

Saving Child Brides, India
FY20 Semi-Annual Update

Programme Profile

Programme Goal	Create enabling environment for girls aged 14-20 years to thrive	
Programme Outcomes	#1	Outcome 1: Increased value of girl child and respect for her career aspirations and opposition to child marriage.
	#2	Outcome 2: Improved social and employment opportunities for adolescent Girls & young women.
Location	Chennai Slums, Tamil Nadu, India	
Reporting Period	Nov 2019 – March 2020	
TOTAL Beneficiaries	410 Direct beneficiaries	3,300 Indirect Beneficiaries

Programme Impact

Progress in Protection

- 2030 reached on awareness programs on ill effects of Child Marriage
 - Families are equipped to provide the protection towards their daughters
- 100 girls were provided with menstrual health and leadership skills
- 60 girls enrolled for the three-month basic self-defence training program
- 20 girls have started career guidance in early childhood studies, computer /IT/ teacher training, cosmetic and beauty studies



Learning about child marriage, abuse and violence



Some of the course enrolment activities are postponed because of the precautions and lock down related to COVID 19. They will resume when the lock down is lifted.

Walking Safe and Tall



Walking on the roads and or even being at home is often unsafe for girls in cities, slums or resettlement tenements To defend girl's rights and build confidence in them, 60 girls enrolled for the basic self-defence training program. The training has built the confidence of the girls to a level where they will be able to deal any awkward situation which is not favourable to them. The parents of these girls also feel and shared that ***“by protecting girls we are protecting our future”***.

Santhiya, one of the girls shares “This self-defense training has given me more confidence. When I go out, I know what to do if someone tries to harm me. I also share the self defence techniques with my friends because they too need to be safe. My mother is now more open to me going out.”