

## Save the Girl Child



Neemuch, India



Combatting Trafficking

Year 2 Budget \$20,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED JAN 19

DEC 21

### Overview

The Banchara are a people-group who are raised to believe their god wants their daughters to work as prostitutes. Young girls are raised with an expectation that they will support their family through sex-work from an early age. However, a small number 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 project funds an education grant to allow girls to access schooling.

### Impact for June - December 2020

**102**

#### On-line educational support for 102 girls



Regular follow-up of on-line classes was conducted through house visits to meaningfully engage girls in studies despite not being able to physically attend school due to government lockdowns.

#### Successful counselling to retain girls in study

The severe impact of COVID-19 on household finances increases the risk that families will feel compelled to pull their daughters out of school and into prostitution. Regular home visits and counselling has maintained motivation to continue supporting their education.



#### Continued community engagement and awareness raising

with a focus on self-help groups, Village Development Committees, health and hygiene awareness, promoting girls' education and adopting new work opportunities.

#### COVID-19 relief work

focussed on 86 families of children who attend the school to ensure they were well cared for and had nutritious food. Dry rations and other basic supplies were distributed during family visits. This has been crucial to their wellbeing.



- In addition to helping girls enrolled in school, 320 children from the community benefitted from Children's Learning Clubs.
- Community participation in all our partner's programs has been a vital part of their success, with most of the community volunteering in some way and supporting children with homework.



### Renuka and Kumkum

Renuka was raised in the sex trade from childhood, not by choice, but because of tradition and family pressure. She had always longed to have her own family. Years later, she was overjoyed when one of her customers showed interest in being partnered to her and they began living together. The relationship was short-lived and as soon as she conceived, he left her. She was devastated but resolved to focus on her beautiful baby girl. It was the best day of her life when Kumkum was born. To her great relief, she heard about our partner's school and enrolled Kumkum, thankful she would have a brighter future.



**Thank you  
for making  
a difference**