

GIRLS AND BOYS ACTING TOGETHER AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE, CHILD MARRIAGE, AND MORE

Children engaging and supporting their peers,
including reaching the most vulnerable

Asia and the Pacific: India

To address child labor, child marriage, child abuse, unsafe migration and exploitation, and gender inequality, children and adolescents from Terre des Hommes Foundation are developing art-focused projects to amplify their voices, and advocate in their communities to address the negative social norms. They are collaborating with child protection duty bearers to conduct joint events to raise awareness on child marriage and reduce child labor, taking actions to reduce gender based violence (which has been prioritized as their main concern).

To take forward their initiatives, children and adolescents have organized themselves in collectives to: Report cases of gender-based violence and connect with specialized helplines for follow up; Report cases of early marriage through child protection professionals; Connect with government health facilities to ensure the supply of essential sanitary commodities to vulnerable adolescent girls in their communities; Raise awareness to prevent child marriage, gender-based violence, and on the consequences of substance abuse.

Finally, their collectives are composed of both boys and girls, highlighting the roles of boys around preventing and addressing child marriage. They are speaking up to stop such incidents from happening to their siblings and friends, and they are raising awareness directly with their parents and elderlies, so they can understand the consequences of child marriage, 'highlighting the importance of the consent of the girl, because, as a human being the girls are also having the rights to fulfill their dreams'.

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