

IMAGE – Karnataka

Initiatives for **M**arried **A**dolescent **G**irls'
Empowerment

Outcome of the programme - 2018

Conceptual Outline of the project

Project Objectives

Overall objective

Empowering Early Married Girls towards Social and Economical Independence by Collectively Involving Govt, CSO's and Community to be responsible in addressing the needs towards sustainability.

Specific Programme Objectives

1. To facilitate available health and social security services to early married girls and prevent from gender based violence & adolescent pregnancy
1. To facilitate increased access for early married girls to secondary education and job-oriented vocational trainings

Intervention

- Intensive awareness raising on ill-effects of child marriage, importance of education and available education schemes to community leaders, families of vulnerable children, who has great influence on the issue of child marriage.
- Capacity building of CSOs, and networks to address child marriage issues and promotion of education for early married adolescent girls.
- Lobby and advocacy with Government departments for strict enforcement of child marriage acts, including Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) and State Commission for Women (SCW)
- Involvement of media in preventing child marriages - as media plays an important role in publication of such issues in a positive way to address child marriage issues.
- Enabling and creating access for adolescent girls for secondary education - communities lack information on available various Government schemes to access them.

Actors and Strategies

Actors

- **Early married girls**
- **Families and communities**
- **Government**
- **Civil Society organisations**

Strategies

- **Prevention**
- **provision**
- **promotion**

Consortium partners

Lead - Vidyanikethan

Technical partners - TdH-NL & CRT

Implementing partners

- SEVAK – Belgaum
- Vidyanikethan – Bidar
- REACH – Bagalkot
- PMSR – Chamarajanagara
- TdH-NL – Chikkaballapura

