

Empowering the Next Generation



Neemuch, India



Combatting Trafficking

Year 2 Budget \$24,000

Project Timeline

\$6,541 TO GO

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 \$24,000.

Impact for March 2023 to August 2023

83



52 girls, 31 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 in formal education at school

School fees, transportation costs, uniforms, school books and stationery have been provided to the students to ensure a quality education and hope for a better future. Currently, 4 girls are pursuing higher education degree courses.

Community awareness, alternative income

Awareness programs form part of the free medical camps and home visits offered, benefitting 120 families. Topics addressed are 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 and blankets were distributed as part of the health and hygiene awareness program.

120



Tanisha's story

Tanisha, from the Banchara Community, faced potential exploitation when her mother and aunts were detained during a police raid targeting sex workers in their community. As a precaution, she was sent to a government run home until she turned 18, completing her 12th-grade studies. Upon release, fearing societal pressures to enter the sex trade, she was reached by the Entrust Project initiative and rescued by enrolling in the House of Palms Children Home. Now pursuing a BA and B.ED, Tanisha is thankful for the project's timely support, preventing her from being drawn into the sex trade prevalent in her village.



Thank you for making a difference