



Progress Report

IND-YMI-SGC-P01 India Reporting Period: March - September 2016

Save the girl child

Budget: \$15,600 per year for three years. Fully funded for year 1, still needing complete year 2 funds

Update:

This project is working with the Banchara people, to assist them to break the cultural bonds that send their daughters into prostitution from an early age. In an effort to show how life can be different, our partner offers a safe house for 95 girls from the Banchara tribe. These girls (and in some instances their brothers) live together and are provided with an opportunity to study. Entrust provides an education fund for the girls, enabling them to pay school fees and buy uniforms and equipment.



The girls in their school uniforms

The Entrust budget was originally to support the home educationally when there were 46 girls, but more and more girls are seeking to leave or avoid prostitution and have a different future. The home is now over double the original size and our partner is doing an amazing job of stretching the budget. Instead of asking us for more money they have written and said that they are so thankful for what we have sent and told us what a difference it makes to their capacity to educate the girls. They are committed to all the girls getting a good education so they can prove to their tribe that there are other ways of earning a living and supporting their family.

Our partner shared with us about the life of one of the girls living in the home.



Neelam – a future nurse

"This is Neelam. She belongs to Banchara Community. Neelam's mother is sex worker as she doesn't have much income to run the family as Neelam lost her father when she was very small. At this point Neelam was not able to go school. There was no enough income to continue her studies. and she was influenced by their community activities. But after joining us her life has been totally transformed. Her life style is changed and now she is studying well.

She has been studying G.N.M. Nursing in our home for two years and going to complete third year. Neelam say "My desire is that after finishing my G.N.M. COURSE I want to become nurse and work for community as well."

Natashia had a chance to meet Neelam while in India last year. This is a girl who has seen a lot but is determined to have a better life. Thank you for assisting her to achieve this, and allowing others like her to follow their own dreams.