

CASE STORY

Digital Education for Darini!

Seventeen-year-old Darini was married at the age of sixteen and had to subsequently drop out of school.

When IMAGE intervened, Darini's hopes to study renewed and she was set to prepare for her Senior School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) exams as a private candidate.

However, with the COVID-19 pandemic, and the resulting lockdown, Ms. Darini was very worried about her preparation. Then she was supported with an E-tablet consisting of pre-loaded educational content from her syllabus.

"I was so happy to receive the E-tab and was also trained on how to use it. Studying for my SSLC became simple. I never thought I would ever study again and that too through a gadget!

Darini appeared for her exams and passed them.

Coming from a village where girls drop out early, clearing my SSLC was more than a milestone and digital education was like a trip to another world. It was very exciting", she says.

"Completing my secondary education that too with the help of an E-tab was more than a milestone"
DARINI

*Name changed to protect identity



EMPOWERING
**15,000 EARLY MARRIED
GIRLS** ACROSS
15 DISTRICTS
IN KARNATAKA



Terre des Hommes Netherlands prevents child exploitation, removes children from exploitative situations and ensures that children can develop in a safe environment. In India, our work spans across vulnerable regions in the states of Jharkhand, Bihar, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and Tamil Nadu.



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**OUR WORK IN
EDUCATION**



WHAT IS IMAGE?

Initiatives for Married Adolescent Girls' Empowerment or IMAGE is a project of Terre des Hommes Netherlands implemented in 5 districts of Karnataka, India, reaching out to 3,077 early married girls. IMAGE addresses **issues of child marriage victims** and enables their socio-economic development. IMAGE works with the child victims, their spouses, families and communities as well as Government and Law Enforcement authorities to ensure a secure and conducive environment for the girls to develop.

OUR WORK IN EDUCATION

As part of the married adolescent girls' socio-economic empowerment, IMAGE works on their education through enrollment in schools and aided assistance in formal and informal education services along with private tuition support.

Girls are also counselled on the importance of education and encouraged to pursue goals for themselves. Their families are also sensitised.



IMPACT
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CHILD MARRIAGE IN KARNATAKA AND THEIR EDUCATION ISSUES



Karnataka in India accounts for 23% of India's child marriages according to a research by the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

Poverty, tradition, gender discrimination and lack of awareness in economically and socially disadvantaged communities are the major reasons for girls to get married early. As a result, with respect to education, the young girl drops out of school early, isn't encourage to study and doesn't understand the value of education in her life.

FORMAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Enrolling drop-out EMGs back in schools, providing EMGs with bicycles, books, bags and stationary and other monetary assistance, counselling and awareness on importance of schooling

148 EMG's covered



INFORMAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Encouraging girls and assistance to write public exams as private candidates. Assistance provided through registering for exams, conducting tuition classes, providing study material and any other monetary assistance

352 EMG's covered



CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