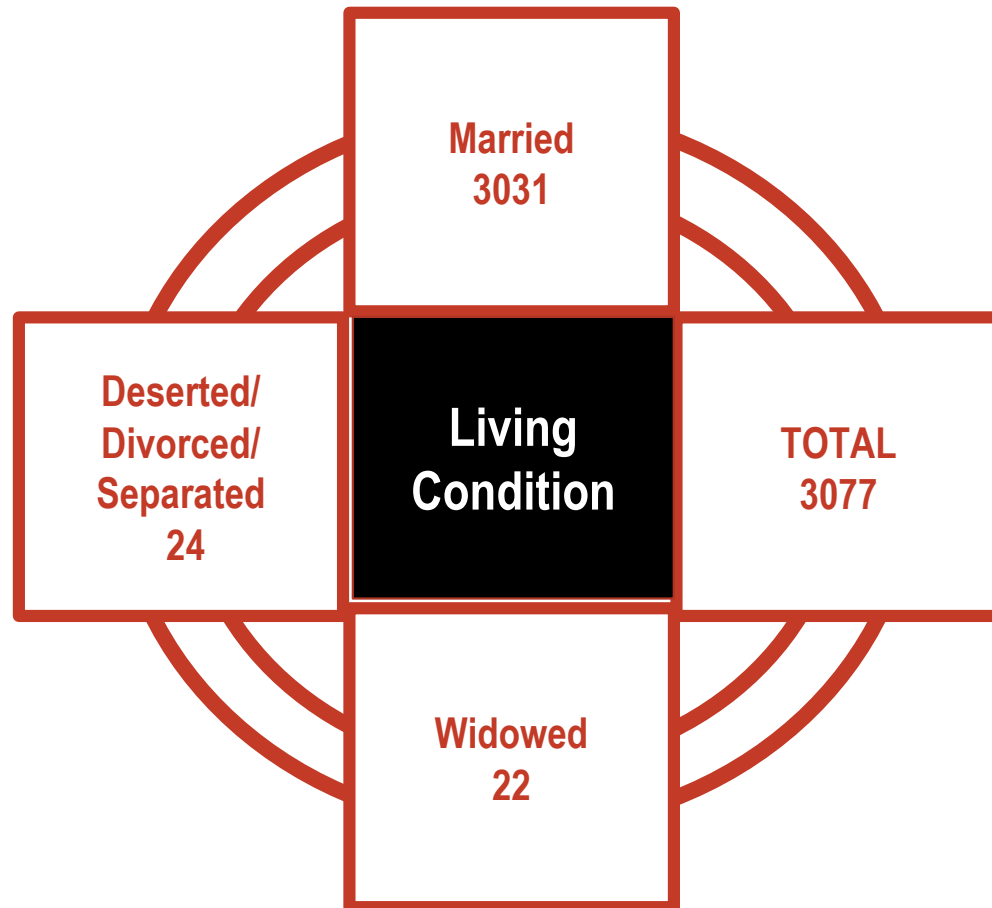
Initial Findings

Baseline surveys were conducted and identified EMGs and their needs

Partner NGO	No. of Blocks covered	No. of Panchayats covered	No. of Rajakumaris
REACH	5	36	609
SEVAK	4	18	608
Vidyanikethan	1	12	630
PMRS	2	32	630
Bagepalli	1	11	600
Total	13	109	3077

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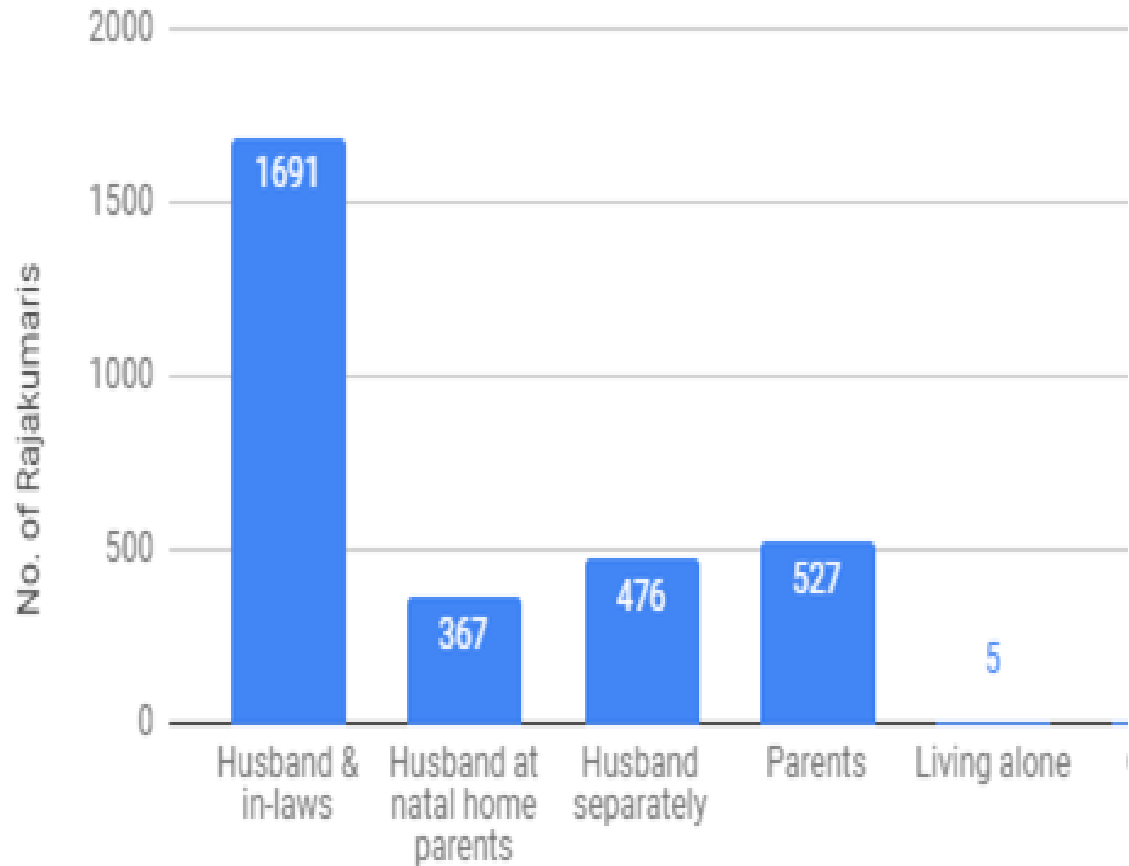
Marital status of Rajakumaris





Living with

No. of Rajakumaris vs. Living with



Around 49.2% have children
(1516 numbers)

