families in the mica belt depend solely on the mineral for their livelihood. Lack of an organised supply chain has led to labour exploitation and families get bare minimum wages. As a result, children are forced to work, and are out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



## Our Action

We work to provide children (both vulnerable to and victims of child labour, girls and boys) access to quality education and a conducive environment to thrive and develop. Families are also provided access to additional livelihood opportunities, reducing their economic strain. We also link families to social security and strengthen child protection mechanisms. We advocate with the government, lobby with the private sector and mobilise CSOs to help address the problem. Our key approach includes training children as 'agents of change' where they are grouped into children's clubs and sensitised on child rights, child protection laws, life skills and reporting mechanisms.

## OUR REACH



## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### 1. Children as Change Agents

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

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

### 2. Education

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

16	Anganwadi* centres equipped with TLM*
185	Anganwadi institutional service providers trained
465	Parents trained in home-based ECL*
-	Children (3-6) access pre-school learning
24	Schools equipped with TLM
185	Children newly enrolled in schools
882	Drop out children re-admitted
2217	Children supported with study materials
190	Children given bicycles
1130	Children access digital learning facilities
1620	Children access mobile libraries
65	Children enrolled in open schooling
126	Children access vocational training

### 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.

1380	Families who increased their income through additional livelihood
395	Families newly supported with additional livelihood in 2022
416	Families access livelihood skill-building
601	Families trained and supported with kits on OSH practices
863	Families supported with nutrition gardening

### 4. Access to Social Security

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

1468	Families access social welfare schemes
1875	Families access social protection schemes
788	Adolescent girls availed of government scholarships*

### 5. Strengthening Child Protection Institutions

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

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



## STORY OF CHANGE



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 to work. Both the children are continuing school studies.

# 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 have helped create a joyful and effective learning environment. After the project, I have also seen more girls coming to school regularly"

\*Balmanch is the name of children's clubs



# **ACTION RESEARCH ON COVID-19 IN INDIA**

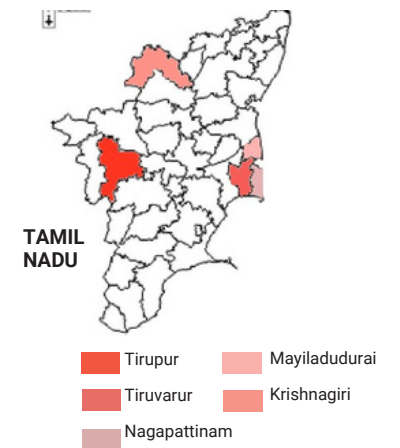
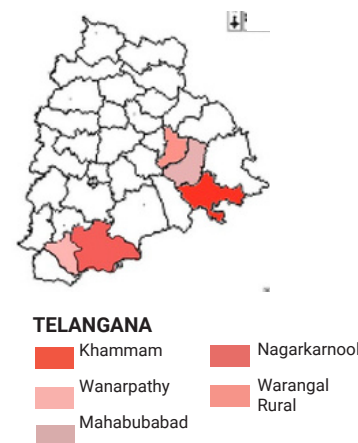
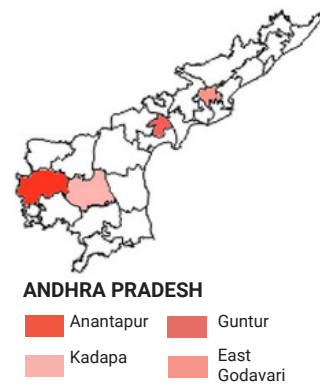
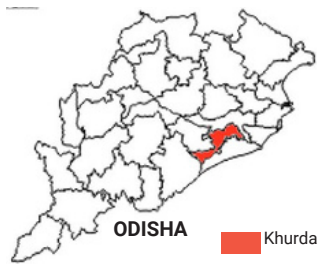


## THE PROBLEM

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.



## PROJECT 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.

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.

	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.

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

### 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.

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

### 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.

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



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.



A woman wearing a yellow patterned shawl and a black and white floral sari is sitting on the floor. She is surrounded by two boys, one in a grey patterned shirt and dark pants, and another in a brown shirt and dark pants. They are all looking at several large plastic bags filled with yellow lentils and other food items. The woman's hands are near some smaller packets of food. The background is a plain white wall.

## STORY OF CHANGE

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. 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.





# CCCEP

Comprehensive Children and  
Community Empowerment Project

## 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

### Coimbatore



Children attend an awareness session on general health and personal hygiene

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### 1. Awareness Raising

Organising sessions for children and communities on comprehensive community development.

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

### 2. Education support

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

- 10 Teachers trained to support children in education & child rights
- 209 Girls attend life skill training and age-appropriate health education
- 205 Boys attend life skill training and age-appropriate health education
- 1 Schools supported to create child-friendly classrooms for joyful learning

### 3. Child Protection

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

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

### 4. Health care support

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

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





## STORY OF CHANGE

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.

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a red traditional dress with gold embroidery, is smiling warmly at the camera. She is in a room with a wooden door and a colorful patterned rug. In the background, another person is visible, and there are colorful decorations on the wall.

