

Empowering the Next Generation



Neemuch, India



Combatting Trafficking

Year 1 Budget \$24,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

MAR 22

FEB 25

Overview

The Banchara are a people-group who are raised to believe that their god wants their first born daughters to work as prostitutes. These young girls are raised with an expectation that they will support their family through sex-work from an early age. However, a small number of families are seeking alternative, better lives for their girls and are working with our implementing partner to make this a reality. They have placed their girls in a hostel, away from family pressure, where they can be brought up to expect more from their lives. They are sent to school and taught to dream of a better life – not forced prostitution. This three-year project will fund an education grant to allow both girls and boys to access schooling. Year 2 budget is \$45,000.

Impact for September 2022 - February 2023

105 80 girls, 25 boys are receiving holistic care



in a safe, nurturing environment where girls can study and pursue their dreams away from community pressures to become prostitutes and boys are encouraged to be responsible and productive citizens, rather than pimping their female siblings.

Program to develop students as change agents

Students participate in awareness programs run during free medical camps for the community. Girls who have grown up and married are very effective advocates for living healthy, productive lives away from the sex trade.



Students (80/25) in formal education at English medium school

On returning to school post-COVID, children were hesitant to face exams again. Through extra tuition and coaching at the home after-school, they were able to prepare thoroughly and all did very well in the term and half-yearly exams.

Community awareness, alternative income

Awareness programs form part of the free medical camps and home visits offered, benefitting 100 families. Topics addressed: traditions, education as an alternative to the sex trade, health and hygiene, education opportunities available, and the importance of alternative income generating activities and savings groups to remove dependence on the sex trade. Sanitary packs were distributed to women as part of the health and hygiene awareness program.

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Sujal Ravi's story

My mother is a sex worker and my father was one of her customers. She had hoped to build a family with him but he left, so she remained in sex work. Traditionally, boys are neglected by the community because they lack the same earning potential as girls, leaving us jobless or forced to become a pimp. But my mother wanted a better life for me so that I have a future after she passes on. I was accepted into the home, where I have studied for the last 8 years. I am currently in grade 7 at school and want to become a police officer. My mum and I are so thankful for the care and secure future I've been given.



Thank you for making a difference