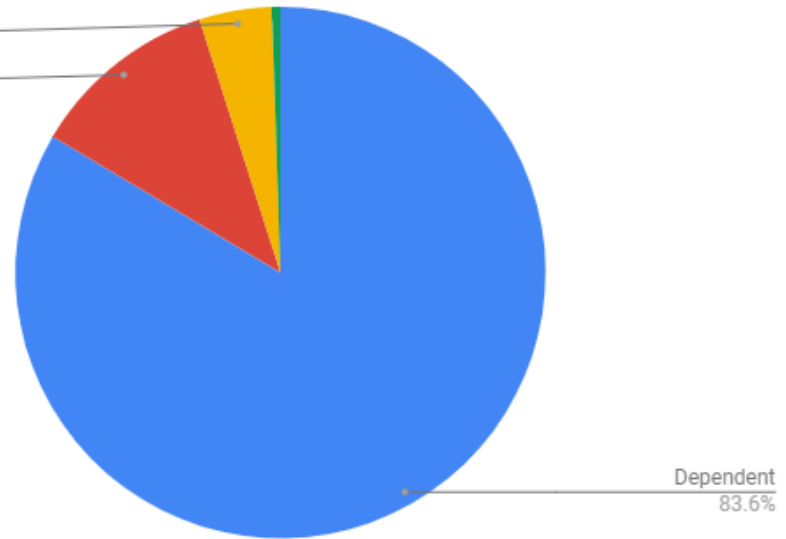
Living with



Occupation

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Seasonal work
4.4%
Wage labour/ coolie
11.5%



Income: Out of those work, except 3, all earn income of INR 5000-10000 (503 numbers)

Project Highlights of the year 2018

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Prevention

- 504 married adolescent girls got direct support to continue their formal/informal education.
- Completed mapping of formal/informal and vocational education institutions for linkages in all 5 districts
- Established 10 vocational training centres in all 5 districts
- Linkages with 12 informal institutions to enroll EMGs for VTs

Project highlights of the year 2018

Prevention

- Conducted Kalajatha in all 5 district to create awareness on MCH, nutrition, SRHR and GBV.
- Various IEC materials are developed both manual and audio-visual to create awareness on MCH, Nutrition and SRHR
- Developed Application to collect base information of EMGs to support them according to the need
- Engaged media outlets in reporting issues of EMGs to broadcast the problems of EMGs faced in family and community. 3 articles are published in newspaper regarding the issues of EMGs

Project highlights of the year 2018

Provision

- 2,282 EMGs participated in awareness raising sessions on Health & nutrition, GBV and MCH.
- 155 Change makers are identified and trained on health and nutrition, MCH and SRHR to compliment the project activities in 5 districts.
- Resource mapping were conducted and identified referral service providers on health, education and legal to EMG

Continuation...

- Referral services are provided to 2,279 EMGs on health, education and legal aspects.
- Trainings are given on MCH, nutrition, GBV and SRHR to staff team with newly developed training modules with the support of CRT.
- 53 Children clubs are formed with vulnerable girls. ToT were identified and trained to create awareness on child marriages

Continuation...

- 28 Kishori groups are formed with EMGs and awareness raising sessions are conducted through the groups.
- 77 family clubs and 30 spouse forums are formed and sensitisation provided on issues of EMGs.
- Counselling and follow up services are provided to 1765 EMGs, Vulnerable girls and their families
- 10,037 community members with children vulnerable to exploitation participated in awareness raising activities

Project highlights of the year 2018

Promotion

- Inputs are given on CR policies and laws, 2 sessions with judges, PPs, DLSA and DCPU on implementation of PCMA 2006 and the amendments.
- State level consultation on child protection held in association with GoK and Childline and presented the child marriage scenario in Karnataka
- State level consultation organised in collaboration with KSCPCR, THP and presented the findings and recommendation to Government.

Finance

Fund Approved for 3 years

Year	Euro	INR
2018	255,584	19,268,652
2019	244,054	18,399,292
2020	250,347	18,873,730
Total	749,985	56,541,674

Fund Utilisation in Year 1

Qtr	Euro	INR
1	44,197	3,505,500
2	51,829	4,125,914
3	76,624	6,295,479
4	69,077	5,590,589
Total	241,728	19,517,482

Way Forward...

- Assessment of individual EMGs and prioritising them according to their need.
- Building rapport and intensified advocacy with state level Government departments on child rights.
- Collaboration with DLSA and SLSA for legal support to EMGs.
- Improving vocational skills of EMGs to motivate and improve their confidence on future.
- Involving spouses, family members for the health and education development of EMGs
- Developing EMGs as change makers and extend their support to other similar girls.