**MISS-COLLECT**

## The Problem

As per the Census of India, 3.9% of children are engaged in child labour, with rag-picking significant to the number. This causes several health risks to children, keeps them out of school and makes them vulnerable to exploitation. A large part of the rag-picking community hails from slum/peri-urban areas where both children and women are engaged in collecting scrap for a living. A significant portion of their wages is taken away by middlemen, leaving the community socio-economically downtrodden.

## Our Action

We have identified a vulnerable population of rag-pickers in Bangalore, one of the largest hubs of rag-picking in the country with a huge unskilled migrant population. We will take children from this community out of child labour through education support and livelihood opportunities for women. This coupled with external engagement forms the intervention, 'Miss Collect'. lling 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.



## Project Area

**Bangalore** is one of the biggest hubs for rag pickers. The project would be implemented in the four slums of Hebbal:

- 📍 Chiranjeevi Layout
- 📍 Sumanahalli
- 📍 Rachanhalli kere
- 📍 Thirumanahalli

## OUR REACH



**32**  
children



**4**  
slums

**1**  
district



**120**  
family and community members



## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### 1. Education

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

- 32 Exploited/abused children receive educational services
- 342 Children's educational status mapped through survey
- 4 Educational institutes assessed
- 18 Early Learning Centres (ELCs) established
- 1 ELC facilitator equipped with methods of joyful learning
- 14 Community-level 'Bridge Course Learning Centres' established
- 14 Children supported with study materials
- 1 Bridge course facilitator trained on joyful learning practices

### 2. Awareness Raising

Conducting community level participatory sessions with children and their families: To motivate the children to improve their soft skills. To create awareness in the community about child rights and child protection.

