

Milcaan 

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Stand Up, Raise Your Voice, **And Take Charge!**

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About Milaan



Milaan Foundation is a registered non-profit organization founded in 2007. *We envision an inclusive and equal world, where every girl has the knowledge, skills, and social environment to pursue her dreams and explore her full potential.*

Milaan is working with a thriving network of



Our Mission 2030 is to empower 10 million girls across India and build a movement of Girl Leaders with a thriving ecosystem of change-makers and networks. We define empowerment as a process of building one's awareness and capacity leading to greater participation, decision making power, control and transformative action.

The Girl Icon Program



The Girl Icon Program empowers adolescent girls (between 12-18 years) through experiential life-skills based journey, enhancing their learning outcomes, confidence, communications, decision making, and social awareness, thus enabling girls to explore their potential. The program leverages a multi-pronged strategy to build and facilitate a groundswell movement of girl leaders and change-makers who will fight for a gender equal world.



Adolescent girls



Girl Icon fellow



Community partners



Districts



States

Our Impact



Girl Icons report improved decision making ability, confidence and communication.



Girl Icons report increased awareness on health (sexual and reproductive) and protection against violence.



Girl Icons report increased team work and social skills.



Milaan School

The Milaan School was founded in 2007 with a dream to impart quality education, with a focus on girls, in a remote, rural village called Kaintain in Sitapur District, Uttar Pradesh. The centre is a creation of the collaborative efforts of the local community and Milaan. The school provides access to quality secondary education for children enrolling both girls and boys to enhance equal participation towards a more gender equal world.

Today the school flourishes with 350 children and 100% pass rates in classes 10th and 12th board examinations.

By April 2022, our goal is to work with 1000 children from the current strength of 350 children and develop a residential facility for 200 academically high performing girls from low-income communities to pursue their secondary and senior secondary education (Grade 9th-12th)



Mid day Meal
Program



Sports
Facility



Creative
Arts



Innovating
Learning

Why invest in Girl Leaders ?



India is home to 120 million adolescent girls, about 10% of the population.

“Adolescent girls in developing countries spend less time in school than boys; perform a disproportionate share of domestic work; have less mobility outside the home and fewer acceptable public spaces for leisure activity; and claim fewer friends, mentors, and social outlets. (Levine et al. 2009)”

Nearly **40%** of adolescent girls in India lack access to education.



India is still home to **1/3rd** of the world's child brides.

According to UN Women, **50%** of sexual assaults worldwide are committed against girls under the age of 16.



Milaan aims to empower adolescent girls by addressing 4 dimensions that we have identified are critical for their well-being:



Secondary Education



Adolescent Health



Enhanced Agency



Prevention of Gender Discrimination and Violence

Stories that inspire us!



Girl Icon Rani
18 years old
Varanasi

"I mentor girls hoping that they will go further than me. I want them to ask "what problems am I facing?" and then think "Can I change that?" I want to achieve what my sisters and parents weren't able to. With education, I can solve my problems."

"In my village I see that a lot of girls are married off at an early age and a majority of the girls are not sent to school. That is why I want to bring awareness in the minds of parents of these girls and want to stop child marriage in my village."



Girl Icon Renu
17 years old
Sitapur

"As a social worker, I want to speak for the girls who are like me, who cannot speak for their rights. Now I have a group of twenty girls. My responsibility is to help these girls go forward with me and make them aware of their rights so that they can become independent."



Girl Icon Ruksar
18 years old
Lucknow



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