EMPOWERING GIRLS TO BE EDUCATED, HEALTHY & SAFE

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Started in 2007, Milaan Foundation is a non-profit, social impact organisation, working with and for girls with a vision of an equal and inclusive world where every girl is educated, healthy and safe.

**WHY ADOLESCENT GIRLS?**

At **120 million**, India is home to the largest population of adolescent girls in the world. A majority of them live in vulnerable communities and will never reach their full potential because of deep-rooted patriarchy, poverty and gender-regressive norms.

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<td>Are out of school, either begging or doing domestic chores</td>
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When girls are educated, they drive transformative changes for their families, communities and nations.

**OUR MISSION**

Empowering girls to stand up for themselves by advancing their skills, rights, and opportunities to unlock their voice, choice, and potential.
OUR APPROACH

- Building female leadership at the grassroots driving community-led solutions.
- Creating platforms with diverse stakeholders for collective and collaborative action and advocacy.
- Leveraging the power of technology for measuring impact and fueling scale.

OUR INTERVENTIONS

GIRL ICON PROGRAM

Started in 2015, this leadership development program works with adolescent girls from socially and economically marginalised communities, who demonstrate courage and commitment to challenge gender-regressive social norms. In the 18-month leadership journey, Girl Leaders are supported by technology tools to enable online learning and mentoring so they can deliver life-skills education to a collective of girls in their local communities and mobilize these collectives for social action on issues that affect girls’ empowerment.

SWARACHNA SCHOOL AND GIRLS’ HOSTEL

Providing formal education to 600 first-generation learners in rural Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh. In 2021, the school housed a free-of-cost hostel for over 100 girls affected by COVID-19, providing a safe and nurturing space to learn and thrive.

UNMUKT - WHERE THE MIND IS WITHOUT FEAR

Implemented in Uttar Pradesh, the program uses sport-based development and leadership-building tools to engage with young boys, girls and community leaders to instigate dialogues and action against gender-regressive social norms, narratives and structures to prevent violence against women and girls.

UTTAR PRADESH COALITION TO EMPOWER GIRLS (UPCEG)

A coalition of 31 community-based organisations to collectively learn, share, collaborate, and advocate for girls’ rights in Uttar Pradesh to accelerate progress in improving gender indicators in the state.

IMPACT OUTCOMES

- Completion of secondary education
- Access to knowledge and services on adolescent health and well-being
- Prevention of child marriage
- Prevention of gender-based discrimination and violence
OUR CURRENT REACH 2022

-1000 units

42,000 Children, 90% of whom are girls

ROAD AHEAD

By 2025, Milaan through its innovative, evidence-based and girl-led programming will work with 100,000 adolescent girls from vulnerable communities in India creating pathways for them to access knowledge, skills and social networks, critical for them to explore their full potential.

“Milaan's Girl Icon Program provides essential empowerment training for girls as a stepping stone, exposing girls to structural gender challenges and encouraging girls to believe in their own abilities and to foster a sense of self.”

University of California, Berkeley

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