- 120 Community members with exploited/abused children given awareness

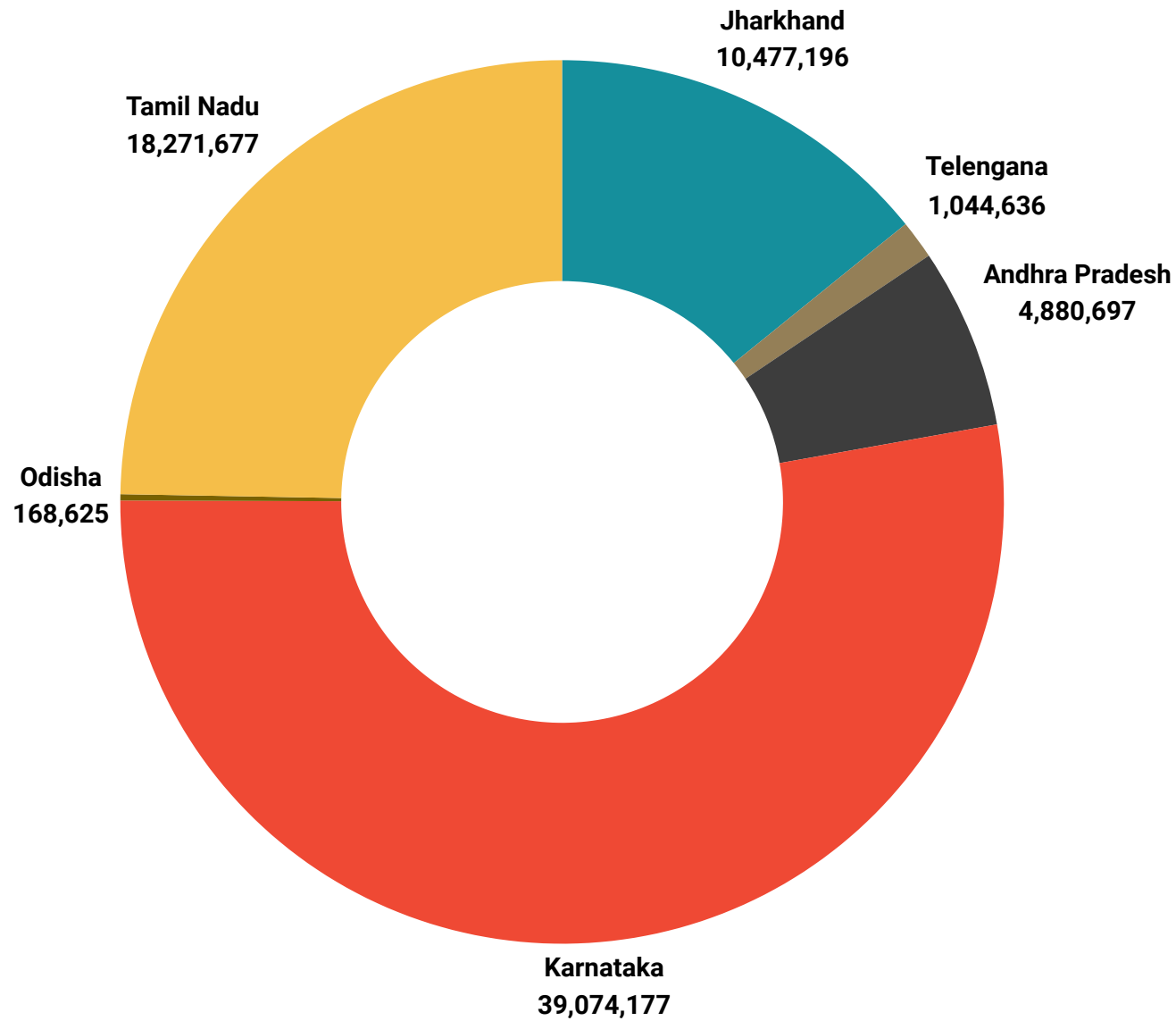




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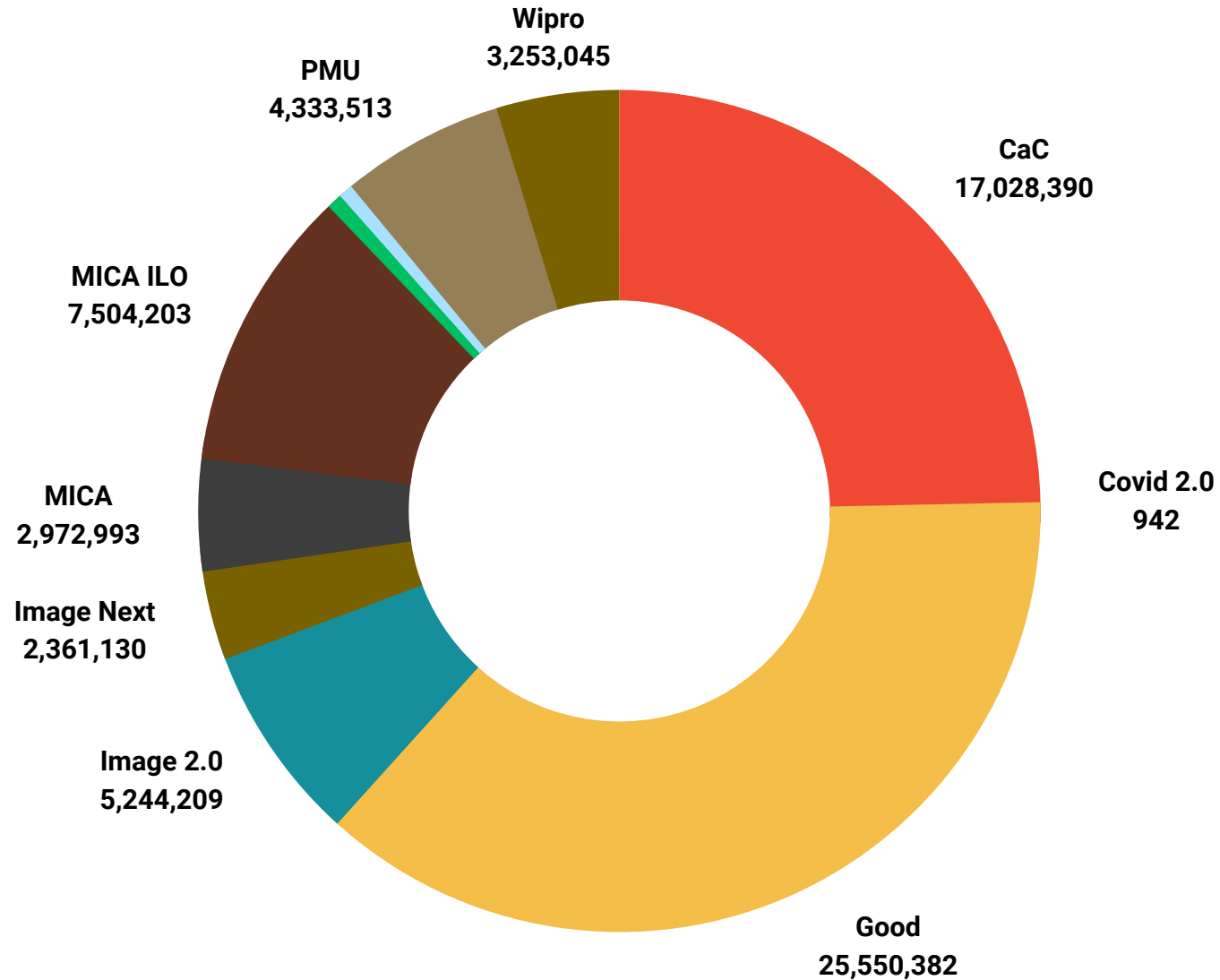
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# WAY FORWARD

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.



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# IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



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



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



**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.



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



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



**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.



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



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



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



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



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



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



**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.



**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.



The Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC) works for the development of the poor through activities in health, education and socio economic development.



Rashtriya Jharkhand Seva Sansthan (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.



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



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 .



Bharatidasan University is an academic instituion in Tiruchirapalli which works towards academic innovation for social change.



Janhit Vikas Samiti (JVS) is a non profit organisation in Nawada, Bihar which works towards rural and socio-economic development in the region.



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



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



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.



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



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



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.



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



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.



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