**Project Title**

Preventing 50 Girl Child Marriage from Latur

**Project URL**

preventionofgirlchildmarriage

**Project Summary**

**Who are you helping?**

50 adolescent girls from poor farmer’s family of drought affected region of Latur district, Maharashtra, India

**What are you doing?**

Child Marriage is an inhumane tradition. There will be Prevention of girl child marriages, encouragement and support to teenage girls to continuity of their education ( They should complete minimum S S C & HSC), Sex education for adolescent girls & boys, Personality and life skill development, Gender sensation on for the parents.

**How are you doing it?**

* Primary survey regarding present status of girls & status of girl child marriages
* Training program for the project administration to project staff & volunteers
* Awareness program regarding gender sensation & importance girl education of on village level for the public
* Educational supporting program to encourage the adolescent girls
* Health & sexual education program for the adolescent girls
* Counseling program for the adolescent girls
* Formation of adolescent girls groups at village level

**Where you are doing it?**

Ahmedpur Block, District - Latur, State – Maharashtra, Country – India

**Requested Funding Amount**

$9250

**Donation Options**

* $10 will help to conduct primary survey among 15 villages of drought affected Ahmed Block of Latur District
* $30 will help to organize awareness program on gender sensation & importance of girl education at one village
* $20 will help to formation of adolescent girls groups at village level
* $ 40 will help for conducting counseling program for the adolescent girls
* $50 will help for providing health & sexual education program for the adolescent girls
* $100 will help to conduct educational supporting program to encourage the adolescent girls, specially girls from single parents

**What is the issue, problem, or challenge? (500 Words)**

**What challenges are you addressing?**

* Girl Child Marriages
* Dropout from education of the girl child
* With Undeveloped Body, Unmatured intelligence and Undeveloped mind, the girl child become bonded labour who have to fulfill all family responsibilities and due to feudal society, they are not able to oppose it and no one else bothers to interfere regarding the matter

**Where are you addressing the problem?**

* Prevention of girl child marriages,
* Encouragement and support to teenage girls for continuity of their education
* Sex education for adolescent girls,
* Personality and life skill development of girl child
* Counseling for the parents.

**How does this problem impact the community?**

* Around 7000 people including children, their parents will get the message of the importance of girl's education, the negative impacts of child marriage and the negative repercussions of differential treatment between girl child and male child will be spread.
* There will be 60% increase in the number of school going girls.
* There will be a 45% decline in the rate of school dropouts.

**How will this solve the problem?**

**Primary survey regarding present status of girls & status of girl child marriages**

There will be counting of all the girls of the project area. Their Name, Age, Education Level etc. information will be collected. Along with this, those girls who are outside school, there information will also be collected. Like this those girls who have got married in present times, there information will also be collected systematically. In the information their name, Education Level, their age etc. information will be collected. The Report of the survey will help us in taking the project towards successful implementation.

**Training program for the project administration to project staff & volunteers**

The employees and volunteers will be given training about running the project in which the project topic and objective, project activities, project goal, project beneficiaries, the role of all the beneficiaries working for the project will be covered.

**Awareness program regarding gender sensation & importance girl education of on village level for the public**

Parents, family members will be informed about the project objectives and activities which will develop good communication and atmosphere to take the project further.

**Educational supporting program to encourage the adolescent girls**

Through this project, help will be provided for education and uniform so that every girl of the project area should go to school also if any girl who wants to go to school but faces any problem like travelling problems, education related materials, hostel etc problems will be addressed.

**Health & sexual education program for the adolescent girls**

The activities of the project, along with the children will give information about health awareness to the parents also. The awareness will be done on various aspects such as the cleanliness of living place, the neighborhood area cleanliness, water purity, sanitation facilities, personal hygiene, and body and clothes hygiene, Body Structure, Reproductive Health etc. Along with this, knowledge will also be shared on Equal Treatment of sexes, Exploitation and atrocities on women and how to address these problems.

**Counseling program for the adolescent girls**

There is a need to discuss the problems of the children and so there will be counseling facilities available for solving the problems. The first responsibility will be of the volunteer appointed at the village level. Project Workers will help him. Help of family members, school teachers and school authorities will also be taken.

**Formation of adolescent girls groups on village level**

To make the project successful and to run the project activities under it, the beneficiaries shall be together and they would participate as a part of this program and this is important for achieving the outputs as per the project. At every village level, there will be a group for girls. To run these groups, the activities will be demarcated in which the project workers and volunteers will help and there will be regular meetings of these groups.

**Potential Long-Term Impact**

**How many people will your project serve?**

50 adolescent girls from poor farmer’s family of drought affected region of Latur district, Maharashtra, India

**What problem will the project solve?**

* Prevention of girl child marriages,
* Encouragement and support to teenage girls for continuity of their education
* Sex education for adolescent girls,
* Personality and life skill development of girl child
* Counseling for the parents.

**Why is your solution important?**

Child Marriage is an inhumane tradition. This project is the solution to ends this tradition by addressing the following causes:

* There are no arrangements for higher education in the project villages but some parents want to educate their girl child and are willing to get her admitted in school at other villages, but they face travelling and accommodation problems. They are not able to solve these problems due to their poverty. Most of the guardians are farmers, agricultural labourers. *All of them are dependent on agriculture. The farmers get only 1 crop in a year. This crop is completely dependent on rains. The last 2 years there was drought situation. This year there was heavy rains, there were heavy damages of Kharif Crops due to heavy rains.*
* By the time the girl child reaches class 7, she is of age of 12 years/13 years. In this time period, many girls grow up. And the guardians are worried about the security of their girl child and don't want to send their girl child to school and that too in another village. They have apprehensions that their child might become friendly with boys, and may get misguided and they prefer to stop their girl child's education, rather than face any dishonor because of their child's mistake. Orthodox thoughts prevalent in society along with lack of sex education are the two reasons that are responsible behind this kind of thinking. Many people don't work on finding the right solution, and to get rid of their responsibility take the step of early marriage of their girl child. There is one more reason for the marriages of girl child at tender ages and that is many parents don’t feel that education is important and don't know the importance of independence, personality development and intelligence and physical development. Parents don't give importance to this because of gender discrimination.
* After this, the girls are married off at a tender age. Like this, the lack of schools in the village or nearby areas, the poverty of the guardian, the fear of protection of the girl child and low standard of education - all these issues are responsible for the dropout from education of the girl child and early age child marriage.