



OUR WORK AGAINST

**GENDER-BASED
VIOLENCE**



WHAT WE MEAN BY GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

We see Gender-Based Violence as the harm inflicted on children based on their gender. In the case of young women, Gender-Based Violence can be seen in domestic abuse, sexual harassment, verbal insult, emotional abuse and any other form of harm based on gender.

OUR WORK IN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

We at Terre des Hommes Netherlands, through our IMAGE project in Karnataka, India, which expands as Initiatives for Married Adolescent Girls Empowerment, empower Early Married Girls (EMGs) against Gender-Based Violence through counselling, providing IEC materials, facilitating training along with awareness programmes and providing legal assistance. We also work with men and young boys, sensitising them on the effects of GBV.



IMPACT IN 2020

IMAGE in its second phase (2020-2024) works across **15 districts** in Karnataka and reaches out to **15,000** Early Married Girls (EMGs) with the help of six civil society partner organisations along with family clubs, spouse clubs, block and district level Government staff, police officers and other legal authorities. Phase 1 of the project from 2018 to 2020 reached out to **3077** EMGs across **5 districts** in Karnataka, providing the following services against Gender-Based Violence :



PROVIDING IEC AND BCC MATERIALS

Distributing and counselling through pamphlets, hand books, flip charts and other materials among victims and vulnerable girls

2735 EMG's covered



COUNSELLING

Home visits, individual and group counselling services to girls and their families

3482 EMG's covered

2560 Spouses covered

LEGAL REFERRALS

Girls are given assistance to file formal complaints, are introduced to lawyers are given moral and financial support in court cases.

30 EMG's covered



CHILD MARRIAGE IN KARNATAKA AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE 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. Many girls are subjected to domestic abuse, face verbal insults from their spouses and in-laws, are repeatedly sexually harassed as means for society to establish power over them.

CONSORTIUM MEMBERS



CASE STORY

Power to Priya


Seventeen-year-old Priya from South Karnataka was married at the age of fourteen. Post that, life became tragic for her.

"My husband had a drinking problem and used to beat me. My in-laws joined him. Once he beat me so hard, I bled from my head and fingers. Our efforts to complain were in vain as in-laws were influential.", says Priya

When Priya was introduced to IMAGE, the staff heard her case and put her in touch with officials from the Ministry of Women and Child Department. Her case was soon pushed to the court.

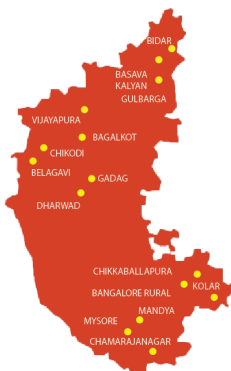
"The case is still in progress. So far, the judge has demanded that my husband pay me Rs.5000/- till the verdict is announced.", says Priya.

**name changed to protect identity*



"Now I am peaceful
and have some
courage."

PRIYA



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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