



## **Progress Report**

IND-YMI-SGC-P02 India Reporting Period: January to December 2017

## Save the girl child

Budget: \$15,600 for year 2. \$9,600 funded. \$6,000 still required.

## **Update:**

This project is working with the Banchara people, to assist them in breaking the cultural bonds that send their daughters into prostitution from an early age. First born girls are raised with an expectation that they will support their family through sex-work. A small number of families are seeking alternative, better lives for their daughters and are working with our implementing partners to make this a reality.

To show how life can be different, our partner offers a safe house for 98 children (80 girls and 18 boys) from the Banchara tribe. These girls (and in some instances their brothers) live together and are given the opportunity to study. Entrust provides an education for these children, enabling them to pay school fees and buy uniforms and equipment. 8 families live at the safe house and serve these children in different capacities such as cooks, wardens, drivers and mentors.



Sanjina, right, is from a village that belongs to the Banchara community. Our partners tell us: "Her mother is a sex worker and doesn't earn enough money to run the household. She is not able to send any of the children to school. Moreover, the fear of Sanjina indulging in the same profession as her mother was heavy upon her. Her mother enrolled her at the home and has seen her growth personally and in her studies. Sanjina is starting to understand the purpose of her life and come out of the darkness of her community practices. She is the one in the home who is gifted in dance and choreography. She has so much joy in her life now."

Our partners have been trying to increase the scope and quality of the education provided in the area. Recently, they arranged an adventure camp for all the children that ran for 3 days. A qualified team came from Bangalore to





provide the training and supervision. All the children took part with great enthusiasm. They enjoyed something so different that they had probably only experienced in movies or on television

Thank you for assisting Sanjina and so many girls like her to live in a secure environment, have experiences they couldn't imagine possible and achieve their dreams.

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